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# Police move to avert violence

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By ANTHONY JOHNSON

Political Correspondent  
POLICE would do everything possible to prevent "a blood-bath" at the World Trade Centre today when rival protests by the AWB and the ANC are planned, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Hernus Kriel, said last night.

Mr Kriel was commenting on an ANC statement on Tuesday that the organisation was planning a series of protests today, including a possible demonstration at the centre.

Spokesmen for the AWB were not available, despite numerous attempts to contact them, to give details of their action plan for today.

Mr Kriel said police — and if necessary the Defence Force — would do everything possible to prevent the marches, which will be treated as illegal, from taking place.

Extraordinary measures would also be taken to protect the multi-party negotiations venue, including the promulgation of an "unrest area" regulation banning the carrying of firearms in the Kensington Park magisterial district.

## Kriel shrugs off ANC calls for him to resign

Political Correspondent

THE Minister of Law and Order, Mr Hernus Kriel, yesterday shrugged off ANC demands that he resign in the wake of the police's handling of last Friday's storming of the World Trade Centre by right-wingers.

The demand for him to quit was made on Friday by ANC leader Mr Nelson Mandela at a press conference and repeated yesterday by ANC NEC member Mr Mathew Phosa.

"The SAP's failure to act against the right-wing is a matter of serious concern," Mr Phosa said.

national concern," Mr Phosa said. "Today more than ever the SAP stand accused of conniving and colluding in a serious crime against the people."

But Mr Kriel told a press conference yesterday that it was the prerogative of the State President to decide whether he should quit.

He said he had spoken by phone to Mr Mandela twice while the ANC leader was attending the OAU summit in Cairo "and he did not repeat the request that I resign".

Mr Kriel said he believed the police had acted in a professional manner.

Security precautions included encircling the World Trade Centre with razorwire and bringing in water cannons, armoured vehicles and a large contingent of police.

The Defence Force would also be on standby.

Mr Kriel told a press conference the regulation banning firearms would be promulgated last night.

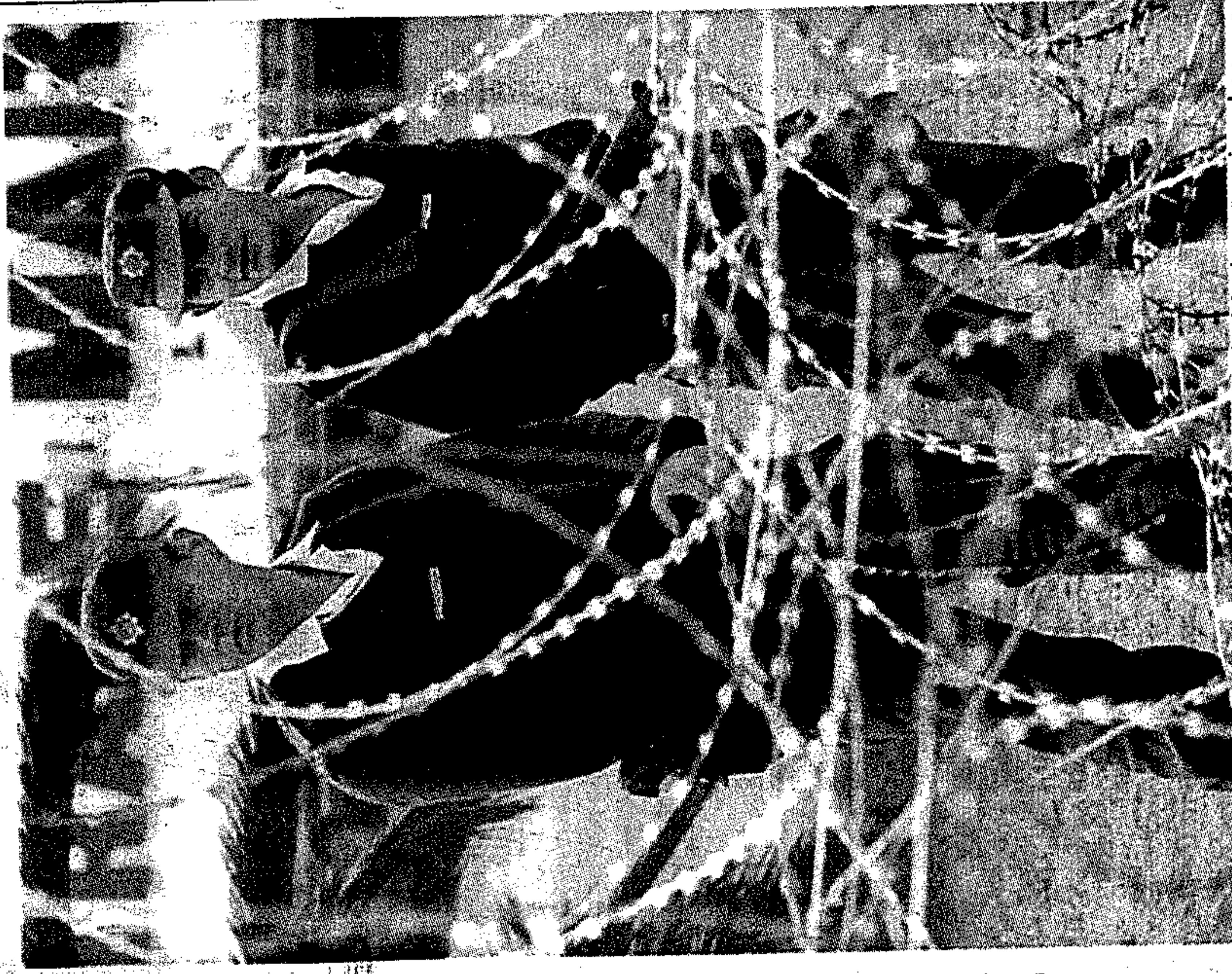
"I think it is wise immediately

to promulgate this regulation, so that people will not turn up (at the centre) with firearms.

"Everything possible is being done to prevent violence and bloodshed at the World Trade Centre," he said.

Police would also liaise closely with the security committee at the talks venue.

Mr Kriel said no one had applied for permission for the marches.



**KEEPING WATCH** ... Armed policemen, behind razorwire, keep a watch on protesting PAC supporters outside the World Trade Centre, scene of last week's assault on the building by right-wing extremists. The ANC has called for a day of mass action today to protest against the police's handling of the AWB actions.

Picture: AP



# Eight people shot dead in East Rand attacks

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## Sowetan Correspondent

EIGHT people were shot dead in separate incidents of violence in Tembisa and Katlehong yesterday, bringing to 16 the number of people killed in East Rand townships since Monday.

Police said four people were killed when gunmen opened fire on them at the Lerola Station in Tembisa.

A fifth man was wounded in the attack and was admitted to the Tembisa

## Hospital.

In Katlehong, an off-duty policeman was shot dead outside a butchery yesterday.

Police also found the body of an unknown man at Jack's Pipe Lines in Titieng Section. (278)

## Another body

A body was found at the Kwesine Station and another at a nearby shopping centre. An unidentified man was shot

dead at Ramakanope Section.

In Tokoza, Mr A Makalisini (41) was wounded in the knee and his wife Carol (36) was shot in the leg when gunmen armed with AK-47 rifles opened fire on them.

Another woman, known only as Mrs Vilakazi (25), was wounded in the arm when gunmen opened fire on a shack with AK-47 rifles.

Police found 14 cartridge cases at the scene.



## ANC treads on Kriel's turf

A HANDFUL of ANC officials and members kicked off protests against the occupation of the World Trade Centre by venturing onto Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel's home turf.

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The group of about 20, including ANC national executive committee member Mr Reg September, protested for

30 minutes last night in front of the police station in Parow, Mr Kriel's parliamentary constituency. ~~247~~ 278

Armed with posters, they demanded the resignation of Mr Kriel. The ANC said in a statement: "We believe he has handled the security situation badly and the events at the World Trade Centre were a culmination of this." — Staff Reporter.



# Township killings: Do the police care?

**V**AL township residents have complained bitterly about police passivity and inaction in the wake of yet another spate of random killing sprees in the area.

And the monitoring group Peace Action has detailed several other incidents in the past year — including the Boipatong massacre — where police have been accused of failing to respond swiftly and effectively to violence or threatened violence.

An African National Congress Youth League member in Sebokeng, Tiro Modise, said: "Police could long have stopped the violence, but because it is a black township they don't care."

Major Piet van de Venier, of the Vaal South African Police, denied the allegations. "We respond as soon as possible, and that is our policy. We have problems with trenches and barricades. We cannot see house numbers in the dark," he said.

In an interview, Peter Kalake of Zone 8, Sebokeng, said that if the Sebokeng police had responded to his call for help, lives could have been saved. He was referring to the drive-by killings in the township on Saturday night, in which 12 people, including his two brothers, were shot dead by unknown gunmen.

Kalake claims after his brother James (16) was shot at about 8.30pm, he rushed him to hospital and reported the killing to the police around 9pm. The response, he said, was that no car was available to investigate the matter.

An hour later, when his second brother Samuel (28) rushed home to find out about the shooting, he was killed in the same street by the same killers. "Samuel and others would not have died had the

*Imagine the outcry if killers rampaged through Sandton or Bryanston and the police failed to respond.*

**MBUDUZI HARVEY** reports on violence in the townships and apparent police complacency

Police responded to my report at 9pm, because the culprits were still in our area. They could have arrested them," said Kalake.

Among other alleged cases of police passivity in situations of violence or impending violence, Peace Action lists the following:

● A few hours before the June 17 1992 massacre in Boipatong, Peace Action was informed by two sources that an attack in the Vaal was imminent. Colonel Gouws, of the SAP Witwatersrand division, was contacted and agreed to look into the matter. The police, according to residents' statements, arrived in Boipatong at about 9pm and ordered people off the streets.

The attack started after 10pm, and was carried out without police intervention. When Peace Action contacted Gouws after the attack at 4am on June 18, he allegedly said it was impossible for police to enter Boipatong other than in armoured vehicles, as residents were throwing stones.

● In December last year, two people were killed and nine critically injured in Raikanda when unknown men attacked township houses. A number of police Casspirs allegedly drove past without helping residents under attack.

● After a train attack in Katlehong on November last year, in which six people were killed and seven injured, a commuter tried to contact the Katlehong police. The phone rang unanswered, and further calls were also unanswered.

● On February 6 six people were killed and 11 hurt when unknown gunmen ran amok in Chris Hani squatter camp, Daveyton, on the day residents had decided to disband self-defence units. According to a resident's statement, two policemen entered a house in the squatter camp minutes after the attack started. "However, after the first shooting police did not seem to make any effort to

apprehend the attackers, and only returned to the scene of the massacre the following afternoon."

● In April this year, four people were killed and at least 20 injured when minibuses returning to the Zonkeziwe settlement after the Chris Hani funeral ceremony were ambushed. Police arrived, but made no attempt to intervene and "simply left the scene soon after arriving", Peace Action alleges. Victims said they were forced to seek help from municipal police in the area.

Interviews with other Sebokeng residents showed a widespread lack of confidence in the police, with many saying they preferred to defend themselves or rely on self-defence units.

There is also the perception that attacks continue to emanate from the kwaMadala hostel, which Iscor undertook to close in the wake of the Boipatong massacre.

Iscor said that half the hostel had been destroyed. However, 500 people were still living there because negotiations with the National Union of Metalworkers on their return to the official Iscor hostel, kwaMasiza, were still in progress.



# 'Moving miners just shifts the violence'

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THERE is no solution in sight to the violence and controversy which has dogged Anglo-Vaal's Hartebeesfontein mine in the western Transvaal.

The mining house transferred about 200 Mozambican miners to its Sheba mine in the eastern Transvaal on June 4, just a week after fighting at Haarties claimed the lives of 17 miners and saw 116 workers seriously injured.

"They are transporting the violence to another mine," charged Jerry Matjaladi of the National Union of Mineworkers. Fighting could easily break out between the 700 dismissed Sheba mineworkers and the replacement Mozambican miners.

Haarties employs 18 600 miners, of whom about one in six are Mozambican. Anglo-Vaal representative Arno Steyn confirmed the transfer of the miners and said about 1 000 Mozambicans have returned to work at Haarties.

Anglo-Vaal has drawn up a draft code of conduct for the mine but by this week had not received a response from the NUM. The code proposed to set in place some dispute settling mechanisms.

Matjaladi told *The Weekly Mail* that NUM would like to see the same code set in place at Anglo-Vaal's mines.

The Anglo-American document is a groundbreaking one which sets out the labour and civil rights of miners and management. It recognises the need for democratically run hostels, and establishes that there will be "no discrimination on grounds of religion and ethnic origin".

The code has already been used to negotiate protest action during last year's wage negotiations and various mass action days. Anglo-American's James Duncan says the code has created a "frame of reference for both parties and encouraged a mediating and negotiating ethos".

One of the biggest gripes the NUM has with Anglo-Vaal is the allegation that they foster ethnically based hostels and still practice the induna system on their mines. Steyn says miners elect to stay with their countrymen and clansmen and he uses a survey conducted at the mine to back this up.



**V**IOLENCE flared again this week in the Vaal and east Rand townships. After weeks of death and mayhem in Thokoza, Katlehong and Vosloorus, this time it was Sebokeng which experienced a massacre.

As with previous Sebokeng massacres, innocent lives were claimed in a series of drive-by shootings from a white car — and once again in uncanny chronological proximity to events on the larger political stage. Last time it was the eve of Chris Hani's funeral, this time only two nights after the ultraright rampage through the World Trade Centre.

The renewed conflict raises doubts about the efficacy of a peace process involving a range of peace accord structures and the Goldstone Commission.

Indeed, the commission's forensically detailed, minute-by-minute accounts — of inquiries into the activities of Inkatha's Caprivi Strip trainees, or of the mistakes which led to the May 22 confrontation in Thokoza between the police, supporters of the African National Congress and of Inkatha — seem almost academic as politically and criminally motivated gunmen go at it time and again.

But Peter Harris, of the Wits/Vaal peace secretariat, insists the carnage does not mean the peace accords and their allied structures have failed.

"In our area alone, 18 local peace committees have negotiated and monitored the peaceful execution of hundreds of marches and other events in recent months," he says. "The Thokoza march six weeks ago was the first to go seriously wrong."

"They have saved many thousands of lives," agrees advocate Steven Goldblatt, counsel to the Thokoza Civic Association.

"But the structures can only create a temporary peace, because they are not equipped to address the underlying issues at the root of violent conflict in the townships."

Much violence is about the distribution of scarce basic resources such as shelter, water and work, agree observers from many organisations.

A situation has arisen not unlike those which brought forth powerful warlords in Somalia and Sudan in recent years: whoever controls the area's assets commands allegiance.

Goldblatt sees direct parallels with the Somali situation: "If you have a gun, or are aligned to someone with a gun, then you have access to available resources."

Access to jobs is often in the gift of those already in work, and they in return demand support for the party to which they belong. The price for a place in a hostel, a site for a shack, or access to a tap is similar: membership or support for Inkatha, the Pan Africanist Congress, or the ANC.

But those commanding allegiance are often

# The secret to peace isn't accords and commissions

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*The peace structures and accords and the Goldstone Commission have not stopped violence. Does this mean they have failed?*  
 asks **STEPHEN LAUFER** (278)

party politicians in name only, choosing their colours for a variety of expedient reasons, often related to the procurement of weapons and ammunition.

"The true extent of 'warlordism' is often disguised behind the cloak of political affiliations," explains Goldblatt.

"And in a situation like this, the lines between self-defence and criminal acts can rapidly become blurred."

Armed groups are increasingly in business for themselves, involved in activities which are anything but conducive to public order. Their agendas, dictated by individual profit and power rather than the common good they claim to be defending, often run counter to those of the political organisations to which they claim loyalty.

As the warlords pursue their own interests, the influence of the parties over the armed formations they set up as self-defence units in deprived communities like Thokoza/Katlehong and the surrounding squatter settlements such as Phola Park becomes increasingly tenuous.

Repeatedly complicating the issue are apparently random killings which seem to occur on or around significant dates, such as last week's killings in Sebokeng.

The manner and circumstances of the killings have given rise to renewed discussion over the existence of a "third force".

Although the evidence is still largely circumstantial, the level of sophistication involved in killings such as the Sebokeng massacre suggests the existence of a strategy behind the events.

Says Goldblatt: "It is difficult not to assume a strategy by some sinister force behind these attacks."

Yet the Goldstone Commission issued a report last week which largely ignored links between current violence and the training of

Inkatha members by the South African Defence Force in the Caprivi Strip, despite several submissions demonstrating such links.

Meanwhile, the parties have shifted their focus to the peace structures, relying on them to deal with the symptoms of the problem, because getting at the roots is difficult — and often dangerous. What is left are valiant efforts at keeping marchers from hostile groups separated, or brokering temporary ceasefires.

Recognising how many of the self-defence structures had been hijacked, Hani, in the last weeks before his assassination, proposed the foundation of a national peace corps. The organisation, he proposed, would give direction to the many young people adrift and without a perspective in the townships.

It would, most importantly, go beyond simply defending access to scarce resources. Designed along the lines of Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal of the 1930s in the United States, it would provide a structured and accountable focus for the procurement and expenditure of major funding for public works projects in underprivileged communities.

Taking up Hani's proposal, the technical committee on violence at the multi-party negotiations has called for ideas on a peace corps programme.

The emphasis should be firmly placed on reconstruction programmes, rather than further attempts simply to combat violence, said Joint Enrichment Project director Sheila Sisulu, who organised a major workshop on the issue.

Such projects would fulfil the dual purpose of giving young people a focus and improving living conditions in townships and squatter communities.

"A project like the peace corps would provide discipline and identity, jobs and a perspective," says Goldblatt.

"Lasting peace will only come when the underlying causes of conflict are addressed in communities where poverty is rife, social structures have broken down, and the people's sense of identity has been eroded for years."

Accepting the importance of addressing the economic and social ills created in the townships and squatter communities by decades of apartheid, Harris argues for progress on another level, too. Changes to South Africa's dominant culture of antagonisms and intolerance are overdue, and the peace structures are playing an important role in altering attitudes, he says.

"By getting together with the assistance of the peace structures to agree on a code of conduct on a certain day," says Harris, "organisations are setting new patterns of behaviour, with the result that a climate of tolerance is slowly filtering down, increasingly becoming the norm in the communities."

**Sowetan 2/7/93**  
**Burnt to death**

THE charred body of a man was found by police in the East Rand township of Katlehong yesterday.

Police said the motive for the killing was unknown and no arrests had been made. In Daveyton about 20 men fired on a police patrol with automatic weapons and police returned fire. Police said the attackers fled in the direction of the Chris Hani squatter camp. (2-78)



NEWS FEATURE *Vusumuzi Hostel dwellers accused of harbouring notorious Toaster Gang*

# Terror in Tembisa

By Joe Mdhlela

**T**EMBISA TOWNSHIP on the East Rand is on the boil, with residents facing gunfire from faceless people almost every minute of their lives.

