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Displaced families may lose their homes

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MANY displaced residents of the violence-stricken townships of the East Rand risk losing their houses because they have suspended repayments on their housing loans.

Lending institutions said this week that no houses had yet been repossessed, despite the fact that some displaced home-owners had defaulted on bond repayments since 1991. However, they stressed that this situation could not continue indefinitely.

Hundreds of residents of Thokoza and Katlehong townships have been "evicted" from their homes, allegedly by the hostel dwellers who in turn assumed ownership. To date, about 500 families have been forced out.

The South African National Civic Organisation is negotiating with affected financial institutions and the victims to delay repossession until the problems in the areas are solved.

Said a spokesman for the Perm, which has many clients in Thokoza and Katlehong: "Under normal circumstances, legal action would have long ago been taken. It is difficult to repossess the houses in this case. We are negotiating with individual owners who have been forced out of their homes, and with the civic leaders."

Although Perm has given temporary accommodation to 10 of its clients, the bank still expects them to pay their bonds.

"If people do have problems with repayments, they should approach us to negotiate the terms. We are sympathetic, but this is business, and we stand to lose if we allow the situation to go unattended," he said.

Standard Bank's divisional general manager of home loans, Duncan Reekie, says only two clients have approached the bank to negotiate their loan repayments. "We reached an agreement with one client that he pays half the monthly instalments until everything is settled. We are unlikely to go to the extent of repossessing the houses at this juncture, but if our client continues to default without consulting us, we take the matter to the courts."

Some clients feel it is unfair to be expected to continue with the repayments when they are no longer living in their houses.

Katlehong victim Salome — she asked that her surname not be used — stopped paying her bond to the Perm in May when she was forced out of her house. "I am now squatting in my mother's house in Natalspruit and had to find an alternative accommodation for my 17-year-old daughter in town. How can the bank expect me to pay them when my property and everything has been destroyed? Until I get my house back, I should not be expected to pay my instalments."

Reekie said his company would not grant further housing loans to residents of Thokoza and Katlehong until the violence ended. "In any case, we don't have access to these areas because of the violence."

Meanwhile, civic leaders and the displaced house-owners are intending to apply for a court interdict today to evict illegal occupants.

Attacks 'an IFP bid for East Rand'

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Stephen Laufer WM1-7/10/93

AN INKATHA attempt to "annex" the Scaw Metals hostel in Wadeville and so extend its influence on the East Rand lies behind a series of attacks on the factory's employees, believe National Union of Metalworkers (Numsa) officials.

In the third attack, a group of gun-toting men this week smashed their way through a perimeter wall of the hostel, opening fire on residents. Three were wounded and a fourth injured when he jumped out of a window.

"The Scaw hostel, which houses 1 500 to 2 000 workers, has until now been neutral territory," said Numsa organiser Alfred Woodington. "It now seems that Inkatha wants to annex it in an attempt to build a further power base on the East Rand."

The first attack came on July 19, when commuters returning from Natal were ordered out of a minibus taxi in Germiston. Six Zulus who claimed Inkatha membership were singled out, told to lie face down on the ground, and executed in cold blood.

"Among the dead were Scaw Metals employees," said Woodington. "The lone survivor told me that they had claimed Inkatha membership in an attempt to avoid being killed."

At the time, Inkatha chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi claimed the attack marked a new departure in a campaign of "ethnic cleansing", but police have subsequently said that African National Congress membership cards were found on several of the dead.

"When the minibus attack failed to spark a war at the hostel, it was followed by the massacre of mourners at the compound on August 22," said Woodington. "People had gathered to bury an ANC/Numsa member, and the calculation was obviously that this attack would ignite conflict, allowing Inkatha to take the hostel over." Twelve people died in the attack.

The Scaw Metals hostel population is ethnically diverse, with Zulus and Xhosas the two main groups.

"We have recently made proposals to management for increasing security," said Woodington. "We would like to see a joint effort involving Scaw's security company, Numsa marshalls and Uwusa members, who are also represented at the factory. But the company is resisting our proposals."

Yet another massacre in a society that has lost its sense of shock

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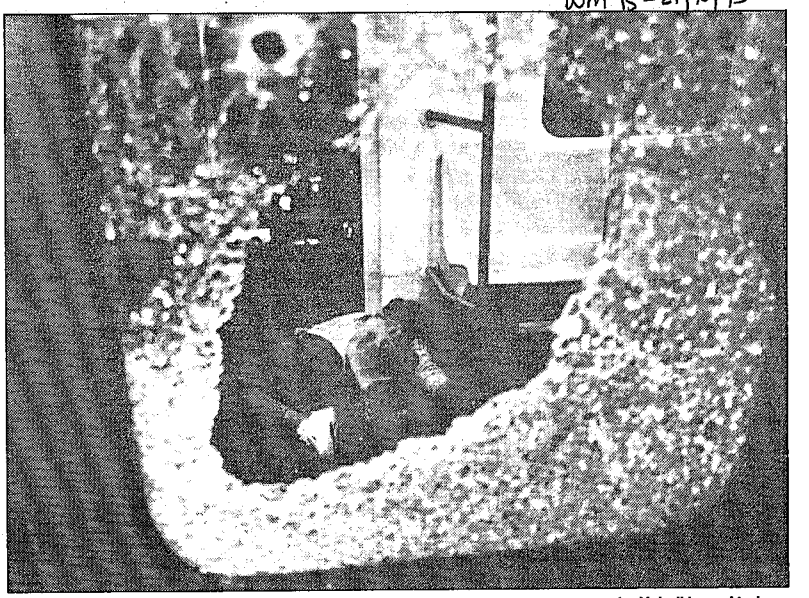
Two women may have helped three men kill homeward bound train commuters in Johannesburg. Casually the woman walked to the police van; casually, the policeman followed, while the onlookers clapped and cheered — and returned to their television screens. **Ferial Haffajee** arrived on the scene moments after the shooting ended



Another day, another death ... Four people were killed in the attack on commuters on the Naledi bound train
PHOTOGRAPH: JOAO SILVA, THE STAR

TWO armed women taken by police from the scene of Wednesday's night's gory train massacre in Johannesburg may provide a key to the murders.

I saw one woman, passive and calm, being escorted away by a policeman within minutes of the 6pm shooting. She was wearing a turban, takkies and a traditional dress — under which she hid the gun — and carrying a plastic bag.

They had been searched by other women commuters at the request of the police because there were no female officers available. Two firearms and two "zip-guns" (homemade firearms) were found under their dresses, the police said yesterday.

The woman being led away offered no resistance, with one policeman, holding a handgun wrapped in a hankerchief, merely following her to the police van.

Her casual demeanour was matched by that of the 100 onlookers who quickly gathered outside the Mayfair and Grosvenor stations as if watching a sporting contest.

Bystanders, shopkeepers and revellers at a local pap and vleis shop clapped and cheered, certain that the cops had bagged a killer.

Many expressed surprise that she was a woman. *"Yooo ... a cherrie! ... en sy het geskiet!"* said members of the crowd.

The other woman was already inside a van. Bystanders said she had also been found with a weapon. Both women were pointed out by commuters, according to the police.

From the platform down to the street ran trails of blood, marking where the injured had been carried to the ambulances.

Inside the station, I found a scene of horror.

The bodies of two men in blood-soaked T-shirts and takkies lay sprawled in the yellow Metro third-class coach. They had been caught in mid-stride as they tried to get out of the train. One had a plastic packet with him and its contents had spilled out on the train floor ... two tubs of bargain aqueous cream and a folded newspaper.

Near him, a bearded man lay amid the shattered remains of the coach door's windows, his T-shirt pulled up around his chest, his takkies loose, his trouser pockets turned inside out.

Litter and old newspapers, and the footprints of those who had managed to get out were their only companions in the deserted coach.

And further down the train-line, another man lay on the tracks, his face covered crudely with blue plastic sheeting, his arm still shielding his face from his last fall.

The curious residents who live across the road from the station peered at him as they pressed against the barbed wire fence speculating on how he had died: "What happened?" ... "He was standing on the station" ... "They must have pushed him from the train."

In the charged aftermath, accusations flew. Men and women in a coach at the far end of the Naledi bound train claimed that "the Inkatha" in the coaches at the other end had not been searched. "They had us in here," she said, adding "they're going to come back when the train moves. They'll get us in the location. We need security, because they want us; they know we're ANC."

They were pointing to an obviously separate group of men gathered at the other end, some of whom had armed themselves with steel rods broken off the station railing. They were as confused, as nervous as the other group.

"They found two bodies that side," said one, gesturing.

The stench of the sweat and the fear of the living filled the air at Grosvenor station as passengers sat numbed in their third-class coaches or crowded on the station platform where the train had made its emergency stop. Men and women who had been on their way home sat surrounded by their packets. The hands and clothes of some were smeared with the unmistakable red of blood, their eyes still glassy with shock. Others begged the police to let them use the phones to let their families know where they were.

Later, the police photographer and forensic specialists with briefcases were ushered into the coach. The photographer stood on the plastic seats taking photos from every angle.

Internal stability unit members and police officers combed the coaches, speaking nervously into their walkie-talkies ... *"Charlie Tango Alpha ... ons het drie lyke gekry, vyf gearresteer and vier vuurwapens gekry."* (We have found three bodies, arrested five and found four weapons.)

The police found a gun here, a knife there and arrested a total of five people. Another assures me that the police will accompany the train "all the way to Naledi".

All of this in the heart of suburban Mayfair, just to the west of the city centre, where people are hurrying home from a long day's work or are already settled in front of the television for the evening.

Minutes later, the television news sums it up: "Four bodies have been found at Grosvenor station and five suspects have been pointed out by passengers and arrested."

Surge in commuter attacks

TRAIN violence on the Reef has shown a huge resurgence in recent months.

But commuters are actively apprehending attackers, in some instances identifying them to the police and, in others, apprehending them and handing them over for arrest.

The rise in train attacks over the past three months is clear. The Human Rights Commission says that between January and June this year, 22 people died on the trains and 13 were injured in 20 incidents.

In the following three months, the figures spiralled. In July alone, eight people died and five were injured in six incidents. In August, 28 deaths and 20 injuries were recorded in 18 incidents. In September, 16 people were killed and 39 injured in 17 incidents.

Nathi Gaisa, of the Independent Board of Inquiry, says that 79 commuters have been killed on trains between January and September this year, but 55 of these were killed between July and the middle of September this year, also demonstrating the upturn. Police figures prove a similar trend: 85 people have been killed and 105 injured in 107 incidents between July and October.

But "instead of just shying away, commuters are acting". On Wednesday night, five people were arrested after commuters on a Naledi-bound train which was attacked at Grosvenor station pointed them out to the police. The attackers were on the train.

At Ekwezi station in Soweto on September 14, commuters apprehended an alleged attacker and handed him over to the police, after two people were killed and 10 injured in the attack. And, in a shooting incident on October 2, taxi commuters at a Mamelodi rank caught the gunman and handed him over to the police.

The South African Police's Colonel Dave Bruce says 20 suspects have been arrested on murder charges, while another 20 arrests have been made for attempted murder between June and October. "The police cannot do without the assistance of the public," said Bruce who praised the co-operation of the commuters on Wednesday night. Earlier this year, the minister of law and order said three train attackers had been successfully prosecuted — two for murder and one for attempted murder — after 580 incidents of train violence between the end of July 1991 and May 1993.

He also said that in the same period, 60 suspects had been arrested in connection with incidents of violence on the trains and charged with either murder, attempted murder or robbery.

Man with a mission: Peace in the hostels

Reverend Mvume Dandala has taken his peace initiative inside 32 Reef hostels. 'The main problem,' he told **Pamela Dube**, 'is ignorance of what hostel people are going through' WM15-21/10/93

WHERE non-residents dare not tread, Reverend Mvume Dandala rushes in — visiting and working with hostel dwellers.

Dandala, the first black South African to be appointed a senior minister of the Central Methodist Church in Johannesburg, has been working as a peace initiator in the hostels in the broader Johannesburg area since last year.

Trying to locate him can be a frustrating experience — it took three weeks for the *Mail & Guardian* to be fitted into his schedule. And when the interview day came, he was 10 minutes late. His excuse: "Had to meet my family for a few minutes, I always try to fit them in my schedule at the slightest spare moment I get. Agh! Sorry about that ... traffic jam ... you see it's raining today," Dandala paused, looking out of the window of his office in the centre of Johannesburg.

Three floors below, west of the building, the police had barricaded the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court, where the Hani trial was in progress. A group of African National Congress supporters was toyi-toying outside the barricaded area.

"These are troubled times," Dandala said, "but my good Lord, it's raining. What a beautiful day! My only worry is the people in the squatter camps. It's terrible out there; something must be done."

That became the focus of our interview. Dandala could not stop talking about the suffering in the townships.

Discussing hostel peace initiatives, Dandala's eyes twinkled with pride. He stood, marched across the room as if in a trance, paused and looked through the window. In a passionate voice, he loudly pronounced, "My! Hostel residents, if only people knew. Those are the most humble people I've ever come across."

Dandala is modest — the hostel project is not his. "It's the hostel people themselves who initiated it. I'm just there to give a hand."

The South African Council of Churches approached him last year after the hostel dwellers had asked for help. "I was supposed to go in there to open their first meeting. In the process they developed trust in me, and I was invited to stay on and help."

Every Thursday since August last year, Dandala meets different hostel dwellers and works on development programmes and "educating each other on dealing with political violence, of which they are the worst victims.

"Funny as it may sound, hostel folks are more tolerant of each other's political persuasions than the wider South African communities," said Dandala.

The Hostel Peace Initiative Committee — comprising church leaders, hostel residents, and some local political leaders — is working on starting education and income-generating programmes. "Many hostel folks are in desperate need of education."

Because of his apolitical stand, hostel residents of different political persuasions have accepted him. His only fear is township residents.

"To be constantly seen in the company of hostel residents can be dangerous. You can be mistaken for a collaborator. And because of perceptions that hostel people are Inkatha members, you are seen to be working against the 'comrades'."

Dandala stressed that hostel residents belonged to different political organisations, not just Inkatha.

Time and again Dandala meets different political leaders to discuss hostel problems. "Politicians should act responsibly and stop fanning violence in the hostels, tearing them apart under their banners."



Reverend Mvume Dandala ... Peace — particularly in the townships — is his mission PHOTOGRAPH: PETER MCKENZIE

Sadly, Dandala added: "What stands out as the biggest problem between hostel and township residents is the attitude they have towards each other. Because of the kinds of jobs the hostel residents do — miners, labourers — township people tend to undermine them.

"Until attitudes change, those in the forefront of creating conflict will always win. It's high time we worked together."

So far Dandala has managed to penetrate 32 hostels in and around Johannesburg.

Born 42 years ago in Mount Ayliff, Transkei, the father of two teenagers, Dandala grew up in a relatively quiet and stable environment in Umtata, where his father was a church minister.

At 19, he was already involved in church work, and "from that moment I knew what I wanted ... to help my people".

This churchman proclaimed his strong belief in the black consciousness philosophy — not as an institution but as a way of developing black pride. His mentors during his schooldays were the black consciousness leaders Bantu Biko and Onkgopotse Tiro.

"The Black Consciousness Movement has a good potential for helping blacks to place themselves in a creative position rather than being judgmental."

Dandala's involvement in community work dates back to the early 1970s when he was a student of theology at the Federal Theology Centre in Alice.

"I remember, as a student, building a dam for a nearby village."

In 1974, Dandala got a scholarship to further his studies in the United Kingdom and, on his return in 1975, was posted to Empangeni in Natal. There he ministered to "a desperately poor community of kwaMfeka which, despite their status, managed to be creative".

From 1983 to 1985, Dandala worked in Port Elizabeth during the height of political conflict between the United Democratic Front and the Azanian People's Organisation. Dandala believes his stay there helped him appreciate political problems. Not only were the church ministers caught in the crossfire, they were also exposed to constant harassment from the police.

"We were frequently raided and detained. Our sin was accommodating students' meetings and trying to be peacemakers."

Coming to Johannesburg last year, Dandala said he was faced with the "mother of all challenges" — running the Central Methodist Church in the city centre, a job formerly done by Reverend Peter Storey.

His first task was to work on his white congregants' fears. "I had to prove that this was not a token appointment, not an affirmative action exercise."

A year has elapsed since the initiating of the hostel programme and Dandala admits that "total victory has not been achieved.

"The main problem does not come from inside the hostels — the hostel dwellers are at peace with each other," he says. "It comes from attacks on the hostels by outsiders, and ignorance of what hostel people are going through.

"The more you try and bring hostel dwellers together, the more outsiders with political agendas try and divide them."

The only long-term solution, he says, is for the broader society — township residents, law enforcers and the business community — to be more active in addressing the hostel crisis.

Blast damages Reef garage

JOHANNESBURG. — A petrol station in Milner Park, Pretoria, was extensively damaged in a blast early yesterday.

No one was injured.

A man claiming to be a commander of the Azanian National Liberation Army (Azanla), the Black Consciousness military wing, claimed responsibility for the incident.

He said Azanla had planted the explosive device at the petrol station as part of its campaign against the current negotiations and in solidarity with protests against the fuel price hike. (278) 52/11/93

Police confirmed the incident, but would not provide further details.

They merely said sabotage was the cause of the explosion. — Sapa

28 die in Reef violence

JOHANNESBURG. — At least 28 people were killed and 28 hurt in weekend violence on the Reef.

On Sunday night two people were killed and 23 injured, two of them seriously, when a handgrenade exploded on the roof of a shebeen in Sharpeville. Those killed were Rose Maisa, 17, and Mr Paulus Ramalla, 28, both of Sharpeville. The injured were admitted to Sebokeng Hospital.

Police said yesterday at least 21 people were killed and three were injured in violent incidents on the East Rand.

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In Katlehong, the bodies of three unidentified men were found. They had been shot.

A train passenger was fatally shot and another two wounded when gunmen opened fire on a train between Germiston and Kweseni on Friday.

At least five people died in faction fighting between Denver Hostel dwellers and residents of a nearby squatter camp in Cleveland, east of Johannesburg, at the weekend. — Sapa

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5 killed in Denver hostel clashes

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FACTION fighting between squatters and Denver Hostel residents in Cleveland, Johannesburg, claimed the lives of five people at the weekend, police said.

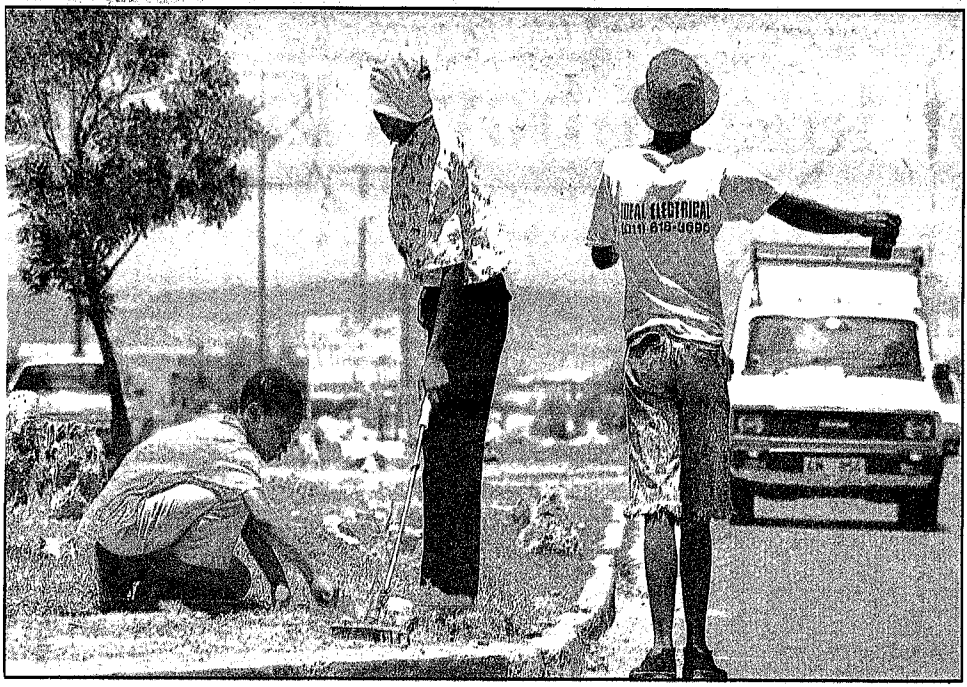
Unconfirmed reports indicated that three more people — two squatters and one hostel dweller — were killed early yesterday, said SAP spokesman Warrant-Officer Andy Pieke. He said police were still investigating.

Pieke said witnesses claimed the killings were sparked off by an attack on hostel dwellers on Friday night. He said that at about 11pm a group of squatters living next to the hostel allegedly entered one of the rooms and opened fire, killing two people and injuring four others. Then, at about 6am on Saturday, a group of hostel dwellers allegedly killed two squatters in a revenge attack, said Pieke. (278)

And late on Sunday afternoon another man was killed at the entrance of the hostel.

Pieke said it seemed the attack was to avenge Saturday's killings. Pieke said police patrols were also shot at in the area at the weekend. A police vehicle was damaged but no one was injured, he said. Denver Hostel was recently raided by police. Firearms and dagga were confiscated.

— *Sowetan Correspondent.*



Contrasts . . . amid the violence that affects the East Rand townships, some residents have taken to building gardens along the main streets, turning piles of rubble and barricades into neatly kept lawns with trees. Here a youth collects money to use to upgrade a garden in Katlehong's Phike Street. PICTURE: JOAO SILVA

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Weekend murder toll on E Rand rises

■ BY ANNA LOUW
EAST RAND BUREAU

The weekend death toll in violence-racked East Rand townships has risen to 25 as the deaths of more people became known yesterday.

And, in a major breakthrough, police seized eight AK-47s and 152 rounds of ammunition in a stolen blood-stained bakkie at Nguni hostel in Vosloorus. The occupants fled as officers approached.

A commuter was shot dead and two were wounded when gunmen opened fire on them in a train between Germiston and Kwesine stations.

A man was stabbed to death and two others were burnt to death in KwaThema.

A woman was stoned and burnt to death in Radebe Section yesterday and the burnt remains of a man were found in the same area.

Police found the bodies of three men with gunshot and stab wounds in Katlehong's Motsamai Section yesterday.

Police patrols came under gunfire attack nine times in Katlehong and Tokoza at the weekend.

East Rand police liaison officer Sergeant Michelle Eramus said constable MD Mswele died when gunmen opened fire on a patrol vehicle with AK-47s in M C Botha Drive in Vosloorus.

(278) The mutilated body of a woman who had died of severe head injuries was found in Mazibuko Street in Tokoza.

Four members of an alleged self-defence unit in Tembisa were arrested and four AK-47s seized, police said.

Diplomatic upgrading

PRETORIA — SA and Sweden are upgrading their diplomatic relations to ambassadorial level, Foreign Affairs Minister Pik Botha said yesterday.

Diplomatic notes confirming the change in status of the missions in Pretoria and Stockholm were to be exchanged in Pretoria.

Earlier this year, news reports said Sweden would give financial support openly for the first time to the ANC and other SA groups.

The ANC would receive most of the funds and the rest would go to churches and independent organisations.

Sweden has supported the ANC and other nationalist movements in SA for nearly 30 years, but until now has sought to protect their identities. — Sapa.

ANC and SAP in talks on Thokoza

ANC PWV regional representatives met the SAP yesterday to discuss conflicting claims about unrest in Thokoza and the ANC's demand for the withdrawal of the internal stability unit from the township.

The ANC's PWV region threatened the regional and national leadership would occupy police stations if their demand for the removal of the ISU was not met.

The organisation exhibited grenades, spent automatic shells and teargas canisters at a news conference, claiming the unit had fired recklessly at residents on Sunday night. No injuries were reported.

ANC PWV secretary-general Obed Bapela said members of the community had continually complained about the internal stability unit's "complete lack of respect" for township residents.

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Members had, for example, broken down doors, assaulted occupants, pointed their rifles at children and made racist comments about residents, he said.

The unit was not trained in policing civilians and the ANC therefore reiterated its call for its withdrawal and disbanding.

A further meeting with the Law and Order ministry was planned for Friday. Failure to get a positive response would result in the occupation of police stations.

SAP spokesman Maj Eugene Opperman confirmed that ANC members met the head of the region's community relations section, Brig Zirk Gous, yesterday to discuss the ANC's demand.

He said there had been more than 14 attacks on patrols on the East Rand on Sunday night and warned that police would fire back when they were fired on. Allegations about the police unit were an attempt to drive a wedge between the police and the community, he said.

Internal stability unit members had come under attack 364 times on the East Rand since the beginning of the year. One member had died and 20 others had been injured.

Sapa reports that police denied members of the unit had fired at Lwanduzi High School pupils in Thokoza, near Alberton, yesterday morning.

Earlier there were reports that members of the unit had fired at pupils in the school.

Police spokesman Lt Deon Peens dismissed the report as "nonsense".

Six die in East Rand attacks

JOHANNESBURG. — Six people, including a municipal policeman, died in violent attacks in East Rand townships on Monday, police said yesterday.

And in a major breakthrough, police seized eight AK-47 rifles, 137 AK-47 rounds and 15 Tokarev and Makarov rounds in a stolen bakkie at Nguni hostel in Vosloorus.

Police spotted three men in a stolen Nissan bakkie and chased the vehicle which pulled up at Nguni Hostel. The occupants fled and police found eight AK-47 rifles and the ammunition.

Constable M.D Mswele died when gunmen opened fire on a patrol vehicle in Vosloorus.

The mutilated body of a woman who died of severe head injuries was found in Thokoza. A man was shot dead in the same area on Monday night and the bullet-riddled body of another man was also found in in Thokoza.

Also on Monday night, gunmen shot and wounded a Sebokeng man in the head as he was driving through the township.

In Sharpeville, three men opened fire on a police patrol, but no one was injured.

Police are investigating the murders of two people, including a teenager, who were burnt to death in separate attacks at the Ivory Park squatter camp near Tembisa.

● In Natal two people have been killed and another injured in separate attacks in the Port Shepstone area. — Sapa.

ANC denies joint patrol agreement

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JOHANNESBURG — The African National Congress has denied that it will participate in joint ANC Inkatha Freedom Party and police patrols, separate from the proposed peace corps and national peace-keeping force in East Rand townships.

Yesterday Witwatersrand police spokesman Colonel Dave Bruce said paid ANC and IFP members participating in the suggested joint patrols might be allowed to carry arms in the face of continuing violence in the townships.

But last night the ANC squashed the idea outright, denying that it would participate in any such plan.

"The ANC denies that it is part of any such plan with the IFP and the SAP. The idea was "proposed at a recent meeting held between the commissioner of police on the Witwatersrand, General Koos Calitz, and the ANC PWV regional chairperson, Mr Tokyo Sexwale," the ANC said in a statement following the police press conference.

The ANC's view on the joint patrols was that Lawyers for Human Rights and independent monitors should be accorded the opportunity to accompany police on their daily patrols to ensure monitoring of security force actions around the townships.

"The ANC is astonished at the unilateral and unsubstantiated police announcements today and calls for further discussions on the matter through the Wits/Vaal Peace Committee." — Sapa

Gunmen take more lives on East Rand

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■ EAST RAND BUREAU

Five people died in violent attacks on the East Rand yesterday. (278)

Police said a man was shot dead in Ntekane Street in Tokoza and the body of another man was found in Zonk'iZizwe squatter settlement near Katlehong.

A man was shot dead on the corner of Madondo and Sabi Street in Tokoza and the body of a man with gunshot wounds was found in Mazibuko Street, in the same township.

Train

Two men were wounded when unknown gunmen opened fire on them in Dlamela Street in Daveyton.

They were admitted to Boksburg-Benoni Hospital in a serious condition.

■ Two gunmen shot a man dead and injured nine other people when they opened fire on train commuters at the East Rand's Germiston railway station yesterday afternoon, police said.

Three women and six men were taken to local hospitals for treatment, Major Eugene Opperman said in a statement.

No one had been arrested and the motive for the attack was not known. — Staff Reporter.

SAP's plan for joint East Rand patrols is rebuffed by the ANC

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STEPHANE BOTHMA

THE ANC and Inkatha Freedom Party had agreed in principle to join forces with the police to patrol violence-torn areas on the East Rand, the SAP said yesterday.

The SAP's internal stability unit would be part of the exercise, police spokesman Col Dave Bruce said.

However, the ANC last night denied that it was part of any such plan, saying it was "astonished at the unilateral and unsubstantiated" announcement.

The idea had been proposed at a recent meeting between Witwatersrand Police Commissioner Lt-Gen Koos Calitz and ANC PWV chairman Tokyo Sexwale. The police envisaged joint patrols by the three organisations, while the ANC had proposed that monitors and lawyers from human rights bodies accompany police patrols.

This was raised at a Wits-Vaal peace committee meeting, but was rejected by police. No further discussions had been held on the issue, the ANC said.

However, Bruce said plans for a combined force had been accepted in principle by ANC and Inkatha leaders and details would be announced jointly by the participants soon. The details were still being negotiated, he said.

Millions of rands, made available through the national peace secretariat, had been allocated to pay ANC and Inkatha members for taking part in the project, Bruce said. (278)

The initiative was in addition to the "peace corps" recently announced by the Wits/Vaal peace secretariat and the proposed national peacekeeping force. "Its sole purpose is to restore normal policing through community involvement."

It was possible that the patrols would be armed. "Abnormal situations sometimes call for abnormal solutions."

Bruce rejected calls for the withdrawal of the internal stability unit from townships, saying these calls were obviously politically motivated. Calitz had said that should the level of violence decrease, the withdrawal of the unit could be negotiated.

Bruce said the withdrawal calls were being made at a time when far-reaching negotiations were bearing fruit. "This makes the demands for the withdrawal of the unit even more ludicrous as the police are hardly likely to negotiate to set up joint peacekeeping structures and to destabilise communities at the same time."

The reality was that on the East Rand, where 1 251 people have died this year in political conflict, the unit had been responsible for 16 deaths — all the result of more than 500 attacks on police. "In the light of these statistics, allegations that the unit is killing residents are grossly overstated."

Meanwhile, SAP public relations chief Maj-Gen Leon Mellet expressed concern about the ANC's threat of mass action,

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including the occupation of police stations, should the unit not be withdrawn from the East Rand.

"I would like to make it very clear that the SAP has a duty ... which has been imposed by law to protect and to serve all the people of SA, including residents of black townships." (278)

He said the ANC threats were an attempt to drag police into the political arena and to hold the SA public to ransom.

"The police would take all necessary actions to prevent anyone unlawfully occupying police stations. "We will protect anyone's democratic right to protest, but will not stand for the blatant disregard of the rights of others, including the right to an efficient police service," Mellet said.

Azapo justifies Pretoria bomb

DURBAN — The Azanian People's Organisation has justified Monday's bombing of a Pretoria petrol service station, it was reported yesterday.

Natal chairman Mr Patrick Mkhize said Azapo encouraged the Black Consciousness Movement of Azania and its military wing, the Azanian National Liberation Army, to continue its military activities against "an illegitimate regime and its capitalist structures". — Sapa.

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Taximen in Tokoza end their war

Sowetan 4/11/93

By Ruth Bhengu

RESIDENTS OF TOKOZA ON the East Rand were relieved yesterday when taxi owners decided to bury the hatchet after faction fighting which claimed 30 lives in two months.

At a meeting in the Alberton Town Hall, two factions belonging to the Tokoza Amalgamated Taxi Association took a stand against being divided by political ideologies.

"We have to decide whether we want to be businessmen or politicians," one taxi owner said.

"If a taxi owner also wants to be a politician then he or she must employ a manager to take care of the business."

The taxi owners are part of a community that has been split down the middle with Inkatha Freedom Party supporters living in one part of the township and supporters of the African National Congress dominating the other.

The division spilled over to the taxi association a few months ago. Clashes between the two factions affected commuters who had to walk long distances to avoid certain taxis and were often caught in the crossfire.

The meeting, co-ordinated by Independent Mediation Services in South Africa, also made a commitment to stay under one body.

A mandate was given to the current executive committee, whose term of office expired a month ago, to continue until the situation was under control.

Since June, the committee could not function properly because it was viewed with suspicion by both factions.

"We are relieved that members have resolved their differences," said chairman of the association Mr John Motloung.

"It was very difficult for the executive committee to operate under the circumstances. The fact that we live on the side of the township which is known as an ANC area made things even more difficult.

"Now that the membership wants us to continue it will be easier to do our job and also to solve some of the problems we still have," said Motloung.

Both sides resolved to go back to their communities and inform them of the decision to end the fighting. A report-back meeting will be held next Tuesday.

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Rival taxi factions in accord

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Rival factions in a taxi association in Tokoza agreed to bury the hatchet yesterday after a two-month dispute which is believed to have claimed scores of lives.

At a meeting at the Alberton Town Hall, two factions of the Tokoza Amalgamated Taxi Association said their different political stands were central to the conflict.

"We must decide if we want to be businessmen or politicians," one taxi owner said.

The taxi owners have been drawn into the conflict between IFP and ANC supporters in the volatile township. This led to a split in the taxi association.

Yesterday's meeting was held under the auspices of the Independent Mediation Services in South Africa (278).

The association's executive committee was given a mandate to continue until the conflict is brought under control.

The committee's term of office was due to have expired a month ago but it has been struggling to carry out its duties because of the hostilities.

"We are relieved that members have resolved their differences," said chairman of the association, John Motloung.

Both sides have agreed to go back to their communities and inform them of the decision to end the fighting. A report back meeting will be held next Tuesday. — Own Correspondent.

Policeman shot dead in Ivory Park

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CT 4/11/92

JOHANNESBURG. — An assistant police constable was yesterday shot dead and robbed of his service rifle in the Ivory Park squatter camp, near Tembisa on the East Rand.

A statement said police had followed a suspected stolen vehicle to Ivory Park, where three occupants left the car and escaped from the pursuing policeman.

The policemen returned to the car find to their 29-year-old colleague had been shot several times with an AK-47 rifle. His R5 rifle and 35 rounds of ammunition were missing.

Earlier yesterday police found the burnt body of a young man in Katlehong. A car and two shacks were set alight in the township yesterday.

Police recovered six bodies in East Rand townships on Tuesday.

An off-duty municipal policeman stationed at Kwa-Thema was shot and wounded by six men on Tuesday.

● The weekly report of the Human Rights Commission said that 67 deaths and 84 injuries were recorded in the week of October 27 to November 2, 41 of them in the PWV area. The total was 27 less than the previous week's recorded deaths. — Sapa

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Drivers dispute routes

Sowetan 5/11/93 (278)

By Mzwandile Jacks and Sowetan Correspondents

A MAN was seriously injured when violence erupted on the East Rand yesterday in clashes between African National Congress and Inkatha Freedom Party-aligned taxi drivers.

The unidentified man had to be airlifted to Natalspruit Hospital after he was attacked with pangas at the Germiston rank at about 10am.

The man was attacked by a group of drivers who fired shots at him, stabbed him and set his car alight on the corner of Black Reef and Dekema roads. Another car was later set alight, police said.

Witnesses said the injured man escaped the flames.

Police said three men were arrested for being in possession of two AK-47 rifles, two AK-47 magazines and cartridges at the rank.

Earlier, IFP-aligned drivers blocked the Katlehong-Germiston road to prevent "township" taxi drivers, aligned to the ANC, from ferrying residents out of the township. They set up a similar blockade on Wednesday.

The IFP-aligned drivers wanted their ANC counterparts to drop passengers off midway and allow other drivers to ferry the passengers into Germiston.

Stranded commuters

Hundreds of commuters were stranded and had to walk several kilometres into Germiston yesterday morning.

In Wadeville, drivers overturned two cars and set them alight, police said.

Mr Michael Ngidi, chairman of the Germiston and Katlehong local peace committee, said the conflict was between members of the Katlehong Peoples Taxi Association (Kapta).

"The association has members who stay in the hostel and those who stay in the townships. The fighting is over routes," Ngidi said.

Kapta's executive committee resigned three months ago amid death threats and the interim committee took over the running of the association.

One driver, who refused to be named, said residents were afraid to use the IFP taxis because these drivers were "strangers".

Hostel dweller drivers had thus been driven out of Katlehong and had sought refuge in Germiston, said the taxi owner.

Several township taxi drivers claimed that their colleagues had been shot and stabbed yesterday.

Police later cleared the roadblock but the situation remained tense.

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Man killed, 16 injured in train attacks

5/11/93

A commuter was killed and 16 others were wounded when they were thrown off moving trains in Johannesburg and Soweto yesterday, police said.

A man died after he and two others were thrown off a Soweto-bound train at Langlaagte station yesterday.

Another passenger was injured when he was thrown out of a train at Braamfontein station at about 6 pm, police said.

In a third incident, 13 people, including a policeman, were injured when they were thrown off a moving train in Soweto.

These included seven unnamed passengers who were thrown off the train between New Canada and Longdale stations. Six others — Joel Hlolgluane (30), Jacob Sefata (35), Thomo Subisiso, Robert Zondo, the policeman and an unnamed man — were later thrown off the same train. — Crime Staff.

Thirteen thrown off train on Reef

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CT 6/11/93

JOHANNESBURG. — Thirteen people, including a special police constable, were thrown off a Vereeniging-bound commuter train last night.

Police said seven commuters were thrown off the train between Longdale and New Canada stations and another six were thrown off the same train between New Canada and Mlamlakunzi stations near Orlando in Soweto.

In a second incident last night, one man died and another two were injured when they were thrown off a train, this time near Langlaagte station near Johannesburg.

In another incident, police killed a gunman and seized nine AK-47 rifles after shots were fired at them from Katlehong's Masibuko hostel yesterday afternoon.

Rival ANC and Inkatha Freedom Party-aligned taxi drivers clashed on the East Rand for a second day yesterday.

IFP-aligned drivers blocked the Katlehong-Germiston road to prevent "township" taxi drivers, aligned to the ANC, from ferrying residents out of the township. They set up a similar blockade on Wednesday. — Sapa

Sebokeng: No freedom for ISU

JOHANNESBURG. — The internal stability unit would not be welcome at the handing over of the freedom of Sebokeng to various organisations in the Vaal Triangle township today, the ceremony's steering committee said yesterday.

It said this was because of "their political motives and their lack of sensitivity to our situation in Sebokeng".

It was reacting to a claim to the Goldstone Commission by ISU head in the Vaal Triangle, Colonel Johan Deyzel, that the unit would receive the honour as part of the SA Police.

This was "devoid of the truth", the committee statement said.

"It was categorically stated that resident police who were driven out of the community by the criminals would be granted the freedom and not the ISU," the committee said. — Sapa

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PAC man's house burns to ground

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — About R750 000 in damage was caused when the home of Pan Africanist Congress secretary-general Benny Alexander in Ennerdale, south of here, was destroyed by fire early today, police said.

Police spokesman Piet van Deventer said the cause of the fire, which started at 2.40am, was not yet known, but police had not ruled out arson and a bomb team was on the site today.

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Mr Alexander was not home at the time of the fire. Major Van Deventer said three bodyguards had been sleeping in the wooden house, but they had not yet made statements to the police.

A neighbour told police that she had been awakened by the sound of explosions and breaking glass. But Major Van Deventer said it was not known if these were caused by incendiary devices or if they were merely the sound of household appliances and windows shattering from the heat.

Mr Alexander was taken from the Holiday Inn hotel near the World Trade Centre, where he has been staying

Violence claims 13

Star 8/11/93

■ BY ANNA LOUW
EAST RAND BUREAU

Violence claimed 13 lives in two townships near Alberton at the weekend.

Police said a man was shot dead in Katlehong's Tshongweni Section and another burnt to death when a car was set on fire in Twala Section.

Shot

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A man was shot dead in Ramakanope East Section in the same township.

The bodies of two men with gunshot and hack wounds were found at Hostel 3 in Tokoza and a man was shot dead in Khumalo Valley in Katlehong.

The bullet-riddled body of a man was found in the township's Letshogo Street and a man was shot dead in Crossroads squatter camp in Katlehong.

Another man was shot dead at a school in Mahula Section in the same township and a man was hacked to death and shot in Extension 2 in Tokoza.

The body of a man with a gunshot wound was found at the Biyafuthi hostel in Katlehong and a woman was shot dead in Maletse Street, Tokoza.

A man was shot dead with an AK-47 rifle in Tshongweni Section in Katlehong.

IFP leader's son shot dead at his front gate

CT 8/11/93 (278)

JOHANNESBURG. — Gunmen killed the son of Inkatha Freedom Party Transvaal chairman Mr Vitus Mvelase on Saturday, the second child of the IFP leader to be killed in a year.

According to the party's chief co-ordinator, Mr Hennie Bekker, Mr Felix Mvelase, 33, was called to the gate of his father's house in Ladysmith, Natal, by four men standing at the gate. One of them produced a firearm and shot Felix dead.

Mr Bekker, an MP, said Mr Mvelase's youngest son Francis was attacked and "necklaced" earlier this year.

● Three people, two men and one woman, were killed in a train shooting between Kwesine and Wadeville stations on the East Rand on Saturday.

● Police arrested five men after finding an arms cache and R2 000 cash in a stolen vehicle at a roadblock in Katlehong's Khumalo Street on Saturday morning.

Police said they had stopped an Opel Monza and in it found one AK-47 rifle with a magazine containing seven rounds of ammunition, an R1 rifle with 29 rounds, a 9mm CZ pistol with two magazines and 28 rounds, a 7,65 automatic pistol with nine rounds, and 27 rounds of .38 special ammunition.

Police established that the R1 rifle, the 9mm CZ pistol and the R2 000 were stolen from Hannel Dairy in Ermelo at 5.30am on Saturday.

The Opel Monza was taken during a robbery in KwaThema, Springs, on Friday night, police said.

An assistant SA Police constable was shot and seriously injured in Seotloane Section, Tembisa, on Sunday night.

Police said Constable P Notjie was off-duty when shot by unknown assailants in the back and arm. — Sapa

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PAC wants part in joint patrols

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JOHANNES NGCOBO

THE PAC was ready to join forces with the ANC, Inkatha and the SAP in joint patrols through violence-stricken East Rand townships, the organsiation said yesterday. (278)

Political affairs secretary Jack Seroke said the PAC supported the idea of community policing.

"The organisation has not been part of deliberations on the joint patrol proposals, but we support the idea of members of the community having police who are acceptable to them," said Seroke.

Police spokesman Col Dave Bruce yesterday welcomed the PAC's interest in proposed patrols in Thokoza and Kathlehong.

However, he warned it would be difficult for force members to work with people who were still hostile to the SAP and were still involved in an armed struggle.

WILSON ZWANE reports that violence in Katlehong has been compound by conflict between ANC and PAC supporters, whom a source said had been involved in gun battles recently.

However, the PAC's East Rand regional office said it was not aware of the alleged battles. The ANC PWV region would not comment on the matter, saying it was not aware of it.

Meanwhile, the SA Rail Commuter Corporation said yesterday it would do everything in its power to end train violence, which had surged recently. LLOYD COUTTS reports an urgent meeting between the corporation and the SAP has been called to discuss the deployment of additional police personnel on trains and at stations.

Reuter reports that observers from the EC, UN, OAU and the Commonwealth have appealed to organisations to comply with the provisions of the national peace accord.

In a letter to peace secretariat chairman Antonie Gildenhuys, the observers said they "totally opposed" permitting individuals to carry weapons at public gatherings.

At least 32 people were killed in Natal at the weekend, including 10 ANC supporters shot in an attack after a rally was cancelled in northern Natal, Sapa reports. Police said yesterday the toll in East Rand violence for the same period was at least 18.

The Human Rights Commission's latest report said 462 people died in countrywide political violence in October. Violence in Natal and the East Rand accounted for 90% of the deaths.



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ANC slams 'askari' payouts

LLOYD COUTTS

THE ANC said yesterday it would not rest until the full truth about the Vlakplaas "askari" police counter-intelligence unit was made public and those guilty of crimes brought to book. B/Day

The organisation was reacting to weekend allegations that three senior members of the unit — which was allegedly based on a farm outside Pretoria — each received a "golden handshake" of R1,2m on retirement from the SAP earlier this year.

The ANC said Lt-Col Eugene de Kock, Lt-Col Koos Vermeulen and Capt Paul van Dyk had left the SAP "under a cloud of serious allegations that they were involved in the planning and execution of attacks and murders against pro-democracy activists and ANC members". 9/11/93

"Rather than receiving golden handshakes, it would have been reasonable to expect that a police force that cares for its relationship with the public would have at least suspended these officers pending the outcome of an investigation into their activities," said the ANC.

The SAP has denied the allegation. Maj-Gen Krappies Engelbrecht, while confirming the retirements, would not disclose how much money the men had received, saying it was not SAP policy to do so.

The ANC said this explanation was unsatisfactory.

"The people of SA have the right to know what the NP government has paid them for the bloody deeds they committed to extend the NP's illegitimate reign. The time for secret funding and undisclosed golden handshakes is over.

"The ANC gives notice that we will not rest until the truth about the Vlakplaas unit is made public and those who have committed crimes are brought to book," the ANC said.

Alexander's house burnt

JOHANNESBURG. — Police are investigating a case of arson after PAC secretary-general Mr Benny Alexander's home burned to the ground early yesterday.

SAP experts combed the property in the southern Johannesburg suburb of Ennerdale for clues, but by late afternoon it was still not clear what had started the fire, police spokesman Major Piet van Deventer said (278)

The police provisionally estimated the damage at R250 000.

Mr Alexander, who rents the house, was not at home when the blaze started at about 2am.

Police at first believed that three people were in the house when the fire broke out but were told later that only one man was there. He was not hurt. 05/9/11/93

4 die in 'war-zone' townships

Star 10/11/93

■ EAST RAND BUREAU

Violence yesterday claimed another four lives in Katlehong, Tokoza and Vosloorus, neighbouring townships south of Alberton.

Police said a woman was burnt to death in Siluma View in Katlehong and another woman was shot dead in Letshogo Street in Tokoza.

The bullet-riddled body of a man was found in Motsoma Section in Katlehong. (278)

A passenger was shot dead when gunmen put 25 bullet holes in a taxi travelling in Jabane Street in Vosloorus last night.

Gunmen opened fire on a police patrol in Radebe Section in Katlehong. Police returned fire but no one was wounded.

In KwaThema near Springs, P Thulane (25) was travelling in his car when gunmen fired shots at the vehicle, hitting a rear wheel and causing it to overturn.

ISU meeting is postponed

JOHANNESBURG. — A meeting scheduled for yesterday between Law and Order Minister Mr Hernus Kriel and the ANC to discuss the withdrawal of the police internal stability unit from East Rand townships has been postponed to November 18.

The ANC said in a statement the meeting was postponed because Mr Kriel was required at a cabinet meeting.

The statement added that a march to the World Trade Centre by East Rand residents to demand the withdrawal of the ISU will go ahead today. — Sapa

ANC foresees SA pressing hard for overhaul of UN

B/Day 11/11/93

SIMON BARBER

WASHINGTON — The ANC looks forward to playing a "vigorous role" in pressing for an overhaul of the UN and the Security Council as soon as SA resumed its seat in the General Assembly, according to ANC President Nelson Mandela.

In a manifesto of ANC policy prepared for the current issue of Foreign Affairs, Mandela took a jab at the disproportionate influence of the US and its industrialised partners at the post-Cold War UN and warned that if this continued, the organisation's "legitimacy will continously be called into question".

Mandela stopped short of saying that SA would seek a permanent seat on the Security Council if the make-up of the body was changed in 1995. But he left the door open to the possibility of a rotating seat for major African countries.

"We hope a mechanism can be found so that the Security Council can reflect the full tapestry of mankind."

As a country coming to grips with many of the problems that plagued the rest of the world — including the management of diversity and major disparities between rich and poor — SA had was uniquely placed to help bridge the "deepening chasm" between "industrialised north and the underdeveloped south".

Human rights would be at the "core" of a new SA foreign policy, the ANC leader stressed. "SA will therefore be at the forefront of global efforts to promote and foster democratic systems of government."

These efforts would be focused particularly on Africa, which could no longer be held to a different standard from that of the rest of the world. "Our concerns will be fixed upon securing a spirit of tolerance and the ethos of good governance throughout the continent." To avoid further marginalisation, Mandela said, Africa should respond "by transforming its economic base", in part though greater economic co-operation and "reshaped" trade networks.

The SADC and the east and southern Africa preferential trade areas were important vehicles for promoting regional prosperity, but duplication had to be avoided and there was a need for "considerable institutional development".

The new government's agenda would be headed by the need to get the country's own house in order.

The ANC intended to open protected industries to competition.

However, Mandela warned that "we cannot be expected to reintegrate our trade regime in the global system overnight, and we will resist any attempt by the GATT to force us to do so.

"We cannot put thousands of jobs at risk be embarking on a speedy and uncoordinated revision of our total tariff regime."

A new goverment would seek new export markets "aggressively", using "internationally acceptable" incentives, and would reserve the right to discriminate against products from any country that did not open its markets to SA goods.

Cementing economic relations with and obtaining preferential access to the EC, "our largest trade and investment partner", was a top priority.

"Critically important" to SA's long-term recovery and growth, Mandela said, was the strengthening of manufacturing and service sectors. He singled out metal engineering, pulp and paper, banking, insurance and tourism as industries with the "most important" potential for foreign exchange earnings.

Marchers demand withdrawal of SAP's internal stability unit

B/Day 11/11/93

JOHANNES NGCOBO

ABOUT 1 500 people from East Rand townships marched on the World Trade Centre yesterday to demand the immediate withdrawal of the internal stability unit.

The marchers, lead by ANC PWV deputy secretary Obed Bapela, handed a memorandum to planning committee chairman Sam Titus, who said he would try to table their demands today.

He praised the peaceful manner in which the protesters conducted themselves and promised that he would convey the importance of discussing their grievances to ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa as soon as possible.

Bapela alleged that the Natalspruit Hospital in Katlehong was being used as a base by those killing people in the townships.

"I call on the very same police that are maiming our people on a daily basis to conduct an intensive search at the hospital and to stop the killing of innocent people," he said.

The marchers demanded that:

- ☐ The SADF be deployed in the hostels;
- ☐ Displaced people be able to return to their homes before Christmas;
- ☐ Violence-stricken areas be declared disaster areas;
- ☐ Local police stations be empowered with resources to deal with violence;
- ☐ Externally-based police report to local station commanders when entering the townships;
- ☐ The joint operations communication centre be moved from Natalspruit Hospital to a place to be decided on by residents; and
- ☐ Policemen arrested for joining self defence units be released.

Two protesters were arrested by the internal stability unit at Isando Station for carring unlicenced firearms.

Meanwhile, three white Katlehong Town Council employees were admitted to hospital after they were shot by unidentified men wielding AK-47s.

Police reported that two burned bodies had been found in the township.

East Rand hall damaged by bomb

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JOHANNESBURG. — A bomb explosion damaged a hall in Duduza on the East Rand on Wednesday night, police said yesterday. No one was injured. CT 12/11/93

Also on the Reef, Mr Joseph Motlaung was wounded in the back on Wednesday night when a group of about 10 armed men ran past a Germiston taxi rank firing randomly at vehicles and people, police reported yesterday.

They also said that the body of an unidentified woman was found in Thokoza on the East Rand on Wednesday.

Members of the internal stability unit came under attack in Mgadi section, Katlehong, on Wednesday. No injuries were reported.

● Police yesterday reported a further six killings in Natal's townships this week, pushing the toll to 56 in seven days — an average of eight deaths a day. — Sapa

Vaal massacre suspects nabbed

NEWTON KANHEMA
Weekend Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Detectives in the Vaal Triangle have had a major breakthrough on massacres.

Nine members of a gang, which police said was led by Victor Kheswa who died in police custody, have been arrested after being linked to at least 60 murders.

It appears that dissident members of the ANC and Inkatha combined forces to massacre their own people, intensive police investigations have revealed.

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"The people we have arrested are dissidents from the ANC and Inkatha. Claims of a third force are nonsense. We have investigated this and the nine will be brought to court soon," said Brigadier Floris Mostert.

Brigadier Mostert, deputy police commissioner in the Vaal, said the gang could have killed more than 60 people, but evidence available to the police positively linked them to 60 deaths.

Among those arrested was 20-year-old Hector Ndlovu, who is appearing in court in connection with more than 20 murders. Mr Ndlovu, a self-confessed member of the IFP, has also been associated with the Boipatong massacre.

Taxi peace pact in Thokoza

SITHOLE 14/11/93

By SHARON CHETTY

TAXI drivers have forged a pact to protect their passengers in the East Rand township of Thokoza.

This week, 400 drivers called on the warring factions to allow them to continue providing a service to commuters and to join them in their peace initiative.

Over the past year, taxis have become embroiled in the violence simply by taking certain routes in the township.

Those who took the route near the hostel were associated with Inkatha, and the rest were seen as ANC-aligned.

The "branding" of drivers has led to a virtual standstill in their services, while commuters have been left stranded.

Thokoza Amalgamated Taxi Association vice chairman, Mr Elliot Zondo, said his organisation — the only one in the township — was divided because of the violence.

"We taxi owners and drivers have never fought with each other — we are caught in the middle. The people involved in politics have used us as scapegoats," he said.

As violence intensified in the area over the past year, commuters have been targeted, scores have died in "drive-by" shootings, while the drivers were caught in the crossfire.

Many drivers have died, were injured, or lost their vehicles. Others have had to close shop when commuters boycotted them over their perceived alliances.

But since September, the two divisions in the taxi group have hammered out an agreement that dedicates them to providing a service without getting involved in any of the factions in the township.

Routes and a governing body have been agreed upon, and the taxi drivers hope that their bid for peace will encourage the rest of the residents to work together. (382/278)

A unique aspect of the peace pact is that political groups were not involved in drawing it up, said mediator Mr Thabo Ndabeni.

"Taxi drivers and owners realised they needed to sort out problems among themselves first," he said.

Mr Ndabeni said he hoped the Thokoza deal would spur similar moves in other East Rand townships.

Dramatic decrease in township violence, except on East Rand

Star 15/11/93

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The Human Rights Commission (HRC) on Saturday reported a drastic reduction in violence in Pretoria/Witwatersrand/Vereeniging townships other than on the East Rand in the first 10 months of this year.

It said of the 1 649 victims of violence, the majority died in East Rand townships where protracted violence since July has overshadowed calm in other townships.

Warfare on the East Rand claimed 1 318 lives in the 10-month period while 331 died in other areas of the PWV region — a drop of nearly 850 from the 1 179 recorded in these areas in 1992.

Violence escalated on the East Rand from early July when democracy negotiators set the election date for the first non-racial election.

"The re-ignition of major violence in the East Rand sub-region of the PWV since July, has tended to obscure the remarkable degree of calm that has descended upon all other sub-regions of the PWV," the organisation said. The HRC said a considerable proportion of the deaths in areas, excluding the East Rand, was the result of taxi conflicts, train commuter and drive-by attacks, attacks on security forces as well as killings by the security forces.

The HRC said it believed the "unsung success story" was largely attributable to:

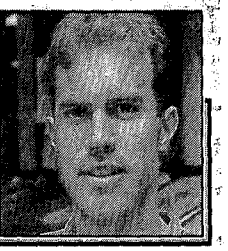
- Peace initiatives by the hostel residents and township residents themselves.
- Improved policing methods and attitudes which, through consultation with these communities, have acquired some legitimacy and respect.
- The very considerable peace-promoting efforts of the Wits-Vaal Regional and Local Peace Committees.
- The continuing presence and concern of international peace observer missions.

The HRC said 79 people had died in Soweto as compared to 427 in 1992; 140 against 379 in the Vaal; 24 against 229 in Alexandra; 48 compared to 101 in Johannesburg; 26 against 25 on the West Rand; and 10 against 18 in Pretoria. — Sapa.

Caught slap in the middle

Sowetan 15/11/93

■ TORCH-BEARERS Monitors duck bullets in townships to spread messages of peace:



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Special Report

By Glenn McKenzie

IT WAS A QUIET NIGHT in Katlehong, but it wasn't safe. Peace monitors sat in their armoured car in sweltering heat, their warm breath fogging the windows.

Even on a peaceful night like last Thursday, the monitors dared not open even the smallest hatch, for fear of being targeted by snipers.

In the seven months since the Wits Vaal Peace Secretariat started sending peace monitors to Katlehong and Tokoza, the escalating conflict has forced the organisation to buy two armoured jeep-like vehicles to protect its volunteers.

The group's larger machine, nicknamed "Dove", is a converted Mamba military car. Even without the usual gun turrets, "Dove" is a formidable sight. With its white and blue paint, and its flashing blue light, the peace monitor's trusty car is an imposing presence in the township night.

Gun sights traned

Charles Barnard is insistent that no one must leave the vehicle while driving through Katlehong at night. It is far too difficult to see who is watching, or who has gun sights trained on the vehicle.

Barnard has seen more incidents of violence than he can count. Before he was hired full-time by the Wits Vaal Peace Secretariat, he was a volunteer monitor for five months. Before that, he was a peace worker in the Cape Town suburb of Elsies River, where he grew up.

He explains that often the mere presence of the monitors in their enclosed vehicle is enough to end conflict.

"I really can't tell you why. But sometimes all it takes is for us to go to the fighting and ask people to stop. People want us to listen to them. They want us to hear their complaints and concerns. It may seem absurd, but sometimes that is all it takes," said Barnard.

But the monitors are not always able to help. As "Dove" drives slowly through the streets of Katlehong, Barnard points out spots where he has witnessed killings.

"Here, I saw 15 people being shot right before my eyes," he says, pointing at a long stretch of road.

"One lady walked up to us and became very angry. She said we are totally useless for not stopping the killings. I agreed with her," Barnard said.

A few minutes after the woman left him, she and her young daughter were killed by two men with AK-47 rifles.

Few peace monitors last on the job as long as Barnard has. For many, the horror and fear become too much. But for Barnard, the satisfaction of helping people outweighs the danger.

"Everyone needs to feel respected, needed and admired. These are things I lived off of when I was a monitor. It is a brilliant feeling when you help someone that no one has helped," he said.

The secretariat sends 30 to 40 monitors into the war-torn East Rand townships every day, and two vehicles with several monitors each at night. And, while the monitors have sometimes been able to stop the fighting, they have not been able to prevent territorial war.

"There is a stronger and more clear polarisation of the lines between different groups. There are clearer battle lines, and bigger ghost sections," Barnard said.

But in some ways, the job has become easier for monitors. In the beginning, they were accused of being informants for either Inkatha, ANC, or the police. It took time to explain to people that the Peace Secretariat involves all of these organisations, but is owned by none of them.

"Success with one group seems to hinder relations with another," said Barnard. "When one group hears that we helped another with food or medical aid, then they become angry."

And, while Barnard and the Peace Secretariat have become well known in the East Rand townships, the danger for peace workers has not lessened.

"You always go out there trying not to think about the danger. But every time you go home you realise how close to death you came," Barnard said, shaking his head.

"One lady walked up to us and became very angry. She said we were totally useless for not stopping the killings. I agreed with her."



SOWETAN INDABA — Mr Tyrrell Oosterbroek, left

E Rand toll climbs to 21

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JOHANNESBURG. — Twenty-one people, including a land surveyor and a two-year-old boy, died violently on the East Rand at the weekend.

Eleven people were slain in Katlehong.

Police said Mr Gideon van der Merwe, 40, was shot dead by four youths who robbed him of his gun and four-wheel-drive vehicle while he was working near the Sunrise squatter camp between Katlehong and Vosloorus.

Police later recovered the stolen vehicle and the murder weapon — a shotgun — and arrested four youths aged between 15 and 20.

A two-year-old boy burnt to death in Maluleke section in Katlehong. Ten men and women were found dead in other sections of the township. They had been shot, stabbed or burnt to death.

In Thokoza, police found the bodies of six men. All had died from gunshot wounds.

The body of a man was found in Springs, and two bodies were found in Tembisa.

● In Natal, 18 people were slain over the weekend.

A flash point was Bhambayi, north of Durban, where five people were killed on Saturday, shattering seven weeks of peace, during which time the HRC did not record a single politically motivated death. — Sapa

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23 slain on East Rand

■ BY ANNA LOUW
EAST RAND BUREAU

Twenty-three people have died in violent attacks on the East Rand since Friday last week.

Twelve people were slain in Katlehong alone.

Police said TPA land surveyor Johan van der Merwe (40) was shot dead by four youths who robbed him of his firearm and vehicle between Katlehong and Vosloorus.

Police later recovered the stolen vehicle as well as the murder weapon, and arrested four youths. (278)

A two-year-old boy was burnt to death in Maluleke Section.

Two women and a man were shot dead in Zonk'iZizwe squatter settlement. A woman burnt to death in Moroleke Section and a man was fatally stabbed in Moshoeshoe Section.

Gunmen shot dead a woman in Siluma View. Another woman was fatally shot at Buyafuti Hostel. The bullet-riddled body of a man was found in Ramokonope East, Katlehong, and the charred remains of a man were found in Sali Section. A man was shot dead in Ramakonope West.

In Tokoza, police found the bullet-riddled bodies of two men in Mazibuko Street. In the same area, one man was gunned down in front of house 8460 and another in Lusaka Street.

ANC 'using peace monitor centre'

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THE Inkatha Freedom Party claims the ANC's military wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe, uses the Wits/Vaal Peace Secretariat's joint operations communication centre to launch violence on the East Rand against Zulus.

Inkatha leader Themba Khoza levelled the charge yesterday at a media briefing, called to announce a meeting between the organisation and Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel today.

Khoza said Inkatha would ask Kriel to deploy more police on the East Rand with the aim of reducing violence.

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ANC members and the self-defence units in Katlehong, Thokoza and Tembisa used the communications centre facilities not to monitor the violence but to kill Inkatha members and Zulus, Khoza said.

Khoza produced a list of activities allegedly undertaken by ANC peace monitors. These included monitoring Inkatha hostels and identifying police vehicles to self-defence units and Umkhonto.

Wits/Vaal peace secretariat director Peter Harris said the secretariat had requested details of alleged misuse of the communications centre's facilities from Inkatha two weeks ago.

An urgent investigation would be launched as soon as Inkatha provided the information.

Sapa reports that Khoza claimed Inkatha had obtained documents listing ANC members' names. Also listed, he said, were the types of weaponry assigned to them at a house in Thokoza.

ANC spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said: "I have not seen the document, but I doubt its authenticity. We reject any suggestions our members are involved."

Man hurt, vehicles burnt in taxi battle

Star 22/11/93

■ BY ABDUL MILAZI

A man was wounded and six taxis were set alight yesterday in a taxi battle in Pretoria's Bosman Street taxi rank, police said last night.

Pretoria police spokesman Major Andrew Lesch said four men in a cream-coloured minibus stopped at the Bosman Street taxi rank and assaulted the rank manager.

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The attackers kicked and stabbed the manager before fleeing when a group of bystanders came to his rescue.

One of the attackers fired into the air as the minibus sped off. Shots were returned from the crowd at the rank, but no one was injured.

In their haste, one of the attackers was left behind and was arrested by the police.

During the commotion, another group of people threw a petrol bomb into a stationary minibus taxi, setting alight five other taxis.

Three more people were later arrested. (278)

Police found a number of pistols and spent 9 mm cartridges at the scene.

The injured rank manager was taken to hospital where he was treated for stab wounds and discharged.

This shooting follows a number of gang-style shootings in which three taxi owners have been killed in Pretoria's Mamelodi township in the past two weeks.

However, Lesch said the police could not be sure whether the incidents were connected until they had completed their investigation.

Anyone with information can contact Sergeant Nick Senekal at (012) 323 2918 or phone the toll-free Crime Stop number: 0800 11-12-13.

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27 die in East Rand violence

JOHANNESBURG — Continuing violence on the East Rand at the weekend claimed the lives of at least 27 people mainly in Thokoza and Katlehong, the police said yesterday. B/Day

Lieut Janine Smith said 15 bodies had been found in the two townships on Saturday and 11 on Sunday. 23/11/93

They had all been shot, stabbed or burned.

The body of a man with burn wounds was found in Tembisa on Sunday. A woman was found at Oakmore Station with an injured leg after she had been thrown from a moving train.

Gunmen injured a civilian when they shot from a moving train at a military patrol near Germiston on the East Rand at the weekend, Defence Force spokesman Capt Sonja Nel said yesterday. 2-16

She said the Defence Force had arrested four people and found two AK-47 rifles and magazines in Katlehong.

In the southeastern Transvaal town of Pongola, ANC Pongola chairman Zolane Mtetywa was shot dead and an unidentified woman wounded yesterday.

In Natal, at least 11 people were killed in a weekend of crime and violence, police said yesterday.

Eight killings were reported in the province, while the KwaZulu police said three people had died violently in the homeland.

Azapo seeks an election front

B/Day 23/11/93

AZAPO and its ally, the Black Consciousness Movement of Azania (BCMA), will take part in next year's election if the ANC and PAC agree to form an election front.

Azapo president Itumeleng Mosala, who returned from a four-day summit with the BCMA in Harare yesterday, said his organisation would take part on condition the PAC and the ANC agreed with its elections plan, which Azapo would reveal to them in meetings to be held soon.

"We have agreed with the BCMA that we should hold meetings with the PAC and ANC and suggest the possibility of forming an elections front aimed at uniting the black vote," said Mosala.

But he said it had been agreed that the organisation would discourage people from voting if its conditions were not met by the ANC, PAC and other possible allies.

His organisation had not requested the BCMA to relinquish its armed struggle, Mosala added.

The PAC's Mark Shinners welcomed Azapo's decision, but said the PAC would have to meet Azapo and discuss its conditions.

MICHAEL HARTNACK reports from Harare that Azapo and the BCMA, after their summit, issued a statement saying: "The two wings of the Black Consciousness Movement opted to participate in the campaigns leading to the April 1994 elections with the sole purpose of making sure that our people do not vote for their perpetual poverty, landlessness, oppression, homelessness and powerlessness."

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Supporters would be discouraged from accepting office in a future government "that is unable to change the lives of black people for the better and to provide them with schools, clinics and jobs".

The "Kempton Park funfair negotiations" had reached agreements which "condemned black people to a life of poverty," the statement said.

They had "through stealth and cunning endorsed land theft and economic deprivation and also guaranteed jobs to the civil service whose duty it is to maintain the status quo".

The army, police and public service had been left intact, "thereby ensuring the continued repression of our people and the sustenance of white supremacy.

□ In a report yesterday, reference was made to the Black Consciousness Movement of SA. The official title is the Black Consciousness Movement of Azania.

Rails sabotaged after shootings

Star 23/11/93

■ BY HAPPY NKHOMA

Katlehong residents sabotaged the remaining railway line between Pilot and Kwesine stations on the East Rand after gunmen on a train from Germiston shot at people near the line on Saturday afternoon.

A 23-year-old man, Mack Mazibuko, was shot in the leg when the gunmen fired on an SADF patrol near the line.

"I heard shots from the passing train and ran behind the military vehicle, but I was too slow and got hit in the leg," Mazibuko said from his Natalspruit Hospital bed yesterday.

Residents, who had taken cover during the shooting, removed the rails from their setting with pick-axes and hammers before the train, which was at Kwesine station at the time, could start its return journey to Germiston.

The train was still stuck at Kwesine station by late yesterday afternoon [redacted] (278)

The other railway line servicing the station has been out of action for about two weeks after residents removed the rails and threw them in the veld.

The rail used by the train on Saturday had not been badly damaged in the previous attack and was repaired on Friday. However, it was sabotaged about 24 hours later.

SADF spokesman Captain Sonja Nel confirmed the shooting and said soldiers arrested four people and found two AK-47s and magazines in Katlehong.

SAP, ANC meet on shootout

Star 23/11/93

■ BY BRONWYN WILKINSON

The SAP and ANC have agreed not to release any information garnered during their joint investigation into Saturday night's shootout in Johannesburg in which Winnie Mandela's bodyguard and an attacker were killed.

And at a press conference yesterday, SAP spokesman Colonel Dave Bruce said police had been misquoted as saying they had ruled out a political motive for the shooting.

Yesterday's statement and meeting between the ANC and SAP came after the ANC had hit out at the SAP for being irresponsible by ruling out certain possibilities before the investigation was complete.

Mandela's bodyguard, John Lawrence (31), and a gunman were killed when they fired at least 18 shots at each other in Simmonds Street on Saturday. A second pedestrian was arrested, allegedly in possession of the assailant's murder weapon. He is due to appear in court today. (278)

■ Police yesterday released the name of the dead attacker. He was Dumisani Joseph Ntshangase (28), a security guard for a company in Parktown, Johannesburg.

The weapon he used was legally registered in his name.

Shooting: Killer named

JOHANNESBURG. — Police yesterday identified the gunman who allegedly killed Mrs Winnie Mandela's bodyguard as Mr Dumisani Joseph Ntshangase, 28, a nightwatchman.

Police said Mr Ntshangase, who was also killed during the shooting here on Saturday night, had a legally-registered firearm.

They denied media reports that they had ruled out a political motive. What they had said earlier was that the incident appeared to have no political motive. This did not mean that police had discounted a possible political motive, and they were approaching the investigation "with an open mind".

The dead bodyguard has been named as Mr John Lawrence.

Witwatersrand attorney-general Mr Klaus von Lieres has consented to ANC participation in the investigation. — Sapa

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(10) and Nkululeko Hlekiso (10) are pictured outside the school yesterday. PIC: PAT SEBOKO

Violence claims lives of 32 on ER

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YESTERDAY'S TOLL Five bodies found in Tokoza and Katlehong:

THE bodies of five men were found in Tokoza and Katlehong yesterday, bringing to 32 the number of people killed in continuing violence on the East Rand since Saturday, police reported.

And in Natal at least 11 people were killed in a weekend of crime and violence. The SAP reported eight killings in the province, while the KwaZulu Police said three people had died violently in the homeland.

East Rand police spokeswoman Lieutenant Janine Smith said the latest victims in the area had sustained either shotgun or hack wounds in the two townships yesterday morning.

The bodies of 15 people were found in Tokoza and Katlehong on Saturday and 11 on Sunday. They had either been shot, stabbed or burned.

The body of a man with burn wounds was found in Tembisa on Sunday.

In another incident on Sunday, a woman was found at Oakmore Station after she had been thrown from a moving train and injured her left leg.

She was taken to Tembisa Hospital for treatment. Smith said the motives for the attacks were not known and no arrests had been made.

Durban police spokesman Major Bala Naidoo said 44-year-old Mr M Khumalo was shot dead while travelling on a train between Umlazi and Durban on Friday.

A man was shot dead by two attackers near Bhambayi, outside Durban, on Friday morning.

Naidoo also reported the stabbing to death of 23-year-old Busi Hadebe in Mount Edgecombe, near Durban.

Moses Gabela (21) was shot dead in Stanger where his body was found on Friday night, while a man was killed in the same area after an argument.

Francis Ngwenya, (85) was stabbed to death in Mountainrise, Maritzburg, on Saturday.

Sowetan **is concerned at the number of people who are killed in political violence in this country and who have been reduced to mere statistics.**

To draw attention to this insane violence, we have started carrying a daily barometer of violence on our front page.

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Star 24/11/93

Violence claims 8 on East Rand

Violence claimed eight lives in East Rand townships yesterday.

Police liaison officer Lieutenant Deon Peens said the bullet-riddled bodies of two men were found in Madondo Street in Tokoza, where another two men were killed by unknown gunmen in Letsogo Street (278).

A man was burnt to death in Nhlazi Section in Katlehong and a woman was stabbed to death in the township's Ramakanope West Section. The burnt remains of a victim were found in Radebe Section in Katlehong.

A man was shot dead by gunmen who fired on a car in which two Soweto policemen and a civilian were travelling in Ikalene Section, Tembisa.

The gunmen robbed the policemen of their shotguns as well as a 7,65mm pistol. The civilian died in Tembisa Hospital from a gunshot wound in the hip. — East Rand Bureau.

No place to hide

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"I was ashamed to even think of charging them to go to their destinations. They were desperate"

■ NO HOMES

200 people seek shelter from violence: (278)

By Abbey Makoe

ABOUT 200 people who were given refuge at the local hall in Palm Ridge on the East Rand after fleeing from the violence in the nearby townships of Tokoza and Katlehong have become a problem for the community.

The Germiston City Council, which administers Palm Ridge, wants the refugees to vacate the hall while the local civic association does not want "to be blamed for evicting destitute people".

The refugees would like to leave but say the situation back home is still volatile.

The refugees' continued stay, however, makes it impossible for residents to use their hall to hold a show or a meeting, it is claimed.

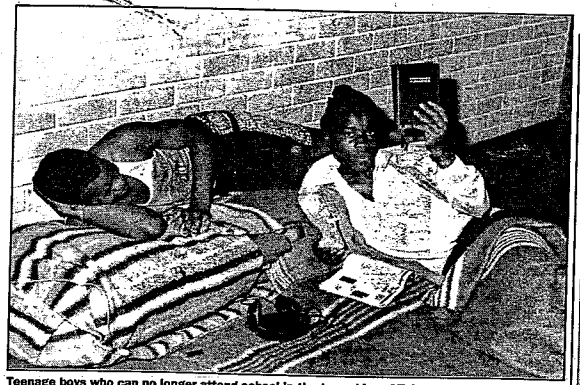
Animosity towards the refugees from the Indian and coloured community at Palm Ridge has been denied.

A claim that a pregnant refugee, Miss Angelina Natlane (40), was refused treatment at the Palm Ridge clinic, barely five metres away from the hall, has also been denied. Natlane later gave birth to still-born twins.

Other refugees confirm the story. They say a nursing sister in charge of the clinic allegedly refused to call an ambulance to take Natlane to the Natalspruit Hospital, about 19km away.

"She told us that she did not know the telephone numbers," Natlane and her friends say.

Mr Cecil Moeng, the leader of the refugees, said "doctors at the Natalspruit hospital said Natlane's twins could have been saved had she received medical attention in time".



Teenage boys who can no longer attend school in the townships of Tokoza and Katlehong after being branded "cowards who ran away from a war". PIC: JOE MOLEFE

But nursing sister Nanny Govender, sitting with a friend inside the health centre building, flatly denied the allegations.

"Of course," she said, "I did not know the ambulance telephone numbers." However, she said, she still went on to check in the directory.

Govender said Natlane was in fact looking for "transport from us, not an ambulance in the first place".

"None of us has a car," she said, adding that Natlane was in pain the previous night and that no one among the refugees wanted to take her to hospital.

Govender said it was also not true that the refugees were denied treatment at the clinic. She said, however, that there had been friction in the past between the clinic's TPA head office in Germiston and the leaders of the refugees.

"Anyway, we are still treating the refugees, especially the little kids. They come here for TB checks, pain killers and minor ailments," she said.

The Germiston City Council's Mr Johan Gertzen, who is chief administration officer in charge of Palm Ridge, said the refugees could not continue living in the hall. He also denied that the community was hostile towards the refugees.

"The community has a right to use the hall. We are not inhuman towards the refugees but we must be able to use the facilities," said Gertzer.

An executive member of the Palm Ridge Civic Association, Mrs Beth Andrews, said although the community might be longing to use their hall, the association did not want to evict them.

"They (the council) want us to order the refugees out so that we are blamed for evicting destitute people," Andrews said.

Moeng said when the refugees first arrived there were about 600 of them. Many had left to stay with relatives in the homelands and in rural areas.

"The ones that you see here are stranded. They have nowhere to go. The only option for them is to be rehoused," said Moeng.

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2 shot dead after band of 50 men fire on police

Star 29/11/93

■ EAST RAND BUREAU

Police shot dead two men, arrested 10 others and seized arms after a group of about 50 men fired on police in the vicinity of the Eden Park police station, near Alberton, yesterday.

This brought to 12 the number of people killed at the weekend in the Katlehong-Tokoza-Phola Park area southeast of Alberton.

After the attack, in which two policemen were wounded, police searched the nearby Phola Park squatter camp and seized two AK-47 rifles, a G3 semi-automatic rifle and a handgun. The two injured policemen were admitted to the Union Hospital in Alberton where one is in a serious condition.

East Rand police liaison officer Lieutenant Deon Peens said two attackers were shot dead after the group of 50 fired on policemen about 600 m from the police station.

Police retreated to the station and called in members of the Internal Stability Unit.

During a subsequent shootout, two attackers were shot dead and two policemen injured.

The attackers fled into Phola Park.



Archbishop Tutu . . . involved in peace drive.

Police reported several other fatal incidents in Tokoza and Katlehong.

Two men were shot dead in Sabongo Street in Tokoza.

A woman was hacked to death in front of a hostel in the same township and a man burnt to death at Kwesine hostel in Katlehong.

The body of a man with burn and hack wounds was found at Lesogo shopping centre in Katlehong and a man was hacked to death in Nyaene Street in the same township.

In Katlehong, police said a man was shot dead in Monaheng section. The body of a man with gunshot wounds was found at the township's Buyafuthi hostel.

The bullet-riddled body of a man was found in Khumalo Street, Tokoza. Another man was shot dead in Madondo Street in Tokoza. (2+8)

Gunmen shot at members of the flying squad in Letsogo Street in Tokoza when they took an abduction victim to her home. None of the policemen was injured in the attack.

Violence continued in spite of a meeting on Saturday called by Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Methodist Church leader Bishop Stanley Mogoba and other clerics to discuss ways of ending the violence.

The clerics' meeting with IFP delegates and hostel residents in Alberton agreed to establish a joint committee to continue consultations and urge the authorities to become seriously engaged in the upgrading of hostels.

Delegates said they would seek the urgent attention of the Housing Ministry and the National Hostel Co-ordinating Committee to deal with some issues.

■ In Nigel, seven armed men opened fire on a policeman after he caught them trying to steal a car on Saturday. He returned fire, killing one of them.

'Plot to disrupt election': 39 arrested in Transvaal cave

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The Argus Correspondent

PIETERSBURG. — Far Northern Transvaal police have arrested 38 men and one woman in a cave in the Strydpoort Mountains south-east of Pietersburg on suspicion of conspiring to disrupt the coming election and for the alleged illegal possession of firearms.

Police liaison officer Major Arno Vogel said four men claiming to be commanders of the group were evidently members of the Azanian National People's Liberation Army (Anpla), a black consciousness splinter group within one of the liberation movements.

Media representatives taken to the cave were shown where the group had lived for the past month.

Detectives also found an AK-47 rifle, an R1 rifle, a Z88 pistol and a great deal of ammunition.

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The 39 were arrested in a single police raid on the cave.

Major Vogel said the detainees were being held in terms of Article 50 of the Criminal Procedure Act, which empowered the police to keep them in custody without trial for 48 hours.

Sebokeng's beer supply guaranteed

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Mduduzi ka Harvey

VAAL beer-swillers can relax: South African Breweries will be one of the companies granted the Freedom of Sebokeng this week for its provision of "vital services" to the township's residents.

Freedom Granting Day, to be celebrated tomorrow at the Sebokeng Zone 11 stadium, was the brainchild of the African National Congress Youth League. Media officer Xaba Mothobi explained: "We want to build a relationship between the community and every company or person who offers services to the township."

The idea was first mooted at the Vaal Peace Summit in November last year and received added impetus following the murder of, among others, CCV journalist Calvin Thusago, and the continuous hijacking and looting of delivery trucks and vans.

Said Mothobi: "This day will be one of the ways of trying to bring peace and harmony to all our people. We don't want the killing of journalists and doctors in our community; we also don't want the hijacking of company trucks. Tomorrow Sebokeng will show this to the nation."

Those to receive the Freedom of Sebokeng include media representatives, doctors and companies which provide essential services to the community, such as Telkom, Eskom, Suncrush, SAB, Clover and Vaalgro.

Local police will also be granted the freedom of the township, said Mothobi, adding that "notorious police are not invited. The community knows them and they know themselves ...

"We want to try and allow all those granted the freedom of Sebokeng to move freely in the township and for our community to help them to move freely," said Mothobi.

ON PATROL: Inside the township no-go areas with a special detective unit ...





ABOVE: Rifles at the ready, Detective Sergeant Kevin Menninghaus and colleagues get ready to fan out from the safety of their armoured car.
RIGHT: Police photographer Morné Binedell stands guard at a fire in the Mngadi section of Katlehong.
PHOTOGRAPHS: GUY ADAMS

Among the savage dogs of war

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Stephen Laufer learns that it is not only humans who've been devastated by the township violence

ROAMING dogs are ravaging the corpses of victims of the violence in Thokoza/Katlehong. Abandoned by homeowners fleeing the conflict, they hunt in packs, ripping limbs from dead bodies, stripping skeletons, adding massive indignity to the wanton killing which has become the hallmark of the area.

BBC World Service correspondent Fergal Keane, whose eye-witness account of dogs eating human flesh is reprinted on this page, says he was told the dogs prefer the flesh of corpses burned by attackers. But Detective Sergeant Kevin Meininghaus told the *Mail & Guardian* during a night patrol through the East Rand townships last week that the dogs of war are not choosy when hungry — they will just as readily rip raw flesh off the bodies.

At the heart of the indignity is the breakdown in communications between police and residents. Mistrust runs so deep that deaths are not reported and bodies are often left for hours or days before being discovered by the security forces, says Meininghaus, a member of a special East Rand detective unit set up under national peace accord structures to investigate political and unrest-related violence.

"It's rare that residents will report a crime to us," says Meininghaus. "More often than not, we find bodies by chance, usually hours after the killing."

And more often than not recently, the corpses have been mauled and stripped by hungry dogs. "I came across a murder scene recently," says Meininghaus, "where all that was left of the victim was the bleached bones of his skeleton."

Along with 26 colleagues, his brief is to gather evidence and catch wrongdoers in a war zone.

Deliberately organised separately from the ISU in an attempt to raise their credibility, the detectives nevertheless depend on the Stability Unit's armoured Nyalas and camouflage-clad drivers to get them to the scenes of crimes and guard them while they search for clues. Their workplace resembles a moonscape:

Separated from the darkened streets, the barricades, the no-go areas between African National Congress and Inkatha territory by centimetres of steel and bullet proof glass, distant from the shadowy figures who disappear in the night, the few stray cars and the baying packs of dogs, Meininghaus and his men resemble the Star Trek crew, searching for signs of life — and death by violence — in the outer galaxy.

> "There is little for a sleuth to go by. Evidence is often removed and bodies found kilometres away from the murder scene"

Despite an apparent willingness to tread softly, contact with locals remains essentially confrontational, limited to searching suspicious cars for weapons, or chasing young men assumed to be SDU members. By their very nature, these encounters do little to further police-community relations; they are brief, unhappy meetings across a gaping divide.

This is a world in which good intentions count for little and subjective perceptions dominate. A world in which news of the discovery of instruments of torture in ISU vehicles makes an impact on the community a thousand times more telling than the persistent, almost gentle efforts of a police sergeant committed to solving crimes.

Like their colleagues in blue or camouflage, these men see themselves as professionals, neutrals between the fronts. They profess the best of intentions, credibly so, in the case of Meininghaus, who was transferred here when he asked for an investigator's job with the Goldstone commission.

But the job on the ground leaves little room for classic detective work. Instead, it is a juggling act, balancing the ever-present R-5 rifle, an average case-load of 100 dockets, and attempts at co-operation with a community unwilling to trust any SAP representative. Virtually every crime scene is tampered with. "Evidence is often removed or rearranged, bodies found kilometers from the place where the person was killed," says Meininghaus. There is little for a sleuth to go by.

It is 19.10 on a routine Wednesday night, Meininghaus and his photographer Constable Morné Binedell have been on duty for 70 minutes. The engine of the Nyala they are riding thuds along, dominating the meandering conversations in the air-conditioned passenger area.

Detectives and ISU men are eating bananas when, just audible above the engine noise, the sergeant in the driving seat announces a fire in the Mngadi section of Katlehong. The immediate assumption is of an unrest-related incident requiring the presence of the special detectives. The driver switches on his revolving blue light, and roars into the night.

Flames have engulfed a shack behind a prim house, found after searching up and down rutted gravel roads. But unlike fires anywhere else, there are no curious onlookers gathered, no residents in nighties or undershirts, relieved at having escaped the inferno.

This is no-man's land, within sight of the Inkatha-held Bayafuti hostel, and these houses — smallish, but clearly of the upmarket designer variety — have been abandoned since August, left unoccupied and unguarded by their terrified owners.

As the massive armoured door of the Nyala swings open, Meininghaus and his men slip the safety catches on their rifles, ready to return fire at the first sign of trouble. They fan out using American SWAT team techniques — designed to overpower armed opposition while keeping one's own casualties low.

Meininghaus has survived one attempt on his life, arresting the panga-man with the help of his photographer. "He got a R250 fine or six months for possessing an illegal weapon. Attempted murder charges were dropped," remarks Meininghaus.

This is detective work worlds away from Sherlock Holmes and 221b Baker Street. As the detective explains, "we have no complainant, no-one residing at the scene of the incident, no hint at what this is about" except for what he knows about the area.

The supposition is that a small group — possibly hostel dwellers — has laid this fire and a second one two streets away as a diversion. "They could be planning an attack

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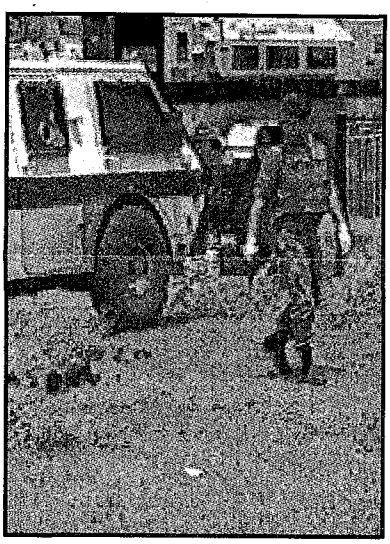



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The scarecrow man

BBC World Service correspondent Fergal Keane was on patrol with police in the East Rand townships recently when they came across a pack of dogs which had been ravaging a human corpse. In stills from Keane's video footage of the incident, a policeman is seen looking at the head of the corpse (above left) and chasing one of the dogs away (above right). This is how Keane described the incident to listeners around the world:

"As we jumped down from the Casspir the dog backed away growling, retreating into the pack. But as it moved I saw the shape of what might have been a large bone fall away. A few steps closer and I found myself looking down at the arm of a human being, partially devoured, lying in the thick summer grass.

"Oh Jesus Christ" somebody behind me muttered. More police and soldiers arrived, forming a defensive perimeter around the body team. The dogs lurked in the distance, kept at bay by the shouts and footstamping of the sentries.

"Major Visagie, a veteran of countless township battles, led his men towards a patch of waste ground in search of the body to whom the arm belonged. They followed the bad, horrible smell of death and I followed them. In a matter of seconds we stood over the remains of a man who had been shot and burned to death. He will live in my mind as the scarecrow man: a shape twisted in the dust, ravaged by fire and animals".

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On patrol among the dogs of war

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and want to draw us away, or wanting to show strength and presence. It could just be a couple of youngsters causing trouble," explains Meininghaus.

The second shack fire threatens to engulf the house, still completely furnished, so the police wait until the firefighters arrives. They come from Germiston, accompanied by a SAP Casspir. WM 12-18/11/93

"Sandton has an armoured fire engine. When things get really bad, we call them," says Meininghaus. "Most firemen carry their private pistols for self-protection these days," comments another policeman.

With the firefighters on the scene, its back to the patrol. This is an on-road, off-road journey, with much concentration required of everyone on board. Despite its broad wheel base, the Nyala is vulnerable to booby-traps, trenches filled with water which can trap the front wheels, deep holes dug on the sides of rock barricades, then covered with sand to give the driver the false impression he can navigate the barriers safely.

"We can't get out to move rocks, because we might come under fire," explains Meininghaus. "And we can't drive through the water-filled trenches. Sometimes there are steel thorns set at the bottom, ready to rip our tyres to shreds."

Discretion is the better part of valour, and so the Nyala turns around, silently accepting that the SDUs have managed to create no-go areas.

Searchlights blazing, the Nyala enters a hostel, slowly cruising through the courtyards. There is no hint at camaraderie, no suggestion that the police might be among friends. But there is also no fear, no-one runs for cover like the young men in the ANC-dominated areas. Hostel dwellers, milling in small groups, stand their ground, staring truculently at the police vehicle.

"We never have trouble in the hostels," says Meininghaus, struggling to explain why this should be the case until he is helped out by the driver. "There's much more discipline in the hostels," he says, "the Indunas have real authority."

In Phola Park, the tension among the crew rises tangibly. "More policemen have been killed here than anywhere else on the East Rand," remarks Meininghaus sanguinely. "We would never leave our vehicle without calling in reinforcements first."

Then he talks of fear — of the policeman's fear of two RPG-7 anti-tank missiles which police intelligence says have been brought into the area. "Those things would rip this vehicle apart and kill every one of us," says Meininghaus. One was fired at a Nyala just days ago, says a policeman, the crew saw it whizz past them.

Asked whether he is making a difference here, Meininghaus responds with a reference to faith: "As I've told my pastor, if you get through to just one person with a message of peace, your effort has been worthwhile."

Durban bus bomb — suspect arrested

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The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — Police have arrested a suspect in connection with yesterday's bus bomb blast. The suspect is under police guard in hospital.

Captain Craig Kotze, spokesman for the Ministry of Law and Order, confirmed that the person arrested was one of the six people injured when the mini-limpet mine exploded on a bus in the city centre.

Captain Kotze said that after the blast police found parts of a bomb in the suspect's possession. "The suspect was also injured and is under police guard in hospital."

However, they still do not have an identity for the man who was killed.

A theory is that the man killed and mutilated in the blast might have been handling the explosive device that blew the vehicle apart. Both his hands were blown off and he was hurled out of the bus into the road. Attempts to lift fingerprints were not successful.

Police could not confirm that he had been handling the device but said he was closest to the point of explosion.

Witnesses said a man was seen fleeing the scene of the bus blast and that he had been injured.

Meanwhile, 14-year-old Susarah Meyer sustained a fractured skull and brain injuries apart from other injuries.

A brain scan showed that the teenager, who is still unconscious, was extremely ill.

Three other victims of the blast are in a stable condition.

Miss Adri Coetzee has an injured back and Msundo Seyisi received lacerations on the head, deep abrasions of the shoulders and right thigh. Both have hearing problems. Liso Maphumulo has head injuries and an injury to the right ear.

The three who were discharged are Ludwick Duma, who suffered from shock, Clyde Alborough, who has multiple lacerations, and Grace Mkhize, who has back and shoulder injuries.

Second suspect held for blast

DURBAN — A second suspect in Durban's bus blast has been placed under guard in hospital, police said yesterday.

Both suspects were injured in yesterday's limpet mine explosion which left one person dead and six injured.

Meanwhile, police have established that three separate devices containing high explosives were used in yesterday's bomb attack that almost destroyed the Port Edward Hotels on the south coast, injuring five people.

● A Munsieville sub power station near Krugersdorp was rocked by an explosion at midnight on Tuesday.

No one one was injured in the incident. — Sapa, Own Correspondent

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17 die as Natal violence flares

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By SIPHO KHUMALO

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AT least 17 people lost their lives in three separate attacks in Natal this week. (276)

In a week of terror nine people were shot dead and eight wounded in the Bhambayi squatter settlement north of Durban and eight killed and three wounded in Iniwe, near Empangeni.

Two people were also gunned down on Friday and eight seriouly injured when armed men opened fire on two buses near KwaMashu. This incident has been blamed on a feud between taxi and bus operators.

The ANC has blamed Wednesday's Bhambayi killings on the SAP's Internal Stability Unit.

This has been denied "with contempt" by Major Bala Naidoo, who invited the ANC to present its evidence to the Peace Secretariat.

The Bhambayi killings come in the wake of a growing demand for the removal of the ISU from the area following accusations that the unit is contributing to the escalating violence.

More than 260 people have been killed in Bhambayi since violence first flared between Inkatha and ANC supporters in the area.

ANC northern Natal spokesman Zipho Mkhize said a trigger-happy man opened fire on people with an AK-47 rifle after a cultural ceremony in Iniwe.

Goldstone uncovers hit squad evidence

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The Goldstone Commission has uncovered "credible evidence" of a Kwazulu Police (KZP) hit squad responsible for the murder of nine people — including leaders and members of the African National Congress in the past two years.

Three arrests have been made and more are anticipated, Mr Justice Richard Goldstone said in a report of his commission released today.

He emphasised that the facts had "come to light" after a request by KZP Commissioner Lieutenant-General Roy Durling to the South African Police for an investigation into certain allegations.

The ANC said today the evidence in the report confirmed the ANC's "contention that the violence is part of a systematic destabilisation policy emanating from members of the stability forces".

It said the commission's finding that the men were part of a group secretly trained by the South African Defence Force in the Caprivi during 1986 "indicates that this is part of a broader plan of action".

Judge Goldstone disclosed that the investigation was still in progress and three people had been arrested. "All three persons were until recently members of the KZP. One of them has now been dismissed and the other two suspended."

The evidence establishes the high probability that a hit squad consisting of five KZP policemen has been responsible during 1992 and 1993 for the murder of no less than nine people, including leaders and members of the ANC," said the report.

Judge Goldstone drew the attention of the Transitional Executive Council to the allegations.

In the report, the commission also said the withdrawal of the police's internal stability unit (ISU) from the violence-torn East Rand townships as demanded by the ANC would lead to greater violence.

The townships residents were "consistently at risk of death and injury and the withdrawal of adequate protection will make them even more vulnerable," Judge Goldstone said.

However, the ANC repeated the call for the withdrawal of the ISU and said its deployment should be done only in consultation with the local SAP, peace and community structures.

Goldstone hit squads disclosure a 'vindication'

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The Goldstone Commission's disclosure of "credible evidence" of a Kwazulu Police hit squad being responsible for the murder of nine people has vindicated the assertion that hit squads exist, the ANC said.

It said the report had given credence to its assertion of the existence of the hit squads and blamed President De Klerk for the Defence Force's training of hit squad members.

Three arrests have been made and more are expected, Mr Justice Richard Goldstone said in a report yesterday.

ANC leaders are among those allegedly murdered by the squad in 1992 and 1993.

The facts came to light after a request by KZP commissioner Lieutenant-General Roy During to the SA Police for a probe into allegations of murder, attempted murder, armed robbery and vehicle theft.

General During, while confirming his instigation of the probe, was distressed yesterday by Mr Justice Goldstone's decision to make the information public, saying it could "prejudice the investigation and possible prosecution of those involved".

He added that it was "regrettable in the extreme" that the allegations were disclosed "at a time when I and the majority of my members are making earnest endeavours to establish sound community relations".

General During said that one of the men being held had already been arrested for armed robbery and another had been recently dismissed after an inquiry found he was unfit to remain a member of the KZP.

Allegations of their involvement in hit squad activity only emerged in the subsequent, SAP assisted investigation, General During said.

Mr Justice Goldstone said in the report: "The fact that hit squads are operating cannot seriously be doubted."

The commission had constantly refused to make findings without adequate evidence.

"However, in the past few days credible evidence has come to the knowledge of the commission of a hit squad. All three arrested were until recently members of the KZP."

The ANC said: "These revelations make it even more urgent that the Transitional Executive Council takes immediate control of the KwaZulu police.

"It is incumbent upon Chief Minister Gatsha Buthelezi, the Minister of KwaZulu Police, to explain to the world what he knows about the activities of the hit squads within his police force. We need to know who is issuing orders and who the ANC members are who have been assassinated."

In his report, Mr Justice Goldstone stressed that the fact that evidence had been found implicating the KZP "in no way exonerates any other party who might also have been responsible through their members or supporters for public violence and intimidation".

Mr Justice Goldstone said the evidence pointed to a hit squad consisting of five KZP policemen.

In September, there were reports that a KwaZulu policeman who been trained in the Caprivi by the SADF had appeared under a false name in court on two charges of murder.

Alfred Masango was acquitted in the Natal Supreme Court, although the judge found that there was strong suspicions against him.

Inkatha slates G'stone findings

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FINDINGS by the Goldstone Commission of the involvement of an SADF-trained KwaZulu Police (KZP) hit squad in the murder of several Natal ANC leaders were described yesterday by the IFP as a distortion — but were praised by the ANC and DP.

The IFP's Mr Ed Tillett said while there "may be truth" in the allegations, the report diminished the credibility of the commission as it had consistently failed to take up IFP requests to probe attacks on scores of its supporters.

The report said that three KZP policemen — two of whom have been suspended and the other dismissed from the force — had been arrested and at least two more arrests were expected.

According to commission chairman Mr Justice Richard Goldstone, there was "credible evidence" of the hit squad activities.

Caprivi

The facts had come to light after the SAP had been requested to probe the alleged hit squad's activities at the request of the KZP commissioner, Lieutenant-General R During.

SAP Brigadier E du Preez, who headed the probe, found that the men had been trained by the SADF in the Caprivi in 1986.

Evidence showed that there was a "high probability" that a squad of five KZP men were behind the killings of nine people — including ANC leaders — last year and this year.

The commission considered the disclosure of the information to be in the public interest.

However, it was reported that General During said yesterday he regretted the timing of the disclosures.

General During said he had asked the SAP to investigate after receiving information that some KZP members were involved in criminal activities.

The Ministry of Law and Order's Captain Craig Kotzé said it was clear that hit-squad activity was a manifestation of the political rivalry and intolerance between the ANC and Inkatha. — Sapa

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Durban bomb victim named

DURBAN. — The victim of last month's bus bomb blast here has been identified by police.

Police said relatives identified the man as 24-year-old Mr Vuyani Namba from Cala Village, 150km north-east of Umtata. (276)

It was not yet clear what the man's political affiliation was, nor was it known what he was doing with the bomb.

Investigating officer Captain Riaan Boshoff said the man had arrived in South Africa on Friday, November 26 — just four days before the blast. CT 9/12/93

wicket during the one-day match yesterday.

TEC row

Meyer and Kriel clash over powers

By ANTHONY JOHNSON
Political Correspondent

THE newly established TEC immediately flexed its muscles yesterday by ordering the SA security forces into strife-torn areas of KwaZulu and the seizure of operational files of the SAP's controversial Internal Stability Division.

But within hours the TEC appeared headed for a showdown with the government security establishment after a TEC delegation consisting of Mr Cyril Ramaphosa and Mr Roelf Meyer clashed sharply with Law and Order Minister Mr Hernus Kriel over the powers and jurisdiction of the multiparty body.

Sources close to the talks said the tug-of-war between the two claimants on state authority would continue behind the scenes until the next meeting of the TEC next week.

And in Ulundi, an angry KwaZulu Chief Minister Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi dismissed what he called attempts to discredit the homeland police force and took a tough line on a return to negotiations ahead of today's summit of Freedom Alliance leaders in the KwaZulu capital.

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The first working session of the TEC in Cape Town yesterday passed a resolution to send a delegation — including Mr Ramaphosa and Mr Meyer — for immediate consultations with the police with the aim of pulling the ISD out of violence-ridden townships on the East Rand and the Bambhayi area in Natal "in particular".

The step was strenuously opposed in the meeting last night by Mr Kriel, who argued that the bloodshed would increase dramatically in these areas if the ISD withdrew.

The 19-party TEC also decided yesterday that the Commissioner of the KwaZulu Police (KZP), Lieutenant-General Roy During, and Goldstone Commission investigator Brigadier E S du Preez, furnish "a full report" within three days on disclosures this week of the murders of ANC leaders by a "hit squad" in the KZP.

The Goldstone Commission will also be bound to provide the TEC with any further information in its possession arising

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from its hit-squad probe and the TEC will then take "urgent follow-up steps" to clamp down on officially sanctioned assassinations.

Significantly, all the resolutions adopted by the TEC enjoyed the unanimous approval of the 19 parties in the council and the expected sparring between the ANC and the government over the powers of the body did not materialise.

Speaking shortly after the first working session of the TEC in the old President's Council, ANC secretary-general Mr Ramaphosa said it was important that the TEC send a clear signal to the public that it could act decisively to ensure free political activity.

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The SA Communist Party's chairman Mr Joe Slovo, said it was essential that at its first substantive session the TEC should be seen to be asserting its statutory power.

The chairman of yesterday's session, Mr Pravin Gordhan, told a press conference afterwards: "The TEC is beginning to cut its teeth in dealing with the South African political reality and in coping with the challenges and expectations of the new order."

Asked to compare the TEC with the proceedings taking place in Parliament, he added: "What is happening next door is the beginning of the end — what is happening here is the beginning of the beginning."

After the TEC's throwing down the gauntlet to the KwaZulu by serving notice that it planned to clip the wings of Chief Buthelezi's administration, the Inkatha leader charged that the timing of the hit-squad row was an attempt to discredit his party.

As leaders of the five-party Freedom Alliance began converging on Ulundi for a summit today Chief Buthelezi also vowed not to participate in next year's elections until a final constitution was agreed and in place.

But in Cape Town Mr Ramaphosa told the Cape Times that members of the SA Police and Defence Force would be deployed to restore stability and order in Northern Natal as a matter of urgency. "Everything has to be done yesterday," he said.

SA Police called on to intervene in KwaZulu

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Political Correspondent

IN a bold move, the Transitional Executive Council has called on the South African Police to intervene to protect life and property in violence-hit northern Natal, and even take action in areas under KwaZulu's jurisdiction.

This was a key point in one of several resolutions adopted by the TEC yesterday.

Its approval came after African National Congress secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa's appeal to the council to "show compassion" for suffering people.

He said that in KwaZulu areas, there were reports that KwaZulu police "are standing by and not doing anything while people's houses are being torched and they are being attacked and killed".

They SAP should be deployed there too because "they have national jurisdiction".

He hoped police would be sensitive to the controversy over the Internal Stability Units and not deploy them there. If reinforcements were required, the Defence Force should be deployed.

In terms of another resolution, the TEC has ordered a "full report within three days" from KwaZulu police chief Roy During and Brigadier E S du Preez on the Goldstone Commission findings on "credible evidence" of a hit squad made up of members of the KwaZulu Police "and on the possible existence of any other similar groups within the KwaZulu Police".

The TEC has also asked the commission to provide any further information it may have on the investigation.

Proposing the resolution, Communist Party chairman Joe Slovo said: "I believe this a horrific exposure which, if not nipped in the bud immediately by this council, will do a disservice to all the objects of the (TEC) Act to create an atmosphere for free and fair elections."

A third resolution on policing ordered a TEC delegation including Constitutional Development Minister Roelf Meyer and Mr Ramaphosa to discuss problems with senior police officials and, in particular, a proposal on the removal of Internal Stability Units from townships.

Mr Ramaphosa told the council that people in a "number of areas are saying they would prefer the SADF to the ISU" and added: "They would have no problems with the uniformed police supported by the SADF."

Mr Meyer, supporting the resolution, said it was in line "with what has been envisaged in the (TEC) Act in terms of the sub-councils' functions".

He added: "What we are dealing with here is the need for effective and good policing."

ANC, police probe killing claims

DURBAN. — The African National Congress and the police have agreed to join forces to investigate claims by a group of returned exiles that they were responsible for the massacre of nine ANC supporters near Durban last week.

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Police want to question the leader of the Returned Exiles Committee, Patrick Hlongwane, who said in a statement that the armed wing of his group, the South African Republican Army (Sara), was responsible for the December 1 killings at Bhambayi.

Mr Hlongwane also said the Sara statement constituted a "declaration of war against the ANC" and further attacks would follow.

Police and Law and Order Ministry officials said they would investigate and were seeking a summons to question Mr Hlongwane, although they were sceptical about the claim.

The ANC had accused Inkatha and the Internal Stability Unit of involvement in the Bhambayi killings.

The Returned Exiles Committee is made up of former members of the ANC who say they were tortured and maltreated by the organisation in camps elsewhere in Africa during the fight against apartheid.

An ANC intelligence official described Sara as a small group that modelled itself on the Irish Republic Army.

The ANC in a statement yesterday demanded the immediate arrest of Mr Hlongwane and "his ilk" and continued: "The investigation should determine whether Hlongwane was part of a broader conspiracy to murder ANC leaders, members and innocent civilians." — Sapa-Reuter.

KwaZulu acts to defy TEC

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Police chief refuses to aid probe

JOHANNESBURG. — KwaZulu yesterday defied the Transitional Executive Council with a refusal by the territory's police chief to provide any information to investigators probing charges that KwaZulu police killed ANC leaders.

The TEC demanded the investigation earlier this week.

"The KwaZulu government did not participate in the decision nor was it consulted regarding the establishment of the TEC, and hence recognises no obligation to provide it with any information," said Lieutenant-General Roy During in a brief statement yesterday.

"The TEC Act is now the law of the country, and we expect it to be applied across the country, including in the homelands," ANC spokesman Mr Ronnie Mamoepa said yesterday.

But it was not clear what the fledgling council could do to put down the first challenge to its authority.

Earlier this week, Mr Justice Richard Goldstone reported his commission had found credible evidence that a KwaZulu police "hit squad" killed nine people, including ANC members and leaders, in 1992 and 1993.

The TEC on Thursday asked for a report on the allegations within three days.

It also asked the government to send more police to strife-torn areas in northern Natal and KwaZulu, including areas patrolled by KwaZulu police.

The TEC sat for the first time on Tuesday.

It will have a watchdog role until the national elections are held on April 27. The body has some veto power over government decisions. — Sapa-AP

ANC, SAP to probe killings

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JOHANNESBURG. — The ANC and the SAP have agreed to join forces in investigating claims by a group of returned exiles that they were responsible for the killing of nine ANC supporters in Natal.

Mr Patrick Hlongwane, chairman of the Returned Exiles Committee, reportedly claimed on Thursday the armed wing of his group — the South African Republican Army — was responsible for the killings in Bhambayi on December 1.

Investigation

The committee is a group which claims its members were tortured by the ANC in its former detention camps elsewhere in Africa.

The ANC said yesterday the matter of a joint investigation would be referred to the attorney-general for his decision.

It also demanded the immediate arrest of Mr Hlongwane and "his ilk" as part of a broader investigation into the matter.

The ANC said: "The investigation should determine whether Hlongwane was part of a broader conspiracy to murder ANC leaders, members and innocent civilians."

Agent

Agreement on the joint probe followed discussion on the claims between ANC legal head Mr Matthew Phosa and Police Commissioner General Johan Van der Merwe and his deputy General Basie Smit in Pretoria yesterday, the ANC said.

Mr Hlongwane was found to have been a state security agent by an ANC-appointed commission of inquiry. — Sapa

TEC may butt heads with IFP

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By ANTHONY JOHNSON
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THE Transitional Executive Council is set for a showdown this week with the defiant KwaZulu government and Inkatha Freedom Party after they decided at the weekend to flout the authority of the newly established multi-party body.

Both KwaZulu and the IFP central committee have forced a stand-off with the TEC by flatly rejecting its unanimously approved order for an urgent report on a hit squad in the KwaZulu Police (KZP) and the deployment of South African security forces in strife-torn Northern Natal.

With the credibilty of the TEC now on the line with the first real test of its authority, parties are expected to take a firm stand when the management committee meets in Cape Town tonight and the full council goes into session tomorrow.

The National Party's representative on the TEC, Dr Dawie de Villiers, last night responded to Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi's defiance by saying: "We cannot allow the law of the land — which the TEC is — to go unheeded."

While KwaZulu was not currently part of the TEC, it was part of South Africa and the TEC "could obviously not stand by idly and allow itself to be turned into a lame duck," he added.

Dr De Villiers said it was the government's view that the TEC should be "firm but not too confrontational" in dealing with this direct challenge to its authority but acknowledged that other parties in the TEC would be "shouting for blood".

However, TEC members yesterday admitted that the body was facing a complex dilemma in tackling the recalcitrant Alliance parties boycotting the TEC on the one hand while trying to woo them back into the transitional and election processes on the other.

Alliance spokesman Mr Rowan Cronje yesterday accused the TEC of victimising anti-ANC parties in a bid to score political points.

'Bad faith'

"It is obvious that the TEC is looking for a political showdown by setting out to tackle the ANC's enemies rather than trying to ensure free and fair elections for all."

In rejecting the orders issued by the TEC, the central committee of the IFP also accused the TEC of "bad faith".

IFP spokesman Mr Mike Tarr said the TEC had adopted "a calculated political strategy".

The ANC TEC representative Mr Cyril Ramaphosa and the SA Communist Party's Mr Joe Slovo have emphasised that the TEC will not countenance challenges to its authority by the homelands.

As TEC members this week grapple with how best to assert the authority of the new body and how to respond to calls for the police's internal stability division to be withdrawn from certain townships on the East Rand and Natal, MPs in Parliament will begin a frantic rush to dispose of a wide range of transitional legislation, including the interim constitution.

TEC to press During for hit squads information

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THE Transitional Executive Council has authorised its management committee to take "all steps, including legal steps" to ensure that the Commissioner of Police in Kwazulu, Lieutenant-General Roy During, provides all information he has on police hit squads in the homeland.

The council also noted the "extreme urgency" of the matter, and set up a special task force to monitor compliance with the resolution and to investigate the question of hit squads.

Last week General During precipitated a confrontation with the TEC by refusing its request for further information on a hit squad which the Goldstone Commission found existed in the Kwazulu police. He said he had been instructed by the the Kwazulu government that it did not recognise the jurisdiction of the TEC and had been ordered not to provide the information.

Removal: Policeman shot

DURBAN. — A policeman was killed and a member of the Natal Provincial Administration injured yesterday when a group of squatters who refused to move from the Dukuduku forest near Mtubatuba allegedly opened fire on them.

A police spokesman said a number of NPA employees removing illegal squatter structures had initially been intimidated by about 100 squatters.

The squatters refused to disperse on the instructions of the SAP, who proceeded to fired teargas at them.

Shots were then fired from the crowd, wounding a policeman in the head and an NPA official in the leg.

Police returned fire but there were no reports of any other injuries.

● The southern Cape hamlet of Pacaltsdorp nearly lost its only fire engine this week when an arsonist lobbed a petrol bomb into the fire station, causing thousands of rands in damages, police said yesterday.

● A gang held up an East Rand police station yesterday morning and escaped with a large number of police weapons. — Own Correspondent, Sapa

TEC bares its teeth on Kwazulu hit squad request

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☐ Threat of legal action against police commissioner

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Political Staff

THE Transitional Executive Council (TEC) has bared its teeth, threatening legal action against the Kwazulu police commissioner and ordering the freezing of a loan to Bophuthatswana.

There are also hints that the Kwazulu Police (KZP) hit squad scandal could deepen, with a TEC report yesterday suggesting that two witnesses known to the police could give evidence about the "involvement of political and other senior officebearers".

Yesterday the TEC considered KZP Commissioner Roy During's refusal to hand over documentation on an alleged five-man hit squad which had operated within the KZP's ranks.

The information had been requested urgently by the TEC after the Goldstone Commission last week reported that "hard evidence" suggested the existence of the hit squad.

Lieutenant-General During informed the TEC that he had been "directed" to refuse on the grounds that the Kwazulu government did not take part in the establishment of the TEC.

The TEC unanimously adopted a resolution that the request for information was directed at Lieutenant-General During – who was "obliged to co-operate with the TEC in terms of the Act" – and not the Kwazulu government.

The TEC management council was mandated to "take all steps, including legal steps, to ensure the resolution of the TEC is complied with".

Yesterday the TEC management council also tabled a brief summary of a report on the alleged KZP hit squad by a Brigadier Du Preez of the police in Maritzburg.

It said the investigation had led to the arrest of two KZP members on "a number of murder charges".

It added that "at least two witnesses became available who could give evidence about hit squad activities within the KZP since 1991, about specific murders and attacks carried out and about the involvement of political and other senior officebearers in this regard".

In another resolution , the TEC ordered that a R216 million Development Bank of Southern Africa loan agreement with Bophuthatswana should be suspended.

Peace plan winning

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JOHANNESBURG. — The National Peace Accord has brought together people from diverse and often opposing views, says the National Peace Secretariat in a statement today.

Bonds were being formed and solutions found to socio-economic needs, political impasses and violence.

"The miracle of the accord is the unique combination of all those involved in 11 regional and more than 100 local peace committee throughout the country." — Sapa.

New wave of attacks on police

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DURBAN. — Three more policemen have been killed this week, two injured and three robbed of their firearms in a recent surge of attacks on the police force.

At least nine policemen have died in Natal during the past week, including six who were killed in separate incidents at the weekend.

A police spokesman said that Constable M S Dube stationed at Cato Manor was walking home with his girlfriend on Tuesday night when he was shot by a man and his gun taken. He died early yesterday.

Police assistant S H Makwente died in hospital after having been stabbed several times on Monday night in the Bongweni area of Kokstad.

A third policeman, Constable T A Ndlovu, was killed in clashes with squatters in the Dukuduku forest near Mtubatuba on Tuesday.

A police constable was hit on the head with a sharp instrument in Umlazi on Tuesday and two women constables held up and robbed of their service pistols. One of the women, Constable L T Shabalala, was stabbed in the shoulder.

The week's death toll brings to more than 241 the number of policemen who have been killed countrywide this year.

Inkatha members jailed for murders

DURBAN. — Four self-confessed Inkatha members who murdered six minibus passengers and attempted to murder three others, some of them ANC supporters, were each jailed for 20 years in the circuit court in Scottburgh yesterday.

Rodney Nzama, 21, Gwinyitshe Ndwalane, 20, Fana Ndwalane, 20, and Absalom Mbele, 29, of Bhomela near Port Shepstone, were convicted of gunning down six people and attempting to kill three others at Bhomela on July 4 last year.

Their co-accused and tribal chief of the Nsimbini tribal authority, Makhanda Ndwalane, 48, was sentenced on Monday to eight years for the unlawful possession of two G3 rifles and ammunition.

One of the rifles was used by the accused in the murder of the six people, most of whom were visitors from Nqutu, northern Natal, on their way to the Wild Coast casino.

Before sentence was passed, the court heard that the accused were *amabutho* (regiments) charged with protecting members of the tribe from attacks and they had to obey orders from *indunas* and their chief.

The court said it was time for people who issued the orders to realise the consequences that resulted from their actions. #(276)

Also, the court ordered that the two G3 rifles which were in the custody of Ndwalane be forfeited to the state.

After sentence, the men refused to leave the dock. They eventually left after police ordered the capacity crowd in the public gallery to vacate the court. OT 16/12/93

IFP/ANC peace meeting attacked

DURBAN — Three people were arrested at the weekend following an attack on a joint ANC/IFP peace meeting in the Wartburg area that left at least one person dead and two injured. (276)

A large group of ANC and IFP supporters met at the home of Chief Mbukeni Shangase in the Mkhizwana area, between Swayimane and Camperdown, to discuss peace in the area on Saturday afternoon.

Shortly after 4pm a group of six men opened fire on the people, according to SAP spokesman Captain Henry Budhram. CT 20/12/93

One person was killed and two seriously injured. The dead man's identity has not yet been released.

Capt Budhram said that despite heavy rain police had arrested three men in the area yesterday.

Two men were shot dead on their way to a church meeting in the Kwamaye area, upper Tugela, on Saturday.

Capt Budhram said the motive was believed to be revenge following clashes between families.

And at Dassenhoek, near Mariannhill, one man was killed and two injured when three men opened fire on members of a savings club at a private home and made off with R67 000.

Accused deny being at the scene of attack

MARITZBURG. — The trial of two men charged with the murder of six schoolchildren at Table Mountain in the Natal Midlands in March this year resumed in the Maritzburg Supreme Court yesterday. (276)

Yesterday's hearing centred on evidence by the accused, Mr Sibusiso Zulu, and his uncle, Mr Jeremiah Zulu, who have both denied being at the scene of the attack. CT 21/12/93

The state has alleged the men were among gunmen who ambushed a bakkie taking children to school in the Table Mountain area. — Sapa

13 slain in Natal/KwaZulu

DURBAN — At least 13 people have been killed in separate attacks in Natal/KwaZulu since Tuesday. B1D94

Five people, including an infant, were killed at a kraal in Ngoyameni near Isipingo, south of Durban, on Tuesday night. 23/12/93

Police spokesman Maj Bala Naidoo said about 20 people in brown uniforms attacked at about 7pm.

Spent AK47, R5, 9mm, and shotgun cartridges were found at the scene.

A R100 000 reward was offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killers.

KwaZulu Police said a man was shot dead in Mpumalanga, between Maritzburg and Durban yesterday; another was shot dead at Ntuzuma, north of Durban, on Tuesday; a third was shot dead at Mtubatuba on Natal's north coast and a fourth in KwaNdengezi, near Pinetown.

Two people were stabbed to death, one in KwaMsane, near Mtubatuba, and the other in Esikhawini.

Police said up to 300 people took part in an attack near Dannhauser, northern Natal, on Tuesday, in which two people were stabbed to death.

Meanwhile, in the northern Natal district of Nongoma two men and two women were injured when attackers fired on a party on Tuesday night.

KwaZulu police said the SAP's internal stability unit had uncovered an arms cache at KwaMsane, including 26 firearms. (276)

It listed the arms as four AK47 rifles, five .38 pistols, two Makarov pistols, seven 9mm pistols, two Star pistols, two 7.65mm pistols, one CBC 325 WC firearm, homemade pistols and more than 200 rounds of ammunition for the various weapons.

However, neither the SAP's media liaison department, nor the internal stability unit in the region had any record of the find yesterday. — Sapa.

Disquiet over SAP deployment

B1D94 23/12/93

THERE were strong indications of discontent within the KwaZulu government yesterday over the TEC's proposed deployment of SAP members in the homeland.

WILSON ZWANE

A source close to the KwaZulu Police Commissioner's office said it would be a diplomatic blunder for the SAP to simply march into the homeland. In the past, the KwaZulu Police had approached the SAP whenever it required assistance, he said.

KwaZulu Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi, who is also KwaZulu Police Minister, could not be reached for comment yesterday, but is reported to have said he intended taking the matter up with Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel.

The TEC on Tuesday ordered additional SAP members into northern Natal and some parts of KwaZulu to protect residents' lives and property following a report from SAP top brass. Empangeni, Newcastle, Nqutu and Dumbe were singled out.

The office of KwaZulu Police Commissioner Lt-Gen Roy During said it could not comment as no official communiqué concerning the matter had been received.

The source said homeland authorities would assume that SAP deployment in KwaZulu would be preceded by communication between Kriel and Buthelezi. Law and Order spokesman Craig Kotze would say only that the ministry had noted the TEC decision and would give it the necessary consideration.

Whites top list of drunk driver crashes

THEO RAWANA

OF INTOXICATED people involved in fatal accidents, most were either white drivers or Asian pedestrians, statistics compiled by the AA show.

And drivers and pedestrians aged between 35 and 45 were most likely to be involved in an accident, according to the AA's authoritative annual traffic safety audit released yesterday.

Statistics from 1991 on the incidence of drinking in fatal crashes showed that 7,36% involved white drivers and 20,51% Asian pedestrians.

During 1991, an average of 30,3 people were killed on the roads every day. The AA said the cost of this was about R7bn — an average of R19,2m a day. A total of 749 226 vehicles were involved in 444 541 road collisions during the year, resulting in 11 069 deaths.

The greatest number of collisions and fatalities, 36,8% and 42,9% respectively, occurred on undivided roads. The most common type of collision was the rear-end collision of vehicles travelling in the same direction (30,7%). Most deaths (44,6%) occurred when vehicles hit pedestrians. A total of 4 897 pedestrians were killed in 1991.

□ Sapa reports 13 more people died on SA roads yesterday, pushing the toll to 459 since December 1, the National Traffic Information Centre said.

Of these fatalities, 172 occurred in the Transvaal, 147 in the Cape, 96 in Natal and 42 in the Free State.

Sasco demands open hearings

ERICA JANKOWITZ

THE Wits University disciplinary hearings arising out of disruptions on campus in August were taking on the form of a "kangaroo court", the SA Students Congress (Sasco) said yesterday. B1D94

Although it did not condone "unbecoming behaviour", Sasco believed public hearings should be conducted. The hearing should conform to democratic principles, including transparency, it said.

Sasco protested against "the unilaterally-appointed presiding tribunal" which "lacked legitimacy" and said legal technicalities had clouded the main issue, which Sasco described as "campus power relations". 23/12/93

Wits University vice-chancellor Prof Bob Charlton said disciplinary proceedings are normally held in camera. "Initially the students asked for the hearings to be public, but the request was later withdrawn," he added.

He said nowhere in the world did accused persons have a say in appointing adjudicators and he felt Sasco's description of the proceedings as a "kangaroo court" was insulting to the "two very senior and respected members of the legal profession" appointed to preside.

Charlton said that the 21 students accused of misconduct had been afforded the opportunity of representation by a firm of attorneys and that the hearings had been postponed until after examinations at the students' request.

Students had pleaded guilty to offences ranging from littering to the occupation and barricading of offices. Punishments would not be disclosed before January 10, in line with university regulations, Charlton said.

Sasco called on the university to disclose the accused students' examination results, but Charlton said this was not normal practice. "However, those students whose cases have been completed, including those in which the adjudicator has not yet announced the punishments, have been told their marks, provided they have paid their fees," Charlton said.

Death for killer of six children

MARITZBURG. — An ANC man was sentenced to death on Friday for the murder of six children at Table Mountain in March 2-16

The sentence was passed on Jeremiah Zulu. His nephew Sibusiso Zulu was sentence to 25 years. A key witness was stoned outside the Supreme Court after the sentencing. 27/12/93

Police said a mob hurled stones at witness Mr Siphiwe Zondi, cutting him on the lip. The mob grabbed sjamboks which were being sold by a hawker and started whipping each other. — Sapa

Deaths on increase in Natal violence (276)

Own Correspondent CT 27/12/93

DURBAN. — At least 400 people have been killed in Natal rural areas as violence continued to spread during October and November.

According to a Natal Monitor report, deaths on the lower south coast reached 80 for the period, and in the Loskop area 1 500 were killed in politicised faction fighting over the year.

In the report, Ms Mary de Haas and Zilondile Gwala said low-intensity conflict continued in most areas north of the Tugela river, with Sundumbili township at Mandeni and black areas around Eshowe badly affected.

In the greater Durban area, violence flared in the informal settlement of Bambayi after a month of relative peace in October.

24 killed on Christmas Day in Natal

DURBAN. — At least 24 people were murdered in Natal on Christmas Day, bringing to 44 the number killed in the province since Thursday.

With the average Natal weekend toll from political violence and crime at more than 20, the Christmas weekend was one of the bloodiest in months.

Since last Monday at least 81 people have been killed — more than 11 a day. (876) CT 28/12/93

According to a police reports, five people were murdered on Friday, 13 on Saturday and 10 on Sunday.

Also in Natal, several vehicles, including a Translux bus, were stoned.

● People under attack in Natal/KwaZulu over the next three weeks can phone on a toll-free 24-hour emergency telephone number. The number is: 0800-330-366.

● On the East Rand, three men — one an assistant constable — were killed, 10 bodies were found and police came under fire at least five times.

Two men were killed and a third man and a policeman were wounded in a shootout between police and a group of men after they had allegedly abducted a man in Vosloorus.

● A minibus taxi was allegedly hijacked from an East Rand taxi rank and commandeered to a Thokoza hostel yesterday, sparking fears for the safety of seven passengers.

● In the Eastern Cape a police detective was killed and his woman companion abducted and gang-raped by three armed men outside Uitenhage. — Own Correspondent, Sapa

NEWS Family quarrel ends in fatal shooting ●10 killings a day in Natal

Violent Christmas weekend sees 69 die

Sowetan 28/12/93

(276)

NATAL had a violent Christmas weekend with police reporting at least 32 murders since Thursday.

The latest reports pushed the toll in Natal since last Monday to at least 69 — nearly 10 killings a day.

Some of the killings were crime-related while others appeared to be political violence.

Police spokesman Major Bala Naidoo said five people were killed on Thursday and 27 people died at the weekend.

At least 13 people were murdered in incidents on Christmas Day.

On Thursday, three people were killed and set alight near Umkomaas on the South Coast, said Naidoo. Another person was shot dead in a robbery in nearby Hlanzeni on the same day, and a 19-year-old youth was abducted and killed in KwaMbonambi on the North Coast.Naidoo reported five murders in Natal on Friday in Stanger, Verulam and Port Shepstone.

Saturday's killings occurred in Wentworth, Tongaat, Stanger, Lamontville, Sydenham, KwaDabeka, Port Edward, Hibberdene, Izingolweni and Nyoni.

On Sunday, nine deaths were reported throughout the province.

Meanwhile, a 30-year-old man was found hanging in his home in Jabulani, Soweto yesterday. It is believed he committed suicide after he went on a drinking bash with friends on Christmas day and the day after.

According to friends, the man left them at noon on December 26 and went home to "take a nap", but he never returned. When friends went to check him the following day his body was found dangling from the roof of his bedroom and a bottle full of beer lay next to his bed.

Friends, neighbours and relatives said he had shown no sign of depression. Police are investigating.

The man worked as hawker in the city. — *Sowetan Reporter and Sapa.*

Violence rages on in Natal, East Rand

Star 28/12/93

■ STAFF REPORTER and SAPA

The Christmas weekend in Natal was one of the bloodiest in months, and although the period began peacefully enough in the embattled East Rand townships, it soon ended in bloodshed there too.

According to police reports, 44 people were killed in Natal at the weekend — 24 of them on Christmas Day.

Since last Monday, 81 people have been killed in the province.

Eleven people, including an assistant police constable, were killed on the East Rand.

In the worst single attack in Natal, 10 people were killed in what the KwaZulu police described as a faction fight in KwaMsane, Mtubatuba.

An old family feud had apparently flared when male migrant workers returned from the Reef to their homes for Christmas.

Several vehicles, including a Translux bus, were stoned and damaged on the N2 near Port Shepstone on the South Coast at the weekend.

A 25-year-old man was shot dead in his home in Stanger on Saturday. 27b

Murdered

SAP spokesman Major Bala Naidoo said 10 people were killed in Natal in separate murders spread throughout the province on Sunday.

At least 13 people were murdered in areas policed by the police in Natal on Christmas Day. These included killings in Wentworth, Tongaat, Stanger, Lamontville, Sydenham, KwaDabeka, Port Edward, Hibberdene, Izingolweni and Nyoni.

On the East Rand, police reported they had found 10 bodies on Saturday, Sunday and yesterday. Three people were murdered at the Buyafuthi Hostel in Katlehong on Christmas Day.

Assistant Constable Oupa Madlala (23), stationed at Balfour, was murdered in Siyathemba on Christmas night.

Members of the SAP's Internal Stability Unit were fired at five times during the weekend.

Police found the body of Karzar Mangabu (23) in Daveyton yesterday. He had apparently been shot dead on Sunday night.

Also yesterday, the bodies of a 17-year-old boy and a man were found in Katlehong.

■ Police reported that two Putco buses, a smaller bus and a truck were set alight in Vosloorus at 6 pm yesterday.

Death toll rises in killing fields of rural Natal

DURBAN — The toll from political violence, crime and faction fighting in Natal since Thursday rose to at least 82 as reports of rural killings continued to stream in yesterday. BIDay

At least 119 deaths have been recorded in the province since last Monday — an average of almost 15 a day.

Police have reported another 11 deaths in faction fighting in three areas since Monday. 29/12/93

However, ANC Midlands leader Harry Gwala said faction fighting in Natal had taken on a political hue. "We can't say it's merely faction fighting. Once upon a time there was faction fighting, but it has now become political violence." (276)

In the latest reports, police spokesman Capt Henry Budhram said from Maritzburg that six people had been killed and 15 homes razed in faction fighting in the Swayimane area near Wartburg early yesterday.

"This stems from a revenge attack," he said, but was unable to elaborate as details were sketchy. Swayimane has been racked by political violence for more than a year.

Budhram said three people had been killed and at least 20 homes gutted in faction violence in the Ntabamhlope area of Estcourt, also in the Natal Midlands, early yesterday. The body of one man had been thrown into a river. The fighting might have been linked to the killing of a headman two months ago.

Ntabamhlope, near Estcourt, has been the scene of violent faction and political clashes in the past year.

Two people were killed when feuding clans clashed in the Tugela Ferry area near Greytown on Monday. Police arriving at the scene were shot at. They returned fire but no one was injured. Ten people were arrested and five firearms seized.

Inkatha Freedom Party spokesman Ed Tillett blamed the spiralling violence on several factors, including faction fighting and alcohol abuse.

"Factional or clan fighting does often take on political overtones but the present level of clan fighting is unacceptable. One of the problems is the easy accessibility of

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sophisticated weaponry."

ANC southern Natal spokesman Dumisani Makhaye said: "This violence is a result of a combination of different factors, including political and criminal ones. Alcohol abuse contributes to the violence, but there are also faction fights and hostel dwellers coming home with grudges emanating from their place of work, particularly on the Reef." (276)

Irresponsible statements by some politicians fuelled the violence, he said.

Police spokesman Maj Bala Naidoo said in Durban that much of the past week's violence had been linked to crime. "There's a lot of violence linked to abuse of alcohol. This is a problem. Also, many people come back to the rural areas at this time and try to settle disputes and this leads to an increase in faction fights." — Sapa.

ANC, SAP deny bid to murder Inkatha man

DURBAN. — The ANC has dismissed as "utter nonsense" claims by Inkatha of an alleged assassination attempt on one of its Ixopo regional organisers by ANC members in conjunction with the police.

The Inkatha Freedom Party on Monday alleged that ANC members and policemen had opened fire on the hotel apartment of its Ixopo regional organiser, Mr Duminsani Khuzwayo, in the Natal town on Friday.

The claim was immediately dismissed by SAP spokesman Captain Henry Budhram as "totally false and an attempt to discredit the SAP". — Sapa

Reports of political killings stream in

Sowetan 29/6/93

THE crime toll from political violence in Natal since Thursday rose to at least 71 as reports of weekend killings continued to stream in yesterday.

At least 108 deaths have been recorded in the province since Monday last week.

This is an average of more than 13 a day.

Murders have been reported throughout Natal, but particularly from the North and South coasts and around Durban.

Spokesmen from the African National Congress and Inkatha Freedom Party in Natal blamed the increase in killings on several factors, including faction fighting and alcohol abuse.

"This violence is a result of a combination of different factors, including political and criminal ones," said ANC southern Natal spokesman Mr Dumisani Makhaye.

"Alcohol abuse contributes to the violence, but there are also faction fights and hostel dwellers coming home with grudges emanating from their place of work, particularly on the Reef."

Irresponsible statements by some politicians fuelled the violence, he added.

IFP spokesman Mr Ed Tillet said: "We should caution against ascribing all the violence to politics." (276)

"I would say there is a slight increase in politically related violence, but there's also a lot of faction fighting and domestic disputes."

Police spokesman Major Bala Naidoo said in Durban that much of the past week's violence had been linked to crime.

The latest reports from the KwaZulu Police said 20 people had been killed in their territory since Thursday, and the South African Police reported seven murders in Natal since Saturday.

The KZP said most of the latest killings occurred in the greater Umlazi area, and Naidoo said three people were killed in the volatile KwaMbonambi area near Empangeni on Saturday.

This rural township has been wracked by violent political conflict for more than three years.

The latest killings in KwaMbonambi included Jethro Xulu, and Msawenkosi Dlomo in the Mylwana area and Wilfred Manquele of the Mthwama Reserve.

In Pinetown's KwaDabeka township Vusi Dlamini (26) was shot dead on Sunday.

And Mandlenkosi Gumede (44) and Mildred Ncube (64) of Nsuze, nothern Natal, were also killed. — *Sapa*.

Another 11 lives lost in Natal violence

■ STAFF REPORTER AND SAPA

Eleven people were killed and at least 35 homes gutted in continued fighting in the Natal Midlands since Monday, police said yesterday. Star

This brings to at least 119 the number of people killed in the area over the past nine days.

Police spokesman Captain Henry Budhram said six people were killed and 15 homes gutted in a revenge attack on residents of the Swayimane area near Wartburg, Natal, yesterday.

Three more people were killed and at least 20 homes gutted in a second outbreak of violence in the Ntabamhlope area of Estcourt, he said. 29/12/93

Durban police spokesman Major Bala Naidoo said yesterday that the recent outbreak of violence in Natal was mainly the work of criminals. (276)

■ A man was wounded after he fired eight shots at a policeman in Vosloorus on the East Rand yesterday, Witwatersrand police said.

Constable I M Mthiyane was approached by the man who whipped out a pistol and fired eight shots at the policeman, who was not injured in the attack.

Another policeman who saw the incident returned fire, hitting the suspect, the SAP said.

Natal killings toll now 87 in week

(76) CT 20/12/93

DURBAN. — Police in Natal and KwaZulu yesterday reported five murders, raising the toll from crime and political violence in the province since last Thursday to at least 87.

Police spokesman Major Bala Naidoo said here Mr Mbonginsani Mzimela, 22, was shot dead on Sunday night.

Mr Mzimela and a friend were shot at by gunmen with AK-47 rifles. The friend was injured.

Major Naidoo also reported the killing of a taxi driver on Tuesday night.

KwaZulu police said a man, 20, was shot dead in Umlazi's U Section, near Durban, on the same night.

A youth, 15, was killed in a separate attack on a home in U Section yesterday. The KZP said Mr Henry Dlamini was attacked by gun-and knife-wielding men about 1am. His son, 15, was killed and two others were injured.

● Bekkersdal, on the West Rand, was reported to be tense yesterday after a hand-grenade was thrown at a house. No one was injured.

● Political violence claimed 441 lives in November, says the latest report of the Human Rights Commission, 80 more than the 1993 monthly average. — Sapa

Natal violence toll nears 90 as five more people are slain

BIDAY 30/12/93

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — The number of deaths in Natal/KwaZulu since last Thursday has steadily risen to almost 90, with five more deaths reported yesterday.

A KwaZulu Police spokesman said members of an Umlazi family were attacked in their home early yesterday by a group of people armed with guns and knives.

A 15-year-old boy, Sfiso Dlamini, was shot dead, his father, Henry, stabbed in the arm and Joel Nqoko shot in the back.

Their assailants stole a TV set, hi-fi and three wristwatches before fleeing.

On Tuesday an unknown man was found dead in U section, Umlazi. He had been shot in the head. (276)

Police spokesman Maj Bala Naidoo said a taxi driver was shot dead by two passengers near Duffs Road on Tuesday.

Mbonginsani Mzimela was shot dead and a friend injured when an unknwon person fired shots at them while they were walking home on Sunday night.

Naidoo also reported that Raj Rajaram, 38, was shot in the chest at his Reservoir Hills home on Monday night. An Indian woman has been arrested.

Meanwhile, the Inkatha Freedom Party has issued a red alert to its self-protection units to be especially vigilant this weekend.

Inkatha spokesman Ed Tillett said the party had received information of an alleged "full-scale ANC military offensive" planned in Natal over New Year.

Tillett said this followed the killing of at least 30 Inkatha members since Christmas Day, including the pre-dawn massacre of six Inkatha members in the Swayimani district of Wartburg, Natal Midlands, on Tuesday.

Sapa reports from Maritzburg that Inkatha-aligned Chief Ndukuyakhe Shangase has fled the Swayimane area following the massacre.

Shangase's house was reported to have been burnt in the attack.

□ The latest report by the Human Rights Commission says political violence claimed 441 lives in November, 80 more than the 1993 monthly average.

The most severe violence was in Natal where 216 died, compared with the average monthly average of 160.

There were 194 deaths in the PWV region.

Elsewhere there were 31 deaths, compared with an average of 34. — Sapa.

Explosion rocks Rand power station

(278)

ARGUS 12/93

JOHANNESBURG. — A Munsieville sub power station near Krugersdorp has been rocked by an explosion.

West Rand police spokesman Joseph Ngobeni said it appeared an explosive devise had been placed at the station.

Major Ngobeni said preliminary investigations seemed to indicate that last night's explosion was not due to an electrical fault. — Sapa.

Man dies in fresh Bekkersdal attack

Sowetan 1/12/93

By Lulama Luti

■ HACKED TO DEATH Police are investigating political intolerance:

TWO PRE-DAWN ATTACKS on the homes of both Inkatha Freedom Party and Azanian People's Organisation members have baffled the community of Bekkersdal on the West Rand.

At least one person was hacked to death and about five others injured, some of them seriously, in yesterday's early morning attacks.

West Rand police spokeswoman Major Henriette Bester confirmed the incidents and said they were investigating political intolerance and retaliation as possible reasons for the attacks.

The homes of IFP Bekkersdal branch chairman Mrs Tiny Loliwe and of her Azapo counterpart Mr Andrew Rammutle were completely destroyed by fire during the attacks, carried out by groups of unidentified men. Several shacks were also gutted. (278)

Loliwe said they were watching TV around 9pm when the house was suddenly surrounded by a group of men wearing blankets.

"Windows were broken and before we knew it, the house was ablaze," she said. "In the ensuing confusion, one of my tenants, Mr Thembinkosi Nyawo, dashed outside. He was hacked in the back and fell."

The attackers then went to houses further down the street and hurled a petrol bomb at a shebeen. They also allegedly hacked a man to death.

Rammutle said the attack on his home occurred around midnight.

"I was sleeping in an outside room when I heard my car's windows being broken. More windows were broken and the whole house caught fire.

"My mother was shot through the right cheek and left breast. My niece was also shot at," he said.

The IFP Youth Brigade's Mr Robert Hlomuka said the attacks were a culmination of confrontations between themselves and Azapo members over the past three weeks.

"At present, the conflict is between the IFP and Azapo. On Monday we had a deadlock: Azapo refused to go into further meetings with us," he said.



Gutted ... Ephraim Ramotle (58) inside his house which was burnt down during an attack on West Rand's Bekkersdal township by unknown gunmen on Monday night. PICTURE: JOAO SILVA

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Residents live in fear after attack

■ BY ABDUL MILAZI

West Rand residents fear a bloody Christmas after a group of men went on the rampage in Bekkersdal yesterday, killing one person and wounding 20.

A house and several shacks believed to belong to members of the Azanian People's Organisation were also set alight.

Residents said they suspected that the attack was part of ongoing conflict between IFP and Azapo conflict, whose supporters have been involved in clashes for more than two years.

After the attacks, police patrols found a M26 hand grenade on a pavement at about 7 am yesterday.

Local IFP chairman Charles Loliwe said tension between Azapo and IFP supporters came to a head when four IFP members were attacked, allegedly by Azapo supporters during an IFP traditional feast on Sunday.

Loliwe said two IFP members' homes were set alight and another member was dragged out of his home by Azapo supporters and "slaughtered like a cow".

On Monday, IFP-supporting pupils were forcibly removed from the Kgothalang High School and prevented from writing their matric examination by Azapo members, Loliwe added.

Loliwe said this led the IFP to believe that the organisation was involved in the attacks. He denied claims by residents that IFP members had launched retaliatory attacks on homes of Azapo members. (278)

In turn, Azapo member Andrew Ramotle (31) said he strongly suspected IFP involvement in the latest battle and denied Azapo had carried out previous attacks on IFP members.

Powerful blast rips through business area

ARG 7/12/93 (#218)

JOHANNESBURG. — Commercial explosives caused the powerful explosion at a Krugerdorp West appliance store before daybreak today causing damage amounting to thousands of rands, police said.

No one was hurt in the 12.45am blast at an electrical repairs and sales business owned by Andre van der Merwe, 40.

Windows of at least 10 neighbouring stores were shattered, said police spokeswoman Major Henriette Bester.

She said police investigations showed commercial explosives had been placed against the security gates of the store. Stoves and fridges inside were destroyed in the blast.

While police were on the scene at 7.45am, the owner of a nearby cafe, Louis de Silva, received a bomb threat from an anonymous telephone caller, Major Bester said.

Police dogs for a second time sniffed a 500m stretch of the road which had been closed off earlier — but no bomb was found, she said.

The motive for the attack and who did it are not known.— Sapa.

Seven die in latest E Rand violence

CT 8/12/93 (2TB)

JOHANNESBURG. — Seven people have been killed since Monday in violence in Thokoza and Katlehong on the East Rand, bringing the toll since the start of the weekend to 19.

The bodies of a man and a woman were found separately in Katlehong's Moleleke section yesterday morning, East Rand police said.

The man was found shot and burnt to death at 7.20am and AK-47 rifle shells were found on the scene. The woman's body was found at 7.35am.

Five people were killed in Thokoza on Monday. The body of an unidentified man was found at 7.10am in Tsabango Street and 20 minutes later police found the hacked body of a man in Tshabalala Street.

A man was found shot and burnt to death in Manyane Street at 11.10am.

The bullet-riddled body of a fourth man was found at noon in Ndshirela Street and the fifth victim was found at 5pm with bullet wounds in Thokoza Street.

Meanwhile, more than a hundred people were arrested after clashes at Sundumbili, on Natal's North Coast, it was reported yesterday.

Weapons such as spears, pangas and a handgrenade were confiscated. A KwaZulu Police spokesman said those arrested would appear in the magistrate's court in nearby Nyoni.

He said the clash was between supporters of the Inkatha-aligned United Workers of South Africa and the ANC.

Both blamed the other for the violence. — Sapa

Reef bombing may be political

JOHANNESBURG. — A powerful explosion ripped through a Krugersdorp West appliance and repair shop early yesterday morning.

There were no injuries but damage to A and W Repairs, owned by Mr Andre van der Merwe, amounted to several thousand rand, police said. The windows of 10 other shops were also blown out.

Police said explosives had been placed at the security door of the Commissioner Street shop.

No one has claimed responsibility but shopowners in the area who did not wish to be identified said there had recently been "political unease".

Teargas had been thrown into a hairdressing salon catering for blacks and an Indian-owned shop, across the road from Mr van der Merwe's shop, had been virtually destroyed in a fire about two months ago, they said.

While police were combing the scene for clues yesterday morning a cafe owner nearby, Mr Louis da Silva of Welkom Cafe, received an anonymous call from a man warning that there would be another explosion. (278) CT 8/12/93

Police dogs were brought to the scene for a second time but no explosives were found.

Seven more killed on the East Rand

Sowetan 8/12/93

SEVEN people have been killed in continuing violence on the East Rand since Monday, police said.

Five people were killed in Tokoza on Monday and two others were killed in Katlehong yesterday.

Twelve people were killed in East Rand townships at the weekend.

In other incidents on the East Rand:

● A policeman was injured when he was shot by an unknown man in Daveyton on Monday, police said.

Constable Abednigo Bafana Nhlengethwa was in a stable condition in Glynnwood Hospital.

Police said Nhlengethwa's service pistol was stolen in the attack.

No arrests have been made.

● A man was robbed of his shoes valued at R340 by two men armed with a knife in KwaThema, police said.

Olie Nyatha (25) was not injured in the attack. (278)

● A robber fled with a video machine and cash after overpowering a Brakpan woman when she returned home on Monday, police said.

Joan Paul (51) was not injured in the attack.

● A man was robbed of his car after slowing down for a hitchhiker near Nigel, on the Far East Rand, on Monday, police said.

Ficamon Msawiane (30) allegedly fled from his car when the hitchhiker fired at him when he slowed down.

When he returned to the scene, his car was missing, police said.

Police on East Rand must get out — ANC

(278) ARG 9/12/93

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The African National Congress has bluntly repeated its call for the withdrawal of the police's Internal Stability Unity (ISU) from the violence-racked East Rand townships in spite of the Goldstone Commission's report that to do so would lead to greater violence.

Mr Justice Richard Goldstone, in a report yesterday directed at the Transitional Executive Council, said the commission was "alarmed at the demands for the ISU to be withdrawn from these townships."

The residents of the townships "are consistently at risk of death and injury and the withdrawal of adequate protection will make them even more vulnerable to the mercy of roving groups of people."

Judge Goldstone pointed to groups who had "set themselves up as informal, undisciplined and unaccountable vigilante law enforcers", whether calling themselves Self-Defence Units or any other name.

"Whatever the shortcomings or unacceptable conduct of members of the ISU might be, their withdrawal is likely to lead to greater and not lesser violence," said the report.

But the ANC has insisted thatthe ISU should be removed, adding that Judge Goldstone's acknowledgement in the report that he could not comment on the justification or otherwise of accusations levelled against the ISU made his assertion "unacceptable".

Katlehong violence claims another life

JOHANNESBURG. — Gunmen have shot and killed a woman in Katlehong township, the eighth victim of violence on the strife-torn East Rand since Monday. (278) CT 9/12/93

Police said the unidentified woman was found dead in Moleleke section on Tuesday. Her body was riddled with bullets.

Two other people, a man and a woman, were found dead in the same section earlier on Tuesday.

The East Rand has remained the region worst affected by violence since negotiators at the World Trade Centre agreed on the April 27 elections.

More than 1 200 people have died there, and hundreds of residents have abandoned their homes because of the daily killings. — Sapa

Eight shot, hacked in people's court massacre

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — In horrific violence, eight people were shot, stabbed and hacked to death in the site and service area of Moleleki, Katlehong, in what police believe was a people's court mass execution.

One of the men had been decapitated and the head found a short distance from the body had been chopped to pieces, said police. (2K)

The hands of all eight victims had been bound with nylon rope. Police said the bodies were found about 8am yesterday. AK-47 cartridges were found at the scene.

SAP spokesman Lieutenant Janine Smith said "initial police investigations indicated the executions were a result of a people's court sitting". She said police were still searching for the murderers.

The latest outrage comes after months of unremitting violence in Katlehong which has claimed hundreds of lives in the sprawling township to the south of Germiston.

Last week church leaders sponsored a peace summit in Kempton Park attended by black political church, business and community leaders aimed at bringing the violence to an end. However, there has been no let-up in the killings and violence. ARG 9/10/93

Much of the violence involves clashes between residents of hostels, aligned to the IFP, and township residents aligned to the ANC.

The Katlehong Civic Association and the ANC-SACP-Cosatu alliance blame the Internal Stability Unit.

focus on anarchy

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People who unwittingly enter no-go zones in townships are often brutally murdered. Residents left in these war-torn areas are suspicious of strangers as **Bongani Mavuso** found out:



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AMBUSH IN PHOLA PARK ... Two people and a three-month-old baby were killed in an attack in August.

THE KILLINGS ARE carried out in the most brutal way. Families are suddenly separated from their loved ones who mistakenly and unintentionally enter a "no-go area" in the violence-torn townships of Tokoza and Katlehong on the East Rand.

On Sunday afternoon, four friends travelling from Soweto to visit relatives on the East Rand were trapped and killed near Mshayazafe Hostel in Tokoza.

Survivor Mr Thabiso Nkgudi this week told *Sowetan* how he escaped from the area where his friends Mr Alfred Eland, Mr Thabo Maleka of Soweto and Mr Buti Tekane of Pretoria — whose bodies were later found at a mortuary kilometres away from their homes — met their deaths.

The Wits-Vaal Peace Secretariat at the Natalspruit Hospital has described the area near the hostel as "volatile and very dangerous".

The four friends were stopped by a mob whom they thought knew them. What followed thereafter is a gory story seen only in horror movies.

The trio was hacked, shot and burnt to death. Nkgudi ran for about a kilometre where he managed to get help. He sustained injuries to his feet while fleeing from the blood-thirsty mob.

The following day (Monday), Springbok Patrols security guards Joshua King and Samuel Naidoo were stoned to death by a mob in Khumalo Road. The hostel is situated on this notorious road.

Police said the guards were pushing their broken-down vehicle to a garage when they were attacked. A third security guard, Siswe Antonie, escaped unhurt.

No-go areas

According to Naidoo's brother, George, the trio had gone to the township to pick up a container belonging to a chain store. They also did not know about "no-go areas".

Naidoo is from Coronation while his colleagues were from Westbury near Johannesburg.

In another incident on a sunny Sunday afternoon late in October, three young friends who had gone to Natalspruit to fetch a friend were hacked, shot and stabbed to death after the car in which they were travelling was trapped near the hostel.

Pascal Tshabalala, Linda Nhlapho, Thuso Modukanele, from Soweto, and Sibusiso Nkosi from Swaziland had lost their way and ended up in that area.

Tshabalala, like Nkgudi, managed to escape unhurt. He hid all night inside a gutted house with a decomposing corpse.

The bodies of Nhlapho, Nkosi and Modukanele were found at the Government mortuary two days later with gunshot, stab and hack wounds. Nkosi's body was partially burnt.

These are some of the incidents in which some survivors have lived to relate their mind-boggling experiences in "no-go areas". Countless bodies are collected daily in these areas and scores end up unidentified in mortuaries.

Family life is non-existent there and people have fled their homes.

East Rand police spokesman Captain Wikus Weber said this week it was "difficult" to identify volatile areas in these townships.

"We plead with people visiting such areas to take the necessary safety precautions," Weber said. "The situation in these townships is so volatile that people are suspicious of strangers."

Weber advised visitors who are not familiar with the areas to consult the nearest police station and request a police escort "which would be gladly given".

Police reports on the East Rand violence indicate that areas in which bodies are collected almost daily in the two townships include Twala, Ramakonopi, Radebe, Skhosana, Phenduka and Mngadi Sections; Zonkizizwe and Phola Park squatter camps, Khumalo Road, Madondo Street, Buyafuthi Hostel, and the area around Kwesini Hostel.

Startling figures

Newspaper reports reveal startling death figures in Katlehong and Tokoza this year. According to the reports, most of the victims were shot, hacked, stabbed and burnt to death:

- Between July 2 and 6: About 69 people killed;
- The taxi rank massacre on September 8 in Katlehong claimed the lives of 21 people who were shot dead;
- Week ending September 21: 23 people killed;
- Week ending September 27: 14 killed;
- On September 28: 10 killed;
- Week ending October 4: 27 killed;
- Week ending October 11: 23 killed;
- Between November 12 and 15: 23 killed;
- Between November 19 and 22: 32 killed.

Cries from the Vaal's killing fields fading

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FROM an area where terror and death came from every direction, every day, an astounding measure of peace has descended. Reporter JOE LOUW found out why.

CHILDREN are playing in the streets again. No longer do parents interrupt their ball games to bring them from the killing fields into the relative safety of their homes.

Once again, peace seems to have descended on the Vaal. All the outward signs are there.

Bare-chested neighbours in Sebokeng's most notorius sector water their postage-stamp lawns in the early evenings. Others cluster on stoeps enjoying a quiet beer.

How different this picture was only a few months ago, when the Vaal was making its own contribution to a year of exceptional violence throughout the country.

For example, at 8 pm on April 18 in Zone 12, unknown gunmen armed with AK-47s randomly opened fire on residents walking on the streets or in their homes, killing 19.

A month later, 13 more were gunned down as they were watching a telecast of the Dingaan Thobela-Tony Lopez fight in front of a communal television. The following night, at a stokvel in Small Farms, an impoverished part of Evaton, also in the Vaal, more faceless gunmen in balaclavas held up the proceedings, ordered everyone to lie face down and shot four brothers and two of their neighbours in the back of their heads, execution style.

Many SDUs were running amok. Schoolgirls were being raped, residents forced to part with money for 'bullets and guns to destroy the enemy', and motorists dragooned to carry 'comrades' to battle.

By this time, residents, who had come to depend for their protection on so-called self-defence units (SDUs), made up of township youths, were complaning about the terrorism at the hands of those self-same units.

Many of the SDUs were running amok. Schoolgirls were being raped, residents were being forced to part with money for "bullets and guns to destroy the enemy", and motorists were being dragooned into service to carry the "comrades" to their battlefronts — and to funerals.

Another favourite tactic was to hijack cars. One word out of place could mean instant justice at the hands of "community courts" which often were more intent on executing the "accused" then in seeking any kind of justice.

Into this volatile mix marched Captain Louw Rickert and his small army of 100 municipal policemen, revamped into a "crime-busting" unit. Armed with provisions under section 50 of the Internal Security Act and answerable only to top Vaal policeman Brigadier Flores Mostert, the Yankees, as they became known, were soon kicking down doors, demanding AK-47s, and arresting hundreds of teenage and young-adult boys for questioning — mostly on suspicion of being members of Umkhonto we Sizwe, the armed wing of the ANC.

By July of this year the Yankee Squad had chalked up a formidable record. They had arrested, according to Mostert, 450 suspects in serious crime cases which included murder and rape and, by June, had reduced car hijacking from 13 a day to 16 a month.

Mostert claimed to admire Rickert as "a strong policeman" who felt personally responsible for the acts of "his guys". On the surface it appeared as if intensive and determined policing was having the desired effect.

But the Yankees soon faced ignominy. Vaal residents, through various peace organisations, reported allegations of horrendous abuses and cruelty — torture, electric shocks, arbitrary arrests and death threats.

Now enter advocate Jan Munnik. Under political pressure, a new concept of investigating police abuses allowed an independent "police reporting officer" to help investigate alleged police wrongdoing.

By the middle of July, after a litany of complaints had been investigated, the Yankee Squad was disbanded. Remarkably, its demise, mourned by Mostert, coincided with a noticeable plunge in "unrest-related" incidents.

Shortly afterwards, police arrested Victor Kheswa, known as "the Vaal Monster" — a resident of the infamous KwaMadala Hostel and an IFP member who was allegedly involved in numerous Vaal massacres. Kheswa died in mysterious circumstances while in the custody of the Vanderbijlpark Violence and Crime Investigation Unit.

Township residents, who had long alleged that Kheswa was the ringleader of a gang of killers assisted by the Yankee Squad and other "third force" elements of the security and police forces, rejoiced.

Since then, six residents of the KwaMadala Hostel, a stronghold of the IFP, have appeared in court in connection with 56 charges of murder and 16 accunts of attempted murder.

The State alleges that the suspects, five of whom are minors, were involved in the massacres in Sebokeng and Evaton during April, June and July.

Advocate Munnik, who, in conjunction with the Vaal Peace Committee, brought about the disbanding of the Yankee Squad, believes that much of the present tranquillity in the Vaal might be attributed to a consultative peace structure set up under the auspices of the Wits-Vaal Peace Secretariat. It consists of a bi-monthly forum between the police command structures of seven township police stations and community leaders.

Local people are going to extraordinary lengths to end the carnage. One such act, handing three murder suspects to the police, would just recently have been suicidal for those involved.

"Problems from both sides are discussed and attempts are made to find solutions. This may have contributed significantly to why there is peace in the Vaal now," Munnik told the Saturday Star.

Local people, too, are going to extraordinary lengths to bring peace to their townships. This week, in an unprecedented community action, the ANC and the Azanian Youth Organisation, with the help of an Anglican priest from Sharpeville, arrested and handed over to the Vanderbijlpark Murder and Robbery Squad three members of the ANC, the Pan Africanist Students' Organisation and the Azanian Students' Movement believed to be involved in the murder of a 19-year-old constable, Magnus Oberholzer, last Saturday night.

Barely a few months ago, such action would have been suicidal for those involved.

ANC UNITS IN BLOODY FEUD

CIPROOD 12/12/93

By MOSES MAMAILA

15 people die in Katlehong as youth and SDUs clash

AT least 15 people were killed in the East Rand this week following bloody clashes between members of a "power-hungry" pro-ANC Self-Defence Unit and members of the ANC Youth League, members of the Youth League are claiming.

About a dozen ANCYL members were slain and their comrades have vowed to take bloody revenge if the SDU is not disbanded. Both sides have allegedly executed opponents in cold blood. (278)

A violent clash occurred last Monday night after an ANCYL member and a woman civic leader were allegedly murdered by members of the SDU following a meeting during which the behaviour of SDU members was criticised.

In an exclusive interview with City Press a leading ANCYL and civic leader from Katlehong – who requested anonymity because SDU members have vowed to kill him – said the conflict was triggered by the SDU's quest for absolute power.

The clash was reported to Robert McBride of the ANC Peace Desk who confirmed to City Press that a group of armed people were fighting ANC youth and the civic leaders.

But he denied they could be defined as members of the SDU.

However, the ANCYL leader was adamant that the SDU was behind this week's killings.

Detailing how the bloody conflict started, the man said residents had approached ANCYL and the civic to call the SDU members to order following a reign of terror which included severe assaults on people who defied a 7pm curfew.

The ANCYL leader said SDU commander Ntshebe Dondolo warned ANCYL and civic leaders of a bloody battle should they try to disarm SDU members.

He said on Sunday night ANCYL member Vips Motloung was shot dead by SDU gunmen and on Monday a civic leader known as Bulelwa was dragged from her house and shot dead, prompting the ANCYL to decide that the SDU members had to be disarmed.

"On Monday night we mobilised a group of about 40 youths, most of whom were armed, some with AK-47 rifles, and went on a hunt for the SDU members.

"We started at the home of an SDU chairman, known as Blancu. We tried to persuade him to lead us to his comrades but he was defiant.

"A member of our group shot him twice with an AK-47 and he died instantly," said the fugitive.

In a dramatic twist, the ANCYL hunters became the hunted when the heavily armed SDU cadres heard of their activities and went after them.

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ANC units in bloody feud

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"About 10 ANCYL members, including myself, were captured by the SDUs after a chase during which shots were exchanged," he said. CIPRODD

"Two of the ANCYL members were shot dead in front of me. A third one was shot in the face, but he survived. We were taken to a shack where we were charged with plotting to execute all the SDU members in our section. 12/12/93

"Luckily for me two SDU members, who seemed to symphathise with me, requested that I accompany them to the peace secretariat to report the deaths of those who were still lying in the street."

He said he got the impression they wanted to report the matter on their own to pretend the two had been shot dead by unknown gunmen. He accompanied the two, but managed to escape after pretending he had to see someone at a house along the way.

"On Wednesday, my mother told me that the eight comrades I left behind in the shack had been executed by the SDUs. She said four other ANC youths had been killed later that same evening and pleaded with me to leave our Katlehong home for Soweto," the ANCYL leader said.

ANC PWV spokesman Vusi Kunene said a team of field workers from his organisation was investigating the matter.

Police spokeswoman Lieutenant Janine Smith confirmed the deaths of eight people in Moleleki section, saying they were apparently killed after being convicted by a people's court.

Ads for election hitting newspaper readers

CT 13/12/93

JOHANNESBURG. — Five months before the elections, political party advertising has moved into South Africa's print media with parties buying advertising space to win the hearts and minds of the public.

Sunday newspapers yesterday carried full-page advertisements by South Africa's three main political parties.

The National Party has chosen the political theme of change to woo voters to its side.

The message of change is underscored by a rhetorical question: "Who would have thought five years ago that a South African National Party State President would receive a Nobel Peace Prize?

"The coming election will not be about apartheid or armed struggle, it will be about future peace and stability, about progress and prosperity, about national building."

The ANC also tries to position itself as "a political party with a difference", as the only political party that has gone to ordinary people and asked them about their concerns, in its "Peoples' Forums".

Their advert emphasises popular participation and focuses on the organisation's 1950s campaigns, like the consultative process that led to the drafting of the Freedom Charter.

In its ad, the Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP), challenges the Goldstone Commission's fourth interim report, which found "credible evidence" that some members of the KwaZulu police had been involved in the killing of political opponents.

The adverts are already challenging South Africa's advertising rules.

The Press Council has reluctantly been called on to adjudicate on an NP advert, which appeared in the Sunday Times last month, after the ANC labelled it "malicious" and "libellous". — Sapa

Pylon sabotage kills two

CT 13/12/93

JOHANNESBURG. — Eskom yesterday confirmed that a powerline near Vosloorus on the East Rand was sabotaged on Saturday evening, resulting in two freak accidents which claimed the lives of at least two people.

Eskom communications manager Mr Kevin Morgan said in a statement: "Explosives were used to blow up three legs of the tower which caused the tower to collapse and the conductor to fall across the road."

This caused two serious accidents when two vehicles collided with the conductor.

According to Mr Morgan, three people were killed and eight injured in the accidents. East Rand police could confirm only two deaths and 14 injuries.

Mr Morgan said all substations and power-lines in the area had been checked and no other explosive devices had been found.

Police said they were investigating the sabotage. — Sapa

IFP against voting in polls

CT 13/12/93

Political Staff

DURBAN. — The IFP central committee will advise its special general conference and its allies not to participate in the forthcoming general election next year, if Parliament adopts the constitution as it stands.

This was announced after the party's central committee meeting in Ulundi at the weekend.

The committee will "present a full and comprehensive political and constitutional report to the conference detailing the various options faced by the party".

"The IFP reiterates its conviction that the final decision on participation in transitional institutions and the proposed general elections will be taken as a special general conference of the IFP to be held early in 1994.

"In the event that Parliament adopts the constitution as it stands, the central committee will recommend to the special general conference and to its allies that the peoples of South Africa should not participate in the elections," the IFP said in a statement.

Change to constitution demanded by party

The organisation said if its minimum demands were met and conditions were favourable for holding free and fair elections, the central committee would recommend to conference and to the Freedom Alliance that there should be participation in the general elections.

The meeting also expressed its indignation at the recent decision taken by the Transitional Executive Council with reference to KwaZulu.

"The pre-emptory demand directed at the KwaZulu Commissioner of Police to which a time limit was attached, was politically motivated and contrary to the principles of justice," the IFP said.

The development comes just days before Parliament is set to consider the interim constitution. Political observers had expected the IFP to announce that it was now ready to participate in the elections.

ANC denies it aimed to 'infiltrate'

CT 13/12/93

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The ANC has denied allegations made in a Sunday newspaper that its national intelligence and security wing, known as NAT, aimed to infiltrate political groups and seize control of key state organs.

The question of seizure was out of the question and the issue was rather that state organs needed to be transformed in order to become accountable to a democratic government and SA's people, ANC spokesman Mr Ronnie Mamoepa said yesterday.

According to the report, which likened NAT to the Broederbond, the ANC aimed to take control of state security agencies after elections next year, infiltrate the right-wing and TEC subcouncils, influence the Goldstone Commission, "handle" disloyal members and use Popcru to recruit black police officers, among other things.

This was to be achieved over five years.

Mr Mamoepa said there was no need for the ANC to infiltrate the TEC as "we have an opportunity to be part of it". He rejected the suggestion that likened NAT to the Broederbond.

The ANC was not talking of infiltration but rather a multi-pronged approach to strengthening the democratic process by finding political solutions, he said.

Meanwhile, Inkatha Freedom Party spokesman Ms Suzanne Vos said it was "well known" that NAT had been trying to break Inkatha and win the support of King Goodwill Zwelithini, as was claimed in the report.

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Six die in E Rand violence

Star 13/12/93

■ CRIME STAFF

Two men were shot dead and three soldiers were wounded in Katlehong's Makula Section last night, bringing the weekend toll in the area to six, police said.

Police said the men were shot dead by the SADF, but no further details were available (278)

SADF spokesman Captain Sonja Nel said three soldiers were wounded when they came under fire after their patrol vehicle broke down. Although she had no confirmation, it was possible that residents were killed in the crossfire, said Nel.

Four other people were killed in continuing violence on the East Rand at the weekend.

Two people were shot dead and one was injured in sporadic violence in Katlehong and Phola Park on Saturday night.

East Rand police spokesman Captain Eugene Henning said two men — both still unidentified — were shot dead at about 11 pm and one man was shot in the back in the troubled area.

Police found spent AK-47 rifle cartridges at the scene.

The injured man was taken to the Natalspruit Hospital.

A short while later, policemen came under attack, according to Henning. There were no injuries.

The area was described as tense yesterday.

Police found the charred body of an unidentified man next to the N12 highway near Delmas on Saturday. The body of a second man was found opposite the Boksburg Town Council offices on Saturday.

Police said the motive for both killings was not known.

■ Police are investigating a charge of attempted murder after attackers in Katlehong's Buyafuti hostel allegedly opened fire on an army patrol on Saturday night.

An SADF spokesman said: "It is believed by the army that at least 100 automatic machine-guns were fired on the patrol."

Shots had also come from the nearby Kwesini Hostel.

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ANC call seen as impractical

BIDAY 15/12/93

INGRID SALGADO

REPORTS of police brutality on the East Rand had increased dramatically and a number of torture instruments had been discovered at an internal stability unit base there, the Commonwealth observer mission to SA reported yesterday.

However, the mission did not believe the ANC's call for all white members of the unit to be withdrawn from East Rand townships was practical and instead called for improved relations between the security forces and the community.

Meanwhile Sapa reports that the Inkatha Freedom Party's Transvaal leadership called for additional members of the internal stability unit to be sent to East Rand townships. The call was made by Inkatha Transvaal political director Themba Khoza.

Khoza based his appeal on what he alleged was an army attack on East Rand township residents at the weekend. He was apparently referring to an incident in which the SADF said attackers in Katlehong's Buyafuti Hostel opened fire on an army patrol with "at least 100 machine guns" on Saturday night. He said Inkatha was "outraged" by the SADF claiming it was on the receiving end.

The Commonwealth mission said the proliferation of private armies, ANC-Inkatha rivalry and socioeconomic conditions were among the factors behind violence throughout the country.

The mission's report said there was mounting evidence of "sinister forces bent on impeding political progress" in the run-up to the April elections.

The security forces, either through acts of commission or omission, continued to be implicated in much of the violence.

Although there was no hard evidence of a centrally controlled destabilisation strategy in place, the outcome of the mission's investigations into an October attack on taxi commuters in Mamelodi "may begin to answer the question that has bedevilled all of us since we came: is there a 'third force' in SA?" (278)

Furthermore, the late start to the training of the 10 000-strong national peacekeeping force which would ensure security during elections next year would mean the SAP and SADF would have to play more of a peacekeeping role than envisaged. The peacekeeping force was expected to be too small to be able to control the expected levels of violence.

Joint bid for a season of peace in townships

BDay 15/12/93

REPRESENTATIVES from the SADF, SAP, Inkatha, the ANC and the Wits-Vaal peace secretariat are to meet on Monday to discuss ways of preventing violence on the East Rand during the Christmas holidays.

Katlehong, Thokoza and Vosloorus peace secretariat spokesman Meverett Koetz said the meeting had been called to reduce the high levels of violence and allow residents to plan peaceful Christmas activities.

Inkatha Freedom Party East Rand organiser Thabang Diamini appealed yesterday to Thokoza, Katlehong and Vosloorus residents to work together to bring about peace. He said police had agreed last week to investigate a proposal to step up round-the-clock patrols in the townships during the Christmas season.

Yesterday, three bodies were found by police in Katlehong, Thokoza and Vosloorus. Police spokesman Deon Peens said two had been shot. The third had stab wounds.

Inkatha Thokoza leader Getrude Mzizi yesterday alleged that a 15-year-old girl and a two-month-old baby had been shot dead in the township on Monday, but police could not confirm the claim. (278)

Five men armed with AK-47s robbed police of five shotguns, four 9mm pistols, two R5 rifles and one R1 rifle at the Kliprivier police station, near Thokoza, police said. No arrests had been made so far.

JOHANNES NGCOBO

Meanwhile, police have still had not made any attempt to search the Buyafuthi hostel in Katlehong where an army patrol was attacked by inmates with "at least 100 machine guns" at the weekend.

Peens said police were still planning to raid the hostel but he would not say when.

Sapa reports the ANC said it was in possession of information documented in a sworn affidavit that a group of 12 Inkatha members — two of them KwaZulu Police members trained in Caprivi Strip — planned to assassinate three senior ANC officials during the festive season.

The ANC alleged the three leaders targeted for assassination were legal department head Matthew Phosa, Natal Midlands chairman Harry Gwala and southern Natal regional secretary Sibusiso Ndebele.

The affidavit had been handed to Brig A G Brits at John Vorster Square police headquarters for investigation, the ANC said.

"The information comes in the wake of the recent Goldstone commission's fourth interim report released on December 8 which produced hard evidence of the existence of a Caprivi-trained KwaZulu Police hit squad responsible for the murder of at least nine ANC members and leaders in Natal," the ANC said.

It called on the police to ensure the immediate arrest and prosecution of those involved in the planning.

Peace is his profession

Star 7/12/93

WITHIN weeks, a 24-hour Peace Corps service is to be set up in Daveyton, on the East Rand. Marshall Moumakwe, the project's first appointee, is focusing on bridge-building between foes to make the Peace Corps idea a success

THE MENDERS

by Helen Grange

(278)

Moumakwe's closest friend, Johannes Pahlane, lay dead, ignominiously, on a hospital bed. He had died of injuries suffered when he was thrown from a moving vehicle.

It was 1988, and a number of policemen like Pahlane were being killed in the townships, yet it was only when his companion was killed so unfairly that Moumakwe realised how the scourge of violence touched everyone's lives, whichever side of the political fence they came from.

"And that's when I decided to stop pointing a finger, and do something."

Marshall Moumakwe (his real name is Michael) has since built a solid reputation as a peacemaker among all township residents, whether they be ANC or IFP supporters, a notable accomplishment in view of the divisive forces working against him in Daveyton, where he lives and works.

Now, as the first appointee of the Wits/Vaal Peace Secretariat's Peace Corps pilot project in Daveyton, his powers of reconciliation have been harnessed and given the backing needed to make other members of the community bear the responsibility for ending the violence.

His first task is to co-ordinate a workshop for political parties, the SAP and the churches. This will start the process in which each organisation will put forward Daveyton residents to participate in the Peace Corps.

Ideally, the individuals will be aged between 18 and 35, but older people with experience in dispute resolution will also be required. The Peace Corps pilot project in Daveyton will finally consist of 150 to 300 members.

Before being deployed, they will be comprehensively trained in mediation, negotiation, first aid and self defence. They will then be divided into teams of eight to 10 under a leader, equipped with a two-way radio, two loudhailers and first aid kits.

The objective of the Peace Corps, not to be compared with the US Peace Corps initiative of the 1960s, is to pre-empt and prevent violence through early intervention in conflicts in the community. It is not intended to be an alternative to the police, and has nothing to do with the planned National Peacekeeping Force.



Moumakwe . . . has experience of violence.

Practically, the work of Peace Corps members will entail identifying the causes of violence, providing emergency services, and patrolling and monitoring mass actions. They will wear orange jackets and neon bibs, and be armed only with torches, whistles and maces.

After the members of the Peace Corps have been appointed, Moumakwe will establish the first Peace Corps service office in Daveyton. He will operate with the teams and hold regular debriefing sessions with them.

There can be no doubt that Moumakwe is the right person for what will become a very visible community post. While his political roots are in the ANC, he was proposed by the IFP Youth Brigade.

At 36, he is both rich in experience and young enough not to be fobbed off by the youth as an old man out of touch with new political trends.

"I believe you can't know violence until you've been directly involved in it. I have seen terrible suffering and it has changed me. I have experienced that feeling of helplessness when people are being shot and there is nothing you can do.

"With the training provided to the Peace Corps members, they will be able at least to administer first aid to someone who has been shot, or prevent chaos by lending expertise in organising events."

Moumakwe honed his own mediation skills with an intensive course this year co-ordinated by US mediation expert Chris Moore, and later through courses run by the National Peace Secretariat.

He was instrumental in the launch of the Daveyton Peace Committee a month ago, having served on the Benoni/Boksburg Peace Committee.

"I've been monitoring in the conflict areas on the East Rand for a long time. I've been shot at on many occasions. At the end of the day, I never got a cent, but I always went back.

"I think that through the Peace Corps, the youth, especially, will get to know and understand each other. It is not easy to attack someone you know, someone with whom you have a history."

By way of remuneration, the Peace Corps members will be paid R400 each a month. If the pilot project proves successful, it will be extended to other areas.

The project is being funded by the Danish government. A director of the Peace Corps project has yet to be appointed.

Peace lies low in E Rand war zone

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By MOSES MAMAILA

THE senseless war which has gripped black townships rages on – despite repeated and impassioned pleas by respected leaders, concerted efforts by clergy and peace rallies aimed at burying the hatchet between warring factions.

This year was one of the most violent in our history as blood continued to flow. More than 1 300 died in trouble-torn East Rand townships alone.

According to Human Rights Commission spokesman Safoora Sadek, 3 975 people were killed in politically related violence from January to November. This figure does not include December.

Massacres like the Wadeville shootings, where at least 23 taxi commuters were slaughtered, attracted the media, but residents in the war-zone said it was disturbing that the deaths of their loved ones were only statistics.

Residents say the media was ignoring their agony as they were trapped in the war, adding that often what is reported is the number of those killed without detail like the names of the victims and the circumstances which led to their deaths.

They said more space should be allocated to such horrific events.

Commented one resident: "Maybe what could be a newsworthy item could be a report that nobody was killed in the East Rand in the past 24 hours."

But what are the causes of the internecine violence?

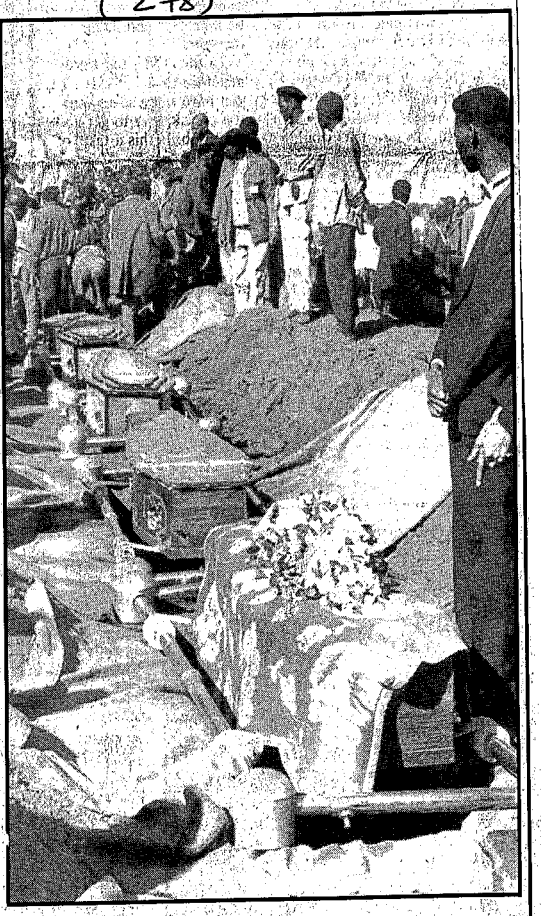
Township residents, who are mostly ANC supporting, are adamant the war is planned and executed from the pro-Inkatha hostels. They say the hostels are used as springboards to launch attacks on township residents.

In a counter accusation, hostel inmates maintain that ANC youths have declared war on all Inkatha members. They add that Inkatha members have been forced to flee their homes for hostels where they have no choice but to fight back in order to survive.

While political analysts argue that the causes of the violence country range from political intolerance to socioeconomic problems, those immediately affected by the violence do not seem to know why they are at each other's throats.

"I cannot tell you why we are fighting but I can tell you without any hesitation that there is a war going on here," said a Natalspruit Hospital employee, who resides at Thokoza.

She continued: "Maybe if we knew why we were fighting each other we could share this thing and stop the war. But the sad thing is that we do not know why we are at war with ourselves.



WORST YEAR IN HISTORY . . . In Katlehong funerals have become a way of life. This year 1 251 residents died.

"Walk into Khumalo Street in Thokoza and chances are that you will be killed. Even if you evade the hostel dwellers who are notorious for shooting strangers who travel along the street, your chances of survival are very slim as you are likely to be killed in the township by those who accuse you of being able to walk freely in the hostel-dominated street.

"There is a lot of suspicion and nobody trusts others. When we see people we try as much as we can to avoid them."

In the East Rand the war has been largely blamed on Inkatha and ANC followers. However, local residents also accuse the notorious Internal Stability Unit of terrorising them - a charge which the SAP strongly denies.

"The reality is that on the East Rand this year the ISU has been responsible for 16 deaths," said police spokesman Colonel Dave Bruce at a press conference last month.

Another flashpoint of violence is the Natal Midlands where ANC and Inkatha followers are believed to be fighting for political turf.

Hundreds of people have been killed this year in the conflict while thousands have been forced to flee their homes.

The repeated efforts of various political and church leaders to bring violence to an end have so far proved fruitless.

On Thursday, September 2 South Africa almost came to a halt as millions of people committed themselves to working for peace and reconciliation.

The long-awaited Buthelezi-Mandela summit held on June 23 apparently failed to produce the desired objectives as the violence continues to ravage black communities.

11 butchered in weekend of violence on East Rand

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Police open fire in mob march on W Rand: 2 die

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Eleven people were killed in the violence-hit East Rand townships of Katlehong, Tokoza and Tembisa at the weekend.

East Rand police found two bodies with bullet wounds near Kwesine Hostel in Katlehong and another, that had been hacked, in Ramakonopi.

Later the body of an unknown man who had been shot was found in Moleleki section in Katlehong and another body with gunshot wounds was found in Mogandie Street, Tokoza.

In Tembisa police found the bodies of two men who had been stabbed to death.

Yesterday police found two more bodies in Katlehong. One had been burnt and the other had hack wounds.

In Katlehong's Skosana section early today, police found the body of a man who had been gunned down with an AK 47.

About 2pm on Saturday police found the body of a clothes hawker who was apparently abducted and murdered.

According to witnesses, the man, about 30, was selling clothes at the fleamarket opposite the Natalspruit Hospital, police said.

Witnesses told police the man was confronted by three armed men who forced him into his red Mazda 323 Sting vehicle and drove off with him.

A short while later, his body was found in the street with two bullet wounds to the back. His car was still missing today.

Two died and 16 were injured when police clashed with armed residents in Bekkersdal township, west of Johannesburg.

West Rand police said that about 12.30pm yesterday a crowd of about 700 gathered in the veld beside the Mandela squatter camp in Bekkersdal.

The group, with knobkerries, pangas, assegais and spears, was moving towards an area known as X-Town when Internal Stability Unit policemen formed a cordon to stop them.

Police and a peace monitor urged the crowd to disperse, without success.

Nearer to X-Town police formed another cordon and again warned the crowd to disperse.

When they continued police opened fire with birdshot, a police spokesman said.

He said two people died and 16 were admitted to hospital.

Bekkersdal local monitoring committee chairman Charles Ndabeni said the situation was tense. Residents were roaming the streets armed with petrol bombs, guns and traditional weapons.

According to the Human Rights Commission 74 pewople were killed and 24 injured in unrest between December 8 and 14.

The HRC said 16 more people were killed than the previous week, with the PWV region accounting for 68 percent of the total recorded deaths.

Six policemen also died and six were injured in several attacks on security forces.

In Tokoza police arrested five men for possessing illegal firearms when they raided a house yesterday.They found three AK 47s and a 9mm Beretta pistol, a spokesman said.

Two die in Bekkersdal

■ SITUATION TENSE Residents roam the streets with petrol bombs and guns

Sowetan 20/12/93

Two people were killed and 16 injured yesterday when police clashed with a large crowd of armed residents in Bekkersdal on the West Rand.

West Rand police spokesman Lieutenant Gerrie van Rooyen said that a group of between 600 to 800 armed residents gathered at an open veld next to the Mandela squatter camp in the township at about 12.30pm. (278)

The group, armed with knobkerries, pangas, assegais and spears, were moving toward X-Town — an area within the township — when members of the SAP's Internal Stability Division formed a cordon to prevent them moving into the area.

Van Rooyen said Bekkersdal residents had previously come under attack and the police cordon formed part of "appropriate measures (taken) to prevent possible loss of life".

Both police and a peace monitor had urged the crowd to disperse, but without success, he said. Nearer to X-Town, police formed another cordon and again warned the crowd to disperse, but the group ignored the warning and continued advancing toward the town.

Police then opened fire with birdshot, Van Rooyen said. He confirmed that two people died at Leratong Hospital and 16 others were admitted to the hospital.

Bekkersdal local monitoring committee chairman Mr Charles Ndabeni said the situation was tense in the area. Residents were roaming the streets armed with petrol bombs, guns and other weapons.

Van Rooyen, however, said the township was quiet late Sunday afternoon.

Ndabeni strongly criticised the ISD for not disarming residents, but Van Rooyen said "disarming the people at that stage could possibly have resulted in resistance that could have lead to further conflict between the group and the police".

The parties said to be involved in the violence include the African National Congress, the Inkatha Freedom Party and Azapo. — *Sapa.*

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Residents berated by Mokaba

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — At a mass funeral in Katlehong, African National Congress Youth League president Peter Mokaba berated people in the township's Moleleki Extension Two for turning against one another instead of fighting "the real enemy".

Seven youth league members and a family of three were killed two weeks ago in a feud involving youths and a "self-defence unit".

Mr Mokaba alleged that police were also involved in killings, but he had to "admit in shame" that his comrades had killed one another.

Bekkersdal boycott called to force security forces out

JOHANNES NGCOBO

BEKKERSDAL residents yesterday launched a consumer boycott in protest against the presence of the SAP's internal stability unit and SA Defence Force troops in the West Rand township.

Before calling for the boycott of businesses in neighbouring Westonaria, residents marched through the township streets to the police station to demand the immediate withdrawal of the unit and confinement of the SADF to barracks.

Sapa reports that West Rand police liaison officer Maj Henriette Bester, who was in the township, said the march had proceeded peacefully and no incidents were reported. B1D94 23/12/93

In a written reply to the protesters, the SAP said the unit would not be withdrawn from Bekkersdal as it was "the duty of police to protect the lives and properties of all residents". It was common knowledge that recent attacks in Bekkersdal had stemmed from political intolerance.

Bester said the protesters had demanded an answer to their memorandum by 3pm but by 3.30pm no one had arrived to receive the reply. (278)

Five people have been killed since the outbreak of violence in Bekkersdal on Sunday. Two were allegedly killed by members of the unit and the others were understood to be victims of a clash between members of the ANC and Inkatha.

During the march, ANC and Azapo members armed with assegais, pangas and traditional weapons sang songs calling for the blood of unit members.

A number of people not taking part in the protest action were forced to walk 8km to work in Westonaria because no taxis were operating.

Bekkersdal ANC branch secretary Thomas Letlhake said miners in the area had vowed to withdraw their buying power from white businesses until the unit and the SADF were withdrawn.

He said mine workers and other members of the community had volunteered to enforce the boycott by positioning themselves in strategic places in the town.

The Inkatha Freedom Party has distanced itself from the boycott. Inkatha Youth Brigade's Soweto branch said the withdrawal of the unit would lead to an escalation of violence.

☐ Three deaths were reported on the East Rand yesterday. Police said the bodies of two men who had been shot were found in Tsakane, and a man was hacked to death in Thokoza.

Meanwhile, Natalspruit Hospital appealed to East Rand communities to recognise its impartiality.

Cape hospitals 'lack controls'

B1D94 23/12/93

CAPE TOWN — The lack of control over stock at Cape provincial hospitals had led to the destruction of medicines worth millions of rand, ombudsman Judge P J van der Walt has been told.

In a report released yesterday, the ombudsman said he had received a complaint from a person employed by the Cape Provincial Administration who was involved in buying medicines (2552)(498)

"The complaint concerns the lack of control at hospitals over the quantities of medicine ordered and the repeat of those orders while there is already a surplus of the medicine in stock.

"This causes the destruction of large quantities of medicine of which the shelf life has elapsed.... It is alleged that the state loses 'millions of rands' in this manner," Van der Walt said.

He said it was clear from his inquiries that the National Health Department was aware of the problem and that it was caused mainly by the divided control over health services.

He recommended that the co-ordinated system for control of medical supplies used by the Transvaal Provincial Administration be extended to all health services.

The ombudsman also said no historically important documents should be destroyed unless their destruction was first cleared with the Director of Archives.

This finding followed an investigation into a complaint by former President P W Botha that a senior intelligence official had destroyed a secretly made tape recording of a meeting between ANC leader Nelson Mandela and Botha.

Van der Walt also recommended each state department should create a post of complaints officer to whom the public could bring any complaint. — Sapa.

East Rand unrest declines

JOHANNES NGCOBO

THE number of killings on the violence-torn East Rand had declined dramatically from an average of 12 a day to two a day since the start of the holiday period last weekend, police said yesterday.

Various reasons have been put forward.

SAP spokesman Lt Janine Smith said the decline in killings was because police had increased their presence on the East Rand and "most of the residents are on holiday".

Inkatha Freedom Party Transvaal deputy chairman Humphrey Ndlovu said it was because the internal stability unit was controlling the area properly — unlike the ANC-aligned regular policemen had been doing. "Internal stability unit members do not care about people's political affiliations. They do their job accordingly and that is why there has been a decline of deaths." He warned that removal of the unit from the area would result in a "bloodbath" as ANC members had recently vowed not to rest until all East Rand hostels were demolished.

The ANC and SA National Civic Organisation said violence had decreased because the perpetrators had gone home for the Christmas holidays. B1D9

The Human Rights Commission (HRC) cited the tremendous efforts of people who had vowed to be "peace soldiers" and the growing number of hostel dwellers who were committing themselves to peace.

Police statistics stated that unrest-related deaths in the East Rand were 50% down on last month. Police said 146 bodies had been found in the townships last month and 72 this month. The HRC's records showed that 152 had died in November and 74 this month. 24/12/93 (278)

Police said one body was found yesterday in Thokoza. Police had also been fired on by unidentified men in Thokoza. Police returned fire and one man was arrested.

Bekkersdal tense over boycott call

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WILSON ZWANE and JOHANNES NGCOBO

THE West Rand township of Bekkersdal goes into the Christmas weekend simmering with tension as the Inkatha Freedom Party yesterday threatened drastic action against anyone trying to enforce a consumer boycott of white-owned businesses in neighbouring Westonaria.

Youths yesterday prevented a number of people carrying purchases home, scattering goods in the township streets. Police said they had fired rubber bullets at a group intimidating commuters. (278)

ANC and Azapo supporters called the boycott on Wednesday in protest against the presence in the township of the SAP's internal stability unit and SADF soldiers.

Sapa reports that police found the body of a person who they believed had been necklaced behind a taxi rank in the township yesterday, bringing to at least seven the toll in the township since Sunday.

Inkatha's Transvaal deputy chairman Humphrey Ndlovu said "vigilantes" would be posted at strategic places to protect residents from harassment by boycott enforcers. The vigilantes would not merely monitor the situation like peace observers. "They will take strong action against those who intimidate people."

ANC Bekkersdal secretary Thomas Letlhake confirmed that goods had been thrown on the street near a taxi rank. He said members of the internal stability unit

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had fired teargas randomly in the area.

West Rand police spokesman Maj Henriette Bester said police had fired rubber bullets at a group which was intimidating people returning from Westonaria with groceries. (278)

The ANC has said the boycott will remain in force until the security forces are withdrawn. This follows clashes between the internal stability unit and residents, which came after clashes between Inkatha, and ANC and Azapo supporters.

Ndlovu said Inkatha would "fight fire with fire". If violence escalated in the township as a result of the ANC and Azapo demands, Inkatha would launch a major offensive against those organisations.

He called on businessmen to disregard the boycott call, saying his organisation would do everything it could to ensure that it was not effective.

Regional Police Commissioner Brig A J Smith has said the unit will not be withdrawn from the area as it has a duty to protect lives and property.

W Rand township simmering

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Top ANC aide slain

☐ Jacob Zuma's personal assistant gunned down at bus stop in Johannesburg suburb

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A senior ANC aide was shot dead at a bus stop in Yeoville in an attack that has baffled police — but which the ANC has described as a "premeditated assassination".

Patford Shuma, 41, was personal assistant and bodyguard to ANC deputy secretary-general Jacob Zuma.

Mr Shuma was shot in the head while standing at a bus stop. Mr Zuma was not with him at the time.

Police spokesman Eugene Opperman said an eyewitness told police he had seen two men running away from the scene after the shooting.

Although police have not ruled out robbery as a possible motive, although the money Mr Shuma was carrying was not taken. His untouched briefcase was found lying beside his body.

"We will keep an open mind and will investigate all possibilities, including the chance that it was a deliberate assassination or even a robbery attempt," said Major Opperman.

No used cartridges were found on the scene, indicating that a revolver was used.

Mr Shuma's mother was killed in Tembisa two weeks ago. The ANC told police they believed she had been murdered by Askaris — turned former ANC cadres who worked for the security branch of the police a few years ago.

Although police denied that Askaris carried out assassinations — and added that the unit had been disbanded some time ago — they said they would investigate whether the murder of Mr Shuma's mother had anything to do with his death.

Police have appealed for a man in a white Volkswagen Jetta, who drove past the scene about the time that Mr Shuma was shot, to contact them as he may have seen something which will help the police investigation.

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus said he was shocked over the killing and that the ANC would be working closely with the police on the investigation.

Major Opperman said any help the ANC could give would be greatly appreciated.

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NEWS FEATURE *Reports of bodies being picked up are common in*

Death waits for unwary on E Rand

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■ REPRESENTS DIVIDE *Tokoza street is SA's the most dangerous road:*

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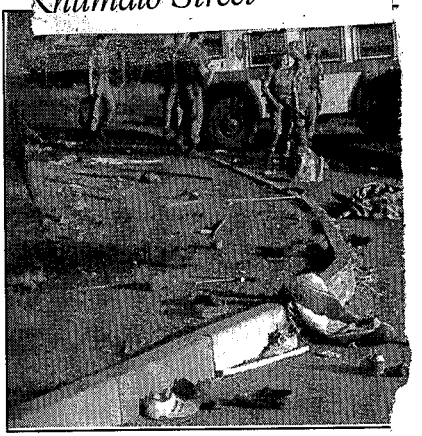

Another violent day in Khumalo Street.

By Musa Zondi

A SECTION OF Khumalo Street in Tokoza on the East Rand represents the divide. There is a string of hostels on one side, an administration block and a police station. There are township houses on the opposite side.

Khumalo Street has become like Falls Road in Belfast, Northern Ireland, which forms the divide between Protestants and Catholics.

But there is one difference. Falls Road is not a no-go area.

Reports of bodies being picked up in Tokoza are quite common. With these reports there is mention of streets where these bodies are found and Khumalo Street features consistently.

Reporters and photographers alike always express displeasure at being assigned to stories which have anything to do with Khumalo Street.

A month ago, three friends who lost their way and ended in Khumalo Street were hacked, shot and stabbed to death. One of the victims had the upper part of his body burnt.

One survived to tell the tale.

The three victims, Linda Nhlapo, Thuso Modukanele and Sibusiso Nkosi, whose bodies were found at the Government mortuary, were at least, identified. Many of the people who have been found dead in the streets of Tokoza are unknown.

Joyce Nhlapho has a story to tell about Khumalo Street. She said in June this year she was driving from Vosloorus to Tokoza unaware of the dangers of the street. She said when she turned into the street near the administration block, she noticed that there was only one car in front of her on that road. The car drove past the administration block and she followed.

The Tokoza police station is near the entrance to Tokoza and there is a garage opposite the police station. The car she was following suddenly turned into the garage and she was the only one on the road.

"There were no other cars on the visible stretch of Khumalo Street. I suddenly felt that there was something strange about this street. I then remembered having heard that an ANC march the previous Saturday had made a wrong turning into Khumalo Street," Nhlapho said.

She continued: "I was comforted by the sight of a policemen outside the police station. I then decided to turn back and drive to the police station to ask if it was safe to drive into the township.

"As I was about to make a U-turn, about 12 men brandishing guns and rifles suddenly appeared from nowhere. They surrounded my car and forced open the doors. I was so frightened that I was unable to speak. I simply remained inside my car and prayed silently," she said in a statement to a lawyer.

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She said the men took her car, money and argued about whether or not to kill her but decided against that. They drove off in her car. She immediately went into the police station and "begged the police to retrieve my car".

"I could not believe my ears when the cops told me that they were also afraid of hostel dwellers. They nevertheless listened to what I told them, wrote down the statement and gave a case number," she said.

Sowetan photographer Pat Seboko describes Khumalo Street as the most dangerous road in South Africa.

"The only way we go into Khumalo Street is when we are with the peace monitors. Other than that, it is simply a no-go area," he said.

Whatever you do, never get lost in Tokoza—you might just end up in Khumalo Street.

> **'Never get lost in Tokoza—you might just end up in Khumalo Street'**

Police may stop patrols in Alex

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Normal policing in Alexandra township should be stopped until the community was prepared to co-operate with authorities and patrolling policemen, SAP spokesman Colonel Dave Bruce said at the weekend.

Reacting to the killing of a policeman in Alexandra on Christmas Day — the fourth in the township in the past few weeks, Col Bruce said only the internal stability unit (ISU) should be deployed in strife-torn areas.

He called for normal patrols to be withdrawn from townships embroiled in violence and marked by attacks on police. He suggested that perhaps police should not even respond to complaints. Residents would then have to report incidents to police stations and only armoured vehicles would enter such areas until "the communities do something to protect the police".

After a quiet Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, he reported six crime-related deaths in the Johannesburg area on the night of December 25.

After a shooting incident involving ISU members in the East Rand's Thokoza township on Saturday, residents claimed a youth was missing. They said the youth, Mabuti Khaeletsi, and three friends were shot at outside a butchery. Col Bruce replied that the group had opened fire with AK-47s and the ISU returned fire, fatally wounding a man.

Inkatha threatens to quit Transvaal peace structures

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THE Inkatha Freedom Party was disenchanted with peace structures in the Transvaal and was considering withdrawing from them in the coming year, it was learnt at the weekend.

A source close to Inkatha's Transvaal region said there was a feeling in Inkatha that peace committees and foreign observer missions were unable to curb violence and were not doing enough to achieve peace.

"Don't be surprised if you don't see us participating in the peace structures next year," the source said.

Inkatha Transvaal deputy chairman Humphrey Ndlovu is understood to have indicated he will no longer take part in anything associated with peace structures.

Inkatha's unhappiness with peace structures has been highlighted by current tensions in the West Rand township of Bekkersdal, where clashes between Inkatha and ANC supporters have occurred.

The ANC and Azapo have called a consumer boycott in the township.

WILSON ZWANE

Inkatha has warned of possible retaliatory attacks and accused Azapo and ANC supporters of killing its members in Bekkersdal.

Ndlovu said on Friday that a man who was necklaced and killed behind a taxi rank in the township on Thursday had been Inkatha member. He said the necklacing had been reported to the local peace structure. If nothing resulted from this Inkatha would take "appropriate actions" and that Inkatha was "equal to the task of tackling Umkhonto we Sizwe cadres head-on". (248)

Ndlovu pointed out that it had been agreed by Inkatha, the ANC, the PAC and Azapo that political violence should end.

He called on the ANC and Azapo to end their consumer boycott against white businesses in Bekkersdal. The boycott divided the community and fuelled the violence, he said.

The boycott began on Thursday in protest against the presence of the SAP's internal stability unit and SADF soldiers in the township.

ANC Bekkersdal chairman Thomas Lethlake said his organisation regretted Inkatha's threat and said the ANC was committed to finding a peaceful resolution to the conflict. "We will stick to the peace accord and consult with all its structures."

Lethlake said there were unconfirmed rumours of a youth being murdered in Bekkersdal on the West Rand on Christmas Day, but he had no details of the circumstances of his death.

Police spokesman Maj Henriette Bester said Bekkersdal was quiet but tense at the weekend.

Lethlake said the boycott would continue as long as the internal stability unit remained in the township.

"The police say the internal stability unit will remain as it is their duty to protect ordinary residents. But the crime level is escalating and people are dying, so who are they protecting?" he said.



Inkatha's Transvaal deputy chairman Humphrey Ndlovu, centre, at a news conference at which the party called for an end to the ANC/Azapo consumer boycott in the Bekkersdal area on the West Rand. He is flanked by Inkatha Youth Brigade secretary Carter Ndlovu, left, and treasurer James Mkhize. Picture: GARTH LUMLEY

Call to end township police duties

ERICA JANKOWITZ

NORMAL policing in Alexandra township should be stopped until the community was prepared to co-operate with authorities and support and protect patrolling policemen, SAP spokesman Col Dave Bruce said at the weekend. (278)(261)

Reacting to the killing of a policeman in Alexandra on Christmas Day — the fourth in the township in the past few weeks — Bruce said only the internal stability unit should be deployed in strife-torn areas. He called for normal patrols to be withdrawn from townships embroiled in violence and marked by attacks on policemen.

Bruce said that perhaps police should not even respond to complaints. Residents would then have to report incidents to police stations. Only armoured vehicles should enter such areas until "the communities do something to protect the police".

The 35-year-old municipal policeman killed in Alexandra had apparently left his post to return to the police station when he was shot in the neck. B1Da1

An off-duty policeman, Asst Const Oupa Madlala from the East Rand's Balfour police station, was killed in Siyatemba township on the West Rand on the same day. Bruce described him as an "outstanding policeman" and said his house was burnt down recently, suggesting he had been targeted by members of the community.

"Crime takes a back seat on Christmas Day, except against the police," Bruce said. After a quiet Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, he reported six crime-related deaths in the Johannesburg area on the night of December 25. 27/12/93

The victims, all males, were killed in Fairlands, Bosmont, Rosettenville, Regents Park and Northcliff.

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After a shooting incident involving internal stability unit members in the East Rand's Thokoza township on Saturday night, residents claimed a youth was missing. They said the youth, Mabuti Khaeletsi, and three friends were shot at outside a butchery. Khaeletsi has not been seen since. "drunken members of the internal stability unit opened fire without provocation". Residents collected about 40 cartridges from the scene and said the shooting had continued for several minutes. (261)

Bruce denied these claims, saying the group had opened fire with an AK-47 on a foot patrol in the Everest area. In returning fire the unit wounded the man wielding the weapon and later he died at the scene.

Bruce said an attempted murder docket had been opened. (278)

☐ Sapa reports that the body of Independent Mediation Service of SA member Thabo Mokewa of Katlehong was found in the Germiston mortuary on Friday. He was last seen two weeks ago.

Police get tough after 248 killed this year

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☐ ISU moves in after Christmas Day slayings

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The killing of two more policemen on Christmas Day has angered police and increased their resolve to keep the controversial Internal Stability Unit in Reef townships.

In Alexandra, north of Johannesburg, where a constable was killed on Saturday night, police have halted all normal patrols and replaced them with the ISU, spokesman Dave Bruce announced yesterday.

The Sandton township was one of the last on the Reef to be under the control of its local police. Now all townships in the area, except Soweto, are policed by the controversial ISU.

Constable Atlas Manchidi, 27, who was shot dead on Saturday night while on foot patrol with two colleagues, was the second policeman to be killed in Alexandra in less than a week and the fourth in a month.

■ Natal police reported at least 32 murders since Thursday. They pushed the regional toll since last Monday to at least 69 — nearly 10 killings a day. Some of the killings were crime-related while others appeared to be linked to political violence in townships and rural areas.

Colonel Bruce said Constable Manchidi left his two colleagues to return to the police station and was found shot dead five minutes later. His pistol was stolen.

In the second shooting, assistant Constable Oupa Petrus Madlala, 23, was shot in the head on his way home from a party with his girlfriend on Christmas Day.

These killings bring to 248 the number of policemen murdered around the country this year. Last year 226 were killed.

The latest killings have also prompted the police to hit out at the public for their apathy towards the murder of policemen.

"When the price of books, or petrol, or electricity goes up by a few cents, the public is furious and we see immediate protests.

"But when policemen are gunned down, we don't hear a peep. We are sick of it," Colonel Bruce said.

The murder of policemen has increased police determination to keep the ISU in the townships, in spite of calls for its replacement with local units.

Colonel Bruce acknowledged that patrolling solely by the ISU was not conducive to good community relations, particularly in the light of the ISU's controversial reputation.

"But we have no choice at the moment, until the community accepts its responsibility regarding the safety of its own policemen."

ISU here to stay — SAP

Killing of 2 policemen reinforces resolve to keep controversial group

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NORMAL patrols replaced by ISU as police come under attack

■ BY BRONWYN LITTLETON

The killing of two policemen on Christmas Day has angered the SAP and increased its resolve to keep the controversial Internal Stability Unit (ISU) in Reef townships.

In Alexandra north of Johannesburg, where a constable was killed on Saturday night, the SAP had halted all normal patrols and replaced them with the ISU, police spokesman Colonel Dave Bruce said yesterday. (278) (251)

Alexandra was one of the last townships on the Reef to be under the control of its local police. Now all townships in the area, except Soweto, are policed by the ISU as community hostility towards policemen contributes to the death toll.

The Christmas killings bring to 248 the number of policemen murdered in the country this year. Last year 226 were killed.

"There has never been a public outcry or even a protest about the murder of policemen," Bruce said.

"When the price of books, or petrol, or electricity goes up by a few cents, the public is furious and we see immediate — effective — protests.

"But when policemen are gunned down, we don't hear a peep from the public."

Constable Atlas Manchidi (27) was shot dead in Alexandra on Saturday night while on foot patrol near the M1 Hostel. He was the second policeman to be killed in Alexandra in less than a week and the fourth in a month.

Bruce said Manchidi left two colleagues to go back to the police station. He was found shot dead five minutes later. His pistol had been stolen.

Determination

Manchidi's colleagues who were killed earlier were Constable L F Langa (29), who was shot dead on December 12; Sergeant M F Khumalo (44), who was killed on December 16; and an as yet unnamed assistant constable from Randburg, who was killed on Wednesday.

In a second Christmas Day killing, Assistant Constable Oupa Petrus Madlala (23) was shot in the back of the head while on his way home from a party with his girlfriend in Siyathemba on the East Rand. Madlala was stationed at Balfour Police Station.

The murder of policemen has increased the SAP's determination to keep the ISU in the townships, despite numerous calls for its replacement with local units. The ANC and its allies have long called for the withdrawal of the ISU.

Complaints against the ISU include that its members shoot residents indiscriminately and without provocation.

Although the SAP has refused to withdraw the units, it has announced that their camouflage uniforms would be replaced with blue — similar to those of the rest of the SAP — in an effort to become more community-friendly.

All Reef townships — except Soweto — are already patrolled only by the ISU as violence and hostility to the SAP has made these areas virtual no-go places for policemen. Normal units will enter townships such as Katlehong and Tokoza only under the protection of the ISU.

As Alexandra had recently been relatively peaceful, the Alexandra police were left to look after the area themselves.

Internal Stability Division spokesman Colonel Ray Harrald said the units were used in all townships. In Soweto, they worked together with the Visible Policing Unit and local units, but in other townships, the ISU was left to look after law and order on its own.

Fifth policeman dies after attacks in Alex

BIDay 28/12/93

KATHRYN STRACHAN

ANOTHER policeman died yesterday after being shot in Alexandra township outside Sandton last week, bringing to five the number of fatal attacks on policemen in the township in the past two weeks.

The policeman, stationed at John Vorster Square, died in hospital after being attacked at his house last Thursday.

Another police constable stationed at the Lombardy East police station, next to Alexandra, was critically injured yesterday when he was shot in the head. He was guarding prisoners working next to the Jukskei River bordering the township when he was shot by a gunman accompanied by a young child, who fled in the direction of the township. (278)

Police said none of the prisoners tried to escape. One ran for help while the others stayed with the wounded policeman.

SAP spokesman Col David Bruce said that in the light of the attacks normal patrols would be stopped. Local policemen would have to depend on the internal stability unit, which had been stationed in Alexandra for a number of years, to escort them to crime scenes in armoured vehicles. No additional members of the unit would be deployed.

The ANC PWV region has convened a meeting next week between the Alexandra police and community organisations.

The ANC said it was "shocked and dismayed" by the killing of policemen in the township and condemned the attacks.

"We believe that these random criminal acts against SAP members should be dealt

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with through the normal channels of policing," it said.

But it reiterated its demand that the internal stability unit withdraw from Alexandra for the sake of peace (278)

The Alexandra Civic Association warned that involving the unit in policing would lead to chaos. Chairman Mike Bea said the police decision was unilateral and was aimed at undermining "the present prevailing fragile peace in Alexandra". The matter should be discussed with the Transitional Executive Council before further steps were taken.

He said the association condemned the killings, but it was not only policemen who were being killed.

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SAP suspends Alex patrols

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JOHANNESBURG. — Normal police patrols in Alexandra are to be stopped until the danger to policemen has lessened, SAP spokesman Colonel Dave Bruce said yesterday.

The move follows the death of another policeman yesterday after he was shot in the township last week, bringing to five the number of fatal attacks on policemen in the township in the past two weeks.

Local policemen would have to depend on the already present internal stability division to maintain a police visibility and to escort them to the various crime scenes in armed vehicles.

The ANC PWV region has convened a meeting for next week with the local police in Alexandra together with local organisations in the township.

The ANC yesterday reacted with "shock and dismay" to the killing of policemen in Alexandra and condemned the ongoing attacks on policemen.

But the ANC reiterated its demand that the "para-military" ISD withdraw from Alexandra for the sake of peace in the township.

The Alexandra Civic Association yesterday also warned that the decision to involve the ISD in policing would lead to chaos.

Violence rages on in Natal, East Rand

Star 28/12/93

■ STAFF REPORTER and SAPA

The Christmas weekend in Natal was one of the bloodiest in months, and although the period began peacefully enough in the embattled East Rand townships, it soon ended in bloodshed there too.

According to police reports, 44 people were killed in Natal at the weekend — 24 of them on Christmas Day.

Since last Monday, 81 people have been killed in the province.

Eleven people, including an assistant police constable, were killed on the East Rand.

In the worst single attack in Natal, 10 people were killed in what the KwaZulu police described as a faction fight in KwaMsane, Mtubatuba.

An old family feud had apparently flared when male migrant workers returned from the Reef to their homes for Christmas.

Several vehicles, including a Translux bus, were stoned and damaged on the N2 near Port Shepstone on the South Coast at the weekend.

A 25-year-old man was shot dead in his home in Stanger on Saturday. 278

Murdered

SAP spokesman Major Bala Naidoo said 10 people were killed in Natal in separate murders spread throughout the province on Sunday.

At least 13 people were murdered in areas policed by the police in Natal on Christmas Day. These included killings in Wentworth, Tongaat, Stanger, Lamontville, Sydenham, KwaDabeka, Port Edward, Hibberdene, Izingolweni and Nyoni.

On the East Rand, police reported they had found 10 bodies on Saturday, Sunday and yesterday. Three people were murdered at the Buyafuthi Hostel in Katlehong on Christmas Day.

Assistant Constable Oupa Madlala (23), stationed at Balfour, was murdered in Siyathemba on Christmas night.

Members of the SAP's Internal Stability Unit were fired at five times during the weekend.

Police found the body of Karzar Mangabu (23) in Daveyton yesterday. He had apparently been shot dead on Sunday night.

Also yesterday, the bodies of a 17-year-old boy and a man were found in Katlehong.

■ Police reported that two Putco buses, a smaller bus and a truck were set alight in Vosloorus at 6 pm yesterday.

East Rand peace initiative collapses

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Vuyo Mvoko

THE East Rand Joint Operations Control Centre (JOCC) — a unique multilateral peace initiative involving the African National Congress, the Inkatha Freedom Party and the South African Police — has collapsed.

JOCC, based at the Natalspruit Hospital, is to close tomorrow after its occupants were served an eviction notice by the hospital administration.

Yesterday the SAP confirmed that it had withdrawn from the structure last week. The SAP spokesman said he was not in a position to explain the withdrawal.

Sources say that although the IFP remained a formal member of the centre, the party had been "inactive" for some time. Efforts were being mounted to persuade it to take a more active role when the police pulled out, they said.

The centre was established nine months ago by the Wits-Vaal Peace Secretariat and foreign observer missions.

Other members include the peace secretariat, the Hostel Residents' Association and the local peace committee.

The centre was set up to enable residents of violence-torn Katlehong and Thokoza to report deaths and other occurrences and register complaints, and to foster communication and co-operation between the police and the communities.

Sources say that although the JOCC has not had much impact on levels of violence, its collapse "will not help the situation".

Hospital spokesman Nico Pieterse said the eviction was served after the United Nations and European Community observer missions had informed the hospital authorities that they were withdrawing their support because "partiality was being practiced at the centre".

The UN, however, dismissed the allegation. Official Charles Wyse said the closure of the centre was not in their interests, but the UN "had expressed concern that the centre was not fulfilling its objectives ... (as) the IFP was not participating".

Peace Secretariat chairman Peter Harris said the secretariat would soon set up a meeting of the East Rand local peace structures to discuss how to resolve the impasse.

This week the IFP was reportedly considering withdrawing from all Transvaal peace structures, because "peace committees and foreign observer missions were unable to curb violence and were not doing enough to achieve peace".

Protest march on Reef hospital

B1 Day

GAVIN DU VENAGE

HUNDREDS of East Rand residents are expected to march on Natalspruit Hospital today to protest against the closure of peace structures operating out of the hospital which had been told earlier this week to leave, sources said yesterday.

Monitors have warned the closure could result in an increase in violence once it was known monitoring activities had ceased.

The joint operations control centre, which was set up as a Wits/Vaal peace secretariat initiative, was told to close by Natalspruit's administrators, who said the centre was hampering the hospital's activities.

Monitors said the closure was a serious blow to peace initiatives in the area. The centre was responsible for monitoring violence and providing quick intervention by mediators in crisis situations.

Wits/Vaal peace secretariat chairman Peter Harris had said earlier this week that the decision had come as a shock but had left the secretariat with little choice but to move.

Harris said a meeting would be held next week to discuss setting up a replacement venue. Monitors said, however, they doubted this would happen soon. 31/12/93

Problems arose several months ago when Inkatha claimed that the ANC's military wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe, used the centre to launch attacks against Zulus — a claim the ANC vehemently denied.

About six weeks ago Inkatha pulled out of the structure, leaving it open to accusations of partiality.

Repeated efforts to contact the hospital's administration yesterday were unsuccessful. (278)

Meanwhile, police said yesterday a policeman was found murdered and two others were shot and injured in separate attacks in East Rand townships on Thursday, Sapa reports.

The body of Const Patrick Msibi, 33, who had bullet wounds, was discovered in Daveyton. His service pistol and ammunition were missing.

In Tembisa, an assistant constable was shot in a leg with his pistol after two men attacked him. At Tsakane, a patrolling constable was shot by two men.

On Wednesday a prison warder was shot when a man armed with an AK-47 assault rifle robbed him of his vehicle at Daveyton.

Police reported four more killings in the Natal/KwaZulu area this week.

Our Durban correspondent reports that volunteers manning a toll-free line opened by Natal/KwaZulu peace structures on Christmas Eve have fielded dozens of calls from volatile areas throughout the province.

"After our service was featured on CCV we even got a few calls from people in Soweto," said Stephanie Miller of the Umlazi peace centre.

The tollfree number — 0800 330366 — will be open 24 hours a day until January 15.

Policeman killed as attacks continue

JOHANNESBURG — In a week already filled with attacks on the security forces, another policeman was found murdered and two more were shot and injured in separate attacks in East Rand townships yesterday, police said.

The body of Constable Patrick Msibi, 33, was discovered in a car at Daveyton at 7.15am. His P38 service pistol and ammunition were missing.

At Tembisa, an assistant constable was shot in the left leg with his pistol after two men attacked him as he was going to work at about 5.40am.

At Tsakane, a constable patrolling on a bicycle was shot in his left shoulder by two men.

On Wednesday a prison warder was shot in the hand when a man armed with an AK-47 assault rifle robbed him of his vehicle at Daveyton.

On the same day, soldiers fatally shot a gunman in Katlehong, confiscating four AK-47 assault rifles during a police raid in a hostel.

● In Natal, police have discovered another body linked to violence which erupted in the KwaMkhizwana area of Swayimane, near Wartburg on Tuesday morning.

Two more

The Inkatha Freedom Party said up to 30 people had been killed in the area over the last week but police spokesman Captain Henry Budhram said police had reports of only seven deaths.

The KwaZulu Police on Thursday reported two more killings in that territory over the past week.

Bekkersdal consumer boycott holds

Sowetan 3/1/1993

By Mzimasi Ngudle

TILLS were still quiet in Westonaria yesterday as Bekkersdal residents entered the 10th day of their consumer boycott in protest against the deployment of the Internal Stability Unit.

Hard hit are small Indian shopowners whose sales have plummeted to between a 90 and 100 percent low.

Bekkersdal township was still tense with groups of toyi-toying youths demanding an immediate withdrawal of ISU members.

Police spokesman Major Henriette Bester said 15 people have been killed and 22 others injured in unrest-related incidents since the beginning of this month.

One man was been arrested for murder and another for illegal possession of a firearm and ammunition.

Business Forum member Mr Abdul Saloojee said many businesses recorded a 100 percent loss of custom. Residents were doing their New Year shopping in Randfontein, to which big businesses referred their customers.

March called off

OK Bazaars manager Mr Johan Lootz had only three tills manned yesterday. Lootz said some of the staff had been transferred to Randfontein.

In Bekkersdal a march by taxi operators was called off after an African National Congress official, Mr Harrison Swayi, defused a stand-off that ensued when they differed on "rules".

Members of the Internal Stability Unit patrolled the nearby squatter camp while others manned a roadblock at the entrance to the township.

Youths randomly manned their own roadblocks, stopping and searching minibus taxis for boycott busters.

The youths snatched parcels from those who bought in Westonaria, leaving only those who made their groceries in Randfontein.

Hundreds of residents hurled abuse at the police as they were towing a Buffel which had ploughed into a ravine in the Holomisa section of the camp. The Buffel almost rolled as the police were trying to cross a small bridge which collapsed. Nobody was injured.

By late yesterday the Business Forum was arranging a meeting with the Consumer Boycott Committee.

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Thirteen die on East Rand

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JOHANNESBURG. — Eight men — including two policemen — and a woman were killed in East Rand townships on Saturday and another four men yesterday, police said.

The body of a man with bullet wounds was found yesterday in Thokoza and the burnt body of a man was found in Katlehong.

Mr David Mashlapu died after being shot at a house in Tembisa. A corpse was also found with bullet wounds at Chris Hani squatter camp.

On Saturday, the bodies of three men and a woman were found in Katlehong and the bodies of two others in Thokoza.

Constable Andrew Tshabalala was shot in Daveyton after being robbed of his service pistol and at Johannesburg Station Constable Pieter Nel was found dead with a bullet wound (278).

● Three people were shot dead and two wounded in an attack on the Bottle Brush squatter camp near Chatsworth in Durban on Saturday morning.

● Constable Phillip Khuzwayo was shot and died when he and a colleague were patrolling in Montclair on Friday. — Sapa

Feuding ANC units blamed for latest East Rand carnage

Defence units 'at war'

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THE new year has started as 1993 ended, on a bloody note. The death toll has already exceeded 60 and is climbing

BY ABDUL MILAZI (278)

East Rand residents are living in fear after renewed violence left at least 17 people dead in the area at the weekend.