Even though these killers are faceless, they are believed to be coming from behind the "walls of Vusumuzi Hostel", a cluster of four-room quarters allegedly housing men bent on wreaking havoc on innocent inhabitants.

The latest victim of the violence enveloping Tembisa was Umkhonto we Sizwe combatant Mr Zephania Mathebula on Monday.

In less than a week, 10 people have been gunned down in Tembisa. These are mostly ordinary, apolitical people, though the African National Congress has claimed some as its members.

## Ordinary people

The ANC branch is angry because it interprets the killings as being aimed at ordinary people who want to live their lives uninterrupted.

ANC ranch chairman Mr Chilly Magagula said the organisation was praying for peace in the area but had information that something sinister was brewing inside the Vusumuzi Hostel.

Pointing at the hostel through the window of his office, Magagula said: "That hostel is harbouring criminal elements."

Then he swallowed, pondering, his forehead furrowed.

**■ DAILY MURDERS 10 apolitical people are killed every week:**

*Sowetan 21/1/93*

**But when true democracy comes, IFP will have to answer for my husband's death**

Agnes Mathebula

efforts to achieve peace, Magagula said.

"We do not marvel at all these deaths. I don't think anybody should.

"However, the resolution of the problems will depend on attacking the issue surrounding the Vusumuzi Hostel," he said.

## Created impression

Transvaal leader of the IFP Mr Themba Khoza said the Vusumuzi Hostel was made up of people from both the ANC and IFP.

"It would therefore be wrong for the ANC to create the impression that the IFP is responsible for all the killings happening in Tembisa," he said.

Khoza said the community had a right to report the killings to the police.

Asked if the IFP harboured the

Toaster Gang at Vusumuzi, he said the organisation had no knowledge of the gang.

He also insisted that they were not even sure if Jonase had been one of their members, despite claims by his colleague Ndhlovu to that effect.

**No records** (2-78)

"I do not have records with me. I can neither confirm nor deny that Jonase was one of our members," Khoza said. But, he added, the ANC must accept responsibility for the exhumation of Jonase's body and setting it alight.

"They are known for such things." Khoza maintained his organisation was committed to working for peace in Tembisa.

## Peace talk

Despite all the talk about peace, the wife of the slain MK cadre Agnes Mathebula is convinced that the IFP must take all the blame for all the killings in the area.

"My husband survived numerous attacks from IFP members.

"On Monday he was not lucky enough as they caught up with him," she said.

"But when true democracy comes, the IFP will have to answer for my husband's death."



Slain MK cadre Zephania Mathebula. Inset: Widow Agnes Mathebula.



"That hostel knows something about the deaths of our people. We are not suggesting that the IFP is implicated — but it is odd that these people (the IFP) appear to have made a pact with the Toaster Gang," he said.

"How come that one of its senior officials openly took sides and associated the IFP with this gang which has caused terror in Tembisa?" he asked.

### **Set alight**

Magagula was referring to the Inkatha Freedom Party's Humphrey Ndhlovu's claim in a SABC television interview that Clement "Yster" Jonase, whose body was exhumed and later set alight, had belonged to his organisation.

Magagula said "Yster" was a known member of the notorious gang, the Toasters.

### **Inkatha member**

"We were disgusted when Ndhlovu claimed that "Yster" had been an Inkatha member. The man and his gang have terrorised the community of Tembisa, have left scores of people widowed and have deprived parents of their children. How can any political organisation claim a man like that?"

Since the reburial of Jonase's body, Tembisa has not known one single day without a killing, culminating in six killings a day after the June 16 ANC commemoration rally at the local Metlareng Stadium.

The death this week of ten people is another indicator that the ANC and IFP will need to redouble their

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# The far-right's ten

plagues

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**W**HEN right-wingers ran amok at the World Trade Centre last Friday, it was just a curtain-raiser to a national resistance campaign dubbed "Plan C", or more colourfully, "The Ten Plagues".

The campaign, designed to force negotiators into agreeing to an *Afrikaner volkstaat*, will include industrial sabotage to cause "selected power failures", refusal to pay taxes and television licences and various ploys to slow down the already-plodding state bureaucracy.

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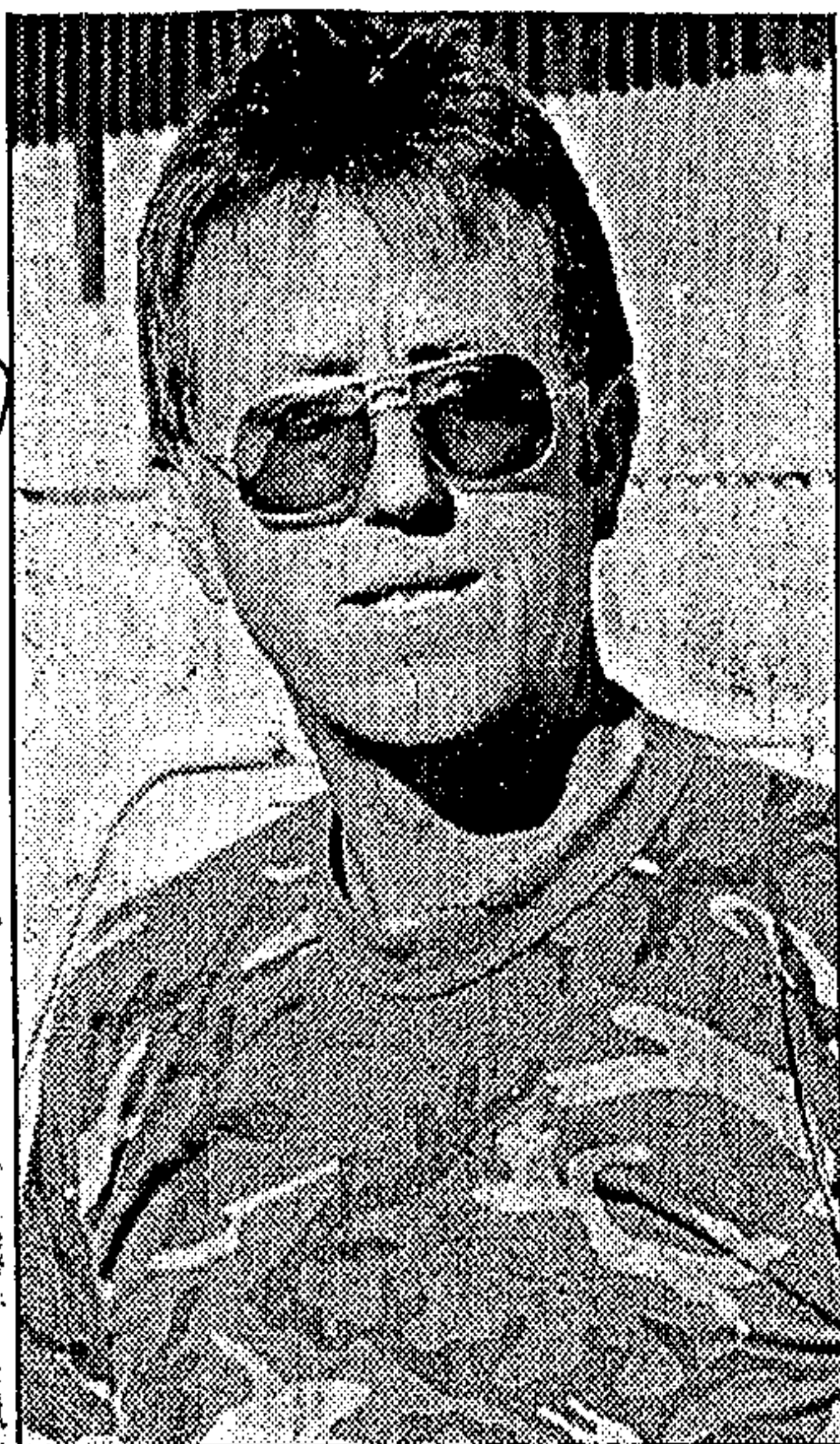


The Volkstaat  
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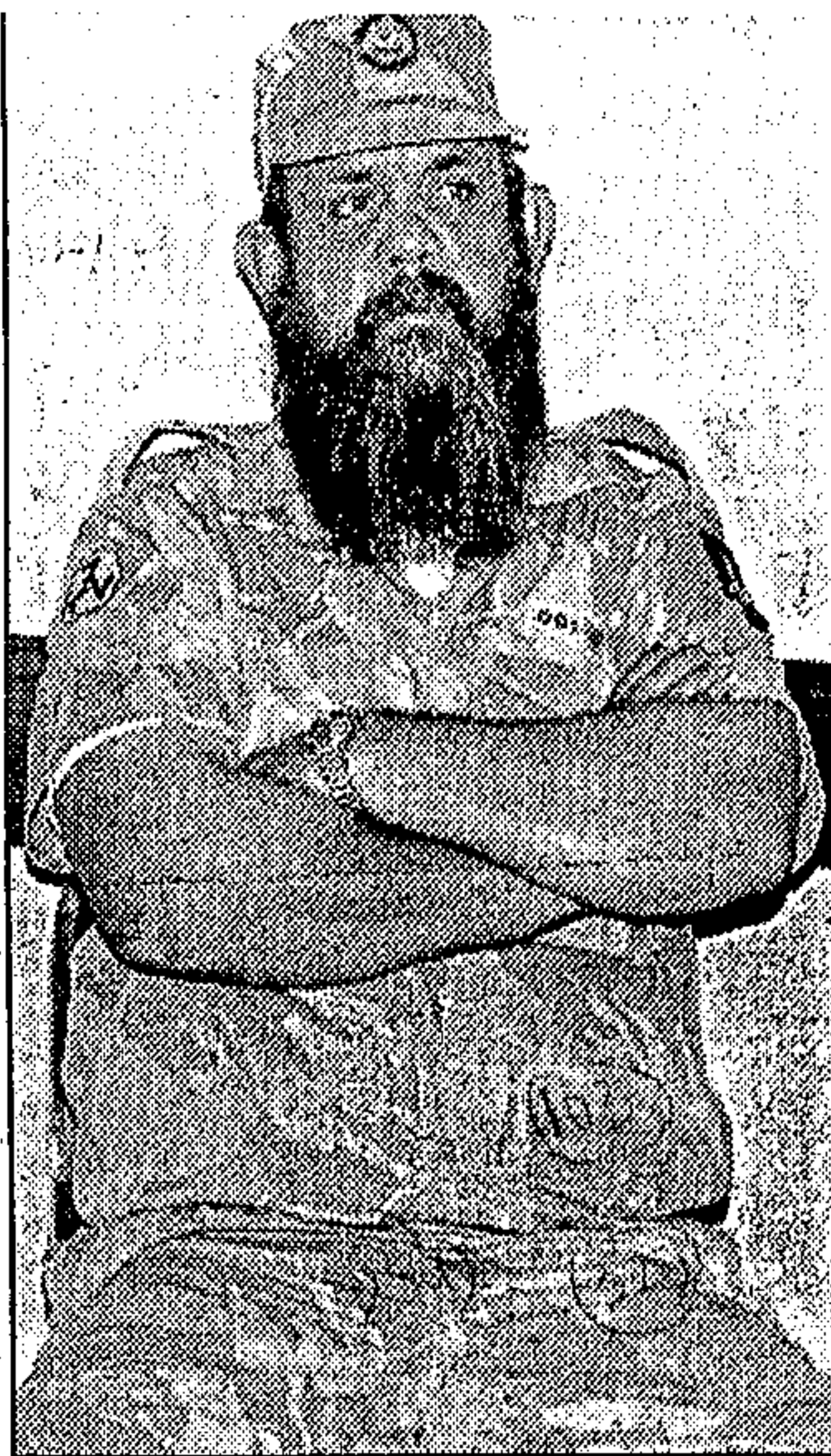
"Test runs" have already been conducted at certain power stations where industrial "accidents" have brought operations to a standstill. Right wingers boast that they are able to disrupt electricity supplies for up to three weeks.

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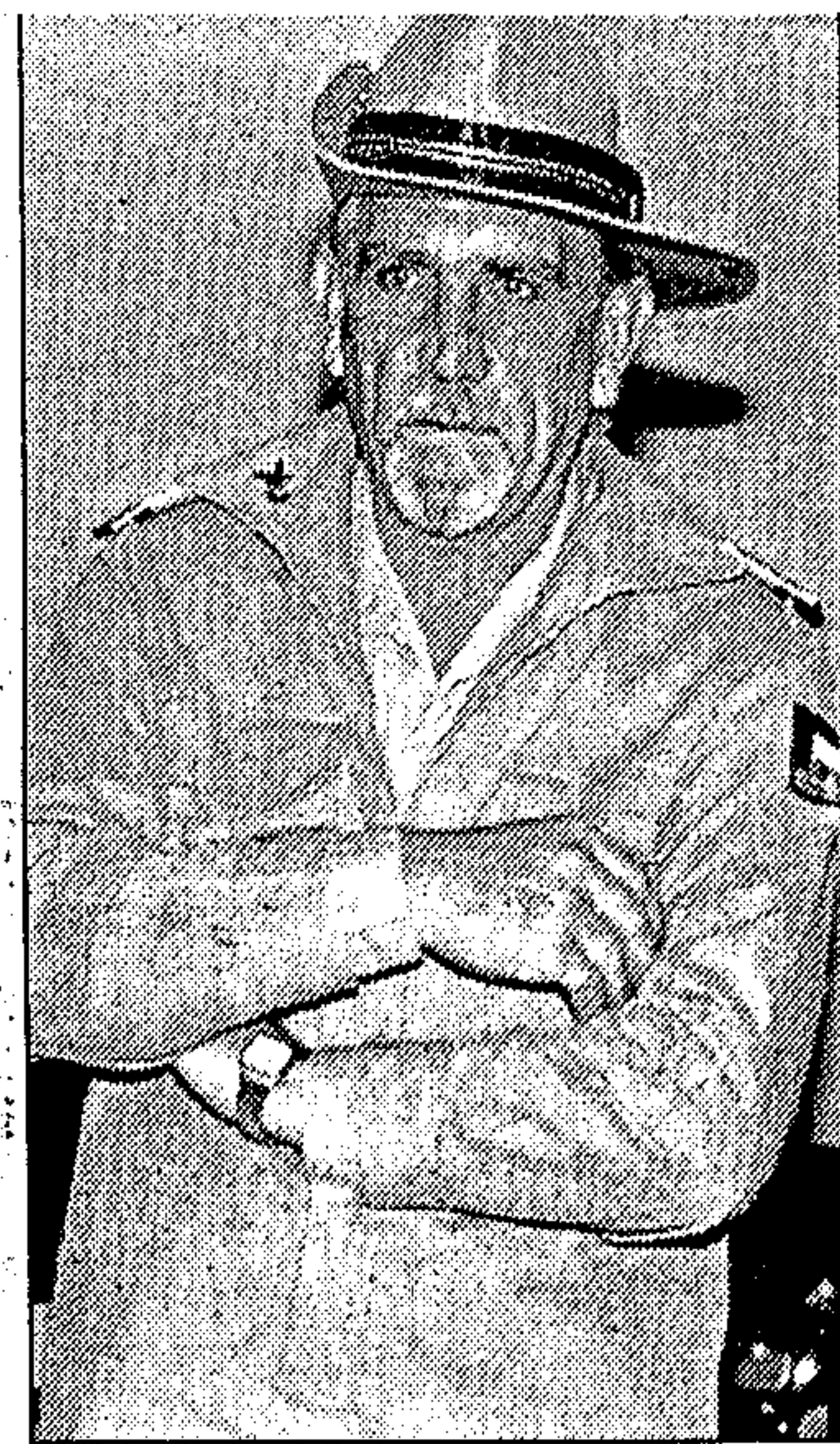




Eddie von Maltitz ... AWB Free State member



'General' Hagar Thompson ... AWB east Rand



Andrew Ford ... Boere Weerstandsbeweging

# Protest a 'mobilising success'

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By JAN TALJAARD

THE stage may have been hogged by Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging chief Eugene Terre'Blanche — but lesser-known rightwing activists were central to last week's protest at the World Trade Centre.

By rightist standards, the protest — as opposed to the storming of the centre — was a mobilising success. Significantly, more than the estimated

3 000 protesters could have turned up if negotiations had not been postponed that day.

With the AWB's biggest single commando situated on the east Rand under the leadership of "general" Hagar Thompson, the strong AWB presence came as no surprise. What was perhaps surprising was the large AWB contingent from the Free State.

This group included people like

"general" Dirk Ackerman. Other rightwingers from the Free State that featured prominently were AWB chief of staff Alec Cruywagen and his wife, Ansie, Eddie von Maltitz and a host of minor characters.

Also strongly represented was the northern Transvaal region, with firebrands Leonard Venter and other members of the Boere Krisis Aksie featuring on the day of the meeting as

well as in the pre-rally organisation.

The Boere Weerstandsbeweging was represented by Andrew Ford.

Controversial former kwaNdebele police commissioner Brigadier Hertzog Lerm, now based in the Warmbaths region, also chose the opportunity to resurface.

Also vital to the turnout were the four generals comprising the directorate of the Afrikaner Volksfront. Although organised at relatively short notice, the rally was preceded by countrywide canvassing and at least 14 meetings addressed by the generals.

Starting off with a meeting in Port Elizabeth on June 11, they covered large parts of the country.

At one such meeting, jointly addressed by generals Constand Viljoen and Tienie Groenewald in Nelspruit before last Friday's events, thousands of enthusiastic supporters turned up.

Leaflets announcing the rally were distributed on Tuesday, June 22, at the rugby match between northern Transvaal and the visiting French team.

A Kimberley telephone number was also circulated in rightwing circles. A tape recorded message exhorting people to go to Kempton Park awaited the caller on the other end of the line.

## International experts find police ill-prepared

Wlmal 217-817/93

By STEPHEN LAUFER

THE police were naive to rely on agreements with rightwing marchers who stormed the World Trade Centre, says a European police expert.

Contingency planning should have assumed that they would violate undertakings to keep their demonstration peaceful and orderly. And once they reneged on their undertakings, the police should have been in a position to deal with the onslaught.

Said a police source within the EC Observer Mission: "Detailed pre-planning should have foreseen how attractive a high-profile venue such as the WTC would have been to rightwing protesters. It should have been assumed that they presented a threat, and preparations should have been

made accordingly."

Crowd situations required the police to demonstrate clearly that they were in charge of the territory, and that they intended retaining control, said the police officer.

Interlocking metal barriers should have been placed across the entrance to the WTC an hour before the demonstrators were due to arrive. Several hundred police officers should have been in place as protestors began to arrive, indicating that "the territory belongs to the security forces".

The commander should either have deployed mounted police behind the barriers or had them in reserve, along with a strong force of riot policemen from the Internal Stability Unit.

"The ISU would have been kitted

out with flameproof overalls, helmets with visors, ankle, knee and groin protectors, and short and long shields," said the European policeman.

The number and firepower of the arms carried by the rightwing at the the WTC would have created a problem, said the police expert. "But one can counter most threats by a show of force with large numbers of police."