Katlehong residents said yesterday that power tussles among ANC-supporting self-defence units (SDU's) were the cause of the latest violence in their township.

The new year got off to a bloody start in Natal too, with 35 people murdered on New Year's Day — in a weekend in which 65 people were killed.

On the East Rand, police reported that after a tense day yesterday, the fighting apparently quietened down last night and they had received no reports of any deaths in Katlehong or Tokoza overnight.

Residents told The Star yesterday that conflict between SDU members in the Hadebe, Ncala and Mavimbela sections of Katlehong had been brewing for months, and matters boiled over when Ncala SDU commander "Boja" was allegedly abducted and murdered by members of the Mavimbela Section SDU members during Sunday.

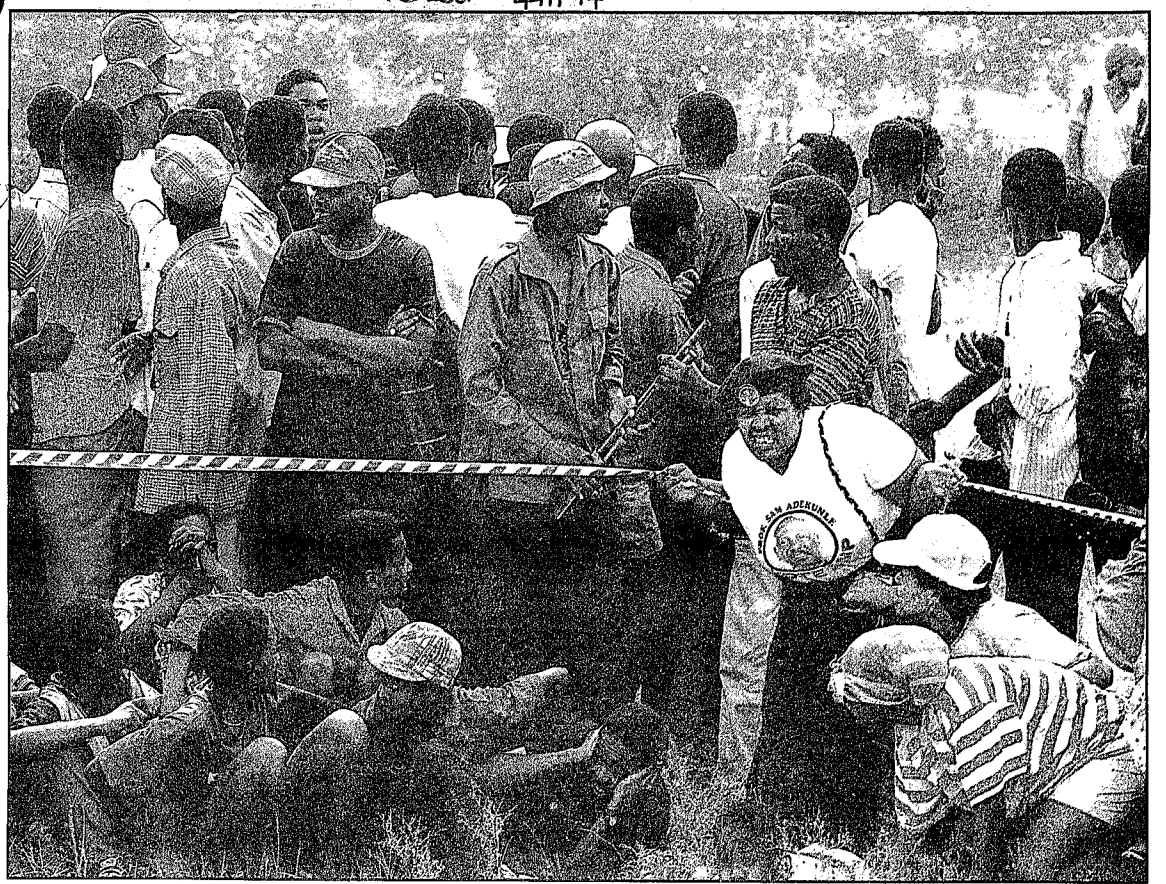
Three SDU members in Mavimbela Section had since been killed in what are believed to be retaliation attacks by members of the Ncala Section SDU.

About 100 armed residents from the Hadebe Section yesterday marched to the Mavimbela Section ANC office to demand that the office be closed.

Marchers dispersed after Bonisile Zulu, the sole occupant of the office at the time, agreed to close it.

"I agreed to take ANC posters off the walls when I saw that these people were heavily armed and that my life was in danger," Zulu said.

The ANC's Mavimbela Section office would be moved to the Msilika Section, to avoid further confrontations.



Final salute . . . two men argue over who will fire a salute at the funeral of two MK cadres at Vosloorus cemetery on the East Rand yesterday. The cadres were allegedly shot by members of the ISU last week. PICTURE: JOAO SILVA

Zulu said violence in Katlehong was not between IFP and ANC supporters any more but between members of the SDUs in the three sections.

"Trouble actually started when members of the Ncala Section SDU were unhappy about Boja, who was their commander. Instead of settling the matter peacefully, they decided to abduct and kill him," said Zulu.

He added that the township had been divided into separate war zones because of the friction between SDUs. "It is sad that ANC supporters find themselves in conflict with each other."

Residents who did not wish to be named said they feared more violence during the coming weeks. "There will be revenge attacks and we will be caught in the crossfire," said one.

The Natal carnage carried on into 1994.

Police said 51 people had been killed since Friday morning and the KwaZulu Police reported 14 murders.

SAP spokesman Major Bala Naidoo said most of the Natal murders were crime-related, although some were linked to politics, Sapa reports.

At least 180 people have died in faction fighting, crime and political violence in the province in the past fortnight.

Police ascribed many of the Christmas deaths to faction fighting, but some political leaders said many traditional disputes had become embroiled in politics.

Naidoo said six deaths were linked to faction fighting and very few were a result of political conflict. "A lot of this violence is simply related to alcohol abuse, which leads to arguments."

Included in the toll were two deaths reported from Nqutu, northern Natal, where gunmen opened fire on security forces involved in an arms swoop yesterday. Police said a seven-year-old child and a 50-year-old man were killed and three security force members injured. Arms and ammunition were seized in the operation.

The latest reports of violence came from the Natal Midlands, where police said at least 20 people had died. At least 10 were murdered in separate incidents in the St Chads, Ezakheni and Steadville areas of Ladysmith.

In one incident, six people died when gunmen attacked a homestead. Police had no further details.

In other attacks in the Midlands, six people were killed on Saturday in Bambanani and Mpofini in the Ematimatolo area 30 km from Greytown.

In the first incident, gunmen

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attacked a homestead, killing four people.

In the other shooting, two people were killed.

Mooi River police reported three killings since Friday.

On Saturday night two brothers, known to the police, allegedly attacked a party of about 18 people at a homestead near Middelrus about 40 km from Mooi River. (278)

Two people were killed and one was wounded. Police said the killings were linked to a land dispute.

In another attack, the caretaker of Bruntville Hostel, near Mooi River, shot a suspected thief dead on Saturday.

In Estcourt, also in the Midlands, taxi driver Bonginkosi Thusi was killed on Friday afternoon after a gunman ordered his passengers to alight before opening fire, police said.

The remainder of the police reports of killings were received from areas throughout Natal, including Inanda near Durban, Port Shepstone, KwaDabeka near Pinetown, and Phoenix north of Durban.

Defence units 'out of control' on East Rand

ANC trying to re-establish authority over 'rogues'

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JOHANNESBURG. — The government has said that self-defence units aligned to the ANC are out of control and virtually at war with one another in troubled townships east of Johannesburg.

The African National Congress, admitting some self-defence units were out of control, said it was trying to re-establish its authority over them.

"They (self-defence units) are at war with the police, at war with the Inkatha (Freedom Party) and at war with themselves," Law and Order Ministry spokesman Craig Kotze said yesterday.

"These rogue units clearly play a major role in political violence and pose a direct threat to public safety," said Mr Kotze, charging that the units were responsible for much of the political violence in which more than 3 000 were killed last year.

"To show its commitment to peace and tolerance the ANC should take immediate remedial measures and fully co-operate with the police to bring the perpetrators of SDU (self-defence unit) atrocities to justice," Mr Kotze said.

Sources close to the ANC said at least three self-defence units were "out of control" in townships east of Johannesburg, among the most violent in South Africa.

"The ANC is aware there is a problem," ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus said, declining to say how many units were "out of control".

"We are not trying to cover it up ... we are at the moment going to these areas to investigate ... and to try to re-establish control of these so-called rogue elements," Mr Niehaus said, accusing the government of making "worrying propaganda".

He said most self-defence units were, however, not involved in offensive violence and were fulfilling their proper roles in defending their communities.

More than 100 people, several of them members of self-defence units, have been killed in political violence in townships east of Johannesburg and in the Natal heartland of Mangosuthu Buthelezi's Inkatha Freedom Party since Christmas.

The self-defence units are informal armed groups which live in and are responsible for the security of local communities.

It was reported yesterday that three SDU members were killed in Katlehong township's Mavimbela Section by SDU members from Ncala Section in retaliation for the alleged abduction and murder of their commander "Boja" on Sunday. — Sapa-Reuter.

Commission to probe SDU crisis

JOHANNESBURG — The African National Congress has set up its own commission of inquiry to investigate the deaths of four people on the East Rand, allegedly at the hands of undisciplined self-defence units (SDUs).

At a news conference yesterday, ANC officials claimed some SDUs had been infiltrated by undisciplined elements, out to kill unit commanders and harass communities.

ANC general secretary of the PWV region, Mr Oped Bapela, said the four deaths of SDU members and uMkhonto weSizwe commanders had been the result of some SDU members acting emotionally without establishing facts.

Guidelines for SDU restructuring had been drawn up at an urgent 10-hour meeting of the ANC, SA National Civics Organisation, SA Communist Party, SDU commanders and others on Tuesday.

It had been agreed people joining SDUs would be screened.

For the first time, SDUs would have to be accountable to the ANC, which would control their activities through a newly-established monitoring committee. — Sapa

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Fragile truce in E Rand townships 'is near collapse'

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SDUs in reign of terror, say monitors

JOHANNESBURG. — Peace monitors say a fragile truce among warring black factions in a battle-scarred township on the East Rand is near collapse.

Peace talks among rival so-called self-defence units (SDUs) in Katlehong lasted only 30 minutes on Wednesday and broke up when feuding "commanders" walked out, they said.

"They are conducting a reign of terror in some areas; everybody is struggling to call them to account for their actions," said Vanessa Barolsky, an official at the Peace Action monitoring group.

A peace worker said the talks broke down "in protest at a peace call".

Ms Barolsky said some SDUs were little more than "hired guns ... these people will kill for anybody, and can be used to settle any score".

Regional officials from the African National Congress, which has set up an internal inquiry into the SDUs, said they had brokered a ceasefire among the units after clashes in which at least 10 people had been killed since Christmas.

"The problem is that nobody wants to take responsibility for the SDUs, which have an enormous amount of power in their communities and are accountable to no one," Ms Barolsky said.

The units, set up by political groups including the ANC, were established to protect black communities because of the alleged failure of security forces to police many townships effectively.

The ANC, which admits it faces a formidable problem in trying to regain control over rogue units, claims SDUs have been infiltrated by "agents of the state and criminals".

While the SDUs are not illegal, the carrying of unlicensed weapons is.

Sources close to the ANC have admitted that at least three units are out of control in East Rand townships, one of the areas worst hit by political violence in which more than 3 000 people were killed in the past year.

Before his assassination in April, Communist Party chief Chris Hani warned the ANC that SDUs could get out of control unless they were accountable to the communities they were supposed to serve.

Fighting among the units erupted last month when several people were killed in a clash between two groups in Tembisa township.

Three SDU members were killed this week, apparently in retaliation for the execution-style killing of a rival SDU chief at the weekend.

A joint force consisting of the military, former insurgents and other armed groups is being formed to keep the peace in townships before the election in April.

The ANC said yesterday it was embarking on a major peace drive in East Rand townships, among the most violent in South Africa.

"There are a lot of peace initiatives but we believe until we commit a political organisation like the ANC to a peace plan, peace cannot really succeed," said regional executive committee member Jessie Duarte.

The ANC has asked the Transitional Executive Council to call for tougher laws against gun smugglers.

South Africa is awash with illegal firearms, mostly smuggled across the border from Mozambique. — Sapa-Reuter.

E Rand awaits more violence

JOHANNESBURG. — Police and residents are preparing for a bloody weekend on the East Rand amid continuing violence and a lengthening death roll.

Police believed a quiet Friday would precede a volatile weekend and moved in a large back-up force to support continuous patrols of the worst-hit area of Katlehong.

Police said yesterday two men had been shot dead, one in Thokoza and one in Katlehong.

● An 11-year-old boy was burned by a police stun grenade yesterday when members of the internal stability division fired the grenade into a house in Gamalakhe near Port Shepstone in a pre-dawn raid, police said.

A 17-year-old youth was shot in his knee when he lunged for a pistol during the 2am swoop, spokesman Major Hamilton Ngidi said.

He said ISD members surrounded the house and fired a stun grenade into it after receiving information that illegal firearms would be found there.

Both the boy and the youth were taken to hospital. The youth is under police guard.

Two homemade firearms and a F1 handgrenade were found in the house. — Sapa

Keeping peace in a tough neighbourhood

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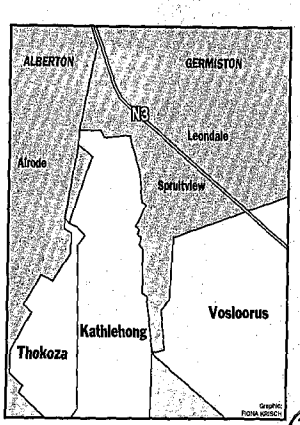
While the nation focuses its attention on new strategies to combat violence, CHRIS BARRON reports on the difficulties of keeping peace in one of the country's bloodiest areas



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IN THE hullabaloo surrounding the eviction of the Joint Operation Control Centre from its headquarters at the Natal spruit hospital on the East Rand no one has asked: What good was it anyway?

No good at all, say disillusioned UN peace observers who disengaged themselves from the exercise just before Christmas — although Wits-Vaal Peace Secretariat chairman Peter Harris counters the community has not given up on the programme, a mark of some success.

Of course, the JOCC exercise in the East Rand was never going to be easy.

The idea of attempting to defuse potentially violent situations was pioneered initially by the Wits-Vaal Peace Secretariat to deal with one-off crises such as the Hani murder repercussions, June 16 and Cosas student marches, and it was highly successful.

But, in the East Rand, the JOCC held on for nine months as the violence in Katlehong and Thokoza went on and on.

And, as a long-term exercise, it has been largely ineffectual, judging by the daily body count.

Six months after its establishment at Katlehong's Natalspruit hospital in May last year, daily press reports continue to tell a story of death and maimings:

November 21: "As incidents of kidnappings, torture and killings in East Rand hostels increase . . ."

November 22: "Low-intensity war continued in several East Rand townships at the weekend and police reported 27 people killed. The victims were hacked, shot and burnt to death. Their bodies were left in the street where they were picked up by police patrols during the day."

November 23: "The bullet-riddled body of an unidentified man was found on a soc- [illegible] in Madondo Street, the death toll on the East Rand since Saturday to 33."

The bloodflow continued unabated.

While violence in the rest of the PWV area dropped off dramatically, deaths in Katlehong and Thokoza kept the graphs high. Of all unrest-related deaths in the PWV area in November, 89 percent came from the East Rand — 88 percent of them from Katlehong and Thokoza.

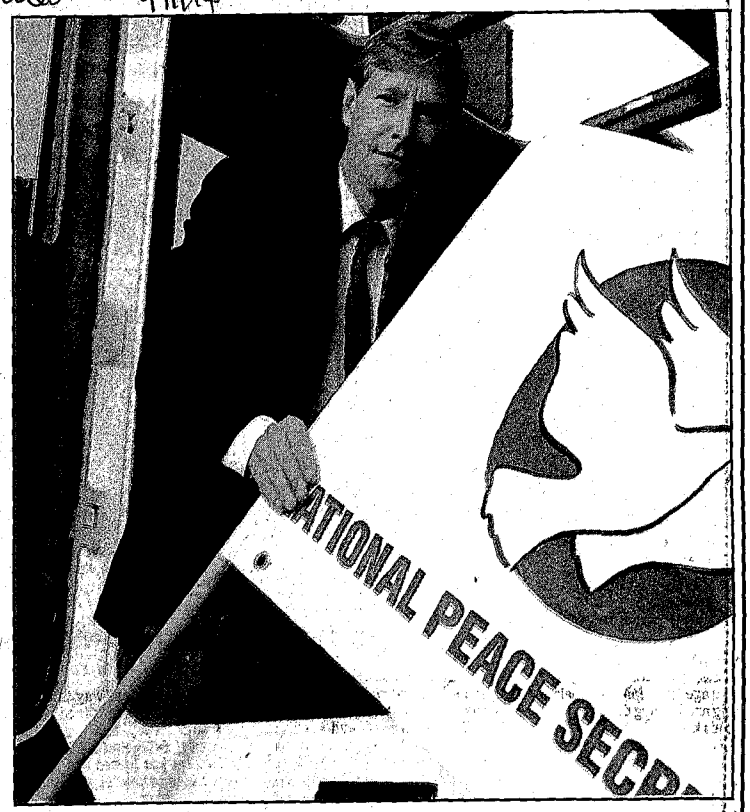
In October, 90 percent of unrest-related deaths in the PWV area came from the East Rand, with most of them again in Katlehong and Thokoza.

In a stinging criticism of the peace initiative, the UN observers noted the situation in Katlehong and Thokoza had not improved since the JOCC's deployment in May.

"Of uppermost importance is the fact that people are continuing to die in Katlehong and Thokoza as a result of the violence," they informed the Wits-Vaal Peace Secretariat before leaving.

THIS week, UN special adviser Charles Wyse said IFP under-representation was a critical flaw, and had led to the JOCC being seen increasingly as "a strictly ANC operation".

The fact that monitors had "on several occasions called the ANC in a conflict situation before contacting the JOCC" had done nothing to dispel this perception, he said. Indeed, so strong had it become that international observers were afraid of being seen to be supporting "a purely ANC operation".



ENCOURAGED: Wits-Vaal Peace Secretariat chairman Peter Harris Picture: COBUS BODENSTEIN

Mr Wyse warned of increasingly frequent allegations that "the JOCC is more and more seen to be part of the problem rather than the solution to the problem".

In addition, monitors used by the JOCC were "untrained and poorly briefed". Not only did this do the peace effort no good but, on several occasions, it had actually endangered the lives of international peace observers after they had been escorted into potentially inflammable PAC-dominated areas then "abandoned", he said.

Senior, trained monitors capable of mediation and dispute resolution were urgently needed "to give badly needed credibility to the whole JOCC operation", Mr Wyse said.

The JOCC's ANC image undoubtedly contributed to Natalspruit hospital's decision to give the JOCC until the end of December to leave the hospital grounds.

"Hospital services must be seen to be completely neutral if they're to have any chance of succeeding," explained superintendent Dr Norman Kernes. "It's a daily struggle to maintain the tenuous balance we have."

When a local newspaper carried an article referring to Natalspruit as an "ANC hospital" and an IFP leader, on television, accused it of maltreating Zulu patients, it seemed the struggle was lost.

There was a danger of "importing players involved in the conflict outside on to hospital grounds".

Allegations by Thokoza's IFP leader Gertrude Mzizi of ANC supporters making threatening remarks to IFP monitors at the JOCC headquarters suggest just how real this danger was.

Thanks to these and other alleged incidents — monitors' cars being stopped at gunpoint by ANC supporters looking for IFP monitors, for instance — the Thokoza branch of the IFP withdrew from the JOCC in September. It is hoped they will be persuaded to return at a meeting on Tuesday.

FOLLOWING its eviction from Natalspruit, the JOCC has been operating from offices in Johannesburg. On Thursday the ANC and IFP branches from Katlehong signed an agreement of support for the JOCC and its speedy return to a base in Katlehong.

"A measure of success is the demand for the JOCC from the communities. The monitors are put forward by the communities and the political parties and they're not going to do this unless they feel it's of benefit," said Mr Harris.

Acknowleging the fact that problems have "inevitably" arisen, Mr Harris stressed "the continued willingness and committment of the parties to attempt to resolve these problems is in itself extremely encouraging".

The problem of under-trained monitors was being addressed, he added.

"Under difficult and dangerous circumstances the monitors have delivered a service to the best of their ability."

A further JOCC flaw noted by UN observers has been the SAP representation afforded it. This had "consistently remained at a junior level, deliverers of messages only, despite repeated requests to the SAP" and an original agreement that SAP representation would be at a senior, decision-making level.

The SAP has now withdrawn from the JOCC altogether but the IFP and ANC in Katlehong have agreed to ask it, and international observers, to return.

☐ Mandela and FW to meet after bloody attack on peace tour of East Rand townships

Emergency talks

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Political Staff

NELSON MANDELA will meet President De Klerk this week to discuss violence in the run-up to the election, after the narrow escape of two African National Congress leaders in an attack in Katlehong on the East Rand.

ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa and South African Communist Party (SACP) national chairman Joe Slovo had to run for their lives yesterday when gunmen opened fire on their entourage, killing one journalist and wounding two others.

The shooting has resulted in a war of words between the ANC and the police over who is responsible for the safety of political leaders in the run-up to the election.

Members of the ANC are currently being trained as personal bodyguards in Germany, the German Embassy confirmed today.

German Embassy spokesman Dr Alexander Petri said 12 ANC members were undergoing training from the Interior Ministry in Germany.

Their training was specifically aimed at providing personal security for ANC leaders, he said.

The ANC has accused the police of failing to provide protection for their leaders, but police say they had not been asked to provide an escort.

Mr Mandela will meet Mr de Klerk on Wednesday to discuss violence in the run-up to the election. Mr Mandela said he had phoned Mr de Klerk after yesterday's shooting with specific proposals on dealing with the violence.

If he does not act on that proposal, then South Africa is facing a crisis, Mr Mandela said.

The ANC is also going to call on the Transitional Executive Council (TEC) to devote its meeting in Pretoria tomorrow to the violence on the East Rand.

Freelance photographer Abdul Shariff died in a hail of bullets as a tour, led by Mr Ramaphosa and Mr Slovo and aimed at adding impetus to the peace process, passed the Mazibuko Hostel in Katlehong. Two SABC journalists were wounded.

ANC bodyguards, some armed with AK-47 rifles, encircled Mr Ramaphosa and Mr Slovo and



SHATTERED PEACE: African National Congress secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa and an armed bodyguard run for cover under fire as shooting breaks out during a peace tour of the East Rand township in Katlehong. **More pictures page 11.** Picture: Agence France Presse

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fired back at the attackers. The two leaders were whisked through gardens and driveways to their cars.

Police spokesman, Nina Barkhuizen said today the ANC would get police protection if they asked for it. Units from the "Internal Stability Unit (ISU) would have been sent to accompany the tour, she said.

Captain Barkhuizen added that the police would also provide bodyguards for political leaders if requested.

However, ANC spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said it was the primary responsibility of the police to to provide security for all citizens irrespective whether that security has been asked for or not.

He said providing general security at political events, and bodyguards for political leaders, were separate issues. The ANC had its own contingent of bodyguards, most of them trained in foreign countries during the organisation's period of exile.

Police began searching the Kwamazibuko Hostel early today, arresting one person and confiscating an R5 rifle, two magazines, rounds and cartridges, petrol bombs and a home-made revolver.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Brigadier Zirk Gous said evidence indicated the attack had come from the hostel.

● Sunday, bloody

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IFP calls for independent probe

JOHANNESBURG — The Inkatha Freedom Party has called for an independent inquiry into the shooting at Thokoza/Katlehong on the East Rand which left two people dead and at least three injured.

IFP member Hennie Bekker said the IFP would also conduct its own investigation.

IFP central committee member Thembi Khosa said the IFP wanted to know why only one person was arrested when many African National Congress supporters were seen with AK-47 rifles.

He said the ANC appeared to have expected the attack on the entourage led by secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa and South African Communist Party chairman Joe Slovo, because its supporters were heavily armed.

Mr Khosa said the ANC should have arranged the visit to the townships with local peace structures. — Sapa.

ANC hits at NP over accusation

JOHANNESBURG — The African National Congress has slammed a statement by National Party spokesman Martinus van Schalkwyk that the organisation had provoked its opponents by a visit to Katlehong/Tokoza on the East Rand.

Photographer Abdul Shariff died and two other journalists were injured when shooting erupted in the township during a visit by ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa and SA Communist Party national chairman Joe Slovo.

"The ANC leadership went there on a peace mission to acquaint themselves with the horrific circumstances under which the residents of Tokoza and Katlehong live and to show our concern and solidarity with them," ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus said today.

"As the government of the day, the NP has the responsibility to ensure that the police protect all citizens. Yet not a word is said by the NP about the police's dismal failure to do so on Sunday." — Sapa.

Photographer, woman and child die in shooting

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TWO national leaders came close to being shot by unknown gunmen during a visit to a troubled East Rand township

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BY PETER DAVIES

A press photographer was killed and two SABC journalists were wounded when ANC leader Cyril Ramaphosa and SA Communist Party head Joe Slovo came under AK-47 gunfire in Katlehong yesterday.

Photographer Abdul Shariff died after being shot in the chest. He was due to be buried in Maritzburg later today. CCV journalist Charles Moikanyang and SABC reporter Anthea Warner were wounded.

An unnamed woman and a child were also killed in crossfire between the attackers and ANC bodyguards and Self-Defence Unit (SDU) members.

The ANC immediately hit out at the SAP for not providing protection for the tour. Police said they had been aware of the tour, but had not been asked to provide protection.

Arrested

Police also said the ANC continually demanded the withdrawal of the SAP's Internal Stability Unit (ISU) from the townships and would have been unlikely to have welcomed the unit's protection.

Members of an ISU patrol that arrived on the scene soon after the shooting killed one gunman and arrested three others. The men had been spotted by a police helicopter which had been hovering above the ANC entourage.

It is believed the arrested men were members of an SDU, but ANC spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa could not confirm this.

Police said the gunmen had opened fire on the ISU patrol as it got to the scene.

During a police raid on the Mazibuko hostel at dawn today, a man was arrested and an R-5 rifle, two magazines, rounds and cartridges, 31 petrol bombs and a home-made revolver were confiscated.

SAP spokesman Brigadier Zirk Gous said evidence indicated that the attack had emanated from the hostel. The search had been conducted after negotiations with hostel leaders.

The attack occurred during a tour aimed at adding impetus to the peace process. It was a fact-finding mission ahead of the ANC's request to the Transitional Executive Council to suspend its agenda tomorrow to concentrate on the violence in East Rand townships.

The East Rand violence, and yesterday's shootings in particular, will also be raised at talks tomorrow between ANC president Nelson Mandela and President de Klerk.

The grim reality of life in the East Rand's war-racked townships was rammed home yesterday after Ramaphosa and Slovo had left their vehicles in Katlehong's Dikgole Section at about 3.40 pm.

They were walking down a street opposite the Mazibuko Hostel, acknowledging cheers from a group of supporters, when the crackle of gunfire echoed from the hostel.

Reporters and onlookers dived to the ground while ANC bodyguards and members of a local SDU returned fire, then frantically encircled Slovo and Ramaphosa, who were whisked through gardens and driveways back to their cars.

Shariff, a freelance photographer working for Associated Press, was shot in the chest. He died after being rushed to Natalspruit Hospital.

Hardened lensmen who went to the hospital wept openly after identifying their colleague.

Moikanyang was shot in the hip and was also rushed to hospital, still clutching his blood-smeared notebook. Warner was grazed on the hip.

SABC journalist Jessica Pitchford said she saw Shariff fall in front of her.

"A group of young 'comrades' picked him up and rushed to find a car to get him to hospital. I then saw Charles on the ground next to me. He said 'I've been shot'.

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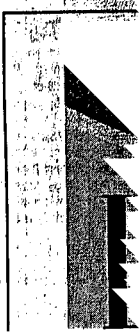

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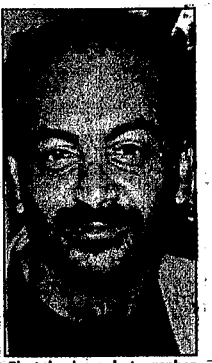

Shot dead . . . photographer Abdul Shariff. PICTURE: AP

It was just chaotic – reporter

BY MICHAEL SPARKS

"I have interviewed so many people in hospital, but this time it is me being interviewed," television journalist Charles Molkanyang said from his bed in Natalspruit Hospital last night.

He described the scene in Katlehong as chaotic after ANC leaders Joe Slovo and Cyril Ramaphosa had left after being shot at by gunmen.

"We were crouched down and about to run when I saw a photographer being shot in front of me.

"Then I fell to the ground and realised I had also been shot," he said.

Molkanyang said he could not move after being shot in the hip and was terrified he would be left behind as journalists ran for cover.

"I started screaming and some of my colleagues came and carried me away," he said, still trembling from shock.

Molkanyang said that when he was admitted to the hospital he saw photographer Abdul Shariff, whom he had seen being shot, lying in intensive care. Shariff died of his wounds.

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Newsman killed as shots hit ANC tour

JOHANNESBURG. — Two people, one a news photographer, died after gunfire erupted yesterday as a delegation led by SA Communist Party head Mr Joe Slovo and ANC secretary-general Mr Cyril Ramaphosa toured violence-plagued Katlehong township.

ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela said last night he had spoken to President F W de Klerk about the shootings and made a specific proposal on dealing with violence ahead of their talks tomorrow.

"If he does not act on that proposal, then South Africa is facing a crisis," he said on SATV's Agenda programme. He declined to give details.

A spokesman for Mr De Klerk confirmed last night that he had spoken to Mr Mandela about the East Rand shootings and that he would be meeting Mr Mandela tomorrow.

Mr Mandela said: "We (the ANC) are not the government and it is their (the present government's) task to maintain law and order." The ANC wanted to avoid any danger of civil war, he added.

The deaths came as the ANC prepared to call on the Transitional Executive Council to suspend its planned agenda tomorrow and devote its session to dealing with violence in the East Rand townships.

The dead journalist was identified by his colleagues at the scene as Mr Abdul Shariff, 31, an Associated Press photographer. He died of a bullet wound in the chest.

In a first-hand account of the shooting, AP writer Mr Tom Cohen said Mr Shariff had tried to run across a small clearing, possibly for a better view of the source of the shots — a workers' hostel nearby.

Witnesses said a single shot felled him. The bullet apparently went through him and dented the camera hanging around his neck.

Two other journalists were wounded in the shooting. SATV news journalist Mr Charles Moikanyang was in a stable condition at Natalspruit Hospital in Katlehong with a bullet wound in the hip. SABC radio news journalist Ms Anthea Warner had a flesh wound. Reporters at the hospital said another two civilians were hurt in the shooting.

In a statement last night, the ANC expressed its "deep shock" at Shariff's death, which it said was a grim reminder of the conditions under which East Rand residents lived and journalists worked.



LINE OF FIRE ... ANC secretary-general Mr Cyril Rama and SA Communist Party secretary-general Mr Joe Slov police and press after an attack on their convoy in Katleh Associated Press photographer Abdul Shariff who was shot covering the ANC tour.

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LINE OF FIRE ... ANC secretary-general Mr Cyril Ramaphosa (left) and SA Communist Party secretary-general Mr Joe Slovo speak to police and press after an attack on their convoy in Katlehong. **LEFT:** Associated Press photographer Abdul Shariff who was shot dead while covering the ANC tour. Picture: AP

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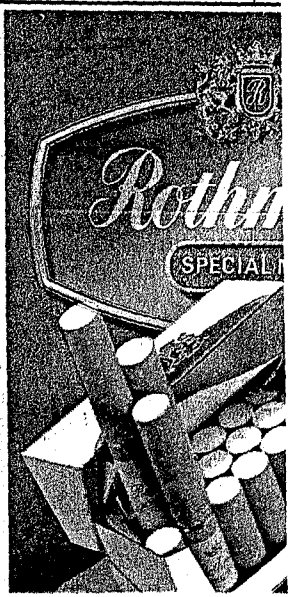
He said the police should have provided protection. "We don't have to ask for police protection. It is their primary responsibility to provide security. They must take blame for the dead and wounded for not providing protection."

Mr Mamoepa said the National Peacekeeping Force should be deployed as a matter of urgency.

Law and Order Minister Mr Hernus Kriel expressed shock at the incident.

"It is is unforgivable that attacks should be made on the press, whose function is absolutely essential for the democratic process," he said.

● Mr Shariff is the first journalist to die in the line of duty this year. In 1993, journalists came under attack 89 times and one South African journalist was murdered in a Vaal Triangle township, an official of the South African Union of Journalists said. — Political Staff, Sapa, AP



Goldstone to probe shooting

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JOHANNESBURG. — The Goldstone Commission of Inquiry is to investigate Sunday's shooting in Katlehong on the East Rand, in which news photographer Mr Abdul Shariff, 31, was killed and two other journalists wounded, Mr Justice Richard Goldstone said yesterday.

The shooting, believed to have been by a sniper, took place as an ANC group, including ANC secretary-general Mr Cyril Ramaphosa and SACP leader Mr Joe Slovo, and journalists walked past the Mazibuko Hostel in the Dikgole Section of the township.

The incident is also expected to be high on the agenda when the Transitional Executive Council meets for the first time in Pretoria this afternoon.

The probe has the support of President F W de Klerk, who will meet ANC leader Mr Nelson Mandela today when they will discuss the shooting.

The two leaders spoke of the incident on the telephone on Sunday. Mr Mandela said later that he had warned that if Mr De Klerk did not act on a proposal he had put forward, South Africa would be facing a crisis.

The details of the proposal remained a secret, but they are understood to include cordoning off township hostels and deploying security teams around them.

In a statement yesterday Mr De Klerk said he strongly supported the probe, especially in the light of contradictory interpretations of the role of the police.

Mr De Klerk had been kept informed by the police of developments, including the early morning raid yesterday on Mazibuko Hostel.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Deon Peens said police swooped on the hostel at 4.30am and left three hours later with 31 petrol bombs, an R5 rifle, a zip gun, a large quantity of ammunition for a variety of weapons and a police uniform.

● The Goldstone Commission inquiry will begin at 10am on Friday at the commission's offices in Sandton. People wishing to make oral or written submissions and recommendations to the commission are asked to telephone Mr J J du Toit at (011) 884-0440. — Sapa

'Violence top of agenda'

PRETORIA. — Violence and the state of negotiations would top the agenda in talks between President F W de Klerk and ANC leader Mr Nelson Mandela here today, Mr De Klerk said yesterday.

He was addressing media after talks with Irish Foreign Minister and Deputy Prime Minister Mr Dick Spring at the Union Buildings here.

The time had come for political leaders of all persuasions to call on their followers to allow politicians into any part of the country without fear for their lives, Mr De Klerk said.

Referring to Sunday's "shocking" violence in Katlehong on the East Rand, he said Mr Mandela's proposals after the attack would be discussed.

He and Mr Mandela had a duty to continue to find ways to co-operate to prevent further violence.

Mr Mandela met Mr Spring and Mr De Klerk yesterday. — Sapa

TEC will seek peace formula for E Rand

Own Correspondent

PRETORIA — The Transitional Executive Council will consider how to restore peace to troubled East Rand townships at its first meeting here today.

Co-chairman of the TEC's seven-member management committee Mr Pravin Gordhan said a "comprehensive set of proposals" had been prepared for consideration and approval by the TEC.

While declining to give full details of the proposals, Mr Gordhan indicated they would concern hostels and means of fostering better relations between members of the community.

The proposals follow the outbreak of a gun battle in the East Rand township of Katlehong on Sunday, in which SACP leader Mr Joe Slovo and ANC chief negotiator Mr Cyril Ramaphosa were shot at, and freelance photograher Mr Abdul Shariff was killed.

Mr Gordhan confirmed that a number of other items would be included on the TEC's agenda today, one being instability in northern Natal.

Action plan drawn up to end East Rand terror

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PRETORIA. — The Transitional Executive Council has identified issues that need to be tackled to end the violence on the East Rand.

The TEC agreed to establish a two-man committee to evaluate the situation in the violence-plagued area "in consultation with all the relevant role players".

It will also appoint a task group "to manage a holistic project aimed at transforming the area into a zone of peace and security".

"If we do not do anything the TEC will become discredited," African National Congress chief negotiator Cyril Ramaphosa told the TEC at its first meeting of the New Year, also its first at its new headquarters in Pretoria.

TEC officials denied later that not enough had been done by the TEC to deal with the violence on the East Rand.

"It is not an easy way back to law and order," TEC chairman Dawie de Villiers told a Press briefing.

The task group will report to the seven-member management committee which oversees the TEC and will work closely with the TEC's sub-councils.

It was further agreed that the management committee would visit the East Rand.

The TEC identified five issues in principle which needed to be tackled.

It is expected that the outcome next week of a second meeting between State President De Klerk and ANC president Nelson Mandela will impact directly on the TEC action on the East Rand.

The five issues identified by the TEC are:

- The breakdown of community services;
- The general security situation with special reference to hostels in the area;
- Help and protection for people to enable them to return to their homes and the repairing of houses;
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- Normalisation of the situation in the area.

The issue of the East Rand was raised after the shooting in Katlehong on Sunday during a tour by Mr Ramaphosa and Communist Party chairman Joe Slovo in which three people were shot dead.

The shots were allegedly fired from an Inkatha Freedom Party-controlled hostel. — Sapa

FW meeting encourages Mandela

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B/Day 12/1/94

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The presence of Justice and Defence Minister Kobie Coetsee at the meeting implied that an increased SADF presence in the East Rand and parts of northern Natal could be one element of the plan. The expansion of peace structures, such as increased numbers of monitors and frequent peace workshops, was also likely to be included.

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De Klerk said government had been planning along similar lines for some time and the final plan would be a composite of the two parties' ideas. (278)

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The new initiative was sparked by Sunday's incident in Katlehong in which ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa and SACP chief Joe Slovo were shot at by hostel residents. Photographer Abdul Shariff died after being shot in the chest.

De Klerk said that while no specific request had been received from the ANC for protection during its visit, improved co-ordination and co-operation between the SAP and political parties was essential to ensure the safety of political leaders.

Political leaders had a right to free access to all areas and "where safeguards are necessary, they will be provided".

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senting 80% of those killed as a result of political violence over the period. "The East Rand has become a death zone." He said 13 schools had been abandoned and 300 houses evacuated, and 17 churches were unused because of violence. (278)

Meanwhile, Inkatha Freedom Party chief Transvaal co-ordinator Hennie Bekker called for East Rand townships to be declared disaster areas and for an urgent leadership summit to end violence.

Sapa reports that he said only the symptoms and not the root causes of violence had been addressed.

"What, however, causes concern is that leaders such as President de Klerk and Mr Mandela believe they can unilaterally solve the violence issue without consulting all role players and leaders."

WILSON ZWANE reports that Inkatha Transvaal political director Themba Khoza said Reef hostels had become havens for criminals. The criminals were carrying out acts which were contrary to Inkatha policy and the orders of leaders in the hostels.

Inkatha hoped the three people arrested in connection with Sunday's incident in Katlehong would point out others. The exposure of criminal elements in hostels would help restore order and discipline among hostel residents. Inkatha had also set up hostel committees.

Khoza appealed for a greater police presence in Katlehong and a commitment from all interested parties to break down "no-go areas".

He said if there had been proper consultation on Sunday, Inkatha would have helped protect the ANC tour. He would have personally stood as a barrier between hostel residents and the ANC entourage.

☐ Police yesterday reported that the bodies of two men who had been shot dead were found in Katlehong on Monday. Five members of a Vosloorus family were being treated in hospital after a petrol bomb attack on their home on Sunday.

A police constable was injured after being shot on Sunday by a man who knocked on the door of his Tembisa home.

The Alberton Town Council said a health inspector was shot and wounded at a clinic in Thokoza yesterday. The council warned that such attacks could compromise services to the township.

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Composite plan may bring relief to 'death zone'

Move to end carnage

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■ BY ESTHER WAUGH
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

Decisive steps were taken at the highest levels yesterday to bring an end to the ongoing political violence.

President de Klerk and ANC president Nelson Mandela announced that they were drafting a joint "composite plan" to end political violence, while the Transitional Executive Council announced far-reaching steps to end violence and improve living conditions on the war-racked East Rand.

The TEC last night unanimously decided that:

■ Community services in East Rand townships be restored.

■ Security services to hostels and residential areas be addressed.

■ Residents who have been forced to abandon their homes be assisted to return, and helped with repairs.

■ Concerns about the SAP's Internal Stability Unit (ISU) and the police be addressed.

■ A two-man committee, comprising TEC executive secretaries Fanie van der Merwe and Mac Maharaj, evaluate the situation on the East Rand with all the relevant parties.

■ A task group be appointed to transform the troubled East Rand into a "zone of peace and prosperity".

■ The TEC management committee will visit the East Rand.

De Klerk and Mandela announced their top-level initiative after a meeting at the Union Buildings in Pretoria.

De Klerk said the joint plan — made up of ANC proposals, Government initiatives and National Peace Committee initiatives — would take "a few days" to put together.

The two leaders are due to meet again next week.

Mandela said yesterday's talks took place in a spirit of reconciliation.

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He regretted not being able to spell out "the significant steps" being considered to end the violence as they needed to be discussed with other political leaders.

Mandela, who had earlier warned that the country would face a crisis if the ANC's proposals to end the ongoing carnage were not implemented, said yesterday's talks had been encouraging.

A crisis would emerge only if De Klerk "remains deaf to the proposals", he said.

De Klerk said some of the ANC's proposals coincided with Government initiatives to end the violence. There was not a wide divergence between the two sets of proposals, but the co-operation of communities was needed.

Referring to Sunday's shooting in Katlehong, De Klerk said the ANC and security forces needed to improve co-ordination on the safeguarding of political leaders.

No special request had been received from the ANC about the visit by ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa and SACP chairman Joe Slovo, he added.

At yesterday's TEC meeting, Ramaphosa gave the multiparty body a first-hand report on the four. He said 1 200 had died in East Rand political violence since May last year — no less than 80 percent of the

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figure countrywide.

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"The distress we saw on the faces of the people was unbelievable," Ramaphosa said.

Hostels in the area were involved in "outrageous crimes," he added.

Law and order on the East Rand had broken down almost completely.

The ISU "has become a law unto itself" and the "most hated" law enforcement agency in the area, he said.

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Mr De Klerk also admitted there was evidence that elements in the right-wing were directly involved in incidents of violence.

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ISU kills 'hero' of ambush

Sowetan 13/1/94

By Abbey Makoe

MEMBERS OF THE Internal Stability Unit have killed a Katlehong defence unit member who reportedly helped to thwart an attack on Mr Cyril Ramaphosa and Mr Joe Slovo on Sunday. (278)

Angry African National Congress Katlehong branch leader Mr Nceba Soyaya said the ISU shot and killed Mr Fanyana Banda.

East Rand police spokesman Captain Wikus Webber confirmed that members of the ISU shot Banda dead. He said it was only after Banda had tried to shoot at them with an AK-47.

Another senior police officer last night said it should be made clear that Banda was shot dead 15 minutes after the attack on the ANC/SACP touring party.

Soyaya also revealed that two other youths, Michael Mathe and Petrus Nyamande, were arrested by the ISU in their "terror campaign" against the residents.

Another youth, identified as Happy Xaba, sustained a gunshot wound during his arrest late on Sunday.

Webber said Xaba was shot and wounded after he had shot at the police.

The two arrested youths, Nyamande and Mathe, were being charged with illegal possession of firearms and attempted murder after they tried to kill members of the ISU.

Police failed

Webber said they appeared in the Alberton Magistrate's Court yesterday and were remanded in custody until February 10.

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Soyaya said while the police failed "to protect the ANC leaders when they came under fire from the hostel dwellers, they are turning on the SDUs".

He lashed out at the call for the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry to be held regarding the East Rand violence and the SDUs.

"More than 1 200 people have died in political violence and there has been no news of Goldstone.

"People have complained about the ISU. We have staged many a march against their presence in our townships and there was no talk of Goldstone," Soyaya said.

"This is a concerted effort to discredit the ANC in the run-up to the April elections," he said.

● A sniper's bullet during the fracas on Sunday snuffed out the young life of Mthunzi Tinga (10). Mthunzi, the only child of Vusi and Monica Tinga of 870 Dikole Section, will be buried at 10am on Saturday.

The boy would have started his Standard 5 yesterday along with thousands others at Mzoxolo Primary School in Mndantsane, East London.

His father, Mr Vusi Tinga, is a health and safety officer at the South African Broadcasting Corporation and a member of Azapo. He previously worked for the National Council of Trade Unions.

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Peacekeeping farce foreseen

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The Peacekeeping Force announced this week may be too little, too late, reports **Stephen Laufer**

THE National Peacekeeping Force announced with much fanfare this week faces overwhelming personnel and legitimacy problems from its inception. Some critics predict it will be "the national peacekeeping farce".

Announced this week by the defence subcouncil of the Transitional Executive Council (TEC) and envisaged as a prime public order agency in the run-up to the elections, the force is now widely seen as too little, too late. Critics point to the brief training period for force members, the absence of major political organisations in its ranks and command structures, its small size, and the timetable for its deployment.

The result, it is feared, will be an inability to contain any intensification of political violence and a further rise in the death toll in the weeks before April 27.

The biggest problem facing the force is time. Due to begin training on January 24, it has yet to collect potential recruits at designated assembly points or to subject them to psychometric and other testing to ensure their suitability. Participating forces such as the South African Police and Umkhonto weSizwe have not nominated specific individuals for duty.

The force has yet to be kitted out with the distinctive uniform announced by the TEC subcouncil, and it has been assigned neither vehicles nor weapons.

The only structure already in place — since Wednesday — is the Peacekeeping Force Command Council, with representatives of all formations contributing to the force. But the TEC's defence subcouncil has not yet appointed a commander.

The Command Council includes SAP Major General Wynand van der Merwe, the deputy commander of the Internal Stability Division, and MK's chief of operations, Lombert Moloi.

The force's training doctrines and rules of engagement have not been finalised — MK chief Joe Modise says "they will use minimum force" — nor whether foreign policing experts, local commanders, or a combination of the two will conduct training. The TEC Act calls for the involvement of the international community.

Deputy Defence Minister Wynand Breytenbach, who chairs the TEC subcouncil on defence, made no attempt this week to conceal the difficulties. He admitted it would "be difficult to train the force adequately," but was adamant that there would be no repeat of the "kitskonstabel" fiasco, when ill-trained SAP special constables were let loose on the townships.

Breytenbach said he hoped "the force will be deployed by the end of March", just three weeks before the election. But he was sceptical the force would be at its envisaged strength of 10 000 by then.

Only 12 of a potential 17 armed formations have so far opted to join the Peacekeeping Force. Notable among the absentees are the kwaZulu Police, Apla, and Azanla, as well as military formations of the far right.

In a report to Secretary General Chief Emeka Anyaoku late last year, the Commonwealth Observer Mission to South Africa (Comsa) expressed reservations about the Peacekeeping Force. These included:

- Concern over the shift in emphasis from a service organisation to a force trained along military lines.
- Concern that if the Peacekeeping Force used guns as its first line of defence, it could become as discredited as the Internal Stability Unit.
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Community policing for troubled townships

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POLICE, peace professionals and community leaders in the East Rand townships of Thokoza, Katlehong, and Vosloorus are preparing a major new initiative to bring calm to the embattled area.

In the offing is a "community policing commission", involving the police and community representatives.

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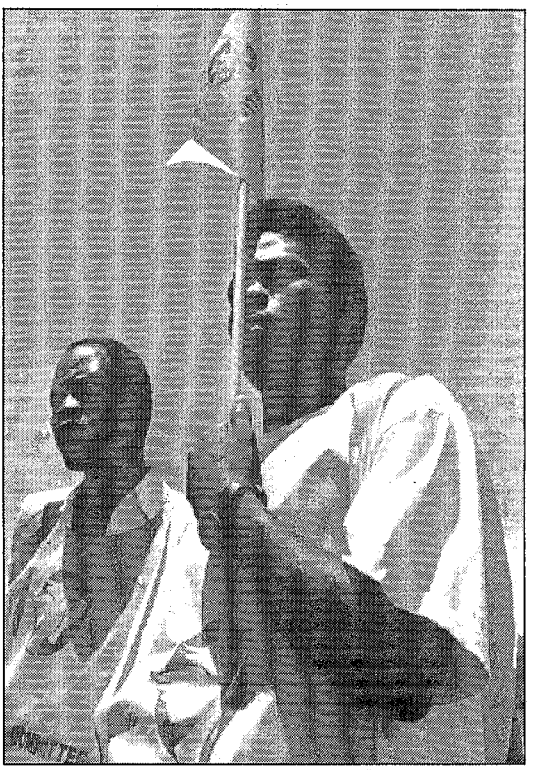

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'Katlehong peace team' postponed

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JOHANNESBURG. — The Transitional Executive Council (TEC) said yesterday it had postponed sending a peace team into violent Katlehong where a journalist was killed in an attack on African National Congress leaders last week.

Stressing the need for proper preparation, TEC member Mr Mac Maharaj said: "The situation in the East Rand holds the key to peace in South Africa. If we can turn it around South Africa will be on the road to peace."

He did not comment on specific ideas.

● Two men arrested in connection with the shooting in Katlehong on Sunday, in which freelance photographer Mr Abdul Shariff and two other people were killed, appeared briefly in the Alberton Magistrate's Court yesterday.

They are Mr Michael Mathe and Mr Petrus Mnyamane.

The case was postponed to February 10. — Sapa

Call to disband units

By BARRY STREEK
Political Staff

THE claim by an alleged senior member of an ANC self-defence unit (SDU) in Katlehong that he killed people like chickens was slammed yesterday by the government.

The claim was made on BBC radio by a "Mr Tembo".

Ministry of Law and Order spokesman Major Craig Kotze said SDUs would have to be disbanded and killers within their ranks brought to justice if free and fair elections were to be held on the East Rand.

Mr Mandela said the SDU issue would be raised at today's meeting of the ANC's national executive.

However, he said he wanted to stress, without being protective of SDUs, that problems with the units were the results of a government strategy.

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Hostel: Shootout boast

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By BRYAN PEARSON of AFP

JOHANNESBURG. — Residents of the besieged Mazibuko Hostel boasted yesterday how they opened fire on African National Congress leaders to put them to flight during a weekend "peace visit" to Katlehong on Sunday.

On a muddied field inside the migrant workers' squalid shelter, Inkatha Freedom Party supporters greeted reporters with a war dance, and chanting: "Run, Ramaphosa, run" — referring to ANC secretary-general Mr Cyril Ramaphosa.

The leader of the dancing and Mazibuko Hostel "induna" (supervisor) Mr James Ndwandwe claimed gleefully: "Ramaphosa came here with the intention of attacking the hostel, but we sent him flying."

Responding to the statements, ANC spokesman Mr Carl Niehaus said: "I hope that the SAP will investigate these particular statements by Mr James Ndwandwe because it seems to confirm what we have been saying throughout that there have been deliberate attacks launched on the ANC from the hostels."

Hostel gun victims found tied together

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JOHANNESBURG. — Violence continued unabated on the East Rand this week.

Police spokesman Warrant Officer Michelle Erasmus said two bodies with bullet wounds were found tied together outside a hostel in Katlehong, and two in Thokoza yesterday.

Police raided a hostel in Nigel yesterday where a man was arrested for possession of an AK-47 rifle, two magazines and 34 rounds. Camouflage uniforms, a toy gun and revolver and 150 dagga plants were also seized.

● In Natal, several firearms, ammunition, a Defence Force uniform and handcuffs were confiscated in a police raid on a squatter settlement in Umlazi.

In Stanger a driver was shot dead and his colleague wounded when he asked two passengers to pay R10 for a ride and a 25-year-old man was shot on his way back from work on Wednesday. A 58-year-old farmer's wife was killed by gunmen near Howick on the same day and police also reported a handgrenade explosion in Inanda which killed a 16-year-old boy and his 18-year-old friend. — Sapa

Only dogs are safe in Katlehong . . .

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Sapa reports
Johannesburg.

ONLY dogs dare walk uninvited through areas around hostels in Katlehong on the East Rand these days.

The houses next to the Kwesini and Mazibuko hostels have been deserted by residents — most have moved to Spruitview.

The only signs of life in the area yesterday were a few stray dogs scavenging through litter and the large police and army presence.

In spite of the increased show of security forces during the day, people are still being shot dead at night. Four bodies were found in the area on Wednesday, police said.

This week, police Casspirs ferried displaced home-owners into the dangerous areas to collect their belongings.

One resident, who did not want to be named for safety reasons, said all his belongings had been stolen, except his curtains.

His house had been taken over by squatters.

"But there is nothing poor about this family — they have moved in their own bedroom suite, lounge furniture and kitchen utensils," the helpless man said.

He bought the house in 1986 and spent only a few peaceful years there before the fighting began.

He stuck it out, refusing to leave his home until he and his family nearly lost their lives.

"In May this year, the houses in our road were set alight and our neighbours' homes were ransacked.

"When the men rattled our gates, trying to come in and kill us, I commanded God to send them away. And it worked," he said.

But he had seen enough. The family packed a few belongings and left a few hours later.

"I still have to pay my bond every month even though someone else has stolen my house, otherwise I will lose my collateral.

"But there is nothing I or the police can do," he said.

A sign warns visitors they are entering a "Danger Zone". Graffitti splashed across walls of the abandoned houses read: "No Compromise — Kill All Settlers", "Kill De Klerk", "War against the Settler" and "Political power grows out of the barrel of the gun".

Even African National Congress peace official Robert McBride was nervous in the township yesterday.

He did not want a small media contingent to follow him in case the people became suspicious he was bringing outsiders into the area.

"It's putting my life in danger," he said.

The eerie silence was sometimes broken by the sound of shooting but police insisted everything was under control.

A kilometre away, life continued as usual with traders out on the street, children kicking balls, parents chatting to friends in gardens and road crews fixing streets.

As one bystander said, they are used to the civil war raging around them and they have to learn to live with it. Most have nowhere else to go.

"It's okay on weekdays. It's at night and on weekends we hide away and pray we can live another week," one woman said.



WAR DANCE: Inkatha Freedom Party supporters in Mazibuko hostel perform a war dance to celebrate their "victory" over the ANC at the weekend when four people, including a news photographer, were killed in a gunbattle that broke out during a peace tour of the township by ANC leaders. Each side blames the other for starting the fighting.

Katlehong: SAP patrols a living hell

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Cape Times Crime Reporter JACKIE CAMERON spent part of a patrol with the ISD in the violence-racked East Rand township of Katlehong. This is what she saw.

HEAVILY armed internal stability division (ISD) policemen donned their heavy bullet-proof jackets as a report crackled over the radio that three people had been shot in Katlehong.

As the Nyala vehicle was rumbling along the debris-strewn roads towards the Moshoeshoe section in Kathelong, policemen — some temporarily deployed from the Western Cape — said Katlelong was the "worst place" to work.

Shots were fired at them daily and if they died here it would be "for a cause no one cared about", they said in the cramped, smoky interior.

During the three hours the Cape Times spent with the patrol, two men were shot dead and two wounded in this well of despair.

As the Nyala ground to a halt among five others in a field, policemen rushed to the aid of two men who had been shot during a scuffle with other ISD members after a group of men were allegedly spotted stealing electric cables from a railway line.

Residents lined a nearby bridge and watched from windows as the ISD members followed a resident to his home into which a third man had run before collapsing and dying in a pool of blood.

The resident said he had heard shots before discovering the dead man — whom he did not know — in the kitchen with a wound in his chest.

One ISD member explained to the Cape Times that ambulance drivers, mortuary workers and police forensics experts often refused to come into Katlehong because it is too dangerous.

As the patrol resumed, tension mounted in Phola Park when two men picked up rocks as the Nyala rolled toward them. Police prepared their weapons but relaxed again when the men disappeared between shacks.

ISD members are seldom deployed in the area for more than two months and a social worker has a permanent job counselling these policemen for stress-related problems.

A down-hearted, chain-smoking Western Cape ISD member — a father of four — described his experience in the area: "In Cape townships residents show us appreciation. They give us coffee and I have even once had a braai with some of them.

"Here the residents clearly hate us."

One young Northern Cape ISD member said he would refuse orders to work in Katlehong again.

SDUs 'issued with AK-47s' before Katlehong

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JOHANNESBURG. — ANC-aligned self-defence units were issued with AK-47 rifles on the same day that shots were fired at a group led by ANC secretary-general Mr Cyril Ramaphosa and SACP chairman Mr Joe Slovo, visiting Katlehong on the East Rand.

This was submitted yesterday by Mr Flip Hattingh, counsel for the SAP, at the Goldstone Commission's preliminary inquiry into the shooting and subsequent death of freelance photographer Mr Abdul Shariff during the visit.

Mr Hattingh said the police had witnesses, whose names could be provided, who were present at a meeting between the ANC Youth League and self-defence unit (SDU) members on January 8.

They were told of the visit and issued with AK-47 rifles.

"I want to submit (from video material seen) in what an irresponsible manner the SDUs go about their business."

Video footage shown to the commission showed several SDU members firing randomly at Mazibuko Hostel.

Mr Hattingh said police investigations had found shots were fired from the hostel, but a number of shots were also been fired from the opposite direction.

"He said the footage indicated that shots fired at the same time Mr Shariff was killed sounded as if they came from much closer than the hostel. Empty cartridges were found between where Mr Shariff was shot and the hostel, he said.

Although they had not been asked to protect the leaders, the ANC had criticised the police for not being present.

Mr Azar Cachalia, for the ANC, said he did not believe that visiting the area had been provocative. But Mr Hattingh said the group should have informed the police as it was visiting a "particularly hostile environment".

South African Union of Journalists national organiser Ms Paddi Clay told the commission she believed certain politicians were creating a climate of hostility against the media.

Despite signing pledges not to harass journalists, politicans would then turn around and openly attack journalists for allegedly misquoting them when addressing their supporters. — Sapa

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Beer, but not food gets to isolated Zulus

■ Scores of Zulu families have taken refuge inside the Mazibuko hostel in violence-torn (278) Katlehong on the East Rand. **BRYAN PEARSON** spoke to one of them.

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RESIDENTS in Katlehong can't get out to schools or clinics and the food trucks can't get through, but each week a tanker delivering sorghum beer is driven through unscathed.

It goes through barricades, no-go areas and "firefights", up to the door of the Uledefe beerhall, Mazibuko's "night club."

"No one dare touch the beer truck," one hostel inmate said. "That would mean war."

Since September Lucy Dlamini has not set foot outside the squalid Mazibuko hostel complex.

Although she hates the grey, unpainted walls, the concrete floors, the overflowing toilets, the rubbish-strewn corridors and the tiny room she shares with her six-year-old son Siphiwe, it is her only refuge from the bloodletting that claimed 1 200 lives last year in Katlehong and in neighbouring Tokoza.

She is no stranger to violence. In June she was forced to flee when attackers she claimed were African National Congress supporters torched her house in Katlehong and killed her brother.

Along with scores of other families, Mrs Dlamini, 31, and her husband — both supporters of the Inkatha Freedom Party — with their three children decided to seek sanctuary at Mazibuko.

No sooner had they moved in than alleged ANC members sealed off their access routes, leaving Mazibuko and the Kwesini hostel next door — and their estimated 4 000 residents all but besieged.

What hit them the hardest was the disruption of rail services, their main form of transport.

Jerry Sibiya, the IFP youth organiser in Katlehong, said ANC supporters fired on trains going to Kwesini station — which separates the two hostels — and later took to derailing the convoys and to stealing powerlines.

"Trains stopped running last September," Mr Sibiya said, with residents forced to negotiate with taxi operators for a special service — using back roads to avoid ANC areas — but at three times the cost of a train fare.

"Many people from the hostels couldn't afford the fares, so they lost their jobs," Mr Sibiya said, estimating that only around one quarter of inmates were employed.

"We are trapped here," he added. "The children can't attend the schools in the township like they used to. We can't go to the clinic and the ANC stops the food trucks reaching us."

Workers like Mrs Dlamini's husband return to the hostels only at weekends, sleeping week nights at the factories where they are employed.

"It's very dangerous even to leave here by taxi," Mr Sibiya said, telling of an attack on a vehicle last week in which two hostel residents were killed.

Mrs Dlamini put it simply: "It's like living in a jail."

Katlehong, like Tokoza, is divided in two, with ANC supporters living in one section and IFP supporters in and around the hostels in another, with large no-go areas of deserted, fire-gutted houses in between.

IFP supporters blame the ANC for the violence.

The ANC claims the IFP, with the backing of police riot squads, the Internal Stability Unit, is using hostels as springboards to attack pro-ANC residents.

Violence monitors say the situation has been exacerbated by thugs and rightwingers spreading mayhem in the townships to destabilise the country and upset the election planned for April 27.

ISU Captain Greg Botha believes the easy availability of AK-47s is the reason East Rand townships have turned into killing fields.

"There are a lot of weapons around," Captain Botha said, adding that police confiscated 150 AK-47s in the Katlehong area last year and 12 so far this year.

He estimated that 80 percent of all politically related deaths in Katlehong and Tokoza were due to AK-47s. —Sapa-AFP.

IFP youth leader is shot dead on Rand

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JOHANNESBURG. — An Inkatha Freedom Party youth leader in Alexandra was shot dead by a gunman in the township yesterday evening.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Deon Peens said Mr Simon Mlambo, 28, was approached at 5.40pm by three men.

One man fired a shot, hitting Mr Mlambo in the face, killing him instantly.

It had not yet been established whether the killing was politically motivated.

The Western Cape IFP Youth Brigade said in a statement last night it mourned "the death of our colleague Simon Mlambo".

● In Nyanga a police constable who came under automatic fire yesterday escaped unhurt.

Police said Constable Denzil Fredericks, 23, of the Flying Squad, had stopped at an intersection about 4.40am when he was fired on.

● Police in Durban yesterday reported finding the body of a man who had been shot at a hostel in Umlazi and the death of a man who attempted to rob a policeman of his firearm in Amanzimtoti. — Sapa

'ANC issued rifles to irresponsible SDUs'

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JOHANNESBURG. — African National Congress-aligned self-defence units were issued AK-47 rifles the day before last Sunday's ill-fated visit to Katlehong by ANC general secretary Cyril Ramaphosa and South African Communist Party head Joe Slovo.

Counsel for the police, Flip Hattingh, made the submission at yesterday's hearing of the Goldstone Commission's preliminary inquiry into the fatal shooting of freelance photographer Abdul Shariff during the visit to the East Rand township.

Mr Hattingh said the police had witnesses whose names would be provided to the commission if required, who saw a meeting between the ANC Youth League and SDU members on January 8.

SDU members were allegedly told of the visit and then issued AK-47s.

"I want to submit (from the video material witnessed) what an irresponsible and untrained manner the SDUs go about their business. One only has to look at the action of SDUs to see that they are anything but disciplined soldiers."

Video footage screened to the commission showed several SDU members firing randomly at a hostel.

"One would shudder to think what would happen if Mr Ramaphosa was hit, ... the country cannot afford a situation that followed the (SACP general secretary) Chris Hani shooting," said Mr Hattingh.

Residents terrorised by burnings in

CIAEOD 16/11/93

By MARTIN NTSOELENGOE

BEKKERSDAL residents say they are caught in the crossfire in a "bloody war" between local Inkatha members on the one hand and Azapo and ANC members on the other.

The opposing political organisations are blaming each other for a renewed outbreak of violence, in which many houses and shacks have been burned down and a PAC member was murdered this week.

Local Azapo leader Andy Rammutle's house was destroyed by fire two weeks ago during attacks by a group of unknown people.

But local Inkatha leader Tiny Loliwe denies allegations that the burnings were an attempt to drive Azapo from Bekkersdal. "In fact, my shack and many others were also razed in the fire," she said.

However, she promised to investigate the circumstances around the burnings.

On Thurday last week Azapo member Joe Lamula managed to escape alive after being stabbed and set alight near a squatter camp.

He claims a group of Inkatha members asked him whether he belonged to Azapo. When he said yes, they allegedly said: "Let us kill the bastard."

Lamula was stabbed twice, doused with petrol and set alight. He ran to a nearby house and doused himself with water to quell the flames.

On Monday this week, claims Bekkersdal Azapo organiser Patrick Jolobe, a group of about 200 Inkatha members torched three Azapo members' shacks, including his own.

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Maria Phetoe, a teacher and spaza shop owner, says her shack was petrol-bombed while she was asleep. When she went outside she saw a group of Inkatha youths. She said they told her they were burning her home because she was working with Azapo.

Among the group of youths, she claims, was well known Inkatha Youth Brigade member Temba Nkosi.

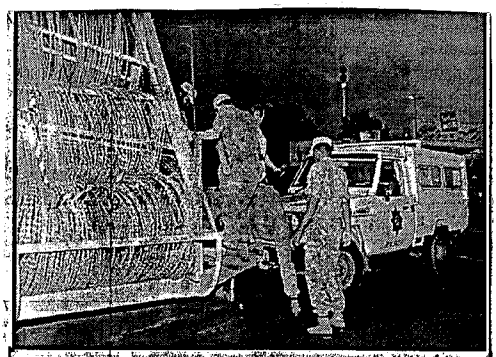
Phetoe put out the fire, but said the group returned later and burned her home to the ground.

Also on Monday, Jimmy Mokgosi, a member of the Pan Africanist Student Organisation, student wing of the PAC, was shot dead.

Mokgosi and two friends had allegedly refused to join attacks on Inkatha members by Azapo members.

Mokgosi's murder was confirmed by West Rand police public relation officer Major H Bester. Bester said many of the incidents were not reported to the police, probably because victims were afraid of retaliation.

Bekkersdal war



BARRICADES: Police unravel barbed wire in preparation for the Zulu march on the Union Buildings in Pretoria.

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Plan to contain E Rand violence this week — FW

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PRETORIA. — A plan to contain East Rand violence might be announced some time this week but all parties should be part of the sdlution.

President De Klerk said this after a two-hour meeting with ANC leader Nelson Mandela today.

Mr De Klerk said no final decision had been reached. "It is not a problem to be solved bilaterally."

Mr De Klerk said he had discussed with Mr Mandela plans to address the East Rand issue but the Transitional Executive Council, peace structures and IFP leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi had also to be consulted.

Mr De Klerk hoped that this week the government would be in a position to announce specific plans to stabilise the area and to address the socio-economic collapse.

Mr De Klerk also met French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe today. Mr Juppe announced that France would be doubling its bilateral co-operation with South Africa this year and that, significantly, the Caisse Francaise Development, the French development organisation, had been authorised to operate in South Africa.

Chaos as Zulus trek to Pretoria

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☐ 20 000 converge on Union Buildings to pay homage to their king

The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — Police reported widespread destruction, violence and intimidation in townships across the Reef today as thousands of Zulu traditionalists stayed away from work and converged on Pretoria to pay homage to their king at the Union Buildings.

By midday at least 20 000 had arrived at the Union Buildings — many of them from Natal while others came from Reef townships.

The thousands of Zulus, brandishing traditional weapons, marched on the buildings past heavily-armed police and army troops to greet King Goodwill Zwelithini as he arrived for a meeting with President de Klerk.

Several people were reported killed on the East Rand and in Alexandra as violence spread right across the Reef.

And more violence is feared this evening as reports filtered through of young township residents preparing to gather at stations and taxi ranks to unleash their revenge on the returning marchers for this morning's mayhem.

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Picture: The Argus Group Picture Service

ON THE MARCH: Thousands of Zulus — most of them in traditional dress and carrying cultural weapons — march on the Union Buildings in Pretoria where the Zulu King and President De Klerk were due meet today.

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Thousands of the marchers and those manning barricades and seen hijacking vehicles were wearing IFP T-shirts.

As reports of destruction spread, so did those of killing and intimidation.

In Vosloorus on the East Rand, two men and a 10-year-old girl were murdered in a car outside the Tudor factory. Another two men were shot dead nearby — apparently on their way to work.

Another man was shot dead in Katlehong and another was beaten and hacked to death in Actonville.

Commuters at the Daveyton Station were fired at by gunmen with AK 47 rifles.

In Alexandra, north of Johannesburg, at least two people were reported murdered. Police said seven houses and several shacks were burnt down as a throng of marchers moved through the township from the Madala Hostel. Gunfire rattled through the township throughout the morning.

Hundreds of angry commuters who were unable to get to work said they objected to the intimidation which has accompanied today's stayaway call.

Long queues stretched at the Baragwanath taxi rank as commuters sought taxis to take them to Johannesburg.

Police surrounded the Union Buildings and the station with razor wire and warned commuters to keep away from the route between the buildings and the station.

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GATHERING: Zulus gather outside the Pretoria station in readiness to march to
the Union Buildings today.

Violence on Reef as Zulus go to greet king

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Razor wire trucks were in position at every intersection along the route.

Chanting supporters, brandishing spears, knobkerries, assegais and shields, lolled on the grounds in front of the Union Buildings while others continued to arrive.

In townships around Johannesburg and the East Rand, police said workers were being turned back on their way to work and their buses, minibuses and private vehicles were being hijacked and burnt.

Police spokesman Deon Peens said taxis were being stopped outside hostels, mainly in Katlehong, Thokoza and Daveyton. He said passengers were assaulted and shoved out of the taxis, which were then taken into the hostel compounds to be used as transport to Pretoria.

Hospitals on the East Rand reported their casualty wards were packed.

On the Old Potch Road near Diepkloof hostel, groups of men laid stone barricades across the street. Diepkloof residents said early morning commuters ran a stone-throwing gauntlet until police arrived.



Solving E Rand conflict spotlighted by TEC today

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JOHANNESBURG. — Progress in curbing violence on the East Rand will be discussed today by the Transitional Executive Council.

The TEC last week appointed a two-member committee to evaluate the situation and to report back on the implementation of steps.

At its meeting last Tuesday the TEC agreed that:

- Community services be restored.
- The security situation, specifically around hostels, be attended to.
- Residents, who have evacuated their homes, be escorted to their houses and be assisted with repairing them.
- Concerns about the Internal Stability Unit and police be attended to.

The committee, comprising government constitutional adviser Fanie van der Merwe and the ANC's Mac Maharaj, is to evaluate the implementation of these steps and to recommend further measures.

Seven killed in E Rand violence

JOHANNESBURG. — Seven people were found dead in East Rand townships yesterday and 19 people have died in the area since Friday, police reported.

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The bodies found yesterday included that of a 10-year-old girl who was found shot in an abandoned vehicle in Vosloorus.

Two people were allegedly shot and wounded by police who were attempting to disarm mourners at the Katlehong funeral service of Mr Fanyana Banda.

The witness said ANC Women's League president Mrs Winnie Mandela was to address the mourners but did not because of the shooting.

Police patrols came under fire in 12 separate incidents and two SAP members were injured in an attack in Katlehong before dawn on Saturday.

Fourteen men have been arrested in Daveyton on the East Rand in connection with several murders and attacks on police.

● Two men were shot dead and four wounded yesterday in a shootout at Matatiele, in East Griqualand, following an argument between taxi and bus drivers. — Sapa

E Rand: 'ISD go tomorrow'

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ANC leak news of immediate withdrawal

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The SAP's internal stability division will be withdrawn from all East Rand townships by tomorrow and all hostel dwellers in these townships' hostels without the required permits will be evicted.

This is part of the comprehensive peace plan being finalised between President F W de Klerk and ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela, according to ANC PWV deputy secretary-general Mr Obed Bapela.

Mr Bapela said the ANC had held meetings with members of the self-defence units on the East Rand on Sunday and they had agreed that policemen were not to be regarded as targets.

He also urged the community to prepare to welcome the SADF into the townships when they are deployed this week.

Mr De Klerk and Mr Mandela met early yesterday in the hope of finalising the plan but could not complete the task. Further meetings are scheduled for later this week.

Spokesmen from both camps yesterday refused to discuss details, citing an agreement between them not to disclose details until final agreement was reached.

However, Mr De Klerk did lift the lid on some of the proposals in response to questions after the meeting. Among these was boosting security force manpower and making a concerted effort to address socio-economic problems in the townships.

Mr De Klerk said that solving violence had to be tackled on an all-inclusive basis with all parties that have a direct or indirect bearing on violence being consulted, including the Inkatha Freedom Party and its leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

In response to a question on the ISD, Mr De Klerk said specific steps to ensure the strengthening of security manpower, especially the levels of the SADF's role, were being looked at.

Socio-economic problems such as housing and education would also be addressed effectively to stabilise the East Rand.

● The Democratic Party said yesterday the Transitional Executive Council should devise satisfactory mechanisms to monitor the activities of SDUs.

"It makes this request both in the interests of restoring peace to areas in which it is currently impossible to conduct a free and fair election, and in the interests of equity, since if other police forces have to be monitored, the SDUs ought likewise to be monitored," a letter from the Democratic Party to the TEC said.

The party accepted that in some areas SDUs performed a useful and necessary role in providing policing.

However, the situation was exacerbated by the fact that SDUs were perceived, rightly or wrongly, to be politically aligned to the ANC alliance and that by its own admission, the ANC recognised that some SDUs were out of control. — Own Correspondent, Political Staff

ANC rolls out red carpet for SADF

JOHANNES NGCOBO BDay

THE ANC is organising a series of rallies in East Rand townships to welcome the SADF troops it says will be deployed in the strife-torn area in place of the SAP's controversial internal stability unit. 19/11/94

ANC PWV deputy secretary-general Obed Bapela said he was expecting a formal announcement soon on the unit's withdrawal from Thokoza and Katlehong. He said this was part of the peace plan forged recently by President F W de Klerk and ANC president Nelson Mandela. (2-18)

"We are awaiting the final agreement and the announcement. Then we are going to organise huge rallies aimed at introducing SADF members into the East Rand communities," Bapela said.

The rallies would be aimed at achieving a spirit of co-operation between the security forces and the community.

ADRIAN HADLAND reports from Pretoria that the Transitional Executive Council yesterday proposed setting up a multiparty body to co-ordinate and manage the urgent rehabilitation of the East Rand. While the TEC would "drive the major initiative and take ownership of it", the new body would include parties not represented on the TEC, such as the Inkatha Freedom Party, local authorities and civic organisations.

The two TEC management committee members investigating the situation on the East Rand — the ANC's Mac Maharaj and government's Fanie van der Merwe — were this week told by peace secretariat

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head Antonie Gildenhuys that Inkatha had to be included if a solution was to be found.

The multiparty body would take into its ambit any existing or proposed plans for the East Rand, including the strategy being discussed by De Klerk and Mandela.

"We need a single structure in charge," Maharaj told the TEC at its weekly session last night. The body would co-ordinate the implementation of rehabilitation plans and would be able to override other structures or call for their assistance. (2-18)

He compared the concept to the declaration of a disaster area in California after Monday's earthquake, when a single task team was placed in charge of operations.

Maharaj said particular "nodes of instability", such as hostels in Katlehong and Thokoza, could be identified. If the problems in these areas, including severe social difficulties such as lack of sanitation, accommodation, electricity, employment and security, could be tackled quickly and effectively, these benefits would filter into the surrounding communities.

While different problems were experienced in different areas, it was essential that a single, achievable plan was formulated for the region as a whole.

Government's Roelf Meyer supported the multiparty approach.

ANC delegate Cyril Ramaphosa said the TEC would be legitimised if it acted quickly to stabilise the situation. Bringing peace to the East Rand was essential if voting was to take place in the region.

Maharaj said Eskom had announced it would "spring into action" to provide electricity to East Rand residents. It could begin work in a week and could provide connections at R30 a household.

Meanwhile, the SAP yesterday reported that three bodies had been found in Katlehong. Another man was killed in a gunfight with police. Several other attacks on police were reported in Katlehong, Thokoza and Daveyton but no one was wounded and no arrests were made. A number of violent incidents were reported on the East Rand on Monday night, some apparently connected to the Zulu march in Pretoria.

Sapa reports that a Red Cross team was forced to withdraw from Katlehong on Monday after one of its vehicles was stoned and a volunteer slightly injured. The International Committee of the Red Cross said the team had been assigned to provide first-aid at a funeral, but had been prevented from reaching people who had been wounded.



Bid for Bekkersdal peace

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■ BY MONTSHIWA MOROKE

United Nations monitors have joined a local interim peace structure in Bekkersdal on the West Rand, and there is already optimism that the situation could return to normal. (2-18)

On Monday the UN team joined the local monitoring committee to observe the safe return of Kgothalang Senior Secondary School pupils as they trickled back to school for registration.

Violence has split Bekkersdal in two and left at least 15 people dead since December 18.

On Friday, the Ministers' Fraternal, a group of clergymen, invited Azapo, PAC, ANC, IFP and taxi association officials to a meeting where two representatives from each organisation were elected to the committee.

A spokesman for the clergymen said the committee's objective was to work towards peace.

Parents have also been invited to join this body, and hopes are high that the invitation will be extended to the Wits-Vaal Peace Secretariat.

TEC report on E Rand describes devastation

■ BY ESTHER WAUGH
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A report detailing the horrific situation on the violence-torn East Rand has been presented to the Transitional Executive Council. Star

A co-ordinated all-party initiative to bring peace to the area is still being worked on.

The report details conditions which sketch a deeply divided and devastated area. 19/11/94

It was compiled by the TEC's joint executive secretaries — Government constitutional adviser Fanie van der Merwe and ANC negotiator Mac Maharaj — after a visit to the East Rand last week.

This visit followed a TEC decision last week that urgent steps must be taken to curb violence in the area. (278)

Presenting the report, Maharaj said it was imperative that the TEC initiative be co-ordinated with others, including the composite De Klerk-Mandela peace plan.

The TEC decided last night that it should "drive" a co-ordinated multiparty peace plan.

While the TEC is continuing its peace initiative, it is understood that President de Klerk and Nelson Mandela are likely to meet again.

The De Klerk-Mandela plan was discussed on Monday at a meeting between the president and Inkatha Freedom Party leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

De Klerk said the Government would, before the end of the week, announce certain steps to end the violence. These steps are likely to be discussed at today's Cabinet meeting.

Detailing the divisions on the East Rand, Maharaj told the TEC that strangers entering "IFP territories" were tested to see whether they supported the party, and if they

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failed, the likelihood of surviving was "slim". In "ANC territories" strangers were tested on whether they supported the IFP.

Describing a "dead zone" near hostels, Maharaj said abandoned vehicles remained there without anything stolen from the cars. The police station in Tokoza had "nothing to do" and "no one goes there to file complaints". (278)

Turning to the hostels near the Kwezini railway station, he said two were vacant after residents had driven out the hostel dwellers.

In Phola Park there was no water, garbage removal or sewerage, he said.

The squatter camps at Mandela Park, Holomisa Park and Tambo Camp were situated on a river bed and unsuitable for permanent housing. Eight taps served all the residents in Holomisa Park.

In non-IFP areas, schools were functioning but in the IFP areas no schooling was taking place as women and children had been sent out of the area.

Maharaj said it seemed that the residents were caught up in a war psychosis.

All residents on the East Rand despaired that any solution could be found, he said.

The same situation pertained to members of the SAP's Internal Stability Unit. "They don't know what they should be doing."

On a daily basis they collected bodies. After receiving reports of conflict in the area, they tried to find the culprits to hand over to the SAP. The ISU was in a situation where it could not see the results of its work, Maharaj said.

14 held on East Rand

JOHANNESBURG. — Fourteen people, including seven self-defence unit members, have been arrested in Daveyton on the East Rand in connection with several crimes, including attacks on policemen and the murder of civilians. CT 19/1/94

A Red Cross team was forced to withdraw from the East Rand township of Katlehong on Monday afternoon after one of its vehicles was stoned and a volunteer was slightly injured.

A minibus taxi driver was shot dead by a passenger who held him up on the Swartkoppies road in Alberton yesterday. (278)

Four more people were killed and four wounded in separate incidents in East Rand townships on Monday.

One of the dead was a man killed in Katlehong when police returned fire after gunmen opened fire with automatic weapons.

● At least five people were killed in violence in Natal on Monday, police reported. — Sapa

Alliance, govt 'hopeful'

JOHANNESBURG. — The government and the Freedom Alliance are optimistic that today's trilateral meeting with the ANC could make substantial progress towards reaching an agreement on changes to the constitution.

It is also expected that the impasse reached last year, over the commitment the government and the ANC were demanding from the Alliance, could be amicably resolved. Good progress could result in today's four-hour meeting continuing tomorrow.

Alliance chairman Mr Rowan Cronje said yesterday that at Friday's informal meeting "we found a way of entering into real negotiations on the matters on the table", adding that the commitment had not been raised.

A senior government source said: "The possibility of reaching agreement is definitely there."

TEC locks horns with Bop

PRETORIA. — A showdown between the government, the Transitional Executive Council and the Bophuthatswana government is imminent.

The TEC yesterday asked the government to protest strongly at Bophuthatswana's harassment and deportations of activists and its clampdown on free political activity.

The ANC's Mr Cyril Ramaphosa said the TEC's aim of promoting free political activity was violated by Bophuthatswana.

The TEC also decided to examine resistance to its authority by other "self-governing territories".

The TEC yesterday considered a Lawyers for Human Rights (LHR) report, "Pre-election crisis in Bophuthatswana", which said it would be "impossible" to hold free, fair elections there.

"Prospective voters are harassed and intimidated . . . political parties are not allowed to hold meetings," LHR said, adding that Bophuthatswana was blocking voter education and detaining activists.

Electoral court men approved

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The TEC has approved appointments to the special electoral court and to the independent media commission.

The court will hear appeals from political parties, groups or individuals concerning TEC decisions.

Mr Justice I Mahomed of the Transvaal and advocate Mr Jan Heunis of the Cape Bar were appointed by the TEC while Judges J W Smalberger, J M Didcott and P J van der Walt were Judge President appointees to the court.

The Independent Media Commission will be chaired by Judge J Trengove and comprises Namane Magua, Raymond Louw, Willem de Klerk, Jenny Malan, Zubeida Jaffer and Libby Lloyd.

An interim party liaison committee was also established yesterday.

Peace plans for E Rand

TEC agrees on task force

PRETORIA. — Plans for a multi-party initiative to bring peace to the East Rand swung into action at a Transitional Executive Council meeting yesterday.

Clear indications of the final plan emerged in a resolution adopted by the 19-member council.

While the TEC would "drive the major initiative and take ownership of it", the new body would include parties not represented on the TEC — including the Inkatha Freedom Party, local authorities and civic organisations.

The council recommended that a multi-party task force be empowered to draw up a development programme for all the townships.

The overall plan is expected to involve the withdrawal of the controversial internal stability division from the area, to be replaced by the South African Defence Force; the possible dismantling of the equally controversial self-defence units; upgrading hostels, and ploughing money into the community to rebuild its socio-economic fabric.

The issue has in the past week been discussed twice by President F W de Klerk and ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela, and by Mr De Klerk, Zulu King Goodwill Zwelethini and IFP president Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

The government's Mr Fanie van der Merwe and Mr Mac Maharaj of the ANC, who visited the East Rand last Thursday, told of a devastated community.

Mr Maharaj said that between the opposing factions were tracts of no man's land where houses and cars had been gutted.

"A completely dead zone," he said. "No one, no matter who they are, can go in there. Only insane people — recognised by both sides to be so — could survive."

● The TEC has made a further demand that the KwaZulu Police Commissioner, General Roy During, should appear before the council to discuss the presence of hit squads in his force. — Sapa, Own Correspondents

Mutineers, army battle in Maseru

MASERU. — Mutinous soldiers in Lesotho and troops loyal to the government exchanged gunfire here for an hour yesterday.

Former Lesotho Royal Defence Force commander Lieutenant-Colonel Paepae Mothakathi was wounded, and South African Foreign Affairs Minister Mr Pik Botha arranged for him to receive urgent medical treatment in South Africa.

Mr Botha sought a commitment from Col Mothakathi to urge his supporters in the LRDF to cease all armed activities and resolve their problems peacefully, said a statement by the SA Foreign Affairs Department.

The LRDF fired shells yesterday at a faction in the Makhoane barracks. The shelling appearedto have stopped by 5pm, the statement added.

Witnesses said the rebels, whose demand for a 100% pay rise first sparked fighting last Thursday, now appeared intent on overthrowing Prime Minister Mr Ntsu Mokhehle.

Maseru residents said mutineers were forcing their way into shops and homes near their barracks to demand food and drink. Rebels appeared to outnumber loyal troops, they added.

Mr Mokhehle is due to meet opposition politicians today to discuss the crisis.

Alexandra's hard-won peace shaken by violence

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JOHANNESBURG — The peace for which Alexandra township, north of Johannesburg, worked so hard most of last year has begun to disintegrate and residents fear the return of terror has begun.

Three men have been killed, several injured and others beaten in the township over the past four days.

Hostel and shack dwellers have not forgotten the violent days in the squatter camp during the first two years of the 90s, when running battles between African National Congress and Inkatha Freedom Party supporters cost many lives.

Trouble started last Friday after a popular IFP leader in the area, Simon Mlambo, was killed.

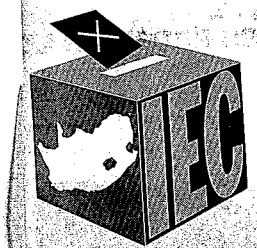
Violence erupted early on Monday as hundreds of Zulus made their way to Pretoria to attend the rally after Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini's meeting with President De Klerk.

A man was killed on the corner of Third Avenue and Rooseveld Street, seven shacks were razed and several cars were set alight.

Yesterday IFP representative from the hostel Phillip Ndlangla-mandla confirmed an that an IFP supporter was killed at a taxi rank on the Old Pretoria Road running next to the township.

Zulus living in the hostel told stories of intimidation, harassment and assault by township residents.

With her face swollen, Elsie Mathuja, 32, of Randburg described how a group of schoolboys had beaten her and seven other commuters at a taxi rank in Alexandra. — Sapa.



TEC hears report on East Rand violence, devastation

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□ Multiparty plan for peace in area still being worked on

Political Staff

JOHANNESBURG. — A report detailing the horrific situation on the violence-torn East Rand has been presented to the Transitional Executive Council (TEC) — but a co-ordinated all-party initiative to bring peace to the area is still being worked on.

The report details conditions which are virtually akin to those in civil wars and which indicate a deeply divided and devastated area.

The report was compiled by the TEC's joint executive secretaries — government constitutional adviser Fanie van der Merwe and African National Congress negotiator Mac Maharaj — after a visit last week to the East Rand.

This visit followed a TEC decision last week that urgent steps be taken to curb violence on the East Rand.

Presenting the report, Mr Maharaj said it was imperative that the TEC initiative be co-ordinated with others, including the composite De Klerk-Mandela peace plan.

The TEC decided last night that it should "drive" a co-ordinated multiparty peace plan.

While the TEC is continuing its peace initiative, it is understood that President De Klerk and ANC leader Nelson Mandela are likely to meet again before the end of the week.

The De Klerk-Mandela plan was discussed on Monday at a meeting between the president and Inkatha Freedom Party leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

Mr De Klerk said the government would announce certain steps to end the violence before the end of the week. The steps are likely to be discussed at today's cabinet meeting.

Detailing the divisions on the East Rand, Mr Maharaj told the TEC that strangers entering "IFP territories" were being tested on whether they supported the party. If they failed, the likelihood of survival was "slim".

In "ANC territories", strangers were tested on whether they supported the IFP or not.

Turning to the hostels near the Kwezini railway station, he said two were vacant after residents had driven out the hostel dwellers.

The areas where the hostels were located were "major security problems" with immense health hazards and no garbage removal.

In Phola Park there were no water, garbage removal or sewerage services, he said.

The squatter camps at Mandela Park, Holomisa Park and Thambo Camp were situated on a river bed. Eight taps served all residents in Holomisa Park.

In non-IFP areas shools were functioning but in the IFP areas no schooling was being held after women and children had been sent out of the area.

Mr Maharaj said it seemed the residents were "caught up in a war psychosis".

Of the police Internal Stability Unit, Mr Maharaj said: "They don't know what they should be doing."

He said they collected bodies on a daily basis. The police were in a situation where they could not see the results of their work, in spite of trying to find the culprits in conflict situations.

The Independent Electoral Commission Act also gives the IEC the power to impose fines or prison sentences on people disrupting the elections, to delete names from the lists of candidates and to disqualify political parties.

Mr Justice Kriegler said that although the responsibility to maintain law and order during the elections lay primarily with the police and political parties, the IEC would take its own steps to ensure the safety of voters at the polls.

The IEC was also duty bound to provide an opportunity to voters from Bophuthatswana to vote — regardless of whether or not the nominally independent homeland decided to take part in the election.

ter tavern shooting

ARG 20/1/94

SHARON SOROUR and DAVID YUTAR
Staff Reporters

TWO Pan-Africanist Congress office-bearers and three other men appeared in the Cape Town Magistrate's Court today in connection with the Heidelberg Tavern massacre last month.

Brian Vuyisile Madasi, 22, Zola Mabala, 20, Richard Madoda Dala, 46, Theo Thobile Mabusela, 37, and Nkosinathi Michael Siyolo, 42, were not asked to plead and no charges were put to them.

Mr Mabusela is the PAC regional chairman and Mr Siyolo the regional organiser.

According to the charge sheet, the five face four counts of murder and one of terrorism.

Three women died when gunmen burst into the Heidelberg Tavern in Observatory on December 30 and opened fire on customers. A man was gunned down in the street outside.

Magistrate V R Gibson adjourned the hearing until February 3.

Defence lawyer N J Yekiso failed to arrive in time and the hearing went ahead without him.

There were no protesters in the court or outside, where police cordoned off Parade Street and maintained a strong presence.

Prosecutor Willie Viljoen asked that bail be withheld pending an appeal to the Attorney-General to refuse bail.

He asked Mr Gibson to adjourn the hearing for 14 days.

He said no formal bail application had been made yet, but the attorney-general would be asked to issue a certificate against the granting of bail in terms of Section 61 of the Criminal Procedure Act and the five should remain in custody.

Mr Viljoen asked the court to order the Press not take or publish photographs of the men in this period.

"Identification parades have yet to be held and we don't want pictures of the accused to appear in the Press at this stage."

Mr Viljoen said that as the men's attorney was not in court, he wanted it brought to their attention that they had the right to make representations to the Attorney-General about bail. This should be done before February 1 for the matter to be considered properly by the Attorney-General.

When Mr Gibson asked whether the five, who followed proceedings through an interpreter, had anything to say, Mr Madasi asked why they could not get bail today.

Mr Gibson said the reason had already been given by Mr Viljoen.

Mr Gibson agreed to postpone the case for further investigation and ordered that the five remain in custody.

He told them that if they had listened carefully to the submissions by Mr Viljoen, they would understand that he could not fix bail for them, but they could apply to the attorney-general before February 1.

"I am furthermore convinced that when Mr Yekiso joins us, or takes instructions, he will inform you what approach to take as far as bail is concerned.

"As far as the ever-present Press is concerned, I make an order that no photographs be taken or published at least until further notice."

Mr Mabusela asked if it was possible for the court to be adjourned "for a moment" to see if their lawyer would arrive.

Mr Gibson told him that that moment had already been extended from 8.30am to 9am and arrangements had been made with the attorney about their appearance today.

He explained that Court 13 had a full roll and "we can't sit around and wait for Mr Yekiso ... when he does come, I am sure he will hasten to join you".

The four others had nothing to say.

During the hearing the five stood expressionless in the dock, most of them looking straight ahead. Mr Siyolo, who has a damaged left eye from an old injury, kept on looking around him.

The five were casually dressed in open-necked shirts or T-shirts. Mr Mabusela had cotton wool in his left ear.

● The Supreme Court today extended until Sunday the detention under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act of Mr Mabusela and Mr Siyolo.

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Joint patrols for East Rand peace?

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An East Rand peace initiative proposes patrols made up of of hostel-dwellers, self-defence units and police. But getting Inkatha to participate could prove difficult, reports **Stephen Laufer**

JOINT patrols by the South African Police, hostel-dwellers and self-defence units are being discussed as a possible element in the overall peace plan for the East Rand presented to President FW de Klerk by African National Congress president Nelson Mandela, say informed sources.

Government and ANC spokesmen remained unusually tight-lipped after the meeting, insisting that any breach of confidentiality could lead to the failure of the initiative. But the *Mail & Guardian* has reliably learned that Witwatersrand police commissioner Lieutenant General Koos Calitz, ANC-PWV chairman Tokyo Sexwale and the organisation's legal advisor, Matthew Phosa, have revived earlier discussions on the joint patrols.

It is unclear whether the plan under discussion would use the joint patrols to replace the SAP Internal Stability Unit in the violence-wracked townships of Thokoza, Katlehong and Vosloorus. Withdrawal of the ISU has for several months been a key ANC demand.

Police are insisting that any joint patrol carry only licensed weapons. The creation of police substations adjacent to hostels as reporting points for the residents is also under discussion. With time, they could be expanded to become fully fledged police stations.

The mixed patrols would be part of a larger peace and development plan for the East Rand currently being formulated by government departments, the ANC and the Transitional Executive Council, which this week heard an emotionally charged account of conditions in the area from Cyril Ramaphosa.

The ANC secretary general called Sunday's shooting, in which he and Communist Party chairman Joe Slovo came under fire and freelance news photographer Abdul Shariff, a woman and a child were killed, an "incident with far-reaching implications."

"Death stalks our people daily," said Ramaphosa, adding that 1 200 residents had died on the East Rand since May last year. Describing the breakdown of the social fabric in the area, he said 13 schools were not operating at all, and 17 churches were unable to hold services.

The TEC appointed its executive secretaries, Mac Maharaj of the ANC and government representative Fanie van der Merwe, to evaluate the East Rand situation before recommending members for a task group which will manage a transformation project for the area.

But it is unclear whether the Mandela-De Klerk peace and reconstruction plan and the TEC project can succeed without the Inkatha Freedom Party. Experts familiar with successful peace efforts in townships such as Alexandra point to the role of the all-in committees as crucial trust-building forums.

Colonel Lee le Crear, who until this week commanded the South African Defence Force group in Alexandra and has now been transferred to the TEC subcouncil on defence, was sceptical. "What made peace efforts succeed was all parties accepting and working in the Interim Crisis Committee, which later became the local peace committee." Having everyone around the table regularly "took the sting out of the punch-up".

With the understanding gained at the round table, the SADF had a basis for a strategy which won the hearts and minds of residents, gaining their trust and helping to reduce violence. Le Crear sent his men into the township on foot with orders to patrol a kilometre in an hour rather than 10 minutes. "Patrol commanders were encouraged to involve as many people as possible in conversation and to listen to their concerns. The soldiers were not seen as targets because we were acceptable to the public."

"Our message to the population was that we were there to help," says Le Crear. "My troops had standing instructions to respond to any call for assistance from residents, however trivial, and irrespective of whether it was our primary responsibility. It is critical that residents who believe in peace feel that they can trust the security forces."

Asked whether a clampdown, including roadblocks and permanent checkpoints near hostels, could defuse the East Rand violence, Le Crear said: "It's possible to put a lid on at any time. But withdraw the soldiers again, and the situation goes pop. Getting the heat out from under the situation is crucial."

European Community Observer

Shooting cover-up alleged in Parliament

BDay 30/6/94

TIM COHEN

CAPE TOWN — The cordial atmosphere of SA's new Parliament dissipated a little yesterday when allegations of a cover-up of the Shell House shootings were made during question time.

Replying to a question from DP leader Tony Leon, Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi said the March 28 "battle for Johannesburg" began when shots were fired from inside ANC headquarters at 52 Plein Street and from its roof. An investigation into the shooting on Inkatha Freedom Party marchers was still in progress and police expected to bring charges once the suspects had been identified and sufficient evidence collected.

Mufamadi denied that police had been refused access to Shell House, saying they had decided to secure the co-operation of the ANC to prevent further incidents, rather than risk a forced entry and search.

Leon read from an internal police memorandum in which police complained that they had been denied access to Shell House despite having made five attempts to gain entry to do ballistics tests.

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Mufamadi said he had no knowledge of the memorandum.

Leon asked if he was aware of a letter sent by the police to President Nelson Mandela, as ANC leader, calling on him to honour an undertaking to ensure that all firearms were handed to police. Mufamadi said he had been told that the ANC had made an undertaking to co-operate. "Until this morning I was assured by both parties that this commitment still stands."

Leon said he had been advised that, "not only has there been no co-operation from

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the ANC, but on April 13 the regional police commissioner was led to believe that Mandela had withdrawn his undertaking".

More requests for co-operation had "met with absolutely no response — save, and except, an intimation from attorneys acting for the ANC that it intended taking no further steps in this matter".

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Leon said he was advised that the real reason for the SAP's failure to arrest anyone for the murders during the Inkatha march was the ANC's refusal to allow access to Shell House, to hand over firearms and registers or to co-operate in obtaining statements.

"ANC actions in this regard amount to, prima facie, a cover-up and an obstruction of justice and hold serious implications for the due process of law and the principle that every person and institution should be subject to the law of the land.

"I call on the Minister to urgently reconsider both his replies given to Parliament and to move promptly to take remedial action to compel the ANC to co-operate with the police," he said.

focus on East Rand

SOWETAN 21/11/94



The key parties in the Transitional Executive Council have decided to take over the Mandela-De Klerk peace plan for the war-torn East Rand. *Sowetan* Political staff member **Donwald Pressly** considers some of the issues:

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ONE could dub it Operation Reconstruction.

The Transitional Executive Council this week set the cogs in motion for a massive programme to normalise the situation in the troubled townships of Vosloorus, Katlehong and Tokoza on the East Rand.

A depressing picture of the conditions in the townships was painted by ANC TEC representative Mr Mac Maharaj, who toured the townships earlier this week with his Government counterpart, Mr SS van der Merwe.

It has been recommended that a single multiparty task force be set up to determine the development needs of the area. It has been proposed that this body "cuts through the red tape" of a multiplicity of municipal structures in the three townships and develop "a holistic" development plan.

The two men started their tour in Khumalo Street, Tokoza. On one side of the street are single story, barrack design hostels, faced with deserted houses — some gutted but almost all displaying signs of battle — and mounds of rubbish.

They crossed a stop street and were informed they were in ANC territory which continued southwards to embrace Phola Park.

This pattern of clearly delineated, politically controlled areas was consistent throughout their tour. No-go areas coincided with the presence of hostels, known IFP havens.

Schoeman Road — parallel to Khumalo Street — dividing Tokoza and Katlehong was the most vivid experience for the two men. The only vehicles that could enter the area near the Tokoza Hostel complex were the armoured vehicles of the peace structures or the security forces.

The same applied to the area around Buyfuthi and Kwesine hostels, Katlehong.

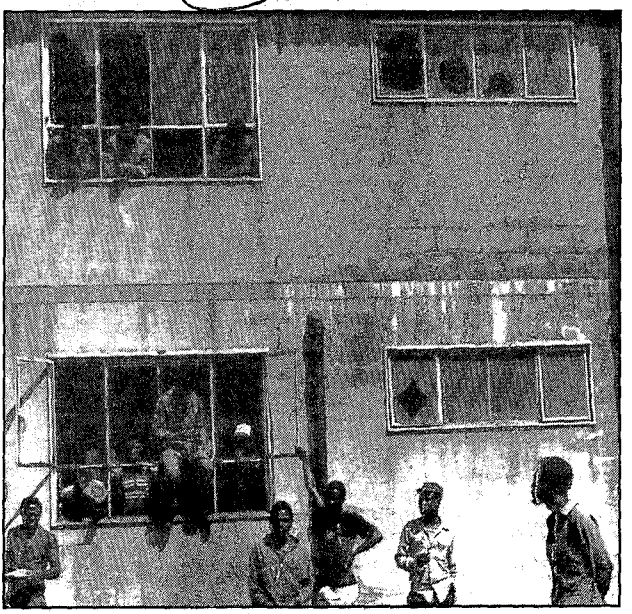
There were areas in Katlehong which had been turned into no-go areas. Ghost towns had been turned into battle grounds.

Another Mandela-De Klerk meeting this week, the deliberations of Cabinet and the State Security Council today and perhaps more consultation with IFP leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi are all focussed on bringing relief to the East Rand.

A hard-hitting report to the Transitional Executive Council yesterday about the stricken area stressed the need to coordinate all these efforts and the word on everyone's lips now is that the plan should be holistic and include urgent socio-economic upliftment.

Government sources remained confident that details of the plan could be revealed before the week was out but no details have yet emerged about what both De Klerk and Mandela have described as a highly sensitive matter.

De Klerk gave an outline of the plan to Mr Buthelezi on Monday and his response was reportedly helpful and useful, according to Government sources.



Kwesine Hostel ... in the heart of the East Rand war zone.

Both De Klerk and Mandela have stressed the need to find an all-party solution to the problem and Buthelezi's cooperation is obviously being sought as the IFP is a major party to the conflict on the East Rand.

The TEC resolved yesterday that it should drive the major initiative and take ownership of the peace plan. While it remains unclear how the Mandela-De Klerk plan and the TEC efforts are being coordinated, Government's Roelf Meyer and the ANC's Cyril Ramaphosa have been party to all developments and no conflict between the various parties has yet come to light.

The Joint Executive Secretaries of the TEC, Mr Mac Maharaj and Mr Fanie van der Merwe of the ANC and Government respectively, produced a shocking report for the TEC yesterday after an inspection tour of their own last week and consultation with bodies ranging from the National Peace Secretariat to the contentious Internal Stability Unit.

Maharaj described a grave situation in which the residents of the areas appeared caught up in a war psychosis, deeply divided between IFP and other camps with dead-zones or no-go areas in between where none but the insane dared venture.

The report focused too on the collapse or absence of services like sewerage, garbage removal and water and Government sources confirmed that working with De Klerk had been all the line ministers involved in a plan to address these basic deprivations as well

There were areas in Katlehong that had been turned into no-go areas. Ghost towns had been turned into battle grounds

New self-defence units spark fear in Vosloorus

Star 22/1/94

HAPPY NKHOMA

RESIDENTS of the tense East Rand township of Vosloorus fear that the self-defence units (SDUs) which were established on Tuesday could help fuel the kind of bloodshed that has become endemic in neighbouring Katlehong. (278)

The troubled residents telephoned the regional ANC office yesterday to protest about the SDUs. The residents said that despite the killings that followed Monday's IFP march, the revitalising of SDUs in Vosloorus had been caused by rumours of an imminent attack from the local hostel.

Weapons seized

"Although there was no call for a stayaway or anything like that, some of the youths stopped taxis this morning and prevented people from going to work," a resident who phoned Saturday Star said yesterday.

Another caller said he was afraid the youths would intimidate or even kill hostel dwellers because of the fear and uncertainty, resulting in retaliation.

● Police arrested 13 people, including a woman, and seized a number of weapons and ammunition during a search of Nguni Hostel in Vosloorus yesterday.

Police spokesman Major Andre Venter said the decision to search the hostel came in the wake of yesterday morning's attack on a minibus in the area.

Five people were killed and nine wounded when three AK-47-wielding gunmen sprayed the minibus with bullets as it drove slowly down M C Botha Drive near the hostel.

Few seek help of Tokoza police

Star 22/11/94

GUY JEPSON

SOMETHING has gone badly wrong when a police station serving 230 000 people crammed into a 7 sq km stretch of township badland receives fewer than 13 criminal complaints a day.

Incredibly, this is the situation in strife-torn Tokoza today.

Statistics obtained from the crime registers of four East Rand police stations — Alberton, Germiston, Tokoza and Katlehong — paint a depressing picture of starkly contrasting perceptions on policing and the credibility of the SAP.

On one level, say violence monitors, they suggest that concerns about crime prevention are dwarfed by the simple needs of daily survival in the embattled East Rand townships.

They also reflect the extent to which routine contact between township dwellers and the police takes place through armoured vehicles of the unrest-fighting Internal Stability Division (ISD), which operates independently of the local police.

Supplied on request to Saturday Star by the East Rand police media liaison section, the figures — for November/December — reflect only formal complaints (signed statements) being investigated by the police station staff members.

In November, 344 serious crimes were reported to Tokoza police station and 380 in December.

In adjacent Alberton — with an officially estimated population of 120 000 — 768 serious cases were registered in November and 733 last month. (The figures for less serious crimes in the two months are 290 and 220.)

In Katlehong — an 84 sq km war zone outside Germiston housing an estimated 615 000 people — there were 609 serious complaints in November and 516 in December.

Germiston police station — responsible for 115 000 people in a 52 sq km area, received 827 serious complaints in November and 807 last month.

Pointing to the ever-present dangers and poor conditions in the two townships, East Rand police spokesman Captain Wikus Weber says many residents are discouraged from venturing out to report offences. "The conditions are so bad that it is dangerous to go out. 'Why should I report that my shack has been broken into?' He would rather leave it."

Weber says this phenomenon is particularly evident from the statistics on less serious crime. "When my neighbour throws a big party, why should I charge him with disturbing the peace if it's going to cost my life?"

After his fact-finding visit to the townships, ANC negotiator Mac Maharaj told the TEC that the Tokoza police station had "nothing to do" and that "no one goes there to file complaints".

Pointing out that the men and women under his command were responsible for "ordinary crime policing" in addition to supporting the ISD, Tokoza's station commander Major Sizathu Funani strongly denied the claim.

"It is not true. As you yourself have seen, there are some people in the charge office who have come to lay complaints — not many, but there were many in the morning."

However, Funani says he is not satisfied with the number of people who come forward to report crimes: "More could come, more could be expected. Probably they have their own protection."

He believes intimidation is a major factor preventing Tokoza residents from reporting crime.

Funani rejects suggestions that the community lacks confidence in the ability or will of his staff to protect them and their property.

Sally Sealey, co-ordinator of the Independent Board of Inquiry, a human rights watchdog which has carried out extensive research in Tokoza, insists there are major problems with the service provided by the police station.

She points to the fact that it is located near the hostels "in the middle of a war zone" and is therefore inaccessible to most township residents, and has a detective branch based several kilometres away.

Sealey adds the station is "hopelessly understaffed" and has a significant credibility problem: "The IFP perceives it as a POPCRU stronghold and the Phola Park people perceive it as an IFP base."

She argues that, largely because of a lack of resources and investigation skills, the service provided by the Tokoza police is poor: "Even if you lay a charge there it's often a complete waste of time."

Citing resource problems and "interference" from (mainly) white-controlled specialist units from outside Tokoza as important obstacles, Sealey says she is reluctant to blame Funani for the station's problems.

Charles Barnard, of the Wits-Vaal Peace Secretariat, says the way in which policing has to take place in Tokoza and Katlehong — where conditions are "totally abnormal" — is often not accorded enough weight.