The breakthrough with an armoured vehicle, which the police would probably not have been able to prevent physically, should have been answered by the immediate "plugging of the gap" left by the vehicle to prevent demonstrators streaming in after it. The immediate arrest of the driver and crew would have demonstrated police determination to retain control.

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# Three dead, one injured, in Johannesburg gunbattle

A GUNBATTLE between minibus taxi drivers in central Johannesburg left three people dead and one critically wounded yesterday, police said.

The shootout ended when a lone police constable came upon the combatants, and tackled and arrested one of the armed men as "bullets were flying over their heads", spokesman Major Eugene Opperman said.

"When the remaining armed men saw the policeman they fled from the scene. Police reinforcements arrived

shortly afterwards," he said.

Opperman said the policeman had suffered slight injuries when he tackled the armed man.

"Three men were fatally wounded and one critically wounded during the shoot-out" in Noord and Wanderers streets, he said.

Preliminary investigations indicated that the gunbattle broke out over routes, parking and stopping areas in Johannesburg. The opposing factions

operate between Johannesburg and Welkom and Johannesburg and GwaQwa, Opperman said.

Police seized two stolen 9 mm pistols and two .38 special revolvers. — Sapa.

● MOKONE MOLETTE of our Soweto Bureau reports that Soweto passengers were stranded yesterday morning as taxi drivers downed tools in protest against the lowering of fares. The dispute between the driv-

ers and taxi-owners has led to at least one death.

The fare reduction of between 10 and 15 percent was proposed at a meeting of the Soweto Transport Services.

According to an STS executive member, the new fares, which will be "temporary to gauge consumer demand", come as a result of dwindling passenger numbers and competition from other associations.

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# ANC member guilty of murdering 21

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JOHANNESBURG. — An ANC member was convicted in the Rand Supreme Court this week on 21 counts of murder and 14 of attempted murder arising from three separate shootings, including an armed attack on Thokoza hostel residents.

Michael Phama, 45, of unknown address, was acquitted on six counts of attempted murder.

Mr Justice M C de Klerk convicted Phama on the strength of three confessions he made, and found that he had acted in common purpose with other people when he opened

machinegun fire on a crowd of Inkatha-supporting hostel residents on September 8, 1991.

Sixteen people were killed.

Phama and three accomplices had also opened fire on a minibus on the old Vereeniging road on February 26 last year.

Three traffic officers were wounded, one fatally, when occupants of a bakkie in which Phama was travelling opened fire after being stopped in a speed trap on March 27 last year.

The case was postponed to July 26.

— Sapa



## Vaal consumer boycott mooted

A MASSIVE consumer boycott aimed at Vereeniging and Vanderbijlpark is under consideration following the cold-blooded shooting of 23 Vaal residents last week. *CReds 4/7/93*

Over 100 residents of Sebokeng and Boipatong have become victims of massacres in attacks by assassins in the last three years. *(278) (32)*

# Curfew best solution — cops

By DAN DHLAMINI

ALL hell seems to be breaking loose in Khutsong, the traditionally sleepy township in the western Transvaal. (218)

This week, the once peaceful West Rand township was declared an unrest area, and a 9pm-to-4am curfew was imposed.

The community of this underdeveloped township has, for the past three years, been at war with itself, with

many lives lost in an endless saga of killings and revenge killings.

A West Rand police spokesman said police saw declaring Khutsong an unrest area as the best solution to the violence plaguing the township.

Workers have to carry a pass from their employers to avoid arrest if they have to travel during curfew hours.

A ban has also been placed on the carrying of weapons, and police intend ridding the community of criminals.



# Stokvel killings prompt ANC call for MK protection

By MOSES MAMAILA

MERCENARY killers are striking at a pillar of African social life: Stokvels. *C. Press*

In recent months numerous unsuspecting people who were enjoying themselves at stokvel parties have been brutally slaughtered by the killers. *4/7/93*

Their only motive would appear to be to cause maximum havoc and instability, giving rise to fears among the people that right-wing forces are orchestrating the campaign.

On Sunday night anonymous gunmen stormed into a shack in Evaton with guns blazing, killing six people.

The attackers launched another brutal attack at a soccer field nearby, mowing down three people.

Barely 24 hours before, 13 people were killed in Sebokeng when gunmen went on a shooting spree.

In other similar cases:

■ Nineteen people were killed by gunmen in a grey Jetta in Sebokeng on April 29; and *(278)*

■ Eight people – five of them at a stokvel – were shot dead by gunmen in Evaton and Sebokeng on April 2 and 3. *(155A)*

The killings in the Vaal have prompted the ANC to consider deploying MK soldiers to protect the people in the area. ANC PWV secretary general Paul Mashatile made the call to deploy MK this week following the latest massacre. *(85A)*

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## 'Civics need defence units'

JOHANNESBURG

Township civic organisations need to establish defence units to protect residents, the South African National Civics Organisation (Sanco) said on Saturday.

It claimed that intolerance underlying current violence may lead to authoritarian rule by a future government.

Sanco said this could be countered by a civil society movement which could manage full-time "peace brigades" — Sapa.



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Sowetan 5/7/93

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## Heavy fighting rages on East Rand

•Staff Reporters

Gunfire was heard last night and early today in violence-torn East Rand townships.

Residents near the Tokoza hostel telephoned The Star today to report heavy fighting in the area.

At least nine people died violently in East Rand townships this weekend, according to the police.

Yesterday the body of a man was found in Efihlweni Section. He had been shot in the head. (278)

On Saturday the police found the body of an unidentified man outside a house in Ramakanope West, Katlehong. He had been set alight. One burnt-out car was found and police used buckshot to disperse a group of men.

Police also found the body of a man who had been set

alight at the J R Garage in Radebe Section, Katlehong.

A house in Ramakanope was attacked on Saturday evening and two men and one woman were shot dead.

At 8 pm the police found the body of a man who had been shot dead in front of Kwesisni Station.

On Saturday afternoon the police found the bodies of two stab victims in Vusimusi Section.



# Police cordon off hostels as 24 die in renewed East Rand violence

WHILE the PAC youth wing Azanyu yesterday reiterated its call for the killing of whites as a means of curbing black violence, the weekend unrest toll on the East Rand rose to at least 24.

Police said that since violence erupted in Kaitleng and Thokoza on Friday, 24 bodies had been found. One of the dead was a policeman.

They said the unrest was politically motivated, with a criminal element "using the opportunity to cause mayhem". Extra manpower, including SADF members, had already been deployed in the area.

Wits/Vaal peace secretariat chairman Peter Harris said the secretariat had called meetings with police and political parties to bring the situation under control.

Police spokesman Lt. Janine Smith told Sapa police had cordoned off entrances to Kwesthi and Mazibuko hostels in Kaitleng to prevent occupants from leaving after some threatened to attack local residents. She said several shots had been fired at police vehicles and the Kaitleng Taxi Association's administrative building and a private home in the Radebe section had been gutted by fire.

## THEO RAWANA

Inkatha Freedom Party spokesman Humphrey Ndlhovu said Thokoza hostel residents had come under fire at about midnight on Sunday. Yesterday morning Khumalo Street had been barricaded. Ndlhovu said "a few" hostel dwellers had been injured, but no one had been killed during the attack.

Thokoza residents reported heavy fighting and barricaded roads in the area, and motorists also reported being attacked. Meanwhile Azanyu president Moloilane

Petlane yesterday supported national organiser Thadisi Mosokoto's weekend call to Vaal Triangle residents to "kill whites to end the killing of black people".

Petlane said the organisation supported the call because killing whites had the effect of bringing down the number of black deaths. He said, however, it was not Azanyu policy to kill whites simply because they were whites.

"But after the killings in King William's Town, killings on trains went down. Mosokoto was stating this to emphasise that if we pursue that policy, the killing of blacks

## Violence

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chairman Kaizer Klaas said CP-controlled Vanderbijlpark would be the prime target because of the "torture of comrades" in the town's Flora Park suburbs and the management committee's refusal to grant permission for marches. Details of the boycott would be released today, Klaas said.

Sapa reports from Durban that violence continues to grip Natal townships, with at least 43 people killed since Thursday.

Inkatha has warned of a "showdown" with ANC leaders after attacks on Inkatha members in the Midlands. An Inkatha statement accused the ANC of mounting a "vicious military offensive" in the area — an accusation flatly rejected by the ANC,

which claimed that many of those killed were its members.

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The SADF also rejected Inkatha allegations of soldiers' involvement in Friday's killing of eight people in Patheni, near Richmond, and said senior officers would attend an emergency meeting in Ulundi this week to discuss claims of partisanship. Inkatha had alleged 121 Battalion involvement in violence.

The Natal regional dispute resolution committee is to meet Inkatha in Maritzburg today, and tomorrow the national peace secretariat travels to Port Shepstone to investigate the conflict there.

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Petlane said the killing of one white person was "seen as civil war", but when a number of blacks were killed, it was as if "nothing has happened".

The Vaal Triangle region of the ANC has announced it is to spearhead a consumer boycott of all white business in the area in reaction to recent killings. Vaal Triangle

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Violence



# the nation in brief

## *Sowetan 6/7/93* **DET to cut salaries**

THE Department of Education and Training has informed Soweto teachers who went on strike in May that their salaries would be cut by R600. In a letter sent to the teachers, DET said in part: "The Department of Education and Training applies the no work, no pay rule in instances of strikes."

Spokesman for the Soweto branch of the South African Democratic Teachers Union Mr Solly Mautjana said the DET was "declaring war" against the teachers. Mautjana asked teachers who had received the letters to submit them to the Sadtu office at Funda Centre in Diepkloof, Soweto. *(278)*

## **BBC crew shot at**

BRITISH Broadcasting Corporation TV and radio crews said they were shot at with automatic weapons while covering violence in Kattlehong on the East Rand yesterday. *Sowetan*

"It was quite frightening," said news producer Milton Nkosi. *6/7/93*

He said six BBC staff were interviewing peace monitors when shots were fired at them near two houses that had been set on fire and were being looted.

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## **Man dies in fire**

A MAN died and 18 people were injured in a fire at the explosives and chemical company AECL's Modderfontein plant yesterday. Four of the injured suffered serious burns. The cause of the blaze in the fuse department was still being investigated, management said. One worker was airlifted to the burns unit of Baragwanath Hospital.

Three of other seriously injured workers were transferred to Rand Mutual Hospital. The other 14 suffered light burns, smoke inhalation and shock and were treated at Modderfontein Hospital.

## **ZCC snubs SACC**

THE Zionist Christian Church has snubbed the South African Council of Churches by dismissing SACC efforts for closer links between the two bodies.

SACC general secretary the Reverend Frank Chikane told delegates at the council's 25th annual conference in Johannesburg yesterday that SACC requests for a meeting with ZCC Bishop Barnabas Lekganyane had been refused. *(278)*

He said the SACC was told that the ZCC's ministers council had decided that a meeting with the SACC was not in the interest of the Zion Christian Church.

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fired. (278)

No one was wounded  
by the gunfire, Mr Nkosi  
said. — Sapa-Reuter



## The Argus Correspondents and Sapa

**JOHANNESBURG.** — Carnage on the East Rand continued throughout last night and at dawn today armed hostel-dwellers took to the streets to resume pitched battles against residents.

On the fourth successive day of violence, police said 29 people were killed from 6pm yesterday to 7am today, bringing to 53 the number of people killed in Katlehong and Tokoza since Friday, while 43 have died in clashes in Natal since Thursday.

Late yesterday police estimated that at least 20 people had been killed in running battles between IFP and ANC supporters during the day, but said the toll would rise during the night.

A 6.40pm, five people were killed when men with 9mm and 7.65 pistols fired at a minibus taxi in Katlehong.

Five passengers were killed and two injured. Police found 12 9mm cartridges.

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Police and the Defence Force have mobilised extra troops and are concentrating their efforts around hostels.

All train services were stopped to Katlehong and Kwe-sine yesterday because of sabotage and the threat of continued attacks on trains.

The monitoring group Peace Action said at least 14 houses were burnt in Katlehong.

Police said more than 12 vehicles were gutted.

As gunfire cracked in Katlehong yesterday, journalists scrambled to avoid crossfire and flying rocks.

Outside Tokoza hostel, which was attacked late on Sunday, hostel-dwellers with stones and sharpened weapons stopped cars at a barricade of boulders, and two burnt-out car wrecks.

Police also used an armoured barricade to prevent residents of the Kwesine and Mazibuko hostels carrying out a threat to attack residents.

Peace Action reported that vehicles had been hijacked and their occupants abducted into the hostels.

An ANC statement yesterday said people were being kept hostage inside Tokoza hostel and IFP members were allegedly demanding R50 from them to buy weapons.

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● Political violence continues to grip Natal townships with at least 43 people killed since Thursday and the IFP warning of a "showdown" with the ANC after attacks on IFP members in the Midlands.

Accusations and counter-accusations flowed as the death toll rose in three weeks of fighting and random attacks.

June's toll was about 150 — the highest monthly figure this year, and an estimated 800 people have died in Natal so far this year, according to the Human Rights Commission and other monitoring groups.



**TOKOZA KILLINGS:** Minutes after the shooting internal stability unit members attempt to save the life of a man wounded when gunmen opened fire in Tokoza on the East Rand yesterday. Police have warned motorists that roads near Tokoza and Katlehong are no-go areas.



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between ANCO, IFP on East Rand



# Township battles rage on

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## Minibus attack adds to grim toll

By Bronwyn Wilkinson and Happy Nkhoma

The carnage on the East Rand continued throughout last night and as dawn broke over the townships, armed hostel dwellers again took to the streets to resume pitched battles against other township residents.

As the violence entered its fourth day, police said 29 people were killed from 6.00 last night to 7 am today, bringing to 53 the number of people killed in the townships since Friday.

SAP spokesman Captain Wikus Weber said it was difficult to establish the exact time of the deaths or how the people had died.

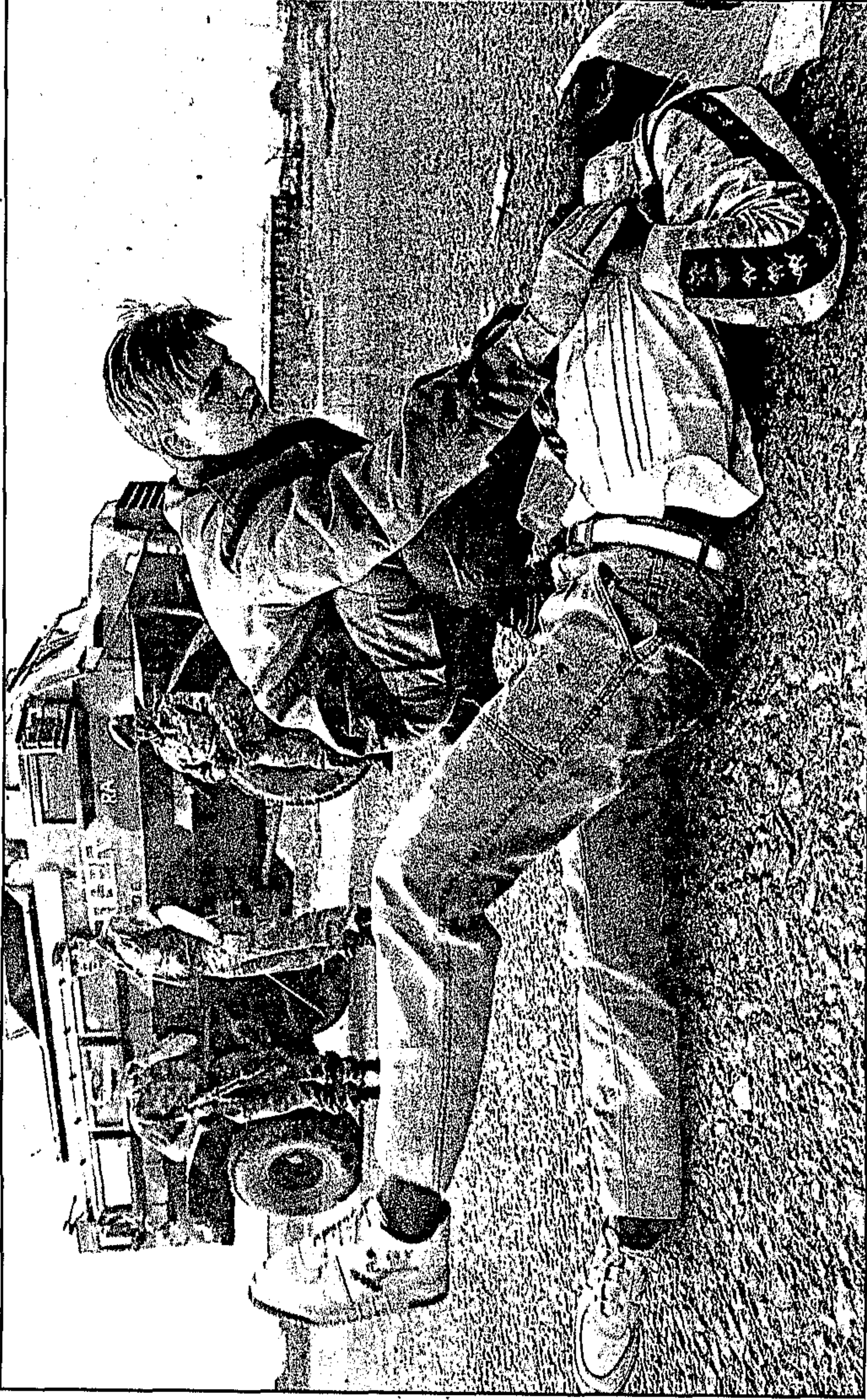
"We don't know yet what happened because as morning comes, we start finding bodies and the culprits disappear," he said.

By late yesterday local police estimated that at least 20 people had been killed in running battles between IFP and ANC supporters during the day, but said the toll would rise during the night.

At about 6.40 pm, five people were killed when men armed with pistols opened fire on a minibus.

The attack occurred on Black Reef Road near the Leonardo bridge in Vootpos, Katlehong.

Men armed with 9 mm and 7.65 pistols opened fire. Five passengers were killed and two injured. Police found a dozen 9 mm cartridges at scene.



Minutes after the shooting . . . a South African Medical Services orderly goes to the aid of a man wounded when gunmen opened fire in Tokoza on the East Rand yesterday. Police last night warned motorists to avoid all roads near Katlehong and Tokoza, branding them no-go areas. Picture: Joao Silva

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The organisation demanded that the security forces search the Kwezine, Buyafuthi and Tokoza hostels.

But local IFP peace committee member Gertrude Msizi said in a statement: "It is clear that (Sunday night's) attack was timed to coincide with the recent disarming of hostel residents in a joint security force operation so that residents would be unable to defend themselves." (278)

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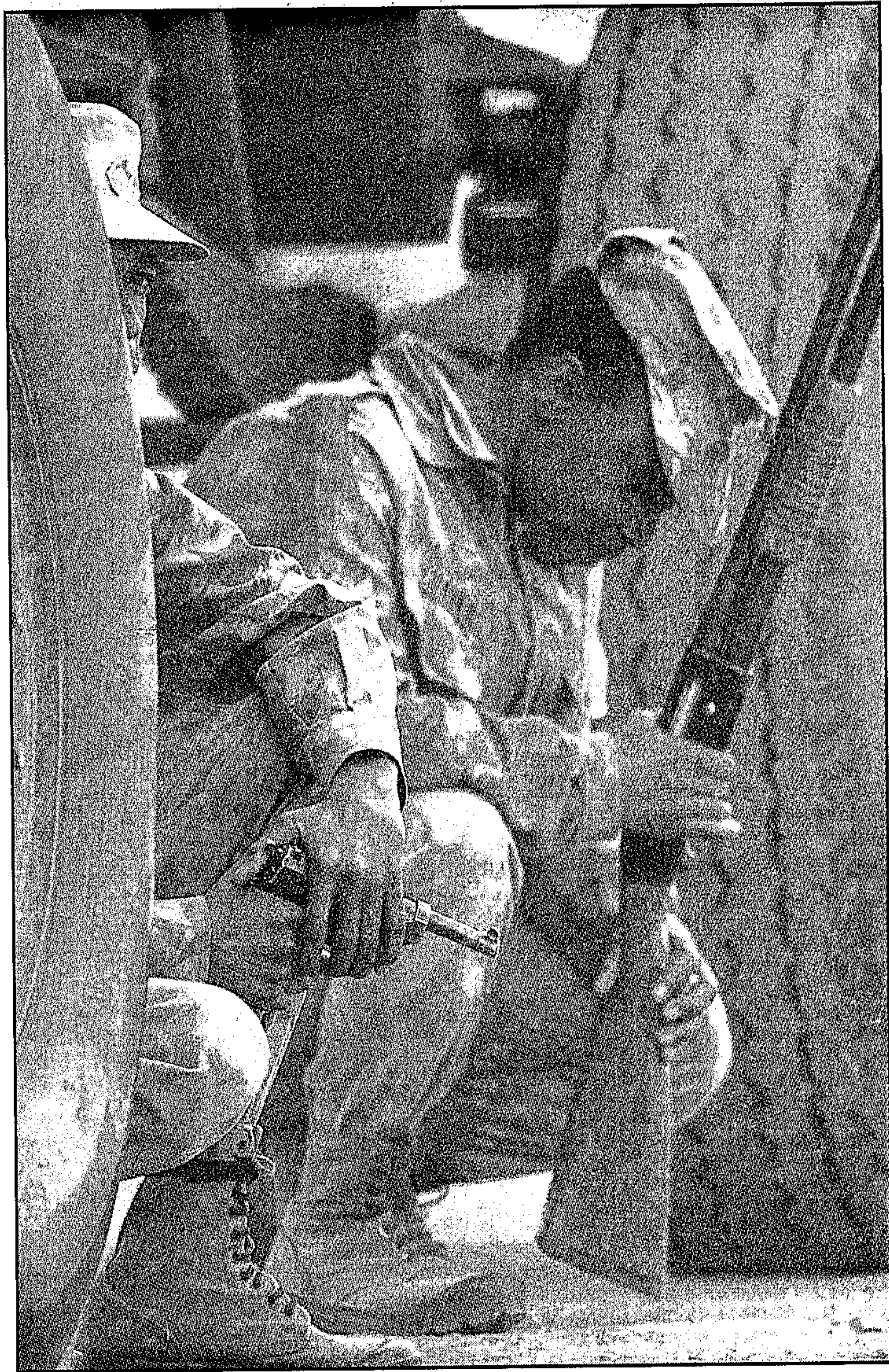
By yesterday afternoon, women and children in Katlehong were abandoning their homes in terror.

Police said most of the dead had been shot.

The attack on the Tokoza hostel at midnight on Sunday/Monday set off a series of revenge and counter attacks which quickly spread from Tokoza to adjacent Katlehong.

Msizi said about 50 men with AK-47 assault rifles and hand grenades stormed the hostel.

She charged that she had called the SADF for assistance, but the promised help never arrived. An SADF spokesman said the call had not been registered in the log book. This would be investigated.



Tyred out . . . policemen in Tokoza, on the East Rand, take a breather in the shelter of an armoured vehicle yesterday.

Picture: Ken Oosterbroek



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## Women, children take refuge at hospital

By Abdul Milazi

Hundreds of East Rand residents, mostly women and children, last night took refuge at the Natalspruit Hospital following the eruption of violence in the area.

Neria Malinga (38) said she had decided to leave Tokoza because the township had become too dangerous.

She has heard gunshots every night since Friday

coming from the notorious Madala hostel.

"Every minute you spend in your house is torture. You keep thinking you are next. At least here we can sleep."

ANC organiser in the area Frans Makgotho (36), who was also among the refugees, said the situation had become so dangerous that even walking in the streets was a life risk. (278)

He was coming from work

when he was stopped by people at the entrance to the township and told it was not safe to enter. His family was trapped inside while he sought refuge at the hospital.

"We are still puzzled as to who the attackers are and where they came from. The attack lasts for a few minutes and it's over and another starts up a few streets away. But the gunfire can be heard every night from the

direction of the nearby hostels," said Mokgotho.

Siphiwe Dlangamandla (25) and Dumisile Khumalo (25) said they had nowhere to go because they did not have relatives elsewhere.

Some said most of the people who were still inside the township were trapped because the only way to leave was past the Madala hostel where the fighting has been taking place.

# Refugees flee from killing grounds

FOUR days of political killing has claimed the lives of at least 69 people on the East Rand, with the IFP claiming the ANC is seeking a "military solution" for South Africa.

Late yesterday reinforcements of police and SADF were ordered by the Acting Commissioner of Police, Lieutenant-General L P E Malan, to the strife-torn Katlehong and Tokoza townships as refugees fled the killing grounds in the opposite direction of the military convoys.

As security forces tightened their grip and peace monitors brokered an accord for restoring calm, fighting in Tokoza and Katlehong eased last night, police spokeswoman Lt Janine Smith said.

Wits/Vaal Peace Secretariat chairman Mr Peter Harris chaired peace talks yesterday involving the ANC and IFP, Congress of South African Trade Unions, hostel dwellers, National Council of Trade Unions, and the local taxi association.

"We have received a commitment for the fighting to stop. Both parties (ANC and IFP) have agreed that they will, through the grassroot organisations, try to calm the situation," Mr Harris said. (278)

## Nation-wide CT 7/7/93

The announcement of South Africa's first non-racial election appears to have been the catalyst to the nation-wide carnage, which has left at least 130 dead and scores injured in the past five days, according to the ANC.

Besides the 69 victims of the East Rand fighting, at least 47 people have been killed in Natal and 15 in the Western Cape.

Both the ANC and the IFP blamed each other for the violence, but called for a meeting of their leaderships in an attempt to bring the fighting in East Rand townships to an end.

The ANC has called for a meeting of all the signatories of the National Peace Accord to end the violence. — Staff Reporter and Sapa



# Smell of burning flesh in Katlehong

JOHANNESBURG.—The smell of ANC Viva."

roasting human flesh hung in the air. A crowd of 20 with spears, axes and stones gathered round three burning bodies lying behind refuse bins, writes Richard Mkondo, of Sapa.

The victims — two men and a woman — were IFP supporters. Shots and screams indicated more killings nearby. There was no sign of police.

I have lived in the township of Sizitholile Izinja, Siyazitshusa. (We found the dogs and we are burning them) they chanted "Viva, witnessed on Monday night and

ten had to plead with armed yesterday morning as I went to res- cue my sister, who was trapped in her home deep in the battle zone. It is impossible to keep track of casualties in Katlehong and near- by Tokoza. Police say 69 have died in three days. Residents speak of "hundreds". To get through the carnage, I of- ten had to plead with armed

youths, many no older than 16, who wanted everything — my car, mon- ey and petrol — to make bombs. "Tell the world there is also a Sarajevo here," said one when I told him I was a journalist. "It is a shame that we are made to go through this," my sister said when I reached her. "This country boasts some of Af-

rica's most enlightened leaders, but where are they when people die like flies?"

The spark igniting the violence, which broke out after last Friday's election date announcement, ap- peared to be the ambush of a funeral procession as it passed an IFP-supporting hostel on Saturday

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NEWS Journalists in close encounter with IFP

# Close brush with death at hostel

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By Musa Zondi

■ **SPY CLAIM** Photographer Mbuzeni Zulu

held hostage by angry IFP supporters:

**S**OWETAN photographer Mbuzeni Zulu is no stranger to danger. He has twice had brushes with Inkatha Freedom Party supporters but in all these instances "I have never been this close to death".

In the third encounter yesterday, Zulu was held hostage at the Kwesine Hostel in Katlehong by members of the IFP who accused him of being an ANC spy.

It all started when Zulu and two colleagues, driver Vusi Zwane and reporter Joe Mdhlela, approached a group near the hostel.

Mdhlela told the driver not to go to the hostel but Zulu said they should go and see what was happening. Mdhlela then bolted out of the car and ran. The two proceeded to the group.

"I asked them if I could take pictures and was immediately surrounded by the group who asked about Mdhlela. They said they had seen our car several times and we were spies for ANC. They also accused us of hiding some of the people who were going to attack them later," said Zulu.

He tried to explain that they were journalists "but no one wanted to listen". (278)

They said newspapers were making fun of them while they were dying.

"I would like to think of myself as pretty brave but today it was a completely different story. They said they wanted to see the other journalist

who had run away, insisting he was a Xhosa."

Just when he had given up all hope an IFP leader arrived and pleaded with the group to let Zulu go. "But he had to struggle before they let me go." Zulu was kidnapped twice in 1991 — at the Mzimhlophe and George Goch hostels. Transvaal IFP leader Mr Themba Khoza said they condemned Zulu's harassment. "I wish to make a personal apology to him (Zulu), his family and Sowetan. I can imagine the fear he went through," he said. Sowetan had also contacted the police, who sent their men to the hostel but found Zulu had already been released.



# What sets off such violence?

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What factors set off the type of violence raging on the East Rand? Bronwyn Wilkinson spoke to the main groups involved.

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**ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus:**

"There is not the slightest doubt that the violence has something to do with the announcement on Friday of the election date on April 27 1994.

"Whenever there is a major advancement on the political front, violence soars.

"It is clear the process (of violence on the East Rand) started with vigilante actions on Friday and Saturday... but when that was done, the internal tensions took over."

**Transvaal IFP leader**

**Themba Khoza:**

"The ANC on the East Rand is trying to prove a point with this violence. IFP members have been targeted and have lost their houses.

"This is systematic, orchestrated violence by the ANC against IFP on the East Rand that is just a continuation from the (May) Tokoza massacre."

**SAP public relations spokesman Colonel Johan Mostert:**

"There is normally a lot of violence on the East Rand. But we have evidence that (ANC-aligned) self-defence units are responsible for this outbreak.

"There are a lot of Umkhonto we Sizwe people who have been pulled into the area, but not enough discipline to control them. We cannot say what exactly is responsible for this weekend's outbreak, but violence at this time is expected."

**Lloyd Vogelmann, director of Centre for Study of Violence and Reconciliation at Wits:**

"In any country in the world, the process towards an election inevitably leads to increased tensions. But in South Africa we do not just have that tension; we have certain parties who are reluctant about the election date because an election signals a significant reduction in power for them. We do not have the institutionalised mechanisms necessary for people to express their differences on a non-violent platform."



# No sign of police in Katlehong as air smells of burning flesh

By Rich Mkhondo

The smell of roasting human flesh hung in the air. A crowd of 20 with spears, axes and stones gathered round three burning bodies lying behind refuse bins.

"Sizitholile Izinja. Siyazitshisa," they chanted. "We Found The Dogs And We Are Burning Them".

"Viva, ANC Viva": Long Live The African National Congress.

The victims, two men and a woman, were supporters of Mangosuthu Buthelezi's Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom Party.

Shots and screams indicated more killings nearby. There was no sign of police. (278)

I have lived in the township of Katlehong for all my 36 years. But I have never seen such savagery as I witnessed on Monday night and Tuesday morning as I went to rescue my sister, who was trapped in her home deep in the battle zone.

It is impossible to keep track of casualties in Katlehong and nearby Tokoza. Police say 69 have died in three days. Residents speak of "hundreds".

To get through the carnage I often had to plead with armed youths, many no older than 16, who wanted everything

— my car, money and petrol to make bombs.

"Tell the world there is also a Sarajevo here," said one when I told him I was a journalist.

"It is a shame that we are made to go through this," my sister said when I reached her.

"This country boasts some of Africa's most enlightened leaders, but where are they?"

Violence exploded in the townships near Johannesburg following last Friday's announcement of an election date meant to liberate blacks.

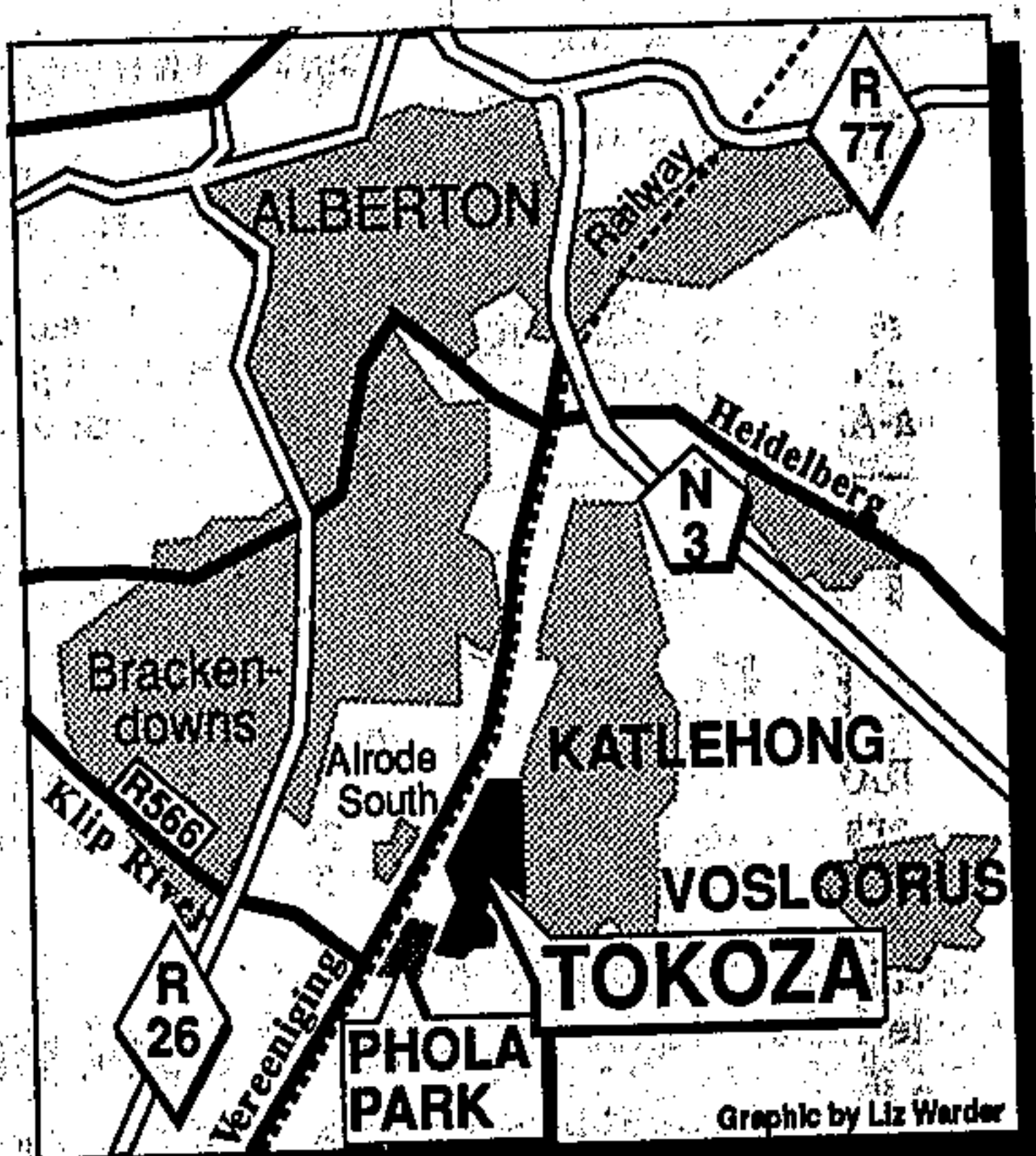
The immediate cause of the violence appears to have been the ambush of a funeral procession

when it passed a hostel populated by Inkatha supporters on Saturday.

But the political tensions building up ahead of April's elections are such that it needs only a spark to ignite a conflagration.

Black leaders like the ANC's Nelson Mandela blame apartheid for much of the violence that has claimed 9 000 lives since 1990.

Residents say the police have done nothing to halt the killings. They abandon the townships as darkness falls, and only return at dawn to collect the bodies. — Sapa-Reuter





# Troubled sleep to the lullaby of gunfire

By Peter Davies

The Palm Ridge Community Hall will be filled with sleeping bodies again tonight, just like it was last night and will be every night until the East Rand carnage is curbed.

As darkness thickens, mothers and small children will huddle together on the hall floor, listening to gunfire crackle that, for all they know, signals the death of a loved one in Katlehong.

Last night more than 200 refugees from the war-torn East Rand — mostly women

and young children — turned up at the Palm Ridge sanctuary just beyond Katlehong's confines.

They can shelter in the hall thanks to the Palm Ridge Crisis Committee, whose negotiations led the Germiston City Council to offer the hall and adjoining toilet facilities to those fleeing the war-zone.

There is a condition. The council hosts a function on Saturday. The refugees must find an alternative roof for that night. No-one knows where they can go. (218)

Cash and food donations

from local Indian businessmen and welfare organisations enable refugees to enjoy two meals a day.

Most began arriving last Sunday. Maria Mathe was standing at her house in Salumaview when she heard "the hostel dwellers are coming".

"I didn't believe it until the shooting started. I tried to run, but I'm old and I fell and hurt my legs. I pretended to be dead. When it was quiet I got up with my daughter and we ran to Palm Ridge."

Many have abandoned

possessions in favour of survival. Elizabeth Phike from Salumaview abandoned four vehicles and a home. Her 18-year-old daughter left to check on the house yesterday morning, and by dusk hadn't returned.

As twilight approaches each evening, the same ritual is observed. A group of women disappear into the kitchen to prepare dinner. Others take blankets and begin mapping out their patch of hall for the evening.

Soon darkness will descend and the gunfire will begin anew.



# Hands join to end 'war'

By Bronwyn Wilkinson  
and Helen Grange

## IFP and ANC in combined operation

Star 7-11-93

Amid desperate moves to end the carnage raging in the East Rand townships of Katlehong and Tokoza since Friday, the ANC and IFP agreed yesterday to take part in a joint operation to monitor the latest surge of violence.

Witsaal Peace Secretary, Peter Harris, said the ANC wanted the centre — to be based at Natalspruit Hospital — set up immediately. The IFP and security forces have also notified the secretariat of their support.