"It's different from anywhere else. For a policeman to deal with a problem, he only goes out in an armoured vehicle and he only deals with the problem when there is a crisis."

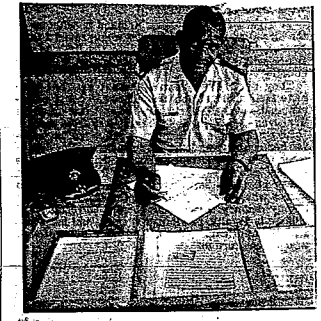
Barnard believes most residents are concerned about the crime rate, but that their priority is "with things like living and mechanisms to ensure the survival".

In turn, the police are often caught in the crossfire during township conflicts.

"They fact that they are there — the fact that young men and women go in there from the safety of their homes — that says a lot," he adds.



IN THE FIRING LINE: Policemen in Tokoza serve in one of the most violent townships on the Reef. ● Photographs: MYKEL NICOLAOU



STATION COMMANDER: Major Sizathu Funani says many people are too fearful and intimidated to lay complaints.

Few seek help of Tokoza police

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GUY JEPSON

SOMETHING has gone badly wrong when a police station serving 230 000 people crammed into a 7 sq km stretch of township badland receives fewer than 13 criminal complaints a day.

Incredibly, this is the situation in strife-torn Tokoza today.

Statistics obtained from the crime registers of four East Rand police stations — Alberton, Germiston, Tokoza and Katlehong — paint a depressing picture of starkly contrasting perceptions on policing and the credibility of the SAP.

On one level, say violence monitors, they suggest that concerns about crime prevention are dwarfed by the simple needs of daily survival in the embattled East Rand townships.

They also reflect the extent to which routine contact between township dwellers and the police takes place through armoured vehicles of the unrest-fighting Internal Stability Division (ISD), which operates independently of the local police.

Supplied on request to Saturday Star by the East Rand police media liaison section, the figures — for November/December — reflect only formal complaints (signed statements) being investigated by the police station staff members.

In November, 344 serious crimes were reported to Tokoza police station and 380 in December.

In adjacent Alberton — with an officially estimated population of 120 000 — 768 serious cases were registered in November and 733 last month. (The figures for less serious crimes in the two months are 290 and 220.)

In Katlehong — an 84 sq km war zone outside Germiston housing an estimated 615 000 people — there were 609 serious complaints in November and 516 in December.

Germiston police station — responsible for 115 000 people in a 52 sq km area, received 827 serious complaints in November and 807 last month.

Pointing to the ever-present dangers and poor conditions in the two townships, East Rand police spokesman Captain Wikus Weber says many residents are discouraged from venturing out to report offences. "The conditions are so bad that it is dangerous to go out. 'Why should I report that my shack has been broken into?' He would rather leave it."

Weber says this phenomenon is particularly evident from the statistics on less serious crime. "When my neighbour throws a big party, why should I charge him with disturbing the peace if it's going to cost my life?"

After his fact-finding visit to the townships, ANC negotiator Mac Maharaj told the TEC that the Tokoza police station had "nothing to do" and that "no one goes there to file complaints".

Pointing out that the men and women under his command were responsible for "ordinary crime policing" in addition to supporting the ISD, Tokoza's station commander Major Sizathu Funani strongly denied the claim.

"It is not true. As you yourself have seen, there are some people in the charge office who have come to lay complaints — not many, but there were many in the morning."

However, Funani says he is not satisfied with the number of people who come forward to report crimes: "More could come, more could be expected. Probably they have their own protection."

He believes intimidation is a major factor preventing Tokoza residents from reporting crime.

Funani rejects suggestions that the community lacks confidence in the ability or will of his staff to protect them and their property.

Sally Sealey, co-ordinator of the Independent Board of Inquiry, a human rights watchdog which has carried out extensive research in Tokoza, insists there are major problems with the service provided by the police station.

She points to the fact that it is located near the hostels "in the middle of a war zone" and is therefore inaccessible to most township residents, and has a detective branch based several kilometres away.

Sealey adds the station is "hopelessly understaffed" and has a significant credibility problem: "The IFP perceives it as a POPCRU stronghold and the Phola Park people perceive it as an IFP base."

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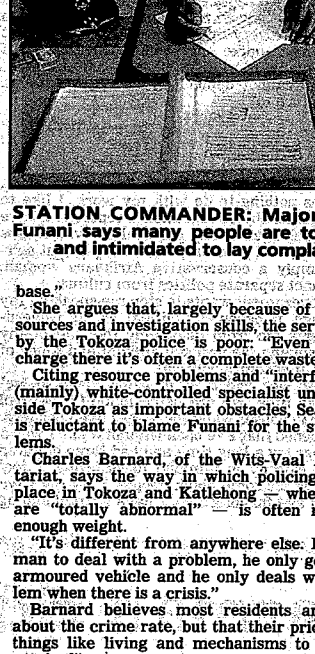

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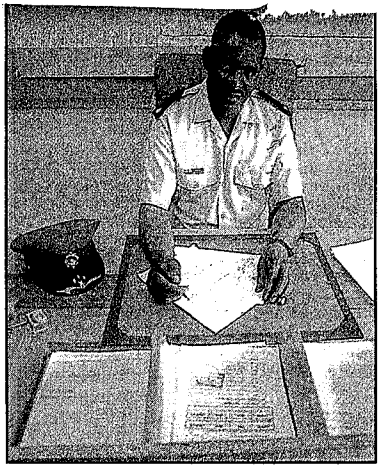

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Charles Barnard, of the Wits-Vaal Peace Secretariat, says the way in which policing has to take place in Tokoza and Katlehong — where conditions are "totally abnormal" — is often not accorded enough weight.

"It's different from anywhere else. For a policeman to deal with a problem, he only goes out in an armoured vehicle and he only deals with the problem when there is a crisis."

Barnard believes most residents are concerned about the crime rate, but that their priority is "with things like living and mechanisms to ensure their survival".

In turn, the police are often caught in the crossfire during township conflicts.

"They fact that they are there — the fact that young men and women go in there from the safety of their homes — that says a lot," he adds.

No finding on who shot photographer

By BARRY STREEK
Political Staff

SELF-DEFENCE units, hostel-dwellers and the police were all criticised by the Goldstone Commission yesterday for a shootout in Katlehong on January 9 in which photographer Mr Abdul Shariff was killed.

The commission had been unable to find whether Mr Sharif and the two other injured journalists were hit by bullets fired from the hostel or by self-defence unit members.

The first shots had been fired from the hostel, but SDU members had shot back "in a completely undisciplined manner".

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The ANC had admitted that no notice of the visit was given to the police or to the Wits/Vaal Peace Committee.

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The commission also said a police presence in the vicinity of Mazibuko Hostel that afternoon "would in all likelihood have prevented the shooting, the death of Mr Sharif and the injury of the two SABC employees.

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Bring in the military Goldstone proposes

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JOHANNESBURG. — The Goldstone Commission has condemned actions by Mazibuko hostel residents and self-defence unit members on the East Rand, and questioned the role of the police in the January 9 Katlehong firefight in which Press photographer Abdul Shariff was killed.

The Commission said yesterday "drastic military action" should be considered to combat South African violence.

Delivering its report on the events during a tour of Katlehong led by African National Congress secretary general Cyril Ramaphosa and SA Communist Party chairman Joe Slovo, the Commission said it had been unable to discover whether Mr Shariff and the two other injured journalists were hit by bullets fired from the hostel or by self-defence unit (SDU) members.

The Commission noted police evidence that SDU members had been "issued with AK47s and told to fire at the hostel" on the morning of the tour.

There was no doubt that the first shots had come from the hostel, and this was "unequivocally condemned".

The Commission also condemned the actions of at least two SDU members who "produced AK47s ... and began firing in a completely undisciplined manner".

Noting the self-confessed "error" by the ANC in failing to tell the police about the visit of top-level officials to Katlehong, it said: "Not only did the ANC have a responsibility to itself to safeguard Messrs Ramaphosa and Slovo, it owed that duty to all of the people of this country. The aftermath of the assassination of the late Mr Chris Hani should be a constant reminder of this."

The ANC had a duty to safeguard people who were obviously going to join the entourage — among them journalists who had actually been alerted to the visit by the ANC via a pager message.

The Commission also said "questions arise as to the failure by the SAP to have taken any appropriate action in relation to the initial shooting".

"In the first place the police officers manning the road-block at the entrance to Katlehong should have reported the presence in Katlehong of a convoy of about 25 vehicles which travelled at high speed and which failed to stop at the road block.

"One wonders why the SAP did not of its own accord monitor the event. If the SAP was not aware of the publicised event, should they not have been? One would imagine that SAP intelligence would have become aware of the event."

The Commission said a police presence in the vicinity of the Mazibuko Hostel on the afternoon of January 9 "would in all likelihood have prevented the shooting, the death of Mr Shariff and the injury of the two SABC employees".

Noting that the ANC erred in not notifying the SAP or the Peace Committee of the visit, the Commission said "the issue which the SAP should consider and investigate, is why they did not themselves take cognisance of the publicised event and why they took no steps to have a presence there".

The Commission said that to combat the country's rampant violence the government and the Transitional Executive Council "should consider the feasibility and practicality of taking drastic military-type steps to remove from certain areas of South Africa all illegal weapons in the possession of any person". — Sapa.

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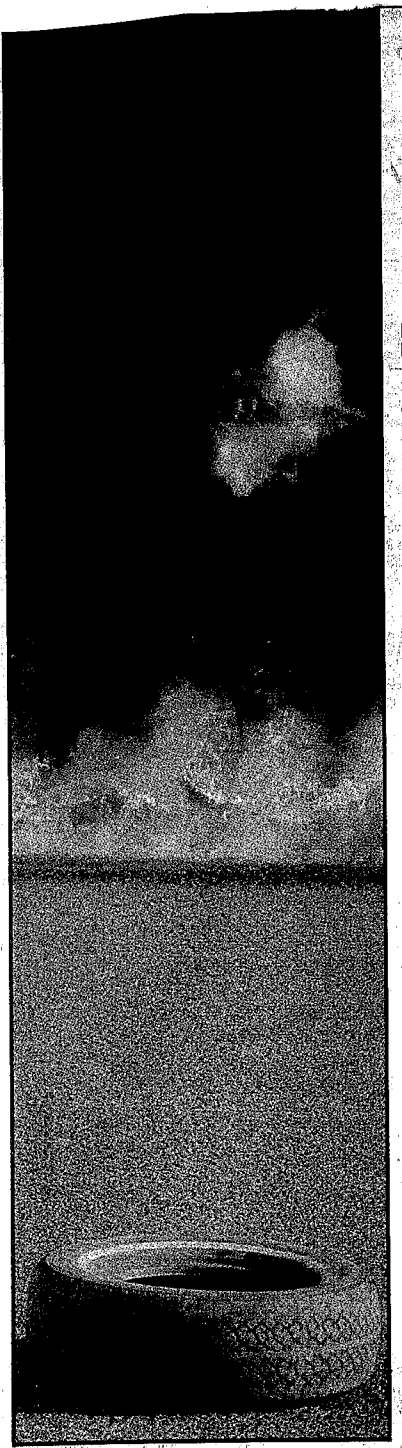


NO GO AREAS ... Mac Maharaj says only the insane dare walk along Schoeman and Khumalo streets in Thokoza.

Streets where no one dares to tread

C/Press 23/11/94

By THEMBA KHUMALO
Political Reporter

VIOLENCE holds Thokoza and Katlehong in a deathly grip that has turned some of the streets into no-go zones, according to a senior TEC official.

Mac Maharaj, of the ANC management committee, led a two-men TEC delegation to assess the situation and recommend to the council possible steps that might end the strife in these East Rand townships.

Reporting back to the council on his findings on Tuesday, Maharaj, who represents the SACP in the TEC, said the townships were in the grip of an appalling war psychosis to such an extent no one dared to venture into Schoeman Street – a no man's land in Thokoza. (278)

"Anyone doing so needs his head examined," he says.

A deathly silence descended on the TEC debating chamber as Maharaj gave his reportback.

An estimated 1 200 victims, most of them women and children, have died in the East Rand townships since inter-organisational clashes broke out three years ago. Thousands were maimed and others went missing. The fighting is mainly between Inkatha and ANC supporters.

Maharaj's account of the area painted a picture of a part of the country which is engulfed in an undeclared full-scale civil war with imaginary street boundaries and regular running gun-battles by rivals of different political organisation on one hand, and the police on the other.

Boundaries

There were two such boundaries in his report that drew looks of extreme worry on the faces of TEC delegates: Schoeman Street, which separates Inkatha and ANC strongholds, and Khumalo Street, which divides the hostel from township houses.

"It's a boundary where only the insane will venture..." Maharaj said.

Women and children across Khumalo Street had fled, leaving only men to patrol the streets with lethal weapons. A complete war psychosis had engulfed the area.

Their houses, some of which had escaped plunder and destruction, had been taken over by Inkatha supporters from the hostel. Cars stood abandoned in yards where houses had been razed to the ground. The area was now virtually an Inkatha stronghold, Maharaj said.

He said the chances of survival of any stranger who strayed into Khumalo Street were "very slim", if the stranger failed a test by his captors.

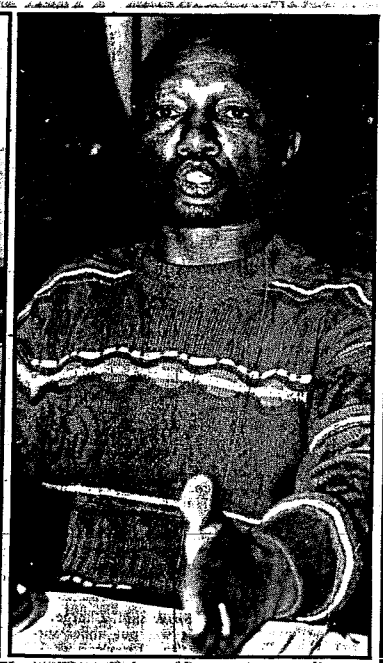
The same applied to anyone who was caught in the ANC strongholds.

The tests, he said, varied according to an organisation that would have captured the stranger. Questions range from politics to the language factor. Supporters of the warring parties also identify one another by the clothes they wear and the way they walk.

After Maharaj's report, Cyril Ramaphosa described the crisis as the "government's baby".



MORE TAXI BLOOD . . . The death vehicle in which six people were gunned down for not obeying hostel warlords' instructions. Some arrests have been made.



LUCKY . . . Driver Oupa Simelane was apparently the main target.

Hostel tactics in taxi bloodbath

By MOSES MAMAILA

THE bloodbath in Vosloorus on the East Rand which left six people dead and nine others wounded this week was apparently sparked by a taxi driver's refusal to obey hostel warlords' instructions for taximen not to ferry township residents.

The driver of the taxi which was ambushed by gunmen wielding AK-47's, this week gave a chilling account of the terror operation.

Detailing the well-planned attack, Oupa Simelane, 42, said the ordeal started at about 5.30am on Friday while he was transporting people to Boksburg.

He said he was driving on the MC Botha road when he drew up at a stop-sign near the Mnguni Hostel. He saw a taxi operator rushing to a minibus parked next to the road.

"The minibus flashed, apparently signalling that I was the correct target. Suddenly I saw eight men, all armed with AK-47 rifles, emerging at the other end of the road.

"The gunmen started firing at my vehicle. They emptied their magazines and there is no doubt that they wanted to leave no survivors," said Simelane.

He said he did not remember how he left the minibus and managed to escape unhurt because there was a lot of firing.

"I was shocked that I survived the attack because I was the gunmen's main target," said Simelane.

Six commuters were not so lucky. They died in the hail of bullets which lasted for at least five minutes.

The wounded were taken to Natalspruit and Boksburg-Benoni hospitals.

Simelane said according to a taxi driver who operated from the hostel, taxis were supposed to start at Somhlolo, a rank next to the hostel.

Simelane opposed this suggestion because township residents would be forced to walk several kilometres to the rank, which was itself not safe.

He said while the "warlords" had wanted to ignite war in the township a long time ago, their plan gained momentum this week when they forced residents to heed a Zulu stayaway call.

In a bid to track down the killers police raided Mnguni Hostel hours after the atttack. Thirteen hostel dwellers were arrested in connection with illegal firearms and dagga.

Vosloorus taxi toll rises to six

Sowetan 24/11/94

THE death toll in Friday morning's attack on a minibus taxi in Vosloorus on the East Rand has risen to six.

A police statement issued said one of the passengers had died in hospital.

The taxi was ambushed at about 5.30am when three men armed with AK-47 assault rifles sprayed the vehicle with bullets.

The body of a man was found on a train at the Johannesburg station at about 10pm on Friday night, Witwatersrand police spokesman Warrant-Officer Andy Pieke said in a statement on Saturday (278)

The statement said the Unrest and Violent Crime Unit were investigating the incident after the man was shot and stabbed on the train. At 7am police found the bodies of two men in Alexandra, north of Johannesburg, at the corner of Ruth and 4th Avenue.

Shortly after midnight a group of about four men armed with pistols attacked and killed Mr Dominique Magakoba (42).

According to the police statement Magakoba was an African National Congress group leader at Ulana near Delmore squatter camp.

The unit has arrested a man in connection with the murder of an Inkatha Freedom Party youth leader in Alexandra two weeks ago. — *Sapa.*

Township youth to combine for peace

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JOHANNESBURG. — Township youth organisations will jointly campaign for peace through education in March.

The Rainbow Youth Peace Campaign, which involves 140 youth organisations, schools and churches countrywide, have planned a series of developmental projects to give youths direction and create an environment of calm, trust and tolerance.

Projects include workshops on education and business, a family picnic and a peace rally.

Youngsters from Johannesburg, Randburg and Sandton suburbs will be invited to tour Soweto to expose them to township life and give themba chance to talk to the community. — Sapa

Weekend violence claims 19 lives

B/Day 25/1/94

AT LEAST 13 people were killed in Natal at the weekend and six in Katlehong, Thokoza and Daveyton on the East Rand, police said yesterday.

Police said they had found the bodies of the six people who died in East Rand violence on Friday night and Saturday.

Nine people had died in two attacks near Durban, they said.

Five people were shot dead on Sunday in Ngonyameni, south of Durban, only days after an attack left four dead.

Maj Bala Naidoo said about 25 men armed with AK-47 rifles, shotguns and pangas had attacked a settlement about 11pm. Two people were wounded.

In the Ndwedwe district north of Durban, four people died early on Saturday when about 500 men attacked a residential area, setting fire to houses and torching the Mavundla store.

According to the Human Rights Commission 130 people died last year in Umbumbulu, the administrative area for Ngonyameni. In the same period 30 people were killed in Ndwedwe.

In other weekend violence a woman, aged 30, was fatally wounded by two gunmen in her home near Hibberdene on the South Coast on Saturday. Her husband escaped injury.

In Ladysmith's Ezakheni township, in the Midlands, a 26-year-old man was shot dead when a gunman burst into his home and opened fire with an AK-47 rifle on Saturday. Another man was wounded.

Const Mbongeni Ernest Sithole was murdered in his sleep by gunmen who burst into his parents' home in the Ekuvukeni area of Dundee, northern Natal, on Friday night, police reported. (278)

And one man was shot dead and another injured in an argument with a security guard in Maritzburg on Saturday.

Two policemen were captured by about 30 armed men in Vosloorus on Saturday night and their police vehicle, a red Volkswagen Fox, was stolen. One of their service pistols was also taken before the policemen were released.

And police also reported that earlier on Saturday the Vosloorus homes of two policemen were petrol-bombed. Damage to the houses had been estimated at R7 000 and R100 respectively.

Also on Saturday a man died and another was seriously injured when shots were fired from a red minibus in Tembisa.

Four men were arrested in Daveyton on Sunday for possession of petrol bombs.

And another seven people were arrested in Daveyton for the illegal possession of firearms.

In Katlehong's Motsomai section, a man was arrested in connection with the murder of a policeman. — Sapa.

Call to discipline pupils

KATHRYN STRACHAN

THE Congress of SA Students (Cosas) has called on teachers to take stronger disciplinary measures against errant pupils in a bid to restore a culture of learning in schools. B/Day

The call, made at a weekend education summit in Soweto, was supported by more than 200 delegates from 12 organisations.

Cosas southern Transvaal chairman Mahlomola Kekana said in an interview respect for adults had been abandoned in schools.

"All this has been done on the pretext that it is in the name of the struggle."

Many teachers feared recriminations if they tried to discipline pupils, and very little punishment was meted out as a result. 25/1/94

At a number of schools discipline had broken down to such an extent that the schools closed daily after only two hours of study.

The situation at schools has dropped to zero, and we need discipline to create new standards," he said.

A code of conduct drawn up at the summit prescribed punishment for offences. However, Cosas opposed corporal punishment on the basis that it was inhuman and that in many cases it allowed teachers to abuse their powers. (50)

Failure to complete homework was singled out as one of the "punishable crimes", while expulsion should be applied only in cases of violent or destructive acts and rape, but never in the case of failure to pay fees, said Kekana.

The summit also addressed the problem of failed matriculants being refused readmission, and reports of irregularities in the process of registration.

Bid to resolve police dispute

B/Day

ERICA JANKOWITZ

AN SAP proposal to relocate an internal stability division unit from Pretoria to a disused army base near Delmas was part of its strategy to deploy personnel in trouble spots in the run-up to elections, a spokesman said yesterday.

He confirmed an SA Police Union (Sapu) allegation that officials had not discussed the move with members of unit 19 before informing them of the proposal. 25/1/94

Sapu and police officials met again yesterday to try to resolve the issue. (25)

Sapu national secretary Peter-Don Brandt said management had undertaken to solve the issue in cooperation with Sapu. But he warned of "confrontation" if personnel were relocated against their will.

*Self-defence units (SDUs) have been at the centre of controversy over their involvement in East Rand violence. **Patrick Laurence** talks to an SDU leader*

ANC has 'nothing to do with SDUs'

Star 26/11/94

The young man smiled as if to imply, politely, that the question was naive, a question which only an outsider could ask.

"No," he replied. "We won't listen to them. They live in the suburbs. They have nothing to say to us."

Siphiwe was seated in a small house in Katlehong, one of the trio of East Rand townships where 1 200 people have been killed in internecine warfare since May last year.

Two young men sat on the couch next to his chair, listening intently to his replies. They, like Siphiwe, were members of a local self defence unit or SDU.

Siphiwe had been asked whether SDUs would disband if instructed to do so by the national leaders of the African National Congress, some of whom live in Johannesburg's mainly white suburbs.

A member of the ANC who later boasted that the ANC branch in Katlehong was the biggest in South Africa, Siphiwe was not being disloyal. He was simply stating that the decision to disband the SDUs would be taken by the "soldiers" on the ground, not the ANC's leaders who lived away from the war zone.

Siphiwe — a fictional name, used in deference to his request not to identify him — had earlier denied that the ANC had been instrumental in forming the SDUs, thus contradicting an ANC document, "For the Sake of Our Lives", calling for the establishment of SDUs and ascribing a central role in their formation to the ANC guerilla army, Umkhonto we Sizwe.

"Nothing at all," he said in reply to a question about what role the ANC had played in the formation of SDUs. It was delivered with the same smile that accompanied his answer that SDUs would not dissolve at the behest of the ANC leadership in Johannesburg.

He denied that SDUs in Katlehong had been formed by, or even with the assistance of, the ANC. Like SDUs as a whole, they fell under the aegis of the South African National Civic Organisation (Sanco), not the ANC.

"There are people in Sanco who are not members of the ANC," Siphiwe added. "There are members of the PAC and Azapo ..." To illustrate his point he identified one of the men on the couch as a PAC member.

An inquiry about where they had obtained their weapons brought another smile to his face.

"We bought them," he said. His comrades on the couch nodded in agreement.

"We tried contacting the ANC. They said that they didn't have weapons. They had signed the Pretoria Minute (of August 1990 suspending armed struggle against apartheid). They didn't help us."

The money to buy arms had been raised by the community, Siphiwe added. Reports that township residents were forced by SDU commanders to contribute to the purchase of weapons, or — more crudely — to pay protection money met with the same emphatic denial.

"They trust us," Siphiwe said as a young woman brought us rooibos tea. "We are their soldiers. We protect them."

SDUs had been formed in response to harassment of residents in Radebe, a section rather than suburb of Katlehong, by Inkatha Freedom Party supporters living in migrant worker hostels, he said.

'Aggression'

Siphiwe pointed to water tanks silhouetted against the skyline. They marked the position of IFP-controlled hostels. He recited the names: Kweswine, Buyafuthi, Mazibuko, Ekuphumuleni and "Sun City". Some had acquired notoriety in ANC circles as "IFP barracks".

IFP "aggression" had taken two forms: first IFP zealots had tried to force residents to join Inkatha and then, in 1991, "after the taxi war", they had started attacking township folk.

"We were defenceless. People ran away, to Soweto, to Sebokeng, to Vosloorus. Then last year all the youths went to (the neighbouring zone of) Mavimbela to form an SDU.

"We started using guerilla warfare against Inkatha. We attacked at night. During the day we sent small boys to carry out surveillance of their positions. After two or three weeks we changed our strategy. We decided we must fight them during the day."

In between blowing smoke into the air from his cigarette, Siphiwe related how the IFP was pushed back to hostels on the horizon.

"We push them," he said. His hand orchestrating his tongue, he exclaimed: "We push them. Push, push."

After two months the Rabede section had been recaptured from the IFP, Siphiwe said. The SDU had not suffered a single casualty against 300 for the IFP, he added. "We made sure we killed them."

Then, as Siphiwe narrated it, the war entered a new phase: the IFP regrouped, receiving reinforcements from Natal, and, assisted by policemen from the crack Internal Stability Division, began a new offensive.

Again, according to Siphiwe, the SDUs proved more than a match for the IFP and their allies. "We killed seven of them," he said nonchalantly, referring to the policemen who allegedly helped the IFP by ferrying them to and from the hostels in armoured vehicles.

"We pushed them from Mngadi section back to the hostels," he said of the IFP. "They only have four bases left."

His response to the question of whether he and his comrades had tried to talk to the IFP men in the hostel brought another incredulous smile to his face.

"We can't go there," he said, pointing to the water tanks standing like sentinels on the afternoon skyline. "We tried to go there on Peace Day last September. They fired at us."

He categorically dismissed persistent reports of warfare between rival SDUs in Katlehong and its neighbouring townships, including the "execution" of young men who, late last year were found with bullet holes in the backs of their heads and their hands bound behind their backs. "There is no such thing," Siphiwe declared.

"Gangsters" from outside the area had taken control of a part of Mavimbela and launched an attack on an SDU in Ncala, another section in the trio of troubled townships, he said. They killed an SDU commander over the New Year but the murder was not political, he insisted.

The problem had since been sorted out, Siphiwe said. His comrades on the couch agreed. "We disarmed the gangsters. They fled back to the townships where they came from."

Guards shot to defend Sisulu

JOHANNESBURG. — ANC bodyguards fired shots at an unmarked police vehicle because they feared an attempt on the life of ANC deputy president Mr Walter Sisulu and his wife Albertina.

Giving evidence yesterday at an inquest into the death of one of Mr Sisulu's bodyguards following the incident, fellow bodyguard Mr Reggie Makhubo said at no time did he realise the occupants of the vehicle were policemen.

Mr Makhubo said his colleagues started to fire warning shots at the vehicle, only to be fired back at with what appeared to be tracer bullets.

Mr B Roux, appearing for the two policemen who were in the vehicle, said they were on duty checking for stolen cars. CT 26/1/94

They put a blue light on the roof, fired warning shots and then fired shots at Mr Makhubo's car when he did not stop the vehicle.

When they took the blue light off their own vehicle, they found it was not working.

The inquest continues today before Mr Justice Stegmann and an assessor. — Sapa (278)

East Rand pact on SADF guards

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THE SA Defence Force, SA Police, Inkatha Freedom Party and ANC have agreed that SADF troops will guard refugees returning to their East Rand homes.

The decision was taken at a meeting attended by the ANC, Inkatha and the SADF's 41 Battalion last Friday, said SADF Witwatersrand spokesman Maj Christo Visser.

The battalion had agreed to provide security for people returning to homes vacated during violence in Katlehong and Thokoza.

Visser said the SADF had made the undertaking because it wanted to help the SAP restore normality in the townships by ending violence.

"The SADF has deployed other troops in Thokoza, Katlehong and Vosloorus because the ones that were stationed in these areas have been taken into the national peacekeeping force."

Visser said the army was in the townships to provide security and not to take part in the politics of the area.

He said the troops had agreed to assist people returning to clean their homes before reoccupying them.

ANC East Rand subregional secretary-general Xeba Soyaya confirmed that a meeting between Inkatha and the SADF had taken place last Friday and said members of the army had agreed to guard the refugees when they cleaned their homes this weekend.

He said that after the announcement of the peace plan being worked out between President F W de Klerk and ANC president Nelson Mandela, the ANC would call a series of rallies to welcome troops "and introduce them to the people".

An Inkatha official in Thokoza, Abram Mzizi, said he attended the meeting but as a parent, not an Inkatha member. He confirmed that army members had agreed to provide security in the area.

He said this exercise was to last two weeks, after which a meeting would be called to review progress. If the need still existed, the army would continue providing security.

However, the Inkatha East Rand region accused SADF members of harassing its members in Katlehong and Thokoza.

Inkatha regional organiser Thabani Dlamini said 17 cases of assault and harassment had already been reported to the Thokoza police station. (278)

"SADF members blockaded the only access available to hostel residents in and out of Katlehong," said Dlamini. "This has contributed to hundreds of hostel dwellers, particularly shift workers, losing their jobs," he alleged.

Dlamini said Inkatha was astounded at the sudden deployment of SADF troops without East Rand residents being consulted. "The decision by the TEC to replace the internal stability unit with SADF troops despite our known objections confirms once again widely held suspicions that the TEC is an instrument set up to rubber-stamp ANC demands."

Visser said the SADF "distances itself from any political party and is there to serve the community as a whole". To stabilise the area and keep fighting factions apart, the support of the whole community was needed. Any person assaulted or harassed was free to report this to the police.

Sapa reports that Visser confirmed that troops in Katlehong had blocked some routes yesterday to control the movement of weapons better, but this had been done after discussions with Inkatha and the ANC.

The SADF had also agreed to build another road for hostel dwellers, he said, but was unsure about its progress.

Electricity the green light for peace

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Electrification could be the key to peace on the East Rand, according to a plan presented to the TEC this week. Stephen Laufer reports



Power to the people: Cyril Ramaphosa, Joe Slovo and Mac Maharaj at the TEC this week PHOTO: GUY ADAMS

AS a veteran of the communist movement, the Transitional Executive Council's Mac Maharaj may have had Lenin on his mind as he searched for a peace plan for the East Rand over the past fortnight.

Communism, Lenin explained, is people's power plus electrification. Maharaj is convinced that the comprehensive electrification of Thokoza, Katlehong and Vosloorus will be the key to bringing calm and social justice to the area.

Eskom, Maharaj told the TEC this week, had promised to start electrifying every house in the area within a week of a TEC go-ahead.

The overall solution for the East Rand might lie in the proclamation of a disaster area, said Maharaj. Alluding to the Los Angeles earthquake, he hinted at direct TEC intervention: "In a disaster situation, a single authority has the power to override other institutions and to call on them for help."

The East Rand disaster relief authority is likely to be part of a composite plan due to be published this weekend. It is expected to combine massive funding for urban development projects like electrification with a new approach to security, including the replacement of the ISU by SADF elements and joint patrols by all parties to the conflict.

Maharaj gave a graphic and impassioned report on the crisis in the East Rand townships.

Maharaj painted the picture of an area where water was a precious commodity, railway lines were sabotaged regularly and hostels had become armed encampments.

On a tour of the area, the TEC officials were driven into Schoeman Road, which can only be used by armoured vehicles.

"Any other movement — vehicular or pedestrian — is a guaranteed death sentence, whether from the snipers on the left or on the right. The road is flanked by deserted houses on either side, many gutted and most with bullet marks clearly visible. The eeriness of the situation is made more marked by the visibility of human life at the end of the no-go zone."

The area was such a death trap, said Maharaj, that cars left abandoned were still intact. "No one dares strip them — they know Schoeman Road means death." Maharaj described how one man was allowed to walk through the road freely. Mentally disturbed, he enjoyed the protection of both sides.

Other areas had their own unwritten laws, and not knowing them could — and every night did — mean execution for the unsuspecting. The test in Inkatha-held areas, said Maharaj, was proof of IFP membership.

In the ANC-dominated areas, the test was also IFP membership. "Inkatha members normally face death, but members of other parties such as the PAC are generally safe."

There was a clear correlation between the existence of no-go areas and the proximity of hostels. Buyafuthi hostel, from which shots were fired at Cyril Ramaphosa and Joe Slovo, houses so many weapons that residents were able to sustain a three-hour gunfight with the SADF.

Constitutional Affairs Minister Roelf Meyer told the council R33,5-million had been available for hostel upgrading for some time. "It's been impossible to get consensus on spending the money," he said.

Hostel dwellers had sent their families home. "They are caught in a war psychosis," said Maharaj.

Even without the daily bloodletting, the East Rand was a horrific environment. Phola Park, where shacks had been built cheek by jowl for security reasons, had neither water supply nor sewage and garbage disposal.

Eight taps were available to the thousands living in three other settlements. Formal townships were often without sewage disposal, Meyer said. "Pumping stations have been sabotaged several times. Repairs run at R 1,2-million each time."

Despite signs of civic pride such as neatly kept gardens, said Maharaj, there was widespread despair on the East Rand. "This includes the ISU," he said. "However well-intentioned, the policemen cannot see the fruits of their efforts. Theirs is an aimless task of body collection and running after criminals, where their lives are at risk."

Repair aid for Thokoza

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THE national peace accord's socioeconomic reconstruction and development programme is willing to help pay for repairs to the homes of people who fled the violence in Thokoza.

According to Thokoza local peace committee chairman Phiroshaw Camay, his office was awaiting an estimate of the damage from the displaced community before deciding on the amount needed.

"We would start with at least R20 000," said Camay.

He added that the fund might be increased but said the amount would be determined by the information provided by those displaced.

"What the programme might start

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implementing would be the repairs of window frames, window panes, broken doors and damaged roofs, and the national peace accord socioeconomic reconstruction and development programme has agreed with the principle of paying for the repairs," he said.

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Camay added that at the weekend talks between members of the Inkatha Freedom Party and the Thokoza peace committee would be held with the aim of effecting the return of displaced residents.

Thokoza Town Council treasurer Koos Oosthuizen confirmed the talks were aimed at helping the refugees return to their homes. He said the council would attend the talks to provide details of who lived where.

Oosthuizen added that the council would be unable to help the refugees with repairs because it did not have enough financial resources. Funds would have to be raised elsewhere to assist the process.

ANC PWV deputy secretary general Obed Bapela welcomed the commitment displayed by the national socioeconomic and development programme in trying to alleviate the plight of the refugees.

He called on all Thokoza's displaced families to make information available so that repairs could start.

The Transvaal Provincial Administration was not immediately available for comment.

Education forum may soon die

BIDay 28/11/94

THE National Education and Training Forum, forged last year after months of protest and negotiation to ensure that all role players were represented in education, could come to an end after April 27.

ANC education head John Samuel told delegates at an adult education conference in Sandton on Wednesday the life of the forum was not guaranteed after April 27.

Stakeholders in the education forum include government, business, tertiary institutions, teacher and student organisations and the formal training centres. The conference was organised by Eskom to create a national association of adult education.

Samuel said the role of the new government could not be overlooked. The critical issues for integrated adult education was how it would relate to that government, he said.

KATHRYN STRACHAN

The ANC was committed to launching a programme of adult education, he said, as it was a national priority issue in the task of reconstructing and developing SA.

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As the future of the education forum beyond April 27 was entirely unresolved, plans for a national programme on adult education centred on the forum were short-sighted.

Such an association had to be wary of duplicating existing efforts, but could play a critical role in translating policy into action, he said.

Professional non-governmental organisations would be backed up by a government committed to education and training, Samuel said, and more resources would be made available.

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Policeman admits lie in Sisulu shoot-out case

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SUSAN RUSSELL

A POLICEMAN involved in a car chase and shoot-out with bodyguards escorting ANC deputy president Walter Sisulu admitted in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday that he had asked a colleague to lie in a statement after the incident.

Lt/Sgt Allan Kruger said he asked Sgt Mike Mills to say he had seen a blue light on Kruger's police vehicle immediately after the incident. He had asked Mills to do this after hearing allegations that he had known Sisulu was in the other car and had tried to kill him.

Kruger was testifying at the inquest into the death of bodyguard Ismael Moloane, who was a passenger in the vehicle leading Sisulu's three-car motorcade on the Soweto highway on July 18 last year.

Moloane's vehicle overturned after an exchange of fire with the police car.

Other bodyguards involved have told the court there was nothing to identify the vehicle, which began following them, as a police car, and that they did not see a blue light or registration plates on it.

Sisulu's bodyguards also testified they believed Sisulu to be in danger when the car followed their motorcade. They said warning shots were fired at the unidentified vehicle after it twice tried to draw parallel with the maroon BMW in which Sisulu had been travelling.

According to the police, Kruger and a colleague were on the lookout for stolen cars when the motorcade passed them.

They followed the convoy, verified the registration of the grey Mercedes at the rear with radio COntrol and were trying to get the number of the BMW when the incident occurred.

Kruger said he realised the occupants of the crashed car were not robbers only at the scene of the accident.

Mills, who arrived on the scene after the crash, made a statement that he saw a blue light on Kruger's car.

Kruger said he and Const Stephanus van Rensburg put the blue light on their car after coming under fire. He did not notice whether it was flashing because he was concentrating on the suspect vehicle, as well as shooting and driving.

He realised the light was not working after he stopped. (278)

After hearing the allegations made against him, Kruger realised he was in trouble and told Mills to make the statement.

The policeman told the court he was sorry for what he had done.

"I wrongfully thought it would strengthen our case because there was so much evidence against us."

However, Kruger denied that his car was not bearing number plates on the date of the incident. This would have been a contravention of SAP regulations.

SA soldiers could be peacekeepers in Africa

HARARE — Military experts want to reform SA's army for a future peace-

rector Laurie Nathan told the conference yesterday that SA's national peace-

EC rejects Kagiso Trust bias claims

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LINDA ENSOR

LONDON — The EC would continue to channel funding for SA development projects — about R424m this year — mainly through the Kagiso Trust despite objections from European parliamentarians who felt the trust was biased towards ANC-oriented groups, EC official David Lowe said yesterday. (SAP)

Of the funds voted for the EC's special programme for SA this year, about R385m would be used for development and R39m for the election, said Lowe, EC development commission secretariat principal administrative officer for southern Africa.

The commission had investigated the situation and found no evidence that the funds had been politically misused.

A centre-right group of EC parliamentarians has raised questions in the European Parliament about funding the SA National Civic Organisation, pointing to allegations that the organisation has been involved in intimidation and violence.

Among their concerns was the difficulty that organisations without ANC backing had in getting funding.

International Society for Human Rights director Robert Chambers said EC funding was one-sided. None was given to the Inkatha Freedom Party.

Lowe, rejecting claims that only ANC-affiliated bodies received EC funding, said only Inkatha had complained about bias. The EC, he said, had assured Inkatha that nothing prevented non-governmental organisations from getting EC resources.

Royal Navy returns to SA

Own Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — Cape Town is famous in the annals of Britain's Royal Navy as a recreational port and with the arrival yesterday of two Royal Navy warships putting an end to 27 years of apartheid isolation, the city can expect more visits.

Cape Town is a "first-class recreational port" and more Royal Navy vessels would travel miles out of their way to call there in future, said HMS Norfolk captain James Parowne, after docking in the Victoria Basin yesterday.

The HMS Norfolk's 180-member crew, including 16 female Wrens, lined the decks as the frigate entered port to a 21-gun salute and cheerful resounding greeting from Signal Hill.

The £130m anti-submarine frigate, the flagship of the Royal Navy's frigate fleet, is in Cape Town on a four-day goodwill visit and is accompanied by support vessel RFA Grey Rover.

She carries 32 vertically launched

premises.

nearly all duties on board. Parowne said: "It is delightful to have them. They are very good workers and are given no softer creature comforts. I can't see why we went for 1 000 years without them."

Both vessels will be open to the public tomorrow and Sunday between 1pm and 5.30pm.

They will set sail on Monday at 6am for a one-day visit to Simon's Town before resuming their journey to the Falkland Islands as relief patrol vessels.

Retired naval officers have followed an old tradition and extended offers of hospitality to the crew of the visiting British warships.

Offers of meals, scenic drives, rounds of golf and trips to the winelands have been made by members of the Naval Officers' Association of Southern Africa.

Honorary secretary of the association Ian Rankin said it was a tradition "from

Death threats to black Nat trio

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NELSPRUIT. — The Witbank Peace Commmittee has called for an emergency meeting to deal with threats against blacks visited by National Party leader Mr F W de Klerk during his election tour of the eastern Transvaal yesterday.

NP regional secretary and tour co-ordinator Ms Ria Mills said three men who had welcomed Mr De Klerk to their home in the Hlalanikhale squatter camp, and other occupants of the house, had been removed to safety by the Peace Committee after ANC supporters openly threatened to kill them and burn their house down at nightfall.

Reports that they had been stoned immediately after the visit were confirmed by Mr De Klerk in an address to business leaders later in the day. He condemned the intimidation.

A group of ANC supporters gathered during Mr De Klerk's visit to the men's home and started chanting and singing, at one stage drowning out Mr De Klerk, who made a short speech to the gathering.

Shortly after the tour left, residents turned on the trio but they were removed by security personnel and peace organisers began negotiations with the community, NP security officials said.

One of the three, Mr Simon Masego, said he had joined the NP last year, claiming that NP members "helped me with groceries". NP local organisers denied that anyone was bribed to become a party member. — Own Correspondent, Sapa

Sweeping new plan to crush warlords of the East Rand

By RAY HARTLEY
Political Reporter

GOVERNMENT and ANC negotiators are exploring ways of declaring East Rand townships disaster areas, paving the way for massive SADF intervention and restoration of basic services.

The TEC remained secretive about the East Rand peace strategy this week, saying it had not been completed due to "legal and administrative considerations".

But frantic preparations for the operation, which was initiated by President FW de Klerk and ANC leader Nelson Mandela, continued behind the scenes.

An insider said ANC and government lawyers were seeking ways of avoiding the political fallout that would accompany a local state of emergency by declaring the East Rand a disaster area, possibly by presidential decree.

Such a declaration would have to be made with the full consent of the TEC.

The TEC Act gives the council sweeping powers to "take such steps, including legal steps, in terms of any law or the common law, as may be necessary to give effect to this Act or any decision taken by the council". S/Times

The SADF would use these powers to seal off hot-spots, seize weapons and detain those connected to violence. 30/1/94

A second strategy, to improve quality of life, would then be implemented. This would involve the rapid injection of capital to fund water and electricity supplies. (278)

A source said one of the obstacles to the peace plan was Inkatha resistance.

Heavily armed hostel residents would have to be disarmed by force, possibly leading to armed confrontation with the SADF.

A second obstacle was the ANC's unwillingness to instruct its supporters to hand over their guns to the SADF.

While ANC negotiators accepted that their members would have to be disarmed, they wanted to avoid the political consequences of a public call to disarm.

Sisulu chase: 'No blue light'

JOHANNESBURG. — A policeman yesterday admitted no blue light was used on the police car during the pursuit of and shootout with bodyguards of African National Congress deputy president Mr Walter Sisulu.

"I cannot stand here and lie," Constable Stephanus van Rensburg told the inquest into the death of an ANC bodyguard in the Rand Supreme Court.

He was referring to the issue of whether police were using a blue identification light or not during the shootout between police and ANC bodyguards on the Soweto highway on July 18 last year.

Lance-Sergeant Alan Kruger, who was driving with Const Van Rensburg at the time of the shooting, said earlier that a blue light had been placed on the car's roof during the chase.

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Afterwards

Const Willie Odendaal had told the court he had given Sgt Kruger a blue light after the shooting because the sergeant had asked him for it.

Const Van Rensburg said: "There was never a blue light in our car during the chase. I think someone put it in our car afterwards."

Const Van Rensburg said the only police markings on their car were the number plates and conceded the bodyguards might not have known they were policemen.

Const Van Rensburg said no attempt had been made to show they were policemen. — Sapa

6 die on troubled East Rand

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JOHANNESBURG. — Six bodies have been found in the East Rand townships of Thokoza, Katlehong and Tembisa since about 1pm on Saturday, police said yesterday.

Police also said an assistant constable from Daveyton on the East Rand was shot and wounded in the leg on Sunday.

● In Natal, at least 13 people were killed in violent incidents at the weekend, the KwaZulu and SA Police said yesterday.

In Gamalakhe the unidentified body of a man was found by security forces on patrol on Sunday.

Nearby the decomposed bodies of two children were discovered.

In Chatsworth an unidentified man was attacked and killed by an assailant.

In Umlazi Ms Queen Mhlongo, 23, was stabbed to death by attackers on Sunday.

In Inanda Mr M Mhlaba and an unidentified man died after apparently shooting each other early on Saturday.

In Mtubatuba Mr Bonginkosi Ndaba, 32, was clubbed to death with knobkerries on Saturday.

In Esikhawini Mr Tholakele Ntuli, 34, was stabbed to death during an attack on his home on Saturday. — Sapa

AIDS progression 'showing no let-up'

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EDWARD WEST

CAPE TOWN — The total number of AIDS-related insurance claimants increased 78% over the past year to 603. This indicated there was no let-up in the progression of AIDS through SA's insured population.

This emerged from an analysis by reinsurer Mercantile & General of AIDS or AIDS-related claims reported by the insurance industry as at January 10 1994. Collation of the statistics started in 1987.

Almost half the claimants fell into the 31 to 40 age group and more than 10% were over 50. The average age of claimants was 38 ($37 in 1992). Married claimants accounted for 40% of the total, up from 34% a year ago.

The total Life Office payout on AIDS-related claims now exceeded R30m. Since January 1993 the number of notified AIDS-related claims increased by 375 to 923, representing a 68% increase.

In this time notifications were received dating back to 1991 and the number of claims for 1992 was more than double that reported for the previous year.

This reinforced the view that notification of AIDS claims reached Mercantile & General only six to nine months after being submitted to claims departments. As a result the actual number of AIDS claims in 1993 was expected to exceed 400.

Mercantile & General said a disproportionate increase in married claimants was noticed, while the number of female claimants rose to 11,4% of the total compared with 10,6% by January 1993.

In 1993, 242 new individual life claims were notified. This represented a 74% increase and brought the sum assured related to individual life claims to R21,6m. This was an increase of 56%.

Group life claims increased by 93 or 74%, bringing the sum assured increase to R3,7m. The number of disability claims remained relatively low. Individual disability claims increased to 45 from 30 over the past year, while group disability claims showed a small increase of nine.

The average duration of a policy from inception to an AIDS-related claim stage was still low at 5,13 years. More than 60% of all claims occurred within five years of inception.

Mercantile & General said it was surprising that so many early claims were being notified, taking into account the strict underwriting with respect to AIDS, which had been in place for a number of years in the form of questions on HIV, HIV testing and AIDS exclusions.

The nature of the disease was such that it was unlikely an individual would be unaware of the condition during the two years prior to death and a large proportion of AIDS claims identified within two years of inception were probably due to anti-selection in some form.

Constable lied to inquest about police car light

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SUSAN RUSSELL

A POLICEMAN, testifying at the inquest into the death of one of ANC leader Walter Sisulu's bodyguards, admitted in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday that he had lied during his evidence on Friday.

Const Stephanus van Rensburg told the court he had lied about the presence of a blue light on the police car in which he and a colleague were travelling when they were involved in the chase and shootout with Sisulu's bodyguards last July (351)(278).

Bodyguard Ismael Moloane died after the vehicle in which he was a passenger crashed during the chase and shootout.

Other bodyguards involved in the incident have said they saw no blue light or registration plates on the unmarked vehicle which followed Sisulu's motorcade as it travelled along the Soweto highway.

During their evidence last week Van Rensburg and Sgt Allan Kruger told the inquest there was a blue light on their vehicle during the incident.

Kruger said he had asked another policeman who had arrived on the scene afterwards to make a false statement that he had seen a blue light on their vehicle. He had asked a Sgt Mills to do this, after realising the blue light was not working.

However, Van Rensburg testified yesterday that there had been no blue light in the car at all, before or during the shootout. He said he had decided to tell the court the truth after giving the matter thought over the weekend.

Cross-examined by counsel for the Moloane family, Van Rensburg agreed he and Kruger could have let the people in Sisulu's three-vehicle motorcade know they were policemen.

But, he said, they had not wanted to pull the vehicles over unnecessarily while checking their registration numbers with radio control to see if they were listed as stolen.

'Political' mass killer jailed for 20 years

MARITZBURG — An Inkatha Freedom Party supporter found guilty of killing eight people at KwaNdeni near Cato Ridge last year was sentenced in the Maritzburg Supreme Court yesterday to 20 years' jail.

Baba Langalihle Khomo, 26, with a group of others, attacked the Ndlovu homestead during a party on March 7. The Ndlovus were ANC supporters.

Judge Alexander said the killing was a horrifying example of the bloodlust overtaking Natal, where the answer to political differences seemed to be nothing less than murder. In the absence of any other explanation, one could only assume the attack, led by Khomo, was politically motivated. The judge said he would recommend that Khomo not be paroled until he had served two-thirds of his sentence. — Sapa.

TEC expected to press defiant homeland

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ADRIAN HADLAND

PRETORIA — Bophuthatswana's rejection of free political activity within its borders and its continued defiance of the TEC will be high on the agenda of the TEC's full council meeting today.

Bophuthatswana authorities prevented the ANC from holding election rallies in the territory at the weekend, challenging a TEC objective of ensuring free political activity before the election. ANC president Nelson Mandela said at a rally in Rustenburg that the TEC would "deal" with the problem.

However, the TEC's options are limited. A report from its subcouncil on law and order at the weekend said: "The TEC Act does create the possibility of the TEC having jurisdiction in Bophuthatswana provided that the latter becomes a participant of the TEC. As this has not happened, the TEC has no jurisdiction over Bophuthatswana (459).

The TEC does have other avenues to force Bophuthatswana into a more politically tolerant attitude.

Other issues likely to be discussed by the TEC today include the operation of hit squads in KwaZulu, the budget of the national peacekeeping force, violence on the East Rand and an application from Ciskei to join the council.

The TEC agreed last week to launch a civil court action against KwaZulu police commissioner Lt-Gen Roy During to force him to appear before the council with any information or documents he had concerning hit squad activities in his force. Progress on the court action would be heard by the TEC today.

Details of the long-awaited major peace plan for the East Rand are also likely to be disclosed today.

The announcement of a comprehensive plan to restore peace in the region is likely to include the withdrawal of the internal stability unit and the deployment of the SADF.

Blasts at union and ANC offices

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■ CRIME REPORTER

Police are investigating two sabotage and terrorism cases after the bombing early today of two union offices in Klerksdorp in the western Transvaal and of the ANC offices in Harrismith in the Free State.

The ANC's Harrismith offices and the home of local ANC leader Cas Human were bombed about two weeks ago.

Free State police spokesman Colonel Johann Fouche said today's Harrismith explosion occurred at about 2.05 am.

Several offices were badly damaged in a fire which broke out after the blast.

Firefighters doused the flames and no one was in the offices at the time of the explosion, said Fouche.

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Terrorism

The damage is estimated to be about R60 000.

Fouche said police were investigating a case of terrorism.

Police have not yet determined the type of explosives used.

About an hour earlier, in Klerksdorp, a bomb exploded at the offices of the National Union of Mineworkers and at the National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa.

It is not yet clear what explosives were used and police have opened a sabotage docket.

'No evidence of third force' says US report

CT 2/2/94 By SIMON BARBER (278)

WASHINGTON — There is no evidence of a high-level "third force"-type conspiracy to upset South Africa's political transition by fomenting violence, concludes the US State Department in its latest annual country-by-country human rights report.

The SA chapter, based on the findings of the Goldstone Commission, local human rights groups — especially the Human Rights Commission — and the US embassy's own observations, apportions blame for the violence broadly, and notes that much of it is simply "criminal".

It does, however, side with the ANC in charging that the government's investigations of violent deaths have been "inadequate".

Mandela, FW tout Rand peace plan

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — President F W de Klerk and ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela yesterday released details of their joint East Rand peace plan which proposes the replacement of the internal stability division with the SADF coupled with a multi-million rand development effort.

But the Inkatha Freedom Party immediately objected to the plan and to the substitution of ISD police with SADF troops as announced separately by Mr Mandela and Mr De Klerk.

The plan was the culmination of a series of meetings between Mr Mandela and Mr De Klerk, who subsequently met Inkatha leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi. However, it was admitted yesterday that Inkatha had not yet nominated representatives to sit on the co-ordinating body.

Mr Mandela made the announcement to an audience crowded into a township community hall in Katlehong, saying the plan would certainly end the violence if applied scrupulously.

He said it not only dealt with security, but contained a variety of strategies designed to bring about stability and upgrade services in the area.

Mr De Klerk announced the formation of a task group to be headed by the former head of the SAAF, General Jan van Loggerenberg, which would be responsible for initiatives to restore and upgrade community services and establish stability.

The task group would endeavour to restore homes to people displaced by the violence and re-establish stability in the area, which had

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accounted for 80% of unrest deaths over the past eight months.

(SOWA)

He warned the initiatives would take time to bear fruit and that immediate implementation would not be possible.

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Mr Mandela, when asked about Inkatha's involvement, said Inkatha had not yet responded to a request to join the task group and had objected to the withdrawal of the ISD from the East Rand.

"We wanted to involve all the parties which are involved in this violence and Inkatha has been invited to send a representative to the task group. They have not yet responded but as far as we are concerned we are going to continue with our policy of persuading Inkatha to come on board with us."

Inkatha spokesman Mr Ziba Jiyane was reported as saying the decision to withdraw the internal stability division was a "treacherous betrayal of government undertakings to the IFP".

"The government's capitulation to the SA Communist Party/ANC alliance was clearly prompted at Mr Mandela's insistence, in spite of strong objections voiced by IFP president Chief Buthelezi," he said.

Mr Mandela said he had told Mr De Klerk that it would not be proper to introduce the scheme from the Union Buildings in Pretoria and that the country's leaders should make a statement in person in the affected area.

"We could not agree on this suggestion," said Mr Mandela, who cancelled a trip to Luanda to make the announcement.

● President F W de Klerk had capitulated to the ANC by agreeing to withdraw the ISD from East Rand townships, deputy Democratic Party law and order spokesman Mr Lester Fuchs said yesterday.

The move was not necessarily in the interests of law and order, he said.

NEWS FEATURE *Working seven days a week to help those hit by the East Rand violence*

Bringing comfort to the victims

Star 2/2/94

By Glenn McKenzie

■ RED CROSS AID *Two men brave hostile areas, bullets to help the fallen:*

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IT IS raining and cold. And on this day, Collen Huma and Primo Corvera are doing a job few others will do.

They are delivering food and vouchers to the families of victims of political violence on the East Rand.

Huma and Corvera are part of a joint International-South African Red Cross mission to places like Tokoza, Katlehong, Vosloorus, and Daveyton.

As long as there is violence, they help the wounded and visit the families. So far in January they have had only one day off.

At one stop Huma and Corvaro visit the family of 19-year-old Nelson Walaza who was shot by police in Tokoza on January 21.

Inside the small home 23-year-old Hilton Walaza sits with three of his six surviving brothers and sisters. Unlike the other homes the Red Cross visits today, here there are no elders mourning on the mattress in the bedroom.

Less than a month before Nelson's death, the children's mother died of heart failure. Their father died several years ago.

Now Hilton and his 13-year-old sister Natasha are left to take care of the younger children. Neighbours also help the struggling family.

After hearing the story of how Nelson died Corvaro and Huma register the children for up to three months of food aid. For now, that means two boxes of mealie-pap, sugar, flour, beans, and assorted cans of food. They are also given a R600 voucher to help with burial costs.

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The pair have become well known to both innocent civilians and "fighters" in the war-torn townships. Both say they're widely trusted because they don't get involved in conflict.

In addition to providing emergency food aid, Huma and Corvaro also accompany funerals and marches to provide emergency medical assistance if needed.

On January 17, while following an ANC tour in Katlehong, the Red Cross became targets. Huma, Corvaro and two others were attacked in Ramokonopi Section. Stone-throwing youths shouting "settler, settler" broke a window of their Landcruiser and injured a volunteer. The group was forced to flee.

"I don't mind when they say: 'One settler, one bullet.' But they must respect the Red Cross," recalls Corvaro.

Soon after the attack on the Red Cross, one civilian was killed and four injured in Ramokonopi. The bodies had to be taken to Natalspruit Hospital in private vehicles.

Neither Winnie Mandela nor Obed Bapela, who were leading the tour, were aware of the incident. Both said they doubted the youths were members of the ANC.

Despite the danger, the Red Cross still enters even the most battle-torn areas, including hostels.

"At first, some people said we shouldn't help people in the hostels. We told them if we couldn't help the hostel residents we would leave the township entirely," says Corvaro. "They changed their minds. People know the Red Cross helps everyone."

And at least one hostel leader says he is educating residents to respect the men who wear red and white.

"We still have to tell some people about the Red Cross. But most people know about them. They are welcome," says John Buthelezi, the chairperson of the Nguni Hostel Residents Association in Vosloorus. Many township residents are also grateful. In a Vosloorus home an elderly woman whose husband was found burned in a hostel holds back her grief as she talks with Huma. But as the Red Cross leaves, she thanks them and a tear falls down her cheek.

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"It is very difficult sometimes," says Huma, shaking his head. He knows some of the families that he helps.

And turning down aid is one of the hardest parts of the jobs. According to criteria set by the International Committee of the Red Cross, Huma and Corvaro's project is only allowed to help families who have lost a family member to "political violence". The victim has to be unarmed. And criminal violence doesn't count.

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The men in red and white ... Red Cross workers Collen Huma and Primo Corvera are two of the few who dare to enter the war-torn East Rand to aid victims of political violence.



MEETING RELATIVES OF THE DECEASED ... South African Red Cross worker Collen Huma asks a woman to relate the circumstances of her son's death. The International-South African Red Cross political violence mission is permitted to assist only innocent victims of "political" violence.

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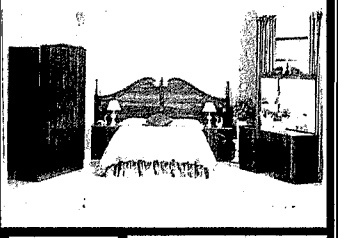

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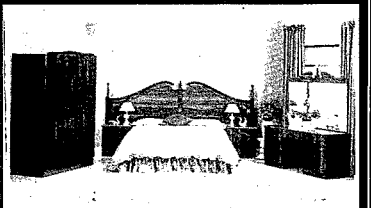

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A member of the ISU, soon to be moved out of the East Rand, directs traffic as the ANC leadership arrives in Katlehong. (Inset) ANC leaders Nelson Mandela and Walter Sisulu at the DH Williams Hall in Katlehong where they announced a peace plan for East Rand townships.

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East Rand peace plan

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By Themba Molefe, Moses Mamaila and Sapa

THE GOVERNMENT IS TO IMPLEMENT a grand plan to stop the carnage on the East Rand and improve the quality of life of ordinary township dwellers in the area.

The Transitional Executive Council approved the plan at its weekly session in Pretoria yesterday. (278)

The plan, to be overseen by a multiparty task group, was also given a seal of approval by State President FW de Klerk and African National Congress leader Mr Nelson Mandela.

Mandela unveiled the plan to a cheering crowd in Katlehong, one of the trouble-torn East Rand townships yesterday.

The plan features the withdrawal of the controversial Internal Stability Unit — a long-standing demand by both residents and the ANC. The ISU will be replaced by an increased South African Defence Force personnel.

Addressing residents in a heavy downpour, Mandela described the plan as "crucial", saying it would save lives.

Ironically, it was the ISU which provided security for Mandela's delegation and members of the Press visiting the area.

Mandela said the plan had to be unveiled in the township because that was where people were dying.

He pleaded with the community to embrace the plan and work for its successful implementation.

The plan is a result of protracted negotiations between the two leaders following an incident last month during which ANC leaders Mr Cyril Ramaphosa and Mr Joe Slovo escaped death when sniper fire killed a journalist, a 10-year-old boy and a woman.

It is also aimed at improving community lives and assisting and protecting residents who had fled their homes during the violence.

Services will also be provided where they are non-existent.

The task group, to work in consultation with the TEC, was drawn from the Inkatha Freedom Party, the ANC, the National Party and individuals drawn from civic structures, trade unions, peace and church groups.

It will comprise former SA Air Force chief General Jan van Loggenberg as chairman, Mr Chris Dlamini of Cosatu, Mr Ariel Mabelane of the ANC, Mr Grahame Mathewson, peace mediator Mr Thabo Ndabeni, Mr Duma Nkosi and Dr Dries Oosthuizen.

The IFP has slammed the move to withdraw the ISU from the East Rand. It described it as a "treacherous betrayal of Government undertakings to the IFP".

"The Government's capitulation to the SA Communist Party/ANC alliance was clearly prompted at Mr Mandela's insistence, in spite of strong objections voiced by IFP president Mangosuthu Buthelezi," said IFP national spokesman Dr Ziba Jiyane.

● **Election date brought forward - P2**

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Union offices bombed in Tvl and OFS

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KLERKSDORP. — The offices of two trades union in Klerksdorp and one in Harrismith were bombed today.

Western Transvaal police have offered a R100 000 reward for information about the two simultaneous blasts at the offices of the National Union of Mineworkers and the National Union of Metalworkers in Klerksdorp.

The explosions caused extensive damage to two buildings housing the head offices of Num and Numsa.

Spokesman Neels Steyn said a policeman on patrol had narrowly escaped injury.

The offices of the Klerksdorp Blood Transfusion Service were also damaged.

In Harrismith a Num office was badly damaged when the building caught fire after the blast.

The bombings were the latest in a series of suspected rightwing attacks on African National Congress premises, power pylons and railway lines. — Sapa.



HANDS UP: Tension mounts in Tokoza yesterday as troops move in to take over policing.

Burst of AK-47 fire scatters IFP demonstrators

The Argus Correspondent and Sapa

PRETORIA. — A burst of AK-47 fire from young township thugs hidden among houses scattered hundreds of Inkatha Freedom Party marchers and Defence Force troops in Tokoza on the East Rand.

Armed hostel dwellers were protesting yesterday against the withdrawal of the police Internal Stability Unit and its replacement by soldiers.

No-one was injured by the shots, which seemed to be aimed above the heads of the marchers.

Earlier, taxi owners from the hostel sealed the entrance to Katlehong and Tokoza and refused to move until their leaders promised to discuss the issue with the government.

"The soldiers are allies of the ANC. On Tuesday night they escorted the youths to attack our taxis. A number of taxi drivers were assaulted and robbed," said a taxi owner.

Protesters refused to talk to the SADF.

IFP Transvaal chairman Themba Khoza promised protesters he would set up an urgent meeting with the government, and the crowd dispersed.

Army replaces ISU in new peace plan

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Political Staff

JOHANNESBURG. — The police Internal Stability Unit will be withdrawn from the violence-torn East Rand and the South African Defence Force is to be deployed in the region immediately.

The Transitional Executive Council yesterday announced a composite peace plan for the area including initiatives endorsed by all parties.

The strategy is a combination of restoring stability to the East Rand and addressing socio-economic conditions.

The TEC advised President F W de Klerk to appoint an eight-member task group to take charge of developing and implementing the peace plan "for making the area a model of peace, stability and development".

The task group will be led by Air Force general Jan van Loggenberg. The other members are Chris Dlamini of the African National Congress, civics representative Ariel Mabelane, Alberton Industrial Association representative Grahame Matthewson, Charles Thabo Ndabeni of the peace structures, trade unionist Duma Nkosi and National Party representative Dries Oosthuizen.

President De Klerk will also appoint an IFP delegate in consultation with the party.

Key points of the plan are:

- Restoring and upgrading community services and creating them where necessary.
- Substantial deployment of the SADF and withdrawal of the ISU.
- Helping people to return to their abandoned homes and to repair them.
- Restoring administration to the area.

President De Klerk said yesterday the IFP's involvement in the plan was secured after discussions and correspondence between himself and IFP leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

■ The Democratic Party said Mr De Klerk had capitulated to the ANC by agreeing to withdraw the Internal Stability Division from East Rand townships. Deputy law and order spokesman Lester Fuchs said: "Either De Klerk has conceded the validity of the ANC allegations or he has shown that he and the NP are too weak-willed to stand up to the ANC."

■ The Inkatha Freedom Party said the withdrawal of the Internal Stability Division from Katlehong and Tokoza amounted to a "treacherous betrayal of government undertakings to the IFP".

Rejecting the move, spokesman Dr Ziba Jiyane said Mr De Klerk had again proved that the IFP president's views counted for little.

FW, Mandela release joint peace plan

LLOYD COUTTS and TIM COHEN

PRESIDENT F W de Klerk and ANC president Nelson Mandela yesterday released details of their joint East Rand peace plan which proposes replacing the SAP's internal stability unit with the SADF and launching a multimillion-rand development effort. B/Day

The Inkatha Freedom Party immediately objected to the plan, particularly to the replacement of the internal stability unit with troops. 2/2/94

The plan, announced separately by the two leaders, was the culmination of a series of meetings between Mandela and De Klerk, who also met Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi. (278)

Mandela said in Katlehong the plan would certainly end the violence if applied scrupulously. It dealt not only with security, but contained a variety of provisions to bring about stability and upgrade services.

In Pretoria, De Klerk announced the formation of a task group, headed by former SA Air Force head Gen Jan van Loggerenberg, to be responsible for initiatives to restore and upgrade community services and establish stability.

The task group would include representatives from the ANC, the NP, civic organisations, trade unions and local businesses. It would try to restore homes to people displaced by the violence and re-establish stability on the East Rand, which accounted for 80% of unrest deaths over the past eight months.

Inkatha has not nominated representatives for the co-ordinating body.

De Klerk warned that there was no quick-fix solution to the violence, but said funds would be made available immediately for the repair of amenities and the restoration of services such as water, sewerage, refuse removal, electricity, roads, railways and other transport facilities. Attention would also be paid to upgrading hostels, and to health, education and social services.

The development plan will be paid for by

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contributions from government, the national peace accord's economic reconstruction division, Eskom, the National Hostels Co-ordinating Committee, the National Housing Board, the National Electrification Forum and the Local Government Negotiating Forum (278)

The internal stability unit's replacement with SADF troops would take place immediately. Special efforts would be made to improve the SAP's relations with the community, which had already signalled an intention to recognise the SADF and work with the SAP.

De Klerk warned that the initiatives would take time to bear fruit and immediate implementation was not possible.

Mandela said the plan was based mainly on suggestions he had made to De Klerk, but in its full form was the result of collective contributions made by members of the TEC, government and other parties.

"Inkatha has been invited to send a representative to the task group. They have not yet responded, but we are going to continue with our policy of persuading Inkatha to come on board," Mandela said.

Sapa reports that Inkatha spokesman Ziba Jiyane said the decision to withdraw the internal stability unit was a "treacherous betrayal of government undertakings to Inkatha".

ANC TEC member Mac Maharaj said the scheme should be implemented before the April elections to turn "an area of despair into an area of hope".

Mandela said he had wanted De Klerk to made the announcement jointly with him on the East Rand, but De Klerk's schedule had not allowed this. Mandela had postponed a trip to Luanda to make the announcement.

Meanwhile, Sapa reports that police said three people were killed and two wounded in East Rand violence on Monday.

SADF takes over from ISU on E Rand

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■ BY ESTHER WAUGH and HELEN GRANGE

The SAP's Internal Stability Unit (ISU) is to withdraw and the SADF is to be deployed immediately in its place in the violence-torn East Rand — despite the IFP's known opposition to the removal of the ISU.

The TEC yesterday announced in Pretoria a composite peace plan for the area, which includes initiatives endorsed by all parties.

The ANC's Nelson Mandela chose to announce the plan separately to a large crowd at Katlehong's D H Williams Hall.

The strategy is a combination of restoring stability to the East Rand and addressing the horrific socio-economic conditions in the area.

The TEC advised the President to appoint an eight-member task group which will be in charge of developing and implementing the peace plan "for making the area a model of peace, stability and development". (278)

The task group will be led by former SA Air Force General Jan van Loggenberg. The other members are the ANC's Chris Dlamini, civic representative Ariel Mabelane, Alberton Industrial Association representative Grahame Matthewson, Charles Thabo Ndabeni from the peace structures, trade unionist Duma Nkosi and National Party representative Dr Dries Oosthuizen.

President de Klerk said yesterday that the IFP's involvement in the plan was secured after discussions and correspondence between himself and IFP leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

However, a request to the IFP to send a representative to the task group had not yet been responded to, Mandela said in Katlehong.

The key points of the peace plan are:

■ Restoring and upgrading

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community services, including the provision of such services where they do not exist.

■ Deployment of the SADF and withdrawal of the ISU.

■ Assisting people to repair their homes and return.

■ Restoring administration and good government to the area.

In a statement, De Klerk said he had ordered the immediate deployment of the SADF and withdrawal of the ISU.

Special efforts would be made

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SADF takes over E Rand

to improve relations between the SAP and the community, he said.

"As a matter of the highest priority, the SADF will be tasked with addressing certain areas that have become 'no-go' zones in Thokoza and Katlehong," the President said. (278)

De Klerk said a programme would be started to repair and maintain and, wherever possible, upgrade services such as the water supply, sewerage, refuse removal, electricity, streets, rail and transport facilities.

"In addition, urgent attention will have to be given to the physical state of most of the hostels, housing in general, as well as health, education and social services. Many of these services have all but collapsed," he said.

Mandela told about 500 ebullient Katlehong residents that the plan was intended to "save lives" and appealed to community leaders accross the board to engage it immediately.

He said because he wanted to explain the plan to Katlehong people himself, he had postponed a visit to Angola to meet Angolan president Jose Eduardo dos Santos and Mozambican president Joaquim Chissano.

Mandela said that while the IFP was opposed to the ISU's withdrawal, the "people here don't want it here even for one more day". However, negotiations over the plan would continue with the IFP, he said.

Tension as SADF replaces ISU on ER

Sowetan 3/2/94

By Isaac Moledi

WITHDRAWAL BACKLASH

DP accuses NP of capitulating to ANC:

OPPOSITION to implement the East Rand peace plan mounted yesterday as Inkatha Freedom Party supporters marched in the streets of Tokoza protesting against the withdrawal of the Internal Stability Unit in the area.

The Democratic Party has also opposed the move to replace the unit with the South African Defence Force.

"In deciding to withdraw the ISU from East Rand townships, State President de Klerk and the National Party have again done what they are best at doing — capitulating to ANC demands," DP MP for Hillbrow Mr Lester Fuchs said.

The IFP criticised the move and labeled it "a treacherous betrayal of Government undertakings to the IFP".

Members of the unit were yesterday withdrawn from East Rand townships and replaced by the South African Defence Force, East Rand police have confirmed.

A tense situation developed between IFP and ANC supporters when a group of ANC supporters also took to the streets hailing the withdrawal.

East Rand deputy regional commissioner Major-General Obie Oberholzer, who was on the scene, told the IFP crowd that the decision to withdraw the ISU was taken at a higher level and the decision would not be reversed.

A request by IFP spokesman Mr Humphrey Ndlovu that the ISU be left in place while negotiations continued was rejected.

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"The withdrawal of the ISU was a political decision which needs to be discussed with other political organisations. For now, it has been agreed that the unit be withdrawn," Oberholzer said.

The rowdy crowd refused to disperse, accusing the ANC and the Government of conniving to destroy the IFP. Some said they would rather have no policing if the SADF was the only option.

The rowdy crowd dispersed when another IFP spokesman, Mr Themba Khoza, said he would request an urgent meeting with the Ministers of Defence and Law and Order to put forward the IFP's feelings.

The SADF maintained a heavy presence in the area.

The situation was still tense at the time of going to the press.

Two hurt as blast rips ANC office: Shops petrol-bombed

OTTOSDAL — Two people were slightly injured when an explosion seriously damaged the African National Congress office near Ottosdal in the western Transvaal early today.

Several shops in Letsopa township were petrol-bombed shortly after the blast and police have offered R10 000 for information leading to the arrest of the attackers.

Police spokesman Major-General Tokkie Nienaber said damage to the ANC office was estimated at R80 000 and several surrounding houses were damaged in the 1.15am explosion.

Elsie Manoe, 46, received burn wounds to her hip and Katrien Salabane, 14, was injured in the hand. CT 3/2/94 (2K)

The interiors of three shops in the predominantly Asian business centre of Koranna Fontein were gutted when unidentified attackers broke the windows and hurled six petrol bombs into the premises about 1.20am today.

No-one was hurt in the petrol bomb attacks.

● An Inkatha Freedom Party man has been shot dead and three IFP members wounded when their bakkie came under in the northern Natal town of Mooi River.

Police have confirmed the shootings and believe that AK-47 rifles were used.

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ANC expects peace plan to be extended to Natal

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THE ANC expects adapted versions of the East Rand peace plan to be implemented in strife-torn areas of Natal before the April elections.

The ANC's representative on the TEC law and order subcouncil, Sydney Mufamadi, said yesterday the primary aim would be to ensure the election was free and fair in so-called "stable crisis" or flashpoint areas.

Because Natal conditions were different from those on the East Rand, the plan would have to be adapted. "However, the philosophy which underpins the plans will be the same."

Mufamadi expected peace plans to be implemented in areas of northern and southern Natal which the TEC had identified as flashpoints.

Implementation of the East Rand peace plan began yesterday with the withdrawal of the controversial police internal stability unit from Katlehong, Thokoza and Vosloorus. SADF troops, which had moved into the area over the past few months, took charge.

SADF spokesman Maj Christo Visser said yesterday that as far as the SADF was concerned there were

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enough troops in the area. Extra troops would be deployed only on the instruction of the task group which, in consultation with the TEC, would oversee the peace plan.

Mufamadi said he expected the East Rand community to reject the deployment of any "mercenary SADF units" such as 32 Battalion. He did not rule out future deployment of members of the recently established national peacekeeping force.

Government would "obviously be obliged" to implement the East Rand peace plan, but he expected the TEC to monitor the project.

Once normal policing conditions had been restored in the area Mufamadi expected controversial ANC-aligned self-defence units and Inkatha self-protection units to cease operating. "If you have proper policing then that takes away the need for defence units and Inkatha self-protection units to exist."

Mufamadi expected the SADF to help with the socioeconomic reconstruction of the area, possibly in co-operation with members of the defence units and hostel-based self-protection units.

Sapa reports hundreds of Inkatha Freedom Party supporters took to the streets in Thokoza to protest against the withdrawal of the internal stability unit and deployment of SADF troops in the area.

Inkatha Transvaal chairman Themba Khoza said the SADF was biased in favour of the ANC and claimed the SADF had attacked Inkatha-supporting residents in Thokoza over the past few years.

Roads in Thokoza were sealed off by SADF patrols and inside the township Inkatha supporters terrorised about 100 pensioners collecting money from administration offices. As the elderly people huddled inside the building, men armed with knobkerries, axes and steel poles stripped cars and looted shops.

Meanwhile, the Afrikaner Volksfront claimed the East Rand peace plan could lead to the ANC implementing ethnic cleansing in the townships. It supported Inkatha's rejection of the withdrawal of the stability unit from East Rand townships.

NUM blames right-wing union for office bombing

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NUM president James Motlatsi yesterday accused the right-wing-aligned Mine Workers' Union of being responsible for a bomb blast which caused damage of R250 000 to the NUM's Klerksdorp office.

He said the MWU's president said at a conference last year that miners had access to commercial explosives which they would use to disrupt their perceived enemies.

"It is abundantly clear that the recent threats of violence by the president of the racist and right-wing Mine Workers' Union are being carried out."

The union would discuss at a congress next week its reaction and plans to guard its property and members. Security had been added to the congress agenda as "an emergency item", but Motlatsi could not elaborate on what steps might be taken.

"The NUM is not going to be a sitting duck of the right-wing miners and their cohorts," he said.

The NUM said the two-storey building in which its offices were situated had been extensively damaged and virtually all technical equipment destroyed.

Motlatsi said he was not absolutely sure commercial explosives had been used in the explosion, which occurred between 1am and 2am yesterday.

Sapa reports that 12 other buildings were damaged in the explosion.

A second, almost simultaneous explosion rocked the offices of the National Union of Metal Workers of SA in a building opposite in Klerksdorp's Commercial Street.

☐ The SA Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers' Union yesterday claimed its Harrismith offices had been the real target of recent bombings, not the nearby ANC offices.

The union said it would not be intimidated into leaving the area.

Ciskei applies to join the TEC

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ADRIAN HADLAND

PRETORIA — Ciskei submitted a formal application to join the TEC yesterday, Ciskei chief negotiator Mickey Webb said.

The application followed a TEC resolution earlier this week which said that unless Ciskei joined the council it would have to withdraw immediately from TEC structures such as the national peacekeeping force and the defence subcouncil.

Webb said Ciskei had intended its Supreme Court to give an opinion on whether joining the TEC was in conflict with the territory's Bill of Rights.

The TEC resolution had, however, forced Ciskei to cancel the court's consideration of the matter, Webb said.

Ciskei's application would be considered by the full TEC at its meeting next week. If approval is granted, President F W de Klerk would be required by the TEC Act to appoint Ciskei to the council.



Peace corps ... A large SADF contingent will attempt to stabilise East Rand townships PHOTO: GUY ADAMS

2 500 troops to East Rand

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Stephen Laufer

THE South African Defence Force is to deploy 2 500 troops in the strife-torn East Rand townships, about five times the number of soldiers currently serving in the area, say sources close to the Transitional Executive Council.

The force will include significant numbers of engineers and medical personnel who will take an active part in the disaster relief programme announced this week by President FW de Klerk, ANC leader Nelson Mandela, and the TEC's Mac Maharaj.

Directed by the special task group appointed by De Klerk, the troops will move quickly to restore stability to Thokoza, Katlehong, and Vosloorus, then work to create amenities, repair utilities, and help residents return to homes abandoned during the fighting of the past several months.

A spokesman said this week the SADF was awaiting instructions from the task group on the precise force composition which would be required. Once the army knew how many engineers, doctors, nurses, and infantrymen were required, the force could be mobilised and assembled.

It is understood the TEC is pressing for a black officer to be put in charge of the force, and that it wants the bulk of the soldiers to be drawn from township backgrounds. This will increase the chances of the force acting sensitively and gaining legitimacy quickly.

The SADF currently has one black brigadier and several black commandants. But a spokesman said it would make sense to put an officer in charge who has experience of the area.

The ANC had experienced some difficulty in finding someone with the experience to match De Klerk's senior appointment. Former Congress of South African Trade Unions chief Jay Naidoo had been under discussion, but was already over-committed. Phillip Dexter and Ronnie Kasrils had been unavailable for the same reason.

The final selection, South African Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers' Union president Duma Nkosi, is regarded as a strong choice because he is in the leadership of the Thokoza ANC branch.

The reconstruction plan includes massive financial support for the upgrading of the hostels in the area. Eskom would also be ready to begin a comprehensive electrification programme within a week.

In an effort to convince all of the residents of the non-partisan nature of the operation, the campaign is to focus on sectors across party lines, rather than Inkatha-held hostels or ANC-dominated residential areas.

"There will be no blanket military turnout, but vigorous action focusing on no-go areas like Khumalo and Schoeman streets," said a senior source, referring to a hotly contested area near the Thokoza hostel.

The soldiers would clear the troubled zones of weapons and ensure that only bona-fide residents were allowed to return to the houses and hostels, said the source.

Inkatha has been invited to send a representative to the task group which is headed by former air force chief General Jan van Loggerenberg.

But Inkatha has yet to name its member of the task group.

Mustering only about 500 demonstrators, this week's Inkatha protests against the withdrawalof the SAP Internal Stability Unit from the East Rand townships is being interpreted as an indication that support could be waning for the hard-line rejectionist approach of the Thokoza IFP branch. Katlehong and Vosloorus IFP branches are known to be interested in participating in peace structures.

The army will act as a catalyst, said Maharaj, co-author of the relief plan. Joining forces with a strengthened SAP contingent, the troops will move quickly to show the population that they can expect protection from government forces.

"Their actions will be neither punitive nor discriminatory, but designed to create conditions in which the community accepts the SADF" and the SAP as forces for stability in the area, said Maharaj.

Having established the legitimacy of the security forces, the task group would be able to call for community co-operation in dealing with SDUs and Inkatha's self-protection units.

Referring obliquely to the issue of rogue SDUs, Mandela told a crowd in Katlehong this week: "The plan requires us to take very hard decisions ourselves — it is not just directed at the enemies of the people."

Bekkersdal peace initiative flounders

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Vuyo Mvoko WM 4-10/3/94

FEARS that Bekkersdal might turn into another killing field like those of some East Rand townships mounted this week as several peace initiatives failed and sporadic pitched battles continued unabated.

A local peace forum — involving the ANC, Inkatha Freedom Party, Azanian People's Organisation, Pan Africanist Congress, the local ministers' fraternal and the Bekkersdal Taxi Association — collapsed this week after the IFP, seen to be a major player in the violence, refused to participate.

West Rand Police say they do not have a record of deaths that occurred since the start of the turmoil early last week. Scores of people were injured, thousands have fled their homes, and there is widespread looting.

About 1 500 people marched to the Bekkersdal police station last week to demand protection, others seeking refuge, and demanding the withdrawal of the Internal Stability Unity.

Schooling has ground to a halt. Some residents have moved to quieter areas on the fringes of Bekkersdal, others out to nearby townships like Mohlakeng.

Last week the Wits/Vaal Peace Committee and foreign observer missions facilitated the establishment of a Joint Operations Control Centre (JOCC) — a multilateral peace initiative encompassing all political organisations, the Peace Secretariat, as well as state security forces. The South African Police provided a caravan with a telephone next to Bekkersdal police station, and the Wits/Vaal Peace committee provided peace monitors and cars. But the IFP has refused to take part, saying the JOCC cannot quell the violence.

"Peace structures are used by the ANC to further their sinister actions against the IFP," IFP spokesman Humphrey Ndlovu alleged this week.

In Thokoza-Katlehong last year, the United Nations Observer Mission moved for the closure of the Nelspruit Hospital-based JOCC, saying it was "not fulfilling its objectives" as the IFP had pulled out.

A JOCC is jointly manned by an equal representation of all political organisation, the Peace Secretariat, and foreign observer missions.

Rejecting the involvement of the local ministers' fraternal in peace initiatives, Ndlovu said: "Those church leaders are part of the violence. Where have you seen them bringing peace? In fact I have seen the South African Council of Churches perpetuating violence in other parts of the country."

Bombing probes: TEC help requested

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The ANC is to ask the TEC to intervene in investigations into the spate of bombings in the western Transvaal and Free State.

Four blasts in the two areas yesterday brought the total to 27 since November. All the latest attacks were against ANC-linked targets.

Police have not made any arrests or taken in anyone for questioning in connection with the bombings.

The ANC alleges the bombers are right-wingers but a police spokesman said police had a success rate of more than 80% in cracking right-wing terror cases.

6 bombings in W Transvaal

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■ BY CHARMEELA BHAGOWAT
CRIME REPORTER

Western Transvaal police reported six more bombings, allegedly by right-wing terrorists, in the region yesterday.

There have been 16 attacks in the area and 11 in the Free State since December.

Yesterday, a blast ripped a hole through the garden wall of ANC member and farmer Jan Serfontein's Boskop farm, Koloneplaas. Nobody was injured.

Serfontein, an ANC-aligned farmer who belonged to the National Party until about three years ago, accompanied ANC president Nelson Mandela around the Boskop Agricultural Centre on Monday.

Difficult

In other attacks:

The Letsopa ANC offices in Ottosdal were bombed; three businesses were petrol-bombed; a shop was petrol-bombed — most of the shopowners were ANC members; the Groot Marico community hall was almost destroyed in a blast at about 11.30 pm; and a home-made bomb detonated in the Delareyville taxi rank toilets. No serious damage was caused.

Police could not say today what explosives had been used in the bomb blasts. Commercial explosives have been used in most of the previous explosions in the area.

Police have made no arrests in connection with the blasts which have also damaged power stations and railway lines.

Law and Order Ministry spokesman Craig Kotze said today that there was no doubt that rightwingers were responsible for the attacks, but it was difficult to trace the saboteurs because there were more than 200 right-wing splinter groups.

"We have anticipated the problem, but it takes painstaking investigation to uncover a terror network," he said. (278)

ANC spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said yesterday that the organisation would approach the TEC to intervene in the bombing investigations in the Free State and the Western Transvaal.

He said all 27 bombings in the the areas were aimed at ANC-linked targets.

ANC intends asking TEC to intervene to speed up the 'unsuccessful' investigation into a spate of attacks



Jan Serfontein . . . blast on his farm.

Demands

Cosatu has also demanded arrests, saying that if nothing was done to catch the perpetrators, who also bombed National Union of Mineworkers and National Union of Metal Workers of SA offices in the Western Transvaal on Tuesday, they would look at other ways of resolving the problem.

Reacting to the demands, Kotze said: "Of all organisations the ANC should know how difficult it is to catch terrorists and instead of badmouthing the police, they should support us so we can reach our objectives sooner."

■ An unlit petrol bomb was hurled at Potchefstroom mayor Willie Victor's car outside his home last night but police said the right wing was not under suspicion for this attack.

GLOVES OFF!

CIPress 6/2/94

ANC, Nat youths make a mockery of democracy

By ZANELE VUTELA

PRE-ELECTION jitters exploded into a bloody war between ANC and National Party rivals in Soweto's streets this week.

Soweto's Dhlamini township was rocked on Friday night by three separate attacks on people associated with the National Party.

ANC youths in the area claimed the violence erupted after one of their supporters was shot at on Wednesday night.

Sowetan National Party member Colin Buthelezi was shot in one hand and Bonginkosi Manqele was shot in one leg. Both claimed they were attacked while strolling in the streets.

Accusations of intimidation flew at the weekend with NP members claiming ANC youths were threatening to "run them out of the area" while the ANC said NP youths were adopting "boastful, swaggering" postures in Dhlamini.

Buthelezi, a former ANC supporter, said he was shot while walking home from a friend's place at about 8pm.

He said four youths, who knew him "well" stopped him and began to shout at him for having left to join the NP. They accused him of shooting an ANC member on Wednesday.

He said he tried to protest his innocence when two of the youths pinned his arms to his side and another drew a pistol, cocked it and tried to shoot him. The weapon jammed.



SHOT ... Soweto National Party member Colin Buthelezi was hit in the hand.

Buthelezi said he broke free and fled for his life.

He said: "I ran into a yard as four shots were fired at me. I was hit in the hand. They chased me but I reached my home safely, got into a room at the back and switched the lights off."

Buthelezi said he managed to call NP NEC member David Cheunyane, who arrived about an hour later and took him to the police. Buthelezi then took the police to the home of ANC Dhlamini branch executive member Nicholas Mphahlele where the four youths were apprehended.

In another related incident an unnamed woman NP member, who went to Buthelezi's home earlier to warn him about the impending attack, was beaten up by a gang of rampaging youths.

She alleged the same gang later shot Buthelezi.

In the third attack in Dhlamini, Bonginkosi Manqele said he and Rebecca Mojoro were walking their NP friend Israel Dlamini home when they were held up by three young thugs who demanded money.

Mojoro said Dlamini and Manqele managed to run away, but one of the thugs grabbed her neck.

She heard a voice shout: "Don't shoot" and a shot went off.

The attackers then vanished into the night and she saw Manqele writhing on the ground. Blood was pouring from a wound in his left leg.

Responding to the attacks, NP spokesman Daryl Swanepoel said: "No longer will the ANC be allowed to burn our houses, to destroy our property or shoot us like they did on Friday night without us striking them out one by one."

He said for the ANC leadership to claim it was committed to peace and political tolerance was "a lie".

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus told City Press that the accusations against the four arrested youths had to be tested in court. "Charge them or release them," he said.

He said the ANC regional leadership was conducting its own investigation "to find out if there is any substance to the allegations".

The ANC's Mphahlele said the NP youths had started the fight when they shot at a supporter known only as Themba.

He denied his members were attacking rivals. "Maybe they do it as individuals but not our structures," he said.

Soweto police said they came under fire when they went to the home of another suspect in the incident but said the gunman managed to escape.

SAP Liaison Officer Major Henrietta Bester confirmed to City Press that four youths, aged 18 to 23, were arrested on Friday night.



Cleaner aims to mop up support for the DP

CIPress 6/2/94

By KHANGALE MAKHADO

A 26-YEAR-OLD Johannesburg flat cleaner hopes to become South Africa's future Law and Order Minister.

This is not just a crazy dream as William Masila is already on the Democratic Party's provincial list for regional legislature elections.

Although placed at number 827 Masila of Malvern East, who only passed his matric three years ago, is optimistic that he might just make it into the regional parliamentary structures.

His dream is threatened by the fact that while the list has 26 matriculants, the rest are highly qualified people with post-matric qualifications, some with strings of degrees.

Masila, who is vice-chairman of the Bedfordview unit of the DP, only joined the party in August.

He said he fell in love with the DP after reading about it and seeing its leaders on television.

"Although I have alway been interested in political developments, I had decided against joining any party. But I couldn't resist joining the DP."

Another candidate is 30-year-old Jerry Magolego, vice-chairman of the Malvern branch. He is number 18 on the national legislature list and believes that if the DP came to power, the quality of life for all would improve.

He said the party would build schools and roads.



Code of conduct for peacekeeping force

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PRETORIA — A disciplinary code for the national peacekeeping force was adopted by the TEC yesterday.

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The code's immediate implementation was deemed "essential" to the functioning of the force following reports of widespread disciplinary problems at the training base at De Brug near Bloemfontein.

In the face of mounting criticism of their handling of the force, the TEC subcouncil on defence and the command council of the force yesterday decided to visit the controversial project.

The decision followed a meeting in Pretoria between the subcouncil and the command council co-chairmen, force commander Brig Gabriel Ramushwana and acting commander Col Fred Burger.

The TEC also agreed that a multilateral group from the various military organisations represented on the peacekeeping force would be established to control security at the De Brug camp.

Political leaders would be allowed to visit the base, the TEC agreed.

The code of conduct forms part of a legal support plan currently being prepared by the TEC's subcouncils on defence and on law and order, but was passed prior to the finalisation of the plan.

The code sets out rules and regulations on issues such as disobedience, insubordination, insolence, absence from duties, riotous behaviour, wrongful handling of property and liquor and drug offences.

Peacekeeping force members are instructed to wear the prescribed uniform and insignia, promote discipline and efficiency and uphold and obey the law.

They are forbidden from absenting themselves without leave, failing to appear for parades or duties and ignoring or disobeying senior officers' commands.

Sentences for contravening the new code include fines up to R2 000, dismissal, confinement to barracks, extra duties or a reprimand. The code also sets out trial and sentencing procedures. (254)

Afrikaner Volksfront leader Gen Constand Viljoen demanded that the project be stopped.

At a cost of more than R1m a day, taxpayers' money was being wasted on an "unattainable political experiment", he said.

To put force members through a crash training course and then to arm them with dangerous weapons in an already politically unstable climate bordered on the irresponsible, Viljoen said.

A force spokesman refused to comment on Viljoen's statements or any other related issue. A media session has been organised at De Brug tomorrow.

Township peace corps begins training

JOHANNES NGCOBO

THE first township "peace corps", established under the auspices of the Wits-Vaal peace secretariat, has begun training and will start operating in Daveyton on the East Rand on February 26.

Peace corps director Thami Thengeni said yesterday the 90-strong pilot unit had been recruited from a number of organisations, including the Inkatha Freedom Party, the ANC, the DP and church groups.

The trainees were being put through their paces by members of the SAP, Independent Mediation Services of SA, mediation organisation Future Creation, the EC observer mission and the Interled Consultant Organisation.

Thengeni said peace corps members would be unarmed. They would patrol the streets of violence-hit townships 24 hours a day, working closely with security forces.

"The SAP's involvement has been welcomed by our trainees. They are training them in identifying weapons commonly used by the warring parties, including AK-47s, pistols, explosives and traditional weapons," said Thengeni. BIDay

The idea of a Wits-Vaal peace corps was mooted by the Wits-Vaal peace secretariat last year. 9/2/94

After "passing out", the trainees would be awarded certificates which the SA Technikon had agreed to recognise, Thengeni said. (278)

Corps members would at a later date be able to enrol at the technikon to pursue mediation studies.

It was expected that the corps would assist in the run-up to the April 27 election and would supply the national peacekeeping force with additional manpower.

The corps was being trained in mediation, first aid, radio communications, processing information, dealing with conflict, self-discipline and restoring confidence in peace monitors.

Inkatha, PAC plan to unite warring factions

JOHANNES NGCOBO

THE Inkatha Freedom Party and the PAC's East Rand regions said they would launch a peace plan tomorrow to unite warring Katlehong residents and Kwesine hostel dwellers. Sowetan 1112194

PAC and Inkatha representatives yesterday said they intended to tell the people of Katlehong the township belonged to everyone and that they should unite.

They planned to visit "no-go" areas and declare them open. They would also lead people to the local cemetery to clean graves. (278)

The parties said they had organised buses to ferry people from various points in the township, including the hostels, to the cemetery.

Inkatha East Rand organiser Thabang Dlamini said that since the outbreak of violence in Katlehong and Thokoza, people had been afraid to visit the cemetery for fear of being attacked.

PAC East Rand information and publicity secretary Mxolisi Masoka said both sides needed to admit they were wrong to attack each other.

"We in the PAC have never declared war on hostel dwellers and our call has been one which says that if we are united, nobody can come and divide the residents of Katlehong," Masoka said.

Inkatha Transvaal leader Humphrey Ndlovu said his party had enjoyed a good working relationship with the PAC, which had never killed people in the townships.

He said PAC president Clarence Makwetu had met Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini recently.

Makwetu had also met Inkatha president Mangosuthu Buthelezi, again demonstrating that Inkatha and the PAC were not enemies.

SADF will protect, but not join, the ANC's celebrations

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JOHANNESBURG. — Plans by the African National Congress to stage a huge rally on the border between the troubled townships of Tokoza and Katlehong in honour of the South African Defence Force moving back into the area have been met with disdain by army officials.

"We are not going to partake in this peace rally — no way," said a spokesman for Witwatersrand Command, Major Christo Visser. "If we become part of this rally, everyone in South Africa will see us as taking sides. We are impartial and we've got to stay that way."

He said the SADF would be in the area performing "normal" functions. "We see this as a normal political rally. We will be there to protect the community. But, we will not be doing combined patrols with the SAP or the SDU's."

However, ANC PWV chairman Tokyo Sexwale, who will address the rally to be held in a field at Radebe Section between the two townships, said: "This election is about peace. It cannot take place with division between security forces and the people."

Describing the gathering as "a people's forum popularising the peace initiative", Mr Sexwale said there would be a "welcoming" of the SADF — "an SADF that is impartial, fair in its work and able to restore its legitimacy with the people.

"We think the rally will provide a wonderful opportunity for the East Rand to act as a positive example for the rest of the country."

Mr Sexwale said the crowds would be "in a way, celebrating the departure of the Internal Stability Unit (ISU).

"Their conduct was appalling. That's why they lost any form of legitimacy. To the ISU, Katlehong and Tokoza were a forest. Their uniform was battle dress, their method of arrest was torture and their weapons were machine-guns and highly-powered automatic weapons."



ON THE MARCH ... Armed ANC supporters from Phola Park in Tokoza yesterday march to a rally in Katlehong's Radebe Section where the presence of SADF troops in the previously war-torn townships was hailed as a positive move towards peace. PIC: LUCKY NXUMALO

Open celebration of peace, stability

Sowetan 14/2/94

By Lulama Luti
Political Staff

■ WATCHFUL EYE SADF troops hailed by relieved township residents:

HUNDREDS of African National Congress supporters yesterday converged on open veld in Katlehong to celebrate the return of peace and stability in the area.

The ANC gathering, which proceeded under the watchful eye of members of the SA Defence Force, also marked the beginning of the ANC's election campaign in the East Rand.

Positive step

The deployment of the SADF troops in the previously war-torn townships of Tokoza and Katlehong, was hailed as a positive step by residents.

Most of the residents *Sowetan* spoke to said in the two weeks since the deployment of the troops, there have not been any killings in the area.

Addressing the rally, ANC regional chairman Mr Tokyo Sexwale said the presence of the army was part of a plan devised to restore peace and stability in these townships.

The plan, includes constant patrols by the SADF, searches of hostels, the safe return of refugees to their houses and the rebuilding of destroyed houses.

"(However) we want to say to the SADF that we don't welcome you because you are any good. We want to give you the opportunity to do what the ISU and the SAP could not do — to clear your name," he said.

"The Freedom Alliance is about to commit the most serious political mistake in this country (if they do not take part in the election). (278)

"Negotiations have been completed and we reject your attempt to put a pistol to our heads and call that negotiating.

"We put down our lives for freedom, national determination and complete liberation and if a need arises to do so again, we will not hesitate," he said, adding that there was no way that the ANC would agree to the rightwing's demand for a volkstaat.

(L Luti, 61 Commando Road, Industria West, Johannesburg.)

Violence in East Rand townships abates

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JOHANNES NGCOBO

VIOLENCE in East Rand townships appears to have abated in recent weeks, judging by statistics on the number of deaths.

Last week the Human Rights Commission (HRC) recorded eight unrest-related deaths in the region, against a weekly average of 50 deaths three months ago.

The trend is borne out by police statistics, which show that on a number of days in the past month no bodies were found during routine patrols — a rare occurrence in the closing months of 1993.

The HRC, the SAP, the Inkatha Freedom Party and the ANC agree that the level of violence in Katlehong, Thokoza and Vosloorus appears to declining.

The HRC said the improving situation coincided with the implementation of a joint government/ANC peace plan for the East Rand. Impetus for the peace initiative came after ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa and SACP leader Joe Slovo came under fire in Katlehong while on a tour of inspection.

East Rand police spokesman Capt Wikus Webber said that the crime rate, incidents of violence and the discovery of bodies had declined in the past two months. But he warned that it was "too early to speculate that violence would end in the areas mentioned". (278)

Inkatha East Rand organiser Thabang Dlamini said the decline in violence showed that people were asking themselves why they were killing each other.

However, ANC PWV deputy secretary-general Obed Bapela attributed the changing climate directly to the withdrawal of the police internal stability unit from the area at the beginning of February.

Theft, corruption discovered

Five Lenasia officials fired by TPA

Star 14/2/94

■ BY NORMAN CHANDLER
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All five members of the Lenasia South East management committee were dismissed by the Transvaal Provincial Administration on Friday after a commission of inquiry found they had abused their positions.

The five could also be banned from entering public office if the Attorney-General of the Witwatersrand, to whom the commission's report has been referred, decides on legal action.

The commission, which sat for 571 days, found the five responsible for theft, nepotism and corruption. The scope of the commission's recommendations was not disclosed to the media.

A further 71 local government workers in the area are also being investigated for their alleged role in the abusive practices.

The inquiry was held because of allegations lodged by various people against chairman Thirn Chetty and management committee members Ally Khan, Bala Naidoo, Ganas Naicker and Mathivan Ramsamy (3&5).

Chetty was also chairman of the NP's Lenasia branch but no longer holds this position.

Local government MEC Piet Coetzer told a media briefing in Pretoria that the TPA wanted "clean administration at all levels".

Coetzer said irregularities in local government could only be unearthed with the assistance of the public.

The commission — which consisted of John Griffiths, former MEC and chairman of the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council, and former Verwoerdburg town clerk P Geers — cost the province R279 000, Coetzer added.

ANC hails defence force on East Rand

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ANC supporters, some armed with battle-axes, spears and fighting sticks, flooded into one of the country's most notorious killing zones yesterday to welcome the arrival of SADF troops with a mighty roar of "Welcome Defence Force!". (278)

Under a peace plan hammered out by President de Klerk and ANC leader Nelson Mandela, soldiers were sent in on February 1 to townships east of Johannesburg, including Katlehong, to replace the Internal Stability Division, the SAP's riot squad.

Although the SADF was invited by the ANC to be present at the rally, troops kept a watchful distance.

ANC regional chairman Tokyo Sexwale said there had not been a single death since the troops were deployed.

The rally in Radebe section, described by one resident as "the place where people come to die", was staged within sight and earshot of the Kwesini and Mazibuko migrant workers' hostels, both IFP strongholds.

The atmosphere yesterday was peaceful, with music blaring, giving the occasion a festive flavour. — Sapa-AFP.

Chaos as king's followers return

Star 16/2/94

■ BY CHARMEELA BHAGOWAT and PETER DAVIES

Chaos erupted in Johannesburg city centre yesterday as thousands of Zulus returned to the Transvaal after attending King Goodwill Zwelithini's rally in Durban on Monday.

One person was killed near Union station in Germiston at about 6.30 am.

Police believe the 28-year-old man, who was walking near the railway line, was shot dead by a commuter returning on one of two special trains.

A crowd attacked vendors and looted their wares outside the ANC's national office in Johannesburg.

Some of the vendors who were attacked said they believed the men were IFP members because they were carrying traditional weapons.

IFP spokesman Humphrey Ndlovu denied the attackers were members of his organisation. They were "Zulus" who had apparently been provoked by "ANC elements" on the street, he said.

There was chaos at Germiston station for more than an hour as police tried to persuade commuters to switch trains. (278)

For technical reasons the two trains from Durban were forced to stop at Germiston and a police source said two Metro trains had been provided to avoid problems along the way.

The plan was for the people returning from the rally to change to the two Metro trains, which would then travel straight through to Soweto and the West Rand.

But the IFP people refused

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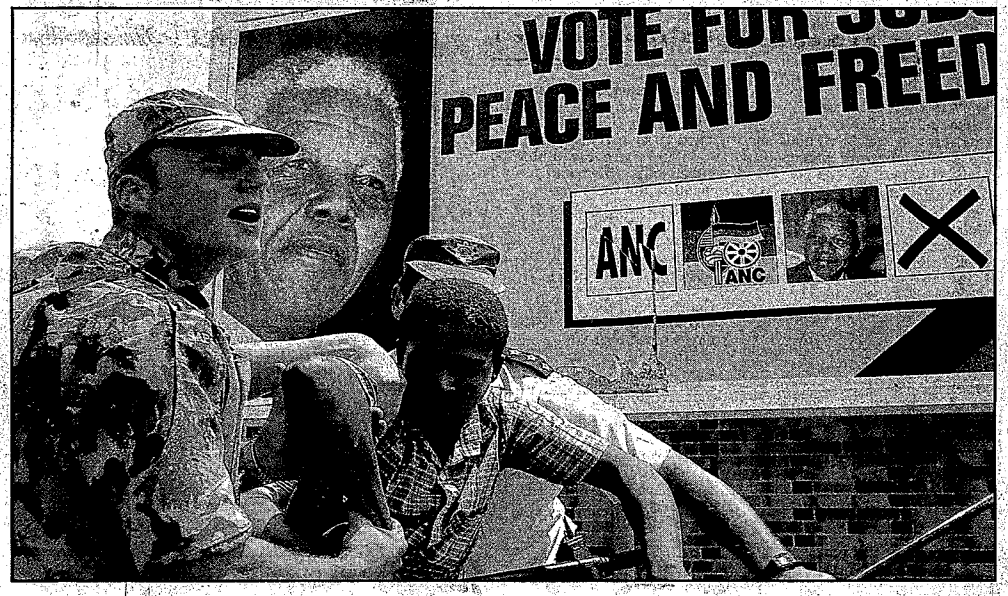



Come along (left) . . . police arrest a man in Johannesburg after he allegedly tried to deface a poster. Above: These men were among thousands coming home from Durban.

PICTURES: GARY BERNARD and DUIF DU TOIT

Zulus throng trains home

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to use the trains and came through to Johannesburg at about 10.45 am.

The Zulus converged on platforms 15 and 16, chanting, singing and brandishing pangas, assegais, shields and sharpened poles.

The group danced back and forth along the concourse.

From the Johannesburg station, large groups of Zulus marched under police escort to the Denver, Jeppe and George Goch hostels.

Shopkeepers along the route were warned by police to close their doors while the marchers passed.

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● Businessmen must pay council

Squatters flee camp

Sowetan 17/2/94

■ VIOLENT CLASHES Two killed, many hurt in political violence

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By Joshua Raboroko

HUNDREDS OF FAMILIES AT Luna Sand squatter camp near Krugersdorp yesterday fled their homes in fear of violent clashes between two rival political groups.

At least two people have been killed in the clashes since last Friday.

Their bodies were found dumped in the Rietvallei River.

Many squatters have been injured, apparently in clashes between members of the Inkatha Freedom Party and the African National Congress.

Police spokesman Major Henrietta Bester said police found the body of a man — only known as Bethuel — on plot 624.

He had multiple hack wounds. Another unidentified man, known as Bheki, was killed last Friday.

A member of the IFP, Ms Meisie Dlamini, was hacked several times in the head by unknown people near the river while on her way back home from a funeral in Swanieville.

She was admitted to the Leratong Hospital with serious wounds.

Local residents fearing more attacks yesterday abandoned their shacks and fled the area.

The chairman of the Luna Sand Civic Association, Mr Buti Tejane, said most of the more than 1 000 squatters had fled the settlement.

Sought refuge

Most of them had sought refuge at the nearby plots.

He said the local crisis committee had earlier mediated and resolved the dispute between the two parties.

However, it seemed that the conflict had started again.

There had been violent clashes between members of the two groups since last month.

Two members of the local ANC branch, Mr Patric Masiu and Mr Patrick Mashigo, were killed in the clashes.

Tejane said: "The residents are fleeing because they fear being attacked."

The situation at the camp was tense late yesterday as scores of families loaded their belongings into trucks.

30 wounded in township clash

Soweton 17/2/94

ABOUT 30 people were wounded yesterday when South African police clashed with blacks protesting at plans to declare their town part of a white rightwing state near Standerton.

Ambulance workers said most of the casualties had suffered shotgun or rubber bullet wounds.

They were treated as they lay in the dusty streets of Sakhile township outside Standerton, about 160km southeast of Johannesburg.

A police major was hit by a rock flung from the crowd of about 4 000 who tried to march from the black township to municipal offices in Standerton in defiance of a ban on the protest.

Supporters of the African National Congress and Pan Africanist Congress wanted to protest at a decision by rightwing whites to declare Standerton part of a *volkstaat*, or Afrikaner homeland.

About 200 members of the neo-Nazi Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging gathered in the white part of town to block the march.

While ANC leaders negotiated with police officers to set a march route that would avoid the AWB members, supporters in Sakhile marched towards the police lines. (278)

Police of the Internal Stability Unit in camouflage uniforms opened fire with rubber bullets, shotguns and teargas, when the marchers were about 50 paces away.