Wikus Weber said the joint operation centre would be manned by security forces, representatives of the war-ringing parties and peace structures.

The peace breakthrough came after local peace committees from the East Rand failed to come to a constructive solution to the violence yesterday. They are meeting again today.

The PAC also announced yesterday that it would meet today to draw up a plan to end the war in East Rand townships.

As violence continued, four people were killed last night, bringing to 48 the number killed since 6 pm on Monday.

Police said four houses were gutted during the night. The townships were quiet, but tense this morning. Peace monitors said the situation yesterday was "quiet but tense" but they expected increased violence during the night.

Acting SAP commissioner Lieutenant-General L P E Malan said yesterday that additional SAP and SADF troops had been called into Katlehong and Tokoza.

Responding to charges by residents that police left the area at dusk only to return at dawn to recover bodies, SAP spokesman Colonel Johan Mostert said the SAP was doing "all we can" to patrol under extremely tense and difficult conditions.

Police reported last night that at least 69 people had been killed in East Rand townships since Friday.

Weber said it was difficult to establish the exact time of the deaths or to establish exactly how the people had died.

In one instance, the body of a man lay face-down in the dust across the street from the Tokoza hostel. He had been killed by a shot in the chest before dawn.

Residents throughout Katlehong and Tokoza were streaming out of their homes yesterday to find safety at the Natalspruit Hospital and the nearby Indian area of Palm Ridge.

There was no sound gunfire yesterday. Monitors

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**VICTIMS OF THE CARNAGE** ... Mrs Albertina Moya (23), of Mavimbela Section in Tokoza, awaits help for food and shelter at Natspruit Hospital with three of her children, Shandina (7), Spedrone (5) and 15-month-old David. The family is among many who fled their homes following the ongoing violence that has gripped Tokoza and the adjacent East Rand township of Kaitlengong this week, leaving 69 people dead and several houses burnt down.

PICTURE BY PAT SEBOKO

# Peace bid as 69 die

Southern 7/7/93

By Isaac Molede

**T**HE CARNAGE ON THE East Rand continued yesterday as structures of the National Peace Secretariat launched concerted efforts to bring calm to the troubled townships.

Police said about 20 more people had been killed in Kaitlengong and Tokoza between midnight on Monday and early yesterday, bringing the death toll since Friday to 69.

The director of the Wits/Vaal Peace Secretariat, Mr Peter Harris, described the situation as "extremely tense but calm" and blamed criminal elements for most of the deaths.

He said the secretariat would deploy more peace monitors in the two townships on a 24-hour basis.

A joint operation centre established on Monday and consisting of the ANC-SACP-Cosatu alliance, Inkatha Freedom Party and the Peace Secretariat to monitor the situation could succeed if given a chance, Harris said.

## Take control

Harris chaired peace talks yesterday involving delegates of the ANC, IFP, Cosatu, Natspruit, hostel dwellers and the local taxi association.

"We have received a commitment for the fighting to stop. Both parties (ANC and IFP) have agreed that they will, through the grassroots organisations, try and take control and calm the situation," Harris said.

The Pan Africanist Congress said it would form a task force to arrange meetings between

the warring parties. It said it would meet at its headquarters in Johannesburg today to fashion a plan for peace.

Harris said there had been a commitment from a number of parties to open barricaded roads for taxis to transport people trapped in the violence, to work.

East Rand police spokeswoman Lieutenant Janine Smith said police were unable to establish the exact places and times where the people were killed as the situation was still tense.

The two townships remained volatile. Hundreds of residents were trapped in their homes and many others, mostly women and children, sought refuge at the nearby Natspruit Hospital.

Women said their children had not eaten since fleeing their homes on Sunday.

Thousands of workers were stranded yesterday as taxi drivers refused to take them to work. Five taxi drivers were among those killed on Monday. Others had to walk long distances to get to work.

Authorities at Natspruit Hospital said they were continuing to admit scores of injured people from the two townships.

They described the condition of many of the people admitted to hospital as "still serious but stable".

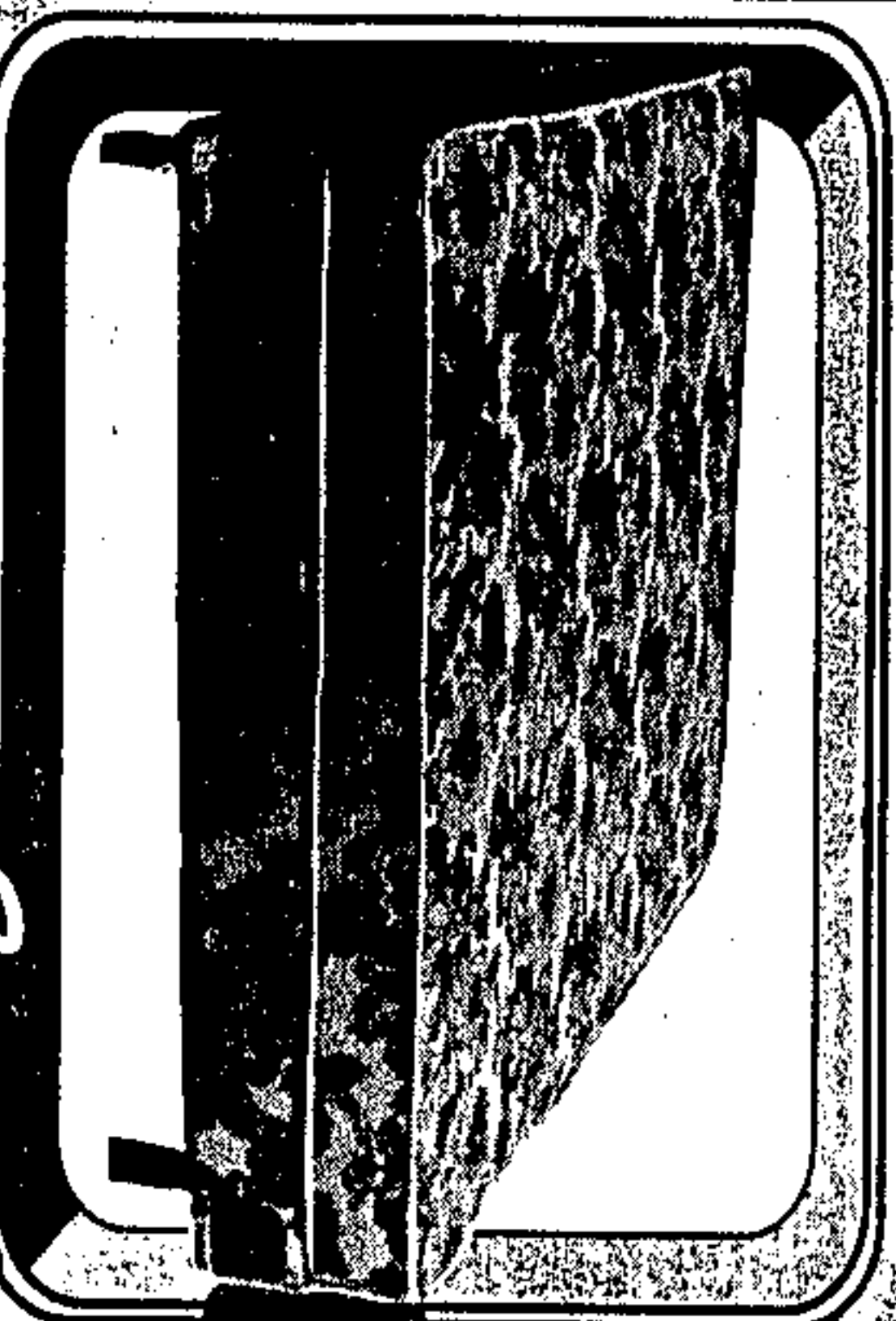
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# Photographer held by hostel dwellers

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JOHANNESBURG. — Sowetan newspaper photographer Mbuzeni Zulu, held hostage by Katlehong Kwesini hostel dwellers for about 2½ hours yesterday, was released by his captors shortly before 3pm.

Sowetan acting news editor Matata Tsedu said Zulu, 40, was released after IFP indunas had gone to the hostel to ask for his release.

The photographer and a reporter had been on assignment in Katlehong when he was taken prisoner. He was unhurt and reported to be on his way back to his office.

Tsedu said Zulu, with reporter, Joe Mdhlela, and their driver, were on

assignment in the East Rand township when the photographer was overpowered by hostel residents.

When the incident occurred Mdhlela was not in sight of his colleague, but when he returned to the car Mdhlela was told by the driver the photographer had been kidnapped.

The kidnappers had left a message with the driver saying Mdhlela was to go into the hostel as well. He declined.

The incident was reported to IFP officials and the police, Tsedu said.

The Media Workers Association of SA said it deplored the kidnapping and called for an end to assaults on press freedom. — Sapa





**MOVING OUT** ... A man removes belongings from his Kadehong home yesterday as he prepares to leave his stoned and firebombed house. The countrywide death toll is more than 130 in five days of savage fighting between ANC and IFP supporters. Picture: AP

# Reef killings test ANC-IFP accord

Staff Reporters

THE mettle of the promising peace agreement signed a fortnight ago between ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela and Inkatha leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi could have its acid test on the East Rand.

Last night IFP spokeswoman Ms Suzanne Vos said the agreements reached at the nine-hour peace summit were "still on track". The two leaders agreed to hold joint rallies in violence-torn areas and to exhort their followers to lay down their arms.

At the Johannesburg summit they adopted a wide-ranging peace agreement in which they resolved to forget the past and strengthen relations between the ANC and IFP.

They agreed to participate in "joint symbolic visits" to troubled areas and share platforms.

They agreed on the necessity of free political activity throughout the country.

**REFUGEES  
FLEE  
KILLING  
GROUNDS**

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They still differed on the issue of the election and the carrying of so-called cultural weapons at Inkatha rallies.

**No contact**

The East Rand conflict has flared despite the "peace summit".

Ms Vos said channels were "open" between senior IFP and ANC person-

nel, but there had been no contact, even by phone, between Chief Buthelezi and Mr Mandela, who is in the United States.

There were "various moves" being made to establish bilateral talks over the East Rand violence, she said.

Mr Mandela is on an ANC fund-raising drive after he and President F W de Klerk each received a Liberty Medal on Sunday for promoting racial peace.

Neither Archbishop Desmond Tutu nor the Rev Stanley Mogoba of the Methodist Church — both of whom brokered the peace initiative — could be reached for comment yesterday on the political bloodletting between ANC and Inkatha supporters in the Transvaal and Natal.

A Bishops court spokesman said Archbishop Tutu was on holiday in Norway and could not be reached for comment.



# A township at war with itself

**Bv Isaac Moledi**

# WHEN THE Sowetan

Near the local hostel, where we had an interview with IFP Transvaal leader Mr Humphrey Ndlovu, a group of inmates were dancing and chanting war songs.

**A few kilometres away, township residents looked hopelessly at dancing hostel dwellers armed to the teeth.**

Suddenly sounds of gunfire rent the air and people scattered for cover in all directions. The shots were apparently fired by police trying to disperse Inkatha supporters gathered at the border of Tlokoza and Kaitshong in preparation

One man was lying in a pool of blood, clutching a bag in his hand. He had been

We were also told of a policeman who had been shot dead in Skosana Section in

When we left the township, the sound of gunfire could still be heard.

**“We found three dead people on our return to the scene. Nobody in the crowd knew who had shot them.”**

The immediate cause appears to have been the ambush of a funeral procession on Saturday when it passed a hostel run by Inkatha supporters.

"Tell the world there is also a Sarajevo here," said one when I told him I was a journalist.

"It is a shame that we are made to see through this," my sister said when

Residents say the police have done nothing to halt the killings.

They abandon the townships as darkness falls and only return at dawn to collect the bodies. — *Sapa-Reuter.*



Police taking away the body of one of the victims of the carnage in Tokozu.

**Savagery of Tokoza**

"Sizitholile izinja. Siyazitshisa," they chanted — "We found the dogs and we are burning them."

The victims — two men and a woman — were supporters of the Inkatha Freedom Party.

I have lived in the township of Katchong for all my 36 years but I have never seen such savagery as I witnessed on Monday night and Tuesday.

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Police hunt for instigators

# More die as Inkatha and ANC wrangle

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THEO RAWANA

WHILE Inkatha and the ANC traded accusations yesterday, the death toll in East Rand violence rose to 69 by late last night, bringing the number of people killed in unrest since the week-end to 131.

Police and SADF reinforcements were rushed to Katlehong, near Germiston, yesterday, after 16 more people were killed overnight.

Both the ANC and the Inkatha Freedom Party blamed each other for the violence, but called for a meeting of their leaderships in an attempt to bring the fighting in East Rand townships to an end.

Inkatha Transvaal organiser Themba Khoza accused the ANC of having lost control of its grassroots membership, and of conducting organised attacks against supporters of his party.

He told a news conference in Germiston that all relevant leaders should meet to "show their commitment to peaceful co-existence and to set an example to their respective memberships".

Khoza said his organisation would do all in its power to prevent the fighting from escalating into an uncontrollable national war.

The ANC in turn called for a meeting of all the signatories of the national peace accord to investigate ways of strengthening the accord and ending violence.

It said the recent violence followed the sabotage of railway lines, allegedly by hostel dwellers, and the withdrawal of taxis from the townships, which had left commuters stranded.

The ANC publicity department claimed in its statement: "This violence is clearly orchestrated to coincide with the recent

announcement of a date for the first non-racial elections. It is an attempt to blackmail the country into delaying democracy through free elections."

Khoza, however, said the violence was a continuation of the conflict that began last May.

Police, meanwhile, announced the deployment of SAP and SADF reinforcements and said several more investigating teams were to be used in Katlehong for an intensive investigation aimed at identifying instigators of violence.

Three police generals — internal stability divisional chief J Swart, crime combating and investigations divisional chief J A le Roux and crime intelligence management chief I J Engelbrecht — visited the area yesterday.

Police said barricades in the townships and the extent and varying locations of incidents of violence had hampered their efforts to drive a wedge between the fighting gangs. "However, we are doing our best to separate the warring groups where and when possible," East Rand police spokesman Capt Wickus Weber said.

Sapa reports a number of houses near the Kwesini hostel in Thokoza had been burnt or damaged and looted since the weekend. Residents of Ramokupl Section in Katlehong were reported to have fled their homes, and only a few houses were occupied by men determined to protect their properties.

Inkatha said yesterday two of its leaders in Tembisa had died in the violence: Endulwini branch chairman Boy Masenya and

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## More deaths

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Emangweni branch deputy secretary Patrick Khanyile were shot and killed in their homes on Saturday and Sunday.

It said this brought to 30 the number of its office-bearers killed this year and to 298 since 1985.

Sowetan news photographer Mbuzeni Zulu had a narrow escape after being abducted and held near the Kwesini hostel for more than two hours by Inkatha support-

ers who accused him of being an ANC spy. Zulu said he was released when Inkatha officials intervened.

"The leaders refused that I be taken inside the hostel. They said if I went there I would not come out alive. They were trying to convince the rank and file to leave me alone. Of course I was very scared. I thought: 'Anything can happen. They wanted my life, these guys,'" Zulu said.



# Joint move to end Reef violence

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The Argus Correspondents  
and Sapa

JOHANNESBURG. — Amid desperate moves to end the carnage in the East Rand townships of Katlehong and Tokoza, the ANC and IFP have agreed to take part in a joint operation to monitor the latest surge of violence.

Wits/Vaal Peace Secretariat director Peter Harris said the ANC wanted the centre set up immediately. The IFP and security forces had also agreed.

Police spokesman Captain Wikus Weber said the joint operation centre would be manned by security forces, representatives of the warring parties and peace structures.

The breakthrough came after peace committees on the East Rand failed to reach a constructive agreement on the violence yesterday. They are meeting again today.

The PAC was to meet today to

draw up a plan to end the war in East Rand townships, said PAC regional chairman Ntunsdeni Madzunya.

Police yesterday recovered the bodies of 44 people killed since 6pm on Monday. At least 69 people have been killed since Friday.

Peace monitors said the situation yesterday was "quiet but tense", but they were expecting more violence during the night.

About 30 peace monitors are operating in the two townships and, according to a Secretariat source, they are facing huge dangers. United Nations observers came under heavy AK 47 fire yesterday.

Acting police commissioner Lieutenant-General L P E Malan said yesterday that additional troops had been called in to Katlehong and Tokoza.

Responding to charges by residents that police left the area at dusk only to return at dawn to recover bodies, police spokesman Colonel Johan Mos-

tert said the SAP was doing "all we can" under extremely tense and difficult conditions.

Residents streamed from their homes yesterday to seek refuge at Natalspruit Hospital and the Indian area of Palm Ridge.

Monitors reported that killers seemed to have swapped from guns to spears and axes today to avoid attracting police with the sound of gunfire.

Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel said in a statement that leaders of the ANC and IFP would have to take far-reaching steps to establish a culture of political tolerance to stop "the horrific violence".

● From Maritzburg it is reported that the IFP has halted negotiations with the ANC in Natal's Midlands over the two-year-old Patheni dispute which claimed 17 lives at the weekend.

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## Boycott agreement puts a stop to blockade threat

STEPHEN COPLAN

A THREATENED blockade of Warmbaths to prevent black residents from entering the town was averted this week when an agreement was reached to end a three-month consumer boycott. **8/17/93**

The threat was issued by a group calling itself the "taxpayers of Warmbaths", and was preceded by weeks of conflict between the town's residents and the community of the neighbouring township of Belabela.

National peace secretariat mediator Saths Moodley said yesterday the agreement between the Belabela boycott co-ordinating committee, representing 11 community organisations, the Warmbaths town council and the administrator of Belabela also stipulated that a record of understanding be drawn up by police and the boycott committee.

All parties had agreed to meet to discuss marches and pickets prior to permission being granted. **(2/18)**

Moodley, who brokered the agreement, said the consumer boycott and a boycott of service charges was sparked by the arrest of 10 youths during commemoration services for slain SACP leader Chris Hani and the subsequent refusal by police to grant them bail.

In leaflets published by the "taxpayers of Warmbaths", threats were made of permanent staff reductions, compulsory leave for half of the town's workers and a blockade of the town, Moodley said.

**NOKIA**

## Peace accord criticised

THE national peace accord was sharply criticised yesterday in discussions at the 25th national conference of the SA Council of Churches (SACC) at Midrand, near Johannesburg.

The accord was labelled "toothless" and "unjust" during debate by the justice and social ministries commission.

Government funding of, and influence in, the workings of the accord was criticised, and proposals were made for the establishment of an independent peace initiative, or the transfer of the accord to the auspices of the country's envisaged transitional executive authority.

There was scepticism about the appointment by government of Antonie Gildenhuys as national peace secretariat chairman on the basis that Gildenhuys's background was unknown to delegates.

The feeling was that the accord had been "hijacked" by government and had no way to deal with the "faceless" perpetrators of violence.

In a report by the ecumenical monitoring programme in SA — established in 1992 to bring international religious representatives to the country to monitor violence — mention was made also of "serious flaws" in the mechanisms of the peace accord.

"Many signatories have subsequently ignored its principles. We believe that application of the accord focuses on violations of the black community but does not hold govern-

ment and its homeland structures to the same accountability," said the monitoring programme report.

SACC general secretary the Rev Frank Chikane suggested to the conference that a call be made to the UN Security Council to adopt urgently a resolution to co-ordinate election monitoring in SA.

The submission, discussed by a conference commission, is for all international monitors to be accredited by the UN and not by a local structure. Internal monitors are expected to be accredited by an envisaged independent electoral commission agreed on at multiparty negotiations.

A UN resolution would enable local monitors to be trained by international experts, and the organising, training and deployment of local and international monitors to be co-ordinated, the commission was told.

Chikane stressed the importance of local monitors being independent from other local structures, such as the national peace accord.

The establishment of a panel of religious leaders to collectively announce election results, and intervene between political parties if the need should arise, was agreed upon at a meeting of church leaders in March, the conference commission heard.

Non-partisan voter education was already taking place under the independent forum on electoral education, which included religious groups. — Sapa.



# Agreement on steps to end violence as leaders plan peace meeting

THE ANC, Inkatha, union federations, security forces and business organisations last night agreed on initial steps to end the violence that has claimed 92 lives in six days in East Rand townships.

In terms of the agreement, a centralised operations room has been established at the Natalspuit Hospital in Katlehong, manned by the Wits/Vaal peace secretariat, which brokered the arrangement, and police.

Delegates to yesterday's meeting in Johannesburg agreed to the opening of commuter routes and security for commuters

in Katlehong and Thokoza. Secretariat director Peter Harris said the agreement would be communicated to residents through civic associations. Peace accord structures would provide monitors and relief work would be co-ordinated through regional structures.

The ANC and Inkatha also announced that their regional leaderships would meet urgently today in an attempt to defuse the situation.

Police, meanwhile, have laid the blame for the violence in Katlehong and Thokoza squarely at the door of the ANC.

ERICA JANKOWITZ and  
STEPHANE BOTHMA

SAP public relations spokesman Col Johan Mostert said police were "in the process of arresting people responsible" and intended to prove that the violence was being perpetrated by "some ANC-aligned self-defence units which are completely out of control". He said police had evidence of an influx of Umkhonto we Sizwe members over whom leaders had "no real control", into the area.

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus said self-

defence units had broader membership than the ANC.

"The police are very quick to collapse the units into the ANC which is not a true reflection of the situation," Niehaus said.

This was no time to trade allegations as both the ANC and Inkatha were involved in investigating the underlying reasons for the conflict. "We are prepared to make every possible contribution to the investigation and are doing so right now."

Inkatha Transvaal leader Themba Khoza said an attempt would be made today "to find joint methods of addressing

and ending the violence" on the East Rand. He said the Inkatha leadership was involved at grassroots level in Katlehong and Thokoza. "Reports indicate that the level of violence in the area has decreased but that the area is still unstable."

Meanwhile, peace monitors claimed yesterday that feuding parties had abandoned firearms in favour of pangas, spears and petrol bombs in an attempt to avoid police detection. Police sources confirmed that the majority of bodies found in Katlehong and Thokoza yesterday had stab, back

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## Violence

and burn wounds.

Ten bodies were found by police on Tuesday night, and another 12 by family members after a daybreak yesterday, police spokesman Lt Janine Smith said.

JONATHAN DAVIS reports that the national conference of the SA Council of Churches yesterday broke from its schedule to pray for the victims of this week's outbreak of violence, and to discuss an appropriate response.

The Midrand conference decided on a two-phase plan of action, which included an aid programme for victims, and a committee to deal with problems of violence in the area and nationwide.

The national peace committee said it was considering a national peace campaign to be held in September to coincide with the anniversary of the signing of the peace accord on September 14 1991.

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"Oh, let them pass ... they are from the Press," these boys said as we identified ourselves as journalists.

The boys also refused to be photographed.

"*Bhuti, ungasishuti*," they said. (Brother, please do not take pictures of us).

And then we meandered our way through a maze of barricades as we set out to establish the causes of violence in this sprawling, squalid township.

### Hostel inmates

The courtesy accorded us by these boys was missing from the hostel inmates who had gathered for a meeting near the Kwesine Hostel. Their reception was one of hostility, accounting for the abduction of photographer Mbuzeni Zulu. He was suspected of being an African National Congress "spy".

For three solid hours on Tuesday Mbuzeni was in a state of panic as he was held hostage, not knowing whether he would live to see another day.

I am digressing, trying to bring home the truths about Katlehong. On the one hand, there is a group of people prepared to accord others the right to do their job.

They are young boys without any experience of any consequence. On the other hand, there is a group of people, all adults with a better understanding of worldly things. What do they do? They abduct a journalist, demanding that he produces a colleague, who is presumably a Xhosa and therefore ANC. Once the colleague has been produced, he would then be castrated.

These may be symptoms that intervention is required before townships collapse into a state of chaos, where life will continue to be snuffed out without too much thought.

Ordinary people of Katlehong and Tokoza say they do not know why the fighting continues when the liberation of people should be the main thing preoccupying the minds of black people.

### Their homes

They say they do not understand why hostel dwellers should find it easy to burn their homes when they are not responsible for apartheid.

"It is the Government of De Klerk they should be fighting and not us. We, like them, are suffering. We do not despise them because they stay in the hostels. We understand that they stay in the hostel not because of choice," said a woman who did not want to be identified.

An old woman walked the street of Ramokonopi West Section. When we approached, she tried to run, but her aged legs would not carry her far.

We pacified her and said we were from the Press.

Pointing at her sick daughter and grandchildren, she said her house had been burnt "to ashes" the previous night and she had nowhere to go.

She went on to say that she could not report the matter to the police because she might be hurt by those who would think she was an "impimpi", a sell-out.

We asked her what she would do; she responded by saying: "*Modimo otl' bona*" (God will see).

Mrs Botle Mthakathi of Ramokonopi West Section had her house gutted on Monday night.

"Everything I had, including my clothes and the children's library, was burnt," she said.

However, she was thankful to God that there was nobody in the house when the arsonists struck.

Between May 19, when the "war" first broke out in Katlehong and Tokoza, and now at least 160 people have lost their lives. But it is possible that the figure could top the 200 mark.

During this time police have been picking up bodies on a daily basis, even during a period of lull. Police spokeswoman Lieutenant Janine Smith said the "picking up of

bodies" had created another problem: the mortuaries in Germiston are full and cannot accommodate every corpse being picked up.

"We are now using Diepkloof Mortuary and this may mean the bereaved may find it difficult to identify their dead," she said.

The crisis in Katlehong has brought another dimension to the problem. The normal rail commuter service has been interrupted and the taxi service has ground to a halt.

The rationale, according to reports, is that since the "comrades" are responsible for uprooting the rail lines around Kwesine Station, no taxi service should be operational in the area.

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### Without exception

Hostel inmates, without exception, are said to be using the trains while residents use taxis for their transport.

Unconfirmed reports indicate that residents no longer enjoy the luxury of riding taxis to work and hostel inmates cannot go to work because the trains are not operating.

Since Monday residents have been walking to work. Those who are lucky get lifts from friends or colleagues.

In the meantime many residents around Kwesine and Mazibuko have fled their homes. They say they fear attacks by the hostel dwellers.

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**NEWS FEATURE** *We go inside a town where kids control the roads*

# Two townships of terror

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### two faces of innocence:

By Joe Mdhlela

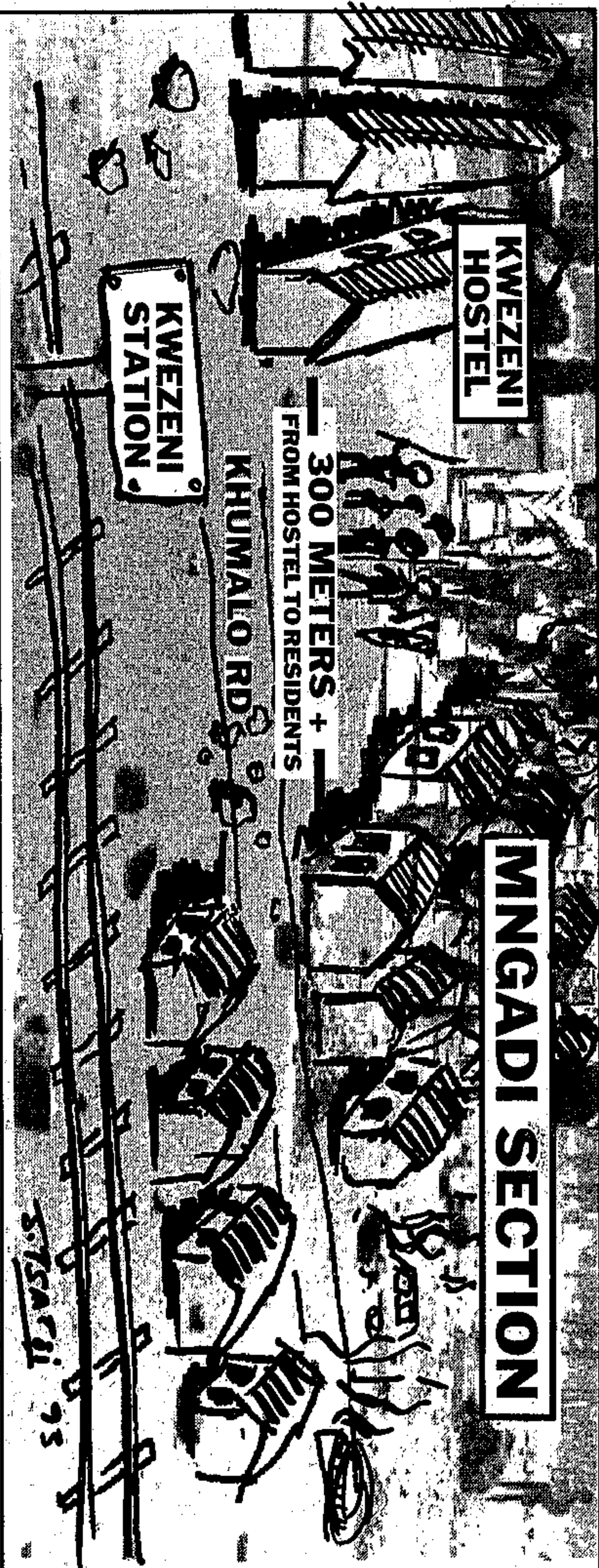
**I**N KATLEHONG KIDS barely 10 years old man the roadblocks, ordering adults out of their motor vehicles and then searching them for dangerous weapons.

They do so because Katlehong and Tokoza have been in the grip of fierce fighting that, between last Friday and now, has claimed at least 90 lives. Innocent lives at that.

They do so because they have been rendered homeless, their parents' homes burnt to the ground.

The razed homes are situated near the Mazibuko and Kwesine hostels and have become testimony to what has become, rightly or wrongly, the ANC-IFP conflict.

However, the children are discreet enough to accord the media some respect by allowing representatives to pass without much hindrance.





# Relief hopes as East Rand death toll rises

*Sowetan 8/17/93*

By Isaac Moledi and Lulama Luti

■ FLEEING VICTIMS Red Cross and Operation

Hunger come to the rescue of destitute residents.

**A**ND FOR SCORES OF DISPLACED and fleeing victims of the East Rand carnage began pouring in yesterday as peace moves firm, with political leaders touring the area with promises of an early end to the strife.

Police said the death toll stood at 90 late yesterday after six days of violence.

Police said 10 more people were killed between Tuesday and yesterday, while 11 more died at Natalspruit Hospital. They said 16 people had been arrested and two AK-47 rifles and two Makarov pistols recovered.

The Fokoza Amalgamated Taxi Association said it had suspended its strike and all the taxis in both areas were operating.

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Although the situation in both Fokoza and Kalehong calmed down yesterday, people living in houses bordering the Kwešini and Mazibuko hostels in Kalehong were still fleeing their homes in fear of an attack by hostel dwellers.

Julie Elkman said more than 100 people had sought refuge at a hall in Palm Ridge while about 220 others were at Natalspruit Hospital.

Elkman said a joint relief operation with the International Committee of the Red Cross had been established. The two organisations had also donated R600 burial vouchers for those who had been killed in both townships.

Operation Hunger said feeding would start once an assessment had been completed.

Elkman said anyone interested in donating food and clothing should phone her at (011) 29 2449 during office hours.

Red Cross's financial development officer Ms



# They never knew who shot them

By Ken Oosterbroek  
Chief Photographer

I don't know exactly how the blood splashed on to the peace monitor's car — I didn't have time to dwell on it. (278)

A Tokoza resident had been shot in the head and was thrashing around on the ground near the car as an army medic and Red Cross paramedics tried to save his life.

The peace monitors were standing near the car looking pretty spun out... I assumed it was the injured man's blood on the car.

There was another guy about 50 m away, lying spreadeagled on his back. When I went over to him he was dead. His eyes were still open and his cigarettes tumbled from an open pack which had fallen from his pocket into the dust.

He'd been shot in the centre of his chest. A neatly folded supermarket packet lay next to his hand. It looked as if he'd been walking home.

About 100 m away medics were still assisting a woman who'd been shot in the side of the face. I don't know who shot any of those people. I don't think they knew either.



# East Rand death toll rises to 91

CT 8/7/93  
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JOHANNESBURG. — ANC and IFP leaders are to meet today to defuse the violence in the East Rand townships of Katlehong and Thokoza, where the death toll over the past six days has risen to 91.

Police said 10 bodies had been found overnight with another 12 being brought in by family members.

Police armoured vehicles came under automatic weapon fire.

## 'Rough Rider'

The entrance to Thokoza was being guarded by police yesterday and although it appeared calm, few people were on the streets.

While ANC leaders consoled patients in Katlehong's Natalspruit Hospital, an armoured ambulance with "Rough Rider" scrawled on the bonnet arrived with another casualty.

Mr Cyril Ramaphosa was accompanied on his tour of the hospital yesterday by ANC PWV chairman Mr Tokyo Sexwale and Magoo's Bar bomber, now ANC peace desk representative, Mr Robert McBride.

One man at the hospital had been "necklaced". As Mr Ramaphosa leaned over him and reporters leaned forward he pulled up the blanket to cover his scarred face.

Last night the ANC, Inkatha, union federations, security forces and business organisations agreed on initial steps to end the violence.

In terms of the agreement, a centralised operations room has been established at the Natalspruit Hospital in

Katlehong, manned by the Wits/Vaal peace secretariat, which brokered the arrangement, and police.

The ANC and IFP said their regional leaderships would meet today in a bid to defuse the situation.

Police have laid the blame for the violence in Katlehong and Thokoza squarely at the door of the ANC.

SAP spokesman Colonel Johan Mostert said police were arresting "people responsible" and intended to prove that the violence was being perpetrated by "some ANC-aligned self-defence units which are completely out of control".

ANC spokesman Mr Carl Niehaus said self-defence units had broader membership than the ANC.

## Refugees helped

Peace monitors claimed firearms had been abandoned in favour of pangas, spears and petrol-bombs in an attempt to avoid police detection.

The Red Cross is providing relief assistance to victims. They were housing 250 refugees, mostly women and children, at the Palm Ridge community centre outside Katlehong.

● The SACC has asked all South Africans to fast and pray at lunchtime today for victims of the violence.

● In Natal a senior IFP official at Ntambamhlophe was shot dead. It is feared Mr Bonginkosi Sithole's death will lead to retaliation.

In another incident a man was shot dead in an attack on a bus depot at Ezakheni, Ladysmith, yesterday. — Own Correspondent, Sapa



## Crucial talks to stop Reef bloodshed 278

The Argus Correspondent  
and Sapa

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JOHANNESBURG — ANC and IFP regional leaders are to meet today for crucial talks to find a solution to the crisis in East Rand townships, sparking hopes of peace returning to the troubled area.

The meeting comes after five days of intense conflict which has claimed at least 91 lives in Tokoza and Katlehong.

An IFP statement yesterday said the respective leaders would meet today "to find joint methods in addressing and ending the violence in the East Rand".

In another positive development towards peace, a joint control centre manned by the IFP, ANC, security forces and peace structures was set up at Natalspruit Hospital.

● It is reported from Durban that the IFP said a senior official had been killed outside Wembezi, in Natal's Midlands, on Tuesday night, pushing the death toll in a week of violence in the province to at least 53.

Earlier, a Port Shepstone unrest monitor reported five overnight deaths in troubled Murchison township on the South Coast.

Police confirmed the killings.

The IFP said a senior official at Ntambamhlophe, Bonginkosi Sithole, 45, had been shot at his home outside Wembezi township by men armed with AK-47 rifles.



# Inkatha and ANC begin peace meetings

ANC and Inkatha regional leaders began a series of meetings in Johannesburg yesterday in an attempt to resolve the conflict in East Rand townships, where 95 people have died since Friday. (111)

By yesterday, relative calm had returned to Katlehong and Thokoza, but police reported the death of an SAP sergeant who was abducted and beaten to death while handcuffed to a friend. (111)

Police spokesman Lt Janine Smith said the second man was seriously injured and was "fighting for his life" in hospital. She said the sergeant and his friend were stopped at an intersection yesterday morning and dragged from their vehicle.

STEPHANE BOTHMA  
and ERICA JANKOWITZ

"The two were later found in the veld on the outskirts of the township, handcuffed together. The sergeant was dead," she said.

Three other bodies were discovered in the township yesterday, Smith said.

Inkatha, ANC, Cosatu and SACP regional leaders yesterday announced the formation of a liaison structure to ensure regular meetings between the organisations.

They would meet again on Tuesday to discuss a 12-point plan aimed at ending East Rand violence. The agenda for the meeting would include conflict between

hostel dwellers and the community, the right to own property, the right to hold marches and demonstrations, the removal of impediments to transport, incitement and cultural weapons. (278)

Inkatha Transvaal leader Themba Khoza and ANC regional leader Obed Baphela told a news conference yesterday their organisations fully endorsed an agreement aimed at curbing violence reached by political and civic organisations and security forces on Wednesday. Supporters would be addressed to ensure the agreements were adhered to.

In terms of the agreement, public trans-

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## Meetings

port would resume, troops would be deployed in the townships, barricades would be removed and flashpoints secured.

In a separate development, a delegation of senior ANC officials led by Matthew Phosa met senior police officers in Pretoria to discuss violence countrywide. (278)

Police said afterwards that it had been decided it was vital to seek immediate solutions to end the strife "before it gets out of hand". Issues discussed included the alleged illegal occupation of homes and the alleged theft of property in certain areas. It was further agreed that outstanding is-

ssues would be dealt with on a regional level between the ANC and the SAP as a matter of urgency. (111)

Phosa described the meeting as "sharp and frank", saying police denied a lack of policing in the affected areas.