The marchers fell back but running skirmishes continued for some time with police shooting at stone-throwing township residents. One wounded youth was dragged away by comrades.

ANC marshals said later there would probably be a small march in the township itself.

AWB members, many of them farmers, some in combat uniforms and carrying weapons from small-calibre sporting guns to the latest automatic assault rifles, stood around at a sheep market in Standerton during the Sakhile clashes.

An AWB commander, Alec Cruywagen, said his men would remain between the township and Standerton until "the threat of communist aggression" was gone. — *Sapa-Reuter.*

Standerton clash between police and protesters leaves 68 injured

81 Day 17/12/94

STANDERTON — About 68 people were injured yesterday when police clashed with ANC and PAC supporters protesting against plans to declare Standerton part of a volkstaat in the southeastern Transvaal.

Ambulance workers, who treated the injured in the streets of the town's Sakhile township, said most of the casualties had suffered shotgun or rubber bullet wounds. A hospital spokesman said 68 patients had been treated for injuries and seven had been hospitalised.

A police major was hit by a rock flung from the crowd of about 4 000 who tried to march from the township to Standerton's municipal offices in defiance of a ban on the protest. Standerton's chief magistrate banned the march on Wednesday after police said right-wingers had threatened to disrupt it. A consumer boycott against the town's white businesses began this week.

About 200 armed AWB members, unaffected by the ban on gatherings, gathered in the town's sheep market to block the march. They vowed to open fire on the marchers should they reach the town.

While ANC leaders negotiated with police to set a march route that would avoid the AWB members, supporters in Sakhile began marching towards police lines.

Internal stability unit members opened fire with rubber bullets, shotguns and teargas when the marchers were about 50m away. The marchers fell back, but running skirmishes continued for some time with police shooting at stone-throwers.

Knots of people gathered on high ground, yelling insults at police.

AWB commander Alec Cruywagen said his men would remain between the township and Standerton until "the threat of communist aggression" was gone.

Asked whether the AWB presence was not provocative, he said: "I think the presence of the ANC and PAC is provocative. We have a right to be here, it's our town, it's our volkstaat." (278)

The marchers had a right to march only in the township. "We are prepared to monitor things until we know the town is safe."

Afrikaner Volksfront eastern Transvaal chairman Rosier de Ville said Afrikaners from throughout the country had responded to the call to "defend Standerton".

"The message is to prove that we are serious in getting our volkstaat," he said.

Earlier in the day, Pretoria Boere Commando's Cmdt Willem Ratte, speaking on Radio Pretoria, asked Volksfront members to head for Standerton.

The AWB "operations room" caravan was still in the marketplace last night. AWB members said they would remain on guard following reports that Apla members were being bused into the town.

Bert van der Walt, director of a peace group in the area, said: "The situation is still very volatile." — Sapa-Reuter.

Report by D Tucker, Reuter, 73 Market St, Jhb, and N Patterton, Sapa, 141 Commissioner St, Jhb.

Star 21/2/94

People flee from violence on Reef

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tack a house in another.

Katherine Cebisa (79) wept openly as she watched flames engulf her possessions. IFP youths had attacked her house three times during the day, she said.

Sapa reports that the violence flared on Saturday night when two houses belonging to ANC supporters were attacked. Azapo and ANC youths then rampaged through the Uptown section at about 12.30 pm yesterday and burnt several houses in an apparent retaliatory attack.

Accused

When approached by The Star, angry IFP members accused Azapo and ANC supporters of making them virtual prisoners in their section.

They said they could not safely visit the Bekkersdal taxi rank on the only road leading out of the township, and risked being killed if they wanted to go to work or visit shops.

The taxi rank is in the Downtown section, which, the IFP supporters said, is controlled by the ANC-Azapo alliance in the township.

Star 21/2/94

Police among injured in violence on W Rand

(278)

■ BY BRENDAN TEMPLETON and GIEN ELSAS

Refugees fled the war-torn Uptown section of Bekkersdal yesterday when scores of houses were petrol-bombed as violence flared between IFP supporters and followers of the ANC and Azapo.

Nine people, including three policemen, were injured in the West Rand township.

Police liaison officer Major Herman Oosthuizen said three Internal Stability Unit members were injured when a grenade was thrown at them while they were on patrol.

A field hospital was set up at the local police station to cater for the injured.

Journalists' cars were stoned near the township's main taxi rank.

Oosthuizen said police were trying to find the leaders of the warring factions last night so that peace negotiations could start. But leaders were reluctant to come forward.

Soldiers and the ISU were hard pressed to contain the mayhem as houses were sporadically attacked. As soon as security forces rushed off to respond to a fire-bomb attack in one street, youths would at

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PICTURE: KEN OOSTERBROEK

Bekkersdal marchers demand SADF patrols

JOHANNES NGCOBO

MORE THAN 20 000 residents of the West Rand's Bekkersdal township yesterday marched to the local police station demanding the immediate withdrawal of the SAP's internal stability unit following Sunday's eruption of violence.

Resident Jerry Podile said the march was to tell the local police station commander that residents wanted SADF troops to police the township and not the unit.

Aside from the allegations against the unit, blame for the violence appeared to be spread among several parties including the Inkatha Freedom Party, Azapo and the ANC.

Police said yesterday nine people had been injured in Sunday's violence, including three policeman.

According to the Inkatha Youth League, Bekkersdal schools were closed yesterday. The league said the fighting had been between municipal police and unit members.

Police said two police vehicles had been damaged when police had been attacked. "While members of the unit tried to defuse the situation, a handgrenade was thrown at them."

Podile said 20 houses had been torched during the violence.

Residents claimed unit members had been seen helping Inkatha members while they were looting homes and setting them alight.

However, some Inkatha members had their houses burned down.

Inkatha spokesman Ed Tillet said Inkatha West Rand Youth chairman Charles Loliwe was among those whose houses had been torched. He blamed Azapo and the ANC.

SAP spokesman Maj Henriette Bester said yesterday the violence had flared up as a result of existing conflicts between local supporters of Inkatha, Azapo and ANC.

She rejected reports of conflict between municipal police and the unit and said these had been made to drive a wedge between the police forces.

"Those people who claim this must come forward with evidence."

Bester said three men had been arrested for illegal possession of firearms and a man had been arrested for committing arson.

The ANC PWV region yesterday said the violence in Bekkersdal had been aimed at instilling fear in those gearing up for the elections and were a blot on the democratisation process in SA.

The ANC called on Bekkersdal residents to resist the violence and vote.

Report by J Ngcobo, TML, 11 Diagonal St, Jhb.

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The Ncityana family of Bekkersdal surveys the damage to their torched house while the Modisane family (left) have loaded their belongings on a truck and is about to leave the strife-torn township near Westonaria. About 15 houses were burned over the weekend.

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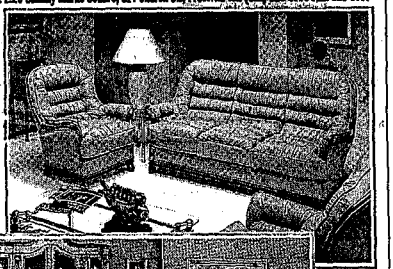

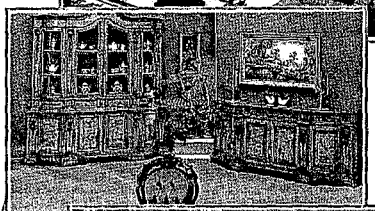

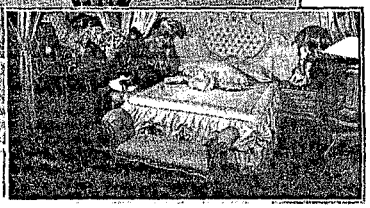

Families flee Reef violence

Sowetan 22/2/94

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By Mokgadi Pela and *Sapa*

SCORES OF FAMILIES IN Bekkersdal on the West Rand fled their homes yesterday after alleged Inkatha Freedom Party supporters left a trail of destruction, burning 15 houses resulting in injuries to nine people.

And in Natal, at least 41 people were killed during another bloody weekend. In the worst attack, 15 youths were massacred when four men shot and stabbed them during a voter education workshop.

Six of those killed were attacked near an Inkatha Freedom Party rally at Taylor's Halt, outside Maritzburg, on Sunday. The dead included a four-year-old boy, Smoyi Dlamini. They were shot dead in the Ntembeni area, about 10km from the event.

Most people spoken to in Bekkersdal yesterday said they did not know the cause of the violence. All they could say was that a group of men wielding an assortment of weapons entered their homes looking for their sons and husbands, stole valuable items and then gutted their houses.

IFP spokesman Mr Humphrey Ndlovu dismissed the claims and blamed the Azanian People's Organisation and the African National Congress for the violence. "Their members burned seven houses belonging to the IFP on Sunday," Ndlovu added.

Residents told *Sowetan* the first house to be burned belonged to a member of Azapo. The house was deserted and the whereabouts of the family could not be established.

Late yesterday Azapo leaders were locked in a meeting with members in the area to address the situation.

The ANC said it would send its monitors to the area in an effort to bring calm.

Confusion reigned in the township with many schoolchildren staying at home and the local town council releasing workers early to be with their families.

Among those who packed their goods for safer areas were members of the Modisane family.

"The situation here is unpredictable and we had better leave while we still have time," said Mr Abel Modisane.

● Five people, including a policeman, were killed on the East Rand. The 24-year-old constable was shot in the stomach by gunmen in front of his house in Daveyton on Sunday.

Picture: GARTH LUMLEY

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Committees to establish township policing forums

B'Day 23/2/94

JOHANNES NGCOBO

TECHNICAL committees have been set up to establish community policing forums in the strife-ridden East Rand townships of Katlehong, Thokoza and Vosloorus next month.

East Rand police spokesman Nick Pretorius and Institute for a Democratic Alternative for SA spokesman Bea Roberts said yesterday the committees had been formed by township residents.

The SAP, business, political groups, churches, community organisations and hostels were represented on the committees.

Roberts said the formation of the technical committees followed a workshop at which political organisations, local peace committees and the police had undertaken to facilitate the speedy establishment of three community policing forums.

She said the policing forums' duties would include ensuring that policing in the three townships was improved and the community worked towards improving its relationship with the local police.

ANC PWV/East Rand subregion secretary-general Nxeba Soyaya said the forums' tasks would include helping police stations in the three townships acquire the necessary resources for normal policing. (278)

He said that the forums would help local police stations to establish healthy communication lines between themselves and the people living in the townships.

They would also help to ensure that police operations were visible.

Soyaya added that the forums would help instil accountability in members of the police service and the community.

DP to test election conduct at university

B'Day 23/2/94

Political Staff

CAPE TOWN — The DP Youth plans to "reassert its right to canvass and campaign" at the University of Western Cape by staging a lunch-time public meeting on the university's campus today.

The meeting will serve as the first real test of the comprehensive election code of conduct unveiled by the university last week.

The meeting will be addressed by DP premier-designate Hennie Bester and by DP Youth chairman Colin Douglas (SEP)

Douglas said yesterday: "The aim (of the meeting) is to defy the UWC SRC.

"In recent weeks the SRC has harassed and threatened members of the UWC DP Youth branch.

"Now the SRC is under investigation by the Independent Electoral Commission."

Report by Anthony Johnson, TMU, 122 St George's St, Cape Town.

Crime ring

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involving millions of rands, in prison last year while both men were awaiting trial.

He took a liking to Vermaas, but he denied ever conspiring to break him out of prison.

Coetsee introduced as evidence a video recording of an alleged stolen vehicle being handed to Erasmus by Maharaj. It also showed cash being handed to Maharaj.

"You live off the proceeds of crime. You keep yourself occupied all day, every day with crime," Coetsee said while cross-examining Maharaj.

Maharaj told the court: "I will not interfere with the course of justice by killing or [illegible] nearly 20% to R14,5bn over the period.

interfering with witnesses. I will not leave the country, because where would I go?" He denied any knowledge of a Spanish bank account in his name.

His bail application was postponed to Monday.

MARIANNE MERTEN reports that the alleged leader of the Boere Mafia in Johannesburg, John Weichselbaumer, was yesterday refused bail in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court.

Weichselbaumer, who was arrested on February 8, is to face at least 99 charges of fraud. He was not asked to plead and the

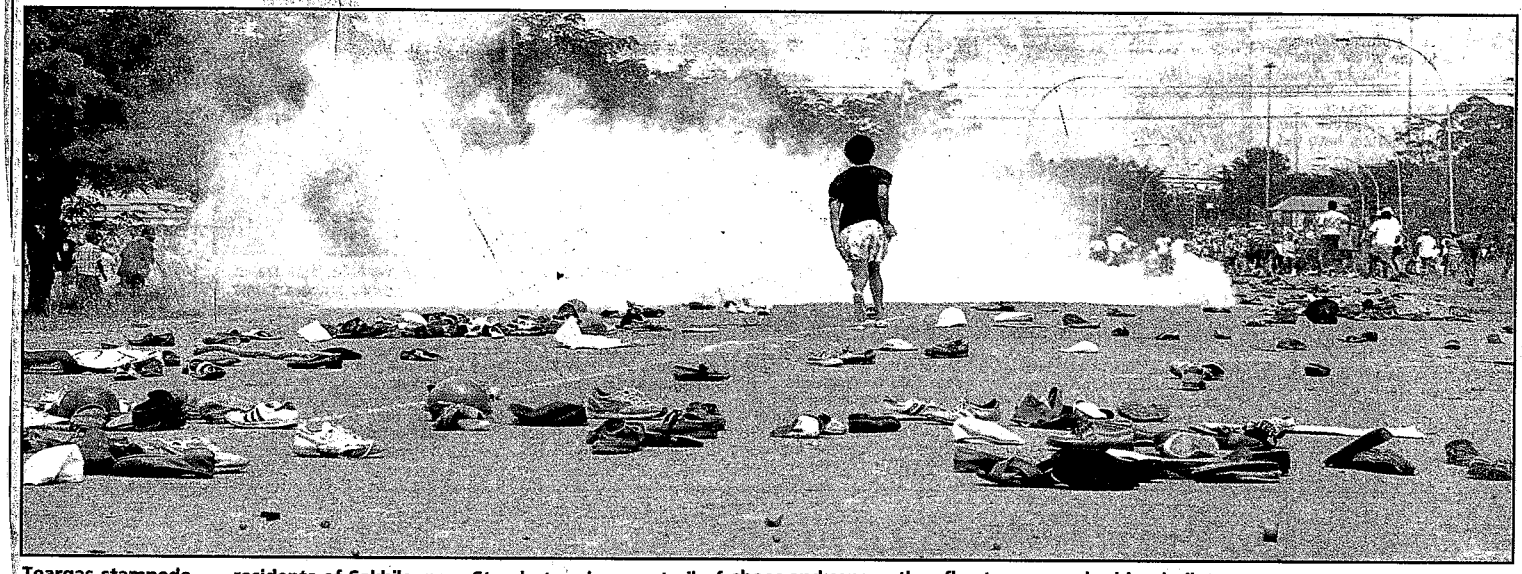
Comrades cheat wins homicide appeal

Other charges against him include four counts of at- | $1.5bn deal would transform Gencor into | Additional expenditure had cut Gencor's

Bekkersdal: Churches act

JOHANNESBURG. — Church leaders yesterday called on the Transitional Executive Council (TEC) to implement an immediate plan of action to normalise the situation in violence-torn Bekkersdal on the West Rand.

The SACC said in a statement testimonies of Bekkersdal residents indicated the internal stability division had become a destabilising force in the township. "If the ISD was a problem on the East Rand, it cannot be a solution on the West Rand," the church leaders were told at a meeting here. — Sapa



Teargas stampede . . . residents of Sakhile, near Standerton, leave a trail of shoes and caps as they flee teargas and rubber bullets. PICTURE: PETER MOGAKI

Chaos as SAP teargas anti-volkstaat protesters

■ STAFF REPORTERS

Standerton — Chaos erupted in this south-eastern Transvaal town yesterday when police fired teargas and rubber bullets at ANC supporters planning to march in protest over the town being declared part of a volkstaat. A group of AWB members had gathered to stop the march.

Police said about 35 people — including an Internal Stability Unit major — were injured. But **Sapa** reports that almost 70 people were wounded in the shooting and ensuing melee.

Police denied they had acted in a racist manner by dispersing the marchers but simultaneously allowing heavily armed rightwingers to gather. (278)

Police spokesman Warrant Officer Izak van Zyl said the rightwingers — who said they would shoot protesters if the march proceeded — were not "toyi-toying in the streets and threatening to loot shops".

Police are investigating criminal charges against the ANC and the Afrikaner Volksfront in connection with illegal gatherings. Van Zyl said the rightwingers and the ANC group only dispersed after tension-filled discussions with their own members and police late last night.

Shortly before midday, riot police fired teargas and rubber bullets into a crowd of about 5 000 ANC supporters at the entrance to Sakhile township.

The marchers, who had planned to defy an order banning such gatherings, had intended to march to Standerton's town council offices to hand over a memorandum.

A group of about 200 AWB members had gathered in the town to stop the marchers, who had been met earlier by a dozen armoured vehicles blocking the road and by coils of razor wire across the veld.

Uniformed AWB supporters had congregated nearby while an AWB leader watched from a helicopter.

After the crowd was fired on by police with teargas and rubber bullets, community leaders met Color[illegible] of the ISU. [illegible] withdraw Townsh[illegible]

would continue the consumer boycott of white shops, which began on Monday, until their memorandum was handed in.

The SAP's Van Zyl said today that both groups left the area late yesterday.

He said there was still a heavy police presence in the town and the township had be[illegible]d all night.

[illegible] is still tense but [illegible]et," he said.

Bekkersdal tense as residents flee

Sowetan 24/2/94

By Isaac Moledi

■ **CHAOS** Damage to IFP official's home fuels fears of revenge attack:

THERE was panic and chaos in Bekkersdal last night as scores of residents fled their homes and sought refuge at the local police station following rumours of an impeding attack by supporters of the Inkatha Freedom Party.

This followed an explosion which caused extensive damage to the home of local IFP official Mrs Miriam Roliyaphi on Tuesday night.

Police said commercial explosives were used in the attack on Roliyaphi's house about 10pm. The kitchen was completely damaged.

Last night women and children converged on the police station and demanded protection from the police.

A resident said people started evacuating their houses about 7pm after hearing that an attack was imminent. Some converged on the local sports grounds and the local hall as early as 5pm, another resident said.

Police spokesman Major Herman Oosthuisen who at about 10pm was still at Bekkersdal Police Station to monitor the situation, told *Sowetan* that the situation was volatile.

He appealed to political leaders to help defuse the situation (278)

He confirmed that more than 150 women and children, with blankets, had flocked to the police station to seek shelter for the night.

"I presume that these are the people whose houses have been burnt," Oosthuisen said. He said the police were negotiating to accommodate the families at the nearby Paul Nel Hall.

He denied rumours of an impending attack by the IFP, but said tension between the organisation and Azanian People's Organisation had heightened.

He said members of the South African Defence Force and Internal Stability Unit were still patrolling the township.

A resident said last night that the situation was "tense and unpredictable".

Two die in violence

Sowetan 25/2/94

By Isaac Moledi and Russel Molefe

VIOLENCE at Bekkersdal in the West Rand escalated yesterday — leaving two people dead, scores of others injured and several shacks and houses burnt down.

Police said the two were killed when a house was petrol-bombed. (278)

There were running battles as the warring factions and members of the Internal Stability Unit exchanged fire for control of the area.

The township's notorious "Uptown" section, believed to be a stronghold of the of the Inkatha Freedom Party, was deserted as residents fled to the less volatile "Downtown" section.

Residents accused members of the ISU of fomenting the latest outbreak of violence and said the unit was siding with and protecting IFP supporters.

West Rand police spokesman Major Herman Oosthuisen said three houses were petrol-bombed. He denied police had randomly shot at the residents.

He said the ISU had used tearsmoke and rubber bullets only when they realised people were regrouping and throwing stones and petrol bombs at their vehicles.

Police were last night still maintaining a high presence in the area.

Three men were arrested for possession of self-made firearms and two for unlicensed guns.

"The meeting arranged for yesterday by the Wits-Vaal Peace Secretariat between the Azanian People's Organisation, the IFP and other parties failed to materialise"

A resident claimed he had seen two Standard 10 pupils being taken away by ISU members "to the area which is dominated by members of Inkatha".

Police, however, said they had no knowledge of the abduction.

The peace meeting arranged for yesterday by the Wits-Vaal Peace Secretariat between the Azanian People's Organisation, the IFP and other parties failed to materialise.

It was the second time a peace meeting was planned in the area this week.

Police said a meeting which was planned for Tuesday failed because Azapo did not attend. Both Azapo and the IFP failed to attend yesterday's meeting, police said.

Residents yesterday continued to seek refuge at the local police station. On Wednesday night, they assembled at the police station, to ask for shelter.

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IFP blow to bid for peace

Sowetan 11/3/94

THE Inkatha Freedom Party is to withdraw from the Bekkersdal Peace Committee following a handgrenade attack on its members. (278)

IFP West Rand chairman Mr Humphrey Ndlovu said the committee, a structure of the Wits/Vaal Peace Secretariat, was a "toothless body" that had been used in attacks against the IFP in Bekkersdal.

He said African National Congress supporters were openly using cars given to peace monitors working in the area.

On Saturday, the committee — comprising representatives of the IFP, the ANC and foreign observer missions — agreed on measures to curb violence in the area.

On Sunday, three people were killed and several injured when a handgrenade was thrown into a group of mourners attending the funeral of Mr Mthakathi Maseko, an IFP member killed in the Bekkersdal violence. Three policemen were among the injured.

In his reaction, Wits/Vaal Peace Secretariat spokesman Mr Con Roux said it was crucial for all political parties to remain involved in the Bekkersdal peace structures if violence was to be curbed. — *Sapa.*

IFP slams peace group

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On Sunday three people were killed and several injured when a handgrenade was thrown among a group of mourners attending the funeral of Mr Mthakathi Maseko, an IFP member killed in the Bekkersdal violence.

Wits/Vaal Peace Secretariat spokesman Mr Con Roux said his organisation would take immediate steps if Mr Ndlovu could substantiate allegations that peace monitors were being used by ANC members in attacks against the IFP. — Sapa

Inmates flee from hostel

Sowetan 7/3/94

By Joshua Raboroko

ARMED Duduza residents yesterday marched on the local hostel where two inmates were shot dead and three others wounded in clashes between Inkatha Freedom Party and ANC supporters.

Officials of the East Rand township's peace committee and the Internal Stability Unit intervened and stopped what would have been a carnage as residents threatened to destroy the hostel.

Residents wanted to revenge the killing of ANC members. They said the IFP must leave the township.

After lengthy talks between leaders of the two feuding factions, the irate residents dispersed.

Some of the inmates, carrying their clothes and other materials, later fled the hostel in fear of attack. (278)

One of the two people killed yesterday was local ANC leader Mr Isaac Vimba, who was shot dead on his hostel bed yesterday morning. The name of the other man was not released. He, too, was shot while asleep.

Hostel inmate Mr Ishmael Sekabathe was shot and wounded in the back and leg on Saturday. Two other unidentified inmates were also shot and wounded.

Chairman of the ANC's Duduza branch Mr John Radebe said residents were angered by the attacks on their members living at the hostel.

He said IFP members had accused the ANC of putting up banners with the picture of ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela near the hostel on February 19. They demanded that the picture of Kwazulu leader Chief Mangosutho Buthelezi be displayed as well.



Confrontation ... Hostel residents set to defend themselves against angry township residents (right) in Duduza yesterday. The police and peace monitors intervened to prevent more bloodshed. PIC: MOFFAT ZUNGU

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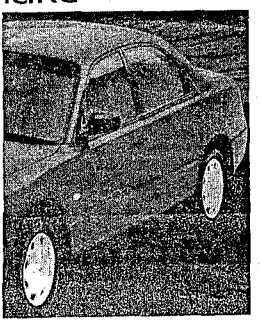

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Violence claims 13 lives

Sowetan 7/3/94

AT LEAST 13 PEOPLE were killed in Natal and the Transvaal as political violence spread at the weekend to what were relatively peaceful areas.

Eleven people were reported killed on Saturday in the Bhambayi shack settlement north of Durban when groups of killers went on the rampage there.

Two people were killed and three injured in Duduza near Nigel yesterday morning.

Warring factions in Bhambayi had made peace last month and this held up until Saturday.

Duduza has been quiet since the turbulent 1980s when the first necklace victim in the country was executed there. The weekend violence appears to give credence to the theory that political violence changes locations and is switched on at will by "an invisible hand" (278) (Sowetan)

Since the Government and the ANC agreed on an South African Defence Force clampdown in Tokoza and Katlehong, the epicentre of the violence for some months, the East Rand has been quiet. The violence has instead spread to Bekkersdal on the West Rand and this weekend to Duduza on the East Rand. ANC leader in the Duduza hostel Mr Isaac Vimba and another member were shot dead in their beds in different parts of the hostel.

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Second Duduza hostel torched

Sowetan 9/3/94

By Isaac Moledi

RESIDENTS of Duduza are expecting more violence in the East Rand township after a hostel was set alight yesterday, causing extensive damage. Earlier in the week, on Monday, another hostel was set alight in the township.

The latest incident occurred despite the deployment of more police and South African Defence Force soldiers on Monday following an outbreak of violence at the weekend.

"From where I stood, I could see a ball of fire. Flames were coming out of no less than three rooms. Damage must have been extensive," a resident said.

Police, however, said the hostel fire was not caused by arsonists but by an electrical fault. "According to reports, there was not extensive damage and only one room was burnt," spokesman Major Andre Venter said. (278)

VIVA! ... i-SADF?

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'New deal' troops bring relief to battle zone

By THEMBA KHUMALO, Political Reporter

HURRAH for the troops?!

It's a strange sound to hear in South Africa, but this week township residents virtually treated troops to a triumphant homecoming when the SADF marched into war-torn East Rand townships.

The troops were there in terms of a pioneering peace deal struck in January between FW De Klerk and Nelson Mandela.

The sense of collective relief was almost palpable in the areas as residents trickled back to their homes.

Many a sad face peered through smashed windows onto blackened walls – formerly furnished and well-cared for homes. In Katlehong, Thokoza and Vosloorus nine months of war and exile seemed to come to an end. For Gertrude Mofokeng life in the wilderness was over – for the first time in months she slept peacefully in her Katlehong home. She believed there would be no more terrified peeping through windows in the dead of night.

"Mama Getty", as her neighbours affectionately call her, said she was glad to have the SADF around.

The war was between Inkatha hostel dwellers and township residents, she said.

Mama Getty and thousands of other residents, whose homes fell in Inkatha territory – often those close to the hostels – suddenly found themselves in the middle of a terrible war. Fleeing was the only option.

Thousands of refugees found themselves squeezed into strange living spaces – displaced families were forced to pile into small community halls and the Natalspruit Hospital.



WAR DAMAGE . . . Elizabeth Baloyi stares at the wreckage caused to her home. She wants to move back in but doesn't have enough money for repairs.

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Similarly, many Zulu-speaking township residents fled to the hostels after township youths began claiming that being Zulu-speaking meant one was an Inkatha member.

Meanwhile, almost all the Zulu-speaking refugees remain trapped in the four East Rand hostels. They fear being killed by the youths.

Mama Getty says she spent her "most miserable" festive season ever with a kindly family she did not know: Her only son was one of five people killed during an Inkatha attack in Radebe Section in May last year.

The assailants looted expensive furniture, including a bedroom suite and a television set.

"Although I haven't recovered from the death of my son I'm happy to be back in my house. The presence of the SADF makes me feel comfortable and I can sleep peacefully now," she says.

Group 41 commanding officer Colonel Chris Du Toit said that, with the help of local political, community and religious leaders, the SADF had succeeded in bringing down the level of violence in the three townships.

Since the peace plan came into operation there were no more no-go zones; education had returned to normal as pupils were guarded by soldiers during school hours; church services took place under the protection of the army and the soldiers also protected technicians who were repairing the infrastructure in the townships.

He said officials of the Department of Education and Training (DET) had asked the army to protect white teachers who were threatened by youths.

In turn, local teachers had threatened to down tools if any teacher was victimised by the youths, Du Toit said.

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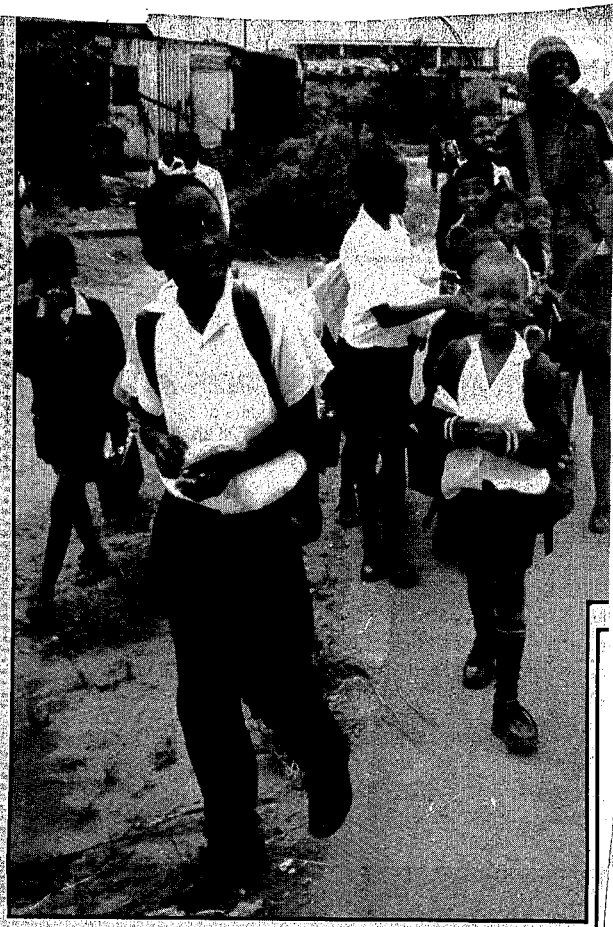
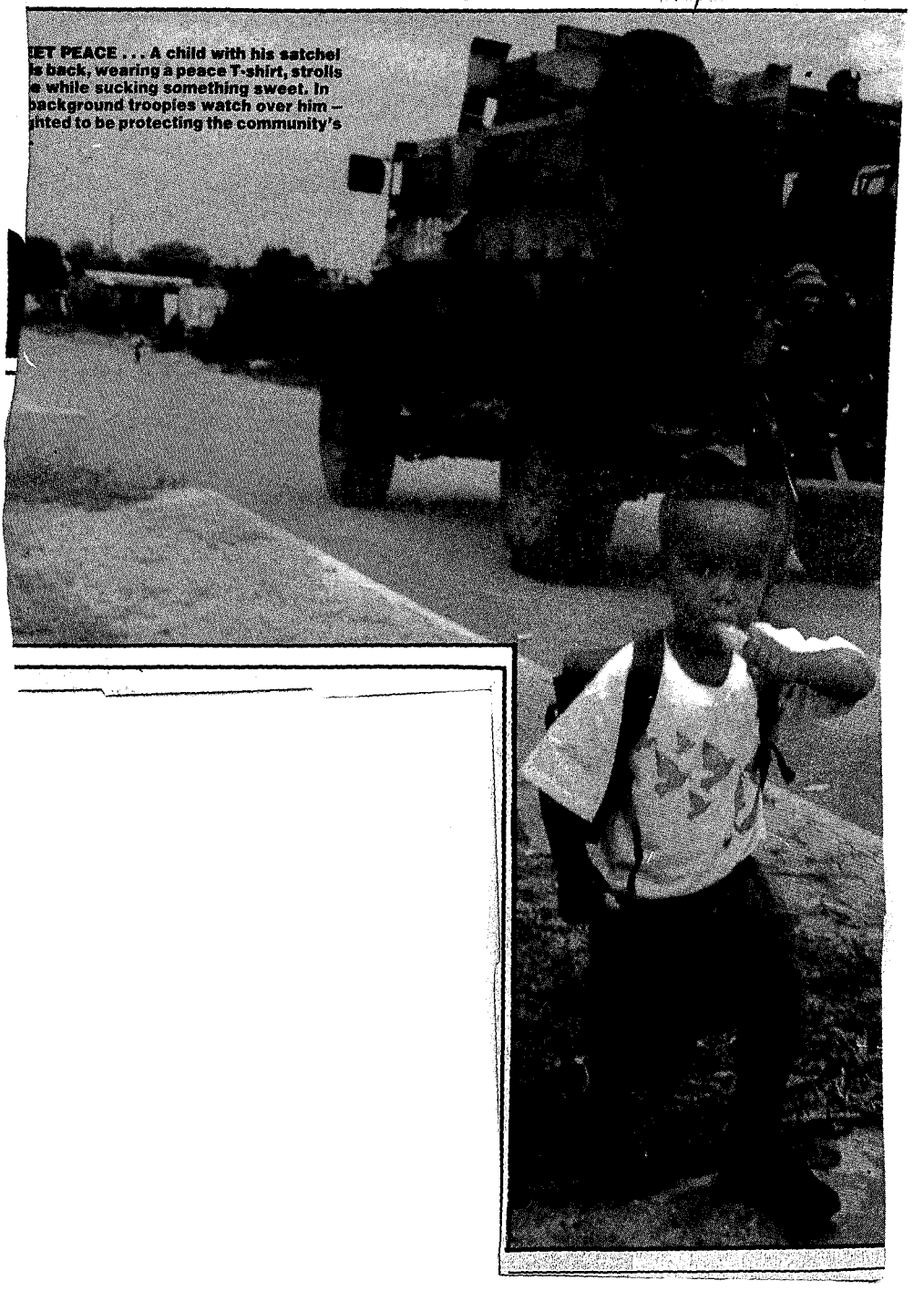


EASY WALK . . . Troopers in Thokoza protect school kids on their way to school. ■ Pics: TLADI KHUELE



FAIR SWOP . . . A troopie shares a cigarette with a Thokoza youth – one of many scenes signalling popular acceptance of the SADF in the East Rand townships this week.



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Kriel declares 52 towns unrest areas

Sowetan - 14/3/94

■ **NO CONSULTATION** Left hand does not know what right is doing:

FIFTY-TWO cities and towns across South Africa were declared unrest areas by Law and Order Minister Mr Hernus Kriel on Friday night.

Law and Order Ministry spokesman Mr Craig Kotze disclosed that this was because of the situation in Bophuthatswana.

"Due to the Bophuthatswana unrest and indications that it would spill over to South Africa, I have declared these unrest areas to deal with any political violence in the most effective manner," Kriel said (278)

He supplied the following alphabetical list: Alberton, Boksburg, Benoni, Bloemhof, Brakpan, Brits, Cullinan, Christiana, Coligny, Delareyville, Ellisras, Germiston, Johannesburg, Kempton Park, Klerksdorp, Koster, Krugersdorp, Lichtenburg, Marico, Moutse, Oberholzer, Pretoria, Potchefstroom, Potgietersrus, Randburg, Randfontein, Roodepoort, Rustenburg, Schweizer-Reneke, Soshanguve, Springs, Swartruggens, Thabazimbi, Vanderbijlpark, Ventersdorp, Vereeniging, Warmbaths, Westonaria, Waterberg, Wonderboom, Wolmaransstad, Barkly West, Harts-water, Kuruman, Vryburg, Warrenton, as well as the six towns reported earlier — Bloemfontein, Brandfort, Dewetsdorp, Excelsior, Ladybrand and Wepener.

Meanwhile, ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela said yesterday that neither President FW de Klerk nor Independent Electoral Commission chairman Mr Justice Johann Kriegler knew about the declaration of the unrest areas.

Addressing about 15 000 people at a rally in Wesselton outside Ermelo, he said he had telephoned De Klerk and Kriegler on Saturday night after an ANC rally in Kimberley was prohibited in terms of the declaration.

Mandela said De Klerk told him he had not known about the declaration and the subsequent banning of the rally.

Kriegler, whose commission has to ensure that the April election was free and fair, had also not been consulted.

"The amount of confusion and lack of consultation among members of the Government is frightening. One department does not know what another is doing. There are times when even De Klerk does not know about matters of fundamental importance."

The ANC leader said the declaration of unrest areas seemed "calculated to undermine free and fair elections".

(Report by S Denny, 141 Commissioner Street, Johannesburg.)



RUNNING THROUGH: Some of the estimated 70 000 ANC supporters who marched at a gallop through the streets of Durban yesterday in support of free and fair elections in KwaZulu/Natal and the immediate deployment of the SADF and National Peacekeeping Force in the region. *PHOTOGRAPH: GARY BERNARD*

Seven killed as ANC men destroy hostel

Star 26/3/94

SEVEN people died when ANC members demolished Duduza's Hostel One on the East Rand yesterday, the Inkatha Freedom Party said.

SAP spokesman Lieutenant Jan Combrinck said that while police could not confirm the deaths, major damage had been done to the hostel in two attacks.

Police were investigating charges of malicious damage to property.

Maureen Isaacson reports that Sikhumbuzo Mabizela, an induna from Merafe Hostel in Mapetla, Soweto, yesterday called on all Zulus in the Transvaal to join a mass rally at Johannesburg's Library Gardens at 9 am on Monday.

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During a news conference at the IFP's Johannesburg offices, Mabizela insisted that the rally had been called by "*all the indunas*" and that he was representing "all the Zulus and not *the IFP*".

He said the rally had been called to express the anger of the people and to support King Goodwill Zwelithini's claim to his land.

Said *Mabizela*: "We totally reject the constitution of FW de Klerk and his colleagues of *Kempton Park*. (2-43)

"We are going to fight to the last atom of our strength if the *king's demands are not met*."

He said that although they had obtained magisterial *permission to hold the rally*, they had not contacted the Peace Secretariat.

Asked how *the traditional* leaders felt about the recent decline in violence in the PWV area, *Mabizela answered:* "We don't care about the violence. It is now that we must show our *anger*."

Asked how their anger would be shown, he answered: "We'll see."

Mabizela said the instruction to call the rally had come from Ulundi. He called on all Zulus, including ANC-supporting Zulus, to attend.

"*We cannot forbid* other Zulus to come to our rally — we are demanding the land of His Majesty, the King of the Zulus."

IFP spokesman Gertrude Mzizi said she did not think the IFP had anything to do with the traditional leaders' rally call.

"If we are invited, we will attend," she added.

Bloody protests

JOHANNESBURG and Durban were the focus of political violence today. (278)

Chaos reigned on the Reef when several people were shot dead in Johannesburg's central business district as gunfire echoed through the streets while more than 40 000 Zulu royalists marched on the library gardens.

Zulus, armed with traditional weapons, made their way from as far afield as Natal into Johannesburg for a rally in support of their king's demands for a sovereign kingdom. ARG 28/3/94

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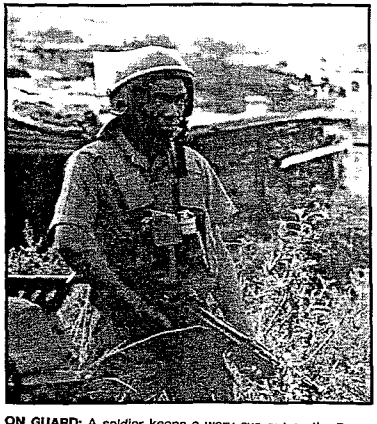
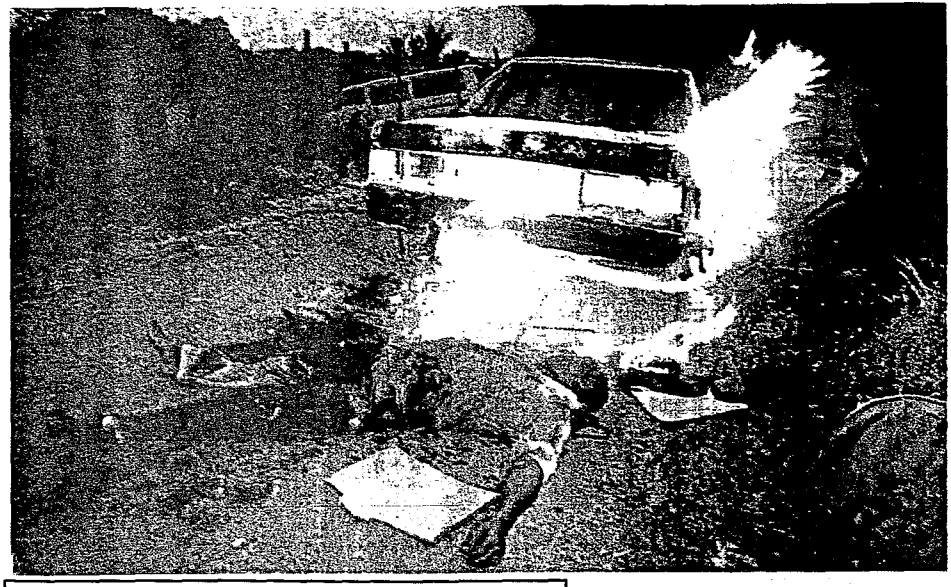
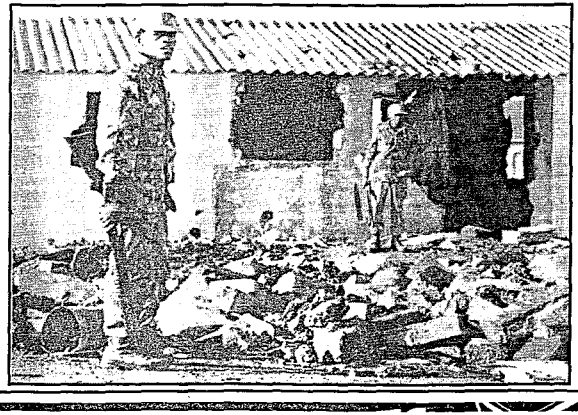


ON GUARD: A soldier keeps a wary eye out as the Defence Force moves into a zone separating warring IFP and ANC camps in Bambhayi township in Durban.





Pictures: Argus Group Picture Service.

DEATH: The body of a man lies beside his burning vehicle in B section, KwaMashu, near Durban, after further violence in the area.

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IN RUINS: Police stand in the rubble of a torn down workers' hostel in Duduza in the Transvaal. The hostel residents were mostly Inkatha Freedom Party members.

Extra police moved in to bring strife under control

PRETORIA. — Police reinformements were being sent to Johannesburg to contain the violence and bring the siuation under control as a soon as possible, Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel said on Monday.

"In view of the extremely serious sitation in central Johannesburg the King of the Zulus must be urged to exercise his influence to calm and control his subjects," Mr Kriel said in a statement in reaction to the eruption of violence around a Zulu march on the city centre.

"This volence illustrates how lack of control over supporters creates violence and that political intolerance and indiscipline have emerged as the single biggest threat to free and fair elections.

"Due to the seriousness of the situation I have requested the SA Police to urgently send reinforcements to contain the violence and bring the situation under control," he added.

● A spokesman for the SADF's Witwatersrand Command said no army units had been called to Johannesburg's city centre to help contain violence surrounding the Zulu march in the central business district on Monday morning.

Maj Christo Visser said soldiers were lending assistance to police in Soweto's Meadowlands where violence had apparently flared up on Monday morning. — Sapa.

Two die in bus attack

EAST LONDON. — Two people, including a policeman, were shot dead in a terror attack at the Da Gama textile factory outside East London today, police said.

A major manhunt was launched for the attackers in the thick bush surrounding the factory.

One of the attackers, who was killed, had his body dragged into the bush by his comrades.

Border police said about five gunmen attacked a bus carrying 80 workers from East London to the factory.

Shots were fired at the bus as it entered the gates. Security men returned fire. — Sapa

NEWS FEATURE Residents of Sharpeville in the Vaal Triangle are living in fear

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'Heroes' at each others throats

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By Mzwandile Jacks

'They seem to have specific targets'

THE VIOLENCE AMONG MEMBERS of the African National Congress Youth League in the Vaal Triangle township of Sharpeville has brought fear to the community as battles between the warring factions continue.

The township had experienced relative calm in terms of politically motivated violence since the massacre of 42 Boipatong residents on the night of June 17, 1992, allegedly by members of the Inkatha Freedom Party living in KwaMadala Hostel.

Four pupils who were members of the ANCYL have died and scores been injured since December last year.

Some members of the organisation had to flee the area as attacks against them increased.

When the ANCYL was officially launched in this township soon after February 2 1990, most of the youths in the township joined the organisation.

They were also working hand in hand with members of Umkhonto we Sizwe who had just returned from exile.

When Self Defence Units were introduced in the township to protect the residents against faceless people who were allegedly going around terrorising shebeen patrons, a group of youths managed to drive the faceless people out of the township.

This was shortly after the massacre of 42 people at a night vigil in Zone 7 Sebokeng on January 1992, allegedly by Khethisi "Vaal Monster" Kheswa and his lieutenants who were living at KwaMadala hostel, a stronghold of the IFP.

Kheswa had just fled from his home after residents in Zone 7 Sebokeng accused him of killing an ANC leader in that area.

Street committees, community leaders, the ANCYL and the Azanian National Youth Unity (Azanyu) jointly decided to divide the township into sections.

These sections had to guard against any attacks on township residents by external forces.

This saw the formation of sections such as Slovo (formerly known as Putswasetene), Samora 1 and 2 (formerly known as Vuka Zenzele), Dorothy Nyembe (formerly known as Vergenoeg), Fidel Castro (formerly known as Rooistene), Quatro (formerly known asRooistene), and Germany (formerly known as Meadowlands), to name but a few.

In series of revenge attacks youths who were accused of being members of the IFP had their homes gutted. They fled the area and sought refuge at the nearby KwaMadala Hostel.

At the forefront of this campaign, to force out people who allegedly terrorised residents, were youths who claimed allegiance to the African National Congress. Every youth had to be on the streets to guard against alleged IFP men who could creep into the dark at any time and kill innocent

Jo'burg march:



UNITED: Some of the thousands of IFP supporters who marched in Johannesburg today.

Death in the streets

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Picture: The Associated Press

DEATH SCENE: Bodies and traditional weapons litter the pavement outside the African National Congress headquarters in downtown Johannesburg today after unknown gunmen opened fire from the building on passing Zulu IFP supporters who had gathered to protest against next month's elections.

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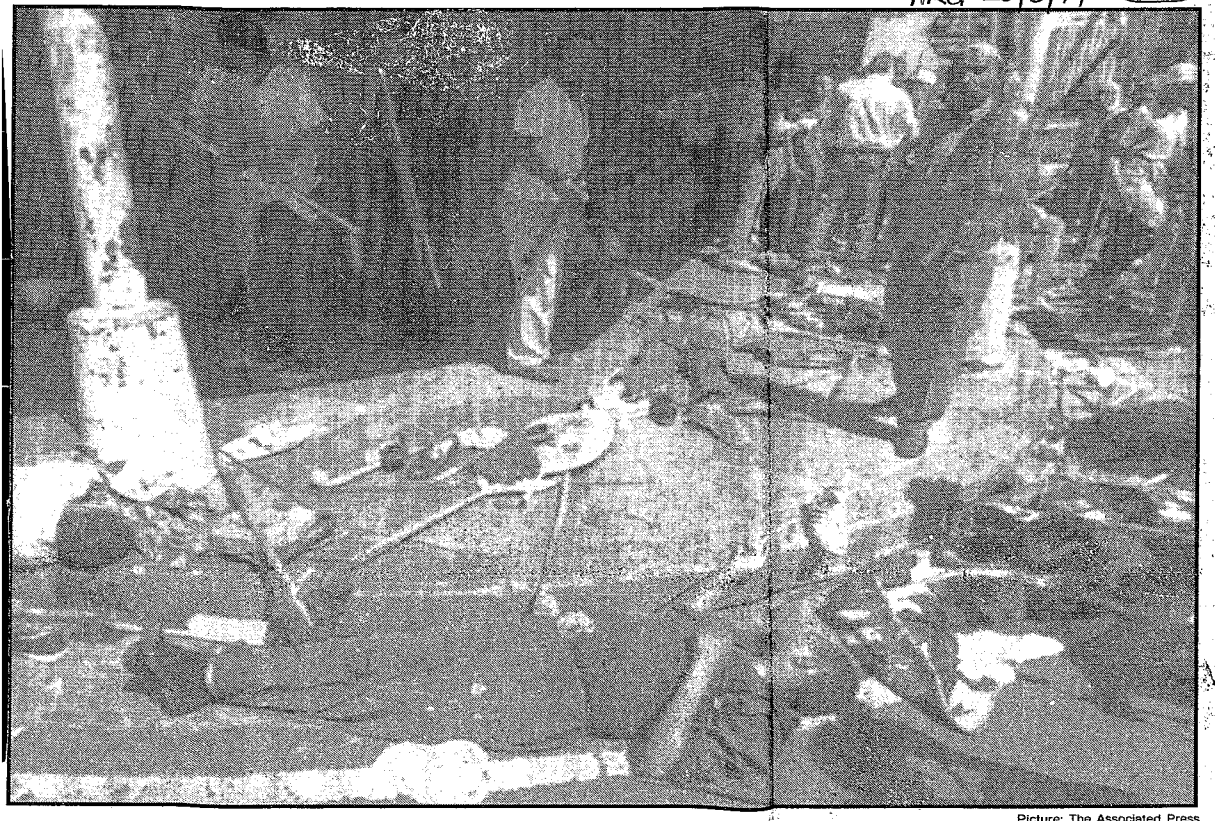

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The shots rang out. They reverberated across the open square opposite the library in the city centre.

For a brief few seconds the thousands of Zulus who had gathered there did not react. It was as if the thought of someone firing into their massed ranks was too incredible to be true.

Then they started to break for cover, running in all directions to escape the gunfire. Their bodies were crouched towards the ground as they ran.

Minutes before I had edged my way through the crowd to the stairs leading to the library. As I did so, Zulu men who had come to demonstrate their support for their demand for an independent Zulu kingdom acknowledged my presence. "Ntshebe," they said, meaning, roughly, "bearded man".

Humphrey Ndlovu, a well-known Zulu leader, stood on the stairs. He wore tribal dress, replete with a leopard-skin headband. A pistol was tucked incongruously into his belt.

On the stairs Themba Khoza, a leader of the Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom Party, was reading a message on his radio pager. I could read it over his shoulder. It said: "ANC provocateurs placed among marchers. Instructed to begin random shooting." The message came from the IFP information office in Durban.

Restrained

Within minutes shots were fired from the eastern edge of the crowd. I had moved away to the side of the library entrance to talk to Rupert Lorimer, of the National Peace Secretariat.

Lorimer had been saying that the Zulu marchers were "reasonably restrained" when he was cut short by the gunfire.

He and his colleague, Antonie Gildenhuys, threw themselves to the ground, taking shelter behind a low parapet.

I hesitated for a moment.

More shots were fired. I fell to the ground and dragged myself to the edge of the parapet. All around were Zulus.

Two of them produced handguns, a revolver and a pistol, and prepared to return fire. They steadied themselves as they sought to locate the enemy gunmen.

As I lay there, Zulus either leapt over me or trod on me as they scrambled for safety. Firing seemed to break out all around me.

During a lull I scurried towards President Street to the south of me, taking shelter with a cluster of Zulus and journalists behind a police armoured vehicle.

There was more gunfire, louder than the first shots. Nervousness must have showed on my face. A Zulu man, half my age, offered reassurance. "All right," he said, "all right."

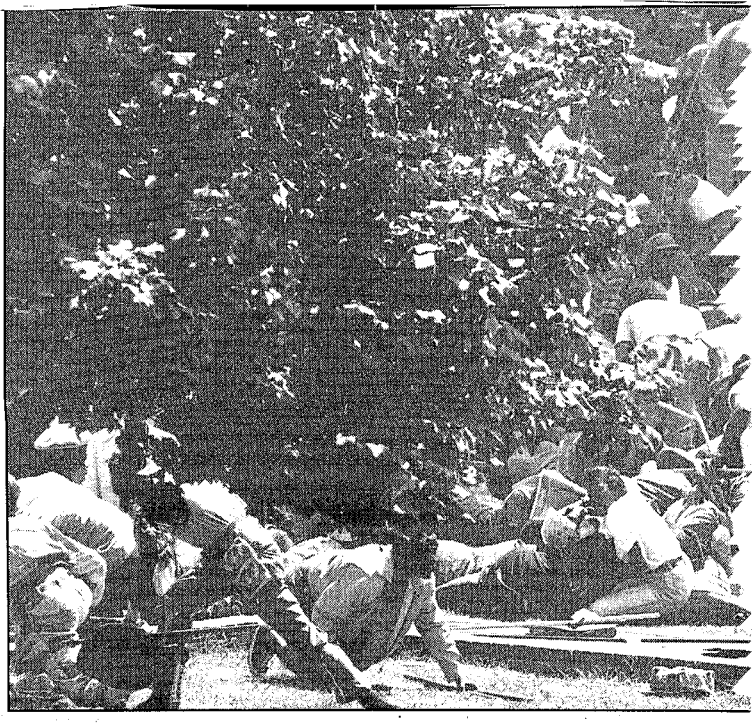
He patted the tar to tell me, symbolically, to keep my head down.

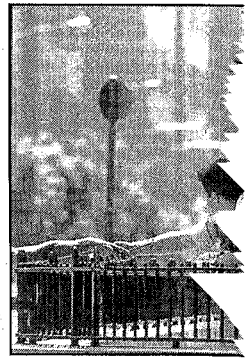
The Zulu men around me kept pointing excitedly at a building across the square in Market Street. They were convinced it contained a sniper or snipers.

There were bullet marks on the wall near one of the windows, about five or six stories up the building. They had been left there by Zulu marksmen.

Police, armed with automatic rifles and protected by flak jackets, began to approach the building. I decided to follow them.

As I made my way across the entrance to the library, shoes, sticks and sharpened rods lay around me. They had been dropped by fleeing men





■ **The shooting starts . . . Zulu marchers dive for cover as shots ring out across the Library Gardens.**
■ **Defensive attitudes . . . policemen take up positions as snipers open fire from the tops of nearby buildings.**
■ **The pain . . . a wounded onlooker grimaces after being beaten with sticks and knobkerries by marchers.**

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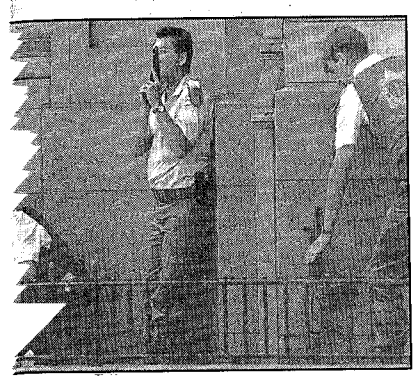



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A young man, he had been shot in the temple. He lay on his back barely six feet from where I had dived for cover.

He was bare chested. Blood trickled from the wound, staining the concrete slabs. A United States flag was tied to his left wrist.

A woman lay against the library wall, whimpering with pain. She had been shot in the leg.

Two fat men lay nearby, sheltering behind the edge of the stairs. They were not wounded, merely too tired and too shocked to move.

In Market Street policemen kept their guns trained on the window where the suspected sniper had his lair.

A policeman, clearly elated by the fighting, remarked as I passed: "It is going to get a lot worse." I asked: "You mean today?"

He replied smilingly: "Between now and the election."

Another policemen interrupted to tell him in Afrikaans: "We've got two AKs." The smiling policeman answered: "Mooi so . . . nice work."

As I moved away from the crowd I caught a Zulu man's eye. For a brief second we were comrades who had survived the bullets.

I gave him the open palm peace salute. He replied: "Umfowethu . . . my brother."

I was deeply moved. Emotion welled up. My lips mouthed the word "umfowethu" but no sound came out.

But sentiment had to be tempered by reality. I had had to duck away from enraged Zulus earlier yesterday.

When I first arrived to observe the crowd, I saw a white man, wearing a grey flak jacket and carrying a pistol, chasing a black man.

The fleeing man ran into the crowd outside the library. The white man ran after him.

The pursuer caught his man in the crowd. But when he tried to arrest him Zulu men attacked him. I saw him being struck fiercely across the head.

Miraculously

Adrenaline kept him going. He miraculously escaped the closing circle of Zulus, even managing to retrieve his pistol when it fell to the ground.

The hunter became the prey. He fled past me, chased by angry men wielding sticks, clubs and spears. I got out of the way, running into a doorway.

The white man collapsed when he reached his armed comrades. Blood poured from a wound in his head. An ambulance was called.

Less than block away a black man lay dead on the pavement. A grey-haired man of about 50 — he looked as if he had been typecast for the role of a dignified Zulu worker in a film — had been shot in the back of the head.

As he lay there, his one arm across his stomach, conflicting reports were spread about how he had died.

He had been shot by a white man wearing a yellow shirt, he had been shot by a sniper on the roof of a building in President Street, he had been shot by gunmen in the crowd who had fired exuberantly into the air to cheers . . .

Another victim of South Africa's terrible conflict lay dead, not in a township or a village but in the middle of the city, not far from the Johannesburg Stock Exchange.

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Mike Siluma

A gunbattle erupted on the square outside the Johannesburg Library yesterday. Unknown men opened fire on thousands of Zulus gathered in support of King Goodwill Zwelithini's demand for sovereignty. ***Patrick Laurence*** *(right) witnessed the events and* ***Duif du Toit*** *took the pictures*

Sheer madness on the library steps

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A battlefield in honour of a king

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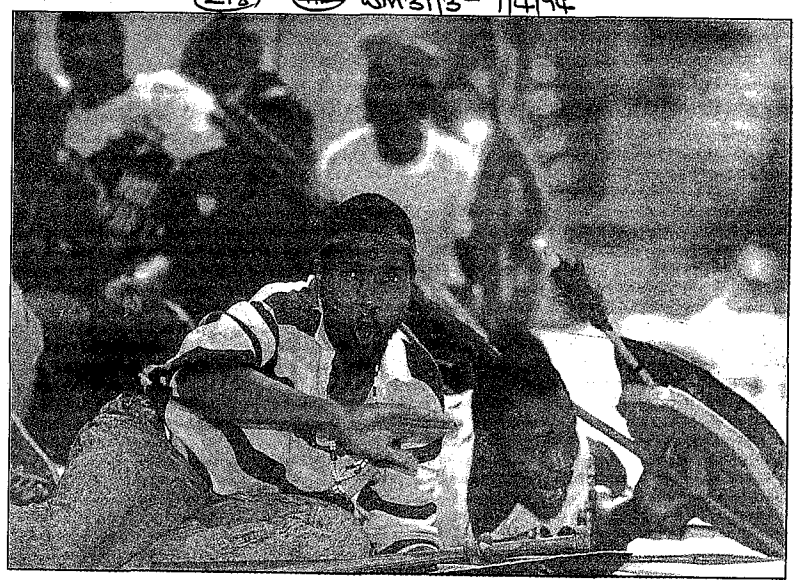
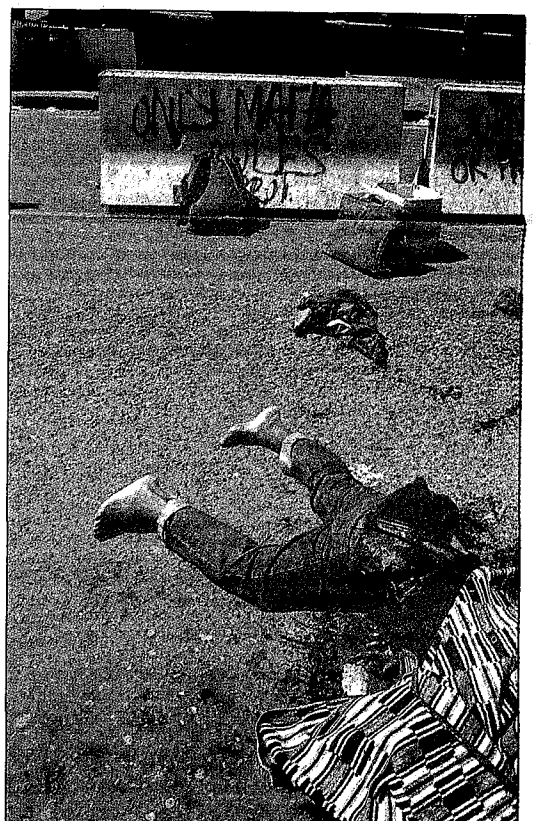
Eight men lie dead on a Johannesburg pavement. It is assumed they are Zulus. Did they die for their king — or were they Inkatha cannon fodder? asks **Stephen Laufer**





Bloody Monday ... Marchers seek shelter when the shooting begins during the march through the centre of Johannesburg (above)

Who rules? ... Beneath assorted graffiiti, one of the many victims shot near the ANC's Shell House in the city centre (right)
PHOTOS: STEVE HILTON-BARBER

THE doctors and paramedics attending to the injured all wear the uniforms of the South African Defence Force medical corps. They are efficient men, practised in the art of triage, the battlefield system which first sees to the wounded with the greatest chance of survival, leaving to wait those who are likely to die anyway.

This is not a movie about the army in Angola; it is Johannesburg's central business district on Monday at lunchtime.

The triage is under way on the corner of King George and De Villiers streets, directly across from African National Congress headquarters and a stone's throw from the Rand Supreme Court and the Carlton Centre, each a symbol in their own right of order and power.

When the medics have done their work and the wounded have been removed, eight men lie dead amid an array of sticks, knobkieries and small shields made of animal hide, cardboard, or plastic. Some still have cheap, dirty blankets around their shoulders, covering naked chests, and trousers in poor repair. Others have lost their shoes; yet others grip plastic bags grimly, seemingly determined not to reveal in death what *they so intently concealed in life.*

These dead men are Zulus, shot dead by members of ANC security who say they tried three times to storm Shell House, twice ignoring warning shots fired into the air.



Themba Khoza ... Struts in his tie-dyed Nkrumah outfit

At least the assumption is they are Zulus. They were certainly participants in a march to the Library Gardens called by Zulu *indunas*. They openly carried what have become known as Zulu cultural weapons, an array of implements capable of splitting skulls and gashing flesh horribly.

They also carried firearms. At least two, a home-made pistol of the variety allegedly made in "third force" workshops at the behest of Basie Smit and others, and a Yugoslav-made 7.65mm pistol, emerge from a plastic bag pried loose from dead fingers by a police forensic expert. There is a hollow-point bullet, the kind designed to mushroom, causing maximum shock and loss of blood to the person it hits.

Witnesses say there were other weapons too, automatic rifles hurriedly gathered together and taken away by those in the group who escaped the withering fire from the ANC security men.

Have the eight died for their king? Would King Goodwill Zwelithini have wanted them to take a detour via Shell House on their way to the Library Gardens? Would he have wanted them to attempt to storm ANC headquarters via the garage entrance at the rear, as the organisation's security men claim?

Or is there a more sinister, coldly calculated political background to the events which left these men lying motionless in pools of coagulating blood in front of the American King Restaurant, a shabby fish and chips shop whose staff hit the floor the moment the lead started flying?

Themba Khoza, the Transvaal Inkatha leader named by the Goldstone Commission as a police agent and key link between the "third force" and his organisation, refuses later in the day to answer these or any other questions, despite having called a press conference.

Dressed in a designer tie-dyed outfit and cap reminiscent of Kwame Nkrumah at his sartorial height, he does make a statement, sticking to his party's line that Inkatha was not involved: "The Zulu people sponsored the march."

Indeed, the crowd at the Library Gardens carried no Inkatha banners, few wore IFP T-shirts. The party's colours were hardly in evidence. The man carrying a sniper's rifle with a telescopic sight who kept close to Khoza at all times was dressed in very ordinary civilian clothes.

Asked what he, the most prominent Inkatha man on the Reef, was doing at its head, and why he addressed the crowd at the Library Gardens, he looks hurt. "Am I not a Zulu?" he asks plaintively.

The observer is reminded of the Nazis' disingenuous attempts to abdicate responsibility following the pogrom of November 9 1938 against Jews and synagogues across Germany. The Kristallnacht, they said, had been a spontaneous event, an outpouring of emotion by ordinary Germans. The Berliners knew better, immediately dubbing it "Reichs"-Kristallnacht because of how well co-ordinated it had been across the Reich, the brown shirts marauding in every town and city at precisely the same moment.

Dripping piety, Khoza says he cannot entertain probing questions on a day when the Zulu nation has lost so many of its own. The journalists present should please excuse him, surely they are Christians too?

Edward Mabaso might like to chat to Khoza about Christian ethics and a definition of the Zulu king's subjects sometime soon. A Zulu who lives in Katlehong, he appears without prior notice at the ANC press conference which precedes Khoza's, encouraged to take a seat next to Thabo Mbeki in front of the TV cameras.

Speaking in Zulu, he tells of being abducted while on his way to work. "Our taxi was stopped outside Jeppe hostel, 15 of us were hustled inside. When they found I had an ANC membership card, I was taken into an office and handcuffed to a desk."

He produces the handcuffs, which he says were removed after he managed to escape, hiding the shackles under his jersey so they could not be seen by hostel dwellers. "Before they left for the march, the men who locked me up said they would come back and kill me aferwards. I don't know where the other taxi passengers are; I am worried they might be dead."

"Terror" Lekota, the ANC's candidate for the premiership of the Free State who has taken a prominent role in Shell House's response to the day's events, says: "The timing of this fresh campaign of violence, so shortly after the exposure of the 'third force', is uncanny. The prominent role played in all this by regional leaders of the IFP cannot be seen as accidental."

It's a view unwittingly confirmed by a chance meeting with Gertrude Mzizi, Inkatha's iron lady of the East Rand, at the George Goch station. A non-Zulu, she is busy supervising the loading of taxis to Thokoza. The crowd is orderly, following instructions quietly. They accept her authority today, an authority which seems to come less from her association with King Zwelethini than with his prime minister, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

WHO'S TO BLAME? ANC, SAYS THE SAP. SAP, SAYS THE ANC

Stephen Laufer

THE South African Police and the ANC are on a collision course over the events which led up to Monday's shooting at Shell House during which eight participants in a "Zulu march" were killed and at least 15 wounded.

With the ANC saying the police had failed to protect their headquarters adequately, Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel has called for a judicial inquiry. The Goldstone Commission said it was considering holding a preliminary inquiry into the events.

The police have mounted a major investigation into the immediate circumstances of the shooting, headed by Witwatersrand SAP deputy crime investigation service chief Brigadier Louis van der Westhuizen.

ANC chairman Thabo Mbeki accused the SAP of incompetence, saying their failure to set adequate roadblocks and to search march participants for weapons "suggests more than incompetence". He said several telephone calls to SAP commissioner General Johan van der Merwe and Witwatersrand commissioner Lieutenant General Koos Calitz on Sunday had not resulted in preventive measures being taken as promised.

Calls during Monday morning, when ANC staff had come under fire while on the way to work, had produced a limp response, with the SAP sending a detachment of 10 policemen headed by a sergeant to protect the building. As the shooting started, said ANC working committee member Terror Lekota, "it would appear the police officers on duty withdrew because not one was visible for the following 30 minutes".

SAP spokesman Colonel David Bruce said that many points were "in dispute", and the "facts concerning

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'Blues' not welcome in Tokoza

THE deployment of the National Peacekeeping Force, who took over from the SADF, was well received by residents of the East Rand townships this week — with one exception. HELEN GRANGE was there.

THE familiar pop-pop of an automatic rifle splits the air and sends the "blue men" rushing for their armoured vehicles.

A moment before, they were smoking cigarettes and sipping cold drinks outside a cafe — cooling down after three hours of uneventful patrolling through the dusty streets of Tokoza.

Now people are running for cover. The soldiers leap into their blue Mambas, disappear under the roof hatches and rumble off in the general vicinity of the shooting.

Residents have gathered in groups and are pointing towards some empty, vandalised houses. The Mambas hesitate at the roadside and suddenly two SADF Buffels appear and rush past, veering off into a side street.

Immediately there is a sense that the "brown men" are now in control and somehow know where the shooting came from.

The Mambas follow. The Buffels have stopped and the SADF soldiers have alighted — now busy picking their way through the empty houses under the watchful eye of a group of people lined across the street. The peacekeeping soldiers emerge and start searching houses in the opposite direction.

"We don't need you blue soldiers ... We want the SADF back here. The IFP are shooting at us," shouts a man in the gathering. It sparks a cacophony of shouting. "This peacekeeping force just stays inside their truck driving around. They don't know what to do," yells a woman.

The noise dies down, no culprits are found and the incident is over.

Until it all started — at about 11.30 am yesterday — the only visible signs of hostility towards the National Peacekeeping Force as its Mambas rolled through the streets were from residents in a small IFP stronghold in Tokoza.

There, the soldiers' two-finger peace waves tended to be met with sweeping "get out" gestures rather than the smiles and waves of residents in the rest of the mostly ANC-supporting township.

Yet even in unfriendly territory, the soldiers felt safe enough to venture out of their vehicles and "talk to the people". The attitude towards the NPKF seemed more sceptical than warlike.

One NPKF soldier gave his view: "We hear rumours all the time about shooting between the IFP and ANC. They accuse each other. They don't understand each other, and we want to end that."

Back in ANC land, the "blue men" have apparently become heroes among the children, who occasionally get tossed a chocolate. Certainly, there is enough goodwill being heaped on the NPKF by most residents of Tokoza.

■ The NPKF took over the tasks of the SADF in the East Rand townships this week. Fighting has since been sparked by the IFP's rejection of the NPKF's deployment there.



KwaMadala Hostel No 1: on the inside looking out

NEWTON KANHEMA

"AGEE 'ntate," I said respectfully in SePedi. But it was a mistake that could have cost me my life.

"Who is that one and what does he want?" came the challenge from a Zulu induna in KwaMadala Hostel No 1 in Khumalo Street, Tokoza.

I had been taken into the hostel by IFP PWV regional organiser Tabani Dhlamini. After being introduced, the induna relaxed and shook my hand.

Some Zulus, carrying traditional weapons, kept watchful eyes on the soldiers outside. Inside, they danced around the compound.

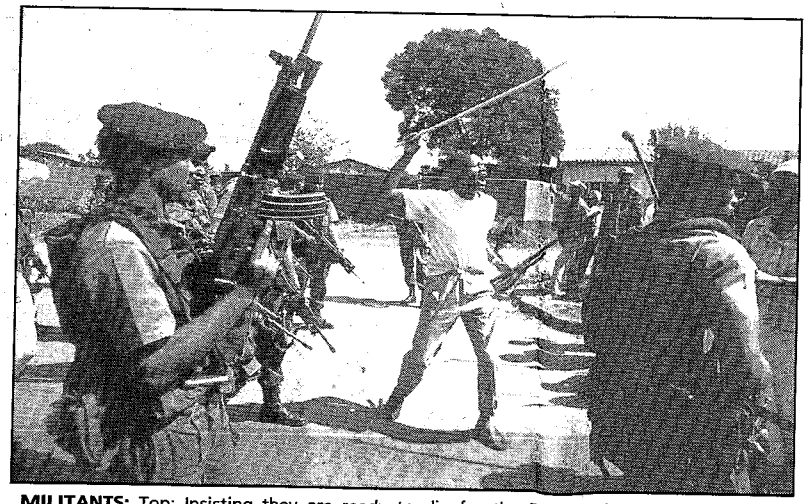
"I want to go with at least 300 impis to the police station to negotiate the immediate removal of MK and the Transkei soldiers (of the National Peacekeeping Force, who took over from the SADF in Tokoza this week)," said the induna, Simon Mchunu.

"The SADF are better. These NPKF are biased. This morning we were being shot at and they just drove past. They will never protect us."

Then Mchunu blew a whistle and gestured. The toyi-toying Zulus immediately poured out into Khumalo Street. But before getting very far, the SADF soldiers formed a wall and stopped them. On the other side Inkatha women tried to join their men in the demonstration.

"You can shoot me. You can shoot me, I don't care. I am not afraid to die," said Baby Nkosi to loud cheers. The men on the other side of the soldiers taunted the soldiers.

After a two-hour consultation with several other indunas, the crowd dispersed without incident.



MILITANTS: Top: Insisting they are ready to die for the Zulu kingdom, hostel dwellers march towards SA Defence Force troops deployed at the KwaMadala Hostel in Tokoza. Above: Members of the same band of hostel residents taunt soldiers in Khumalo Street in the township.

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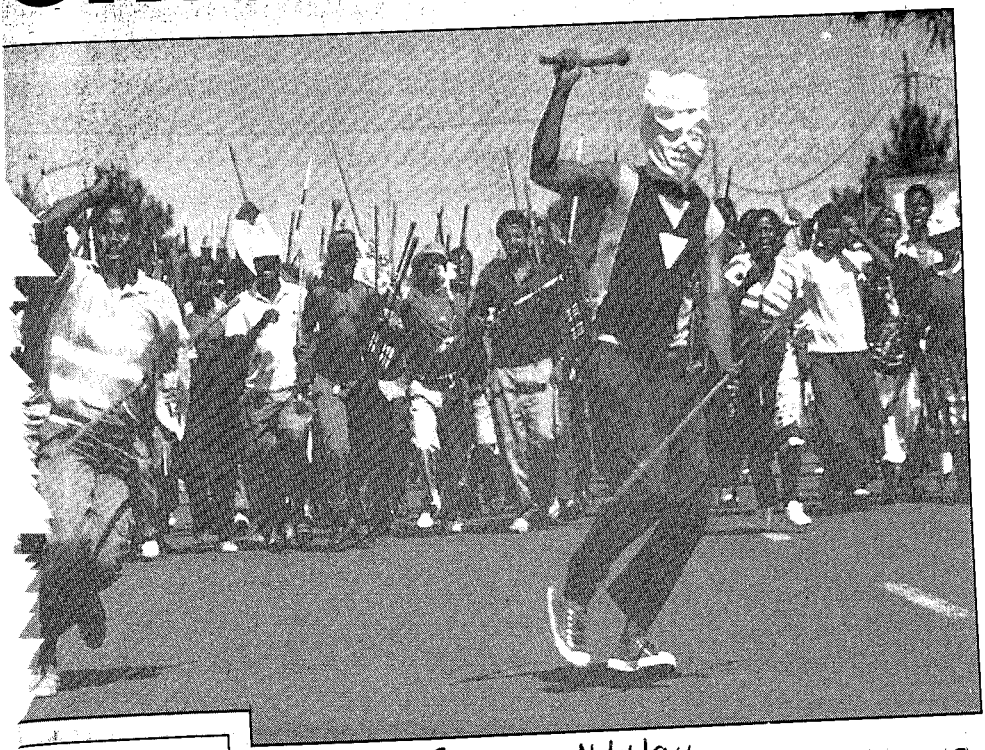



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On Wednesday an NPKF lieutenant, who did not want to be named, told WeekendStar that MK soldiers in the force were not disciplined. "I am not prepared to work with people who challenge orders. They do what they like and nothing is done to them. I will soon be resigning from the NPKF and going back to my base."

Ramushwana retorted that the lieutenant was himself undisciplined and said there were codes of conduct which ensured that disobedient members were reprimanded. "He knows what he was supposed to do. Anyone who wants to can go. After all, the soldiers came here voluntarily," said Ramushwana.

Asked what his expectations were on the East Rand, he said: "It will be difficult in the beginning. But with time, things will improve."

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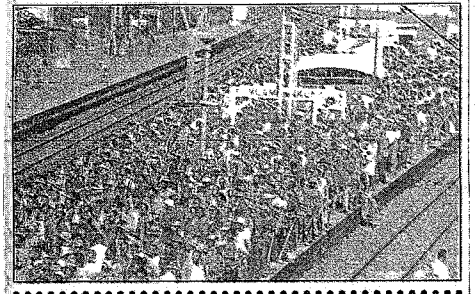
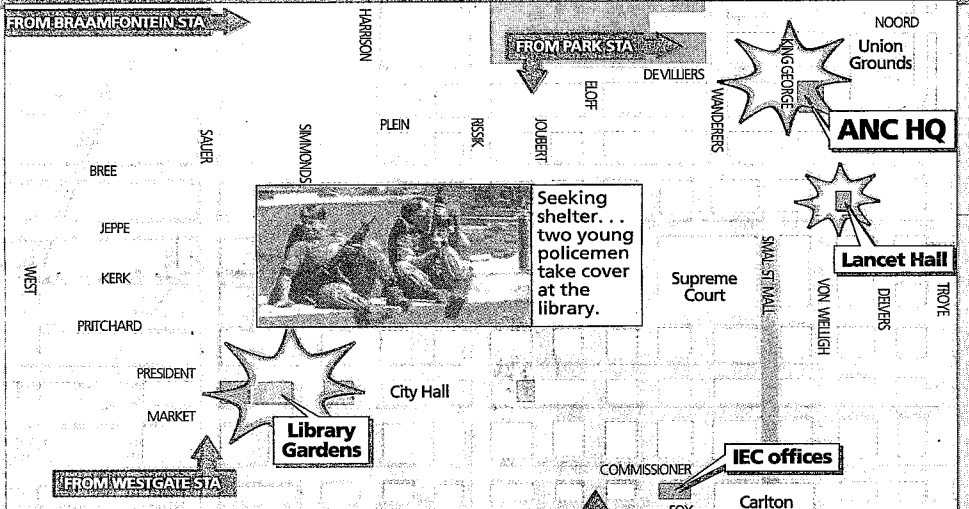
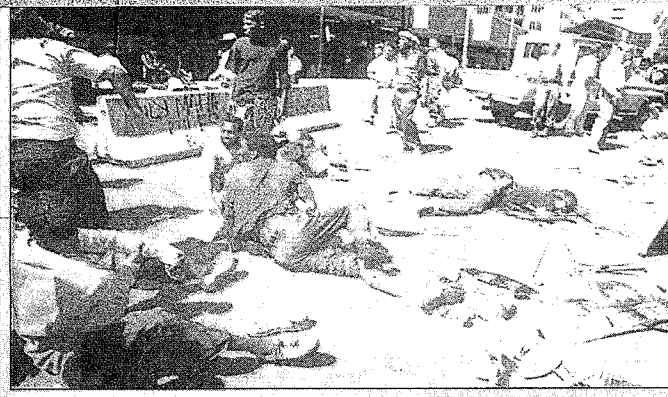
CITY OF FEAR AND DEATH: THE THREE MAIN FLASHPOINTS IN JOHANNESBURG YESTERDAY

Marchers came from all over the Reef, by train, by bus, by taxi and on foot. Estimates are that about 40 000 demonstrated all over the city.



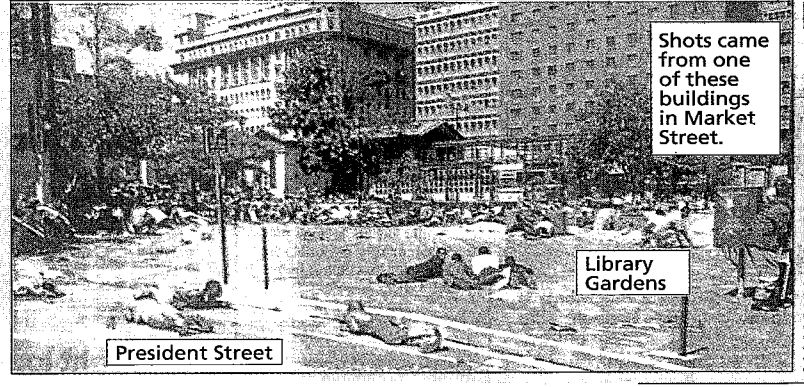




Aftermath of a firefight . . . bloodbath in the street.

1 THE LIBRARY GARDENS: Thousands of marchers poured into the square in front of the Johannesburg Library and milled around the surrounding streets for several hours. Shots were fired into the air and a policeman and several other people were wounded.

THE SHOTS: The mood of the crowd was angry. Then suddenly, at about 11.40 am, shots were fired at the marchers from a building in Market Street. Marchers returned fire and the gardens became a battleground. No official toll was available last night but reporters counted at least five bodies here.



2 ANC HEADQUARTERS: The firefight came after three earlier shoot-outs between marchers and ANC at the organisation's PWV offices in Jeppe Street. The protesters then moved to the ANC's HQ in Plein Street about 11am. The ANC said the marchers split up and also approached from Wanderers and De Villiers streets. T retreated when ANC security guard fired into the air. Marchers fired at building from King George Street. More warning shots were fired, a ANC spokesman said. Then the buil ing was stormed and the ANC guar opened fire. Eleven people were kil

BEFORE THE DEATHS: Brandishing traditional weapons, the marchers jog towards the Library Gardens. Earlier in the day and during Sunday night there had been widespread trouble at hostel areas around the city, particularly at Denver, George Goch, Wolhuter and Diepkloof.

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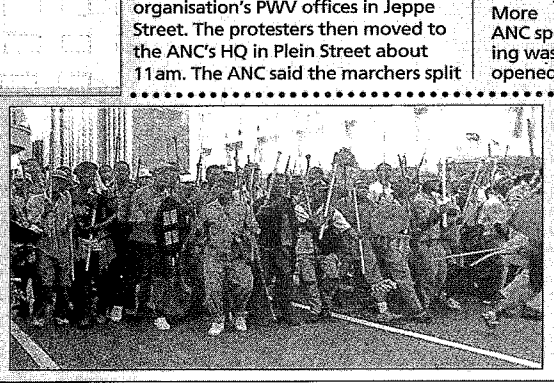

3 LANCET HALL: The ANC's regio headquarters in Jeppe Street was the scene of three shootouts between the organisation's security guards and marchers. Police searched the top the building after claim of snipers on the roofto One person was injured

'Demonstrators stormed building firing wildly'

ANC guards fire at marchers: 11 killed

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■ BY CHARMEELA BHAGOWAT

Eleven people died in a hail of bullets outside the ANC's headquarters in central Johannesburg in a clash between Zulu royalists and ANC security guards yesterday.

The firefight came after three shootouts with marchers at the organisation's PWV regional offices in Jeppe Street earlier in the day.

Reporters on the scene counted 11 bodies after the shootings.

ANC spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said the head office had been attacked from three directions by armed and angry marchers. ANC security personnel had returned fire.

Police could not confirm last night how many people had died in the shootout.

POLICE "absence" during fatal shootout at ANC offices questioned

Mamoepa said the ANC, after receiving information that their offices would be targeted, had requested added security from the police and Wits-Vaal Peace Secretariat several times before the attack (278)

He said that before the attack several policemen had been on patrol, but that for about 30 minutes during the shootout no security forces had been present.

Mamoepa said the attacks on the ANC had begun at about 8.30 am when ANC executive member Penuel Maduna had escaped a volley of gunfire and ducked into the ANC headquarters building in Plein Street.

Mamoepa said that at about 11 am, after several gunfire exchanges at the ANC's regional offices, thousands of protesters, led by an AK-47-wielding man, had marched on the headquarters.

The ANC had asked police to divert the march away from the offices, but in vain, he added.

"The marchers then split and approached from Wanderers and De Villiers streets. Others proceeded along Plein Street and most of them were heavily armed," said Mamoepa.

He said security staff had fired warning shots in the air and the marchers had retreated, but another contingent of demonstrators had then appeared from King George Street, this time firing at the building with automatic weapons.

"We again fired two warning shots, but it is at this stage that the behaviour of the police has to be explained. For 30 minutes there was no security force presence and the marchers continued to fire," said Mamoepa.

He said that after another contingent of marchers had stormed the building firing wildly, ANC security guards had opened fire.

After the volley, during which people scattered and residents boarded up their flat windows, bodies lay everywhere.

Paramedics treated the wounded at the scene, but for many it was too late.

For second day in a row, armed men pour into central business distri

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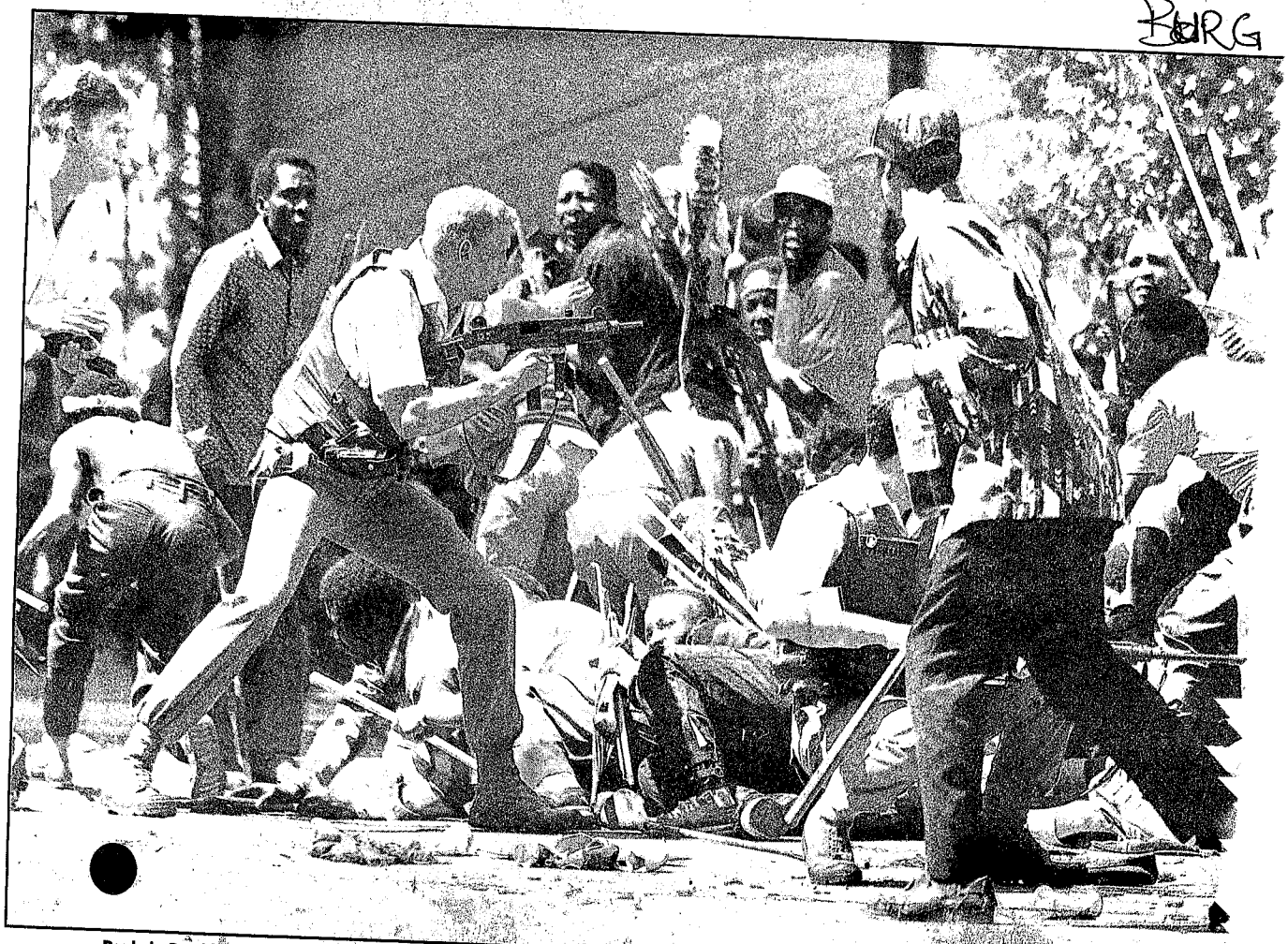

Panic in President Street . . . marchers flee and policemen try to draw a line on sniper fire ringing out across the Library Gardens during yester

DAY OF madness brings KwaZulu/Natal election crisis to shocked city centre

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There was an air of panic in central Johannesburg for the second day today with reports of armed bands of men pouring into the city.

This follows yesterday's anarchy in the city centre when a march by tens of thousands of Zulu royalists went horribly wrong, moving the KwaZulu election boycott bloodily to the country's centre stage.

At least 31 people died, including 18 in the city centre. More than 250 were injured in Greater Johannesburg and last night, as marchers made their way home, at least five people were killed at railway stations en route to the East Rand and Soweto.

This morning, a band of about 100 men armed with spears and assegais poured out of a train near Newtown and panicky commuters scattered. Minibus taxis blocked roads into the area and traffic turned back. But the armed men soon vanished.

There were also unconfirmed reports of another group of armed men moving into the city from Booysens.

An SAP spokesman said police had gone to Newtown, but could give no details of what had happened. He said police had reports of SACP supporters gathering for a march, but details were unclear.

Today's panic came amid rumours that a second planned march was scheduled from George Goch hostel today. The march did not take place.

Several cases of violence were reported and a police search of a train at New Canada Station last night yielded three AK-47s and 10 pistols. Nine people were arrested.

A march by tens of thousands of Zulu royalists to the Library Gardens yesterday in support of their king's call for sovereignty spun out of control and the city was paralysed by hours of sporadic gunfire.

Estimates of the number of marchers ranged from 20 000 to 50 000. 2914194

There were conflicting reports on whether the marchers started the orgy of violence or were first attacked by snipers.

Soon before midday a clash between marchers and ANC security guards outside the organisation's Plein Street headquarters left 11 people dead.

Outside the ANC headquarters and at Library Gardens, security forces trained weapons on surrounding high-rise buildings as reports of sniper fire were received.

Last night Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel, with the approval of the Transitional Executive Council, declared 11 districts unrest areas.

They are Johannesburg, Alberton, Boksburg, Benoni, Germiston, Kempton Park, Krugersdorp, Randburg, Roodepoort, Springs and Westonaria.

In unrest areas security forces have increased powers, including of detention and searching. (278)

President de Klerk warned yesterday the time had come for the Government, the TEC, the Independent Electoral Commission and other parties to consider additional security measures.

"It not only endangers the

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Day of madness in city centre

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election and reform process, but also the very fabric of society," he said.

From 10.30 am to 12.30 pm in Johannesburg a 10-square-block area from Sauer Street in the west, Commissioner Street in the south, Nugget Street in the east and Noord Street in the north was a virtual war zone.

Hospitals around the city reported their busiest day since 1976 and Johannesburg Hospital declared a "code red" and went on full alert.

Train and bus services were brought to a halt and there were few taxis on the rubble-strewn streets.

Police said 27 people had been arrested in the city and at Selby Hostel. Weapons, including eight AK-47s, had been confiscated.

Among the dead were two policemen and a traffic officer.

At an angry media conference last night, top ANC officials blamed the Inkatha Freedom Party for the day's carnage, and said ANC offices and leaders had been targeted.

The IFP charged that ANC *agents provocateurs* had been planted among the marchers and had opened fire, sparking the mayhem.

Kriel said in a statement that "Inkatha's excuse that the meeting from which the violence erupted was a gathering of Zulus and not an IFP meeting must be dismissed as a transparent political ploy".

A police spokesman said 10 people were killed and 10 more injured in attacks on trains travelling into Johannesburg yesterday.

In Soweto, at least six people were killed as violence erupted at several hostels and railway stations before the march.

In Krugersdorp early yesterday, one person was killed and another injured as hostel dwellers from Kagiso and police exchanged gunfire.

Workers fled Johannesburg's city centre in fear, several insisting on police escorts out of the CBD.

Just after midday, the rally at Library Gardens in President Street degenerated into wild violence as shots appeared to be fired from all directions.

Witnesses said shots were fired at protesters from the windows of a nearby building. The marchers returned fire, and confused policemen returned fire in all directions.

After the bloody confrontation, five bodies covered in newspapers and a yellow tarpaulin lay sprawled on a street corner opposite The Star.

A short while later, the large group of marchers broke up into smaller bands who rampaged through the city, looting, drinking heavily and assaulting passersby.

Throughout the day exchanges between snipers perched on rooftops, police and angry marchers reverberated through the city. Police searched buildings for the snipers several times, but no one was found.

Riots: Johannesburg in chaos

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — An elderly woman carrying a 10-month-old baby on her back was stabbed repeatedly with a spear.

She died where she fell at the Bree Street taxi rank. The baby was not injured.

Local and international journalists stood by helplessly yesterday as an angry crowd of city dwellers stoned a man in Joubert Park during a Zulu march through the city centre.

A group of men repeatedly pelted the man with rocks and bricks until he lay bleeding on the pavement.

Earlier, shots were fired at marching Zulus outside the ANC PWV regional offices.

Chaos reigned throughout the day as ambulances, police and SADF members raced from emergency to emergency.

During the riot it was almost impossible to detect where the gunshots were coming from as running gun battles occurred between marchers, passers-by and the police.

The streets were strewn with garbage, broken glass and hygienic plastic gloves discarded by paramedics and ambulance personnel who treated many of the wounded on the sidewalks.

Shocked passers-by looked on at bodies covered by newspapers, clothes and blankets.

The situation in the city appeared to be under control after the Zulu marchers left the city centre watched from above by helicopters and followed by SADF personnel carriers. — Sapa

BATTLEFIELD

Crisis talks and curbs follow carnage

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PRETORIA. — The government last night announced emergency measures and an urgent summit, following the carnage that turned central Johannesburg into a war zone yesterday.

At least 31 people are believed to have died and about 300 were reportedly injured.

The commercial heartland of South Africa's biggest city stopped beating for several hours when a march by thousands of Zulus — estimates vary from 10 000 to 40 000 — turned into a bloody battle, with snipers firing into the frenzied crowd and police firing back.

Eight marchers were killed and 10 injured outside the ANC's headquarters, Shell House, in Plein Street, when ANC security guards opened fire, claiming it had come under attack from Inkatha followers.

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Volleys sent a huge crowd listening to speeches in Library Gardens scattering for cover. When the commotion subsided at least five people lay dead.

● Law and Order Minister Mr Hernus Kriel declared 11 magisterial districts around Johannesburg unrest areas, with greater powers to the police. The shootings had been "a terrible turn of events" and mass action would be stopped, he said. The move had been cleared with the Transitional Executive Council.

● President F W de Klerk, ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela, IFP leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi and Zulu King Goodwill Zwelethini are to meet in an urgent summit tomorrow and Thursday. It will

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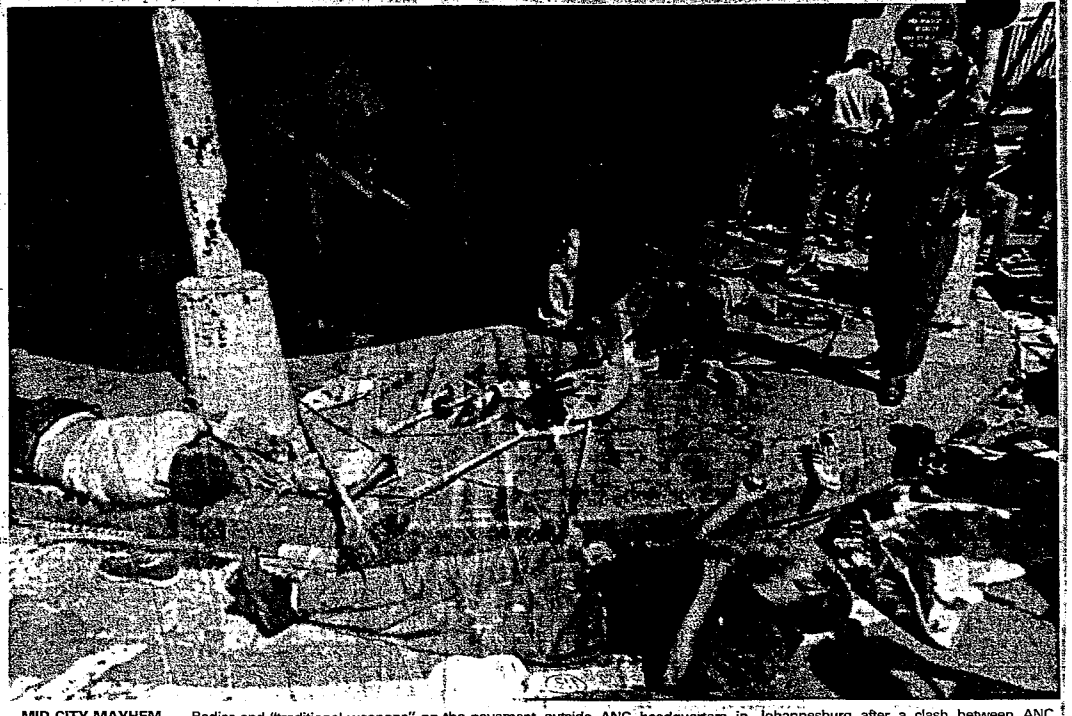

MID-CITY MAYHEM . . . Bodies and "traditional weapons" on the pavement outside ANC headquarters in Johannesburg after a clash between ANC security men and IFP supporters. The ANC claimed the clash followed a rush by IFP marchers to storm the building. At least 31 people were killed and about 300 wounded.

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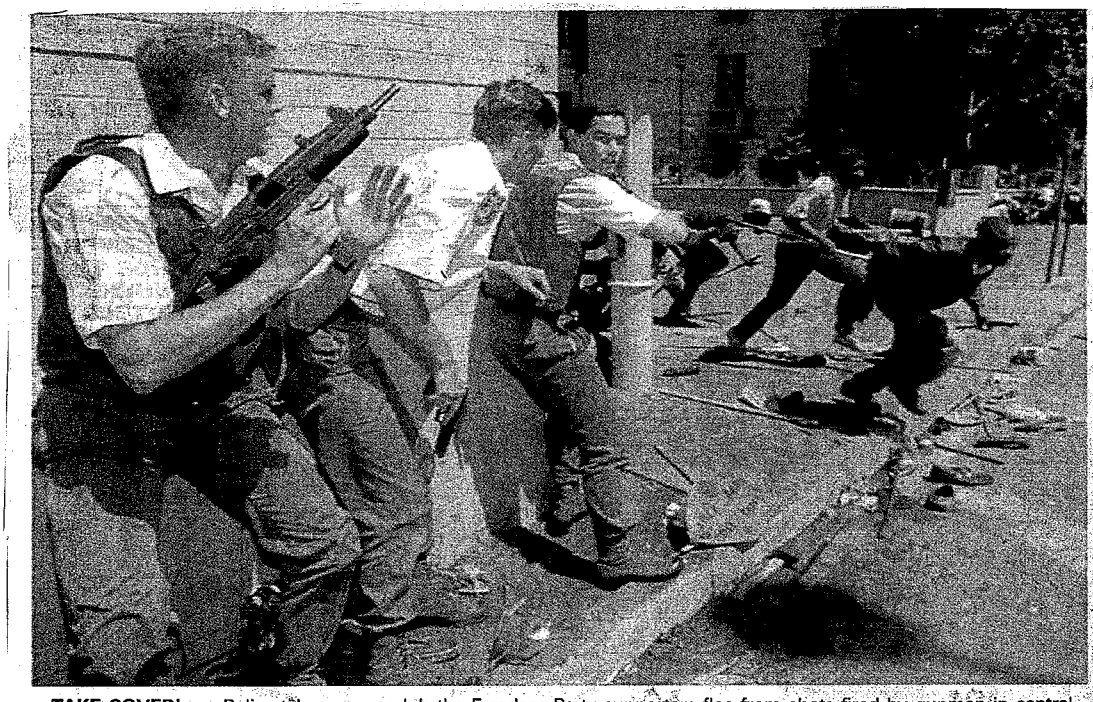

TAKE COVER! . . . Police take cover as Inkatha Freedom Party supporters flee from shots fired by gunmen in central Johannesburg yesterday. Thousands of IFP supporters marched into the city after the IFP called for a day of protest against elections and in support of King Goodwill Zwelethini's demand for a sovereign Zulu kingdom. Picture: AP

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be the first meeting of the four leaders at the centre of the unfolding KwaZulu drama.

The US government last night said the violence, which featured prominently on American TV and radio newscasts throughout the day, had been aimed at derailing the transition process.

While some peace observers said the march had been disciplined before the sniper fire, Mr De Klerk and the ANC blamed the IFP for the events.

"There can be no excuse at this critical stage in the political process for provocative and potentially violent actions . . . It not only endangers the elections and reform process, but also the very fabric of society," he said.

It is believed the government will push for a moratorium on all mass action, including the ANC's "rolling action" in Natal.

Commenting on the deaths outside Shell House, ANC spokesman Mr Carl Niehaus said there had been "attempts by armed men to enter the building. Security guards at Shell House fired warning shots in the air but were forced to open fire in self-defence".

Johannesburg assistant chief officer for ambulance services Mr Lawrence Katz said ambulancemen came under fire from the ANC building when they arrived at the scene.

IFP Transvaal organiser Mr Themba Khoza said Zulu marchers were picked off and then attacked en masse by snipers in surrounding buildings as they sat listening to their leaders in the Library Gardens.

"The attacks were well-calculated, planned assassinations," he told a press conference at the IFP offices.

Mr Niehaus later denied the ANC was keeping four IFP hostages at Shell House, as claimed by Chief Buthelezi.

Democratic Party PWV leader Mr Tony Leon said the ANC and the IFP should consider the catastrophic consequences of their violence. "It is intolerable that the commercial heartland of South Africa should be paralysed by mass action of this sort."

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The Zulu rally, for which permission was granted by Johannesburg's Chief Magistrate last Friday, degenerated into death and destruction soon after 8am when the first shots were heard in Jeppe Street.

As wounded marchers writhed on the ground and police rushed to the scene, a large crowd gathered outside the ANC's headquarters in nearby Plein Street.

Police and ambulance sirens could be heard throughout the city centre as mayhem erupted wherever large groups of marchers converged. Police helicopters buzzed overhead and SAP and army personnel tried to set up a security ring around marchers.

Hospitals in and around the city centre were reported to be in a state of chaos as the wounded were rushed for treatment for gunshot, stab and sjambok wounds.

● The 11 unrest areas named by Mr Kriel are: Johannesburg, Alberton, Boksburg, Benoni, Germiston, Kempton Park, Krugersdorp, Randburg, Roodepoort, Springs and Westonaria. — Sapa, Own Correspondent

EAST RAND Seven members killed, IFP claims ● Interim for

1 500 flee ER hostel

Sowetan 29/3/94

By Russel Molefe

■ **NO RECORD** Police have no record of alleged deaths, appeal to IFP to co-operate:

ABOUT 1 500 Duduza Hostel inmates have fled and were refugees at a hostel in a nearby township since the outbreak of violence in the East Rand township on Friday, Inkatha Freedom Party has claimed.

The IFP also claimed that seven of its members, including three branch executives, were killed after two hostel blocks were set on fire and then demolished by local residents.

IFP official Mr Ed Tillet blamed the ANC for the deaths because the organisation had "repeatedly incited its followers to demolish the hostels". The IFP identified the three branch executive members killed as local IFP vice-chairman Mr Meshack Ntombela, deputy secretary Mr Sinda Ngema and treasurer Mr Kenott Mkhize. The other four were not identified.

However, East Rand police liaison officer Lieutenant Jan Combrinck said police had no record of the deaths. He said pleas to IFP to "come forward and co-operate with police to verify the claims" had not been responded to.

Combrinck said six youths were arrested on Friday and two wounded by police while attempting to steal cupboards at the demolished hostel.

Tillet said the more than 1 500 hostel inmates who had been displaced since Friday were housed at the hostel in nearby KwaThema.

On Friday more than 200 youths returning from a court hearing in Dunnottar near Duduza set fire to two unoccupied hostel blocks which were being upgraded. (278)

Meanwhile, several incidents of violence broke out near the Wattville hostel in Benoni, East Rand police told *Sapa* yesterday.

169 injured in Zulu violence

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AT LEAST 169 people were injured in violence connected to the Zulu march through central Johannesburg yesterday. (278)

A total of 130 people were admitted to the casualty section of Johannesburg Hospital as a direct result of the violence that shut down the city for the day.

At least 94 people were treated or were still being treated at the Hillbrow Hospital.

Altogether 42 people were admitted by the casualty section at Soweto's Baragwanath Hospital following violence in the area yesterday when Zulus were on their way to the march in the city.

Earlier in Soweto, four people were killed.

At Maponya in Dube, shots were fired from a vehicle at pedestrians, killing an unidentified man and wounding a woman, Mrs Isabele Tinger.

Mr Bheki Mndletshe (22) was killed at Jabulani Tavern and a 58-year-old man driving a truck was shot when he stopped at a traffic light.

The driver is in a serious condition at Baragwanath Hospital.

Commuters on their way to Dube Station were shot at by unknown men. Two, aged 27 and 53, were hit in the head and killed.

Mr Mathews Serogane (55) was shot at Merafe Station and was admitted to Baragwanath Hospital. — *Sapa.*

Bloodbath as Zulus march

Soweton 29/3/94

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By Ike Motsapi and Mzimasi Ngudle

AT LEAST 25 people died in the violence that erupted during a march in Johannesburg yesterday by about 10 000 armed supporters of the Zulu king. Hundreds of others were injured.

The city came to a standstill and blood flowed as battles raged between the marchers and security personnel at the African National Congress headquarters in Plein Street.

A spokesman for the Inkatha Freedom Party, whose members were among the marchers, said 15 IFP members were killed by ANC security personnel.

The IFP claims snipers shot at marchers from buildings surrounding the Johannesburg Gardens. This was confirmed by a peace monitor.

Businesses in the central business district and surrounding areas closed their premises and sent employees home.

Scores of people were injured when the impis went on the rampage attacking passersby indiscriminately.

Hospitals in Johannesburg reported chaos as the injured streamed in with gunshot wounds and other injuries.

A white pupil, Rochel Olivier, was rushed to the JG Strijdom Hospital after she was hit by a bullet near the Library Gardens where the marchers were gathering.

Widespread harassment of journalists was reported. Two of them were shot and wounded. They were taken to hospital. *Sowetan* staffer Ike Motsapi was hit with an iron bar near the Library Gardens.

Eight bodies were found near Shell House after shots were fired there.

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus said the marchers tried to storm the ANC headquarters and were fired on in self-defence.

Police kept a low profile throughout the morning as marauding mobs robbed pedestrians, snatched their bags and beat them up.

Police said they could confirm 13 deaths in the city centre.

Fear gripped residents of Soweto and townships on the East and West Rand as it was believed the returning marchers would vent their anger on them.

Dr Antonie Geldenhuys, director of the National Peace Secretariat, and Mr Rupert Lorimer, director of the Wits-Vaal Peace Secretariat, were trapped in the midst of a stampeding crowd but managed to escape without being seriously injured.

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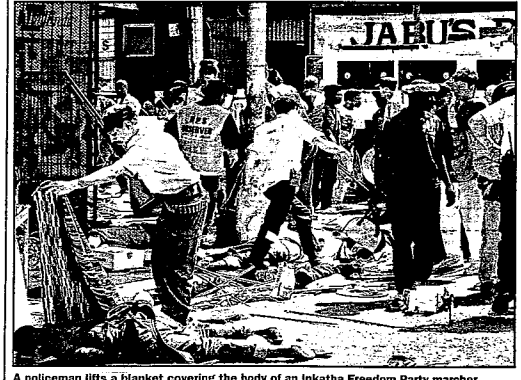
Counting the cost

- Marchers: 10 000
- Deaths: 15 IFP in CBD
  6 in Soweto
  11 non-IFP in CBD
- Injuries: over 400 treated at Hillbrow, Johannesburg and Baragwanath hospitals
- Loss in revenue: R5-million



A policeman lifts a blanket covering the body of an Inkatha Freedom Party marcher outside the African National Congress' headquarters in Johannesburg yesterday. At least 15 people were killed and several injured during the shootout near the ANC building.
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Kriel declares 10 unrest areas

Mayhem as Zulus march in Jo'burg

B1Day 29/3/94

AT LEAST 45 people are believed to have been killed and about 400 injured in battles in the Johannesburg area yesterday as tens of thousands of Zulus converged on the city centre to demonstrate their support for King Goodwill Zwelithini.