On the issue of self-defence units, Phosa said the ANC would prosecute any members using ANC weapons to perpetrate violence. "Members are armed but, since the suspension of the armed struggle, they would be acting in defiance of orders if they use these weapons," he said.

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# The lid's back on - until the next time

In a sickening case of déjà vu, east Rand townships exploded into mindless violence last week. As usual, nobody seems to know why.

By **STEPHEN LAUFER**  
and **Weekly Mail**  
**Reporters**

**T**HOKOZA. Ktsehong. Again. A man lies dead, shot in the dusty yard of a township kindergarten, one street away from Thokoza's Inkatha-controlled hostel. The dark red of his arterial blood mixed with lumps of brain congeals in the midday sun.

The scene jars incongruously with the brightly painted tyres lining the path and the happy pictures of Humpty Dumpty, a kite, a teddy bear which adorn the simple building, normally a refuge for the children of this conflict-ridden east Rand township.

Knotted around the dead man's right foot is a length of rough twine, used by his attackers to drag him here. It seems that he has been pulled from the truck left burnt out several metres down the street, then shot in the kindergarten yard.

He is just one of the 90 victims of this latest outbreak counted by the police between Saturday and Wednesday at 2.20 pm. He has died like most in this conflict — going about his business, unsuspecting, probably without ever having found out why it had to be him this time.

It is Monday, and unknown gunmen have attacked the hostel the night before, without killing anyone. But there have been fatalities elsewhere, eight on Saturday, seven on Sunday.

Rumour is again running rife in the townships, fuelling anger and suspicion. By the end of the day, another 42 people will have died.

In his spartan office at the Alrode military base, the Internal Stability Unit's Captain Herman Pieterse is on the phone to the army. He is tired, and he wants reinforcements, and he doesn't have a clue as to what has sparked this latest round.

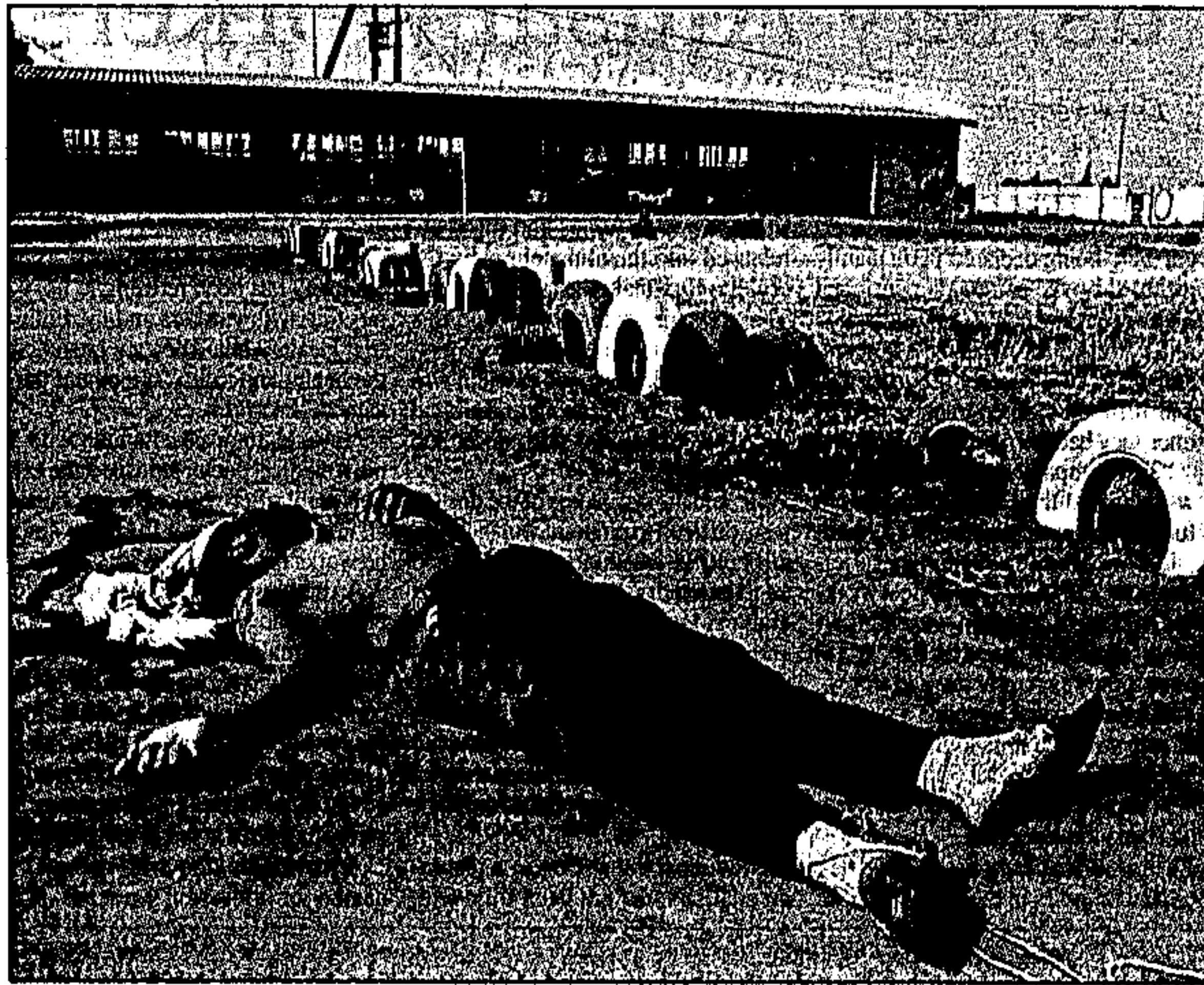
"Maybe it's criminal elements," he searches for an explanation, clutching at straws, hoping there will not be another war between gunmen fighting under the flags of the African National Congress and Inkatha.

"They chase people from their houses, then, knowing they will be too frightened to return, they sell the houses to others," he ventures.

But the police have no evidence, and they have no way of gathering any which will be relevant in a court of law. They are understaffed and ill-equipped, unable to respond to calls for help, unable or unwilling to rapidly collect the bodies lying in the streets and yards.

It is a theme which is to recur during these days spent in Thokoza and Ktsehong — the absentee police force. A police force so stretched and so alien to all sides in the township conflict that it can only make its presence felt in high-speed drive-bys reminiscent of the opening scenes of Francis Ford Coppola's Vietnam epic *Apocalypse Now*.

Like the American helicopter gunships, the armoured Nyalas roar by in formation, camouflage-suited gunners in wrap-around Ray-Ban sunglasses at the open side doors. All that's missing is *The Ride of the Valkyries* and the



Body count ... The body of one of the many victims of east Rand carnage lies in the yard of a township kindergarten  
Photo: GUY ADAMS

palm trees. There is little foliage here, just piles of rubbish and brown earth.

The Nyalas come and go, but when Thokoza hostel was attacked on Sunday night, the staff of the police station next door failed to respond, as did the ISU less than a kilometre down the road, well within earshot of the gunfire.

On Monday evening at 6pm, at the height of the conflict, reports Sally Sealey of the Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression, there was a grand total of two policemen on duty at Thokoza police station. The only available vehicle was out, and the men on duty had no bullet-proof vests.

"Who wouldn't be scared to venture forth?" asks Sealey rhetorically, bringing to mind the earlier report of a constable: police medical aid rules have changed — anyone not wearing a bullet-proof vest when shot is not entitled to any benefits.

Gertrude Mzizi, a sinewy Sotho woman who represents Inkatha on the local peace structures, and who some say is the organisation's real string-puller in the area, reports angrily that all of her attempts to get help during Sunday night's attack from the Steenpunt military base near the hostel were to no avail. She is less diplomatic than usual this Tuesday morning; the strain is obvious.

has been up since 4am, persuading Inkatha's people to remove the barricades they have erected just as her counterparts have been doing at the ANC roadblocks further down Khumalo road.

"Sunday night's attack came from Phola Park," she insists, at the same time denying that it had anything to do with a simmering conflict centred on the township's taxi services.

This is yet another rumour which has surfaced and stubbornly refused to go away, despite denials from several quarters, most notably the representatives of the taxi drivers. They are a sullen lot, a reflection of the mood among the minibus pilots who are losing R200 to R300 a day in fares while the conflict prevents them from plying

their trade.

"It's a heavy burden," says Richard Bunene of the Thokoza Taxi Association. "We have average monthly repayments on the vehicles of R4 500, and petrol. If we lose a couple of day's fares, we risk repossession."

But Robert McBride of the ANC's Vaal peace desk is adamant that the attack on the hostel had nothing to do with Phola Park, an ANC stronghold: "That's nonsense, it's not even clear there was an attack," he counters a day later, while visiting victims of the fighting in Natspruit Hospital.

He is backed up by a reporter from Radio 702, who says she has been inside the hostel and "not seen any bullet holes". How one can tell bullet holes from the other damage and deterioration inside the deeply squalid settlement remains unexplained.

McBride is accompanying ANC leaders Cyril Ramaphosa and Tokyo

Sexwale. Sexwale has a message of hope and support for the ANC supporters in these townships. It is a finely crafted little statement, with the obligatory reference to the suspension of the armed struggle woven into a message which the people here have little difficulty understanding.

They feel they are under siege, again. To them, the traditional weapon-toting hostel dwellers are the bringers of evil, just as the armed squatters from Phola Park are the bogey men to the hostel dwellers.

And when Sexwale calls on them to "defend themselves by whatever means possible", they know exactly what he means. Especially when an MK commander confides in a young reporter that "we do have cadres in the community, although no command structures".

"There was indeed an attack on the hostel on Sunday night," an indepen-

dent and highly reliable source tells *The Weekly Mail* later. "And it did come from Phola Park. The background is the taxi conflict, the attack was in retaliation for the abduction of commuters."

The taxi conflict. The ANC has said privately in the past that the Thokoza taxi drivers, most of them Zulus, have been running supplies for Inkatha. During the fighting following the May 22 march down Khumalo street, ANC cadres stopped minibuses ferrying ammunition and food from the hostel to the front lines.

In recent weeks, roadblocks outside the hostel have been used to stop taxis loaded with commuters on their way to Alberton. Xhosa-speakers and passengers in possession of ANC membership cards have been hauled off the taxis and taken into the hostel grounds.

"Their fate," reports the observer, "depends on who is manning the gate. Sometimes they get away with paying a small ransom. Sometimes, and we have documented these cases, they disappear."

Many taxi drivers, more interested in their fares than in taking political sides, have looked for an alternative route out of the townships into Alberton.

There is only one. It runs past Phola Park.

"The residents of the camp don't differentiate either," says the observer. "A taxi is a taxi, and they open fire."

Last Sunday, rumours began doing the rounds that the taxi drivers had hired hit men in an attempt to sort out the problem. They were going to attack the hostel that night.

Inkatha picked up the rumours, and representatives of the taxi drivers were called to the hostel to meet the Indunas. The end result is a fine of R1 500 on a driver found to have maliciously spread false rumours.

The hostel is attacked nevertheless. By Wednesday night, a peace agreement has been drawn up and 92 are dead. The rest is history. Until the next time.

Said the observer: "The problem of the violence in Thokoza and Ktsehong is never solved. The lid is just put back on again."

**'The problem of the violence in Thokoza and Ktsehong is never solved. The lid is just put back on again.'**

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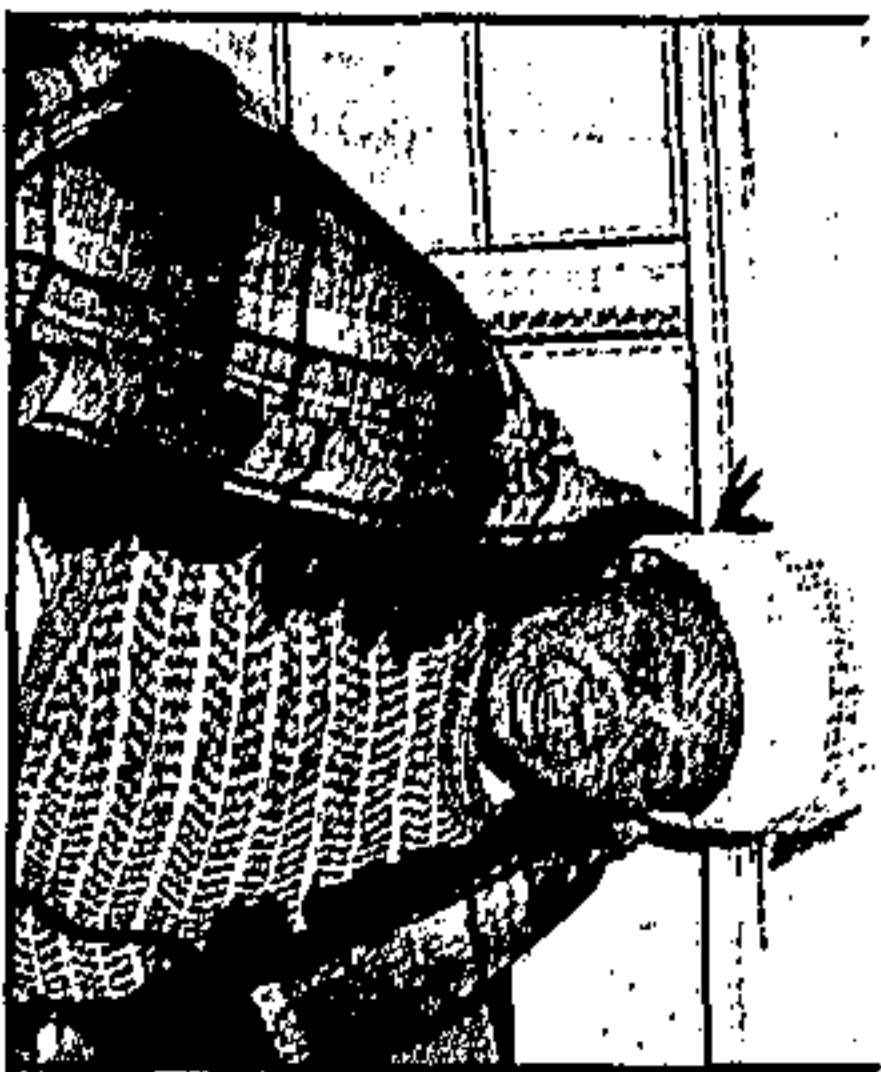
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IN HAPPIER TIMES ... (right): Mr David Mulaudzi (in front), Mrs Tshidi Magadze (middle) and her murdered husband Mr Pat "The Boss" Magadze (next to her) at last year's Miss Soweto contest at the Standard Bank Arena. **BEREAVED ...** (ABOVE) Mrs Selina Magadze, the mother of beauty contest promoter Magadze on a mattress at her son's home shortly after arriving from Venda yesterday. PICS: MBUZENI ZULU



# Peace hopes high

Sowetan 9/7/93

By Lulama Luti, Isaac Motedi, Themba Molefe and Sapa

condition at the Natspruit Hospital. So far 96 people have been killed in the areas since fighting broke out last Friday.

Yesterday, residents in four sections near the Mazibuko Hostel in Katlehong were still fleeing their houses, blaming the police for failing to protect them.

Residents fleeing their homes in Dikole section, told *Sowetan* that hostel inmates had ordered them to evacuate the Sali, Ramokonopi, Hardebe and Dikole sections as they wanted to occupy the houses there.

These allegations were, however, denied by IFF Transvaal deputy chairman Mr Humphrey Ndlovu.

Meanwhile, the ANC has accused security forces of being unwilling to solve the violence gripping black areas on the Reef and in Natal.

After a meeting with police generals in Pretoria yesterday, ANC legal and constitutional chief Mr Matthew Phosa told a Press conference that the organisation had demanded, among other things, the removal of two senior police officers based in Inanda and Port Shepstone.

He said the role of the Internal Stability Unit in Bantbayi and the inactivity of police on the East Rand should also be thoroughly investigated.

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# Policeman beaten to death

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19/7/93

JOHANNESBURG. — In continuing violence on the strife-torn East Rand two bodies were found by peace monitors in Katlehong yesterday and a policeman was beaten to death.

The regional co-ordinator of the Wits/Vaal Peace Secretariat, Bishop David Storey, said one body had been found in Sali Section and another near the Kwesini hostel.

Police confirmed the deaths. One man had been beaten to death and the other, found at the hostel, had been shot.

In a separate incident a Katlehong police sergeant was beaten to death while handcuffed to his nephew yesterday.

Police said Sergeant Lesebana Maake, 42, had crawled in vain through a sewage pipe in an attempt to escape a group of about 30 youths who had abducted them.

His nephew is in a serious condition in hospital.

● The national conference of the SA Council of Churches fasted and prayed yesterday for the victims of the East Rand violence. — Sapa



# Hostel now a haven of peace

*Star 10/7/93*  
**JOE LOUW**

AS TOKOZA burnt and hundreds of East Rand families fled the carnage, 32 men prayed for peace in a bare room at Selby Village Hostel in Johannesburg.

What was remarkable about the little prayer meeting was that only a few months ago such an encounter would have been considered impossible: present in the group in the predominantly Xhosa hostel were several Zulus.

Against the depressing background of this week's events in Tokoza, I witnessed a near miracle in that hostel on Thursday evening: after the prayers, representatives of 31 PWV hostels engaged in a spontaneous, almost rapturous, greeting.

They describe themselves as "ordinary people". Many of them are simple labourers without formal education. Yet they are all convinced that peace is not only possible, but that it is, despite many setbacks, already a force in motion.

The extraordinary encounter I witnessed was the result of the courage of Jacob Magazine Dhlomo, a hostel-dweller for most of his adult life, who decided one day last August that "enough was enough". Something, he believed, had to be done about the township and train violence emanating from hostels.

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Dhlomo is not a resident of Selby. He lives at Jeppe Hostel, which is predominantly Zulu. Formerly there was virtually a state of war between the two hostels.

Nevertheless, he and eight other men at Jeppe drafted a letter to their counterparts at Selby. The letter offered peace, requested dialogue and asked for a face-to-face meeting. The problem, however, was to make sure that the letter reached the right person at Selby. There was no choice but for someone

from Jeppe to take it across personally — a decidedly dangerous undertaking.

Dhlomo became the first courier of what is now the Hostel Residents' Peace Initiative (HRPI), a movement that embraces 31 hostels, among them some of the most notorious: KwaMadala in Alexandra, Meadowlands Hostel, Nancefield, Mzimhlope and Mai Mai.

"What we decided on at the very outset," says Dhlomo, "is that we will not involve the political parties in anything we do. Whether a man is Inkatha or ANC, AZAPO or anything else, is not important. Our goal is to unite all our people in peace, regardless of tribe or party."

After the first meeting, a small group agreed to pursue a systematic approach of making contacts in other hostels.

"Our approach is very direct," says German Mlatsheni, a resident of Selby and co-chairman of the HRPI. "We speak as brothers, as people concerned for life. We say people must re-

member that they are human beings, not animals to be fighting all the time. When there are disputes, even within hostels, we cool them down. We pray with them."