Eight Zulu marchers were killed outside the ANC's headquarters in Plein Street when security guards fired into the crowd after snipers fired on the building.

Minutes later, volleys of gunfire sent a huge crowd at the Library Gardens rally scattering for cover. When the commotion subsided at least five people lay dead.

Reports of other deaths came from various parts of the city centre and surrounding townships.

Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel last night declared 10 magisterial districts around Johannesburg unrest areas. He said the move had been cleared with the Transitional Executive Council's law and order subcouncil. It would give security forces greater powers to control the situation.

The Inkatha Freedom Party denied any involvement in organising the march through the city to the Independent Electoral Commission's (IEC) offices and blamed inadequate policing for the loss of life.

The ANC accused the SAP of not responding to its warnings that its headquarters building would come under attack. Legal adviser Penuel Maduna said repeated calls to the police, including a personal call from ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaposa to senior officer Gen Koos Carlitz appealing for police to provide extra security had brought no response.

GAVIN DU VENAGE

The "invasion" of Zulus into the city from townships throughout the Reef came with little warning. As groups of men carrying shields and sticks began moving through the streets, frightened shopkeepers hastily put up their shutters. Office workers sheltered behind closed doors as rumours of impending violence swept through the CBD.

Police sealed off entrances to the central area as shots began to ring out shortly after 9am. (278)

The ANC said groups of Zulus carrying firearms had arrived outside its building adjacent to Joubert Park at about 7.30am and several shots were fired at senior officials arriving for work. Later, sniper fire from adjoining buildings built up before security staff were "forced to retaliate".

Eight people died in the ensuing gunfire, and a number were injured. The ANC later alleged there had been an attempt to storm the building.

Police and a contingent of SADF soldiers hid helplessly behind available cover as the two sides traded shots. Appeals by police for a ceasefire were ignored.

After the shooting ended at about 1.30pm police laid razor wire around the building at the request of ANC officials.

More shooting took place in surrounding streets, including the vicinity of the ANC's PWV regional office. A marcher was allegedly injured by fire from the ANC offices.

Emergency service vehicles had to run a gauntlet of bullets as they rushed to the aid of the injured at both the ANC building and the Library Gardens.

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Zulus

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Most of the casualties appear to have been Zulus who took the brunt of fire from police trying to keep order and what appeared to be snipers in office blocks.

Shortly before noon the drama moved to Library Gardens where snipers appeared to fire on thousands of marchers gathered there. At least five people were killed, some allegedly by police. B1Day

Witnesses said a policeman raked a group of Inkatha men sheltering behind a wall, killing two of them. A police officer on the scene said police had shot an Inkatha supporter carrying an AK-47 at the foot of the library steps. 29/3/94

Shortly after noon the Zulu marchers regrouped and, on intructions from police and Inkatha officials, began to make their way out of the city via railway stations and taxi ranks. (278)

Sporadic gunfire could be heard around the city for much of the afternoon as marchers moved away in large groups.

A man suspected of being an Inkatha member was stoned to death by a crowd in Joubert Park — one of a number of violent incidents reported in Johannesburg and townships in the lead-up to and the aftermath of the Zulu invasion.

In Soweto, six people died and two were injured in incidents of violence, police said. Roads in Soweto and townships on the East Rand were blocked by both police and youths. Soweto was calm by yesterday evening, police said.

In Actonville, police reported a Casspir was attacked with petrol bombs and small arms fire. At Wattville Hostel in Benoni police dispersed a mob of 20 people after they burned tyres and threw stones at passing vehicles.

The SADF aided police in Soweto's Meadowlands where violence flared in the morning.

At Vlakfontein squatter camp, a group of armed men hijacked a bus and robbed several people at gunpoint.

There were also reports of about 10 Putco buses being hijacked from the company depot in Vosloorus on the East Rand.

Reacting to the day's events, Inkatha Transvaal secretary Themba Khoza said senior security force officials had phoned him on Sunday evening to warn that Umkhonto we Sizwe members would attempt to attack the march. However, it was too late to call off the march, which was in any event not an Inkatha gathering. The march was a show of support for Zwelithini at the request of tribal leaders.

Khoza denied marchers had attacked the ANC headquarters. Although Inkatha members might have carried weapons, including firearms, during the march, this was not with his approval. He blamed the chaos on government and the ANC.

In his reaction, President FW de Klerk accused march organisers of taking "insufficient care" to prevent violence and the breakdown of discipline. A full criminal investigation would be launched "with a view to ensuring prosecution of anybody who has acted in conflict with the law".

De Klerk said no excuse could be found for taking "provocative and potentially violent" action so close to the elections and at a time when the reform process was at its most sensitive stage. Urgent talks would be held with the TEC and IEC to come up with measures to prevent a repeat of yesterday's events.

Police said last night only 18 deaths could be confirmed, with the unofficial injury toll standing at 51. However, witnesses said marchers had taken away a number of dead and injured after the shooting at Shell House. Witnesses also reported further casualties in Joubert Park and at Park station.

Police said nine people were arrested and nine firearms seized.

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these aspects will be presented by the SA Police to a judicial proceeding when required."

Calitz had been told of information brought to the ANC by Reef hostel dwellers that there would be looting and killing from 4am on Monday in connection with the Library Gardens rally, said the ANC's PWV chairman, Tokyo Sexwale. "We asked him for roadblocks and to check for weapons, and he gave assurances they would be in place."

But Bruce said the undertaking was for roadblocks and weapons interdiction activities on Sunday night near the hostels. "They took place. Monday's actions started early. There were at least 10 000 people on the move — you can't stop a multitude."

The intricacies of what was agreed on Sunday night are less significant than the SAP's inability to police central Johannesburg preemptively without prompting, say international observers. Competent public order policing would have required the SAP to anticipate tensions running high, and they should have sealed sensitive areas off as a matter of course.

"Even under normal conditions, police would have created a no-go area for blocks around an object like Shell House," said one. Forces would have been held in reserve in case of trouble.

Bruce said "if police planning erred in any way, it will come out," but the police had faced unforeseen problems because a gathering had been planned, not a march. "With a march you can monitor progress, block roads, accompany the group in vehicles." The shootings by snipers at the Library Gardens had panicked a peaceful crowd.



Angry and injured marchers in Jo' burg PHOTO: STEVE HILTON-BARBER

"What happened gave a whole new dimension to mass action," said Bruce.

He claimed the shootings by unknown gunmen at the Library Gardens had dispersed the crowd, with some possibly then making their way to Shell House.

But the ANC version of events says a separate column of marchers converged on the building, apparently deliberately, with a group of men armed with AK 47s and other weapons peeling off to encircle it from the back. Attempts were made to storm the bulding via the garage entrances, said Lekota.

Similar attempts were made at the ANC's PWV offices about two blocks away from Shell House.

"Two waves of attackers were driven back with warning shots," said Lekota. "Shots, evidently from automatic weapons, were heard from the direction of King George Street and a group of armed men advanced from around the same corner to be joined by another from across the street with the obvious intent of storming ANC head office. The ANC's security personnel then fired into the advancing groups, inflicting a number of casualties."

Uninjured participants returned moments later to retrieve the weapons of those who had been hit, said Lekota. "This was done in full view of police officers who now returned to the scene."

Mbeki said ANC security had been stationed on the ground floor. But police forensic experts pointed to bullet holes across the street from Shell House which could indicate they had fired from higher up.

Bruce said he was unable to answer questions as to numbers of SAP personnel deployed in central Johannesburg on Monday, numbers on standby, and as to why roads leading to Shell House had not been sealed. "The points form part of a dispute between the SA Police and the ANC," he said.

Report by Stephen Laufer, 139 Smit St, Johannesburg

You will die to avenge Shell House, hostel victims told

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Late Flash: Eyewitness accounts of the massacre of ANC members at an Inkatha-led hostel. By **Chris McGreal** in Natal

JOHN Mkhize did not expect to have to beg for his life at a peace meeting. Baba Shibe did not anticipate being shot in the head after spending two hours hearing from Inkatha Freedom Party supporters how they too wanted to end the slaughter. But both were luckier than five fellow KwaMashu residents who were lured to talks with IFP hostel dwellers in the strife-torn black township and then summarily executed one by one, they were told, in retaliation for Monday's slaughter in Johannesburg.

Over the past fortnight, dozens of residents around the Inkatha hostel in KwaMashu's B-section have been burned from their homes. About 10 were murdered in the raids. Hundreds more have fled. One ANC member, Jabulani Ngidi, arranged a meeting with the a hostel leader who identified himself as Mr Magwazi. After the Inkatha delegation arrived at Ngidi's house on Wednesday evening, Magwaza suggested shifting it to the hostel. The nine residents reluctantly agreed.

On arrival they were locked in a room, B7, with three Inkatha men while Magwaza disappeared. For two hours they talked peace. The Inkatha supporters insisted they wanted an end to the killings. Arrangements were made for more meetings. When Magwaza finally reappeared and unlocked the door it was apparent his time had been spent very differently.

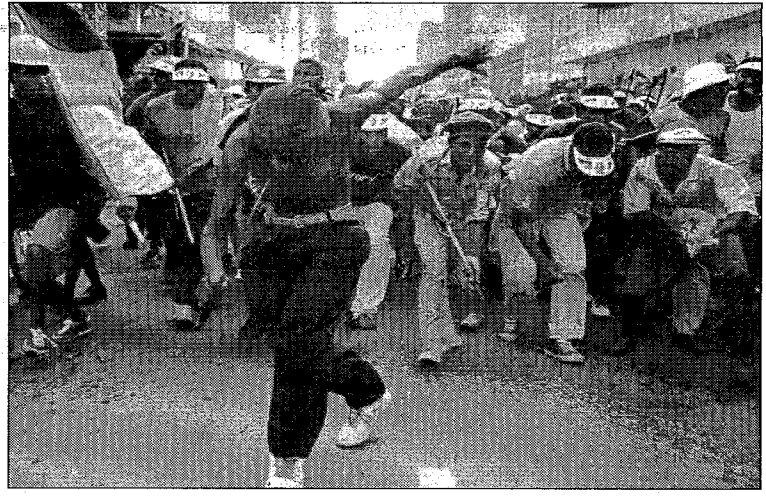
Armed men carrying two-way radios frisked the peace delegation for arms, told them the venue for the meeting had changed again and bundled them towards a minibus. It did not travel far, just to the nearby railway station. As it drew to a halt, a mob waving AK-47s clamoured to open the door.

Shibe wept, his body shaking, his hands clasping his bloodied, bandaged head before he could describe Wednesday night's murder. He was in the front seat next to the driver when a young man, some in the delegation recognised as an Inkatha youth leader, opened the door. "He said the guys got shot at Jo'burg and we as residents of B Section shot a lot of them. He was trying to explain to his colleagues they must kill us. As he was talking we saw the danger. They ordered us to jump out individually. While we were coming out we were shot one by one," Shibe said.

Some climbed out quietly to their deaths. John Mkhize, a clerk at the King Edward Hospital, wailed for his life. Shibe was staring at him in fear.

"John was screaming and they were telling him to come out, and he wouldn't get out. John asked them why they were shooting us when we were there to make peace. One of my colleagues said because we are going to die, there is no option but to come out and die. And he climbed out ahead of John and they shot him through the head. They pulled John out and shot him. And then I came out and ran and they shot my head but I ran through some of the crowd," Shibe said.

Mkhize was left for dead and rescued with critical injuries. Shibe ran for his life and escaped. Two others got away while the crowd was baying for another of their colleagues' deaths. Five were murdered, including the man who originally went to the Inkatha hostel to try and quell the killing, Jabulani Ngidi.



ANC youths toyi toyi through the streets of Durban on Saturday at the start of the "rolling mass action" campaign. When Inkatha struck back, the conflict quickly turned ugly
Photo: GUY ADAMS

ANC's headquarters under fire in Jo'burg's second day of fear

THE ANC's Johannesburg headquarters came under fire again yesterday afternoon when men in a passing minibus opened fire with an automatic rifle and shots were fired from a building across the road.

Police said ANC security guards returned fire. No injuries were reported but there was chaos as people fled in all directions. ANC spokesman Baleka Kgositsile said the shots fired from the building opposite the ANC offices came about 20 minutes after the drive-by attack.

The incidents followed Monday's violence which left 56 people dead.

Police spokesman Maj Jan Peche said a room in the Diplomat Hotel had been searched, but no firearms or spent cartridges had been found. Witnesses had said that they believed the shots had been fired from the hotel room.

The ANC's offices, in Shell House in Plein Street, were cordoned off by police.

Shortly after the second shooting, people in the crowd pointed out a man suspected of carrying a firearm. Police arrested him and took him to John Vorster Square for his own safety and to be searched.

The ANC reported sporadic shooting in

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the city, concentrated in Noord, Jeppe, Bree, Eloff and Commissioner streets. Police could not confirm this.

ANC PWV security guards said gangs were roaming the streets and shooting at random. They did not appear to be linked to any political group. (278)

People fled before them and many shops were barred by midday, leaving the streets quiet but tense. The ANC said it had received further reports of other incidents of drive-by shootings from minibuses.

However, Inkatha Freedom Party central committee member Humphrey Ndlovu blamed the ANC for deploying the gangs to threaten Zulus.

SAP spokesman Lt Jan Combrinck said there was a commotion at the West Street taxi rank when a man fired in the air before jumping into a waiting taxi and speeding off. He could not confirm any other incidents.

The SAP said the ANC headquarters had not been searched, although a warrant had been issued. A magistrate issued warrants for police to search buildings and hostels for evidence after Monday's shootings.

Ndlovu criticised the police for not conducting the search, alleging a deal between ANC president Nelson Mandela and the SAP. He said hostels had been targeted.

Police confirmed that one hostel had been searched for weapons.

Kgositsile criticised the SAP for not taking precautions to protect the ANC offices. The ANC had also asked for the evacuation of the block of flats opposite as it believed it was being used by snipers.

Report by K Strachan, JML, 11 Diagonal St, Jhb.

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No trace of snipers, say police

GAVIN DU VENAGE

POLICE found no evidence of snipers during searches of buildings and rooftops surrounding Johannesburg's Library Gardens after Monday's gunfights in the area, police spokesman Maj Eugene Oppermann said yesterday.

Police searched all the buildings in which members of the crowd below had reported seeing gunmen, but no sign of them had been found, Oppermann said. However, police had not discounted the possibility that snipers had been active and they would act on any new evidence brought to their attention, he said.

The Goldstone commission announced it would hold a preliminary inquiry into the march that left at least 56 people dead in and around Johannesburg, Judge Richard Goldstone said yesterday.

The commission will look at accusations made by both the ANC and the Inkatha Freedom Party that they had received prior warnings of violence and that police had failed to act on the information.

Police yesterday launched their own probe into the claims, and said murder dockets would be opened into all the deaths.

Meanwhile, police have confirmed that Inkatha's PWV leadership applied for permission to hold the march.

Sapa reports that Inkatha also sought permission from the Johannesburg City Council. Acting city secretary Gert Marais said a letter signed by Inkatha West Rand chairman Humphrey Ndlovu had been handed to the council on March 23 requesting permission to hold the march. Town clerk Dr Nicky Padayachee granted Inkatha permission in writing to hold a rally at the Library Gardens, subject to certain conditions.

Inkatha Transvaal leader Themba Khosa has claimed the march was not an Inkatha event but a response to a call by traditional leaders for a show of support for King Goodwill Zwelithini.

The gunfight which erupted in Library Gardens was one of a number of clashes involving Zulu marchers, unknown gunmen, police and ANC security officials during the day.

Thousands of marchers loyal to the Zulu king gathered in the Library Gardens to hear speeches, but came under fire, sending thousands of people diving for cover.

The shots appeared to have come from surrounding buildings and members of the crowd returned fire, killing at least one office worker.

Customs House in Market Street, which houses the offices of the Customs and Excise Department, was particularly hard hit. Several floors were raked with gunfire, forcing customs workers to cower under their desks.

Office workers and security personnel in surrounding buildings, including Absa-owned Volkskas House and First National House, denied snipers had used their premises to shoot at the crowd.

A spokesman for Absa said access to its buildings was controlled by a privated security company. The spokesman said Absa had not been approached by Inkatha about allegations of snipers.

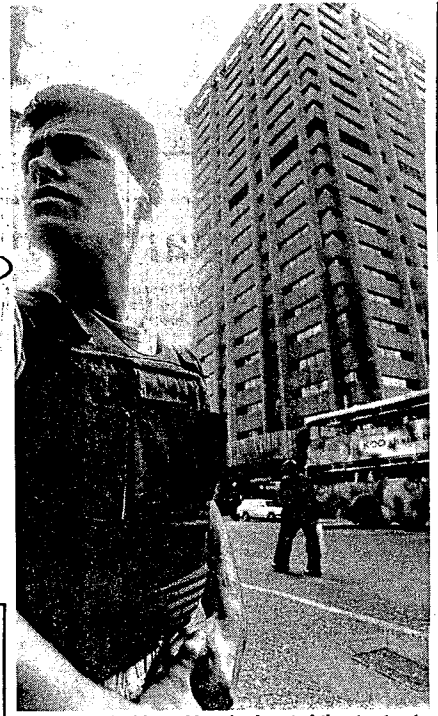
Yesterday, Library Gardens was almost deserted. Piles of abandoned sticks and clubs as well as shoes and blood stains dotted the square, usually a lunch-hour retreat for office workers.

LLOYD COUTTS reports that international observer missions in SA yesterday criticised all the parties involved in violence in Johannesburg and elsewhere in the country, saying failure by political leaders and security forces to act together to prevent senseless slaughter was inexcusable.

Speaking on behalf of the UN, the OAU, the EC and the Commonwealth, UN special representative to SA Lakhdar Brahimi called for reason and responsibility from political leaders. "This means they must carry the message — and actions — of peace and democracy to all corners of the communities they claim to serve and represent."

He called on President F W de Klerk, Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi and ANC president Nelson Mandela to negotiate a way out of the impasse.

Report by G Duvenage, L Coutts, TML, 11 Diagonal St, Jhb; and K Swart, Sapa, 141 Commissioner St, Jhb.



Police armed with machine pistols patrol the street outside the ANC headquarters in Johannesburg yesterday after Monday's street gunbattles. Picture: RUVAN BOSHOFF

Judge to probe corporation

JACQUIE GOLDING

BOPHUTHATSWANA's joint administrators yesterday appointed Judge JAM Khumalo to head a commission of inquiry into the financial and general affairs of the Bophuthatswana National Development Corporation.

The commission will investigate all affairs of the corporation and its affiliates' administration, manage-

Mangope seeks court order

ADRIAN HADLAND

PRETORIA — Former Bophuthatswana president Lucas Mangope has filed an urgent Supreme Court application seeking to set aside the appointment of two administrators for the territory.

In a notice of motion before the Bophuthatswana Supreme Court, Mangope also

davits. The application is scheduled to be heard in Mmabatho tomorrow.

TEC joint executive secretary Fanie van der Merwe said the TEC had appointed a

Horror killings spread

Sowetan 31/3/94

SEVEN people were killed and four injured near Kwesini Hostel in Katlehong on the East Rand when men travelling in a bakkie fired on a minibus taxi yesterday.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Jan Combrink said seven men travelling in a bakkie and armed with AK-47 rifles flagged down a minibus taxi near Zonk'izizwe squatter camp about 3.30pm.

He said the taxi stopped and the men jumped off the bakkie and opened fire on the passengers, killing the seven and injuring four.

In other incidents of violence on the Reef, the bodies of two unidentified men who had been beaten and stabbed to death, were found at Denver Hostel, near Johannesburg, yesterday morning.

In Meadowlands, Soweto, police found two bodies on Tuesday night. Soweto police spokesman Captain Joseph Ngobeni said the victims appeared to have been stoned.

Police also reported 14 political killings in Natal/KwaZulu, pushing the toll in the province to at least 74 since last Friday.

Yesterday's and Tuesday's killings are believed to have been linked to the violence in Johannesburg during a march by Zulus in which about 53 people were killed.

Among the latest deaths are the horror execution of five African National Congress members, allegedly by Inkatha Freedom Party supporters, at a "peace meeting" at KwaMashu in Durban on Tuesday night.

A survivor, Mr Baba Shibe (27), wept openly yesterday as he recounted the cold-blooded murders. (278)

He and three others narrowly escaped death after their party of nine were allegedly held captive by IFP hostel dwellers. Five of them were shot dead, apparently in retaliation for Zulus killed during Monday's march in Johannesburg.

"They were just shooting us one by one at close range," a devastated Shibe said.

They nine were lured to a hostel for a peace meeting. There they were locked in a room for two hours "talking peace" with IFP hostel dwellers.

Later heavily-armed men took them away in a minibus to nearby Tembalihle Station where they were met by a large group of IFP supporters.

"I was in the front seat and they said 'come out individually' and they shot us one by one at close range. Jabulani Ngidi got out and said we wanted to talk peace but they shot him straight away.

"I got out and ran straight into them and they shot me in the head," Shibe said. His wound was, however, superficial and he managed to flee.

Those killed were Mr Thembinkosi Ngcobo, Mr Cedrick Dlamini, Mr Mthunzi Ntaka, Mr Bhoshula Mokoena and Ngidi. — *Sapa.*

Kriegler 'barred' from hostels

B1 Day 31/3/94

JOHANNES NGCOBO

THE Inkatha Freedom Party yesterday declared East Rand townships "no-go" areas for the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) and said commission head Judge Johann Kriegler and commissioner Oscar Dhlomo were not welcome anywhere near hostels in the area.

The IEC yesterday called off a planned Operation Access initiative in the East Rand, saying recent Inkatha activity was cause for concern and that hostels there could prove too volatile for political canvassing.

Police said the bodies of two unidentified men who had been beaten and stabbed to death were found at the Denver hostel, eastern Johannesburg, yesterday.

IEC spokesman Ghadija Vallie said the Operation Access process, in which formal public debates were conducted between party representatives under the auspices of the commission, had been started by the IEC to enable parties to put their cases in areas where canvassing would not be possible.

Inkatha Thokoza leader Abraham Mzizi and local indunas said the IEC had not consulted them about a planned Operation Access visit.

Mzizi said the insinuation that hostels could prove volatile was an insult to Inkatha's leadership in the East Rand. "The IEC thinks indunas are inferior," said Mzizi.

Inkatha West Rand chairman Humphrey Ndlovu said Dhlomo — a former Inkatha general secretary — and Kriegler were not welcome near hostels on the East Rand.

"We would repeat what happened to Kriegler when he was at Ulundi in Natal. Inkatha members are angry, and Zulus in particular. If Kriegler wants to be hurt he should defy my warning," said Ndlovu.

Inkatha members would grant the IEC access when Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini was granted sovereignty and called upon his subjects to listen to the commission.

IEC spokesman Pieter Cronje said the IEC's visit to Ulundi had managed to set up a working group between the commission and the KwaZulu government.

He said the IEC message had always been that people were free to vote for parties of their choice and free not to vote in the elections. "This freedom requires tolerance and acceptance that one person's democratic freedom can be exercised only if he or she allows everyone to do the same," said Cronje.

ANC PWV region deputy secretary-general Obed Bapela said his organisation was disappointed that the IEC had cancelled yesterday's Operation Access initiative.

He said Inkatha was in the minority in East Rand townships and the party's leadership knew that some hostel residents wanted to vote on April 27. It was unfortunate that hostel residents would be prevented from voting.

"I call upon the IEC and Kriegler to start using the powers given to them to ensure people on the East Rand go to the voting stations on April 27," said Bapela.

Wits-Vaal peace secretariat director Rupert Lorimer said Ndlovu had been through a difficult period because of the shootings in central Johannesburg on Monday. He hoped cool heads would prevail.

Report by J Ngcobo, TML, 11 Diagonal St, Jhb.

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Drumming up war

Johannesburg had an unusual experience of being a war zone on Monday when a full-scale gun battle broke out during a march, by thousands of Zulus through the city, to a rally in support of King Goodwill Zwelithini's proclamation of a Zulu kingdom.

Early reports said more than 10 bodies were left on the pavements when more than 30 people were believed to have died. Many more were injured.

Zulu and Inkatha supporters claimed the first shots at the marchers were fired from rooftops. Factions in the crowd responded. Police searched rooftops in vain for snipers.

At first no army units were called to help contain the violence but troops were later deployed to assist the police. A street battle raged outside Shell House, headquarters of the ANC, after ANC guards shot dead at least five marchers and wounded eight as they tried to attack the building in Plein Street. ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus said there had been "attempts by armed men to enter." (278)



Inkatha marchers ... *hints of civil war*

The rally venue — central Johannesburg's Library Gardens — rang with shots, roars from the crowd and chants in praise of the king and KwaZulu Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi. Inkatha spokesman Ed Tillett claimed the ANC had planted gunmen among the Zulu marchers to discredit Zulus

in the Transvaal.

The Inkatha march followed one by the ANC through central Durban last Friday.

Soweto had been blockaded by youths on Monday morning. Many shops and companies shut, while traffic police cordoned off main thoroughfares and rerouted traffic in the chaos that developed. Motorists confronted by hundreds of Zulus in Market Street near Jeppe Police Station made U-turns and sped away.

A girl was wounded by shots from a train at the Riverlea primary school, west of Johannesburg. The shots were fired from a moving train at children in the school playground. The child was taken to hospital.

Wounded victims were taken to the Johannesburg and Hillbrow hospitals where the situation in both institutions was described as chaotic. Extra staff were called in. A Johannesburg Hospital spokesman said the patients had sustained gunshot and sjambok wounds and multiple injuries.

It was also reported from the city centre that National Peace Secretariat chairman Antonie Gildenhuys, and the director of the Wits/Vaal Peace Secretariat, Rupert Lorimer, were caught in the rush to escape the gunfire. They were trampled by fleeing crowds but not seriously injured.

DP PWV leader Tony Leon urged the ANC and Inkatha to stop and consider the catastrophic consequences of their violence: "All parties should now consider the national interest of this country before pushing SA over the precipice into a Bosnian-type civil war. It is intolerable that the commercial heartland of SA should be paralysed by mass action of this sort," said Leon (278)

He added it was clear that not enough was being done to foster a breakthrough on the KwaZulu issue — "and mob tactics of the type witnessed (on Monday) take us even further away from a solution."

Law & Order Minister Hernus Kriel appeared to put the blame for the day's violence on Inkatha, saying its leaders, many of whom were present at the march, should have foreseen the possibility of violence. He called on the Goldstone Commission to investigate urgently what had triggered the violence. ■

THE DAY THE LONG ARM OF THE LAW GOT ITS MAN . . . AND THEN LOST HIM TO THE LONGER ARM OF A KNOBKE



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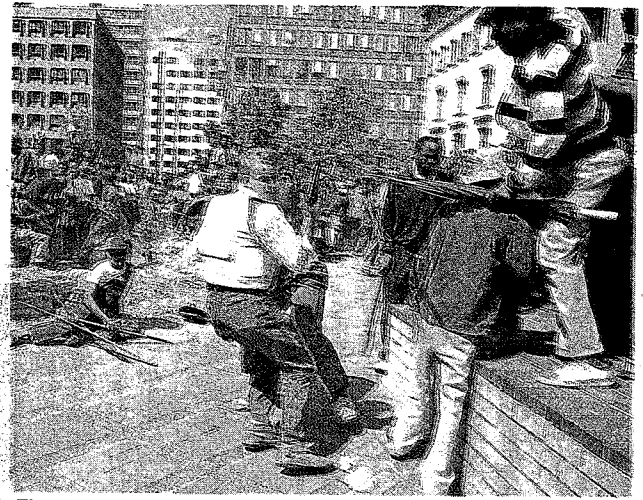

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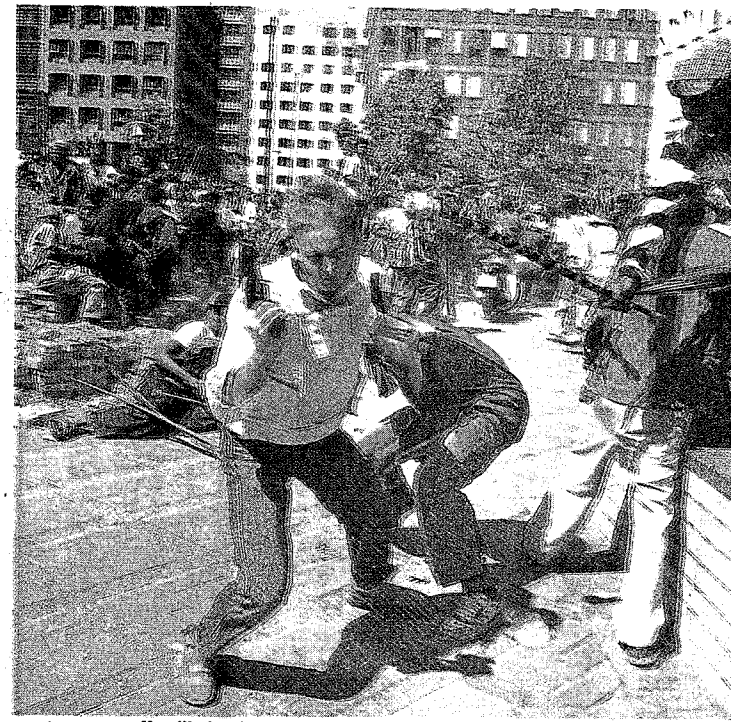

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Mystery dimension to Jo'burg's black Monday

By GILLIAN BESTER, TENDAI DUMBUTSHENA and JOCELYN MAKER

"THEY are killing us, they are killing us," the Zulu royalist cried, pointing desperately upwards.

The Sage Life building in Simmonds Street in the centre of Johannesburg loomed above him. Below him a man writhed in agony on the pavement. Stunned protesters stood in knots not knowing whether to run for shelter or help their wounded compatriot.

"It's a white man up there! Why are they trying to murder us?" the royalist exclaimed, waving his knobkierie.

For most people, the memory of Monday is one of shock and confusion.

In the days following the rally, in which more than 53 people died in the heart of Johannesburg, it was difficult to distinguish fact from rumour, reality from legend.

What is clear is that violence flared when gunmen fired on the marchers and the gathering at the Library Gardens afterwards. Who they were, and what their motives were, remain a mystery.

Office workers, police and marchers said they had no idea who the snipers were.

The drama escalated as bands moved off in the direction of Shell House, the ANC's head office in Plein Street, a few blocks away. There firing erupted from gunmen inside the building and in the street, leaving eight people dead.

Accusations about the identity of the Library Gardens and Shell House snipers flew back and forth. The IFP's Temba Khoza said they were "MK cadres". But the ANC insists it had no snipers, only "security guards" at Shell House.

Police described the gunmen as a "new dimension to mass action in South Africa".

One thing is certain — the marchers were under fire soon after they clambered off trains and began moving towards the Library Gardens for the rally.

Several witnesses reported gunmen firing from the top of Custom House, which overlooks the Library Gardens, where the top two floors are empty. This was denied by Customs and Excise spokesmen.

A security guard for Mutual and Federal, another building fronting the gardens, said he saw flashes of gunfire from Custom House.

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"He was dressed in a long-sleeved white shirt and looked like an office worker," one said.

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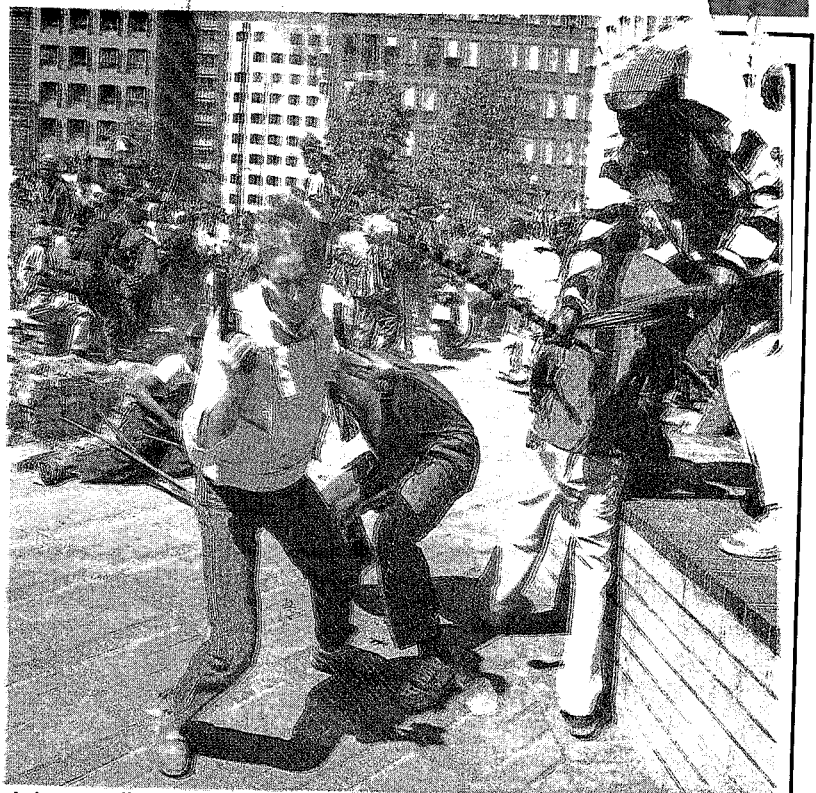

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He said he saw shells falling in front of the window. Later three Internal Stability Division policemen told him they were trying to "knock out guys with AK-47s" in the crowd.

Police insist security measures were comprehensive. They are making no further comment, saying the matter is being investigated by both themselves and the Goldstone commission.

Public opinion was unanimous that the rally started off peacefully. Many people commented on the orderliness of the protesters.

"They were well-disciplined," said office worker Cornelius Jooste. "They were running like an army. When the guy in front put up his hand, they would all stop dead and crouch down. But when the shooting started, it was chaos."

Two windows in Mr Jooste's office on the third floor were smashed after 14 bullets were pumped in his direction. He and his colleagues hit the carpet and were showered with falling glass.

There also seemed to be consensus that the first shots came from marchers firing pistols into the air.

The only casualties at that point were ANC, DP and NP election posters bearing the smiling faces of Nelson Mandela, Tony Leon and F W de Klerk, which were ripped down.

But only minutes later, gunmen opened fire on bands of protesters hurrying to Library Gardens, killing a man and a woman.

Zulu royalists later besieged ANC HQ at Shell House about 14 city blocks away. Some tried to force their way inside. ANC security opened fire.

Eight people lay dead in King George Street, near Shell House.

Mr Toni Dias, who works in a fish and chip shop nearby, said he saw a group of about 200 protesters marching along King George Street towards Plein Street.

"There was a sudden burst of gunfire lasting four to five minutes and everyone started screaming. The Zulus tried to get away, stumbling all over each other and falling as they were hit," he said.

The ANC said the protesters were part of an attack on Shell House and that security guards had been forced to defend themselves.

Police recovered two handguns from the bodies.

After the shootings, ANC youths began a spontaneous demonstration. As the security forces were escorting the chanting youths from the city centre, a shot was fired from an apartment in Wanderers Street.

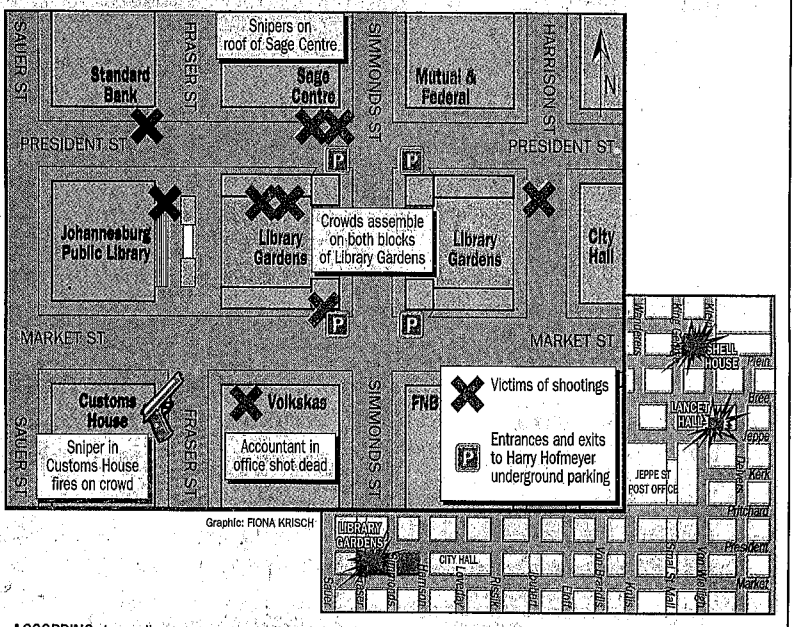
In an unusual act of co-operation between ANC supporters and the ISD, a marshal accompanied the riot squad inside the apartment to search for the gunman. Much to the anger and disappointment of the masses gathered outside, the ANC marshal announced he had not been found.

By late Monday afternoon, the city's pigeons had returned to Library Gardens.

Amid discarded shoes, torn clothing, traditional weapons, broken bottles and congealed blood, they pecked at food left behind by the marchers.



The injured policeman lets go of the man he arrested. He fled down the road pursued by a group of angry Zulus. Pictures: RAYMOND PRESTON



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ACCORDING to radio messages monitored by the Johannesburg Public Safety Directorate, this is the timetable of events leading up to the Library Gardens slaughter:

8.20 500 to 1 000 people reported at Carlton Centre.

8.22 Marcher shot in Von Wielligh Street.

8.30 Passerby shot near corner of Jeppe and Delvers streets. Woman shot in head near corner of Commissioner and Kruis streets.

8.38 Police block off Golden Highway near Zachariah Park.

8.42 SAP called to the corner of Eloff and Market streets — only one traffic bike unit on scene.

8.45 Ambulance on the way to Johannesburg Hospital stopped by marchers near Southgate.

8.52 Group moving from Wolhuter Hostel in Jeppe to the city centre causes traffic congestion.

9.09 Shooting reported from near the corner of Pritchard and Rissik streets.

9.10 Shooting at corner of McIntyre and Main.

9.12 4 000 people are reported moving along Commissioner Street.

9.18 Marchers reported moving east along Jeppe Street and up Rissik towards the Civic Centre.

9.30 Ambulance summoned to the corner of Bree and Von Wielligh streets.

10.00 Ambulances remove about 30 injured from the CBD. Bus service to Malvern halted. Marchers are reported boarding buses and molesting passengers.

10.45 Marchers now at Library Gardens

11.35 Bus services totally suspended.

Violence threatens vital services on Reef

(278)
CT 4/4/94

PRETORIA. — Violence on the Witwatersrand is threatening the provision of services, Transvaal Administrator Mr Danie Hough said yesterday.

"The current situation of unrest on the Witwatersrand is having a negative effect on the rendering of service to communities," he said.

Mr Hough said car hijacking was also of great concern to the TPA, which lost 60 vehicles of the Health Services branch last year.

More than R4 million has been stolen from pension payout points since March last year.

The recent Reef violence has also negatively affected attendance at the 1994 Rand Easter Show, organisers said yesterday.

● Four members of the Soweto police were shot dead when they stopped their vehicle in the Orange Farm squatter camp near Vereeniging on Thursday morning to pick up a colleague, police said.

A police spokesman said those killed were Sergeant Andre Fraser, 28, his wife Jackie, 23, who was a civilian working for the police, Constable Dumisani Cele, 31, and Constable Pieter Gouws, 21.

● In the Eastern Cape, two men escaped with a mini arsenal, including two SADF-issue semi-automatic R1 rifles and 200 rounds of ammunition, after binding an elderly farmer and his wife with ties and scarves in an attack in the Addo district on Saturday night. — Sapa, Own Correspondent

Who fired the first shots?

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Video footage suggests an 'unseen hand' behind Bloody Monday, reports **Stephen Laufer**

TELEVISION footage shot by foreign crews has thrown light on last week's Bloody Monday and attempts to establish who fired from the rooftops at marchers assembling at the Johannesburg Library Gardens to hear Inkatha's Transvaal leader Themba Khoza speak.

Video footage may support claims that unseen marksmen sparked the carnage, which left 53 people dead in Johannesburg and the Reef townships.

A video shot early at the Gardens shows two white men on a rooftop peering at the crowd through binoculars. Both wear peaked caps with the bills turned to the back of their heads, and police-blue bullet-proof vests. Their demean-our is reminiscent of sharpshooters deployed to ensure the safety of VIPs, but the footage does not show any weapons.

The SAP has said it had officers deployed on rooftops around the Gardens as part of Bloody Monday's public order plan.

Video footage of policemen on the ground firing at rooftops and office windows after the initial shots into the crowd suggests much of the damage at the Gardens may have been caused by legitimately deployed SAP forces firing at each other in the confusion, with marchers, police and an office worker dying in the cross fire.

A march leader is shown saying: "We were shot at by people right on top of those flats. We were trying to hide ourselves and we found the police were shooting at us. They trained their guns at us. Others were injured by the police. They were just shooting us."

In a dramatic sequence, the camera follows a man as he runs from a group at the Gardens in which police are trying to arrest suspects. The man is concealing an object under his jacket. As the camera swings back to the group, shots ring out, apparently from above. The policemen attempting the arrest let go of their suspect, who flees. Panicked, a policemen fires on the group, seemingly without hitting anyone. Hundreds of people panic, hitting the ground and running for cover.

It is unclear where the first shots came from, but the impression is of an attempt to stop the arrest.

A hawker who says she was a witness to the first shooting death at the Gardens, talks of "a white man wearing a yellow skipper and black trousers" who opened fire. "He ran in here and started shooting."

Another crew captured two explosions on the lawn of the Gardens after the crowd had been scattered by gunfire from the rooftops. The explosions appear to come from practice grenades, and to have been thrown to increase confusion and fear among the marchers.

Prior to the Gardens events, one camera crew captured the shooting of a marcher in front of the ANC's PWV regional headquarters. "It seemed at first as if he had been shot from the ANC's offices," said the reporter. "But we realised that could not be, because he was shot under a parapet, making a shot out of the same building impossible. I am convinced now the shot came from across the street."

The footage does make clear, however, that ANC security officials fired from a floor high up in Lancet House. A spent cartridge can be seen before the cameraman is told by ANC officials to stop filming them while they pick up cartridge cases.

Footage from Shell House, taken after the shooting of the eight marchers, shows police and civilians diving for cover as shots ring out, apparently from a building across the street.

Witnesses have said the shots fired at the eight by ANC security came from a first-floor parapet which shields the pavement around Shell House, and not from the ground, as claimed by the ANC. A shopowner across the street from Shell House said he saw ANC security men with guns on the parapet just before shooting from the crowd marching on the building started.



Video footage shows men peering through binoculars

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Chris Hani's daughter Nomakwezi at a memorial service for the slain SACP secretary-general at St Anthony's Roman Catholic Church in Bokaburg, yesterday. Picture: GARTH LUMLEY

More die in East Rand and Natal violence

SIX people had died in unrest in Vosloorus and Daveyton townships in the East Rand at the weekend, police said yesterday.

SAP spokesman Capt Janine Smith said two people had been shot dead by unknown assassins in a Vosloorus tavern, while three others had been killed in Daveyton.

Police in Vosloorus said four suspects had been arrested in connection with the tavern shootings.

Meanwhile, ANC East Rand subregion chairman Vuyane Mpofu said yesterday members of the SADF turned back supporters who wanted to attend a memorial service to mark the first anniversary of the assassination of Communist Party leader Chris Hani at Vosloorus stadium.

SADF spokesman Maj Andries Greyling confirmed yesterday that SADF members had turned back the ANC supporters, advising them to attend memorial services in Katlehong and Thokoza, where permission had been granted to hold them.

Sapa reports police said the body of an unidentified man had been found outside a hostel in Daveyton on Saturday morning. He had been shot.

In central Johannesburg on Saturday, the bodies of two men were found with bullet wounds in their heads, police said. According to a witness, one man's body had been thrown from a minibus.

Police arrested an ANC security staff member on a charge of attempted murder after a pedestrian was wounded on Saturday outside the Summit Club in Hillbrow during a memorial rally for Hani.

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Reuter reports that in Natal five gunmen firing randomly on pedestrians with AK-47s had killed three people, including a 14-year-old, and wounded two others near Stanger, north of Durban, on Friday night, police said on Saturday. At least one person had been also killed in Inanda outside Durban, bringing the death toll to at least 130 since President FW de Klerk declared a state of emergency in KwaZulu/Natal on March 31.

Sapa reports that the Natal Security Committee said yesterday that 175 homemade firearms had been seized since the state of emergency had been declared.

Also seized were 22 AK-47s, 16 other rifles, 46 pistols, 22 revolvers and five hand grenades. A firearms workshop had been discovered at Buyingoma, near Empangeni, on Saturday. Eight people had been arrested.

Two policemen and two civilians had been killed in separate incidents on Saturday, the committee said. One policeman had been killed in Bhongweni, near Kokstad while the other had been shot dead in Madadeni, near Newcastle.

One man was shot dead in Bulwer in the Natal Midlands, while the body of a man was found in KwaMashu, near Durban.

In the Transkei, a 17 year-old youth had been shot dead on Saturday in Umtata during the funeral service of Port St Johns PAC branch chairman Mvumelwano Mapipa, police said.

Tavern killings: 5 face charges

Court Reporter

FIVE PAC members implicated in the Heidelberg Tavern massacre will be served with indictments to face four charges of murder, five of attempted murder and charges relating to terrorism and the illegal possession of weapons when they appear again on May 20, the Cape Town Magistrate's Court was told yesterday.

They have been not been asked to plead and no charges have been put to them.

Four people were killed when gunmen burst into the Observatory tavern and opened fire in December last year.

Eskom probe into gun sales

CT 12/4/94

JOHANNESBURG. — Eskom said yesterday it had agreed to hold an urgent investigation into alleged arms sales by some employees of the parastatal. (278)

To be co-ordinated by the Independent Mediation Services of South Africa, the investigation will focus on further arms sales, surplus arms, the possibility that some Eskom employees are supporting destabilisation and, for political ends, could interrupt electricity supplies.

Last month, two Eskom employees were suspended after they apparently concluded a deal to sell weapons to the KwaZulu Police. — Sapa

Judgment in AWB 9 trial

CT 12/4/94

JOHANNESBURG. — Judgment in the trial of nine AWB members charged with killing four blacks at an illegal roadblock on the Ventersdorp-Krugersdorp road last year began in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday. (334)

Mr Justice D Marais described the December 12 incident as "a cold-blooded killing".

Thirteen-year-old Patrick Gasemane, Mr Kau More, Mr Teboho Makhuza and Mr Tembani Nkompone, whose ear was cut off, were killed at the roadblock.

The nine accused face four counts of murder and six of attempted murder, as well as charges of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, robbery with aggravating circumstances, malicious damage to property and illegal possession of firearms and ammunition.

The judge said one of the accused, Mr Petrus Matthews, had told the court he knew the roadblock was illegal, but it had been set up with the aim of collecting illegal firearms to hand over to the police for a reward.

He said he had not expected violence even though the group was heavily armed.

Judgment will continue today in the cases against Mr Matthews, 26, Mr Frederick Badenhorst, 20, Mr Marthinus van der Schyff, 25, Mr Marius Visser, 23, Mr Karel Meiring, 28, Mr Gerhardus Diedericks, 34, and Mr Andre Visser, 39.

Judgment in the cases against Mr Deon Martin, 30, and Mr Phillipus Klopper, 40, who were sent for psychiatric observation and are believed to have been the leaders, will be delivered on Thursday. — Sapa

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An unheeded human disaster

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During six months of 1993 at least 1 000 families in the East Rand townships of Katlehong and Tokoza were driven out of their homes by supporters of the IFP and ANC in a process which has been described as "forced colonisation".

The scale of loss and misery was at least comparable to that caused by the Merrie-spruit slimesdam deluge. The terror which prompted householders to quit often ran to the brutal murder of a neighbour or family member.

But, somehow, the Katlehong/Tokoza tragedy has failed to trigger the concern and resourcefulness with which human disasters are normally met. Almost a year has passed and few, very few, displaced families have been able to reoccupy their homes.

In some cases they have no homes to return to, since shelters — especially shacks — were often razed as they were vacated. In other cases, houses have been appropriated by political rivals or badly damaged and left to looters and the elements because they are situated in deadly "no go" areas.

Two monitoring groups, the Independent Board of Inquiry (IBI) and Peace Action, have laid bare the suffering which cuts across the political divide in Tokoza and Katlehong. Their report, entitled "Before we were good friends", is based on 550 statements taken from victims.

According to the report, the displaced fall into two distinct categories: Those whose homes are close to various hostels and who were driven out by hostel-dwellers, either because they resisted incorporation into the IFP or because they were perceived to be ANC supporters; and those scattered about the community, who were victimised by the township youth, either because they were Zulu or because they were believed to support the IFP.

The first group was dispersed. They fled to community halls in nearby townships; then they took off for the countryside or they pitched shacks in yards in safer parts of the East Rand.

The Zulu/IFP victims took shelter in a number of hostels, which were formerly all-male institutions where the IFP had absolute control. The researchers gathered all their information on these victims in Katlehong's Kwesine Hostel.

Inside Kwesine, refugee women and children are virtual captives, the study reports. "They are without adequate food or medical attention ... communication routes have been cut and access to the hostel is often only possible under armed escort."

Around other hostels — for instance, in Tokoza's Phenduka Section, Unit F and Extension 2 — there are stretches of ghost country. Battered houses, pocked with bullet marks and seared by fire, stand watch over empty streets. Close to these abandoned "no go" zones church services have faltered and schooling has been intermittent.

Some time ago the tide of refugees was stemmed. But, as the report notes, this only means that the warring parties have established their respective territories. Efforts to "defend positions and consolidate control" continue.

Under these conditions what chance is there of a humane, lasting solution to the plight of the displaced? None, the report concludes, unless there is all-round, top-to-bottom political commitment from the parties involved. It points out that the National Party, as the Government at the time of forced evacuation, has much to answer for.

"The National Party Government must hold ultimate responsiblity for the failure of their security forces to prevent the exodus within the townships of Katlehong and Tokoza. The blatant intimidation, murder and forced evictions is a damning indictment of this failure and indefensible in the light of resources made available for the Government's own perceived priorities."

The Tokoza/Katlehong crisis only won a priority place on the national agenda with the establishment of the Transitional Executive Council, the researchers claim.

They welcome the TEC's stated intention of resolving the problem, but sound a couple of warnings: One, that the IFP has not accepted the TEC's agreement on tackling the East Rand conflict. And two, that if a "top-down approach were unilaterally imposed (it) would surely fail".

Any successful solution would require "all inclusive local participation".

The report points out that both IFP and ANC representatives at local level perceive that political intolerance has been at the root of this massive destruction. It also refers to the view of the general secretary of the Tokoza branch of the South African Civic Organisation, Louis Sibeko, that "some local leaders from both sides of the political spectrum are not genuinely interested in a peaceful solution".

Peace Action and the IBI go further in identifying the critical "weak link in the chain of political decision-making" as "the failure or inability of local leadership to transmit agreements and decisions effectively to their followers".

They insist that peace structures must have teeth to sanction individuals who break agreements. "It is all well and good keeping all the parties 'at the table', but if the net result is to create a forum for polarised politicians slanging matches, no meaningful solutions will be forthcoming."

And they urge the introduction of deadlock-breaking mechanisms for peace structures so that no minority can hold the process to ransom.

The National Peace Accord's provisions for reconstruction and development are deemed fine as concepts but totally inadequate when it comes to securing "the financial and logistical means to address the current crisis".

While the report puts some emphasis on effective policing to sustain peace agreements, it points out that the criminal justice system has proved useless in helping residents regain their homes.

The police Special Investigation Unit assigned 12 detectives to investigate 341 cases, the report records. Soon 41 had been closed for lack of evidence and the officer commanding the unit reported that this was a general problem, compounded by the reluctance of residents to co-operate.

In short, the IBI/Peace Action report makes it clear that thousands of displaced persons on the East Rand cannot expect the healing of humanitarian help and the comfort of reconstruction until some hard political business is done.



Getting out ... political violence forced about 1 000 families to flee their homes in the East Rand last year. PICTURE: GEORGE MASHININI

Peace force battalions to begin patrolling duties

JOHANNES NGCOBO

THE National Peacekeeping Force would officially begin patrolling Katlehong, Thokoza and Vosloorus on the East Rand tomorrow, spokesman Lt-Col Quinton Painter said yesterday.

Painter, who heads two battalions to be deployed in the area, said his troops were not yet ready because of logistical problems.

The troops' base camps are surrounded by three hostels — Mazibuko, Kwesine and Buyafuthi — which are Inkatha Freedom Party strongholds.

The first contingent of about 1 000 members, who arrived at the camps yesterday, were received with mixed feelings. Hostel dwellers said they were unhappy about their arrival and said they would resist them. However, other township residents seemed pleased to see them.

Earlier in the day, the camp was fired at but it was not clear who was responsible.

Col CP du Toit of the SADF handed certificates of commitment to peace to Inkatha East Rand leader Getrude Mzizi, ANC East Rand leader Duma Nkosi and Wits-Vaal Peace Secretariat East Rand head Mavirrett Koetz.

Du Toit, who handed over duties to peace force head Brig Gabriel Ramushwana, said that the death toll was about 174 a month before the SADF took over in East Rand townships. This had been reduced to 23 in February and 12 in March.

He said this was possible because of the co-operation of the ANC, Inkatha, hostel dwellers and the community at large.

Ramushwana assured East Rand residents that the peace force was there to ensure peace. He said his troops were apolitical.

"If you see any of the members being ill-disciplined, do not hesitate to come forward and lay a complaint."

Sapa reports that KwaZulu Chief Minister and Minister of Police Mangosuthu Buthelezi yesterday expressed strong reservations about the deployment of the peace force.

He said many members were ANC military wing Umkhonto we Sizwe operatives.

He said he had told SA Police Commissioner Gen Johan van der Merwe and SA Defence Force Chief Gen Georg Meiring that the KwaZulu police force was minuscule, and he could not spare members to serve in the peace force.

☐ The main contingent of the peacekeeping force began breaking camp at the General de Wet training centre near Bloemfontein yesterday morning ahead of deployment for the elections.

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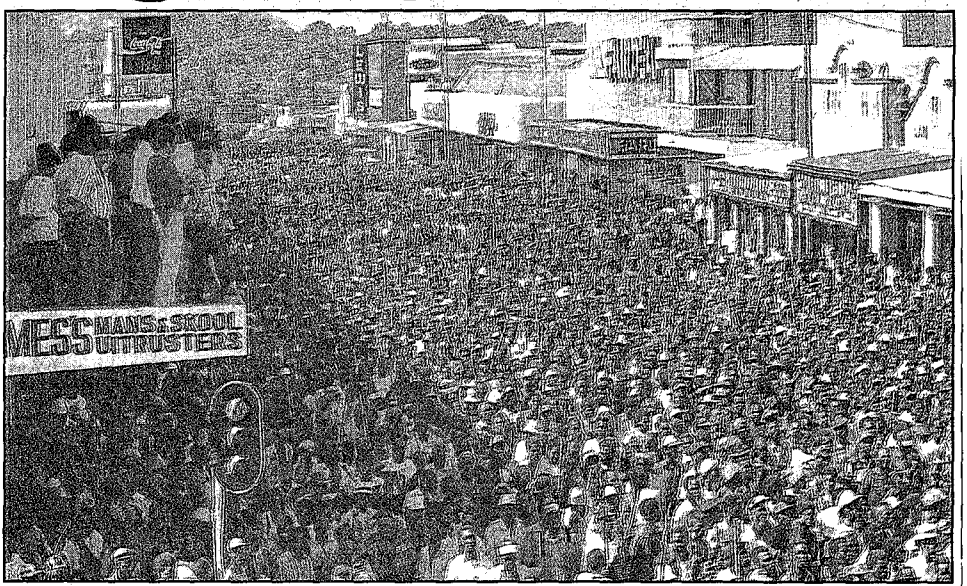
Memorandum takes TEC, IEC to task

Zulu march refuses to give up weapons



Defiant . . . about 20 000 IFP Youth Brigade members on the march with traditional weapons. PICTURE: SEAN WOODS

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IFP marchers take on police over traditional weapons and win temporary victory as Vryheid holds collective breath

■ BY NORMAN CHANDLER

Vryheid — Thousands of Zulus took to the streets in Vryheid to demonstrate peacefully against the election yesterday, but in the rural areas of KwaZulu/Natal violence continues to reap a grim toll.

At Vryheid, IFP Youth Brigade members took on the police in an exercise in brinkmanship by refusing to be disarmed of their traditional weapons, including knobkerries, spears and shields.

There were tense moments in the local stadium as up to 20 000 marchers waited while their leaders spoke to security forces about the weapons.

It seemed as if the town of Vryheid was holding its collective breath because the huge number of Zulu marchers were hell-bent on asserting their authority.

The police announced they had opened a docket against the IFP for carrying weapons, specifically prohibited in terms of the emergency regulations.

The marchers poured into a cordoned-off Church Street, where almost all the town's businesses are situated. The street had been closed to shoppers since early morning.

Barbed wire protected the local magistrate's court, where the marchers presented a memorandum to officials for onward transmission to the TEC.

Packed SADF and police troop carriers took up positions throughout the central business district, turning the town into a no-go area for residents and farmers. Police and SADF helicopters circled overhead. (13)

In the memorandum, the marchers castigated the TEC and the Independent Electoral Commission and said there would be no peace while the IFP was not a part of election. (278)

And in Newcastle, right-wingers occupied municipal land in the centre of the town "as a symbolic gesture".

G'stone probes Eskom deals

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JOHANNESBURG — The Goldstone Commission announced it would hold a public inquiry tomorrow into illegal purchases or attempted purchases of arms from the electricity supplier, Eskom.

The inquiry follows revelations by Eskom that a staff member had tried to sell arms to a dealer who intended passing them on to KwaZulu. — Sapa

Factions trade shots as peacekeepers move in

(21)

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG.— Violence erupted in Tokoza and Katlehong on the East Rand early today, preceding the full deployment of the National Peace Keeping Force (NPKF) and the withdrawal of the SADF from the area. A2G14/4/94

Two groups of ANC and IFP supporters separated by a buffer of empty houses on the Tokoza-Katlehong border fired on each other through the night and early today, residents said.

Commandant Wayne Hermanson, SADF staff operations officer of Group 41 — which has been in the trouble-torn townships since February 3 — said the fighting seemed to have been sparked off by the IFP's rejection of the NPKF deployment.

"We have received information that the IFP is not satisfied with the NPKF force being deployed here. From their side they have started resist and to show their teeth, making both groups tentative and prompting them to arm themselves," he said.

East Rand IFP leaders Gertrude Mzizi and Thabani Dlamini claimed today that the violence was an indication of the NPKF's failure to maintain the peace, but Commandant Hermanson said the NPKF was not yet operational in the area.

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Tempers flare over NPKF in E Rand

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■ BY CHARMEELA BHAGOWAT and CHRISTINA STUCKY

The presence of the National Peacekeeping Force in townships on the East Rand appeared to fan the conflict between ANC and IFP supporters yesterday, leaving little hope for peace in the area in the run-up to the election. 278)

After a long night of sporadic gunfire and a shootout early yesterday between ANC and IFP supporters on the Katlehong-Tokoza border, a small group of angry IFP supporters from the Tokoza Hostel marched to the police station.

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Local chief and IFP leader David Mduba, who led the march, said his people were protesting against the NPKF, which included their "enemies" from the ANC and homeland armies.

The IFP protesters, who recently opposed SADF troops' presence, yesterday called for their return, saying they had won the trust of the people.

Mduba said he was sure NPKF troops would be biased against IFP supporters "and kill them". Refusing to elaborate on the IFP's plans to counter the perceived threat, he said only: "We will show them our history. We will retaliate."

While IFP supporters believed the NPKF to be entirely in charge of the area yesterday and accused it of failing to maintain peace, the SADF will not fully withdraw from the area until at least tonight.

SADF commander on the East Rand Colonel Chris du Toit said the NPKF, which was supposed to assume full control of the Katorus area last night, had requested more time to orientate themselves. None of the NPKF troops were operational.

Amid the tension, self-defence unit commander Jackson Jermain (20) was buried yesterday. He was found shot dead in Tokoza.

Wreath-laying at Shell House set to begin week of protest

IFP plans new marches

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INKATHA's youth wing has threatened to enforce a week-long stayaway and to march on the ANC's Johannesburg headquarters as part of 'rolling mass action' in protest against the election.
JOVIAL RANTAO, CHARLES WEBSTER and SAPA report.

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IFP Transvaal deputy chairman Humphrey Ndlovu said yesterday that the Inkatha Freedom Party fully supported its youth brigade's controversial plan.

And, Natal is bracing itself for a weekend of activities by the ANC and IFP amid unprecedented tension and violence. Campaigning for and against the election in Natal has already claimed scores of lives, and the potential for further conflict at the weekend is high. Each weekend more than 20 people are reported killed in KwaZulu/Natal and the toll in little more than two weeks of the state of emergency had soared to 217 by yesterday.

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FOOTLOOSE: Warren Finn, (20) is one of the favourites to win the Rand Water Wa

Police absent from probe into Eskom arms deal

AMID allegations that Police Commissioner General Johan van der Merwe authorised the sale of 1 000 semi-automatic rifles from Eskom to the KwaZulu Police, the SAP yesterday failed to arrive at a Goldstone Commission hearing called to probe the attempted weapons deal.

Eskom's corporate investigations consultant, Gaf van Niekerk, said yesterday that the export permit for the weapons (required by law for weapons sales to "self-governing" territories) had been approved by the police. He said it had been discussed with the commissioner and signed by a Major R le Roux on Van der Merwe's behalf.

Dealer

And Ivan Garb, MD of the firearm dealer involved in the weapons transaction, yesterday told the inquiry he was also given to understand that it had been authorised by the commissioner.

Van der Merwe yesterday denied he had personally authorised the deal or was aware of it. Speaking from his home yesterday afternoon, he told WeekendStar: "That is not correct, not at all."

Van der Merwe said the SAP section responsible for the issuing of firearm permits had inquired at his office whether there was any special provision regarding "the issuing of permits for the exporting of certain arms to KwaZulu".

"My office went through the minutes of the Cabinet and informed the Firearms Register that there is no such provision and that they can continue in terms of the normal requirements of the Arms and Ammunition Act, and they did so."



GENERAL VAN DER MERWE: Denied approving deal

JOHN PERLMAN, JANINE LAZARUS and GUY JEPSON.

Yesterday's hearing lasted barely two hours, but the information that has begun to emerge may well prove to be explosive when the hearing is reconvened on Wednesday. The commission heard evidence that Philip Powell, commander of KwaZulu's controversial self-protection units had initiated the deal from the KwaZulu government side.

Purchase price

Evidence was also presented that while the KwaZulu government paid out R2,1 million for the weapons — the money was returned when the deal fell through — the purchase price for the guns was just R575 000. Seyeh International, a private company whose director John Sleep helped to initiate the deal, made a profit of R1,03 million, with the rest of the balance going to Garbs, the firearm dealers.

But the biggest surprise came at the start when Mr Justice Richard Goldstone called the roll of legal counsel and found that the SAP was not represented. He told the hearing that he had written to Van der Merwe on Wednesday requesting SAP representation at yesterday's inquiry. In this letter Mr Justice

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Mothers' Day shopping

MOTHERS' Day is just around the corner (May 8) and Home Shopping in next week's Weekend-Star has put together an issue that is packed with

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Colonel Eugene Opperman, Witwatersrand police spokesman, said police would be out in full force to prevent any outbreak of violence. And Soweto police issued a list of weapons prohibited by unrest regulations. It includes pangas, assegais, spears, sharpened objects, stones, rocks, petrol-bombs, screwdrivers and all types of firearms.

"Even if a person has a licence to possess a firearm, an additional permit issued by the local district commissioner is required," said a statement

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Grabba Lotto lolly

TODAY we start a new Lotto competition, giving you the chance to win up to R50 000 in cash while helping others less fortunate than yourself.

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So enter the Weekend-Star Lotto Competition No 2 and share in the R55 000 we will be giving away. And remember, all proceeds go to charity.

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issued by liaison officer Major Joseph Ngobeni.

However, Loliwe responded that if security forces tried to stop the protests by shooting at youth brigade members, Johannesburg and the Reef would be hit by "a Bosnia-Herzegovina-style civil war".

Setting the scene for possible street clashes, the Congress of South African Trade Unions said it opposed the stay-away and called on its members to defy the call and to report for work. Keith Madonsela, a COSATU spokesman, said: "We call on our people to go to work. If it comes to a push, they must defend themselves."

The ANC said that under normal circumstances, it would not object to an IFP march. But because of precedents, the march should not be allowed to proceed. Ronnie Mamoepa, an ANC spokesman, said his organisation was aware of an IFP plan to unleash a wave of violence, intimidation, murder and mayhem in the PWV region in general and Johannesburg in particular.

The protest is due to start with a commemoration service at the Library Gardens, where at least eight Zulus were killed during the march on March 26. (278)

The service will be followed by a march to Shell House to lay wreaths on the spot where another 15 Zulus died in clashes with ANC security personnel. (ANC)

On Tuesday, IFP members plan to march to John Vorster Square to demand the lifting of the emergency, the withdrawal of troops from the townships and the disarming of members of the Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union.

On Wednesday, thousands of IFP members plan to stage a sit-in inside the Johannesburg Stock Exchange.

The South African Broadcasting Corporation, accused of biased reporting against the IFP, is scheduled to be the target of a protest on Thursday.

On Friday, youth brigade members plan to march to the Independent Electoral Commission offices in Kruis Street, Johannesburg, to hand over a memorandum.

Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce and Industry president Mervyn King has sent an urgent plea to Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi and King Goodwill Zwelithini asking them to find means other than the "planned activity in the next week in Johannesburg" to accomplish their objectives.

FW vows to crack down on marchers

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Now that's a match-winning catch, Jonty!



Sunday Times Reporters

PRESIDENT F W de Klerk vowed yesterday to prevent a planned Inkatha Freedom Party march in Johannesburg tomorrow from again crippling the country's financial heartland. (278)

He told a political rally at Nasrec, near Johannesburg, that the government was taking steps to avoid a repetition of the bloodshed of a fortnight ago that left 53 people dead.

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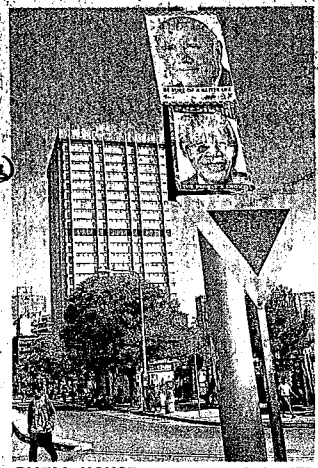

SHELL HOUSE ... target of the IFP marchers Picture: JOHN HOGG

IEC monitor guns down ANC member

ANC member Thomas Koki was shot dead by a part-time Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) monitor in Ipelageng outside Schweizer-Reneke yesterday, police said.

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"I do not see why anyone should be apprehensive about the march. No single march of the IFP has ever gone out of control. We've never stolen an orange or an apple."

Meanwhile, the ANC warned that if the security forces failed to offer adequate protection, its own self-defence units would do the job.

Streets around the ANC headquarters at Shell House and the Library Gardens — the scene of the bloodiest clashes when Zulus marched on the city two weeks ago — will be cordoned off by police and traffic officials.

More than 1 000 peace monitors will be on hand during tomorrow's proposed march as well as other Inkatha marches planned for this week.

However, they were unable to establish tomorrow's planned route despite repeated attempts to contact Inkatha.

Police liaison officer Colonel Dave Bruce said the safety of people entering the city could not be guaranteed, although the police would take every possible measure to prevent the IFP Youth Brigade from marching through the city centre.

Police spokesmen implied that the more determined the IFP were to march, the harsher the measures police would be forced to take against them.

Measures could include firing tear gas, rubber bullets and live ammunition.

Mr de Klerk called on Chief Buthelezi to intervene to prevent conflict that threatened to erupt around the march.

"People participating in that march will come into conflict with the law," he said.

Chief co-ordinator for Inkatha in the Transvaal, Mr Hennie Bekker, said

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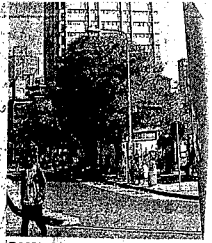

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yesterday he would not be marching. "At this sensitive stage in the country, I won't contravene the law."

However, he said he understood "the feeling behind the march".

The ANC yesterday welcomed the police decision to stop the march but called on them to seal Inkatha hostels as well.

ANC Youth League information secretary Parks Mankahlana said: "We know that the plan is that, while the march should culminate in a demonstration at ANC head offices, more innocent people should be killed in the townships."

The ANC appealed to its supporters in the townships to co-operate with security forces trying to ensure peace during Inkatha's mass action campaign.

Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce and Industry president Mervyn King described the threatened march as "very provocative" and "very worrying".

"With emotions running high, it could get out of control."

That could lead to windows being smashed and shops looted, he said.

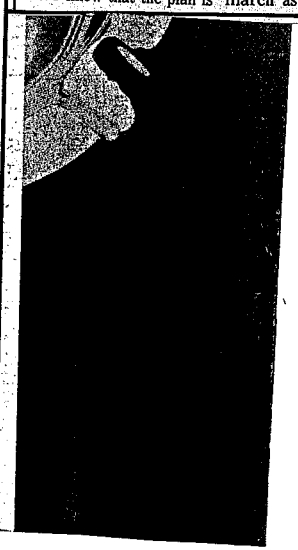
He said disruptions caused by marches would cost South African business, especially the manufacturing sector, "billions of rands".

On Friday, Mr King sent a message to Chief Buthelezi imploring him to "redirect efforts to promote the cause of the Zulu nation in ways that do not endanger human life and property."

Mr King said the JCCI had reiterated its concern that peace and order could not be guaranteed in Johannesburg.

SA Chamber of Business president Cedric Savage also sent a telegram to the Inkatha leader, urging him to have the planned march suspended.

Most major retailers in the CBD will decide today whether to open their doors tomorrow.



Goldstone told of calls to police

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Police did not know about snipers or that marchers would be armed with weapons other than traditional weapons, the Goldstone Commission heard today.

Advocate B Roux was leading evidence into the Zulu march in central Johannesburg on March 28, which left 53 people dead. (278)

Mr Roux said police had received a number of telephone calls from the ANC and its president, Nelson Mandela, before the march, saying that the organisation expected trouble, especially at hostels.

He said Mr Mandela had telephoned President De Klerk before the march expressing his concern about the volatile situation at the hostels.

Mr Mandela had requested that marchers be searched and disarmed.

Winnie Mandela had also phoned the Commissioner of Police with the same request.

But Mr Roux said that although the police had received these calls from the ANC, at no stage had they receied information that snipers would shoot at the marchers.

He said the police had prepared well for the march. Commuters coming into town were searched at Park Station and troops were deployed in the central city.

The hearing continues.

(News-by-A Milazi, 47 Sauer Street, Johannesburg)

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Police 'fled' during Shell House attack

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POLICE stationed at ANC headquarters in Shell House, Johannesburg, fled when it became clear their lives were in danger and there was nothing they could do to stop an Inkatha Freedom Party attack on the building, the Goldstone commission heard yesterday.

ANC representative advocate George Bizos said this at the first day of the commission's hearing into the shootings in Johannesburg last month during which more than 53 people were killed and hundreds were injured.

Morris Basslian, representing KwaZulu, said it would not be possible to make a submission as notification of the hearing had been received only last week. Chairman Judge Richard Goldstone rejected Basslian's submission, saying it was Inkatha that had called for an urgent hearing on the matter.

Goldstone said a detailed explanation was expected from the KwaZulu government today as to why it could not present its case to the commission.

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He also asked for details of allegations made by Inkatha Transvaal leader Themba Khoza about the organisation trvribinh prior warning that infiltrators would attempt to disrupt the march.

Bizos said a large group of Inkatha marchers gathered at the northwest corner of Shell House and began moving south towards its entrance. A police officer and an unidentified white man tried to turn back the marchers.

Bizos said the policeman and colleagues stationed around the building then "went away", leaving the ANC security guards to defend the building. 278

Bizos rejected an earlier submission by police counsel Barry Roux that the guards should not have made their first line of defence in the street but in the building's foyer, which had security facilities.

In his submission Roux said the ANC guards were ill-disciplined and untrained. They had acted impulsively and refused to obey police instructions to stop firing, Roux said.

An application had been made for a gathering, not a march.

No evidence had been found of snipers on surrounding buildings. It was possible police spotters positioned on rooftops to pinpoint marchers with firearms had been mistaken for snipers.

Meanwhile, the Institute for the Study of Public Violence, a commission offshoot, has accused the TEC of holding up legislation that could have prevented last month's events from taking place.

Institute researcher Paul van Zyl said The Regulation of Gatherings Act, gazetted earlier this year, had been held up by the TEC's law and order subcouncil.

The Act regulates public gatherings and marches, building permission for any such events around agreements worked out between the three parties involved — police, march organisers and the relevant local authority.

It was promulgated in January but has to be passed by the TEC before it can come into affect.

PEANUTS By Charles Schulz





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Police warned of 'attack plan'

March 'bid to kill Mandela'

Star 19/4/94

■ BY ABDUL MILAZI

JUDGE expresses surprise when IFP team fails to present submissions

The alleged attack on the ANC's national and regional offices during a "Zulu" march in Johannesburg on March 28 was an attempt to assassinate ANC president Nelson Mandela, the Goldstone Commission heard in Sandton yesterday.

Advocate George Bizos was leading evidence for the ANC into the march, which claimed the lives of at least 53 people.

Bizos said the ANC had known about the proposed attack a few days before the march and had relayed the information to senior members of the SAP. No action had been taken by the police, he added.

Bizos said: "Information was received that both Shell House (ANC head office) and Lancet Hall would come under attack.

"The rumour was that, as the planned assassination of Mandela in Ulundi had failed to materialise, the IFP would kill him at Shell House.

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"The plan was to bring Johannesburg to its knees by killing and injuring as many people as possible ... the belief was that the ANC and the Government would only respond to demands for a Zulu kingdom when people died in large numbers."

SAP representative, advocate B Roux, admitted police had received telephone calls from ANC leaders, including Mandela, warning them of attacks on ANC offices and trouble at IFP hostels.

Roux accused the ANC guards of firing the first shots at the marchers without provocation. He also accused the IFP of deliberately inciting violence by organising a political gathering in the city centre. He denied that the police had not heeded the ANC's warnings.

IFP representatives, led by advocate M Basslian, did not present submissions, saying they were instructed only on Thursday.

Mr Justice Richard Goldstone said he found it strange when it was the IFP that had requested an urgent inquiry into the shootings.

The judge demanded an explanation from the organisation's leadership by 9 am today.

He also instructed the representatives to ask the IFP leadership to explain why their supporters had ended up at the ANC offices instead of the Library Gardens.

The hearing continues.

'Rogue element' blamed by ANC

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■ BY CHERYL HUNTER

ANC PWV chairman Tokyo Sexwale has blamed a "rogue element" for the imprisonment of five people in a cell in the basement of the ANC regional headquarters in Lancet Hall, Jeppe Street, Johannesburg.

Sexwale, speaking at a press conference yesterday, was responding to a report that police had found three men and a youth claiming to be IFP members being held captive in the basement of the building on Sunday night after a fifth man told a police patrol in Hillbrow that he had escaped.

According to SAP spokesman Colonel Dave Bruce, three of the prisoners were elderly and the other was a 14-year-old. Bruce said all five had been seriously assaulted.

Sexwale blamed a "rogue element" for the capture and assault of the five. They had been held for at least two days in what was actually a lift cage.

He admitted that "people were brought to the regional offices by one of the security personnel".

When journalists

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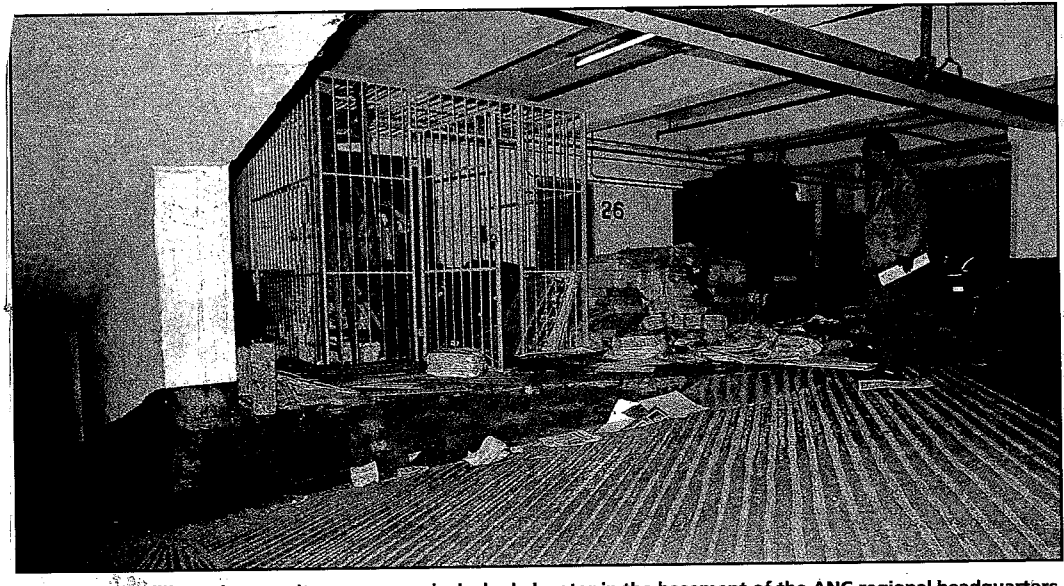

Basement "cell" . . . the security cage around a locked elevator in the basement of the ANC regional headquarters in Lancet Hall, Johannesburg, where five people were held and assaulted. PICTURE: ANTON HAMMERL

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quizzed the security guard, Mxolisi Kali, he admitted only having held one man in the cell after he had found him trying to break into his car in Hillbrow.

He denied having held five people hostage.

Sexwale said Kali had been suspended with immediate effect.

The ANC was conducting an internal investigation in conjunction with the SAP as it was "convinced that Kali acted in cahoots with someone".

ANC national chairman Thabo Mbeki announced yesterday that the ANC had established a disciplinary structure to deal with its members who contravened the ANC's election code.

E Rand toll 16 after three days of fighting

Oosterbroek among slain



RUNNING gun battles as National Peacekeeping Force troops and hostel dwellers clash in Tokoza

■ STAFF REPORTERS

The Star's award-winning chief photographer, Ken Oosterbroek, was among several people killed in violence on the East Rand yesterday.

At least 16 people have died in East Rand townships in the past three days.

Oosterbroek died and two other photographers were injured — one seriously — during a firefight between hostel dwellers and National Peacekeeping Force (NPKF) troops in Tokoza.

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Oosterbroek (32) and several other photographers were covering running gunbattles between hostel dwellers and NPKF troops when another burst of gunfire erupted from the hostel. The press took cover with the NPKF troops when the group came under fire from the hostel.

In the chaos that followed, Oosterbroek collapsed and died seconds later.

Doctors at Natalspruit Hospital said Oosterbroek might have died of a severed spinal cord. The Star's pictures editor, Robin Comley, and company psychologist Brian Dyke — who both went to the hospital — saw a clear bullet entry wound on the left side of Oosterbroek's chest.

A post-mortem will be held tomorrow.

Freelance photographer Greg Marinovich — a former Pulitzer Prize winner — was shot in the chest and Reuters photographer Juda Ngwenya was hit in the arm.



Last picture . . . one of the final frames taken by Ken Oosterbroek in Tokoza yesterday before he was killed in the firefight between NPKF soldiers and hostel gunmen. Inset: Ken Oosterbroek.

Marinovich was transferred to the Milpark Hospital where he was placed in the intensive care unit. His condition was described as serious, but stable, last night.

Photographers and cameramen on the scene said the shots that hit the photographers had come from the NPKF troops as the troops and newsmen took cover behind a wall.

NPKF media liaison officer Colonel Connie van Rensburg said he did not know whether the photographers were hit by NPKF fire. He added that the NPKF could not be held responsible for the safety of journalists in the violence-torn region.

Van Rensburg said two NPKF soldiers were also injured in the gunbattle.

Police expect that the death toll on the East Rand over the past three days could be higher than the known 16. Ten of the reported deaths were in the townships of Katlehong, Tokoza and Vosloorus, where the NPKF took over from the SADF on Friday.

According to SAP spokesman Colonel Dave Bruce, however, since the NPKF was deployed in the area, the SAP had not received any reports on death tolls or other violence from it.

Sapa reports that security forces cordoned off Tokoza Hostel following yesterday morning's gunbattle between hostel inmates and NPKF troops.

But gunfire rang out through the township last

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Oosterbroek among 16 slain

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night and early today, as the NPKF repeatedly came under fire from the hostels.

Last night, in a voice trembling with emotion, photographer Gary Bernard of The Star — who was with Oosterbroek when the shooting broke out — said about 12 photographers crouched against a wall slightly to the front of about 40 NPKF men while there was a lot of shooting.

"As the shooting from the hostel intensified, one of them panicked and started shooting at us and then there was a whole lot of shooting from all sides. As we tried to get cover I saw Ken drop to the ground. Then Greg screamed, 'I'm hit!'.

"We sprinted for cover. The two were rushed to the Natalspruit Hospital by the NPKF. Ken was dead. I'm quite sure that it was the NPKF guys who shot Greg.

"It's a wonder not more of us were shot, there was a hell of a lot of gunfire," Bernard said.



'ANC guards started firing'

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Goldstone hears how marchers were shot

JOHANNESBURG — ANC security guards opened fire on Inkatha Freedom Party supporters as they marched past the ANC headquarters at Shell House during a Zulu royalist march here on March 28, a Goldstone Commission preliminary hearing was told yesterday.

Eight IFP supporters were killed and about 20 wounded.

Counsel for the SA Police, Mr B Roux, said police at the scene had reported IFP members to be "relatively disciplined" about 11.10am when an ANC security guard armed with a shotgun had fired in their direction from a Shell House balcony.

The police had apparently told the guard to stop firing.

About 12 ANC security guards, one armed with a "brand new AK-47 rifle" and others with pistols and shotguns, had moved from Shell House's main entrance to the corner of Klein and King George streets.

Two policemen who tried to direct the marchers away from King George Street had been ignored.

Another policeman had asked the security guards to return to the main entrance, whereupon a guard had pointed a 9mm pistol at the police sergeant's chest and ordered him out of the way.

He had also threatened to shoot the policeman, according to the police submission.

As the vanguard of the march along King George Street approached to within 50m to 70m of them, the ANC guards had opened fire.

Shots had also been fired from a Shell House balcony, and marchers had then returned fire.

Mr Roux said security forces deployed at Shell House had at no stage seen gunmen among the marchers charging the security guards, before or after the shooting, as claimed by the ANC.

The police said there had been no reason whatsoever for the ANC guards to shoot at the marchers.

Police had searched the bodies of those killed and found a "zip" gun and a 7,65mm pistol.

At the site from which the ANC guards had fired, police had found 16 spent AK-47 cartridges, seven 7,65mm, six shotgun, 12 Makarov and 15 9mm cartridges.

Police questioned the ANC's version that the ANC had had to make a stand in the street.

Because of Shell House's security features and the fact that there were few access points, the SAP submitted, an attack could have been warded off more effectively from inside the entrance itself.

The SAP noted that the incident had occurred in King George Street and not in Plein Street, from where the marchers could have gained entry to Shell House.

● The IFP, who asked for the inquiry, was unable to submit evidence yesterday.

IFP legal representative Mr Maurice Basslian told the commission he had been instructed by the IFP only on Wednesday.

Yesterday's proposed march by the IFP Youth Brigade had apparently made consultations difficult.

Mr Justice Richard Goldstone said the IFP's failure to submit was contemptuous in the light of IFP spokeswoman Ms Sue Vos' request for an urgent hearing.

He ordered the IFP to furnish reasons by 9am today for their failure to make submissions. — Sapa

Army to pull out of East Rand

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The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — The army is to withdraw its last troops from the volatile East Rand area this week in spite of questions over the capability of the National Peacekeeping Force to handle the situation.

An army spokesman confirmed that plans to withdraw the entire army presence from the region by Friday — leaving the recently deployed NPKF as primary peacekeepers — were still under way.

After the NPKF replaced certain SADF units in Tokoza, Katlehong and Vosloorus last Wednesday, the army maintained a presence in certain parts of the area and was constantly on stand-by to help the NPKF if necessary.

A spokesman for Group 41 said the NPKF had only once called for army assistance since it moved into the area last week. He said a detachment of troops was deployed over the weekend in Vosloorus after an official request for help by the NPKF command.

However, this detachment was withdrawn on request yesterday.

The spokesman said the final withdrawal of even the SADF stand-by reaction units would be completed by Friday.

The competency of the NPKF to control the country's most volatile area was further questioned yesterday after a gun battle between its troops and hostel dwellers in Tokoza claimed the life of a top press photographer.

At least 16 people have died in unrest-related violence in Tokoza, Katlehong and Vosloorus since the NPKF replaced the SADF.

Senior military sources said it was unfair to expect the NPKF to cope with the situation in the area.

One source involved in the deployment of SADF unrest troops said the NPKF had little or no unrest or combat experience and only three months' intensive training.

The SADF, on the other hand, has been involved in unrest control for many years.



LAST SHOT: The final picture taken by The Star's award-winning photographer Ken Oosterbroek before he was killed in a gun battle between National Peace Keeping Force members and hostel dwellers in the East Rand township of Tokoza.
More reports and pictures on page 13.

Two wounded as fresh fighting erupts on Rand

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JOHANNESBURG. — Fierce battles erupted between members of the National Peacekeeping Force and migrant Zulu workers today at a hostel in Thokoza on the East Rand.

The battles centred on Angola hostel, where photographer Ken Oosterbroek was killed and two fellow-journalists were wounded in crossfire yesterday.

Witnesses said heavily armed local residents joined in today's fighting, opening fire with automatic weapons on the hostel, a stronghold of the Inkatha Freedom Party.

At least a dozen armed African National Congress-supporting residents headed towards the hostel to join the fight. Township residents not caught up in the fighting were taking shelter behind walls.

Some residents gathered in the deadly streets to watch the firefight, cheering as each burst of gunfire rang out.

Two were wounded in the shooting.

Yesterday's fighting in Thokoza broke out after a weekend in which 19 people were killed in East Rand townships after a period of relative calm. — Sapa-Reuter.

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Sack peace force leader — ANC

JOHANNESBURG. — ANC PWV leader Mr Tokyo Sexwale called yesterday for the head of the National Peacekeeping Force on the East Rand to be dismissed, after the SADF had to be called in to contain a bloody battle between hostel dwellers and residents of Thokoza.

And Archbishop Desmond Tutu yesterday joined calls for the NPKF itself to be removed, saying the decision to withdraw SADF troops from Thokoza "was not working".

Police are also investigating allegations that members of the NPKF shot at police vehicles in the East Rand township of Katlehong yesterday.

No one was injured in the incidents.

At least five people, including a peacekeeping force soldier, were killed in fighting outside the Angola hostel in Lower Khumalo Street yesterday. About 40 people were wounded.

The ANC said last night that Mr Sexwale, its candidate for the PWV premiership, regional secretary-general Mr Paul Mashatile and his deputy, Mr Obed Bapela, came under heavy gunfire yesterday after addressing residents at the National Peacekeeping Force base in Thokoza.

Township residents and members of self-defence units armed with AK-47 rifles and small arms said they had attacked the hostel at first light yesterday, and had launched another assault at midmorning.

IFP supporters said at least three hostel inmates had died in the attacks — in which a rocket-propelled grenade was allegedly used — but this could not be confirmed.

In a day of total confusion for the security forces, the internal stability division first tried to end the fighting, which resulted in heavy gunfire, followed by the peacekeeping force, before the army moved in and stabilised the situation.

The peacekeeping force appeared to be in total disarray. Reporters witnessed an argument between troops and their commanding officer, Lieutenant-

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Colonel Quinton Painter, as the troops demanded to be ordered into the hostel to disarm its defenders.

Force officers and non-commissioned officers said they had given Col Painter an ultimatum to empower them to search the hostel for arms or leave the Steunpunt base in Thokoza.

On the streets, ANC self-defence unit members were calling the force the "National Party killing force" and demanding they leave, while men in the hostel accused it of assisting the ANC's armed wing uMkhonto weSizwe.

When the SADF arrived on the scene, one soldier asked loudly: "Where is the Peacekeeping Force? Why do we have to do their work for them?"

Mr Sexwale met officers of the peace force after fighting had died down, and said troops had complained of being understaffed and ill-equipped.

He told a crowd outside the base they should have patience with the peacekeeping force. He said he would ask for Col Painter's removal.— Own Correspondent, Sapa, Staff

Bloody battle in Thokoza

BTDay 20/4/94

LLOYD COUTTS and JOHANNES NGCOBO

THE ANC yesterday called for the dismissal of the head of the National Peacekeeping Force unit on the East Rand after the SADF had to be called in to end a bloody battle between Thokoza residents and hostel dwellers.

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In a day of confusion for the security forces, the internal stability unit initially attempted to end the fighting, which resulted in heavy gunfire; the National Peacekeeping Force then stepped in before the army moved in and stabilised the situation within minutes. (278)(254)

The peacekeeping force appeared to be in disarray. Troops argued openly with their commanding officer, Lt-Col Quinton Painter, demanding to be ordered into the hostel to disarm its defenders. Force officers and non-commissioned officers said they had given Painter an ultimatum to empower them to search the hostel for arms or leave the Steunpunt base in Thokoza. Officers alleged Painter had left.

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Painter said last night he had no knowledge of calls for his removal, and was awaiting orders from his headquarters.

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Sexwale met officers of the force after fighting had died down, and said the troops had complained of working under extreme conditions. It had been agreed to set up lines of communication with residents for force members. He said he would ask for Painter's removal. (278)(254)

WILSON ZWANE reports that Inkatha was seeking to have voting stations set up around hostels.

Inkatha Transvaal political director Themba Khoza said he did not see how Inkatha and ANC supporters could stand in the same queues outside voting stations without violence flaring up.

NEWS FEATURE *Upsurge of killings in Tokoza after the deployment of NPKF*

Roots of violence on ER

Sowetan 20/4/94

■ GOOD FRIENDS *Report tells how neighbours turned on one another:*

By Mzimasi Ngudle
Political Staff

"MK, MK, we don't want MK here. We'll fight tooth and nail to move them out."

This is what Tokoza Hostel residents shouted when members of the National Peacekeeping Force were deployed early this month.

On Monday the vow was translated into action when NPKF members came under fire from hostel residents.

At least 19 people died between last Saturday and Monday, including well-known photo-journalist Mr Ken Oosterbroek of *The Star*. Oosterbroek followed photographer Abdul Shariff, who was killed in a similar shootout in the same vicinity in January this year.

Two other photographers, Judah Ngwenya and Greg Marinovich, were injured in a spiral of violence reportedly sparked off by the deployment of the NPKF, which replaced South African Defence Force troops last week.

The SADF presence had led to fewer killings in the area and only 12 were people killed there last month.

At issue is the role of and perceptions about the security forces, a factor which fuelled violence in the area.

Residents have accused the Internal Stability Unit of abetting Inkatha Freedom Party-aligned hostel residents in attacking and looting the townships.

IFP supporters objected to the removal of the ISU and took a dim view of the deployment of SADF troops in January this year.

Rubbing salt into their wounds was the deployment of the NPKF, which comprises, among others, cadres of Umkhonto we Sizwe, the military wing of the African National Congress.

While the upsurge in violence in the area is often attributed to political developments, the Independent Board of Inquiry, while concurring, takes a more incisive look at the real causes of violence which has claimed thousands of lives for close to five years.

In a brief resume of the incidence of violence in the area entitled "Before we were good friends", the IBI, which monitors violence in the area, says the causes are diverse and cannot always be attributed to events within the wider political arena. The report says the advent of violence was preceded by the increased politicisation of hostels, starting from 1990.

Prior to this there was sound social and economic interaction between hostel residents and the surrounding communities. August 1990 saw the start of the violence on the East Rand. This was shortly after the Inkatha cultural movement announced its intentions of becoming a full-fledged political party.

It was also the start of an intensive recruitment campaign in Katorus (a South African Defence Force acronym for Katlehong, Tokoza and Vosloorus).

The hostels were targeted as ideal areas of recruitment and the initial clashes in Tokoza were between hostel residents from the Khalanyoni Hostel and the Phola Park squatter camp.

Several inmates from Khalanyoni Hostel refused to join the IFP and were attacked. They sought refuge in Phola Park. (278)

Subsequently attack and counter-attack became the norm. The violence soon spread to Katlehong and Tokoza along similar patterns. The battle for control of territory became central to the conflict on the East Rand, the IBI says.

The report attempts to show how people living side by side for decades have suddenly turned on one another.

"Statistics can never bring to the fore the true horror of violence in the area," the report says. Trying to show people behind statistics, the report reveals how neighbours, once friends, have become bitter enemies. How homes were occupied, vandalised and destroyed.



Ken Oosterbroek, one of South Africa's top news photographers, is held by fellow photographer Gary Barnard of *The Star* after he was shot in Tokoza on Monday. He will be buried at 2pm on Friday after a service at St Martin's in the Veld in Cradock Avenue, Rosebank.

"There is no single cause of the escalation of the violence despite the view that it augments to important political events and announcements," the report says. This view is too simplistic and fails to take into account local conditions which are very often the catalyst and engine to upsurges and the perpetuation of violent acts."

After referring to taxi feuds, the "forced colonisation by the IFP and the ANC of areas in Katlehong and Tokoza and the self-defence units as causes of violence, the report also names the security forces as perpetrators of violence.

"Evidence gathered gives the impression that the ISU has a clear programme to eliminate members of the self-defence units. The SDUs themselves are also responsible for violent acts and intimidation. However, the underlying problem remains mutual intolerance and mistrust, which has created a culture that prevents accommodation and compromise."

The report says violence has impacted on already appalling socio-economic conditions. Squatter camps are without drinking water and proper sanitation. The refugee problem has not been tackled adequately.

"The communities themselves have borne the brunt of the problem as many people sought accommodation and relief within the townships."

The report concludes that community policing involving parties on both sides of the conflict should be the first measure of abating violence.



Tokoza on the boil

Sowetan 20/4/94

By Glenn McKenzie and Sapa

A NATIONAL Peacekeeping Force soldier was among six people reported to have been killed in Tokoza yesterday when troops came under fire from township and hostel residents in another day of violence in the East Rand township. Spokesmen at Natalspruit Hospital reported five deaths and at least 30 wounded. (278)

Police were yesterday also investigating a rocket-propelled grenade attack on No 2 Hostel in Tokoza.

Meanwhile, people cheered a SA Defence Force unit which entered the township to hold talks with NPKF commanders.

Fierce political fighting raged near Mshayazafe Hostel, while NPKF troops and residents held an urgent meeting several blocks away.

Police spokesman Captain Janine Smith said at least 30 people were wounded in the fighting.

The *Sowetan* team followed an SADF armoured vehicle into Tokoza's Everest Section. While gunfights raged nearby, residents cheered and waved at the soldiers.

Tokoza quiet after violence leaves five dead, scores hurt

☐ 2 days of battles between residents, hostel-dwellers

JOHANNESBURG. — Tokoza was quiet today after two days of violence between residents of the East Rand township and hostel dwellers.

A National Peacekeeping Force spokesman said there had been no shooting overnight.

Five people died and more than 40 were wounded in yesterday's running battles between the two groups.

The Inkatha Freedom Party, which demanded the withdrawal of the NPKF by 5pm yesterday, was sticking to its demand in spite of the political settlement reached yesterday for the IFP's participation in next week's election.

IFP Transvaal political director Themba Khoza said the NPKF must be removed "as quickly as possible" and replaced with the Internal Stability Unit.

"This is a confrontational situation — they definitely have to remove the NPKF."

The Independent Electoral Commission today cancelledits planned "Operation Access" tour of East Rand townships "due to the excessive violence and unrest".

The IEC established "Operation Access" to help those parties which feel they cannot campaign freely to promote their election manifestos in townships.

Yesterday residents and hostel dwellers were locked in open warfare in Tokoza.



OPEN FIRE: Youths take cover during an outburst of gunfire in Tokoza yesterday as clashes continued between African National Congress and Inkatha Freedom Party supporters.

African National Congress-supporting residents launched repeated attacks on the Angola Hostel, an IFP stronghold.

Associated Press photographer Joao Silva said people were "running wild with AK-47s. They kept charging the hostel, and they took many casualties".

Bursts of automatic gunfire from the hostel sent journalists and residents scurrying for cover.

An army convoy of Ratel troop-carriers was heartily cheered by residents and soldiers gripping rifles flashed peace signs as they drove past.

But as the gunfights continued, the Defence Force was jeered. A Ratel came under fire as it passed the hostel.

AK-47s were openly displayed by some residents. Others had pistols and axes.

Khumalo Street, near the besieged hostel, was engulfed in billowing black smoke from burning tyres. Fallen tree trunks and rubble were strewn in the street as residents and hostel dwellers played a deadly game of hide-and-seek.

Youths taunted hostel gunmen, waving their fists and jeering. When shots rang out from the hostel they dived for cover — but soon returned to their dangerous baiting game.

Long moments of tense calm alternated with heavy exchanges of fire throughout the day. — Sapa.

(News by J Waters and K Swart, 141 Commissioner Street, Johannesburg).

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Guns blaze around Sexwale

JOHANNESBURG. — African National Congress PWV leader Tokyo Sexwale and two ANC officials have come under heavy gunfire in Tokoza.

ANC spokesman Vusi Gunene said Mr Sexwale, PWV secretary-general Paul Mashatile and deputy secretary-general Obed Bapela were forced to take cover after addressing residents at the National Peacekeeping Force base in the township yesterday.

Heavy gunfire was heard from the direction of a hostel next to the base, and the three men took cover before leaving the area. No one was injured.

"The ANC PWV region condemns this senseless attack on its leadership, whose sole purpose was to defuse the volatile situation," Mr Gunene said.

He said the ANC would pursue a resolution to end the carnage on the East Rand and ensure a free and fair election.

Mr Sexwale strongly criticised the NPKF commander in Tokoza, Quinton Painter, saying he was restraining the unit from keeping the peace.

"He is restricting them to patrols and when they are shot at they are not allowed to return fire," Mr Sexwale said.

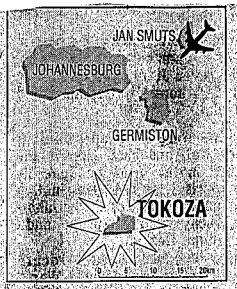
Officers and troops were frustrated, he said. They had disarmed many residents and wished to do the same in the hostels but were prevented from doing so by Colonel Painter, who was operating under the direction of someone above him in the NPKF.

NPKF spokesman Connie van Rensburg said he would respond to Mr Sexwale's allegations when he had more information.

Mr Sexwale said the force had not been deployed in the same numbers as the SADF, which had operated in Tokoza with 2 500 men. The NPKF had only 1 000 in the area. — Sapa.

(News by K Swart and S Denny, 141 Commissioner Street, Johannesburg).





NPKF pulled out of Tokoza

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The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA — The National Peacekeeping Force (NPKF) was today withdrawn from the East Rand and confined to barracks as the Defence Force thundered back into the area in an attempt to restore peace.

An SADF source today confirmed the withdrawal of the NPKF troops from Tokoza, Katlehong and Vosloorus — less than a week after they replaced the SADF in the violence-torn region.

The source said the NPKF troops had been confined to barracks and the SADF moved into the area following a flare-up in violence since the SADF's withdrawal last Wednesday.

According to police at least 19 people have died on the East Rand since Wednesday.

SADF spokesman Christo Visser said troops were sent to patrol Tokoza hostels One, Two and Three and prevent hostel dwellers from attacking residents, and also to prevent residents from attacking hostels.

In the worst fighting since the deployment of the NPKF, Tokoza Two Hostel was hit by an RPG7 rocket yesterday and an NPKF armoured vehicle was petrol-bombed while Transvaal Inkatha Freedom Party leader Themba Khoza was travelling in it yesterday.

Amid IFP claims that the NPKF was siding with ANC-aligned residents and that it was involved in the rocket attack on the Tokoza hostel, the IFP demanded the return of the SADF and the removal of the NPKF by 5pm yesterday.

Today police reported that their vehicles were fired on by NPKF members several times yesterday.

Police spokesman Deon Peens said when police asked the troops why they shot at them, the soldiers "swore at them and chased them away".

The NPKF could not be reached for comment.

Major Visser confirmed today that its tactical headquarters in Alberton had been reactivated and troops deployed on the East Rand.

ANC PWV chairman Tokyo Sexwale said yesterday it was an "incredible mistake" that the SADF had been pulled out of the East Rand before mechanisms for a "clean and good" handover were not in place.

(News by C Bhagowat, 47 Sauer Street, Johannesburg).

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SADF back on the beat in East Rand

JOHANNES NGCOBO and LLOYD COUTTS

THE SADF took over patrols on the East Rand yesterday as the National Peacekeeping Force was confined to base after only four days on the beat.

Last night the NPKF and SADF were discussing the possibility of joint patrols, a source said.

SADF Witwatersrand Command spokesman Maj Christo Visser confirmed the army's return to the townships following a crisis meeting with the NPKF on Tuesday night, when the decision had been taken "to avoid further bloodshed".

Peacekeeping force members would stay in their bases until the situation had been resolved.

Violence in Katlehong, Thokoza and Vosloorus erupted at the weekend after the NPKF took over from the SADF on Saturday. One soldier was killed and four wounded on Tuesday. Five other people were killed and 40 wounded. Since Sunday 15 people have died, although the SADF reported that no one had been killed in the area yesterday. (254/278)

Faced with its first major task on Tuesday — ending a battle between Angola Hostel and township residents in Thokoza — NPKF soldiers squabbled with their commanding officer and the SADF had to be called in to stabilise the situation.

ANC PWV chairman Tokyo Sexwale called for NPKF commander Lt Col Quinton Painter to be dismissed. The ANC confirmed yesterday that it had complained about Painter's alleged incompetence to the Transitional Executive Council's (TEC) defence subcouncil.

ANC Thokoza chairman Duma Nkosi, a subcouncil task group member, said he had no problem with confining the NPKF to base if it helped address the problem. But the force should be given a chance to prove itself. The problems it had encountered were logistical.

The ANC said that instead of 2 500 NPKF members, only 1 000 had arrived and they were inadaquately equipped.

Report by J Ngcobo and L Coutts, TML, 11 Diagonal St, Jhb.

■ *Order restored on East Rand* ■ *Tensions ease in parts of Natal*

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Violence levels plum

TOWNSHIP battles subside as NPKF troops return to barracks and the SADF takes over

■ BY CHARMEELA BHAGOWAT
MICHAEL SPARKS
and CHERYL HUNTER

Violence on the East Rand has dropped dramatically and has also fallen in some areas of KwaZulu/Natal.

Police on the East Rand reported the townships to be "very quiet" with no deaths overnight. And the Joint Security Committee said that of the seven deaths reported to them in Natal/KwaZulu yesterday, only one was believed to be politically related.

On the East Rand, order was largely restored when the SADF moved in and replaced the National Peacekeeping Force, whose troops returned to barracks early yesterday.

In Natal, the announcement that the Inkatha Freedom Party is to take part in the election saw the levels of violence in a number of areas plummet, but in some regions the announcement did not quell clashes.

Joint Security Committee spokesman Captain Kim van Niekerk said nine people had been killed in clashes in KwaZulu/Natal since Tuesday. Two were slain after the IFP election announcement.

Tensions were still high in some areas. Sapa reports that six houses in Ntuzuma were burnt down in the previous 48 hours, and gangsters armed with petrol bombs threatened to sack a Catholic church housing refugees.

KwaZulu/Natal regional peace committee spokesman Dennis Nkosi said the number of battles between ANC and IFP supporters would probably decline, but so-called Third Force activity, criminal violence and traditional disputes would continue.

On the East Rand, the reins were put on battles between township residents and hostel dwellers when the SADF resumed its policing role on Tuesday night. The NPKF was withdrawn from patrolling yesterday after just four days in the area.

Yesterday, Wit Command spokesman Major Christo Visser said that, on the orders of the Chief of the Army, Lieutenant-General Hattingh Pretorius, the NPKF would remain in barracks until the group had "reorganised themselves".

"The defence force is going to be responsible for restabilising the Katlehong/Tokoza/Vosloorus area," Visser said.

Thereafter the NPKF would fall under the auspices of the SADF, engaging in security and self-protection tasks.

However, today NPKF tactical commander Colonel Vic Walker said the SADF and NPKF would be taking joint control and conducting joint operations with the SA Army.

He said the decision was taken late last night and that

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'NPKF shot Oosterbroek'

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is still in a serious condition in hospital. Reuters photographer Juda Ngwenya was shot in the hand. Oosterbroek died on the scene.

Star photographer Gary Bernard said: "Some NPKF guys were behind us. As the shooting from the hostel intensified, one of them appeared to panic and started shooting at us. Then there was shooting from all sides. I saw Ken drop to the ground. Then Greg screamed 'I'm injured'. I'm sure it was the NPKF guys who shot at us."

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Reef, Natal violence plummets

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the NPKF would also take part in the planning of operations with the SA Army.

Walker, however, said that the control of NPKF troops would remain under NPKF command.

He said the operations of NPKF troops would be "restricted in certain levels" and they would be taking on areas and operations of a "less aggressive nature". The force would not be patrolling Tokoza where the recent violence occurred. (278)

A joint statement detailing the operations of both armies on the East Rand would be released later in the day, said Walker. (274)

It is understood tasks of the NPKF are likely to include escorting people and delivery vans.

East Rand violence increased dramatically in the last week, after the NPKF had been sent to keep the peace.

Reacting to the NPKF withdrawal, IFP Transvaal leader Themba Khoza said: "God is great. Our prayers have been answered."

However, he wanted the SADF to be deployed only in areas "where they have support".

But they also needed to bring the ISU back into the IFP areas, Khoza added, referring to the controversial Internal Stability Unit of the SAP.

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus said the redeployment of the ISU was not really an option, but the ANC welcomed the redeployment of the SADF which had played a stabilising role.

(47 Sauer St, Johannesburg)

POLITICAL ROUNDUP *To sworn enemies on the streets, political agreements mean nothing*

Deadline for death in Tokoza

Sowetan 21/4/94

■ NO QUARTER *Fighting in the township seems set to continue:*

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Security in numbers ... Members of the SADF confront youths in Tokoza on Tuesday. PIC: PAT SEBOKO

BLACK smoke rose from a barricade of burning tyres as Jabu Moshoeshoe predicted the future of his rivals in this battle-ravaged township.

"Those gentlemen there are going to be dead before elections," said the ANC supporter, drawing a finger across his throat.

A hundred metres away, Inkatha Freedom Party supporter Mr Robert Mandla made a similarly violent forecast.

"We are going to get revenge against the ANC," he said. "We've got hands, just as they have hands."

Despite Tuesday's agreement between leaders of the rival ANC and Inkatha, the fighting that has plagued Tokoza for more than three years seems set to continue.

Inkatha agreed to take part in the first all-race election next week, ending a boycott that set off deadly unrest in the Johannesburg area and Natal, which includes the traditional Zulu homeland.

But resolution of the election dispute mattered little to people living in the no-man's land in Tokoza, a strip of burnt-out houses and silent shops between Inkatha-dominated workers' hostels and ANC neighbourhoods.

They blamed their rivals for all the problems, as well as police, soldiers and a new national peacekeeping force created to work in trouble spots where distrust of security forces lingers from the apartheid era.

"The main problem is with the ANC," said Mandla (38) who has lived in Mshayezafe Hostel No 3 for eight years. "The fighting won't stop, because the ANC is using peacekeeping forces to attack the hostel."

Mandla said the dispute involved abandoned houses across Khumalo Street, which runs past the hostel. ANC supporters used to live in the houses but fled during the years of fighting. Now they are trying to get the houses back.

Eighteen armoured South African Defence Force trucks stood in Khumalo Street on Tuesday to separate the combatants after three days of fierce clashes that killed at least a dozen people, including photographer Mr Ken Oosterbroek of *The Star* newspaper. Scores more were injured.

A short walk from the hostel, ANC youths lit the petrol-soaked tyres that mark their territory.

"Before elections, that hostel will be demolished, flat," said Moshoeshoe, a frail 19-year-old. Inkatha supporters attacked the ANC area to drive people off and gain territory, he and his comrades said.

The Internal Stability Unit, a special police force often accused of heavy-handed tactics, used to patrol Tokoza and other black townships on the Reef. But State President FW de Klerk, under pressure from the ANC, replaced the unit with army soldiers last year.

Relative calm followed. Then, last week, the National Peacekeeping Force, comprising government soldiers, police and ANC guerrilla fighters, took over. Within days, gunfire echoed in the streets again.

Witnesses said the peacekeeping soldiers appeared to panic on Monday during a gunbattle, and their wild shooting probably killed Oosterbroek and wounded two other photographers.

On Tuesday, South African soldiers moved back in.

Regional ANC and Inkatha leaders visited the area separately on Tuesday and said problems were likely to continue. Tokyo Sexwale of the ANC blamed Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi for waiting too long to agree to a political settlement.

Inkatha's Themba Khoza said ANC supporters threw firebombs and stones at a National Peacekeeping Force vehicle he rode in.

"They are talking through the barrels of guns," he said. — *Sapa-AP.*

TEC to decide on peace force's role

Sowetan 21/4/94

By Isaac Moledi and *Sowetan* Correspondent

NEW PLANS NPKF Soldiers still in their bases reassessing the situation:

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THE Transitional Executive Council is to decide on the role of the National Peacekeeping Force in East Rand townships after the force's withdrawal and its replacement by the South African Defence Force on Tuesday night.

The NPKF was withdrawn from the violence-torn townships of Katlehong, Tokoza and Vosloorus and confined to barracks following bloody fighting between the force and hostel dwellers in Tokoza.

At least 19 people have been killed in unrest-related incidents in the two townships since last Wednesday, the South African Police reported yesterday.

SADF spokesman Major Christo Visser confirmed yesterday that the SADF was patrolling Tokoza to help with unrest control at three hostels in the township. He said although the NPKF was confined to barracks, the action did not mean the force had been completely withdrawn from the townships.

"The NPKF has not been withdrawn completely from the area. They are still in their bases reassessing the situation. The force is expected to draw up a plan which will be presented to the NPKF Command Council," Visser said.

The SADF will also draw up their plan and present it to army headquarters.

"We expect the outcome of the reports from the two forces to be sent to the Transitional Executive Council which will take a decision.

The SADF closed its tactical headquarters last week and was to have withdrawn its last stand-by reaction troops from the East Rand later this week.

A small SADF unit entered Tokoza late on Tuesday at the request of the NPKF. At that stage the NPKF had still been deployed throughout the remainder of the East Rand.

But in a last-minute turn-around, the SADF were ordered to replace the NPKF after high-level negotiations on Tuesday night.

Repeated attempts to reach the NPKF for comment yesterday were unsuccessful. Telephones at the NPKF offices at the TEC building in Pretoria were unanswered and an NPKF soldier who answered the phone at their base outside Tokoza said all the senior officers were in a meeting.

SADF takes over on East Rand

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JOHANNESBURG. — The Defence Force Witwatersrand Command yesterday said it had taken over patrols on the East Rand after the National Peacekeeping Force was confined to base after only four days in operation.

A peacekeeping force soldier was killed and four wounded in Tuesday's fighting. Five other people were killed and 40 wounded.

Last night the force and the SADF were locked in talks on the possibility of joint patrols, a source said.

Witwatersrand Command spokesman Major Christo Visser confirmed the army's return to the townships following a meeting between the SADF and the force on Tuesday night.

The meeting followed violence in Katlehong, Thokoza and Vosloorus which erupted after the peacekeeping force took over from the SADF on the East Rand on Saturday.

Since Sunday, 15 people had died although the SADF reported that no one was killed in the area yesterday.

ANC PWV chairman Mr Tokyo Sexwale has called for peacekeeping force commander Lieutenant-Colonel Quinton Painter to be dismissed.

The ANC confirmed yesterday that it had complained about Col Painter's alleged incompetence to the Transitional Executive Council.

SADF to join peacekeepers on E Rand

JOHANNESBURG. — The National Peacekeeping Force and the Defence Force will be involved in combined operations on the East Rand with immediate effect. (278) ARGT 21/4/92

This was decided on Tuesday evening at a meeting between the NPKF and the SADF.

NPKF spokesman Major Muff Anderson said details of the combined operation would be released today.

Earlier this week several people were killed in gun battles in Tokoza on the East Rand. — Sapa.

Wave of attacks claims 21 lives

Pretoria bomb kills two on election eve

B/Day 26/4/94

TWO people were killed and more than 20 injured in a bomb attack on a restuarant in Pretoria's Marabastat suburb last night. The attack was the 13th blast on in the past two days.

In the Pretoria attack a bomb was thrown at Sunnies Restaurant in 7th Avenue from a passing car. The attack came hours after a car bomb exploded at a taxi rank in Germiston in which 10 people were killed and 41 injured, some critically.

Yesterday's attacks took the death toll for the past two days to 21.

Police said a person had been detained for questioning in connection with the wave of bomb attacks. Deputy Law and Order Minister Gert Myburg said police were interrogating a person and the terrorists responsible for the blasts would be "ruthlessly hunted down". He was confident the culprits would be arrested before the main polling begins tomorrow.

Police spokesman Col Steve Senekal said no arrests had been made in connection with any of the blasts. People being questioned by police could not be regarded as suspects.

SAP Commissioner Gen Johan van der Merwe said detectives were close to a breakthrough and believed the Johannesburg and Germiston bombs had been placed by the same person or people.

The reward offered after Sunday's Johannesburg blast was doubled to R1m

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the largest in SA criminal history.

The Germiston bomb, placed underneath a trailer near the corner of Odendaal and Simmonds Streets, exploded in a highly congested area at 8.45am. Witnesses said vehicles and pedestrians were thrown into the air by the blast.

Police placed sheets of newspaper over human limbs which landed in surrounding car parks more than 100m from the taxi rank.

SAP media liaison officer Wikus Weber said the device contained 100kg of explosives — larger than Sunday's bomb in central Johannesburg and the most powerful yet in SA. The blast left a crater in the road, and destroyed the roof and front wall of a supermarket.

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus said witnesses saw a white man running away from a Volkswagen minibus moments before the explosion. The SAP could not confirm this.

At least 11 other smaller blasts took place yesterday. A petrol bomb was thrown at a car in Bez Valley, Johannesburg, last night. Other explosions across the country caused damage worth hundreds of thousands of rands but no serious casualties.

Senekal refused to comment on reports that the stolen Audi car used in Sunday's

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blast was registered in Ventersdorp in the western Transvaal.

DAVID GREYBE reports that ANC national chairman Thabo Mbeki said a citizen's arrest had been made outside the Home Affairs offices in Benoni after passers-by had become suspicious of a white man in a parked Mercedes-Benz. He said a crowd had chased the man after he ran away, and they had discovered explosives in the car.

Police denied this, saying the car had been searched but no explosives had been found.

Mbeki blamed the right wing and a "third force", which he said included certain elements of the Inkatha Freedom Party but not Inkatha as a political party, for the blasts.

A bomb containing 3kg of commercial explosive, concealed in the ladies' toilet at Randfontein taxi rank in the East Rand, went off at 7.40am yesterday. No casualties were reported although the area was crowded at the time. Structural damage was estimated at R40 000. Witnesses saw a blue Mazda 323 in the area shortly before the blast.

At 11.45am, a bomb thrown from a blue Mazda 323 carrying three white males damaged three minibus taxis parked under a bridge on the Johannesburg/Potchefstroom road near Westonaria. There were no injuries.

Sapa reports that at least four polling stations were bombed on Sunday night and early yesterday. Stations at Potgietersrus in the northern Transvaal, Boksburg North on the East Rand, Bloemhof in the western Transvaal and two in Steynsburg in the eastern Cape were attacked. No casualties were reported.

Police detained a man in connection with an explosion in Dan Pienaarville, Krugersdorp, on Sunday. Forensic experts said a home made device was used. Two unexploded bombs were discovered.

Two white men aged 19 and 20 were arrested in Germiston following an attempted petrol bomb attack on the Primrose School polling booth on Saturday afternoon. The bomb failed to detonate.

An Eskom pylon supplying electricity to Wonderfontein in the eastern Transvaal was damaged by an explosion yesterday morning. Power was restored before lunchtime.

Cherry van Heerden, a survivor of Sunday's bomb blast in Johannesburg, said from his hospital bed that the explosion occurred about 5m from where he was sitting. "Two white men dressed in blue pants and shirts, or 'security uniforms', parked the Audi car and hurried up Von Wielligh Street minutes before the explosion. Both men were armed," said the 18-year old. The SAP could not confirm this.

Security cordons in Johannesburg were lifted at 6pm last night.

CP leader Ferdi Hartzenburg said his party condemned the blasts and knew nothing about them. CP MPs were heckled in Parliament and called on to tell the police what they knew about the bombing campaign.

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ER death toll soars

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Sowetan Reporter

EAST Rand townships accounted for 94 percent of the 87 politically related deaths and 174 injuries recorded countrywide since last Monday, the Human Rights Commission revealed yesterday.

THE HRC said the death toll on the East Rand comes in the wake of the deployment of the National Peacekeeping Force in Katlehong, Tokoza and Vosloorus. 26/4/94

The NPKF was alleged to have had clashes with hostel dwellers believed to be aligned to the Inkatha Freedom Party. These resulted in several deaths before the force was confined to bases and the South African Defence Force took over.

The peacekeepers have now been charged with supportive tasks in the area.

Although there had been 49 deaths and 26 injuries in the past two weeks, Natal had shown a decrease in politically motivated violence. (278)

However, 100 people were detained under the state of emergency before it was lifted on Tuesday.

Large car bomb explodes at airport

Star 27/4/94

■ BY PETER ROBINSON, THOMAS KWENAITE, ANNA LOUW and CHARMEELA BHAGOWAT

A large car bomb exploded at the international departures area at Jan Smuts airport at 7.20 am today, injuring at least 13 people and causing massive structural damage to the airport.

The car bomb, placed on the driveway outside international departures on the first floor, ripped a hole through the wall into the departures hall.

One or two white men were seen parking a white Peugeot on the ramp shortly after 7 am.

An identikit of one of the men has already been circulated.

A witness, standing about 20 m from the car, said a white man ran away as the interior of the car started smoking. As traffic officers moved to clear the area, the car exploded.

The witness and his friend were blown through a sheet of bullet-proof glass by the blast. Both suffered minor cuts and were severely shocked.

Police on the scene said two traffic officers saw a car which appeared to be smoking. As they approached, the bomb exploded, injuring them and 11 others.

Both traffic officers and another person were reported critically injured. (278)

The concrete on the ramp was buckled and smashed for about 20 m. Debris from the bomb and the building lay scattered for more than 100 m.

Shocked and bewildered passengers and relatives huddled outside. They had all been evacuated from the airport building.

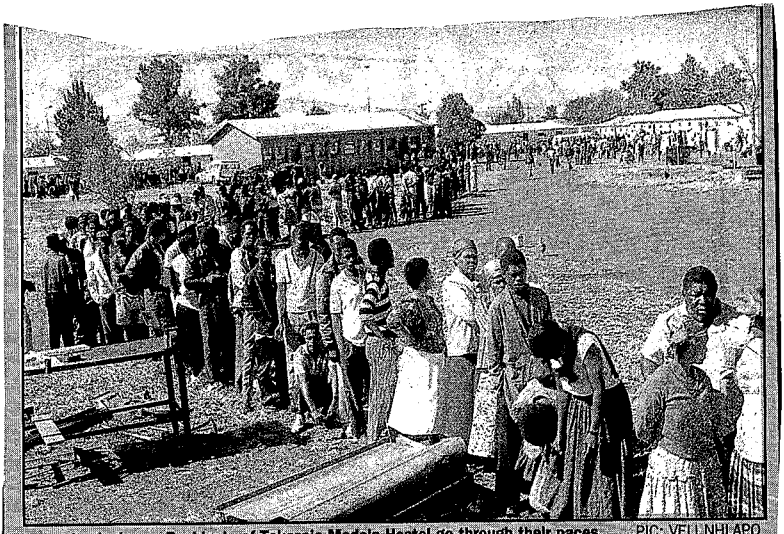
Ambulance workers, police and SADF troops milled around on the covered parkway where the bomb exploded. One critically injured man lay on the tarmac near the explosion site.

Sniffer dogs searched for other possible bombs.

SAA spokesman Leon Els said the bomb had caused extensive structural damage to the northern side of the airport building.

Els said incoming planes had to wait for about an hour before landing. He added that delays for the rest of the day could be expected.

Braam Loots, managing director of The Airport Company, said flights would resume by mid-morning.



A new beginning ... Residents of Tokoza's Madala Hostel go through their paces. PIC: VELI NHLAPO

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Hostels touched by voting fever

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By Sharon Chetty

■ **FESTIVE AIR** Inside Madala

Hostel it felt like an open day:



IT was an "open day" no one had expected.

At the end of Tokoza's Khumalo Street — dubbed the death drag — is the Madala Hostel, usually a no-go area ringed by security forces.

But yesterday, this bullet-ravaged compound housing thousands took on an air of festivity that stunned even the people who live there.

Inside the complex that has often served as an IFP fortress, it felt like an open day at school.

At one end temporary voter cards were being issued, while electoral officers patiently shepherded voters into queues and delicately led them to the ballot box.

Everywhere there were people milling about, chatting, smiling and enjoying the sunshine.

For journalists, who had often ducked bullets only a few metres away, the relaxed atmosphere was an unexpected surprise — once-forbidden territory had suddenly been transformed.

Fifty-three-year old Joseph Ndlovu braved the chilly autumn morning when he got out of bed at 4am to start the queue for the polls.

Everyone expected trouble. But by mid-morning when the queue grew to more than a kilometre long and voting progressed smoothly, they relaxed, smiled and hoped it would last.

Not even the overpowering stench of a pile of rotting garbage in the centre of the field could put them off.

"It is good that we are voting... I think it will help things to come right in this country," said Ndlovu, obviously pleased at his Inkatha Freedom Party's last-minute decision to contest the election.

For the residents of Soweto's Dube Hostel, casting a vote is hardly going to change the cat-and-dog relationship they have with the township residents.

But despite the rivalry between IFP-supporting hostel dwellers and other residents in the area, those who made their crosses fervently hoped that their lives would improve under a new government.

Hostels on the reef are generally regarded as IFP territory and because of that organisation's last-minute entry into the election race, voter education was neglected in most areas.

Despite this, thousands waited from dawn to cast their votes, their enthusiasm clearly evident.

The festive mood prevalent in the townships spread beyond the barbed wire and into these monuments to migrant labour.

George Goch, Mzimhlope in Soweto and Madala in Alexandra have often been the sites of bloody battles. But yesterday these institutions were engulfed in the national electoral fever.

And even though the gap between hostel dwellers and township residents is still gaping wide, yesterday we got a glimpse of how that could change.

SADF blamed for killings on ER

Sowetan 12/4/94

By Mzimasi Ngudle
Political Staff

■ HOSTEL RAID Soldiers came under fire, says officer:

THE SOUTH AFRICAN DEFENCE Force has been blamed for killings that occurred during a hostel raid on the East Rand on Friday.

The Inkatha Freedom Party has called for an immediate inquiry into the death of its member, Mr Jeff Sibiya, during the raid.

The security forces confiscated four AK-47 rifles, items of the SADF and South African Police uniforms.

The Black Allied Mining and Construction Workers' Union said only the SADF could account for the death of its second vice-president, Mr Solomzi Mdokwe.

The IFP said Sibiya, a peace committee member, was shot dead while "he was attempting to mediate and wearing his peace monitor jacket".

However, a South African Defence Force spokesman said the soldiers came under fire during a "sweeping operation" in the hostel.

Group 41 commanding officer Colonel Chris du Toit said the soldiers returned fire. He said he did not know whether Sibiya was shot by soldiers or caught in the crossfire.

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Shot dead

The BAMCWU said Mdokwe was shot dead on his way back home after going out to investigate shootings near Buyafuthi Hostel.

BAMCWU spokesman Mr Monwabisi Vika said the bullet used appeared to have been fired from "a heavy calibre rifle".

"We are convinced that the bullet that killed him did not come from the hostel but from closer range, and can only be accounted for by the SADF.

"This bullet appears to have come from the direction of the hostel," he said. The SADF could not be contacted for comment.

Vika said Mdokwe would be buried at Tokoza Cemetery on Saturday.

The IFP also condemned reports that Umkhonto weSizwe cadres were to be deployed as part of the National Peace Keeping Force on the East Rand.

SA's 3 years of carnage

Star 22/4/94

Violence has claimed 13 724 lives in the past three years, says the Human Rights Commission.

HRC national director Patrick Kelly said the deaths had occurred between the beginning of 1990 and last month.

Kelly was responding to a Community Agency for Social Enquiry (CASE) report released yesterday which stated that most of the victims were "local residents or commuters killed at random". Kelly agreed, saying most of the victims were innocent bystanders. (274)

The CASE report said most of the attackers were unidentified gunmen who were well organised and that the violence appeared to have been "well planned and executed at strategic times" to promote destabilisation. — Crime Staff.

'Not best decision ever' to send in blue berets

NPKF withdrawn, army takes over

Star 22/4/94.

■ BY CHARMEELA BHAGOWAT

The National Peacekeeping Force has been withdrawn from "aggressive" duties on the East Rand and assigned to routine tasks while the SADF has returned to the frontline in the more violent townships.

The about-turn came after NPKF troops failed to curb violence in the area, where the death toll soared in two days of intense fighting this week, and requested the help of the SADF.

NPKF troops were confined to barracks on Wednesday morning.

According to the Weekly Mail today, about 100 disgruntled NPKF troops locked their battalion commander, Colonel Quinten Paynter, in his vehicle on Tuesday after allegedly refusing to obey orders.

At a joint press conference in Alberton yesterday, commanders from the SADF and the NPKF said the two forces would be working together with immediate effect. (248)

The NPKF has been charged with providing escorts; protecting schools, key points and polling stations after hours; and providing water in areas where there is a shortage.

The SADF will conduct roadblocks and man vehicle control points, do mobile and foot patrols as well as searches when necessary, and continue with its liaison forums.

Discussing the failure of the peacekeeping force on the East Rand, NPKF deployment commander Colonel Vic Walker and SADF Group 41 commander Colonel Chris du Toit, who will plan the armies' tasks jointly, agreed that NPKF troops were not adequately prepared.

When asked why the troops were deployed in the first place, Walker said the decision was made at the highest political level in the country and had not been a military decision.

Du Toit said the decision seemed not to be the "the best one".

President de Klerk acknowledged this week that the move was a "blunder".

Violence on the East Rand and in Natal has dropped dramatically since the return of the SADF and the inclusion of Inkatha in the election process.

Natal has also seen a drastic drop in violence as the IFP gears itself for the election next week.

Police and ANC appeal for calm

Huge Jo'burg car bomb kills seven people

BIDay 25/4/94

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SEVEN people were killed and 93 injured yesterday by the largest explosion to have taken place in central Johannesburg, police said yesterday.

The 90kg car bomb went off on the corner of Bree and Von Wielligh streets shortly before 10am, instantly killing a pavement fruit seller and causing extensive damage to surrounding buildings.

ANC Johannesburg executive member Susan Keane, who was the 41st candidate on the ANC's regional election list, died of her injuries in hospital.

A reward of R500 000 has been offered for information leading to the arrest of the bombers.

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus said yesterday there was no doubt that ANC offices had been the target of the explosion. The bomb had been placed half a block from ANC PWV headquarters at Lancet House in Jeppe Street, and one block from the organisation's national headquarters at Shell House. Six ANC staff in the building had been admitted to hospital.

However, SAP spokesman Col Steve Senekal said police were not certain of the blast's target. It had taken place close to ANC, PAC and SADF offices, he said.

Sapa reports ANC president Nelson Mandela said at a rally in Durban he was to discuss the bombing with President FW de Klerk last night. He did not want the public to "concentrate on the violent activities of those who want to disrupt these elections.

"Leave the task of dealing with law and order with the security forces," he said.

Witnesses said police had searched a black Toyota Cressida in Bree Street minutes before the blast. One of its three black occupants had run off immediately afterwards and the other two had abandoned the vehicle on the corner of Von Wielligh street moments before the explosion, said Bree Street resident Themba Mbele.

Police were unable to confirm this, but said two SAP officers were in the area at the time of the blast and one had been slightly injured. Police investigators said the bomb had been in or under a green Audi. (278)

At a news conference, ANC PWV premier candidate Tokyo Sexwale said a man claiming to be a witness had seen a white person fleeing from a white car just before the explosion.

Sexwale described the bombing as a cowardly act designed to disrupt the elections, Sapa reports.

Freelance photographer Chris Tomlinson was the first to arrive at the scene. "A car next to the Audi was overturned by the force of the explosion and was in flames. It was unrecognisable," he said. Police would not allow reporters on to the scene but Press photographers using telephoto lenses confirmed that an unidentified car had been destroyed in the blast.

The ANC had received threats from right-wing groups opposed to the elections, but would not speculate on the perpetrators of the blast, Niehaus said.

PWV regional police commissioner Lt-Col Koos Calitz said security in central Johannesburg would be stepped up. The offices of the Independent Electoral Commission were also evacuated for several hours yesterday after a bomb scare.

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Car bomb

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Dozens of armoured vehicles arrived at the scene soon after the Bree Street blast. The area was cordoned off by heavily armed police, but access to the area today will be unaffected.

A photographer from The Times of London, Simon Walker, was driving past when the bomb went off. He sustained minor head injuries. (248)

Niehaus and Senekal both appealed for calm after the incident, dismissing speculation that a retaliation attack was likely.

"This type of action in Johannesburg is intended to send indications of negativity through SA and abroad," Sexwale said.

"The election must proceed. This (blast) was intended to frighten away voters."

DAVID GREYBE reports that CP MP Fanie Jacobs said yesterday that although his party could not condone violent protest such as bombings, the CP could not guarantee that some of its members would not be "driven" to act outside the law if the elections went ahead and the "flawed" interim constitution was implemented.

He said the CP did not plan to disrupt the elections. It would in future act as an "extra-parliamentary force", but within the law.

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Election will not be disrupted, vow political leaders

Nine die in 'largest SA bomb blast yet'

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POLICE are offering a reward of R500 000 for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of the bombers



Search for clues . . . police forensic experts sift through debris in Bree Street after yesterday's explosion. PICTURE: JACOOB RYKLIFF

BY CHARMEELA BHAGOWAT and LEE-ANN ALFREDS

The massive car bomb which shook central Johannesburg yesterday — killing at least nine people and wounding 92 — sent shockwaves through the country as politi-cians wound up campaigning.

Political leaders expressed outrage at the explosion, saying they would not let it disrupt the election. Police offered a reward of R500 000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the bombers.

The car bomb exploded at 9.53 am on the corner of Bree and Von Wielligh streets — midway between the ANC's regional and national headquarters and near the PAC's regional offices.

Police spokesman Colonel Steve Senekal said the blast was probably the largest in the country to date. It left a 2 m hole in the road. Buildings around the disintegrated car were severely damaged. Windows within a radius of about 300 m were shattered.

Police believe the bomb weighed between 70 and 90 kg and was placed in or under a green-beige Audi, which was completely destroyed. Witnesses claimed to have seen one or two white men near the Audi shortly before the blast.

And late last night, police received another bomb threat from someone who claimed that a car bomb would explode in the same area. SAP spokesman Colonel Eugene Opperman said the area was searched and sniffer dogs reacted positively to a stolen car parked in the area.

Police conducted a small controlled explosion to neutralise any explosives that might have been in the car, but found nothing. Opperman said that there was a component in certain brake fluids which smelt like explosives and sometimes confused the dogs.

One of the people killed in the explosion earlier was Susan Keane (37), an ANC provincial election candidate.

ANC officials said about 100 Umkhonto we Sizwe cadres were at the PWV offices preparing to leave for assembly points in Pretoria.

The Times of London correspondent Simon Walker, who was driving past the scene, was also injured in the blast.

Nelson Mandela said he would be discussing the attack with President de Klerk.

Several witnesses said police had searched a black Cressida in Bree Street shortly before the blast, but Senekal denied this.

Janne Stander, who was on the balcony of his flat in Bree Street when the explosion occurred, said: "I saw police searching a car in Bree Street while the occupants of the vehicle were spreadeagled on the ground. They obviously did not find anything because they released the men, who drove off towards Von Wielligh Street. When they were level with another car, the bomb exploded."

Senekal said there had been a routine police patrol at the time of the explosion. A policeman on patrol at the time said he and a colleague were in a cafe a few metres from the Audi when someone told them there was smoke coming out from under the car shortly before the explosion.

■ Police are investigating two other weekend cases of suspected sabotage, in the Transvaal and the Free State, reports **Sapa**.

A fire destroyed a telephone exchange near Nylstroom and an explosion damaged a Natref oil pipeline between Denysville and Viljoensdrif.

Blast rocks ANC offices

Sowetan 25/4/94

By Tsale Makam

ELEMENTS PLANNING THE DISRUPTION of South Africa's first all-race elections this week struck in Johannesburg yesterday with a high-powered car bomb, killing nine and injuring 92 people.

The bomb exploded near the African National Congress' head office, Shell House, and among those killed is ANC regional member Ms Susan Keane.

Keane was the organisation's 41st candidate on the regional election list. Police have offered a R500 000 reward for information which may lead to the arrest of the culprits.

Buildings, shops and residential flats were damaged when the bomb exploded at about 9:50am at the corner of Von Weilligh and Bree streets. Many people were injured by shrapnel inside their flats.

Police spokesman Colonel Steve Senekal yesterday said no one had claimed responsibility for the blast and the motive was unknown. (278)

He said it would be "unwise to speculate on the target of the bomb" because other organisations also had their offices in the vicinity of the blast.

Addressing an army of international journalists at a media briefing in central Johannesburg, Senekal said the bomb weighed 70-90 kilograms. It was placed under or inside a car.

The outcome of a meeting between ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela and State President F W de Klerk last night to discuss the blast was not known by the time of going to press.

ANC PWV regional premier designate Mr Tokyo Sexwale said Keane was killed near the ANC regional offices.

Computers and other electronic equipment were destroyed at the organisation's regional offices.

Most of the streets in the vicinity of Plein and Bree streets were cordoned off yesterday afternoon. Senekal said some of the streets could still be sealed by today. Razor wire blocked off Plein Street. The South African Defence Force and the Internal Stability Unit are maintaining a heavily armed presence around the area.

Sexwale said this was a "cowardly action "meant to discourage democracy and create an impression that South Africa was unsafe.

He said people should not be dissuaded from voting in this week's elections.

"This is a war against the whole nation. We will not allow an Angolan situation in this country," said Sexwale. He said people were seen fleeing from a white car just after the blast.

A flat resident who was injured in the blast, Mr Isaac Davies, said he was watching TV with his 2-year-old daughter when the bomb exploded. "I jumped and covered my daughter as the ceiling came crashing down."

The State President, FW de Klerk, Law and Order Minister Mr Hernus Kriel, the National Party, the ANC Youth League and the Christian Democratic Party all expressed "shock and horror" at the incident.

Police appealed to anyone with information about the incident to phone Captain Terreblanche at 011 948-8103-7.

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'This is a war against the whole nation. We will not allow an Angolan situation in this country'

Tokyo Sexwale, ANC executive





A policeman searches for clues next to a body of a man near ANC offices.



The last photo

Above: The last photograph by freelance photographer Abdul Shariff before he was mown down by unknown gunmen. The African National Congress entourage, led by Cyril Ramaphosa (left), is walking through Katlehong. Ramaphosa seems to have heard the first shots ...



The fatal dash

Right: Shariff is with a group pinned to a wall by gunfire. He decides to dash across the veld to safety. Five steps later, he is struck down

Amid the crackle of gunfire, life goes on

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What do people living in a war zone talk about? **Mondli waka Makhanya** was in a Katlehong shebeen just as the ANC entourage was fired on nearby

WAR zones are not supposed to be places where couples chat on street corners or where tipplers sit drinking beer late into the night. And yet this is exactly what you will find in Johannesburg's East Rand — one of the world's most violent trouble spots.

Except for the sight of armoured police vehicles cruising the streets of Katlehong, the burnt-out shells of motor cars on Thokoza pavements, trenches on the wide gravel roads and intermittent crackle of gunfire, one would never think there was a gruesome war going on here.

The graffiti on the walls give the place a radiance. Electrical substations are adorned in the bright black, green and gold colours of both the African National Congress and the Pan Africanist Congress.

Alongside ANC slogans proclaiming "Now is the time. Mandela for President" are familiar PAC slogans exhorting residents to assure every "settler" of a single bullet and to be "PAC by Day and Apla by Night".

Veterans of these townships know which entrance to use and which stretch of road to stay away from, if one is to avoid hostel snipers taking a pot shot or suspicious defence units mistaking one for an aggressor.

"Many of the people you hear about whose bodies are found here used the wrong road," a resident informs me.

But behind all this, and where one should expect a siege mentality, life simply goes on. As is the rule on Saturday afternoons, there is a steady migration to favoured watering holes. On Sunday morning patrons take the same route as they try to rid themselves of "babalaas".

And oddly enough, the daily killings in the area rarely intrude into conversations. As would be the case in any township setting, soccer is the hot topic.

There's the upcoming visit by two Egyptian teams contesting the African Champions Cup at the First National Bank Stadium. Patrons are unanimous about the folly of these two teams travelling all the way from "the top of Africa" to do battle in a country where they have hardly been heard of.

"I won't waste my time and money on that, " says Mzizi, an ardent Orlando Pirates fan. "I'm just waiting for the Iwisa Spectacular. We want to hit Chiefs while they are still drunk from last year's disaster."

The conversation gets very heated as two Kaizer Chiefs fans jump to their team's defence, only to find themselves a lonely minority as supporters of every club line up against them. Voices rise and the belligerents get on their feet as the topic degenerates into accusations and counter-accusations of referee bribing.

Gunshots are heard from the direction of the hostel — the scene of many a bloody battle — and someone remarks that "it's probably the SDUs testing their guns". More gunfire is heard but nobody pays attention.

Occasionally the talk will shift to the violence as residents relate stories of friends lost or work colleagues gone missing.

"A *bra van my* (mate of mine) was killed last month," says Mike. "He was an active ANC member and was in the union at work. The problem was that he had also had an Inkatha membership. And the only reason why he had the Inkatha card was because he needed to produce it when he went home to Msinga (in Northern Natal)."

Mike shakes his head sadly as he reveals that it was probably an angry former girlfriend who sold his friend out to comrades, who were not interested in explanations.

When a verbal wrangle between two patrons turns into fisticuffs, others are quick to separate them.

"We've been trying to deal with Inkatha and sort out the SDUs and now you want to cause more problems," said angry tippler, accusing the two of behaving like children.

But people are not unmindful of the danger lurking outside. When a stranger enters claiming to be looking for someone he met in this establishment a year ago, he is grilled until everyone is satisfied he is on the level.

"You never know these days. The same people who will come in asking

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Mission chief Paul Joachim von Stülpnagel feels there should be an ANC-IFP hotline to notify each other of high-level visits to troubled areas.

But he also feels demonstrative action by the security forces is overdue. "The police should search the hostels and known ANC houses, using the army for support if necessary. Checkpoints should be erected and kept in place until the election if necessary. Weapons should be burnt publicly once a week to show the authorities mean business."

The TEC, it seems, is listening to advisers like Le Crear. Asked whether the council had discussed a security force crackdown for the East Rand, co-chairman Pravin Gordhan said it had, but that "a holistic approach to the problem" had finally been agreed.

"It is insufficient," said Gordhan, "to put a couple of extra cops on the street or get some guns out. We need to get services going, churches and schools open, people back into their houses."

But getting the IFP to the table on the East Rand may prove a difficult hurdle, as demonstrated by the organisation's withdrawal from the Joint Operations Control Centre at Natalspruit hospital, in which SAP, IFP and ANC representatives monitored the East Rand violence.

Katlehong and Vosloorus IFP branches have said they would welcome a new forum, but Thokoza, led by the indomitable Gertrude Mzizi, so far wants nothing to do with a multiparty peace forum.

Mzizi has accepted a British Council invitation to a local seminar this week with three Westminster parliamentarians who intend discussing the concept of a "loyal opposition".

Asked whether the IFP's participation was crucial to the success of the East Rand peace initiative, one senior ANC official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said: "We will move, even if Inkatha is not at the table."

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Life simply goes on amid the gunfire

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directions and looking for unknown people are the same ones who return with AK47s and shoot up everyone," someone says.

When the topic switches to the SDUs on the East Rand, not many are willing to talk about the subject, except for mumbled agreement that the ANC "must straighten those boys' paths".

"For some of the people in there it's just an excuse not go to school or look for a job. Some of them are tsotsis who are excited to have permission to use their guns," says one drinker. He adds that he would happily serve in an SDU "if the uncontrollable boys leave".

A police amoured vehicle rumbles down the road and the occupants are given dirty looks by people on the streets. Others don't even seem to notice them.

"*Lezinja why zingapatrol' ehostel, man. Azibon' ukuthi asenzi niks hier,*" snaps a pedestrian, staring with hate-filled eyes at the policemen. ("Why don't these dogs patrol the hostels, man. Can't they see we aren't doing anything here?)

In retrospect it was good advice — the next day gunmen allegedly next to Katlehong's Mazibuko hostel opened fire on an ANC fact-finding group, killing a journalist, a woman and a child.

While ANC supremos Joe Slovo and Cyril Ramaphosa were ducking bullets that Sunday afternoon, some residents of the township were rolling home after a hard day's guzzling — oblivious to the incident that was to propel their township into world headlines.



EXODUS :: Occupants of the Vosloorus women's hostel leaving yesterday after threats by an "Inkatha Freedom Party leader" who removed all IFP members to the nearby "Nguni" hostel. PIC: SELLO MOTSEPE

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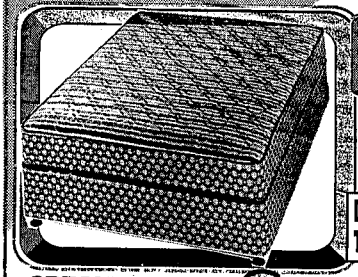

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2 killed near ER hostels

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By Isaac Moledi

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According to the witness, the incident was followed by an attack on four people, two men and two women, at the same hostel on Monday night. A man and a woman were seriously injured and were still being treated at Boksburg-Benoni Hospital.

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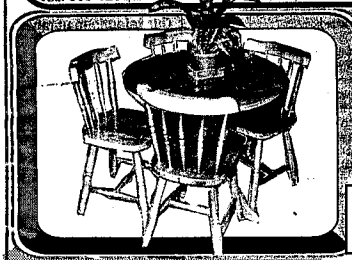

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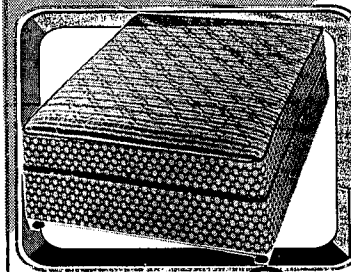

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Rand shooting: Probe of IFP official urged

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — IFP PWV deputy chairman Humphrey Ndlovu has been singled out by the Goldstone Commission for investigation by the Independent Electoral Commission regarding his comments to IFP marchers on the day Johannesburg city centre erupted into a shooting spree.

The commission, releasing its report today on a preliminary inquiry into the incidents on March 28, said there was prima facie evidence that Mr Ndlovu contravened the Electoral Act by telling marchers that the election would not proceed.

The commission has recommended that further consideration be given to policing mass action events by the committee which drew up the Goldstone Commission's original mass action guidelines two years ago.

It also expressed "regret" that the Regulation of Gatherings Act, promulgated 12 weeks ago, had not been brought into effect because it "has apparently been held up by the TEC".

"Had its provisions been in force, some at least of the unfortunate events may have been avoided. The prospect that after the election, no adequate legislative provision for the regulation of gatherings and marches will be in place, is alarming," the commission said.

The commission made no other findings aside from referring Mr Ndlovu's conduct to the IEC, as the evidence presented so far had not been tested.

The commission however rejected the IFP's submission to the inquiry that it could not find witnesses in view of the Easter weekend preceding the inquiry — emphasising that it was the IFP which requested the inquiry at the outset.

The SAP had put in "very detailed, well prepared and helpful submissions", for which the commission was thankful. Both the ANC and IFP alleged that the police had insufficient presence on the day.

The commission said the behaviour of political parties and their supporters after the election would determine the agenda of the new government and the security forces in the area of public order.

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PWV remains mostly peaceful

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JOHANNES NGCOBO

TOWNSHIPS in the PWV region remained relatively free of violence yesterday.

SAP Soweto spokesman Lt Col Joseph Ngobeni said a policeman's body was found with bullet wounds in the township yesterday. No arrest had yet been made.

East Rand police reported the arrest of a man at Elandsfontein, and the confiscation of 17 AK-47 assault rifles, as well as 10 AK-47 magazines and 477 rounds of ammunition.

SAP East Rand spokesman Capt Janine Smith said the arrest was made after police received a tip-off and searched premises in the North Reef Road industrial area at Elandsfontein.

Smith said the arrested man would appear in court in Germiston on Friday. She added he did not belong to any of the warring political parties in the area.

Sapa reports that an election monitor died on Monday night in what police believe was an attempt to hijack his car.

Police said Norman Weinberg had stopped at the home of a family member in Lombardy East, Johannesburg, when shots were heard.

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He was the brother of Sir Mark Weinberg, a leading figure in the British life assurance industry and a former protege of Liberty Life founder Donald Gordon, LINDA ENSOR reports from London.

Another SAP spokesman, Lt Deon Peens, said a farmer was killed by three men on his farm at Grootvlei, near Springs. Stephanus Daniel Swanepoel was shot in the head. Police later found an opened safe at the farmhouse.

KwaZulu police reported that at least three people were killed in KwaZulu-Natal townships over the past two days, pushing to 32 the number killed in political violence since the beginning of the month.

Eskom security chief named in gun sale probe

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Eskom employee Johan van der Walt was responsible for the surreptitious, unauthorised sale of 1 000 semi-automatic weapons from the Eskom armoury to the KwaZulu Police in March, the Goldstone Commission has found.

Mr Van der Walt, manager of the parastatal's National Protective Services Department, was suspended pending the outcome of an inquiry by the commission, whose findings were released yesterday.

The commission found that the permit for the transaction was issued after consultation with the police commissioner, General Johan van der Merwe, only a week after Judge Goldstone had reported there was prima facie evidence that officers of the SA Police were involved in the illegal delivery of firearms to KwaZulu.

The commission said it was unfortunate that General Van der Merwe had not consulted with Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel before authorising it.

Eskom executive-director George Lindeque found Mr Van der Walt overseeing the loading of the weapons on to KwaZulu Police vehicles without registration plates on the evening of March 25.

Also present at the time were arms dealer Ivan Garb and KwaZulu government official Phillip Powell.

Mr Lindeque immediately cancelled the transaction and called in the Goldstone Commission.

It appeared that the KwaZulu Police vehicles were irregularly admitted to Megawatt Park on the instructions of Mr Van der Walt, said the report.

The R2,1 million deal also involved Gintans Security, Seyeh International and arms dealers J Garb and Co.

The 1 000 surplus LM4 semi-automatic rifles were to be sold to Garb for R675 000, resold to Gintans associate Seyeh at a price of R1,07 million and finally sold by Seyeh to the KwaZulu government for R2,1 million. All of these payments were made on March 25, the commission said.

Following an audit of the Eskom armoury it was further revealed that Van der Walt had previously organised the unauthorised sale of 50 LM4 rifles to Kempton Park arms dealer Shotgun Willies.

For 20 of these rifles payment was not made and false Eskom removal permits were made out and signed by Mr Van der Walt, the commission said.

In response, Eskom said it had taken note of the findings, which would be considered during a further investigation by the Independent Mediation Services of South Africa on behalf of Eskom and the various trade unions representing Eskom employees.

Peace force pulls out of E Rand

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Staff Reporter

NATIONAL Peacekeeping Force troops will be withdrawn from the East Rand townships of Thokoza and Katlehong today as discussions on the future of the controversial force begin.

The Transitional Executive Council's sub-committee on defence is to meet this morning to decide on the future of the force.

NPKF spokeswoman Major Muff Anderson said the three battalions operating in Thokoza and Katlehong would return to De Brug, near Bloemfontein, today.

She declined to comment on whether the force might soon be dissolved.

Although some believed this should be done "before the NPKF got much bigger and more expensive", others felt it should be incorporated into the national Defence Force.

She denied that just over 1 000 troops who have been at the Koeberg battalion since mid-February were never deployed, saying they were placed on standby alert and had thus been "active" in military terms.

Another NPKF spokesman, Col Coenie van Rensburg, said there would be no new intake at De Brug.

The TEC was not prepared to comment on the NPKF until after today's meeting.

Soldier and 12 youths slain in Tokoza's violent wee

Army restores

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'THERE are spoilers who want to stir up violence and people who don't like peace' – residents

■ BY ABDUL MILAZI and LEE-ANN ALFREDS

South African National Defence Force reinforcements were sent into Tokoza late yesterday after Friday's massacre of 12 youths, the killing of a soldier outside a hostel yesterday and an abduction drama which threatened to plunge the volatile area into renewed conflict.

Police said today calm had been restored in the township and army patrols through the night seemed to have averted further violence.

Three weeks of relative peace in the East Rand township was shattered on Friday night when the 12 young people were shot dead by unknown gunmen.

Police spokesman Captain Janine Smith identified eight of the victims as Paulus Nhlapo (13), Zakele Myumu (20), Raymond Kubeka (20), Freddie Lehoko (19), Siphiwe Ngema (18), Tulani Mthumalo, Colin Mthumalo (19) and Lucky Poole (19). The names of the four other victims will be released once their next of kin have been informed.

SANDF spokesman Captain Sonja Nel said the body of the soldier, who was not named, was found near a hostel yesterday after a colleague had raised the alarm.

The two soldiers had been on their way home when they were confronted by four men who demanded to know why they were wearing ANC tracksuits, Nel said.

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The 12 victims, who were between the ages of 13 and 25, were in a house in Section F when gunmen stormed it and mowed them down with AK-47s, East Rand police said.

Mzizi said the violence was the result of in-fighting between ANC-aligned self de-

fence units.

Nel said she had heard nothing about conflict within SDUs, but confirmed the SANDF had seized three AK-47s, an F1

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hand grenade and several rounds of ammunition from an SDU last week after receiving a tip-off.

She said she believed that the violence stemmed from conflict between the ANC and IFP.

Many residents did not share Mzizi's view that the SDUs were behind the renewed violence in the area.

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Some said they suspected inmates from the nearby Buyafuthi Hostel.

Others said they believed the attack had been carried out by "spoilers" who wanted to stir up violence in the area.

Resident Maggie Phosa (34) said: "There are people who don't like peace. There are still doubts about the disbanding of the Third Force. Some members of the SAP's covert operations unit might still be operating on their own."

IFP member Makhosonke Sibakhulu (28) said the attack had shocked IFP and ANC supporters alike, because the two factions "were now one".

The Safety and Security Ministry office said yesterday the massacre emphasised the urgency with which the Government of National Unity had to tackle violence and its root causes.

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Hostages freed from hostels

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JOHANNESBURG. — A potentially explosive situation was defused in Thokoza on the East Rand last night when hostel inmates released three abducted taxi commuters.

The hostages were released unharmed after the SA National Defence Force intervened.

Witwatersrand Army Command spokesman Major Christo Visser said the three people were dragged into three hostels after their minibus was hijacked at about 3.30pm yesterday.

Angry ANC supporters then marched on the hostels, demanding to accompany a search of the complexes, but hostel residents rejected this.

Cordons were drawn around the hostels and SANDF reinforcements were deployed to stabilise the situation, which was described as "tense but under control".

Crowds dispersed later and the cordons were removed, but SANDF patrols in the area were stepped up.

Early yesterday morning an SANDF rifleman was shot dead near the hostel complex. He and another soldier had been walking to Thokoza station when four men stopped them. The group grabbed one rifleman and his companion ran for help. A patrol later found the first soldier dead.

Explosive situation defused

Friday night's execution-style massacre of 12 people in Thokoza and yesterday's killing and abduction raised fears that violence — which claimed 2 000 lives on the East Rand last year — would increase after the peaceful period during and after the election.

● KwaZulu police said Mr Daniel Bhekinkosi Mngadi, 61, and his daughter Zinigi, 23, were shot dead at their home in the Ngomweni area of Ndwedwe, north of Durban.

In Nongoma, near Ulundi, on Saturday, Mr Cronje Ntuli, 32, was shot dead while at work at a garage. A suspect was arrested and a home-made firearm seized.

A man and a woman have been shot dead and another two people wounded during an attack in a store at Mangete on the KwaZulu/Natal North Coast.

Defence Force sent into Tokoza after massacre

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☐ Calm restored after violence ends weeks of peace

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Defence Force reinforcements were sent into Tokoza after Friday's massacre of 12 youths, the killing of a soldier outside a hostel and an abduction drama, which threatened to plunge the area back into widespread conflict.

Police said today that calm had been restored in the volatile township for the moment and that army patrols through the night seemed to have averted further violence.

Three weeks of relative peace in the East Rand township was shattered on Friday night when 12 people were shot dead by unknown gunmen.

The names of eight of the victims were released yesterday afternoon.

Police spokesman Janine Smith identified the eight as Paulus Nhlapo, 13, Zakele Mvumu, 20, Raymond Kubeka, 20, Freddie Lehoko, 19, Siphiwe Ngema, 18, Tulani Mthumalo, Colin Mthumalo, 19, and Lucky Poole, 19.

The names of the four other victims will be released once their next of kin have been informed.

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PWV calls peace meetings

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JOHANNES NGCOBO

A SERIES of meetings have been planned by the PWV government with police generals and hostel indunas to discuss the normalisation of life in Katlehong, Thokoza and Vosloorus on the East Rand, regional Safety and Security Minister Jessie Duarte said yesterday. (278)

The initiative came as tensions in the area reached their highest level since the election and police reported finding five more dead bodies in the area, bringing the weekend toll to 19.

Duarte yesterday visited a site in Thokoza where 13 people — said to be members of a self defence unit — were assassinated on Friday night.

She said she would meet the generals today to discuss the township policing.

"PWV premier Tokyo Sexwale will meet all the hostel indunas of Katlehong, Thokoza and Vosloorus to discuss how best, among other things, hostel dwellers and the residents can begin to accept each other."

She urged residents to give the regional parliament a chance to resolve problems.

SELLO MOTLHABAKWE reports the Inkatha Freedom Party met a top SA National Defence Force delegation at the Swartkops military base in Alberton late yesterday to discuss the behaviour of troops after Sunday morning's killing of a soldier outside a hostel in Thokoza.

Inkatha/PWV MP Gertrude Mzizi said before the meeting the SANDF had agreed to discuss a compiaint that some IFP members and members of the public were ill-treated by soldiers guarding the corpse.

No details of what transpired at the meeting were available last night.

Sapa reports an Inkatha Freedom Party

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branch chairman on the East Rand and a peace committee member were killed on Sunday when the taxi they were travelling in came under fire from unknown gunmen.

Police spokesman Capt Janine Smith said IFP Simmer and Jack Mines chairman Wilson Buthelezi, 43, and Katlehong peace committee member Muzi Sithole, 31, were shot dead when men with AK-47 rifles opened fire on their taxi. (278)

Reacting to the killings, IFP East Rand regional organiser Thabani Dlamini said "We call on the ANC East Rand region to meet us so that we can work hand-in-hand to defuse the anger of the people."

An SANDF patrol yesterday found the body of a 20-year-old man believed to have been "necklaced" in Thokoza.

On Sunday police found the bodies of two men murdered in Daveyton and Vosloorus. A man was arrested and a firearm confiscated as a result of investigations.

PWV govt set to meet E Rand hostel indunas

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JOHANNESBURG. — A series of meetings have been planned by the PWV government with police generals and hostel indunas to discuss the normalisation of life in East Rand townships, regional Minister of Safety and Security Ms Jessie Duarte said yesterday.

Ms Duarte yesterday visited a site in Thokoza where 13 people — said to be members of a self-defence unit — were assassinated on Friday night, shortly after the National Peacekeeping Force handed over security duties on the East Rand to the South African National Defence Force.

Ms Duarte said: "The PWV premier, Mr Tokyo Sexwale, will meet with hostel indunas of Katlehong, Thokoza and Vosloorus to discuss how best hostel dwellers and the residents can begin to accept each other."

● At least 13 people were murdered in KwaZulu/Natal at the weekend, but the Human Rights Commission said yesterday it had asked the government to lift the state of emergency because violence had declined, but the number of detainees had not. — Own Correspondent, Sapa

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Massacre in Tokoza blamed on ANC defence unit power struggle

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JOHANNESBURG. — The weekend massacre of 12 people, who were lined up and shot in Tokoza, has been blamed on a power struggle between "gangster" members of an African National Congress self-defence unit.

The deaths in the township, which is divided by deep-rooted ANC-Inkatha rivalry, revived fears of widespread violence.

But witnesses and police said the 12 were not victims of past tensions between the ANC and the IFP.

They said they were targeted by in-fighting among members of a notorious gang who belonged to an ANC self defence unit.

A South African National Defence Force spokesmansaid investigations indicated that the 12 were killed by rival self defence unit members.

"They were members of a unit killed by some of their own. Since the ANC ordered the units to cease to operate, there has been evidence of in-fighting within the units," he said.

ANC provincial safety and security minister Jessie Duarte toured the battle-scarred township and said she would make a statement later.

Witnesses said the 12 occupied a house left by owners who fled violence in an area declared a "no-go zone" by ANC and Inkatha supporters.

"For many months now these youngsters ruled the township with an iron-fist. They terrorised people at random," said a resident.

They moved into the empty house last Wednesday and were killed on Friday night, she said. — Sapa-Reuter.

Solution for hostels soon

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — PWV MEC for Housing and Local Government Mr Dan Mofokeng said yesterday his government would soon unveil a reconstruction plan to deal with long-standing enmity between hostel and township residents. (278)(285)

He said there were calls for the demolition of hostels, which many township residents regarded as monuments to violence.

However, his government wanted to "humanise" the hostels by reversing the "old thinking" which turned them into military-style barracks and no-go areas.

He said all role players would take part in the process to address the hostel issue. A "solution" to the problem, which would be "amicable and acceptable to all", would be announced within weeks.

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Asked whether police patrols would be stepped up at hostels on the East Rand, MEC for Safety and Security Mrs Jessie Duarte said a mechanism for a police take-over from the SA National Defence Force, which was "still in control" in the region, had yet to be worked out.

PWV to tighten control of guns

Star 21/5/94

■ BY JO-ANNE COLLINGE

The ANC in the PWV province wants to retrict firearm ownership to no more than one weapon per person and to introduce heavier sentences for gun-smuggling.

The question of tighter gun control was dealt with in the provincial legislature, sitting at Nasrec near Johannesburg yesterday, by ANC member Obed Bapela, one of the party's major players in the area of policing policy.

Looking slightly surprised at the laughter which greeted his statement that "one person, one firearm" should be the new Government's approach, he went on to detail the kinds of measures the ANC hoped to gain agreement on: (278)

■ Licensing should be tighter and, in contrast to the past, non-discriminatory.

■ No private citizen should be entitled to carry a fully automatic weapon.

■ Heavier sentences for gun smugglers should be contained in legislation.

■ Measures should be taken to recover the "legal weapons in illegal hands" — that is, firearms stolen from the arsenals of the former South African Defence Force before the election.

■ Firearms should be recovered from the 5 000-odd members of the commandos.

The proposals were put during the debate on the opening speech delivered by Premier Tokyo Sexwale on Thursday. The tone of the debate was overwhelmingly conciliatory.

Jessie Duarte, MEC for public safety and security, warned that the problems of adequately policing a population which could be as large as 14 million with a mere 21 000 policemen should not be underestimated.

But she pledged to oversee a force which would be "impartial and accountable both to the constitution and to the Bill of Rights".

Duarte added: "It will never again be said that a member of the force entered any home without a warrant, knocked on any door with the butt of a gun, swore at anybody or failed to answer a complaint."

Allegations that police in the Vaal Triangle were still resorting to torture were currently under investigation, she said.

To members of the police force, Duarte promised a thorough review of working conditions at every level.

The legislature sits again today, when it will deal with the question of the permanent seat of the PWV government. The ANC will be punting for Johannesburg.

NEWS Minister speaks at mass funeral ●Help for Rw

Stop the killings, Duarte tells youth

Sowetan 26/5/94

By Isaac Moledi

■ **PUNISH KILLERS** Join hands with Govt in its RDP programme:

PWV MINISTER OF public safety and security Mrs Jessie Duarte yesterday made a strong appeal to East Rand residents to stop killing one another and concentrate their efforts in building a new South Africa.

Speaking at the mass funeral of 13 self-defence unit members who were killed execution-style in a house in Tokoza last Friday, Duarte said the time had come for all to join hands with the new Government in its Reconstruction and Development Programme.

"We all have to feel a little ashamed... we don't understand why these people were killed.

"We are going to take our tasks very seriously and we are not going to tolerate people killing each other. All murderers, no matter who they are, no matter which political organisation they belong to, will be punished.

"We are saying this not because we are ambitious but because we love you. And we ask you to assist us," Duarte said amid applause from the mourners.

Solid foundation (278)

"The time has come to build our nation and that nation must be built on a solid foundation of our youth," she said.

A member of the PWV legislature, Mr Obed Bapela, condemned those responsible for the killings and said the matter would not be left without anything being done about it.

"Whoever kills must be punished. Being a member of the ANC does not mean one is above the law," he said.

He said measures were underway to control the acquisition of guns in the country.

"SDU members acquired the weapons they are possessing because there was a need to defend our communities. But that task is over now. We need to have a method to control and acquire guns in the country," he said.

He said the new Government would issue licences on merit.

Joint ANC/IFP mission for peace on E Rand

JOHANNESBURG. — The ANC and the IFP will join hands tomorrow to begin the process of healing the wounds of warfare among their followers in East Rand townships. (278) CT27/5/94

Regional leaders of the two sides will visit IFP-supporting hostels in Thokoza and Vosloorus to begin the peace initiative.

IFP regional leader Mr Musa Myeni said the tour of the hostels was aimed at reassuring its inmates that regional premier Mr Tokyo Sexwale had not assumed power to advance the interests of only the ANC.

ANC, IFP set for first joint visit to East Rand

JOHANNESBURG. — Regional leaders of the African National Congress and the Inkatha Freedom Party will make their first joint visit to war-torn East Rand townships tomorrow.

An IFP leader said the visit would launch a new era of hope for the area.

Leaders of the two sides will visit IFP-supporting hostels in Tokoza and Vosloorus, two of the region's most volatile townships, to begin the peace initiative.

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"As we tour the East Rand we shall be launching that region into a new era, an epoch of hope and harmony, an era of stability and restoration of dignity, an era of sobriety after months and months of senseless killings," said IFP regional leader and member of the provincial legislature Musa Myeni.

He told a news conference in Johannesburg that he would be joined on the tour of his party's strongholds by ANC regional leader Tokyo Sexwale, premier of the region.

"Mr Sexwale and I will do everything humanly possible to eradicate violence and killings in the various areas of the PWV.

"No IFP member or supporter will initiate violence in the East Rand. My people have assured me of this," said Mr Myeni.

"As we seal peace efforts between the IFP and the ANC, we shall jointly proceed to consult all security forces in the PWV province.

"The image and practices of the security forces will undergo transformation until our communities accept these forces wholeheartedly."

ANC deputy regional secretary-general Obed Bapela told the conference: "We are talking to our members about the new scenario that exists. The days of war are over."

Mr Myeni said the tour of the hostels was aimed at reassuring inmates that Mr Sexwale had not assumed power to advance the interests of only the ANC.

He said tomorrow's tour was the beginning of a long-term campaign to restore peace to the East Rand.

In addition ANC and IFP leaders would campaign for the upgrading of hostels into family units and ensure the safety of train commuters using the Katlehong-Germiston line, along which a number of people had been attacked. — Sapa.



CHARRED . . . a body is taken from a burnt-out taxi Picture: JON HRUSA

Eight die as PWV taxi wars flare up

ST Times 29/5/94

By TENDAI DUMBUTSHENA and CHIARA CARTER

FOUR Zimbabweans, who had travelled for more than 15 hours to Johannesburg to go shopping, were shot and then burnt to death in a resurgence of what police believe to be taxi warfare.

Two other people, believed to have been the drivers, were killed as they fled the scene yesterday.

Another four Zimbabweans were taken to Hillbrow Hospital where two were operated on. All four had been shot.

And in what appears to be another taxi dispute, four men were shot dead at a Soshanguve taxi rank outside Pretoria yesterday.

Police spokesman Captain Evan Johnson said Mr Shadrack Sitole, a member of the South African Long-Distance Taxi Association, was shot dead at the Mabopane taxi rank at 8.30am.

In what police suspect was a revenge attack, three members of a rival taxi association, Letlapela, were shot dead in the same area after 1pm.

Mr Agrippa Dube, who survived the Johannesburg shooting, said the Zimbabweans had boarded two taxis on Friday night at Beit Bridge.

He said that as soon as they reached their destination at the corner of Koch and King George streets in Johannesburg, shots were fired at the two vehicles.

"We ran for our lives . . . there was an explosion which set one of the taxis on fire. The other taxi also caught fire. (278)

"There were 15 of us in the taxi and we don't know where some of the survivors went to." (282)

Police spokesman Captain Wikus Weber said the two taxis — which were destroyed in the blaze — belonged to members of the Venda Long Distance Taxi Association.

Police are looking for a white Cressida, which has a registration number beginning with MVV, from which the assailants alighted.

A local resident, who witnessed the killing, said a man with an assault rifle got out of a vehicle and opened fire. He then pursued the fleeing passengers to Wanderers Street, firing as he ran.

PWV Minister of Safety and Security, Mrs Jessie Duarte, said every effort would be made to bring the gunmen to justice.

disbanded soon' ● PWV premier visits hostels



A member of the SA National Defence Force stands guard while hostel inmates chant in the backround during a visit to the East Rand by PWV premier Mr Tokyo Sexwale on Saturday. PIC: SELLO MOTSEPE

Tokyo woos hostel dwellers

Sowetan

By Russel Molefe

PWV premier Mr Tokyo Sexwale and top Inkatha Freedom Party officials at the weekend set the ball rolling for the restoration of peace and stability in the East Rand townships.

A depressing picture of how violence could do irreparable damage to the country leading to a situation of "a brother eating his own brother", was Sexwale's message to the warring factions. (278)

At Sexwale's side were IFP PWV legislature member Mr Musa Myeni and local leaders. 30/5/94

The conflict between the IFP and ANC supporters on the East Rand has turned the area into a war zone, where thousands of people have been killed and hundreds of families forced to flee their homes. Sexwale said a new foundation had to be laid to build a violence-free and prosperous society which would be the envy of the whole world.

"Violence completely shattered the lives of our people that they killed their own brothers without realising it because their eyes were blinded by blood.

"We are here today to wash the blood out of their eyes so that they could see and live with each other in peace and harmony," Sexwale said.

He said hostels would be demolished and in their place proper housing would be provided. Myeni also said enough blood had been shed in the country and it was time for everybody to concentrate on building democracy.





Thabo Mofokeng (above) inspects damage to his vehicle after gunmen set several taxis alight. The car was completely gutted by the fire. Mofokeng was not injured in the attack which claimed the lives of six people

Taxi feud survivors ... Ephraim Dick (left) suffered gunshot wounds to his right hand when unknown gunmen opened fire with AK-47 rifles on taxis in Johannesburg on Saturday.
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Slaughter in taxi war

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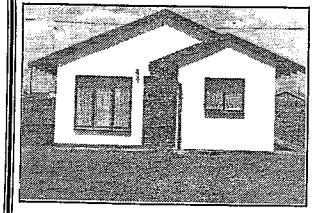

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Sowetan 30/5/94

By Mckeed Kotlolo, Khathu Mamaila and Joshua Raboroko

FOUR TAXIMEN WERE KILLED in the Mabopane and Soshanguve areas on Saturday in another bloody feud over routes.

The killings followed the horror shootings the same day in the Johannesburg city centre, where six people were gunned down in a drive-by taxi shooting blamed on the rivalry between two Northern Transvaal-based taxi associations.

Northern Transvaal SAP spokesman Captain Evan Johnson said the trouble started in Mabopane and Soshanguve on Saturday at about 8am when taximan Mr Shadrack Sithole was shot dead at the Mabopane taxi rank.

Five bullets in the body

He was hit by five bullets in the body and head from an AK-47 rifle and a 9mm pistol. He was a member of the South African Long Distance Taxi Association.

Police arrested two suspects and confiscated two 9mm pistols.

In an apparent revenge attack, Letlhabile Taxi Association member Mr William Mokgotlahoa was shot dead at the Mabopane taxi rank.

Johnson said suspects travelling in a white Nissan light delivery van then drove to the Mashamaite garage in Soshanguve where they shot and killed SADLTA member Mr Joshua Lekgothoame.

The gunmen later shot Mr Lucas Zulu Mabutla, another SALDTA member, in the area.

Sapa reports that Mabopane police on Friday called a meeting of various taxi associations in a bid to avert potential conflict.

Police spokesman Colonel David George said it appeared the shootings were linked to an ongoing dispute over taxi routes between Mabopane and Pretoria.

Meanwhile, the shooting incident in Johannesburg on Saturday has been blamed on a bloody feud between two Northern Transvaal taxi factions which started about four months ago.

Burnt to death

This was triggered off by a split in the association which operated between Johannesburg and Messina in the Northern Transvaal, sources said yesterday.

Six Zimbabwe nationals were killed when AK-47-wielding gunmen travelling in a white Cressida sprayed them with a hail of bullets.

Four of the victims of the Saturday shooting were burnt to death while trapped inside a kombi. The other two commuters died of gunshot wounds.

Police believe tracer bullets were used in the attack.

The assailants also torched several taxis.

A police spokesman said investigators believed some taxis caught alight because of tracer bullets.

Police said earlier a taxi in which four people died burst into flames after a bullet hit the petrol tank.

Sowetan yesterday established that the taxi, which was headed for Beit Bridge, belonged to Mr SW Rankhododo of Nzhelele in Venda.

The incident followed the killing of well-known Dzanani taxi boss Mr Freddy Ravele about two weeks ago.

Talks to end taxi wars 'positive'

Star 21/6/94

■ BY MONTSHIWA MOROKE

The police and the National Peace Secretariat agreed last night on a bid to halt the spate of bloody taxi fighting that has claimed at least six lives in the past five days.

Members of the SA Long Distance Taxi Association (Saldta), Federated Local and Long Distance Taxi Association (Felldta) and Letlhabile Taxi Association (LTA), accompanied by their legal representatives, met a high-ranking police officer under the auspices of the Peace Secretariat in Johannesburg.

The meeting was closed to the press, but the chairman, NPS national facilitator J van Breda, released a guarded statement describing the meeting as "positive".

"The parties agreed to hold another meeting today, whose purpose will be to reach the possibility of a peace agreement between Saldta and Felldta/LTA."

There was tension before and after the meeting as some delegates expressed concern about the presence of the men outside. Their safety was assured by the commanding officer of unrest and violent crime at John Vorster Square, Lieutenant-Colonel J Marx, who attended the meeting. He said the Internal Stability Unit would monitor the situation.

Yesterday's talks followed the killing of six people in Johannesburg on Saturday. Six others were wounded in the attack. On Monday three drivers were wounded when gunmen opened fire on taxis. Yesterday, three people were injured in a shooting in Noord Street.

■ Mediators will be called in to try to resolve the taxi feud in Mabopane near Pretoria.

Five people have been killed in the feuding over the Mabopane-Hammanskraal route and three people, arrested in connection with the killings, have been released on bail.

■ A meeting of Baragwanath Meadowlands Taxi Association drivers, who are in dispute with minibus owners over working conditions, has been postponed to June 15.

Toll of East Rand violence increases

JOHANNESBURG. — East Rand township violence has claimed the lives of seven people since the weekend, police said yesterday.

Four bodies with bullet wounds were found in Thokoza on Monday with spent AK-47 and R4 rifle cartridges nearby. CT 2/6/94

The burnt body of a man was found in Katlehong and a woman's body with bullet wounds was recovered from behind the Mazibuko hostel in Thokoza on Tuesday morning.

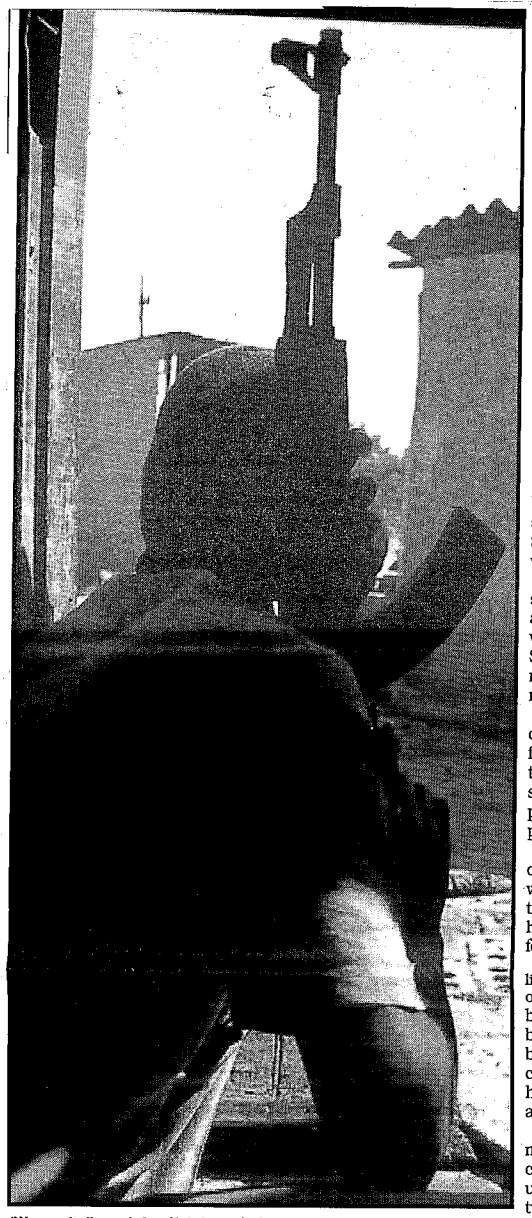
Police recovered the body of a man with stab wounds near Daveyton later in the day.

● KwaZulu/Natal police said yesterday the death toll in violence in the province since the start of the weekend has risen to 42. — Sapa

'We are here today to

Thokoza: In the killing fields of the East Rand, an ANC chief

Claus Stäcker visits the hostels of Thokoza with premier Tokyo Sexwale



'We won't disarm'. A self-defence unit member in Thokoza keeps watch from a hide-out. 'We don't trust the ANC now that they are in government' PHOTO: THEMBA RADEBE

LOOKING apprehensive, a handful of ANC supporters take shelter behind the delegation of their new premier, Tokyo Sexwale. About 900 toyi-toyiing Zulus equipped with shields and spears are rapidly approaching. Marching in front of the crowd, a man in a white smock with a synthetic leopardskin wrapped around his head pumps up their emotions. Inkatha's most important hostel in ANC-dominated Thokoza is safely protected by a dozen armoured South African National Defence Force vehicles.

Inside the barracks heavily armed soldiers protect the first joint appearance by ANC and Inkatha officials in what until recently was a war-zone. Sexwale and Inkatha PWV legislature member Musa Myeni have come to make peace.

The hostel dwellers give the ANC chief a warm welcome. They are grateful for his words in their mother tongue, joining in the singing of Nkosi sikelel i'Afrika, and interrupting the premier several times with their clapping and cheering.

Sexwale calls the enemies of yesterday "brothers" and implores them to work together with the ANC, to continue the process of peace. "We are here to close the chapter of violence for all time," he calls out.

"Violence completely shattered the lives of our people. They killed their own brothers without realising it because their eyes were blinded by blood. We are here today to wash the blood out of their eyes so that they can see and live together in peace and harmony," he says to resounding applause.

Addressing the hostel-dwellers' material concerns, Sexwale says: "It cannot be that you still live here under conditions like those at the turn of the century, still sleeping on concrete floors. You're entitled to proper housing. We're going to provide electricity, jobs and housing." He pauses for the applause, visible enjoying it.



A warm welcome for Tokyo Sexwale (left), who announces to applause: "We're going to provide electricity, jobs and housing".

At the entrances to their dark barracks hostel dwellers indifferently follow the goings on at the public meeting. Less than 50m away, five men are busy stripping the skin of a fat cow. The stench becomes unbearable as the innards are removed. The butchers hardly pay attention to what Sexwale and Myeni are saying.

"We do this twice a week", Robert Ndlela explains, "to earn a little money. We rent a butcher and sell the meat afterwards." For the 47-year old man, who came to Johannesburg from kwaZulu in 1976 in search of work, it is the only income. Three years ago he lost his job on a copper mine.

He doesn't expect much from Sexwale's visit. "You know, the violence was always here. I don't know who has shot here. It would be unfair to accuse somebody from the ANC. The only thing I can tell you is: the shots came from this and that direction. But it seems to have become quieter since the elections. The fighting hasn't been for political reasons for a long time. The struggle is only about power in this location. These guys are ordinary criminals. But probably Sexwale's visit will help to bring these things to an end."

On the way to Sexwale's second stop, the hostel in Katlehong, the convoy crosses the death strip between Inkatha and ANC territory. Along the four lane road a few ANC supporters stand and wave, one of them swinging his homemade gun in the air. Spotting the IFP-delegation, they start booing and shaking their fists.

A few seconds later the convoy passes a deserted area. The houses are empty, some of them burnt down to the foundations. A burnt sign announces: "Shoe repairs here". But no one knows where the shoemaker is. Like hundreds of other families, he left his home because it stood in the line of the AK 47s. About 1 600 people died in political violence on the East Rand last year, roughly 75 percent of the PWV death toll.

Nearly 1 400 people were killed in Thokoza, Katlehong and Vosloorus from January 1993 to April this year. "Shortly before the elections the peak

Peace? Wary self-defence units cling to their guns

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Stefaans Brümmer

DISTRUST of the new government, cyclical violence and the reluctance of the warring parties to be disarmed remain major potential obstacles to ANC peace moves on the East Rand.

In Thokoza alone, up to 11 people were killed as violence flared in the first three days after PWV premier Tokyo Sexwale toured East Rand hostels — traditional Inkatha Freedom Party strongholds — on Saturday, proclaiming peace.

Sexwale's visit was followed on Sunday by a meeting in Katlehong where ANC PWV deputy secretary-general Obed Bapela canvassed ANC self-defence unit representatives from nine East Rand townships on plans to get SDU members aged 13 to 18 back to school, accept those aged below 25 as police reservists in a neighbourhood watch, and integrate the rest into the South African Police Service.

He said the current matric requirement for policemen had to be negotiated with authorities and proposed that SDU members, criminals and "impis in hostels" be disarmed voluntarily in conjunction with an amnesty.

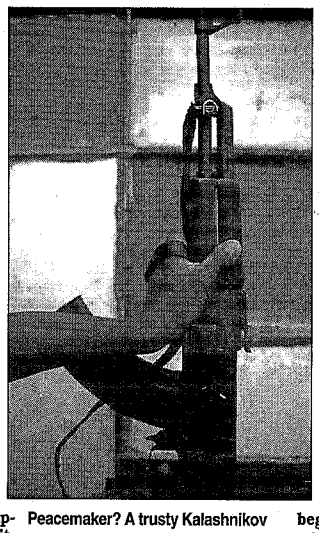
ANC spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa, a PWV legislator, pointed out this week that IFP defence formations would also be considered and could "potentially" be incorporated into police structures.

The SDU representatives are to report back to the ANC on June 19 after consultation with members, but already there are indications that the party may not get full co-operation, with SDU members saying they don't trust the ANC now it is in government.

Thokoza hostel dwellers and ANC supporters partied together after Sexwale's tour. But the next day's body count put the first damper on the wave of conciliatory optimism.

While police knew of three bodies found in the township on Sunday, East Rand leader Gertrude Mzizi, an IFP PWV legislator, claimed that four IFP supporters had been killed on Saturday night and six more on Sunday. She said some of the victims had accompanied ANC supporters home after Sexwale's visit. Police said another body was found on Monday.

Indications that both sides are unwilling to surrender their arms poses a more direct threat to the ANC peace proposals. Mzizi said people's safety had to be ensured before IFP supporters could be disarmed.



Peacemaker? A trusty Kalashnikov

She also criticised the idea of incorporating SDU members into the police. "Disarm them, disband them, demilitarise them, send them to school and find them jobs — but not in the police service. The police are already infiltrated by criminals and this will add to the problem."

A Thokoza SDU commander said a meeting on Tuesday of unit members from all over the township had decided in principle to support the ANC plan, but that "we must go back and say they mustn't disarm us before there is no more violence".

An ANC figure of 2 000 SDU members on the East Rand was not accurate, he said. "There may be more, but we don't tell them everything. We don't trust them now they are in government. When they prove themselves we will tell them all."

Mamoepa was not discouraged by the SDUs' suspicion and hesitation. "We never anticipated that the process would happen overnight. We welcome the fact that consultations have begun and that in principle they agree. It is not a complete rejection, just an apprehension which can be addressed."

In Thokoza's ravaged Phenduka Section, a virtual no-go area near the notorious Khumalo Street hostels, ANC township leaders were free in their criticism of Sexwale's peace tour. "We want peace, but not the peace achieved by Tokyo," said one.

They said hostels had to be replaced with family residential units. "They (the hostel dwellers) must be with their families, because they must see if they kill us the same will happen to their families," said one.

They said attacks were still launched from hostels and gave names of a number of hostel dwellers, including a reverend and a policeman, who they said were members of a hit squad. "We are prepared to have peace, as long as the hostels are not there."

In any case, they said, Sexwale had been talking to the wrong people. He had taken residents from Phola Park squatter camp to meet hostel dwellers, but had failed to consult township dwellers — who were directly affected by the violence. "We want them to listen to us. We have a new government which says it will change things. Now they must prove themselves."

Mamoepa said this week the meeting between hostel dwellers and Phola Park residents was only the first step. There were plans for meetings between hostel dwellers and township residents.

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calls for peace with Inkatha

of violence was reached," John Tsalamandras, of the Human Rights Commission, explains. "After the IFP announced their participation on April 19, the violence decreased noticeably. What we've seen since then are battles between rival SDUs and criminal violence. The participants are almost all in their teens or early twenties, few are older.

DJ Jezzy Justice is one of the young ANC-warriors who have been in bloody battles with the hostel dwellers. Born in Nigeria of South African parents, he moved to Katlehong with them when they returned a few years ago. DJ finished Standard Eight before returning to Nigeria to finish school in 1991.

Two years later he heard about the war in the East Rand. He borrowed some money, bought an AK 47, and went back to protect his parents. But he was late. "My parents were burnt in their house in Katlehong," remembers DJ, the only comrade wearing an ANC T-shirt who ventures among the Inkatha supporters during Sexwale's visit.

"I am a man of peace," the college student tells whoever wants to hear it. Shortly before the elections, DJ handed his rifle to the National Peacekeeping Force. They told him he would get R500 for it after the elections. "I never want to touch my Kalashnikov again", he says. "I don't even want to see it."

DJ has asked his friends to follow his example. "Now is the time to forget and to come together, exactly as our president points out," he says. "The problem is still a lack of communication. They really don't know each other. The Zulus here don't trust me and I don't trust them. And the same goes for the whites.

"A couple of weeks ago I started learning Afrikaans. We can't exist without their experience. I don't hate anybody. I love them all. Tell your people that a new spirit is among us. We're not going to fight each other again." Being able to talk to Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging leader Eugene Terre'Blanche is DJ's biggest wish for the future.

But DJ faces opposition among his own too. While he enthuses about jobs and peace, a young man in a jeans jacket comes closer. Carefully looking around to be sure not to be heard by a Zulu, he says: "I tell you, Buthelezi should take all his people back where they come from. They were all brought in from Zululand. What are they looking for here? In this location we're going to kill them all."



On the other side ... about 900 Zulus armed with spears and shields arrive, but they are grateful for Sexwale's words of peace in their mother tongue PHOTO: CLAUS STÆCKER

Outside the hostel the Casspirs start their heavy engines. Sexwale waves to the crowd again and pleased, gets into his white BMW. The Inkatha marshalls deliver the last snacks and roll the loudspeaker cables up. The hostel dwellers turn back to their barracks. A stone's throw away this weekend, seven people are going to die a violent death — stabbed, shot and mutilated.

Smiles, handshakes as rivals pledge peace

Taxi war ceasefire agreed

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■ BY MONTSHIWA MOROKE, ZINGISA MKHUMA and ABBEY MAKOE

CEASEFIRE brokered by police and the National Peace Secretariat after a week of violence claims 11 lives

Peace within the violence-racked taxi industry came a step closer last night when rival associations signed a peace agreement at a meeting brokered by the police and the National Peace Secretariat in Johannesburg.

The agreement was the culmination of a bloody week, in which shootings at taxi ranks have been almost a daily occurrence since Saturday, claiming at least 11 lives in Johannesburg and Mabopane, outside Pretoria.

The ceasefire agreement was signed by the Letlhabile Taxi Association (LTA), the Federated Local and Long Distance Association (Felida) and the SA Long Distance Taxi Association (Saldta) after a four-hour meeting at the Witwatersrand police headquarters in Braamfontein.

Taxi representatives emerged from the meeting in a far lighter mood than when they met at John Vorster Square on Wednesday night. There were smiles, handshakes and friendly words.

David Mofokeng of Saldta, Watson Mololsane of LTA and Felldta's Sam Manganye all said they had agreed to "lay down arms" to bring to an end the killings.

They wished this would be "a long, lasting peace. We are saying to those who have not been sleeping at their homes for fear of their lives to go back home. Others should also stop looking over their shoulders because nobody is going to shoot at them," Manganye said.

A tired-looking NPS national facilitator and meeting chairman, John van Breda, said the meeting had been "tough and tense" at certain times but that the outcome was positive.

Also happy with the outcome was Witwatersrand Regional Co-ordinator of unrest and violent crime Lieutenant Martin Marx, in charge of security during this week's meetings.

Today NPS members and taxi representatives are expected to visit the Noord Street taxi rank where they will speak to taxi operators.

Breda said a technical committee would get together on Monday to "iron-out" any outstanding issues.

The signing of the agreement comes as welcome news to hundreds of thousands of commuters on the Reef, many of whom had been afraid to travel by taxi since trouble flared last month.

Yesterday morning police had to take swift action to prevent what could have been yet another bloodbath between two heavily armed rival groups in White City, Soweto.

Police moved in to protect passengers when heavily armed drivers from Nancefield, Dube, West Taxi Association (Nanduwe) forced some full mini-buses off the road.

Last night new Transport Minister Mac Maharaj said taxi violence threatened Government efforts to resolve conflicts in the industry.

"Far from resolving problems, this type of conduct disrupts putting together a systematic consultative process to resolve the issues of the industry," Maharaj said.

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He said the violence relegated to the background processes which would address the causes of the crisis. The new Government had been working to put together an inclusive process.

The National African Transport Organisation (Nafto) has condemned the violence in the taxi industry and has called on Maharaj to convene a meeting between the warring factions and also plan the reorganisation of the industry.

Nafto chairman Peter Raball called on the warring factions to refrain from violence immediately and not to allow their petty differences to cause the collapse of the industry.

"We believe that the Goldstone Commission has failed to be of relevance to this kind of violence, and (we) would advise both Maharaj and Justice Minister Dullah Omah not to fall into the temptation of involving the Goldstone Commission," he said

Meanwhile, in Soweto, a meeting between Nancefield, Dube, West Street Taxi Association and their rivals in the Witwatersrand African Owners' Taxi Association bore no fruit. Further meetings will be held on Monday.

Tokoza back on the boil again

Uneasy calm as war talk follows efforts to bring peace

REPORTER JUSTICE MALALA and photographer GARY BERNARD visited Tokoza this week looking for peace. But what they found was suspicion and a peace that has all but fallen apart.

IN THE virtual war zone of Tokoza township on the East Rand, a miracle happened last Sunday. PWV Premier Tokyo Sexwale visited the hostel and a modicum of peace returned to the area after his impassioned plea, delivered in Zulu, to the hostel dwellers for unity.

But like all peace that is built on fragile ground, the calm has become increasingly uneasy, the suspicions have resurfaced and the war talk is back.

The township's Khumalo Street is 3 km long, but now all that has come to matter once again is a 500 m-long strip.

The strip begins at the intersection into the township, where Phenduka Section begins, and stretches to the last part of Tokoza Hostel, known to residents and hostel dwellers as *Mshay'azafe* (Zulu for "hit him until he dies").

On the one side of this strip is the hostel, on the other, the four-

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roomed houses whose owners fled the area last year and which are now occupied by alleged IFP members. Those that are still unoccupied gape forlornly into the sky, their roofs, doors and window frames stolen by those with the courage or savvy to enter the no-go zone.

The strip is controlled by the hostel dwellers and the IFP, and entrance by any unknown person is greeted by gunfire from the hostel.

"Even today, everyone keeps to their end of the territory here. If their dogs come to this side we will kill them, and if our flies dare go over they will be killed. That is just the way it is," says young self-defence unit (SDU) member Lucky (surname withheld for security reasons, he says).

This week, the area near the hostel — the main flashpoint of the wars on the East Rand last year — was back to its old, deserted self. Its ghost-like silence was broken only by the sound of gunfire from the hostel. Anyone who ventured into the open did so at the risk of death.

If you do not believe that, ask Pakiso, say the young SDU members who watch the hostel with binoculars from the edge of Phenduka Section, where the area controlled by the residents begins. Pakiso dared to walk across the road on Tuesday morning, thinking that peace had finally come to the area. But he was shot dead by snipers.

The SDU members say lasting peace will come only with the demolition of the hostel and the return of those people who were forced to flee their homes. For them, efforts by Sexwale and others to bring a sense of normality to the area will come to naught unless this is done.

Says Kenneth Masoka: "The hostel dwellers do not want peace. As soon as the leaders were out of the area last Sunday, they were preparing for war as usual. The only way you can make sure those guys don't kill us is by removing the hostel."

His words, almost to the letter, are echoed by IFP member and Tokoza Amalgamated Taxi Association spokesman Alfred Khumalo.

"The SDUs don't want peace. Just after Sexwale left we were being shot at from Phumlamqashi Section. Peace has been made, yes. There is now peace between the hostel and the older township residents. But these kids just shoot at the hostel and our taxis from their positions in Phenduka and Phumlamqashi Section."

The association's secretary, Louis Hlongwane, says: "The land has been won. It was not just an ANC victory in the election, but the people's victory. That is why we listened to Sexwale when he came here on Sunday. He is our leader too. But if these kids are not controlled, we will have to defend ourselves."

Samuel Mahlala (66) lives near the hostel, but far enough to be an observer and not another statistic in the war. He muses: "I arrived here when Tokoza was being built and I have been here ever since. Then I used to drink and frequently went to the hostel for drinks. Not now, not anymore. All that must be done to that damned place is for it to be destroyed altogether.

"Tokoza means peace, but we will hate that name until those hostels are removed. The peace that Sexwale brought lasted for a few hours. As soon as he left, there were gunshots in the air."

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Sitting with the SDU members, young Themba Buthelezi says: "Look, my family lives with relatives and I continue to live with different friends. This has been going on since August, when those guys drove us out of our house in Phenduka Section. Do you think I will believe in peace while I sleep in the streets?

Lucky is emphatic: "We will continue to defend our people if those guys try something. We are ready for anything," he says. So is Khumalo. "If those kids do not behave we will have to defend ourselves."

All that the two sides are waiting for is a spark — a wrong turn by an innocent motorist, a shot from the township at the hostel — then it will be time to go back to war, says Lucky.

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One dead, two injured as taxi violence erupts

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JOHANNESBURG. — The taxi war erupted again when gunmen killed at least one person and wounded two at the troubled Noord Street rank here.

A tentative week-old peace pact appeared on the verge of collapse as rival taxi groups yesterday blamed each other for the attack.

The Federated Local and Long Distance Taxi Association (FELLDTA) and its ally, the Letlhabile Taxi Association (LTA) said two members had been killed yesterday in the 9.20am attack by gunmen with AK 47 rifles.

But police spokesman Eugene Opperman said late yesterday he could confirm only one death.

FELLDTA chairman Sam Manganye blamed the attack on the rival Southern African Long Distance Transport Association (SALDTA), with which it has been fighting over access to the Noord Street rank.

Mr Manganye identified the dead men as Sipho Mkhize and Shimmy Komane and said at least 13 people had been killed in two weeks of taxi violence in Johannesburg and Pretoria.

SALDTA official David Mofokeng blamed his rivals and the police for the latest incident.

"Some policemen own taxis and they're benefiting. It was a member of the police who was leading the opposition into our rank. I don't think we'll find peace until the minister of police intervenes," Mr Mofokeng said.

He claimed the rank was "authorised to SALDTA. It's not for anybody ..."

"We're going nowhere with the peace agreement unless these people (FELLDTA and LTA) are removed."

Lieutenant-Colonel Opperman said in a statement the South African Police Service was disappointed at SALDTA's attempts to draw the police into the taxi conflict.

He said SALDTA knew where to lodge any complaints but police had not received any sworn statements with the allegations.

"The SAPS cannot solve problems among the rival taxi groups. They have to sit down and communicate with each other," Colonel Opperman added.

National Peace Secretariat official John van Breda, who brokered last week's peace meeting, said the Johannesburg taxi war emanated from access to the Noord Street rank which feeds the busy route to Pietersburg.

He said agreement had been reached last week for groups to lay down arms and share the rank while talks continued.

But Mr Mofokeng was adamant: "The rank belongs to SALDTA. As long as people occupy SALDTA's rank we will fight tooth and nail."

Mr Mangaye countered: "SALDTA claims this town belongs to them. We are committed to peace but we're afraid to go back to the rank."

Mr Van Breda said he was arranging another meeting between the rivals for today. — Reuter.

Massacre leaders jailed 18 years

PRETORIA. — The six Zulu men identified as leaders of the Boipatong massacre in which 45 people were murdered, were each sentenced to an effective 18 years' imprisonment by the Transvaal Supreme Court yesterday.

Seven other participants in the attack were sentenced to 15 years each effectively, while four youths also found guilty of the murders were sentenced to 10 years each.

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Mr Justice J Smit — who ruled that the 17 may not be identified to protect their families — said he hoped the completion of the trial was the end of a chapter in SA's history.

However, in passing sentence on the 17 men convicted of the murders, a charge of public violence and 18 counts of attempted murder, Judge Smit said he had been informed that the accused would apply for amnesty.

Counsel for the 17 indicated they would apply for leave to appeal in the matter and urged the court not to lift a ban on publishing the names of the accused.

Before sentence was passed, the accused, all members of the Inkatha Freedom Party, sang hymns in court and praised King Goodwill Zwelethini.

Judge Smit said the accused, all residents of a hostel outside Boipatong, had themselves been victims of cruel attacks.

The attack had been a planned revenge attack on IFP opponents which had gone wrong.

The defence will today apply for leave to appeal.

THE SDUs *Units to defend residents ● Community policing welcomed by Vaal community*

New challenge for East Rand youth

■ OBEY LAW *Transforming the township self-defence units into disciplined community policing units:*

By Sharon Chetty

THE young man in the denim cap looks as if he belongs in a Spike Lee movie.

He's fast-talking, self-assured and nothing fazes him.

But the resemblance ends there.

For Dumisani Ngema is one of those uniquely South African township youths.

By day he studies for a B Comm at Vista University, by night he has often had to work in the para-military self defence units (SDU) in Katlehong township, protecting residents and defending the area with arms.

But now, youths like Dumisani and his friend Vincent Tsotetsi, head of the ANC Youth League in Katlehong, have been presented with a challenge: transform the SDUs into community policing units that will obey the letter of the law.

The SDUs in Katlehong were formed "spontaneously" around 1991 to defend mostly ANC-aligned residents against aggression from the security forces and alleged Inkatha Freedom Party-supporting hostel dwellers.

But internecine violence has often been a problem and in the latest incident two weeks ago, 13 youths were killed while sheltering in an abandoned house in neighbouring Tokoza township.

Their deaths have been blamed on rivalry between different factions within SDUs.

Dumisani says some of those killed — execution style — were active members of the ANC. Others were supporters.

Despite this, the ANC has not been able to give a plausible account of what led to the killings.

Dumisani says they have a team investigating the incident and they will hopefully be able soon to piece together the details.



Dumisani Ngema



Vincent Tsotetsi

"In the township, it is normal for every young person to think that he is responsible for the defence and protection of residents.

"During violent times, this was accepted and the majority of the youth were actively involved in some way in SDUs.

"But not all are registered or fall under the central command, therefore it is hard to clamp down on those who are working as renegades," he said.

Crime, disguised as deeds under the banner of the SDUs, has been a particular problem.

Now that SDU members will have to keep the peace and stop crime; winning the respect and confidence of residents is a priority.

"Forming the community policing units is no problem — it has long been accepted as a natural progression," says Dumisani, echoing ANC government policy on safety and security.

"Our SDUs are operating outside the legal framework; when this changes and we work jointly with the SAP, I think many of our problems will be eliminated.

"As long as we get people organised, registered and trained, we will be able to control what goes on.

"Right now, there are those who we cannot bring to book, because not every SDU member falls under the ANC," Dumisani admits.

When SDUs were first mooted by the ANC top brass, there was no time for proper training or registration of members.

Every time there was a problem with thuggery and gangsterism in their ranks, quick-fix solutions that were introduced hardly solved the problem.

Not even a code of conduct adopted last year helped stem the internecine violence.

Despite this lack of control, Dumisani believes that when it comes to controlling the number of illegal weapons in the township, the ANC will still be able to exert some influence.

"It is not going to be simple ... we all want things to change but we need to approach things carefully.

"The community will have to be assured that they are going to be protected by the security forces and the SDUs will have to be part of this solution from the start.

"Their relationship with the security forces will have to be worked out by themselves," he emphasises.

He hopes this period of reconciliation in the country will help influence events on the East Rand.

"Once we are confident that the security forces will work in an impartial way, the SDUs will have no reason to continue existing the way they do — their roles will be limited," he said.

"People cannot simply be disarmed without providing a solution — the ANC has an option and we will be going all out to make it work," he promised.

He also stressed that unemployment, poor housing and other social problems will have to be addressed before significant change is noted.

Suddenly these youths — long used to fighting the "system" — will have to obey their own ANC government, police force and laws.

It's a radical transformation that has to be undertaken almost overnight.

"It is hard to clamp down on those who are working as renegades"

The plan

What the Government proposes:

ON Sunday, a meeting will be held between the central command of SDUs on the East Rand and representatives of the PWV legislature's safety and security ministry.

Ideas on how the SDUs will relate to the SAP, disciplinary codes and training will be discussed.

Eventually, a joint police-community liaison forum will exist.

The community policing units will be expected to work like "neighbourhood watch" groups. Close contact with residents will be crucial.

Tokyo asks East Rand to disarm

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By Joshua Raboroko

■ SPILT BLOOD Enough is enough, PWV premier tells 5 000:

PWV PREMIER MR Tokyo Sexwalè yesterday called on East Rand residents to embark on a massive campaign of disarmament for peace and stability in the area .

Addressing about 5 000 residents of Katlehong, Vosloorus and Tokoza, Sexwale said a lot of blood had been spilt in the area and "enough is enough".

The three areas have been flashpoints of violence which has claimed the lives of hundreds of people. This was Sexwale's second visit to the area on his mission of peace.

Most of the people who attended the meeting were wearing African National Congress colours. It was difficult to establish the support by Inkatha Freedom Party members.

Sexwale, who was accompanied by most of the members of his provincial government, appealed to the residents to support the Government and President Nelson Mandela (238).

He called for peace, reconciliation, stability, an end to "no-go areas", a return to better transport, an end to the illegal occupation of houses, repairing of damaged houses, the launching of an anti-crime campaign, normalisation of schooling and safety and security.

"We must heal the wounds that have been caused by apartheid and unite our people," said Sexwale. To loud applause, Sexwale said: "Let there be peace, harmony, tolerance and reconciliation to unite all our people." He said his administration would build homes for the homeless and destroy hostels.

Efforts to stabilise townships under way

Bid to curb PWV crime and violence

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■ BY CHARMEELA BHAGOWAT

DUARTE announces plans to rebuild decaying East Rand townships and to reorient members of the self-defence units

Bold plans to control violence and crime and to rebuild war-ravaged Reef townships were revealed by PWV safety and security chief Jessie Duarte yesterday.

In a report to the standing committee for safety and security at Nasrec near Soweto, Duarte said the creation of peace and the rebuilding of communities on the East Rand were high on her list of priorities.

Other priorities included the establishment of community policing forums, car theft, rape, allegations of police torture, and gun control legislation.

Duarte said the improvement of working conditions for policemen and the upgrading of police stations were also "absolute necessities".

"Job satisfaction is certainly not the motivating factor for entering the SAPS. Rather, job necessity seems to be the factor motivating people."

She added that solving the problem of disillusionment, without looking at a programme of affirmative action for black police personnel in particular, was not possible.

Duarte said efforts to stabilise the East Rand had already begun, with the creation of an IFP-ANC working group to look at the opening of "no-go areas", the resumption of train services between Kwesini and Katlehong, and the security of residents returning to their homes.

She explained proposals to reorient members of self-defence and self-protection units created to protect communities and hostels. Duarte said a programme, organised by the PWV MEC for education, had been established to enable members of the units between the ages of 13 and 18 to attend six-month "re-integration school programmes" to prepare them for admission to ordinary schools. (SS) (278)

Members between the ages of 19 and 24 would be put through adult literacy programmes and be assisted with job creation or entrance to tertiary institutions.

And older members would be assisted in joining the police force as reservists or organised into neighbourhood watch programmes.

Duarte said that according to the defence force about 20 000 illegal weapons were in circulation on the East Rand and an amnesty or gun collection campaign would retrieve only about 10 percent of the weapons.

One of the problems was community scepticism about the police force and the number of weapons illegally owned by criminals, said Duarte.

The "unprecedented" increase in rapes and violent crime against women had prompted the urgent need for members of the police force to be trained to deal with victims, said Duarte.

She also proposed the creation of a commission of inquiry to investigate police torture.

'Shots came from Shell House'

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THE gunbattle in Johannesburg on March 28 began when shots were fired from inside Shell House and its roof, Safety and Security Minister Mr Sydney Mufamadi told Parliament yesterday.

Answering DP leader Mr Tony Leon, he said the investigation into the shooting was continuing.

Police expected to press charges once the suspects had been identified and enough evidence collected.

Mr Mufamadi denied police had been refused access to Shell House to confiscate firearms and do ballestic tests.

They had decided to secure the co-operation of the ANC, to prevent any further incidents, rather than risk a forced entry and search.

Asked if he was aware of a letter sent by the police to President Nelson Mandela calling on him to honour an undertaking to ensure all firearms were handed to the police, Mr Mufamadi said there was an undertaking from the ANC to co-operate.

Commenting on the Minister's reply, Mr Leon said there had been a cover-up and obstruction of justice by the ANC.

He had been told that "not only has there been no co-operation from the ANC, but on April 13 the regional police commissioner was led to believe Mr Mandela had withdrawn his undertaking".

Shirley Gunn 'may sue Vlok'

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☐ Sequel to Khotso House bombing

CLIVE SAWYER
Political Correspondent

ACTIVIST Shirley Gunn is set to turn the tables on former law and order minister Adriaan Vlok, who once linked her to the 1988 bombing of Khotso House, headquarters of the SA Council of Churches.

Mr Vlok said at the time Ms Gunn was one of three "suspects" being sought in connection with the bombing, in which 18 people were injured and damage of more than R1 million was caused.

Mr Vlok's allegations were widely rejected by organisations including the SA Council of Churches and Congress of SA Trade Unions.

No charges in regard to the bombing were ever brought against Ms Gunn.

In 1990, the African National Congress demanded a public retraction from Mr Vlok of the allegation of involvement with the bombing.

Newspaper reports in the past week have disclosed that affidavits claim police themselves carried out the sabotage, and among those alleged to have congratulated the bombers was Mr Vlok.

Ms Gunn's lawyer, Essa Moosa, said she was considering civil action and criminal charges, possibly including defamation and defeating the ends of justice.

It was possible the State and Mr Vlok would be named in legal action.



Adriaan Vlok



Shirley Gunn

Mr Moosa said Ms Gunn had been detained even though Mr Vlok allegedly had been aware she could not have had anything to do with the bombing.

"She was not involved, and yet she was detained and has also said she was tortured."

Documentation, including affidavits about Mr Vlok's involvement and press cuttings about his allegations, was being compiled.

Ms Gunn, a member of Umkhonto we Sizwe who grew up in Cape Town, rose to prominence in 1984 as an organiser for the Clothing Workers Union.

She was detained for 112 days in 1985.

Public sympathy was aroused when she was detained for two months in 1990 and her infant son was held with her.

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ESIDENTIAL ROLL . . . President Nelson Mandela watches a drum-r perform for him during a visit to Orange Farm near Vereeniging terday. Picture: AP

Alexandra residents threaten violence

JOHANNESBURG. — About 3 500 Alexandra township families displaced from their homes by political violence nearly four years ago will take up arms if they don't get their houses back, Displacee Co-ordinating Committee chairman Mr Tsietsi Kungoane said yesterday.

The threat came as President Nelson Mandela, on a visit to Orange Farm yesterday, asked residents of the informal settlement near Vereeniging to bear with the government's slow progress in meeting its election promises.

Mr Kungoane said the former residents of the Sandton township's notorious "Beirut" section had been living in halls around the area.

He told a news conference PWV Premier Tokyo Sexwale, Minister for Safety and Security Ms Jesse Duarte and Housing Minister Mr Dan Mofokeng appeared uninterested in the group's problem.

'Prepared to die'

"Eventually Alexandra will be on fire if they (the PWV government) don't do it (return displaced people to Beirut).

"We are prepared to die for Beirut if we have to."

He said Alexandra should receive the same treatment as the East Rand townships of Thokoza, Katlehong and Vosloorus where houses were being restored, hostels upgraded and displaced people returned to their homes.

Mr Kungoane said his group had met Mr Sexwale once and Ms Duarte twice. Mr Sexwale had promised to evict the people, mostly IFP supporters, living in the displaced people's houses. But appointments for further meetings had not materialised.

Mr Mandela told more than 2 000 people at Orange Farm: "The wheels of government grind very slowly and people should not expect miracles."

He said the slow progress was due to the budget inherited from the former government. — Sapa

20 Sanco families flee shackland war

Sowetan 29/12/94

By Charity Bhengu

TWENTY squatter families have sought refuge at the Tsakane offices of the SA National Civics Organisation after their homes were burnt down during fighting for control of an informal settlement on the East Rand.

Residents said the battle for control of the Langaville informal settlement started three months ago.

The Tsoelopele community organisation and Sanco members resumed fighting this weekend, resulting in the death of two civic leaders. (278)

Mr Ronnie Mamoepa, spokesman for Gauteng premier Mr Tokyo Sexwale, said yesterday:

"Various organisations in Tsakane owe it to all Langaville people to find an urgent and lasting solution to ensure that everybody is able to return to their homes and enjoy the season of goodwill without fear."

African National Congress Gauteng spokesman Mr Obed Bapela said: "A top-level meeting with Sanco has been organised for today to look into the plight of those who have run away from their burnt homes and also to bring the two feuding groups together so that the problem can be solved."

Members of the East Rand Police Stability Unit — who had cordoned off the area — and the Community Policing Forum have so far managed to keep the camp under control.

Police spokesman Sergeant Johan van Rooyen said: "Nothing has happened since yesterday morning."

Wrangle over shooting

Stephen Laufer

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Probe into 'racist' study notes

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Chris Louw and Paul Stober

"MISLEADING, insensitive and inaccurate" education material is being probed by the Department of Education and Culture (DEC) and the Education and Training Forum.

Hugh Davies, chief of the Education Co-ordination Service, said this to a parliamentary standing committee this week, in response to last week's *Mail & Guardian* story revealing the blatantly racist views contained in study notes of Success Correspondance College, South Africa's largest distance learning institution.

The DEC has distanced itself from the notes.

Success said the notes were based on a DEC handbook. But it emerged this week that the publishers of the book, *Introduction to Criminology*, had dropped controversial chapters on "Race and Crime" and "Sex and Crime" from its 1991 English edition.

Success's Andre du Toit said the chapters appeared in his 1982 Afrikaans edition. "If there is no curriculum change, our lecturers draw up the notes. We trust them to get the most recent prescribed books. They are the experts," he said.

Secret document on Shell House shoot-out: Was minister duped?

CHRIS WHITFIELD
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CONFIDENTIAL information obtained by Weekend Argus indicates that Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi either misled parliament or was deliberately misinformed over the Shell House shoot-out. (278)

The information is contained in a secret document prepared by police in response to questions tabled in parliament about the March 28 shootout and written in the form of a draft reply. It conflicts directly with answers given in parliament on Wednesday by Mr Mufamadi.

It follows charges by Democratic Party leader Tony Leon that the African National Congress covered up aspects of the incident.

Dated June 26, the four-page document states that the ANC prevented police from conducting an investigation by barring access to their Shell House headquarters after the incident.

On that day of widespread violence 11 people died in the shootout during marches by "Zulu royalists" in Johannesburg.

In parliament this week Mr Mufamadi said: "The police were not denied access to the building, but had themselves sought to rely on the co-operation of the ANC in order to facilitate their investigation."

During Wednesday's question time Mr Leon referred to a police memorandum — the document — and to five different requests by police to the ANC for access to Shell House. ARGT 2/7/94:

Mr Mufamadi responded by saying: "The said memorandum was not brought to my attention. However, I was informed that the responsible officer did not seek permission to gain access to Shell House. They sought other forms of co-operation."

The document, in Afrikaans, is addressed to regional commissioner Lieutenant-General Koos Calitz and is from Warrant Officer S K Mbo. It is headed 'Questions in Parliament: Zulu Protest'.

Part of the document was repeated verbatim by Mr Mufamadi: "From the investigation it is clear that the attack on the marchers was launched from within Shell House. Shots were also fired at the marchers from the roof of Shell House."

However, his answer differed sharply with the document when he responded to Mr Leon's question about whether members of the SAPS were allowed unrestricted access to the building.

The document says: "As a result of the police not being able to enter Shell House, no investigation could be conducted therein, or any people questioned inside." It adds: "No ballistic investigation could be carried out inside the building because the experts were not allowed to enter the building."

Mr Mufamadi, asked whether arrests had been made, said on Wednesday: "No arrests have been made but the investigation is progressing and, as evidence is obtained, it is possible that arrests would be carried out."

The document says: "Nobody has been arrested to date. The reason for this is that access to Shell House could not yet be obtained."

Confusion as four more bodies found

Tokoza tense after killings

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■ BY CHERYL HUNTER

FIGHTING between ANC self-defence units and IFP hostel dwellers shatters the fragile peace in the East Rand township

The situation remained tense in Tokoza yesterday after four people were killed on Saturday.

This brought the number murdered over the last two weeks to eight. The latest deaths occurred shortly before the funeral of the first four victims, two of whom were 15-year-old youths.

The Katorus area, including Katlehong, Tokoza and Vosloorus, has been beset with violence for years. There was only a short respite during the April election.

Tokoza residents blamed the shootings of the last two weekends on hostel dwellers in the Khumalo Street area.

They said there had been fighting between members of the ANC's self-defence units and IFP-supporting hostel dwellers.

SAPS spokesman Captain Wikus Weber said yesterday that it was still unclear where the latest victims were shot and by whom.

There had also been some confusion over who was responsible for security in the area. The SANDF was withdrawn from the East Rand last week after unrest regulations were lifted, but was now back in the townships.

Some residents said this did not matter, as the SANDF and self-defence units patrolled the ANC areas, but never raided or entered IFP areas — specifically the hostels — where there were "plenty" of weapons.

Refused

Part of the problem seemed to be anger: angry self-defence units whom PWV Premier Tokyo Sexwale asked to hand in their weapons last month have apparently refused to do so because IFP hostel dwellers have not surrendered their arms.

ANC spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa, however, denied this. He said the "overwhelming majority" of the residents of East Rand townships were supportive of the PWV government's peace initiative.

Mamoepa believed self-defence units were "in the process of hammering out a peace agreement between themselves and the self-protection units", which operate from IFP hostels.

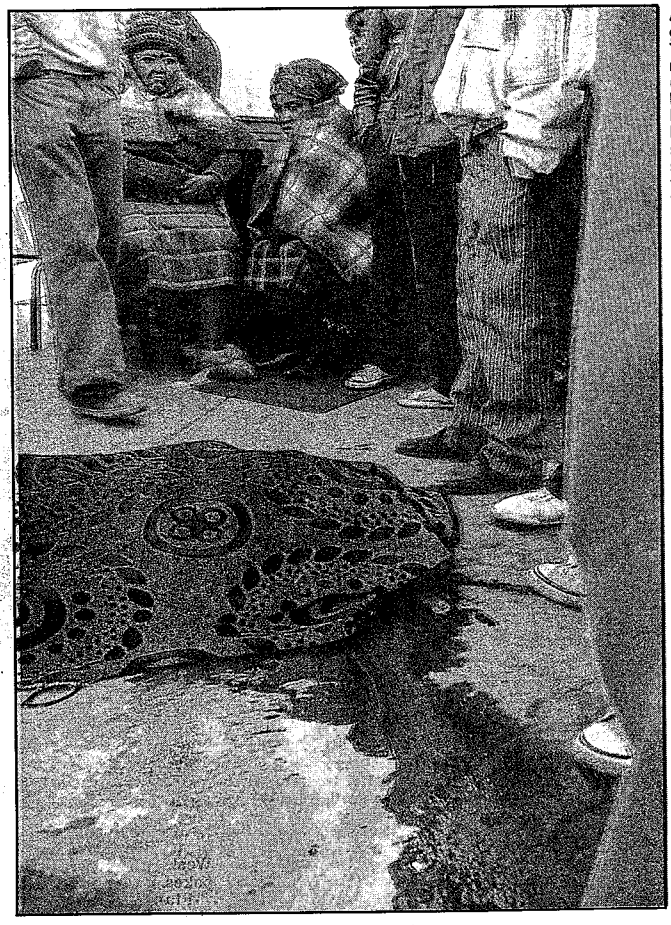
He said a recent visit to the area by PWV MEC for safety and security Jessie Duarte had led to a meeting between the SDUs and SPUs and that both had "structurally committed themselves to peace".

IFP Youth Brigade chairman for the East Rand Thabani Dlamini denied that the fighting was "between IFP followers in hostels and ANC self-defence units", saying it was caused by differences between IFP and ANC supporters inside the township.

Dlamini said hostel residents had no knowledge of the shooting incidents and suggested that conflict within the self-defence units themselves was being blamed on hostel residents and IFP supporters.

Reacting to the deaths on Saturday, Duarte said central Government would have to bear the expense of upgrading the devastated area before real peace could be expected.

Mamoepa said a mass meeting on the East Rand had been arranged for July 17 when Duarte and the region's safety and security committee would meet displaced families to discuss the rebuilding of their houses and the return of families to their homes.



A mother's grief . . . a Tokoza resident (with blue blanket) sits beside the body of her son, who was shot dead in fighting on Saturday morning. PICTURE: GARY BERNARD

Thokoza: Deaths as violence erupts

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Violence which claimed six lives in Thokoza at the weekend erupted after the ANC had disarmed self-defence unit (SDU) members in terms of its disarmament policy, ANC Youth League secretary Mr Eddy Sabi said yesterday.

Mr Sabi said the fighting was sparked by the slaying last week of unarmed SDU members by IFP-supporting hostel dwellers.

Police spokesman Captain Wikus Weber said yesterday four people were killed from Friday night to Saturday morning.

A Natalspruit Hospital official said two more people were certified dead on arrival at the hospital on Saturday.

Police and hospital spokesmen said the situation was tense in the area yesterday, despite a large army presence in Thokoza.

Mr Sabi alleged the current violence in Phenduka section was sparked by the killing of four SDU members by hostel dwellers last week.

SDU members had been attacked after they had been disarmed by the ANC.

Mr Sabi said hostels in Thokoza should be destroyed and hostel dwellers housed near Alberton. People in Thokoza could then begin to "lick their wounds".

IFP East Rand organiser Mr Thabani Dlamini denied yesterday hostel dwellers were responsible for the six deaths.

Mr Dlamini attributed the killings to infighting between SDUs. One of the people who died on Friday was an IFP member, he said.

Hostels not to blame for Tokoza violence — IFP

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JOHANNESBURG. — The Inkatha Freedom Party's Youth Brigade has denied that hostel residents in the East Rand township of Tokoza were involved in the latest spate of killings there.

Deputy chairman for the East Rand region Thabani Dlamini said: "The fighting is between IFP supporters and African National Congress supporters inside the township."

He denied earlier reports suggesting that ANC-alligned self-defence units and IFP followers in the hostels were to blame for the violence.

Five people were killed on Saturday in Penduka section.

"We as the IFP want to make it clear that the hostel residents know nothing about incidents in Penduka," Mr Dlamini said.

The youth leader suggested conflict within the ANC's self-defence units themselves was being blamed on the hostel residents and IFP supporters.

It was the second consecutive weekend of violence in the township.

Four people were killed the previous weekend, including two 15-year-olds who were attacked by inmates of a migrant worker hostel.

Tokoza residents blamed the latest shootings on hostel-dwellers before the funeral of the four previous victims — on hostel-dwellers.

Police said yesterday there had been some confusion over who was responsible for security in the area, but the SANDF was now back in the townships. — Sapa.

Conroy replaces NP's Koornhof

JOHANNESBURG. — Business economist E A Conroy is the National Party's new general-secretary in the PWV province.

He succeeds Gerhard Koornhof, who has been elected to the senate.

NP PWV leader Pik Botha said the 51-year-old Dr Conroy had extensive experience in the civil service, including a stint as trade attache in Buenos Aires and Madrid.

He was general secretary of the Milk Council in Pretoria before his new appointment. — Sapa.

I did not mislead parliament — Mufamadi

Political Staff

SAFETY and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi has denied charges that he misled parliament last week.

In a statement issued today Mr Mufamadi said he had "taken note" of weekend press reports suggesting that parliament may have been misled by answers he gave to questions on the investigation into the March 28 Shell House shootout.

"I maintain that I did not mislead parliament."

Mr Mufamadi also noted that the Democratic Party intended calling for an ad hoc parliamentary select committee to probe the matter. "I would welcome such a probe," he said.

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In a statement today DP chief whip Douglas Gibson announced that he had given notice of his intention to call for the probe. "If the minister deliberately misled parliament he must resign.

"If the minister was lied to by parliamentary officials, they must be fired."

The motion was on the parliamentary order paper this morning, but was unlikely to come before today's joint sitting of the national assembly and senate and will probably only be debated when parliament sits again in August.

Last week Mr Mufamadi said the African National Congress was co-operating with police in the investigation into the March 28 shootout, but the DP and others charge that the ANC had in fact obstructed police investigators.

A police draft response to questions in parliament on the issue differed sharply with Mr Mufamadi's eventual parliamentary responses.

Thokoza: ANC units bar Sexwale

JOHANNESBURG. — Renegade members of the ANC self-defence units in Thokoza have openly declared regional premier Mr Tokyo Sexwale no longer welcome in the battle-scarred township.

The ANC government has lost control of the rebels, who have also vowed to destroy migrant workers' hostels occupied by Zulus loyal to the IFP.

The sound of gunfire echoed throughout Thokoza's streets yesterday morning as commuters boarded taxis to work. It was not clear whether anyone had been killed.

Residents spoke of sleepless nights because of fighting between the rebels and IFP-supporting hostel dwellers since four people were killed on Saturday.

"It is back to square one. There are no-go areas for some people. People have run away from their houses. There is gunfire every night. There is no peace at all," said one resident.

There are at least 2 000 unit members in the eastern townships of Katlehong, Thokoza and Vosloorus.

Endemic violence is one of the urgent problems facing the government.

One unit member said they were taking the law into their own hands because the government did not want to destroy the hostels.

The man, who said he was a commander of at least 50 renegade unit members, challenged Mr Sexwale to tour the township.

"He will not come out of here alive. We voted for him hoping he will destroy the hostels. Now he wants to improve them. How can you improve the dwellings of people who kill us?" he said.

Various political factions formed "self-defence" groups in townships because of the failure of the police to protect black communities, which perceived the security forces as apartheid's enforcer.

Defence force spokeswoman Captain Sonya Nel said the military faced a difficult task trying to find township gunmen.

"We cannot pinpoint anyone as being responsible for the fighting," she said. — Sapa-Reuter



A HELPING HAND . . . Township youths help an elderly woman flee sniper fire in Thokoza yesterday after renewed clashes broke out between ANC and IFP supporters. The ANC rebels were taking the law into their own hands because the government refuses to destroy the IFP-supporting hostels. Picture: AP

Mufamadi backs Shell House probe

By BARRY STREEK, (278)
Political Staff

THE Minister of Safety and Security, Mr Sydney Mufamadi, said yesterday he would welcome an investigation by a Parliamentary Select Committee into claims that he had misled Parliament about the Shell House killings.

He said: "I maintain that I did not mislead Parliament." CT 5/7/94

Mr Mufamadi was reacting to a statement by the Democratic Party's chief whip, Mr Douglas Gibson, that he intended calling for the appointment of a select committee to investigate the minister's reply to a question on the Shell House massacre.

Mr Mufamadi was confronted last week by the DP's acting leader, Mr Tony Leon, about the ANC's alleged lack of co-operation with the police investigations into the incident.

Mr Leon said afterwards that the ANC actions "amount to, prima facie, a cover up and an obstruction of justice and hold serious implications for the due process of law and the principle that every person and institution should be subject to the law of the land".

Mr Gibson said in his statement: "It is vital that at this early stage of the new Parliament we establish a firm principle that people cannot mislead parliament and get away with it.

"If the minister deliberately misled Parliament he must resign. If the minister was lied to by parliamentary officials, they must be fired."

Mr Mufamadi has said there was co-operation between the ANC and police in the investigation.

Mr Leon however, said his information revealed a starkly different picture and he quoted from an internal police memorandum, which said the police had been unable to conduct any investigation or question any people in the building.

In his reaction, he said he had taken note of press reports suggesting Parliament may have been misled.

Challenge to ANC on the East Rand

SAMANTHA SHARPE BDay

THE PWV government yesterday blamed the upsurge in violence in East Rand townships on arms dealers and illegal occupants of homes vacated during fighting earlier this year. 5/7/94

At least seven people have been killed since clashes – allegedly between self-defence units and hostel inmates – began in Thokoza on Friday night. (278)

The regional government said gun and ammunition sellers, who saw peace as the death-knell for their industry, were playing a mayor role in the recent violence.

"Only those elements who have made pecuniary gains in the bloodletting of our people can be held responsible for the recent upsurge of violence in the area," the MPs said. The police and army were on full alert in the region. Visible police patrols were in place and new patrol vehicles would be introduced within 48 hours.

But Sapa-Reuter reported that the ANC appeared to have lost control of some members of its self-defence units, who vowed to destroy hostels occupied by Inkatha Freedom Party supporters.

Renegade members of the self-defence units in Tokoza openly declared regional premier Tokyo Sexwale no longer welcome in the battle-scarred township.

One SDU member told Reuter they were taking the law into their own hands because the ANC-led government did not want to destroy the hostels. "If the ANC

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government does not want to destroy the hostels we will do it ourselves. We are not interested in any peace efforts until the hostels have been destroyed," said the man, who claimed to be a commander of at least 50 renegade unit members.

He challenged Sexwale to tour the township. "He will not come out of here alive. We voted for him hoping he will destroy the hostels. Now he wants to improve them. How can you improve dwellings of people who kill us?"

The PWV parliament said this was not the view of the majority of people living in the East Rand. (278)

A Tokoza resident said: "The ANC has lost total control of some members of the SDUs. They are openly defying the peace process." Another said: "It is back to square one. There are no-go areas for some people. People have run away from their houses. There is gunfire every night. There is no peace at all."

There are at least 2 000 SDU members in Katlehong, Tokoza and Vosloorus.

The parliament said a people-driven peace process, involving extensive consultations with sectors of the Katlehong and Vosloorus community including commanders of SDUs and hostel-based self-protection units, was under way.

Discussions had also been held with the police and the SA National Defence Force to establish their plans for achieving visible policing in the area as a precursor to the programme aimed at repairing damaged homes and returning displaced families to their homes free of fear.

Plans were under way to reintegrate SDU members into educational institutions and discussions were planned with Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi.

Gun-sellers get blame for violence

JOHANNESBURG. — The PWV government has blamed violence in East Rand townships on people with a vested interest — those who have occupied homes vacated by their rightful owners and those dealing in arms and ammunition.

"Gun and bullet sellers view peace in the area as a death-knell for their flourishing business," a spokesman said.

He also said that residents calling for the demolition of hostels were a misguided minority.

Police and the army had been put on full alert, and new police patrol vehicles were expected to be introduced into the area by tomorrow.

"Visible patrols are already in place in the area to contain further outbreaks of violence in Tokoza," he said.

"Only those elements who have made pecuniary gains in the bloodletting of our people can be held responsible for the upsurge of violence in the area."

Meanwhile peace efforts involving the African National Congress and the Inkatha Freedom Party in the area were progressing.

An ANC statement said: "The peace process cannot be held to ransom by gun-runners and warmongers." — Sapa-Reuter.

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Sexwale faces tough challenge by rebel SDUs

JOHANNESBURG. — African National Congress self-defence units (SDUs) in Tokoza have vowed to destroy migrant workers' hostels occupied by Zulus who support the Inkatha Freedom Party.

Renegade members of the SDUs in Tokoza on the East Rand said regional premier Tokyo Sexwale was no longer welcome in the battle-scarred township.

Sections of Tokoza, as well as Katlehong and Vosloorus, were heavily guarded and barricaded today by youths belonging to the SDUs.

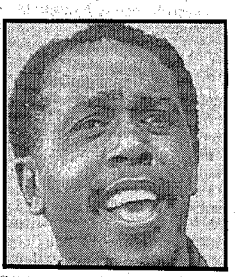
The streets of Tokoza were also deserted in the wake of violence yesterday.

Residents reported hearing gunshots throughout the morning, while the Tokoza hostel was a "no-go area" with taxis refusing to travel nearby.

"The ANC has lost control of some of the SDUs," said Tokoza resident Lerato Moroka.

The ANC regional government issued a statement saying those fomenting trouble were gun dealers who had a vested interest in continued fighting.

An SDU member said they were taking the law into their own hands because the government did not want to destroy the hostels.



SEXWALE: Not welcome

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"Now he wants to improve them. How can you improve dwellings of people who kill us?" he asked. — Sapa-Reuter.

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Eight die in taxi accident

By McKeed Kotlolo

EIGHT passengers were killed in the former KwaNdebele homeland when the taxi they were travelling in overturned on the Marble Hall-Pretoria road at the weekend.

A spokesman for the Eastern Transvaal region police in Siyabuswa yesterday said three unidentified men and a woman died on the scene. Two died on the way to Philadelphia Hospital, while two others died after admission to the hospital.

The police spokesman said the minibus, with twelve occupants, was travelling from Mamelodi to Zebediela.

Two children, aged 12 months and two years, as well as two women, were admitted to the Philadelphia Hospital. One of the women was in a critical condition and was transferred to Ga-Rankuwa Hospital in Pretoria.

Police yesterday identified two of the dead as Miss Lenah Mogoi (40), no address given, and Mr Lazarus Molala (21) of Zebediela.

Family members and relatives can phone (0137) 73-1112.

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Victims of the East Rand violence Nhlanhla Manana and Sibayeni Kubheka, confined to wheelchairs for life after they were shot by members of the notorious Internal Stability Unit last year, cross Khumalo Street into what used to be a no-go area in Tokoza yesterday. PIC: MBUZENI ZULU

Govt faces SDU fury over hostels

■ PALACE REVOLT Destroy hostels or we'll unseat you, Government told:

By Joe Mdhlela, Bongani Mavuso and *Sapa*

SELF-DEFENCE unit members in Katlehong and Tokoza yesterday warned the Government to demolish hostels or face rebellion. (278)

The SDUs said the Katlehong-Tokoza community wanted President Nelson Mandela to address them "as soon as possible" as they no longer had confidence in PWV Premier Mr Tokyo Sexwale.

They said they had had enough of Sexwale's conciliatory speeches whenever he addressed hostel dwellers, whom they regarded as "enemy number one".

"Tokyo Sexwale is not welcome here ... he can come here at his own risk. We will listen only to Mandela on condition he agrees to our suggestion that hostels in Katlehong and Tokoza be demolished," said SDU members.

The SDU members warned that if Mandela failed to address their problems, they would become instrumental in unseating the ANC-dominated Government.

"Sexwale and Mandela came to power through us. If they fail to attend to our concerns, we will make sure that they are overthrown," they said.

A hostel inmate, who declined to be named, said they would never allow anybody to destroy hostels. "These are our homes. To defend our homes we will meet violence with violence. If we are forced to retaliate, we will destroy homes in Katlehong and Tokoza," he said. Meanwhile, three people were killed and three injured in Katlehong yesterday morning amid fresh attempts to stop the renewed violence, which has claimed the lives of at least nine people since Saturday.

Probe into March 28 mayhem

ANC, police meet over city shootings

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■ BY KAIZER NYATSUMBA
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

KHOZA alleges cover-up in investigation and claims reports from ANC and police have been contradictory

A follow-up meeting between ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa and Witwatersrand SAPS Commissioner Lieutenant-General Koos Calitz to discuss the March 28 Johannesburg shootings will take place tomorrow.

The meeting, which comes after yesterday's top-level talks between Ramaphosa and Calitz — during which 39 weapons of different calibres allegedly linked to the shootings were handed to the police — is expected to take the sensitive discussion further, including the identification of some "individuals" within the ANC's security department who might be made available for questioning. (278)

A number of people — including about 11 IFP members — were killed when Zulus, backing King Goodwill Zwelithini's call for "sovereignty" in KwaZulu/Natal, brought the city to a standstill.

Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi, who will address a press conference on the issue in Pretoria today, admitted in Parliament last week that the shots which killed the people in front of the ANC's Johannesburg headquarters had come from inside the building.

He said the ANC had been co-operating with the police in their investigation.

Police yesterday described the meeting as constructive, saying they were pleased with the co-operation they had obtained from the ANC.

The issue is also being investigated by the Goldstone Commission, which has recommended that a commission be set up once more information is available.

Ramaphosa expressed dissatisfaction with the way the police had dealt with the investigation so far. He said that apart from the IFP members, many other people were killed during that day's march, "and we have not seen even-handedness from the police on that issue".

Meanwhile, IFP MP Themba Khoza has expressed disappointment at being excluded from the Ramaphosa-Calitz meeting. Khoza, who was one of the key organisers of the march, again alleged that there had been a cover-up in the investigations and said there had so far been contradictory reports from the ANC, the police and Mufamadi. Khoza also questioned the handover yesterday, so long after the shootings, of weapons to the police.

War threat by hostel group

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JOHANNESBURG. — The National Hostel Residents Association (Nahora) has threatened to deploy militarily-trained members in hostels on the East Rand after calls by the ANC's Self-Defence Units (SDU) for the complexes to be destroyed.

Nahoro said yesterday at least 2 000 of their "militants" would be deployed to defend hostel dwellers from attacks by SDUs.

"What we did to the NPKF (the now disbanded National Peacekeeping Force) will also be done to the SDUs. But because we know that there are innocent people in the townships who don't support the SDUs, our military will be strictly advised not to attack the townships but only defend when being attacked."

The statement apparently refers to a shootout between NPKF members and hostel dwellers on the East Rand a week before the April election.

'Militants to defend dwellers'

The association also threatened mass action to pressurise the National Hostels Co-ordinating Committee (NHCC) not to scrap measures to upgrade the hostels.

"This will include pickets in the offices of the National Housing Forum, occupying houses owned by NHCC members and, as a last resort, using violent measures against members of the NHCC to force them to resign from this body," Nahora's national spokesman Mr Thulani Simon Mlotshwa said.

At least nine people have been killed in Thokoza and Katlehong since Saturday despite peace deals between leaders of the SDUs and their counterparts in the IFP Self-Protection Units.

The latest fighting left three people dead and three others wounded in an attack on a taxi at the Sun City Hostel in Katlehong.

Another bullet-riddled corpse was found in the township overnight.

The SDUs maintained a strong presence in both Katlehong and Thokoza yesterday morning and youths manned roadblocks and barricades at entrances to so-called no-go areas.

Journalists were flagged down at the entrance to the notorious Khumalo Street and warned not to travel further. — Sapa

Nats and IFP lash out at Shell House 'cover-up'

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PRETORIA. — Developments surrounding the massacre of 11 Zulu royalists at Shell House in Johannesburg on March 28 were shocking, the National Party said.

And Inkatha Freedom Party Transvaal leader Themba Khoza expressed disappointment at being excluded from a meeting on the massacre yesterday between Witwatersrand regional police commissioner Koos Calitz and African National Congress secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa.

NP spokesman Marthinus van Schalkwyk said in a statement that the ANC's handing over — by public demand — of 39 firearms to police was nothing less than "shocking".

"It appears now as if Shell House is much more than just the headquarters of a political party. The impression is that the building is being used for sinister activities," he said.

The ANC's actions, including the weapons handover months after the shootings, had done nothing to contradict that impression, he said.

The question was how many weapons were in Shell House at the time of the massacre. From its actions, it was obvious that the ANC did not want people to know what was going on in Shell House.

"Certainly, a party that claims to be democratic and which condemns the abuse of power will not behave in the manner in which the ANC has acted in this instance," the NP statement said.

What would the ANC have done, asked Mr van Schalkwyk, if some other political party had acted in this manner?

It was clear that the ANC, as the party in power, was receiving special treatment, he said, calling on the police not to be intimidated and to bring the murderers to book as soon as possible.

Meanwhile, Mr Khoza said the IFP had hoped that by attending the meeting between Mr Ramaphosa and Lieutenant-General Calitz, it would have been able to press for the arrest of several suspects.

Mr Khoza reiterated a previous statement that there had been a cover-up. "There have been contradictory reports from the ANC, the police and the Minister of Safety and Security, who was unable to explain why there had been no proper investigation."

The IFP leader demanded to know why the owners of the 39 weapons the ANC had handed over had not been arrested.

He said: "Why only hand them over today? Why take so long? Did they destroy the weapons and then bring these from another arms cache?"

General Calitz and Mr Ramaphosa agreed to meet again tomorrow to discuss, among other things, the identification of "individuals" who would be questioned by police investigators. — Sapa.

'I did not mislead Parliament'

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■ BY HELEN GRANGE

Safety and Security Minister Sidney Mufamadi yesterday denied he had misled Parliament by giving answers — which were apparently contradictory to a confidential police memorandum — to questions concerning the investigation into the shootout at Shell House on March 28.

Mufamadi was accused by DP leader Tony Leon in Parliament on June 29 of attempting to cover up the ANC's role in the shootout during an IFP march that day. (278)

The accusation was made on the grounds that a document by Witwatersrand police commissioner Lieutenant-General Koos Calitz, saying police had been denied entry to Shell House after the shootout, was in contradiction to Mufamadi's assertion of the opposite.

Mufamadi said yesterday he welcomed the DP's proposal that a select committee be appointed to investigate his replies.

He said the discrepancy had arisen because of his different interpretation of events. This arose from the fact that he had not seen the document, drafted by a junior officer, on which Calitz had based his document.

Mufamadi told Parliament on June 29 that police had not been denied access to Shell House, but had themselves sought to cooperate with the ANC.

The document by Calitz replied that the police had not been granted access.

"If there is any charge to be levelled against me and that I plead guilty to, it is that I don't repeat suggested police answers word for word," Mufamadi said.

Mufamadi says police order prevented search

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STEPHANE BOTHMA

PRETORIA — A written order issued by Police Commissioner Gen Johann van der Merwe a month before the Shell House shootings had prohibited police officers from taking any action at the offices of political parties, Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi said yesterday.

The Minister was addressing a media briefing at SA Police Service headquarters where he again denied allegations that he had misled Parliament last month about the state of the police investigation into the shootings which left 11 people, many of them Inkatha supporters, dead.

Mufamadi had told Parliament that police investigators had not been denied access to the building, from where the shootings took place and which houses the ANC.

However, DP MP Tony Leon had in his possession a document by a senior police officer stating the opposite. Leon accused Mufamadi of misleading Parliament or of having been misled by the police.

Mufamadi said yesterday he had not been misled by any policemen. Mufamadi's parliamentary response had been drafted by PWV regional Police Commissioner Lt-Gen Koos Calitz. Calitz's information was based on the document Leon had.

Mufamadi explained what he told Parliament by saying although ANC security personnel at Shell House had refused to allow police officers to search the building, police later agreed not to seek entry after negotiations with ANC leader Nelson Mandela. Therefore, ultimately, access to the building had not been denied by the ANC.

Mufamadi also referred to a memorandum by Van der Merwe which prevented police from taking action at the offices of a political party. (2-18)

Mufamadi said he took political responsibility for what he had said in Parliament.

"The police supplied me the information I requested. I made further probings where I felt there was a necessity to do so. I informed them in advance of the content of my final reply to Parliament.

"This is consistent with the policy of the Safety and Security Department — namely, that there will be consultation but the political independence of the civilian ministry must be jealously guarded," he said.

The Minister said he was satisfied the Shell House shooting was being thoroughly investigated by the police.

Sexwale outlines plan to stabilise East Rand

JOHANNES NGCOBO

PWV premier Tokyo Sexwale plans to launch a programme in two weeks time to stabilise violence-torn East Rand townships, coinciding with the regional implementation of the reconstruction and development programme RDP, according to a PWV government document.

The plan involves promoting reconciliation between warring groups, returning displaced people to homes around hostels, negotiating with illegal occupants of homes, rebuilding destroyed and damaged homes and putting in place a visible security presence. While the plan does not deal with hostels — the main point of conflict in Katlehong, Thokoza and Vosloorus — the regional government yesterday recommitted itself to their upgrading. (278)

Tensions are running high between Sexwale's administration and self-defence units — which have been at war with hostel inmates for several years — with the units insisting on the demolition of hostels.

At least nine people have been killed in running gun battles between the two sides since last Friday, and townships remained tense yesterday. Sapa reports that firefighters from the Germiston Fire Brigade were fired at by snipers yesterday as they tried to extinguish a blaze in the Mazibuko Hostel in Katlehong.

Police spokesman Capt Janine Smith said R150 000 damage was caused when the hostel's D section was set ablaze by unknown arsonists. No one was injured.

WILSON ZWANE reports that the Transvaal Hostel Residents' Association said it would ask Sexwale to facilitate an urgent meeting between its members and

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East Rand self-defence units.

Association chairman Joseph Kubheka said he was convinced tensions between hostel residents and defence units would not cease until they had sat down together and identified the causes of conflict.

The call for talks should not be mistaken for cowardice, but should rather be seen as a genuine wish for peace on the East Rand. If the defence units refused to meet his organisation and continued to attack hostel residents, his organisation would "step in and help repel attacks". (278)

Kubheka also appealed to the provincial government not to bow to pressure from the defence units and destroy hostels, saying such a move would plunge the Reef into unprecedented violence.

While his organisation favoured the upgrading of hostels, it firmly believed their conversion into family units should happen only with the residents' consent.

A provincial government-sponsored survey needed to be conducted to establish the number of people who wanted family units and those who preferred single-sex hostels.

PWV government spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said the mandate of the majority in the ANC-led legislature was to transform hostels into family units. "Under no circumstances will government abandon this policy," he said.

Kubheka said the provincial government should not foist its policy on hostel residents because that would be tantamount to "forced removals".

Yesterday Katlehong and Vosloorus residents said they had been informed that Sexwale would visit the areas on July 17 and unveil his peace plan, which would be coupled with the RDP.

Sexwale's plan would include house-to-house assessments, expected to take three weeks, and negotiating with illegal occupants of homes and finding alternative accommodation for them.

A PWV task group was appointed yesterday on planning for the RDP's implementation and the stabilisation of East Rand townships. Safety and security minister Jessie Duarte, housing and local government minister Dan Mofokeng, and PWV MP Ben Turok would head the group.

Sexwale has also instructed the town councils of Germiston, Katlehong, Thokoza, Alberton, Boksburg and Vosloorus to do the bulk of the planning and co-ordination required under the chairmanship of the appointed ministers.

Security forces would make policing arrangements "parallel" to the RDP.

Driveby shooting: 11 killed

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JOHANNESBURG. — At least 11 people were killed and eight seriously injured last night when gunmen in a bakkie opened fire on cars, taxis and commuters near the Wadeville/Katlehong bridge on the East Rand.

But police said the toll could be higher because darkness had hampered the search for more victims.

Three other victims were slightly wounded, police said.

The incident came after days of simmering violence between the ANC-aligned "self-defence" units (SDUs) and Inkatha hostel inmates.

In some of the worst violence since the election, at least 20 people have died in fighting between ANC and Inkatha factions in the area since the weekend.

Fighting has also erupted in Natal, seriously jeopardising peace efforts.

In the latest shooting, police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel André Venter said gunmen in a brown bakkie had fired indiscriminately on cars and taxis before fleeing in the vehicle.

Other gunmen armed with AK-47 rifles stationed on the road fired at motorists.

As many as 70 spent AK-47 and 9mm cartridges were found at the scene but police were scouring the area for more evidence, he said.

Bodies, glass and spent cartridges littered the road.

An old man was slumped over the driver's seat in one vehicle.

Police spokesman Captain Wikus Weber said the shooting was "certainly the worst incident of violence" on the East Rand since the elections.

Capt Weber described the attack as a "well-orchestrated ambush".

Also yesterday, a hostel in a no-go area between ANC and IFP supporters in Katlehong was set alight, and firefighters from the Germiston Fire Brigade came under sniper fire as they tried to extinguish the blaze.

The hostel had been unoccupied for some time.

Police spokesman Captain Janine Smith said damage of R150 000 was caused. The firemen were apparently shot at from deserted houses.

Thokoza and Katlehong were still tense yesterday afternoon.

Barricades, including broken tree trunks, shopping trolleys, dustbins and rocks still lined the northern entrance to Katlehong.

Renegade members of the ANC-aligned SDUs earlier this week denounced PWV Premier Mr Tokyo Sexwale's announcement that hostels on the East Rand would be upgraded, instead demanding the buildings be demolished.

Some members also warned Mr Sexwale's life would be in danger if he dared enter the East Rand townships.

But yesterday, the PWV government expressed concern about the threats by "self-styled SDU members".

A statement said: "The government reiterates its belief the anti-peace rhetoric is not made by legitimate SDU members but elements opposed to the peace process using the name of the SDUs."

VICTIM OF DRIVEBY SHOOTING — PICTURE

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It said "those who have made pecuniary gains out of the bloodshed of our people by illegally selling ammunition in the townships will have a vested interest in undermining the peace process".

Also, the PWV government's stand had always been to change hostels into family units and not demolish them, it said.

● In kwaZulu/Natal, violence on the South Coast on Tuesday night led to the cancellation of a peace meeting in Port Shepstone yesterday.

Violence at Gcilima near Margate was apparently sparked by the killing of local IFP leader Mr Mdaphune Xolo on Tuesday afternoon.

The IFP chairman in nearby Izingolweni, Mr James Zulu, said Mr Xolo and two others had been killed in an ambush outside Mr Xolo's house. He blamed the ANC.

A police spokesman described the area as "under control".

Local ANC leader Senator Siyabonga Cele rejected the IFP charges: "I seriously doubt any elements in the ANC would have killed Xolo."

He blamed the violence on "third-force elements".

"There is no reason for the IFP and ANC to continue violence," he said. — Own Correspondent, Sapa

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Mandela acts on East Rand killings

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — As outrage grew yesterday over the renewed violence on the East Rand, President Nelson Mandela called in his security chiefs to order a plan to end the killings.

Five more people, including an SANDF soldier, were killed in the area yesterday, bringing the number of people killed in township violence since Friday to 25, police said.

The president's office said Safety and Security Minister Mr Sidney Mufamadi, Defence Minister Mr Joe Modise, SANDF chief General Georg Meiring and Deputy Police Commissioner Lt-Gen Johan Swart had reported to the Union Buildings.

PWV Premier Mr Tokyo Sexwale and provincial cabinet members had also been called in.

Talks were also held between taxi owners, civic associations and the ANC over the killing of 11 people in a shooting on the highway near Katlehong on Wednesday. They decided the attack was not politically related but the result of a taxi feud.

The attackers seemed to be from a splinter group of the Katlehong People's Taxi Association (Kapta), which had stopped operating in the township earlier this year and was now operating from Wadeville.

Sapa reports association chairman Mr Nelson Ngwevyama said it appeared the shooting could have been a result of "ill-disciplined Kapta elements" who reportedly intimidated, provoked and assaulted Wadeville taxi operators. "They in turn responded by killing innocent people."

Kapta would apply disciplinary measures against the group that provoked the Wadeville drivers, he said.

SA National Civics Organisation president Mr Paul Sehloho said the group had had talks with taxi owners who employed unruly elements.

Meanwhile, PWV standing committee on safety and security deputy chairman Mr Obed Bapela denied ANC-affiliated self-defence units (SDUs) had called for the demolition of hostels on the East Rand.

SDU commanders also denied threatening the life of Mr Sexwale.

Shell House: Guns handed in

JOHANNESBURG. — More weapons have been handed to police by the ANC in connection with the Shell House killings, ANC secretary-general Mr Cyril Ramapahosa said yesterday.

Eleven Zulus were killed during a march past Shell House, the ANC PWV headquarters, on March 28. (278) CT81794

Mr Ramaphosa said after a meeting with Witwatersrand commissioner of police Lieutenant-General Koos Calitz the weapons would be subjected to ballistics tests.

Gen Calitz said Mr Ramaphosa, who handed 39 weapons to police on Tuesday, had honoured his commitment to hand over further weapons, but had not revealed the indentities of individuals who may have been involved in the killings.

Mr Ramaphosa said he told Gen Calitz "there were additional issues that were pertinent to the investigation that the police needed to look into", and Gen Calitz had said he wanted to report to the Minister of Safety and Security before responding.

'Gunmen belong to taxi association'

Violence must end – Mandela

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■ STAFF REPORTERS

FOUR more people killed in sporadic shootings on East Rand

A comprehensive strategy is needed to end the violence on the East Rand, President Mandela said last night.

Four more people were killed in sporadic shootings yesterday, bringing to 17 the number of deaths in the area in the past week. All the killings took place in Katlehong.

The Katlehong People's Taxi Association (Kapta) said the gunmen who killed 11 people on Wednesday were "undisciplined drivers" who belonged to the association.

Kapta said a red bakkie used in the shooting belonged to one of its drivers. Chairman Nelson Ngwenya pledged to apprehend the suspects and hand them over to the police.

He said the shooting had arisen out of dissatisfaction over routes from Katlehong to Germiston and Wadeville.

Mandela has held consultations with Defence Minister Joe Modise, Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi and their deputies, and Deputy Commissioner of Police Lieutenant-General Johan Swart regarding the violence.

He then consulted PWV Premier Tokyo Sexwale and the region's Cabinet.

"The president is extremely concerned about the escalation of violence in the East Rand and other areas. The consultations held this evening are part of a process to work out a comprehensive strategy to deal with this situation.

"During the next few days, the president will meet representatives of the communities in the areas affected," a statement from the president's office said.

An SANDF soldier was one of those killed in Katlehong. Two other men were shot dead in separate incidents in the township — one during a robbery and the other in a hostel tavern.

Another man was killed when his car was shot at in Katlehong, and a 28-year-old man died from knife wounds after being attacked on a train travelling from Sebokeng to Alberton.

■ At a press conference yesterday, commanders of SDUs from Tokoza and Katlehong denied that members of their structures had threatened Sexwale or called for the destruction of hostels.

They supported the premier in condemning the "cold-blooded murder of 11 people in Germiston on Wednesday".

The IFP urged residents of the townships to drive out "criminals whose senseless killing is dividing the community".

IFP East Rand organiser Thabani Dlamini said the peace process between the IFP and ANC was "on track".

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Security chiefs in Reef crisis talks

JOHANNES NGCOBO

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The President's office said Safety and Security Minister Sidney Mufamadi, Defence Minister Joe Modise, SANDF chief Georg Meiring and Deputy Police Commissioner Lt-Gen Johan Swart had reported to the Union Buildings. PWV premier Tokyo Sexwale and members of the provincial cabinet had also been called in and Mandela would meet representatives of communities in the affected areas soon.

Before Mandela's intervention, the PWV government said it had plans to abolish the hostel system, converting into factories those hostels that were unsuitable for conversion into family units. (278)

Crisis talks were also held between taxi owners, civic associations and the ANC to discuss the killing of 11 people in a shooting on the highway near Katlehong on Wednesday. They decided that the attack was the result of a taxi feud and was not politically motivated. The attackers appeared to be from a splinter group of the Katlehong People's Taxi Association, which had stopped operating in the township earlier

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this year for "political reasons" and was now operating from Wadeville. 8/7/94

Sapa reports that the association's chairman, Nelson Ngwevyama, said it appeared that the shooting could have been a result of "ill-disciplined Kapta elements" who reportedly intimidated, provoked and assaulted Wadeville taxi operators.

"They in turn responded by killing innocent people. We condemn the attacks and extend our condolences to the families of the victims." (278)

Kapta would not take the law into its own hands but would apply disciplinary measures against the group that provoked the Wadeville drivers. "We do not need them in our association."

SA National Civic Organisation president Paul Sehloho said the civic body had had discussions with taxi owners who employed unruly elements. There had also been "fruitful discussions" with the SANDF and police who would work together to provide security at the Germiston and Wadeville taxi ranks.

Meanwhile, PWV standing committee on safety and security deputy chairman Obed Bapela denied that ANC-affiliated self-defence units had called for the total demolition of hostels on the East Rand.

Self-defence unit commanders also denied threatening the life of Sexwale. Tokoza SDU commander Louis Sibeko said the people who had claimed to be SDU members were not members of his units.

Bapela said Sexwale would visit displaced families in Katlehong, Tokoza and Vosloorus in two weeks time and unveil a plan for bringing peace and stability to the area. The plan included hostel conversions.

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Shell House: How it went wrong

A trigger-happy ANC guard with a record of ill-discipline started the Shell House shooting in March, reports **Paul Stober** (278)



Blood in the streets ... A Zulu marcher lies dead after the march past Shell House
PHOTO: STEVE HILTON-BARBER

THE Shell House shooting — in which 11 Inkatha Freedom Party supporters died — was the result of a panic by ANC guards who had been warned by state security officials to expect an attack on the ANC headquarters.

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Some sources close to the investigation believe the first shot was fired by an ANC security guard with a history of ill-discipline.

According to an ANC official who was at the front of the building at the time of the shooting, ANC security opened fire after a group of about 15 IFP supporters surged towards the building.

It is believed that most of the 11 dead were among this group.

Sources say the organisation has identified the guard who first opened fire on IFP supporters who were marching past Shell House on March 28, on their way to a gathering called by Zulu king Goodwill Zwelethini in the centre of Johannesburg. The *Mail & Guardian* has been given the name of guard.

A former Umkhonto weSizwe member, he is described as having a history of poor conduct in military structures.

According to the sources, the ANC received a tip-off that the building would be attacked on the day of the meeting. However, the organisation's security guards were under strict orders not to use their weapons unless absolutely necessary.

But witnesses in the building are reported as saying that as the marchers passed, the guard in question suddenly broke ranks and started firing — emptying his weapon into the passing crowd. The armed marchers returned fire and pandemonium broke loose.

Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi told parliament last week that the initial police investigation had clearly showed that the first shots had come from inside Shell House.

On Tuesday, ANC secretary general Cyril Ramaphosa handed 39 weapons of different calibres — allegedly linked to the shootings — to Witerwatersrand regional police commissioner Koos Calitz. The organisation was expected to hand over more weapons later this week.

Ramaphosa and Calitz were scheduled to meet again yesterday to discuss identifying ANC men involved in the shooting.

The meetings between Ramaphosa and Calitz take place amid allegations in parliament that Mufamadi tried to cover up a refusal by the ANC to allow police access to Shell house and the weapons allegedly involved in the shooting.

Mufamadi had said police had not been denied access to the building in the wake of the shooting.

Democratic Party leader Tony Leon had then produced a memorandum by Calitz which said police access to Shell House had been refused by ANC security officials and no weapons had been handed over for ballistic tests.

At a press conference on Wednesday, Mufamadi explained he had changed the parliamentary answer drafted by Calitz after establishing from the regional commissioner that the police themselves had decided not to enter the building after ANC officials agreed to hand over weapons at a later stage.

Mufamadi insisted the police investigation into the shooting would go ahead unhindered.

He pointed out that the ANC and the police were co-operating on the matter and that during his discussions with Calitz, the regional commissioner had indicated the police had evidence from outside Shell House which they were following up.

SDUs 'not out of control'

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"People don't understand this. When they voted, they thought things would happen overnight".

Many SDU members said they failed to understand why Sexwale visited the hostel recently "without consulting us".

Some Thokoza sources blamed the current confusion on a power vacuum and the fact that the provincial government had been guilty of "riding roughshod" over local community structures in the township. By disempowering these structures, space was created for mavericks to enter the field and say what they liked, despite the fact that they were accountable to no one. With residents desperate for an end to the violence and for the promised social upliftment of the area to begin, there was no shortage of "issues" which people could seize on to gain popularity. As a result, community structures had split into factions.

Sexwale's spokesman, Ronnie Mamoepa, said since Sexwale visited the area last month "powerful forces of peace have been unleashed. We have held meetings with the ANC and IFP in the area, with displaced families, the SDUs and (IFP) SPUs. All have given unqualified support for the process of peace." Mamoepa said those who had gone to the press with "anti-peace rhetoric" were not even SDU members and that there were people selling ammunition in the area who had a vested interest in undermining peace.

The transformation of the hostels into family units and the restoration of surrounding houses "is urgent and the government is treating it as such", said Mamoepa, adding that the move, which had full support of the hostel dwellers, was part of a broader government plan to build housing units.

Ongoing violence and raised expectations are not the only problems facing a provincial government intent on uplifting and bringing peace to the war-torn East Rand. Many hostel dwellers in the area are opposed to their quarters becoming family units.

"The premier said changes to the hostels are up to the inmates. We want to keep our hostel single-sex," said Zakhele Mlambo, chairman of the National Hostel Residents' Association. Mlambo was optimistic, however, about the ongoing negotiations to uplift not only the hostels, but the whole community of greater Alberton, and said that his association supported the peace and reconstruction efforts of the regional government.

On the recent threats to demolish the Thokoza hostel, Mlambo said: "Nobody can destroy the hostel and we reject their demand". He said while the threats may not be coming from bona fide SDU members, they had to be taken seriously because "these people are still doing the work of the SDUs".

Shell House: More weapons released

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JOHANNESBURG. — A further 32 weapons have been handed to the police by the African National Congress for ballistic testing in connection with the investigation into the Shell House massacre here on March 28.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Brigadier Zirk Gous confirmed yesterday that the weapons had been handed to the police after Thursday's meeting between ANC secretary-general Mr Cyril Ramaphosa and Witwatersrand Regional Police Commissioner Lieutenant-General Koos Calitz.

At the meeting, Mr Ramaphosa also undertook to honour his commitment to hand over further weapons.

Brig Gous said among the weapons handed to police on Thursday were two AK-47 rifles. He said the weapons "were comming in in batches" and that more were expected to be handed in.

Eleven people were killed in the shooting incident during an Inkatha Freedom Party march.

Meanwhile the Democratic Party rejected Mr Ramaphosa's so-called conditions on ANC co-operation with the police on the shootings, acting DP leader Mr Tony Leon said yesterday.

"It is an extraordinary departure from any acceptable or democratic concept of policing and criminal investigations that a party political official dictates to the police service conditions for the police investigations," he said in a statement.

The DP "naturally" supported a thorough investigation of all the deaths during the March 28 protest march.

"However, Mr Ramaphosa's conditions miss the point entirely and raise serious questions as to why the ANC is continuing to frustrate a resolution of this matter," Mr Leon said. — Sapa

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Violence to test Mandela

TOKOZA. — Renewed fighting in East Rand townships has presented President Mandela with his first domestic crisis — and he has to move swiftly or risk grave damage to his high standing, residents and experts say.

After a week of clashes between locals and hostel dwellers, they insist a security clampdown and an emergency programme to improve living conditions are urgently required to bring lasting peace.

Analysts and residents, including members of rival community defence units in battle-scarred Tokoza and Katlehong, said Mr Mandela's credibility was at stake.

"We voted for this government. Now it runs the risk of having its credibility eroded by the day," said Mr Johannes Nkosi, an ANC-aligned civic leader.

■ The Tokoza violence is putting pressure on President Mandela's credibility. A wrong move could be costly.

"Mr Mandela needs to do something quickly to address the needs of this troubled area. Otherwise his organisation risks losing (next year's) local government elections."

ANC regional leader Obed Bapela said the party understood the impatience of the embattled residents, but appealed for time.

"They have lost relatives, houses and many of them have been maimed," he said. "The whole situation cannot be changed overnight. Remember we have been in power for just over 60 days."

Head of the Witwatersrand University Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation Lloyd Vogelman said there was an urgent need for Mr Mandela to intervene personally.

"He is well-respected and the only one who could rein in factions from all sides," he said.

"Then the security situation must be addressed and social upliftment programmes launched as soon as possible."

Most residents say they have been waiting too long for the government to deliver on its promises to restore order and start development programmes.

"The time for talking and promises are over. President Mandela's government must address the desperate situation," said Tokoza resident Mapule Kholoane.

Renewed fighting between ANC supporters and their self-styled self-defence units (SDUs), and hostel-dwellers who are largely followers of the Inkatha Freedom Party, has claimed at least 12 lives in a week.

The East Rand townships are hotbeds of violence and crime — revenge attacks, taxi wars and running street battles between the SDUs and hostel-dwellers.

Eleven people were killed on Wednesday night when gunmen ambushed eight vehicles, including mini-bus taxis, during rush hour on the main road serving the settlements.

Several political and violence analysts say the East Rand townships would remain flashpoints as long as they festered in poverty and deprivation.

Asked why Katlehong and Tokoza were still troubled while many other townships had calmed down with the advent of majority rule, Mr Vogelman said the fighting had been the fiercest there and the resulting wounds deeper and harder to heal.

Also, neither side had been able to claim a clear victory in the twin townships.

"In Katlehong and Tokoza, the warring factions have not been able to overwhelm each other during the four years of fighting," he said.

The warfare had also created a large concentration of weapons and fuelled a particularly bitter cycle of revenge.

Mr Vogelman said residents believed there were no security structures to protect them and therefore they could form private armies and take the law into their own hands.

"If they are arrested, they know they can apply for political amnesty and be released.

"This needs to change. People need to know that if they kill someone they will go to jail for a long time," he said.

"At the same time there are more rewards in being involved in violence. People known to be involved in political fighting are held in high esteem because communities regard them as their protectors.

"The same applies to people living in the hostels. This also needs to change."

Residents said one of the major problems was that the ANC had lost control of some SDU members who had vowed to destroy migrant workers' hostels.

There are at least 2 000 SDU members in Katlehong, Tokoza and Vosloorus.

Renegade members of Tokoza units earlier this week declared PWV provincial premier Tokyo Sexwale no longer welcome in their territory.

But Mr Sexwale's office said the threats came from "lone voices" fomenting trouble and gun dealers who had a vested interest in fighting.

The ANC said it wanted the SDUs disarmed, disbanded and some representatives integrated into the police.

But analysts said it would be difficult to disarm the units, which had fasted power in the run-up to the elections.

Renegade SDUs, those still supporting the ANC's peace initiatives and hostel dwellers agree on one thing: Mr Mandela must intervene to staunch the bloodshed.

But they differ on what exactly he should do.

Inkatha supporters want Mr Mandela personally to assure them their barrack-like quarters will be protected and living conditions improved.

The SDUs, including renegade units no longer loyal to the ANC, and many residents want the hostels demolished.

The ANC-led government at national and regional levels insists the hostels be renovated and turned into family homes.

"This remains the mandate of the ANC-led government. Under no circumstances will the government abandon this policy," Mr Sexwale's office said in a statement. — Reuter.

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Fighting old battles

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Freedom still a dream in Thokoza, Katlehong

By ZANELE VUTELA

THE NEW South Africa is still desperately out of reach for most people in the embattled townships of Thokoza and Katlehong.

Despite a brief lull amid the euphoria of South Africa's first democratic election, today the violence that has ravaged the area for more than three years continues, unabated, and more or less in the same fashion.

While people in most other parts of the country – among them several former township "hotspots" – are able to go about their daily business, their lives quite normal, the children of Thokoza's notorious Khumalo Street cannot even play outside, for fear of some random shot hitting them.

"It seems as if our plight has just become a story to be told in different versions, whether true or false," a youth from the war zone told City Press.

"Nobody seems to care about us and the fact that we have just spent one of the coldest winters without homes to shelter us," he added bitterly.

While the politicians dig up new explanations for the continuing violence – "criminal elements are responsible and everything will be done to bring these enemies of peace to book!" goes the latest cry – the recent upsurge bears all the hallmarks of the old battle.

Just on Friday afternoon, as the City Press news team stood talking to a group of Self-Defence Unit members, a shot – from the direction of Thokoza hostel – whizzed past our heads.

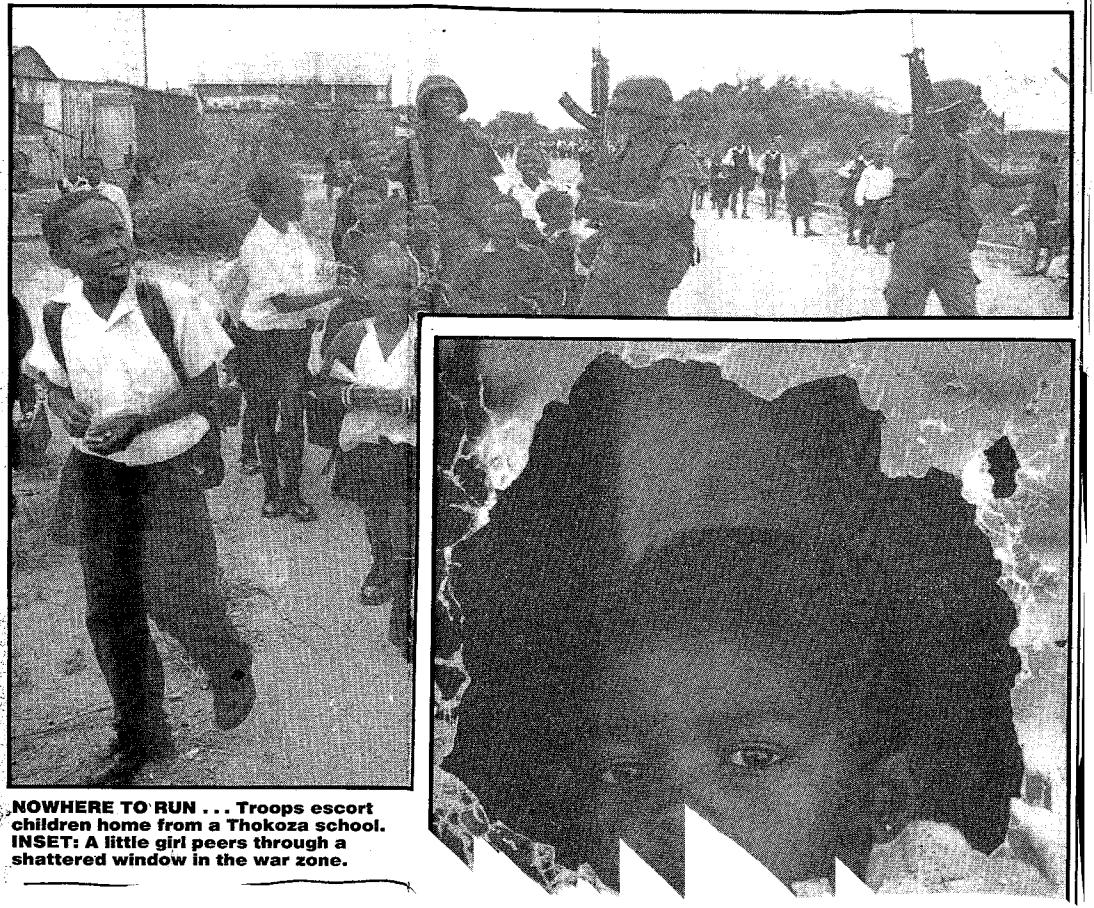
"Joe", an SDU commander, said he found it puzzling that "criminal elements" were being blamed for what was an "old and obvious war that had never been resolved in the first place".

According to Joe, the SDUs were angry that every shooting was blamed on them. "When gangsters fight the SDU is blamed, yet everyone here in Thokoza carries a gun for their own protection. When these people shoot at each other, the SDU is blamed."

He said the SDUs also distanced themselves from the alleged threat to PWV Premier Tokyo Sexwale, and blamed the media for listening to "everyone, even those who did not participate in the defence of our community,". However, another group of SDU members, still in obvious grief after the massacre of three of their comrades last Saturday, asked City Press to tell Sexwale "to come and and live here, we have a four-roomed house for him. Tell him to come and see for himself how the 'peace' is getting on."

But, after a meeting with Sexwale this week most SDU members feel hopeful that peace will return to the area. "He even assured us that the State President would visit the area to help end the violence," said Joe.

Peace hopes were also boosted by a meeting on Friday of the SAPS, SANDF, IFP, ANC, the SDUs, the IFP-affiliated Self-Protection Units and the Thokoza Taxi Association. The delegates committed themselves to the Sexwale-initiated peace process, accepted criminal elements wanted to disrupt it and agreed to isolate them and help the security forces bring stability.



NOWHERE TO RUN ... Troops escort children home from a Thokoza school. INSET: A little girl peers through a shattered window in the war zone.

Sisulu shoot out — cops face charges

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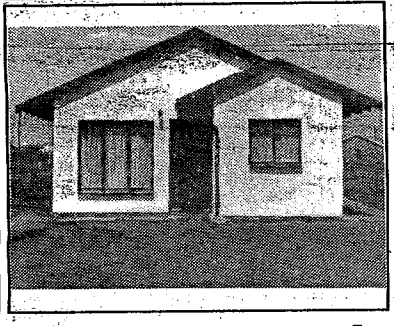

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By Mzimasi Ngudle and Sapa

TWO POLICEMEN involved in the Walter Sisulu shooting incident on the Soweto highway last July are to be prosecuted, police announced yesterday.

Police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Eugene Opperman said the Attorney-General of the Witwatersrand had decided the two would appear in the Johannesburg Regional Court to face charges of culpable homicide relating to the death of Sisulu's bodyguard Mr Ishmael Maloane.

Lance-Sergeant A Kruger and Constable Stephanus J van Rensburg will also be charged with perjury and allegedly defeating the ends of justice. They will appear at a date still to be decided. (278)

The two are still performing administrative duties and will not be suspended.

Opperman said suspension might be reviewed at any time during or after the trial.

Sisulu's convoy was fired on along the Soweto highway by the two policemen while the ANC deputy president was on his way back from a birthday bash for Mr Nelson Mandela.

Maloane died on spot and two other bodyguards, Mr Themba Makhubo and Mr Cebo Ntuli, were admitted to Barangwanath hospital with serious injuries.

The shooting sparked allegations of a failed assassination plot at a time when multi-party talks at World Trade Centre were dogged with inter-party rivalry. However, the European Community Observer Mission in South Africa had said it found no evidence to show that the shooting was planned.

The observers added that they would like to see a "complete and professional reconstruction which would be very helpful to shed the light on the incident and find the truth".

Parabats to patrol E Rand

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The security forces have launched a major initiative to end political violence on the East Rand, following a directive from President Nelson Mandela (278).

The SANDF deployed a parachute battalion in the East Rand and 200 policemen are being trained for a special flying squad.

The steps were ordered by Mr Mandela to ensure stability in the violence-torn region for the imminent implementation of the Reconstruction and Development Programme.

● Five people were killed and 11 injured when gunmen fired on a gathering at a traditional feast at Mandini on the North Coast on Saturday, Sapa reports.

Two more people were killed in other incidents of violence in kwaZulu-Natal this week, bringing the total number of killings in the province since Friday to 32.

Troops to help police on E Rand

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■ BY NORMAN CHANDLER
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

The Government has ordered troops back into East Rand townships in a bid to quell the violence in the area.

The troops — including Citizen Force soldiers and commandos — were ordered in today to assist the South African Police Service to "uphold law and order", Minister of Defence Joe Modise said.

It is the first time since the Government of National Unity took office in May that troops will be used in the area, which has for years seen intermittent warfare between supporters of the ANC and the Inkatha Freedom Party.

In a statement in Pretoria today, SANDF chief General Georg Meiring said the order to deploy troops once again had come from Modise and stems "from a request to this effect made by the Minister of Safety and Security on July 8 to the President and subsequently ratified by Mandela on July 12".

It was being done in terms of Section 227 of the constitution which allows for the SANDF to be used for the maintenance of law and order in co-operation with the police.

The deployment involves the Permananent Force, the Citizen Force and commandos. The SANDF was today unable to say how many troops would be involved in the operation.

"I do not envisage that there will be a specific call-up of members of the part-time forces for the purpose of this deployment, but that the situation can be handled using Permanent Force members and routinely scheduled call-ups of part-time force members," Meiring added.

Soldiers will not be given any extraordinary powers as was the case during the emergency in KwaZulu/Natal over the period of the April elections although some members will have "certain routine policing powers."

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Tokyo and Jesse to the rescue?

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With criminal violence beginning to boil again on the bloody East Rand, the launch this week of an "action plan" by the new PWV government — in concert with community leaders, the police and military officials — may seem like the first good news for the area in months. But peace is a long way off for the shattered townships of Katlehong, Thokoza and Vosloorus (known collectively as Katorus).

Violence has left more than 25 people dead this month, after the two-month brooding calm that followed the elections. But there is one significant difference: this time the government has legitimacy.

The new security initiative will be linked to the PWV's reconstruction and development programme, which provincial MEC of Local Government & Housing Dan Mofokeng says will begin in the Katorus townships next week. PWV Premier Tokyo Sexwale plans to announce details of the peace initiative when he visits the townships on Sunday with his Safety & Security MEC, Jesse Duarte.

The plan is ambitious. It involves reconciling warring factions, returning displaced people to deserted homes around hostels, negotiating with illegal occupants and finding them alternative accommodation, rebuilding damaged houses and establishing a visible and effective security presence.

The plan was outlined on Monday at a meeting of the recently appointed PWV task group, which drew in representatives from the National Defence Force, the PWV Safety & Security committee, the Wits-Vaal peace secretariat and councillors from Katorus, Germiston, Alberton and Boksburg.

While the new administration is said to be getting along remarkably well with police and military leaders, both sides admit privately that distrust continues to bedevil relations. Some police officers believe that Duarte, for example, allows herself to be swayed too easily by competing political interests, while security officials close to her believe that the police are not frank with information on rightwing activities.

Key to the success of the new programme is effective and popular law enforcement. This will be the most difficult to achieve, because of deep-seated distrust between the police and township residents.

Last week, 11 people were shot dead and another 11 wounded outside Katlehong in a carefully planned drive-by shooting, linked directly to the ongoing taxi wars. The police have arrested several suspects and have recovered the bakkie allegedly used in the massacre. That was unusual; township residents do not usually help the police in their investigations, but, in this case, three members of a regional taxi association approached the police on Wednesday evening to warn them that a shooting was imminent.

Ten minutes later, the police received the first report of the massacre. What appears to have triggered the shooting, say police, was the breakdown of peace talks between rival taxi groups in the area that day.

Earlier the same day, snipers fired on firemen who had been called to put out a fire at the Mazibuko hostel in the area. No-one was injured in that incident, but, during the weekend leading up to it, 13 people were killed.

Incidents like these, says Obed Bapela, deputy chairman of the provincial Safety & Security committee, "highlight the extent to which the whole social fabric has collapsed in the East Rand townships." Prolonged violence has forced many factories and businesses to leave the area, aggravating unemployment which is said to have affected about 55% of Katorus inhabitants. For many jobless, crime seems to be the only means of earning a living and violent crime is the most lucrative, says Wits-Vaal peace secretariat spokesman Meverett Koetz.

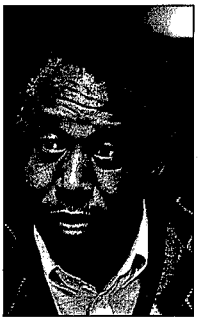
He estimates there are some 20 000 guns in the three townships and their trade is linked to the spreading cocaine and Mandrax traffic. Bapela says gun-running, linked mainly to the Mozambique market, has rocketed in the region, with an AK-47 assault rifle selling for R200 in Maputo and fetching up to R1 500 in Katlehong. "That means that any peace initiative on our part becomes a threat to the guns market."

The breakdown of law enforcement has drawn criminals from other areas, including violence-wracked Natal, as well as thousands of illegal immigrants.

The self-defence units (SDUs), once linked solidly to the ANC's fight against Inkatha, which, in turn, deployed self-protection units (SPUs), are now divided in their loyalties. Some SDUs are reportedly set against Sexwale's proposal to upgrade the Inkatha-dominated hostels into family units. They want them totally destroyed.

The police are studying a suggestion that they absorb SDU and SPU groups into their ranks. One problem they've encountered, according to a police officer in the area, is that some of these units exact payments from the communities they supposedly protect and, hence, are not willing to let the police take over what is for many a livelihood.

The police, meanwhile, are severely understaffed. Only three police stations serve the three townships — the one in Katlehong is staffed by only 400 — and many of those are undertrained municipal policemen who have been absorbed into the greater force.



Sexwale



Duarte

The authorities now want to bring back the police ISU, with new uniforms replacing the hated camouflage and a new name, possibly Public Order Police. But they are meeting with resistance from residents.

The PWV authorities are constantly in discussion with the communities, says Bapela. He hopes that they can be persuaded over the next two to three months to accept — and invite — the new-look ISU back in the townships. Police spokesman Col Andre Venter says the East Rand ISU is still based on the outskirts of Katlehong and could be redeployed almost immediately if the communities agree.

But some government officials evidently remain suspicious. Deputy Minister Winnie Mandela, who was in Thokoza this week for a funeral of victims of the violence, played her customary role in leading the toyi-toyi and shouts of "viva SDUs viva." Police, happening on the scene in pursuit of car hijackers, were stoned by youths and opened fire, wounding two in the crowd.

"It appears there is an attempt to undermine government," Winnie Mandela later remarked about the police action against common criminals. ■

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Ripping off the fortunes

The increase in fraud this year is less to blame on political uncertainty than economic pressure. That is the view of a number of

Talks lead to E Rand ceasefire

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JOHANNESBURG. — A ceasefire in the East Rand township of Thokoza has been agreed upon by African National Congress-controlled self-defence units (SDUs) and Inkatha Freedom Party-dominated self-protection units (SPUs), Methodist church pastor Mvume Dandala told a press conference in nearby Alberton yesterday.

He said they had also agreed to work with the government in implementing patrol schemes in the township, after Mr Dandala had facilitated talks between the two groups.

Mr Dandala said the two groups had in principle accepted the PWV government's proposal to disarm and disband the SDUs and SPUs.

The government has proposed that members of the units be absorbed by the police force, police reserve force and neighbourhood watches or be used to staff school "catch-up" programmes.

● A spokesman for the army's Witwatersrand command, Major Christo Visser, said: "People in the townships can sleep again at night and walk the streets" following the deployment of paratroopers.

Maj Visser said soldiers had been called in again this week after police were unable to cope with renewed violence. At least 32 people have been killed so far this month.

● PWV Premier Mr Tokyo Sexwale is to visit East Rand townships on Sunday.

Mr Sexwale was invited by local SDUs after media reports of renegade units — opposed to the premier's plan to upgrade IFP-dominated hostels — threatening to kill Mr Sexwale. — Sapa

East Rand truce clinched

Peace deal brokered as troops are ordered back into volatile townships

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■ STAFF REPORTERS

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Dandala said the parties had agreed to work with the Government in implementing patrol schemes.

"We specifically call for the cessation of all shooting in the township. We are categorically calling on members of the community to stop random shooting," Dandala said.

The agreement comes in the wake of renewed fighting in the area, with at least 32 people killed this month. Nearly 400 people were killed on the East Rand in the first six months of the year.

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Ceasefire deal in E Rand township as troops go in

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"We have agreed to work towards a community prayer day for Tokoza involving all sectors and members of the Tokoza community," they said, adding that a date would be announced soon.

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Mr Sexwale's spokesman, Ronnie Mamoepa, said the premier's office welcomed the agreement.

"The premier has worked night and day to help see this process bears fruit. We urge all other sectors of the community to throw their weight behind this important step in the peace process," Mr Mamoepa said.

Mr Sexwale, who has been on several peace visits to East Rand townships and hostels, will visit them again on Sunday.

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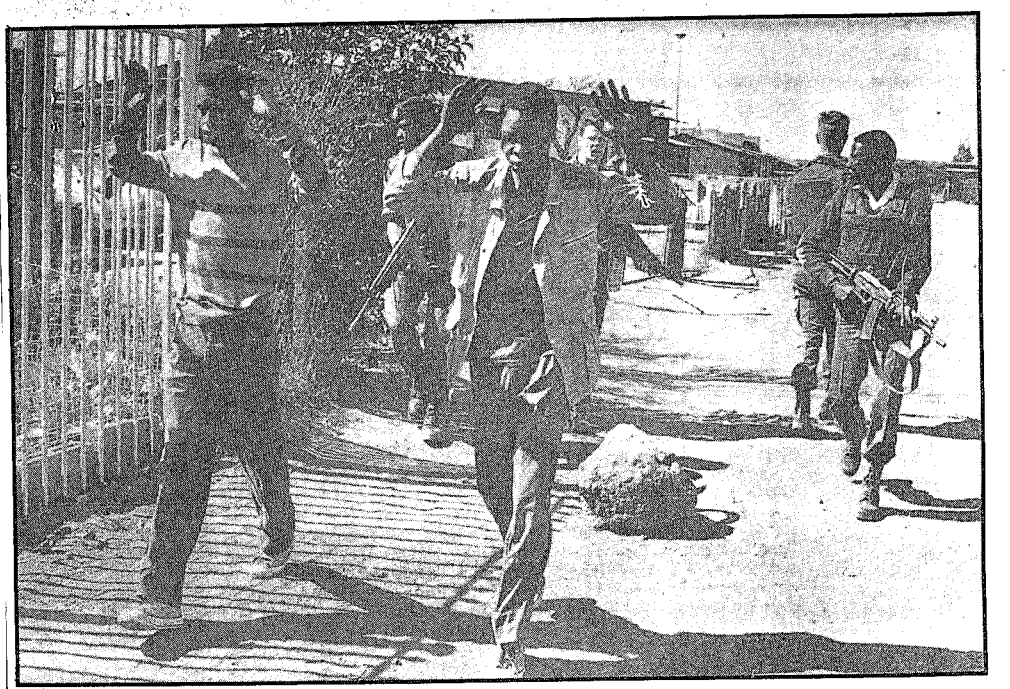
● More than 15 000 people have died in political violence throughout the country since the former government freed black political movements in 1990.

Peace plan for Thokoza



VIOLENCE ... Two young men arrested in Katlehong earlier this year for allegedly shooting at police.
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Life in East Rand townships should be worth living – Duarte

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By THEMBA KHUMALO
Political Reporter

AS political violence rages in the East Rand township of Thokoza, PWV Safety and Security Minister Jessie Duarte is working quietly behind the scenes to find a lasting solution to the problem.

Speaking to City Press about the resurgence of the conflict between township residents and hostel dwellers, Duarte said she had a master plan to combat the violence which has claimed about 20 lives since it started three weeks ago.

She vehemently denies media reports that fighting between the warring factions has affected the entire township. Only Section F in Phenduka was affected by the bloodletting, she said.

Duarte accused the media of "sensationalising" the situation by randomly interviewing youths in the streets who claimed to be members of the self-defence units (SDUs).

She made no secret of her deep resentment for newspapers that "blow situations out of proportion just to increase their circulation figures". The newspapers were partly to blame for the perpetration of violence in Thokoza, she said.

Duarte said central to her peace plan, which she drew up together with her colleagues in the legislature and peace structures, was improving the living conditions of many residents in the area, including upgrading the hostels. A Katorus Task Group (Katorus is the acronym for Katlehong, Thokoza and Vosloorus) has been formed to deal with the socio-economic problems in the three townships.

Duarte said the group consisted of the city councils of Alberton, Germiston and Boksburg and a wide spectrum of social and political bodies. Their brief was to find resources to augment the reconstruction and development programme in the area.

Featuring prominently in the peace plan was the return of hundreds of displaced families who fled their houses in Katlehong and Thokoza. Most of them were from Phenduka Section, which is near the hostel. Unfortunately some of these families could not be traced when they were asked to submit their names to local structures. This might result in some people claiming to be the original owners of houses whose tenants could not be found, Duarte said. (278)

To avert that, the PWV Legislature had asked the town councils of Katlehong and Thokoza for a list of registered tenants of the deserted houses. The councils were now compiling the list and it would be compared with the one compiled by the peace structures, including Inkatha and the ANC, she said.

A meeting between the PWV Legislature and the displaced families will be held tomorrow at a venue to be announced later – either in Thokoza or Katlehong. The key speaker will be PWV Premier Tokyo Sexwale, whom some youths have declared persona non grata in the area.

Duarte said before the families could return to their houses, engineers – protected by the SDUs, Inkatha's self-protection units (SPUs) and the SA National Defence Force – would repair all the damaged appliances in the houses and fix the roads and street lights. Houses that were destroyed would be rebuilt and their owners would not pay the costs. They would only pay the costs for damage from the time they had fled, she said.

Duarte is worried about the presence of guns in the area – the SANDF estimates there are around 20 000. It would not be easy to persuade the youths to hand them over until they were sure that there was enough police security in the townships, she said.

There were also SPU elements in the hostels who did not trust the sincerity of the peace process and found it difficult to hand over their arms, she said.

She conceded that there were undisciplined SDU members who did not attend meetings and as a result did "wrong things". But she understood the frustrations that some of the youths were experiencing. They had voted for the ANC government and if they have not seen visible changes taking place in their war-ravaged communities they were bound to be angry. The only way out of the violence was to improve the living conditions in the townships, she said.

Some SDU members had admitted taking drugs to spur them on during their clashes with hostel inmates. But they told the ANC officials and peace workers that they did so out of frustration. Duarte blamed the drug traffickers – saying they were foreigners who took advantage of the situation in the East Rand to make a "quick buck".

A literacy programme for SDU and SPU members was in the pipeline, said Duarte.

"The communities in those townships, especially in Thokoza, have become the victims of self-imprisonment. The hostel dwellers barricade themselves behind their gates and township residents are confined to certain areas. This kind of situation must end and the social fabric be rebuilt," said Duarte.

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IFP demands lifting of emergency in Natal

East Rand embraces Tokyo

SELF-DEFENCE units on the East Rand would be integrated into the police force, PWV premier Mr Tokyo Sexwale said during his tour of the Tokoza, Katlehong and Vosloorus townships yesterday.

Sexwale said, however, that only SDU members interested in joining the force would be integrated. Children would be sent back to school and others helped to find work.

Sexwale, accompanied by MEC for Housing Mr Dan Mofokeng and MEC for Safety and Security Mrs Jessie Duarte, said displaced residents would be resettled to their homes and that engineers would today start assessing damage to houses.

Sexwale said his government had consulted "very wealthy companies" which have agreed to repair the houses without charge. He said the government would also provide money.

Duarte announced that at least 1 800 members of the South African National Defence Force had already been deployed and that additional police reinforcements would be deployed this week. She said police would also set up satellite police stations in those areas.

Sexwale said troops would remain in the townships for at least three months to ensure stability and to provide security for residents returning to their houses.

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"By Christmas, you will all be back in your homes," Sexwale said.

Contrary to reports that he was unwanted in the area, Sexwale was well received by residents as well as by about 300 SDU members he addressed at the Las Vegas bar hall in Katlehong.

Africa

Vigilantes to join police reservists

CT 21/7/94 (2.78)

PRETORIA. — Warring vigilante groups in East Rand townships are to be incorporated into the South African Police Service as reservists, Minister of Safety and Security Mr Sidney Mufamadi said yesterday.

Mr Mufamadi earlier met representatives of the ANC's self-defence units and the IFP's self-protection units.

The vigilantes will be employed at satellite police stations in Katlehong, Thokoza, Vosloorus and Phola Park.

Mr Mufamadi said a main factor in continuing violence in the townships was the proliferation of illegal weapons.

"We, together with the community, must ensure that illegal weapons are removed without removing the capacity of the community to defend and protect itself," he said.

A committee was set up to address the training of the new reservists, their conditions of employment and the siting of satellite police stations, and would report back by July 27.

Mr Mufamadi said the committee would be co-chaired by General Johan Fourie of police headquarters and the Rev Mvume Dandala, a mediator in the conflict between the units.

Mr Mufamadi said indemnity might have to be given to people in possession of illegal weapons. — Sapa

Report on SDUs given to Minister

Sowetan 28/7/94

■ **NEW BROOMS** Reservists to target proliferation of illegal weapons:

A REPORT on how warring vigilante groups in East Rand townships could be incorporated into the police force as reservists was presented to Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi in Pretoria yesterday.

"A lot of consulting with the various interested parties now needs to be done," Mufamadi said.

He was speaking during a break at a report-back meeting with representatives of the ANC's self-defence units and the Inkatha Freedom Party's self-protection units.

A committee was set up last week to make recommendations on the implementation of the plan to end the violence in East Rand townships.

The plan entailed the employment of SDU and SPU members at satellite police stations in Katlehong, Tokoza, Vosloorus and Phola Park. One of their main tasks would be to stop the proliferation of illegal weapons in the townships.

The committee had to address the training of new reservists, their conditions of employment and the siting of satellite police stations. (251) (278)

A Press statement on yesterday's meeting, also attended by police commissioner General Johan van der Merwe, was expected late yesterday. — *Sapa.*



Sydney Mufamadi

Offices of ANC, Sanco under fire

(278) CT 8/8/94

JOHANNESBURG. — Gunmen yesterday opened fire on the offices of the ANC and South African National Civics Organisation at a shopping complex in the East Rand township of Vosloorus.

Sanco branch chairman Mr Mpho Mofokeng said gangsters terrorising Vosloorus residents were well organised and used cellular phones, weapons and fast cars, making it difficult to apprehend them.

● An off-duty policeman was found shot dead in Vosloorus at 6.45pm on Saturday, a police spokesman said yesterday.

And an off-duty policeman was shot dead in Umlazi on Saturday morning.

● A prisoner was killed and three injured in a clash between two gangs at the Boksburg Prison on the East Rand.

● The Free State Agricultural Union on Saturday said it wanted urgently to meet President Nelson Mandela and Free State Premier Mr Patrick Lekota to discuss attacks on farmers following the weekend murder of farmer Mr Pieter Rheeder, 40, on his farm in the Wesselsbron dirstrict.

● At least 153 people were killed in political violence around the country in July, the Human Rights Committee said in its monthly report yesterday.

In June, 138 people were killed. — Sapa

Reinforced security 'ensures safer ride'

Commuters return to trains in wake of diminished violence

Sbar 26/8/94

■ BONGIWE MLANGENI
CITY REPORTER

Train violence on the Witwatersrand has declined remarkably since the April elections but added security measures have not yet helped to completely fill the trains again.

Once a popular pulpit for preachers and a meeting place for old friends, violence made trains a death trap in the early '90s.

Reinforced

Recently, Witwatersrand Metro announced that security on trains had been reinforced and commuters were assured of a safe ride.

Metro communications officer Annmarie Strydom said commuter traffic on trains had been affected by the violence with numbers dropping from 750 000 in the early '90s to 500 000 during the violent months.

However, since the elections, more people had begun using trains and commuter traffic had increased to 600 000 a day.

"The increase of security forces on trains has helped prevent violence. We are now slowly having more people on trains and are confident more will come back with the recent changes," said Strydom.

Metro reported three cases of violence between May and July this year.

This is a dramatic drop from pre-election violence when 15 incidents were reported in April.

According to Strydom, trains are patrolled by about 300 Metro railway guards.

There have also been extensive moves to upgrade stations and trains.

"Safety will start on the stations before people move into trains," she said.

The upgrading includes security fencing around the stations, guards and access control gates where commuters are searched for weapons and tickets.

Modified (278)

She said there were two full train sets with 14 coaches each which were modified and equipped with selected security and safety equipment.

"We are putting the trains on trial to see our passengers' response and improve where we have to.

"We hope everything will work according to plan," said Strydom.

"The trains also have shatterproof windows which cannot break easily. It will also be impossible to jump out of the windows.

"Drivers are now able to communicate with police or contact our security if there is any trouble in the train.

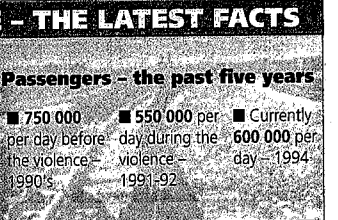
"The trains are going to be a communal place again."

TRAIN VIOLENCE – THE LATEST FACTS

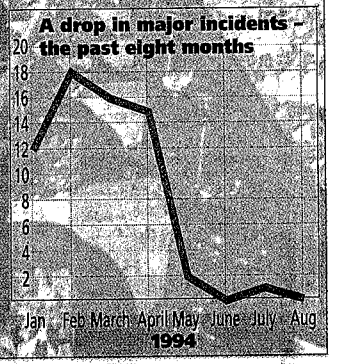
What has been done

1. The Metro Rail Guard, a security force, was established in January 1993.
2. A programme to upgrade railway stations, installing security fencing and conventional access control systems.
3. Two train sets, each consisting of 14 coaches, were modified and equipped with security and safety upgrades to test their effectiveness.
4. Shatterproof polycarbonate windows were installed.
5. Trains were fitted with trunking radio systems.

Passengers – the past five years



A drop in major incidents – the past eight months



Looting, stone throwing and burning barricades

Rioting in townships

Star 15/9/94

■ STAFF REPORTERS

Thousands of angry residents of "coloured" townships around Johannesburg took to the streets today, setting up burning barricades, stoning peak-hour traffic and stopping people from going to work.

Members of civic associations and residents who support them began the protest at about 4 am. They are demanding that their areas be given the same service concessions as Soweto.

The civics of Westbury, Newclare, Bosmont, Waverley, Eldorado Park and Noordgesig said coloured areas had been discriminated against, and demanded a flat rate for services and rent equivalent to that of Soweto — about R45 a month — and the scrapping of all electricity arrears. Noordgesig demanded that the area be merged with Soweto.

Johannesburg Traffic Department spokesman Eric Hill said the protesters had blocked roads, set tyres alight and prevented people leaving certain areas. There had been several incidents of looting and stone-throwing, especially in the Maraisburg area.

CIVICS and angry residents demand same concessions as Soweto on services, rents and debts

Main Road in Newlands was blocked by the traffic department when residents began stoning peak-hour traffic.

In Fuel Road, Westbury, burning barricades were set up and members of the Internal Stability Unit were stoned as they drove through in armoured vehicles. Teargas was used on several occasions to disperse crowds.

The Rev Evelyn Naicker, speaking from the Westbury-Newclare recreation centre this morning, said the action was called for by civics. He said the situation was not completely out of control, but could be soon.

Naicker said there was a large police presence outside, but they were keeping a low profile. He was gathering all the leaders of all the different groups together to try and reach some agreement, and to try and convince the protesters to allow the movement of people in and out of the area.

SAPS spokesman Lieutenant Jan Combrinck said the police "would not tolerate this behaviour. They are burning tyres, erecting barriers, intimidating residents and throwing petrol bombs at police," he said.

"They do not even have permission for a peaceful demonstration and we will arrest them if we have to."

A resident of Noordgesig, afraid to identify himself, said that commuters had been "dragged from taxis and buses this morning".

He said: "We are being forced to support them even if we don't, and people are afraid to leave their homes."

Running battles with police as Rand townships erupt

ARG 16/9/94 (278)

Anger over rents and services

The Argus Correspondent and Sapa

JOHANNESBURG. — Residents of townships west of Johannesburg are counting the costs of yesterday's running street battles, which continued through the night and ended in an uneasy calm today.

Police said at least 10 people, including a 16-year-old girl, were hurt in clashes between so-called coloured residents and the police's internal stability unit (ISU) yesterday.

Among those injured was freelance photographer Greg Marinovich, who was hit by birdshot.

The violence erupted as yesterday's stayaway demonstrations to demand lower rent and service charges began.

Several buildings in Westbury, formerly Western, were set alight, including the Westbury rent offices, the Westbury library and a private house.

Two fire engines arrived at the house last night but residents were reported to have smashed the firemen's floodlights, leaving them to fight the flames with hand-held flashlights.

In Coronationville, southwest of Johannesburg, people broke into the town hall and shattered several windows.

And in neighbouring Eldorado Park, at least five protesters were arrested and another five were injured when they attempted to set the civic centre alight and threatened to burn down the police station.

PWV Premier Tokyo Sexwale and housing MEC Dan Mofokeng met Eldorado Park residents this morning in an attempt to restore calm.

Unconfirmed reports said up to 80 percent of workers in the townships stayed away from work yesterday.

The PWV region of the ANC and civic leaders from the affected townships have condemned the protest actions by residents, who are demanding a R45 monthly flat rate for services and the writing off of electricity arrears.

PWV ANC deputy general secretary Obed Bapela said the issue of payment of a flat rate was not a matter to be decided by the local government.

He said the matter should be negotiated by communities and their local authorities.

ANC chairman in Eldorado Park Weizmann Hamilton and other civic leaders claimed the protest had been planned by NP members to undermine the efforts of the ANC-led government.

NP city councillor Marietta Marx rejected the claims that her party co-ordinated the work stayaway.

"The accusations are absolutely ridiculous. They obviously see us (the NP) as a threat."

In nearby Orlando thousands of Noordgesig residents marched on the Orlando police station to hand over a memorandum in which they demanded a meeting with the PWV Security and Safety Minister Jessie Duarte within seven days.

They demanded that more police protection be given to the elderly on pension payout days, that police patrol the area more frequently and take immediate action on the sale of drugs in the area.

Earlier, barricades were set up, traffic stoned, people were stopped from going to work and children prevented from attending school.

Traffic department spokesman Eric Hill said the protesters had blocked roads, set tyres alight and prevented people leaving certain areas. There had been several incidents of looting and stone-throwing, especially in the Maraisburg area.

axi industry

Three die in taxi feud

Sowetan 22/9/94

■ SET ON FIRE Commuters left stranded as taximen fight for routes:

By Sibusiso Mabaso

THE ONGOING TAXI feud between two rival organisations in Soweto has claimed the lives of three more taxi operators and left about six seriously injured.

Several minibus taxis belonging to members of the taxi associations were also set on fire by angry taxi operators yesterday morning. (3552/1278)

Commuters were left stranded because there was no transport to ferry them to work in the city. Many were forced to use alternative transport.

This comes a day after fighting between taxi operators at Mlamlankunzi, Soweto, on Tuesday when a taxi driver was shot dead and others were wounded in a gunfight between members of the Witwatersrand Taxi Association.

Soweto police spokesman Colonel Patrick Ndopu confirmed that three taxi drivers were shot dead yesterday. This brings to four the number of taxi operators killed in the feud so far.

Several cops assisted by the army were yesterday sent to restore order.

In an attempt to defuse the explosive situation between members of the Meadowlands/Dube Noord Street Taxi Association and the Diepkloof/Meadowlands Taxi Association, an urgent meeting involving senior members of the police, civic associations and taxi representatives was called yesterday.

The feud between the two rival organisations was said to have been sparked off by the inadequate taxi facilities and the use of routes.

The meeting, said to have been held in a good spirit, ended with both parties committing themselves to peace to both passengers and operators.

It was resolved that as from today:

- Diepkloof/Meadowlands should ferry commuters in Zones 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 in Diepkloof and Orlando East, Mzimhlophe and Phefeni;
- Meadowlands/Dube/Noord Street should operate from Zones 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 in Meadowlands and Dobsonville, including Zone 4 West;
- Meadowlands Hostel should be shared by both organisations and be monitored by the joint committee; and
- Meadowlands/Dube/Noord Street should also ferry commuters to the city via Phefeni Garage.

Zulu massacre: Mandela to be sued

JOHANNESBURG. — President Mandela and other government and African National Congress leaders are to be sued by the relatives of victims and wounded survivors of the March 28 massacre of 53 Zulu marchers here, their lawyer and the Inkatha Freedom Party said today. ARG 27/9/94

Lawyer At van Wyk said summonses would be served on the president at the Union Buildings, Pretoria, later today. (278)

"Mr Mandela personally intervened in the matter and violated rights of the victims by obstructing police investigations," alleged Mr Van Wyk.

Among those being sued for their alleged involvement in incidents surrounding the massacre are Cyril Ramaphosa, general secretary of the ANC, and Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi. Police general Jacob Calitz is also being sued. — Reuter.

Firearm amnesty?

Sowetan 31/10/94

Sowetan Correspondent

AN AMNESTY for people possessing illegal firearms is likely to be announced this month by Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi.

This was one of the developments announced by PWV MEC for safety and security Mrs Jessie Duarte at the province's media briefing in Johannesburg at the weekend.

The question of illegal weapons remains a source of conflict on the volatile East Rand. Duarte said until the amnesty was in force, police would not conduct house-to-house searches for weapons, but would arrest people in possession of unlicensed firearms "wherever they may find them".

After the amnesty police would be more active in searching for illegal weapons, Duarte said.

She added that previous weapons amnesties under the National Party government suggested it "might be a bit naive to believe we can call on people's good will" to surrender weapons.

In the problem Katorus (East Rand) area which bristles with self-defence and self-protection units, members of these units would receive legal firearms once they had completed a police training course and were engaged, like reservists, in assisting the police.

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Duarte also told journalists that car hijackings on the Reef had decreased by 40 percent since June when intensive crime prevention measures were mounted.

Killings blamed on intense competition

Taxi-war toll up again

Star 19/10/94

■ STAFF REPORTERS

AS the death toll reaches at least 80, experts warn that the conflict could worsen

Four more people died last night, victims of taxi wars that have claimed at least 80 lives countrywide this year.

Experts warn that conflict could worsen in spite of efforts to defuse tensions through negotiations.

Nat Horwitz, an adviser to SA Long Distance Taxi Association (SALDTA), and Johannesburg's tranportation chairman Paul Asherson have both blamed the killings largely on intense competition for a slice of the tough transport cake

The four who died last night were shot in Soweto by unidentified gunmen who opened fire on a taxi with AK-47s. In Randburg yesterday, a taxi driver was shot and wounded when he stopped at a robot.

On Sunday 10 people died and 20 were injured when shooting erupted at the Khayelitsha stadium in the western Cape after a rally organised by the South African National Civics Organisation.

SAPS spokesman Lieutenant Ben Theron said police believed the shooting was the result of rivalry between two competing taxi associations.

Also on Sunday, a man was killed at the Hilltop taxi rank in Randburg and another injured. Last month four people were killed and six injured at a taxi rank outside Baragwanath Hospital in Soweto.

Horwitz feared taxi violence could increase and said the situation would only be defused when reasonable subsidies, and a tight permit system combined with proper route assessments were in place.

Lack of discipline combined with ongoing rivalry in the face of financial problems was the main contributor to problems.

Transport Minister Mac Maharaj said yesterday there was a pressing need for strict controls and guidlelines over the issuing of taxi permits because an oversupply in the industry was leading to taxi wars, disputes and irresponsible behaviour on the roads. (278)

Maharaj said there was also a pressing need to organise, regulate and co-ordinate the taxi indusutry in a more structured manner, leading to closer co-operation and interaction between associations, their members and authorities.

The SA Black Taxi Association (Sabta) has long called for statutory controls of the mushrooming taxi industry.

Asherson said the existence of to rival taxi associations was partly to blame for the situation. "They should have got their act together years ago. But developments last week where the leadership of SALDTA and SABTA has changed are hopeful.

"The new man at the top of Sabta, Paradise Mahlangu, and SALDTA, Thulani Kuhekha, are both statesmen and their egos will not allow them to continue this division," he said.

SAPS spokesman Lieutenant Brahm du Preez said today that 80 people had been killed

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Taxi-war toll up again with AK-47 shooting

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countrywide in the first nine months of the year in attacks on taxis and that many of these fatalities had been commuters. Du Preez said that nine people had died in September, but that more people had died this month.

Witwatersrand spokesman Lieutenant Jan Combrinck said there was no proof that a taxi war existed at this stage as the recent countrywide attacks seemed to have been isolated incidents.

Combrinck said: "However police are concerned and have begun the South African Police Long-Distance Taxi Liaising Forum in conjunction with SALDTA to sort out grievances."

He said the association met for the first time on October 7 in Pretoria and that several meetings had already been held since. Taxi associations should come to this table to sort out their grievances peacefully. (278)

The association would be dealing with taxi problems from "Messina through Johannesburg to Pietersburg".

He also appealed to commuters to give information to the police: "Many know who is doing the shooting. They criticise the police but refuse to tell us what we need to know."

Commuters could call Crimestop on 0800-11-12-13.

It's farewell to the peace secretariats

THE Wits-Vaal Peace Secretariat closed yesterday, leaving 300 employees without jobs.

This followed the decline of political violence in the PWV and a lack of funds.

Secretariat spokesman Meverett Koetz said it was decided in a meeting attended by Cabinet members a week ago that peace structures should be dissolved.

Koetz said people dealing with dispute resolution related to taxi and train violence would be integrated into Transport Minister Mac Maharaj's department; those dealing with community policing would go into Safety and Security Minister Sidney Mafumadi's bailiwick; and the socioeconomic, reconstruction and development committee members to Minister without Portfolio Jay Naidoo.

JOHANNES NGCOBO

Government had previously stated, he said, that peace structures would be disbanded after a certain time. Nevertheless, the experience of its members in conflict and dispute resolution could be utilised. BIDay 1/11/94

Home Affairs Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi said on Sunday the Cabinet had decided that members would also be absorbed by provincial administrations.

The Western Transvaal Regional Peace Committee will also cease operations and efforts are under way to find employment for about 20 people , Sapa reports. (278)

'Shortcomings' in accounts

BIDay 1/11/94

CAPE TOWN — Outstanding rent and service fees owed to black local authorities in the former Cape province amounted to R201,5m in June last year, according to an auditor-general's report on the 1992/93 financial statements of the Cape Provincial Administration, Sapa reports.

Eighty-six local authorities owed creditors R362,8m in June 1992, but creditors' accounts were not paid regularly because of their poor financial position.

Instalments on housing loans made by the National Housing Commission were not used to meet NHC commitments, but applied to finance operating activities.

The report also noted shortcomings and deficiencies in the accounts of the Cape Town city council in 1990/91 and 1991/92.

These included possible unauthorised expenditure of R12 150, which was paid to the then mayor's wife, and a "disturbing number of errors" in financial statements.

Fruitless expenditure of R4,2m was incurred on the preparation of the 1993 valuation roll, which was later declared invalid by the Supreme Court.

The municipality of Ritchie, near Kimberley, incurred unauthorised expenditure of R71 532 — this being a payment to a company in which a former mayor was a director during his term of office.

It was reported yesterday that the auditor-general's office had found widespread irregularities in the books of the former Transvaal Provincial Administration.

At least R64m in the form of warrant vouchers had been stolen by TPA officials, the report said.

Deadline imposed on local govt talks

BIDay 1/11/94

Political Staff

CAPE TOWN — Municipalities had until the end of the month to complete negotiations over the form of interim local government structures in their areas, Provincial Affairs Minister Roelf Meyer said last night.

Meyer warned that any delay in implementing nominated councils would set back plans for next year's local government elections. Delays would undermine the legitimacy of local governments which had to grapple with service charge boycotts.

Meyer's spokesman Izak Retief said that depending on the progress made by negotiating parties setting up the nominated councils, extensions could be considered after the end of November.

Meyer met the nine provincial ministers of local government in Cape Town last week and it was agreed that where negotiating forums had not concluded negotiations, independent mediators would be brought in.

Meyer also warned that white local authorities would be undermining their own position if they failed to implement interim local structures.

Even the elected councils, expected to be elected in October, would favour the statutory — white, coloured and Indian — portions of municipal areas to ensure continuity.

A delay in implementing the nominated councils and the elected interim councils would delay a final election planned for 1997 or 1998.

WILSON ZWANE reports that tensions are expected to rise between organised local government bodies and government if the proposed amendments to the Local Government Transition Act are passed.

Sources said yesterday it had been proposed by various parties, including the constitutional affairs standing committee, that the Act should be amended to nullify Section 7.1(c) and preclude councillors from serving on provincial governments.

The section provides for the setting up of co-ordinating committees for local authorities which could not agree on the transitional local councils. This option was favoured by CP-controlled areas.

Transvaal Municipal Association (TMA) official Ben van der Berg said the scrapping of Section 7.1(c) would be a tragedy and make a mockery of an "amicable agreement" which was reached at the Local Government Negotiating Forum. (282)

Van der Berg said the TMA would resist the proposed amendments in the "severest way possible". He was optimistic, however, that the matter would be resolved at a meeting between the organisation, Meyer and other government officials.

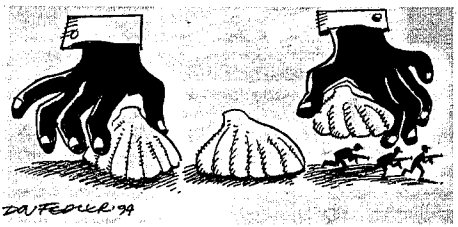
SHELL HOUSE SHOOTINGS

The plot thickens

The murder probe into the Shell House shootings and related mayhem that left dozens dead or wounded in central Johannesburg on March 28 has failed in seven months to make progress — turning an outrageous tragedy into a national disgrace.

New facts have reached the *FM*, however, that may throw light on the events of that day — and press the ANC into honouring the promise made by President Nelson Mandela to co-operate fully with the police in the investigation.

Military sources say that several hours after the shootings, about 140 members of Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK), the ANC's armed wing, arrived unannounced in buses at the Wallmannstal army camp north of Pretoria. The MK commander, whose name is known to the *FM* and who is now a major in the SA National Defence Force, told the officer in charge of the camp that they had "fled" the ANC headquarters at Shell House because of the shooting and were seeking asylum.



Wallmannstal had already been earmarked as a base for the integration of former MK soldiers into the NDF, but it was not due to begin admitting the ex-guerrillas until May.

There were no tents or mess facilities available, as the camp was then no more than a large vehicle park. An advance party of a few hundred MK soldiers was not due to arrive until April to begin preparing the base for integration.

Army liaison officer Major Merle Meyer confirms that the MK group arrived "without any prior warning" and that after consultations, Northern Transvaal Command authorised its admittance to Wallmannstal. A heavy rainstorm swept through the area that evening, though, and the group was taken to the nearby base of 115 Battalion, a former KwaNdebele unit, where it spent the night before returning to Wallmannstal.

Members of the original group are still at Wallmannstal where, no doubt, they could be interviewed at leisure by police about the events that caused them to flee Shell House. Up to this week, the police have not been able to come up with a single witness to the events inside the building on that day.

PWV police spokesman Colonel Dave Bruce says all avenues will be investigated. He also says the police will investigate claims by CP leader Ferdi Hartzenberg that a group of MK fighters entered SA from Zimbabwe on March 27, stayed overnight at a Defence Force camp near Pretoria and then travelled to Shell House where they took part in the shootings before slipping back into Zimbabwe.

Meanwhile, ANC spokesman Jackson Mthembu emphatically rejects any suggestion that MK fighters were involved: "There were no instructions from the ANC, whatsoever, for any MK people to take part in that shooting." It is possible, he says, that the MK contingent arrived at Wallmannstal coincidentally on that day as early recruits. "It has not been unusual for MK people to pitch up unannounced at assembly points."

At the time of going to press on Tuesday, however, the ANC had yet to reply to specific questions about the origin of the group: whether it was sent away from Shell House; who was responsible for it; and whether any of its members had taken part in, or witnessed, the shootings.

Mthembu repeated the admission by Safety & Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi in July that the shootings did start from Shell House.

But he said it may have been a defensive action by security guards, who believed the building was under attack from Inkatha supporters.

ANC officials insist they are co-operating with the police. The police in turn complain that the ANC has consistently hedged on the investigation.

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SHELL HOUSE SHOOTINGS

The plot thickens

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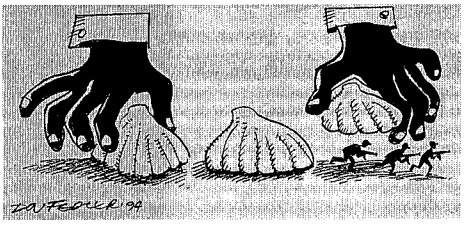
The murder probe into the Shell House shootings and related mayhem that left dozens dead or wounded in central Johannesburg on March 28 has failed in seven months to make progress — turning an outrageous tragedy into a national disgrace.

New facts have reached the *FM*, however, that may throw light on the events of that day — and press the ANC into honouring the promise made by President Nelson Mandela to co-operate fully with the police in the investigation.

Military sources say that several hours after the shootings, about 140 members of Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK), the ANC's armed wing, arrived unannounced in buses at the Wallmannstal army camp north of Pretoria. The MK commander, whose name is known to the *FM* and who is now a major in the SA National Defence Force, told the officer in charge of the camp that they had "fled" the ANC headquarters at Shell House because of the shooting and were seeking asylum.



Wallmannstal had already been earmarked as a base for the integration of former MK soldiers into the NDF, but it was not due to begin admitting the ex-guerrillas until May.

There were no tents or mess facilities available, as the camp was then no more than a large vehicle park. An advance party of a few hundred MK soldiers was not due to arrive until April to begin preparing the base for integration.

Army liaison officer Major Merle Meyer confirms that the MK group arrived "without any prior warning" and that after consultations, Northern Transvaal Command authorised its admittance to Wallmannstal. A heavy rainstorm swept through the area that evening, though, and the group was taken to the nearby base of 115 Battalion, a former KwaNdebele unit, where it spent the night before returning to Wallmannstal.

Members of the original group are still at Wallmannstal where, no doubt, they could be interviewed at leisure by police about the events that caused them to flee Shell House. Up to this week, the police have not been able to come up with a single witness to the events inside the building on that day.

PWV police spokesman Colonel Dave Bruce says all avenues will be investigated. He also says the police will investigate claims by CP leader Ferdi Hartzenberg that a group of MK fighters entered SA from Zimbabwe on March 27, stayed overnight at a Defence Force camp near Pretoria and then travelled to Shell House where they took part in the shootings before slipping back into Zimbabwe. (278)

Meanwhile, ANC spokesman Jackson Mthembu emphatically rejects any suggestion that MK fighters were involved: "There were no instructions from the ANC, whatsoever, for any MK people to take part in that shooting." It is possible, he says, that the MK contingent arrived at Wallmannstal coincidentally on that day as early recruits. "It has not been unusual for MK people to pitch up unannounced at assembly points."

At the time of going to press on Tuesday, however, the ANC had yet to reply to specific questions about the origin of the group: whether it was sent away from Shell House; who was responsible for it; and whether any of its members had taken part in, or witnessed, the shootings.

Mthembu repeated the admission by Safety & Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi in July that the shootings did start from Shell House.

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WITS UNIVERSITY

Strong position

Disciplinary action by Wits University against workers and students who allegedly took two staff members hostage recently has been deferred, not abandoned. Separate criminal charges of kidnapping have not been dropped.

The incident arose two weeks ago from protests by workers who resented a routine disciplinary action against some of their colleagues. The protesters refused to use appeal mechanisms and instead invaded a disciplinary hearing and then purportedly held two senior university officers hostage for nine hours until police were called to free them.

Charges were laid against more than 50 workers and students. The students were also suspended by the university.

In response Nehawu, the relevant union, started a strike. It was feared that further disruption and intimidation would interfere with the writing of examinations.

Formal mediation

Last Thursday the Wits administration agreed on a compromise with representatives of Nehawu and the radical student grouping Sasco, after separate meetings with a facilitating group from the ANC, Cosatu and the National Education Co-ordinating Committee. According to a joint statement, "formal mediation by an independent body will be sought to resolve differences," while "in view of the undertakings by Sasco and Nehawu, that their members will not take hostages or engage in disruptive action, the suspension ... is lifted."

The statement also makes clear that internal university disciplinary procedures will merely be deferred, "pending the outcome of mediation."

This indicates that if mediation (to be arranged by the Independent Mediation Service of SA) does not deliver a result that is satisfactory from the university's point of view, Wits will proceed with disciplinary hearings.

The administration is therefore in a strong position. It has averted further disruption at a crucial period in the university calendar; the criminal charges are in place; while the mediators are unlikely to condone the taking of hostages.

The protesters are also on weak ground because previously negotiated grievance channels were not used. ■

HOUSING

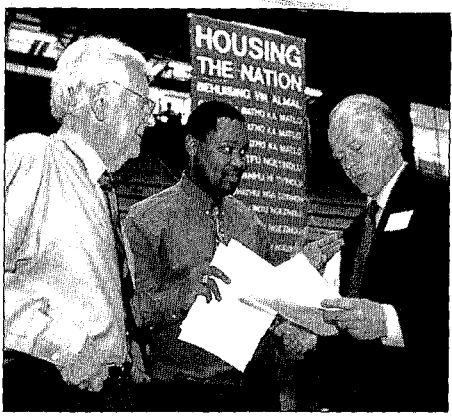
A good start

"We have armed ourselves with what could be a workable strategy to house the nation," said Housing Minister Joe Slovo at the end of the landmark housing summit held, for symbolic purposes, at Botshabelo last Thursday.

For the first time in the country's history, Slovo added — in a voice frail with illness, somehow adding greater poignancy and authority to his address — "a social compact has been entered into between every segment in our society concerned with housing."

The time for making strategies was over: "Now is the time for delivery."

The accord is seen as marking a decisive break with the past — especially the habit of rent boycotts and nonpayment for services. "The time has come for an end to the boycotts," Slovo urged, including, as he had to, the practice of the red-lining of problem areas by banks. "The time has come for loans, bond repayments and quality building." While paying full tribute to the role of boycotts in the past, he challenged those who still clung to them: "What and who are your targets today? I'll tell you who the boycotters are knocking: Nelson Mandela, our first democratically elected President! And in many cases now, all for some private strategy of convenience. It is time to recognise that we are living in a new era. It is time to start paying so that resources can be made available to those who are still in the queue waiting for land, housing subsidies and loans."



Slovo, Vax Mayekiso and Cobbett ... *primary consensus*

Slovo described the agreement signed with the banks the previous week, which brings them into the lower end of the housing market, as a milestone. It was a good agreement made better by the reporting mechanisms built in to it and crowned by its "spirit," which entails "an implicit commitment to help the working poor and to increase year by year the additional resources to be made available by the banks to people with housing subsidies."

Duly signed by all participants — government, provinces, civics, the financial, construction and building supply sectors, developers and the homeless — the accord amounts to a moral and political, rather than a legally binding, commitment to pull in the same direction. So while stakeholders' noble declarations to that effect may sound like motherhood and apple pie, it is more than that, argue officials like director general Billy Cobbett.

They have a point: primary consensus, crafted over months amid controversy over incremental or starter homes, is no mean achievement. Slovo rightly regarded achieving a common commitment to "the biggest housing thrust SA has ever seen" as the most important aspect of the summit.

He went on to state explicitly: "There is no longer any gap between the Minister and the MECs (of provincial housing)" — a reference to PWV's Dan Mofokeng and Free State's Vax Mayekiso, who had been the main champions of providing completed houses, rather than core dwellings advocated by the Ministry as a start for the poorest.

Powerful endorsement came from Moses Mayekiso, the former leader of the SA National Civics Organisation (Sanco) now an ANC MP and member of parliament's housing standing committee. "There can be no-one better placed or qualified" to read the declaration on behalf of community organisations, observed Thozamile Botha, chairman of the Provincial Affairs Commission, at that stage of the proceedings. Mayekiso (a brother of Free State's Vax Mayekiso) duly read out the pledge formally committing the civics "to bring to an end the tradition of nonpayment." He went on to argue in favour of the incremental approach — a position backed by the NUM's assistant general secretary Gwede Manthashe who believed the pledge would be better if signed by Sanco's incumbent chairman, which it later was. Another reason for taking the incremental route, Mayeksio added, was that "when we go to elections in five years, we'll have delivered. People will make a start on improving their core houses," he asserted.

While the accord represents a handy popular document, the legal, financial and

Probe into shooting of Zulu marchers obstructed — police

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By PETER De IONNO

THE probe into the slaughter of Zulu marchers by gunmen inside the ANC headquarters a month before the election has been crippled by obstruction, according to police.

SAPS frustration turned to fury on Friday when four ANC members, accompanied by their legal advisers, refused to speak or give their names at an appointment arranged by investigating officer Captain Paul Fourie for statements to be taken.

Witwatersrand SAPS spokesman Colonel Dave Bruce said despite undertakings of full cooperation from President Nelson Mandela, ANC general secretary Cyril Ramaphosa and Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi, police have not been permitted to search or question occupants of Shell House.

"It is a serious indictment of the ANC's commitment to law and order," said Colonel Bruce. "They have made our investigation extremely difficult — almost impossible.

"Each and every single request for people to be made available has been ignored. It is not a question that they are not able to cooperate — they won't."

The police concerns are shared by the ANC leadership, said party spokesman Mr Jackson Mthembu. The issue was discussed yesterday at a meeting between Mr Mandela, party chairman Thabo Mbeki and Mr Ramaphosa.

"Steps have been taken to cooperate with the police on this investigation and we are concerned if that has not happened," Mr Mthembu said. "If the police are being frustrated then they should meet with the ANC at high level to explain their problems.

"It is not in the interests of the ANC or the country to have this hanging around our neck endlessly. The law must take its course."

The ANC has handed in more than 140 guns, allegedly in the Plein Street office on March 28 when 53 people were killed after an IFP-organised anti-election march turned central Johannesburg into a battlefield.

One of two surrendered AK-47 rifles has been linked by ballistics to the Shell House gunfire which left eight people dead and many injured. But without records or witness statements identifying who it was issued to, police are helpless.

A potentially sinister twist to the investigation emerged this week with SAPS and SANDF confirmation that 140 Umkhonto weSizwe (MK) members arrived in two buses at the Wallmannstal assembly area at 3pm on March 28, seeking "asylum".

The army has confirmed reports that the men said they could not return to Shell House "because they feared they would be shot".

Although Wallmannstal had been identified as a base for MK guerrillas being integrated into the army, they were not scheduled to arrive until early May.

The group was admitted that evening. They left the next day without giving a destination.

Allegations by Conservative Party leader Ferdie Hartzenberg that a bus carrying an unknown number of MK members returning from Zimbabwe was escorted by military police from Beit Bridge to Shell House on March 25, have also been confirmed. (278)

His allegation, made in Parliament on April 25, that this group was brought into the country to carry out the shootings, is being investigated by the SAPS.

It is likely that the bus carried 57 members of MK and Apla who graduated on April 25 from the Zimbabwe Army Staff College in Harare after a 12-week course to prepare them for integration.