Every week the men meet at the Central Methodist Church, working out strategies to convert more and more hostel dwellers to the cause of peace. A key figure in the process is the Reverend Mvume Dandala, senior minister at the church.

Dandala helped mastermind a programme for the HRPI. Last weekend 10 soccer teams from various hostels played a series of matches near Jeppe. The event, sponsored by National Sorghum Breweries, was an overwhelming success.

And who won? I asked Jacob Dhlomo. "Everybody," he replied. "The real victory took place not on the field, but afterwards. It was seeing Xhosas, Pedis, ANCs, Inkathas swarm all over Jeppe Hostel greeting old friends. Some of them had not entered there for years."



## Eikenhof case:

### Court adjourns

JOHANNESBURG.

The Heidelberg Circuit Court trial of three men accused of killing three people in an ambush at Eikenhof, south of Johannesburg, on March 19 was yesterday adjourned to Monday.

No evidence was led against Mr Boy Ndweni, 19, of Sebokeng, and Mr Sipiwe Bholo, 24, and Mr Sipho Gavin, 22, both of Evaton.

They have pleaded not guilty before Mr Justice D J Curlewis and two assessors to 43 charges.



# Info centre <sup>(278)</sup> for Katlehong

CT 10/7/93

JOHANNESBURG. — The Wits/Vaal Regional Peace Secretariat and representatives of the SAP, Inkatha and the ANC yesterday agreed to form a Joint Operation Communication Centre (JOCC) at Ntalspruit Hospital in Katlehong.

The centre opens today.

The move follows urgent meetings on ways to curb violence which erupted in East Rand townships last week, claiming the lives of more than 90 people in Katlehong and Thokoza.

Open on a 24-hour basis, the centre will be staffed by members of the SAP, Inkatha and the ANC/Cosatu/SACP alliance.

The police will provide the JOCC with information on the deployment of staff and vehicles, unrest and shootings involving security forces, attacks on security forces and bodies found and the start of all major security force operations.

Inkatha and the ANC will provide the JOCC with information on events involving public gatherings such as funerals, marches and mass meetings.

It was also agreed that the curfew imposed in the declaration of the Alberton and Boksburg magisterial districts as unrest areas, would be suspended as soon as the JOCC opened.

Inkatha and the ANC confirmed that their supporters would ensure the safety of houses and property belonging to residents who had temporarily vacated their homes.

Also, they would not tolerate the illegal occupation of any vacated residence or looting by their members.

Meanwhile, the Inkatha-aligned United Workers' Union of South Africa (Uwusa) said yesterday power-mongering had fuelled the violence on the East Rand and elsewhere.

Uwusa said it had signed the National Peace Accord because of the need for opposing parties to agree on how to end "the war that is devouring innocent people in South Africa". — Sapa



# Three die in station attack

JOHANNESBURG. — Three men were killed and two injured, one seriously, when four gunmen fired at commuters at Union Station on the Elsburg/Germiston border early yesterday. *OT 10/7/93*

The attackers fled on foot.

An East Rand police spokesman said the incident occurred about 5am.

Several spent AK-47 cartridges were found on the scene.

The injured were admitted to Germiston Hospital. **(278)**

The spokesman said it was too early to say, before any investigations, whether the killings were linked to the latest outbreak of violence on the East Rand. — Sapa



# Pact gears East Rand for calm

Star 10/7/93  
**LOUISE MARSLAND**

SECURITY forces and political parties on the East Rand agreed yesterday to suspend the declaration of the magisterial districts of Alberton and Boksburg as unrest areas. (278)

Representatives of the Wits Vaal Regional Peace Secretariat, police, Inkatha and the ANC alliance also settled on a series of guidelines to operate a multi-party communications centre set up at Natalspruit Hospital to monitor violence, mainly in Katerhong and Tokoza, after at least 95 people lost their lives in violence this week. The need for a formal agreement was precipitated by the declaration of Alberton and Boksburg as unrest areas.

The centre will operate on a 24-hour basis, staffed by representatives from the SAP, IFP, ANC alliance and the peace secretariat. International observer missions will also be present.

The main points of the agreement are:

- Four two-way radio handsets will be allocated to the IFP and the ANC alliance to provide communication links with authorised representatives in areas which are potential flashpoints and where there is no access to telephones.

- The centre will be provided by the SAP with regular updates on the deployment of vehicles and personnel; unrest incidents; shootings involving security forces; attacks on security forces; bodies found; and at the start of all major security force operations in the area.

- The ANC alliance and the IFP will provide information on the dates, times, location, intention and status of arrangements for all events involving public gatherings, including funerals, marches and meetings.

- Clearly marked peace secretariat vehicles will be guaranteed access to all areas.

- The normal laws of the land pertaining to the carrying and use of firearms shall be applied.

- Decisions taken at the centre in relation to the actions of parties will be taken jointly.

In the event of misconduct or unlawful conduct, information will be relayed immediately to the centre and a report-back given within 24 hours on appropriate

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# Armed men hold three hostage in Wits drama

S/Times 11/7/93

THREE people were held hostage when a group of armed men burst into a hall at Wits University looking for two trade unionists on Friday night.

It is believed the armed men were looking for two National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union (Nehawu) officials, Mr Vusi Nhlapo and Mr Phillip Dexter.

The incident occurred when the three entered the reception area of the Jubilee Hall residence, where the union was holding its national congress.

The men produced firearms and pointed them at a security guard, the receptionist and a woman cleaner, who was mopping the floors. They forced the three into the receptionist's office and ordered them to lie face down.

No shots were fired during the incident, which lasted about 20 minutes.

"They were vicious and abusive. They ordered us to lie down and told us they were not looking for us but for union officials who had not arrived," said the security guard, who refused to be identified.

The guard said the men ran away when a man walked into the foyer.

"This has never happened to me before and I am still shocked," said the security guard, who has worked as a guard at the university for eight years.

By JACOB DLAMINI

Security officials at the university were alerted and gave chase but the men managed to escape.

Nehawu officials believe the incident may be connected to last year's TPA strike, which cost more than 30 lives and R5-million in damages to property.

"This is just a continuation of the harassment we suffered during the strike. We believe the incident is also connected to those scabs employed by the TPA during the strike," said Mr Dexter, general secretary of Nehawu.

## Firearm

He said union officials had received death threats and claimed that his licensed firearm was stolen from the union offices in central Johannesburg recently. "This is not just a bunch of angry people acting on their own, it is part of a campaign to eliminate us," Mr Dexter said.

Mr Frank Bartlett, a security official at the university referred all inquiries to the public relations office at the university.

**PICK 6**

GOSFORTH PARK

There were 23 winners with each re-



# KwaMadala refugees must go

By STAN MHLONGO

ILLEGAL inmates of the dreaded KwaMadala Hostel in Vanderbijlpark were told to pack up and leave the premises or face legal action this week.

In a statement, Iscor management said the influx of illegal refugees at KwaMadala had escalated to such an extent that the hostel had no option but to take action.

"Illegal persons or non-workers at Iscor should evacuate the hostel no later than 12 noon on Friday, or they will be liable for prosecution," said a statement from Iscor.

Management at the company said KwaMadala hostel was erect-

ed three years ago as temporary accommodation for its employees and families only.

ANC media liaison officer Karl Niehaus said the move by Iscor could be welcomed if it succeeded in halting the allegations that KwaMadala is often used as a springboard for alleged attacks on residents in surrounding townships.

## Bloodbath

Niehaus said the hostel needed to be upgraded into proper living quarters, and also welcomed the move announced by Iscor to bring the numbers of people living at KwaMadala under control.

In one particular incident, Kwa-

Madala Hostel inmates, most of them allegedly members of Inkatha, waged a midnight onslaught on Slovo Camp residents in Boipatong on June 17 1992.

In the most horrifying bloodbath residents were shot and butchered to death with an assortment of weapons.

Over 70 KwaMadala hostel inmates were later apprehended and appeared in court.

The number of accused presently appearing at the Delmas Circuit Court has been reduced to 35.

Vaal residents have also linked the hostel inmates to recent attacks in Evaton and Sebokeng by snipers travelling in a white car.



# The two sides of a war

## All of Katlehong wants peace, but there's no stopping the carnage

City Press 11/11/93

INSIDE Kwesine hostel, — the Katlehong hostel that recently gained notoriety for detaining a staffer from *The Sowetan* — one definitely expects to find signs of war-mongering.



Report  
by  
**ZANELE  
VUTELA**

Normally, in times of violence, people on the outside imagine that inside the hostels there is exuberant dancing in readiness for, or celebration of, the killing ritual. It is true that during hostel-related violence, the residents of townships situated near hostels were treated to severe forms of sabre-rattling. Blood-curdling war songs and shots fired into the air robbed residents of their sleep and served as a constant reminder of the war.

It was with utmost caution, therefore, that the City Press team ventured towards the gates of Kwesine, the crowd of men milling around the hostel entrance a forbidding sight.

When this reporter had worked up enough courage to talk to one inmate, a surprising number came up to offer their views. "We are being killed just because we are Zulus," and "Please tell the township people to leave us alone!" were the general cries.

In a twist which would surprise most people, one inmate said: "The police have locked us in and leave the township residents to roam around."

"Look at the police," he fumed, "they are busy playing soccer instead of protecting us. We can't do anything because they are blocking us. We have never even had the chance to fight back."

"We can't go to work. We dare not use taxis because they pull us out of the taxis and kill us. We can't use the buses because it would make it easier for these people to kill us. Spoonnet must fix the railway line because at least in the trains we can defend ourselves."

One visibly shaken inmate said: "They have burnt most of the houses belonging to Zulu people in the township. Long-standing Zulu speaking members of this community have had to flee into the hostel. The hall is full of women and children. Come into the hostel and see for yourself."

We were then escorted into the hostel

where more men just stood around in small groups.

Inside the hall were groups of abject women and the children, huddled up to their bundles of blankets — all they could take with them when they fled. They told the same story as their men: "We left the township because they are burning us."

In the Dikobe section of Katlehong, a few kilometres from the Mazibuko hostel, a week-old baby lay on a mattress with only the sky and her mother's blankets for protection. Her mother had to flee their home which she said was in a row of houses attacked by hostel inmates.

Indeed, that whole section is a ghost town of charred houses.

Angry residents said that the hostel dwellers were lying when they claimed that they had not attacked them. "When we see their women moving into the hostel, we know we are going to be attacked," they said.

"Where are the police now?" cried one woman. "That's why we say they are gangsters because they don't help us. We want to go back for our things but they are not here. The hostel dwellers are raiding our houses."

The residents said that they are also verbally abused through a loud speaker and told they are Mandela's dogs.

Pain and suffering abound on both sides in a war nobody seems to be winning and nobody seems to want to take responsibility for. A pall of sadness, desperation and anger continued to hang over Katlehong. When City Press visited the township the next morning, we were confronted by the body of a man lying about 50 m from the entrance to Kwesine.

OF A WAR



**WAR-TORN ... A blind girl and her gran seek refuge in the hostel from township residents (below), and residents on the run from hostel-dwellers (above and right).**

■ Pic: ANDRIES MCINENKA



**F**ROM July 1990 to June 1992, a total of 6 229 politically related deaths were recorded by the Human Rights Commission in the PWV and Natal regions. This averaged 260 deaths a month or 8,53 a day ... Then dawned January 1993: The East Rand continued as a focal point of violence, accounting for 69 percent of the PWV total. Although Thokoza and Ratanda townships bore the brunt of the violence, sporadic incidents were also recorded in Daveyton, Boksburg, Germiston and Thembisa. This is also the only sub-region which suffered train attacks during January.





# Needle swings to E Rand on SA barometer of violence

By Len Kalane

SEBOKENG, Thokoza, Katlehong: There lies a tragic tale of three cities.

These are the three murder capitals of the PWV region in SA. Random killings, train attacks, massacres, you name it, it happens here.

An Independent Board of Inquiry report for May 1993 noted that hardly a week passes without residents of Sebokeng, Sharpeville, Boipatong or Bophelong (all in the Vaal) being prosecuted for illegal possession of rifles, AK-47s, pistols and ammunition.

Only a month ago these killings were focussed on Sebokeng. The spotlight has now again shifted to Katlehong/Thokoza, where in the past week, over 92 people have

been killed.

Since the outbreak of violence in the area last Friday, bodies have been found every day in the Katlehong/Thokoza area, and the toll is still rising.

Many blame the upsurge in violence on the war between the ANC and Inkatha that began in 1990, the year the government announced a new dispensation for SA.

From July 1990 to June 1992, a total of 6 229 politically-related deaths were recorded by the Human Rights Commission in the PWV and Natal regions. This averaged 260 deaths a month or 8.53 a day.

According to the HRC, July 1990, although numerically a low month, signalled increased violence outside Natal, particularly

in the PWV area, and which coincided with the launch of the Inkatha Freedom Party.

The HRC says August 1990 also witnessed the suspension of the armed struggle by the ANC and the full emergence of Inkatha on to the national stage from its previous base in Natal/Kwazulu.

That month, over 700 people died, 570 in the PWV alone.

During 1990/92, there were 49 incidents in which 10 or more people died in major massacres.

The first of these occurred on July 22 1990 at Sebokeng in the Vaal, around the launch of the Inkatha party in the area, and which opened the floodgates of violence in the PWV region. Nineteen people were killed, allegedly by Inkatha members on the rampage.

A day later 30 more people died in retaliatory actions between residents and Inkatha.

In January 1991 45 mourners were killed in Sebokeng during the night vigil of an ANC member. Attackers were said to be unknown.

In June 1992, 46 residents were killed in an attack on Boipatong and there were strong suggestions that police were involved in the attack together with Inkatha supporters.

The HRC says the Boipatong attack gave rise to the overwhelming perception among township residents that the State and its security forces were in alliance with Inkatha-supporting vigilantes to destabilise township life and paralyse political organisation. Since then, massacres and kill-

ings have been alternating between Sebokeng, Thokoza and Katlehong.

The trend in attacks moved away from large scale swoops towards small group, highly lethal, shock attacks on trains, taverns, night vigils, buses and homes. The HRC points out that such attacks indicate the existence of well trained, well-resourced squads which have had a remarkable record of making their getaway and concealing their identity.

Train massacres during 1990/92 claimed nearly 300 lives and the attacks were closely associated with hostels.

There have been numerous instances, says the HRC, of attackers being observed withdrawing into hostels and where attackers have been apprehended,

their addresses turned out to be in Inkatha-supporting hostels. Then dawned January 1993.

The East Rand continued to be a focal point of violence, accounting for 69 percent of the PWV's total death toll.

Thokoza accounted for 13 deaths, eight of which were attributed to attacks allegedly carried out by members of the "Khumalo Gang" led by Inkatha-aligned Mhlekiseni Solomon Khumalo.

Although there were no significant incidents in February (19 deaths in PWV's East Rand accounting for 12) Natal recorded 118 for the month of March. This figure represented 65 percent of the countrywide total.

April, the month of the Chris Ham assassination, saw 67 deaths in the PWV and 124 in the Natal

region. The East Rand continued to be the focal point, accounting for 23 deaths.

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Altogether 40 people were killed in a bloody weekend of violence in the East Rand, Vaal and Natal, preceding the Mandela-Buthelezi meeting, this after weeks of death and mayhem in Thokoza, Katlehong and Vosloorus. Sebokeng came back into the picture when a new form of execution emerged - drive-by shootings. Six people were gunned down.

Overall figures and trends for June are not yet available, but already the focus has shifted to the East Rand.

Already for July the death toll stood at more than 90 at the time of going to press. They are still counting the bodies in Thokoza and Katlehong.

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# More than words to end violence

By MOSES MAMAILA

CIPress

MORE than 200 people have been killed in politically-related violence since the crucial Mandela-Buthelezi summit on June 23 which was aimed at ending the carnage largely blamed on ANC and Inkatha supporters.

The meeting between the two leaders was seen by most political observers as the only hope for the restoration of peace between the warring factions.

While violence has engulfed various parts of the country, the worst terror operation was launched on the East Rand where at least 92 people were killed within five days. (278)

The eruption of violence in Thokoza and Katlehong townships comes hard

on the heels of inflammatory statements made by the Inkatha leadership. Inkatha negotiator Walter Felgate said his organisation would mobilise two million of its members to protest against the setting of an election date.

ANC official Cyril Ramaphosa also blamed the recent violence on the statement made by Felgate. (78)

But Inkatha's Themba Khoza said the violence on the East Rand started when many township residents joined his organisation. (79)

Police spokesman Capt Craig Kotze said the police could only deal with the symptoms of violence and not with the causes, adding that the violence was a struggle for political turf.



# I'm Lucky to be alive

By JOHANNES NGCOCO

SUNDAY TIMES staffer Sydney Moses is thankful to be alive.

Mr Moses, 60, cheated death last Sunday when youths opened fire on his car while he was driving through Kaitleng on the East Rand on his way home from work. He was stopped by the mob and stoned.

A shocked Mr Moses said: "While I was driving down Khamalo Street on my way home, a group of youths stopped my car. "I decided not to stop because I could see what they were up to.



SHOT AT ... Sydney Moses

"After I accelerating, I heard a gunshot.

He rushed to the nearest police station, but said the police were afraid to accompany him to the scene of the attack.

"A policeman wearing a bullet-proof vest told me he was afraid to take me to the scene where I was attacked.

"I was told to wait for members of the SADF because they used armoured vehicles."

Mr Moses, formerly a senior journalist on the Sunday Times, was recently seconded to the newspaper's circulation department.

Police spokesman Warrant Officer Andy Piek said incidents on the East Rand were "addressed according to priorities."

He said Mr Moses was not the only person affected by the violence.

"Police at police stations rely heavily on members of Internal Stability Unit and on the SADF."

BRIAN SOKUTU and EZRA MANTINI reflect on the atmosphere at the height of the violence in Kaitleng and Thokoza on the East Rand.

YOU only need two bullets to start a war in the East Rand townships of Kaitleng and Thokoza, says resident Ntuthuko Shezi.

"All that a person has to do is to fire one bullet towards the hostel, fire the second shot towards the residents' houses and run away as fast as he can," says Mr Shezi, a stores clerk who lives close to the Thokoza Hostel.

By the end of the week the violence had claimed at least 100 lives — although township residents said the toll was much higher.

Sounds of gunfire and the wailing of women and children as they take cover, signal yet another attack in the township. We are not in Sarajevo or Beirut, but at in Ramokunipi Section — in Kaitleng.

## NIGHTMARE

Houses at this flashpoint are situated close to Mzibuko Hostel — allegedly the launching pad for offensives against residents.

Making a quick turn through the barricaded streets amid the gunfire is a nightmare, not only for the Sunday Times team but for fleeing residents who assume we are attackers.

Here householders are gathering their belongings: Beds, wardrobes, blankets and pots are strewn in the streets.

"There is no life here, we're leaving the area. The hostel people are coming to take over our belongings and houses. We have no one to protect us," says one resident.

Mr Shezi said the fighting began last Saturday when mourners attending an ANC funeral were fired on by people in a strange car.

"All we heard was the sound of the car speeding off towards the hostel.

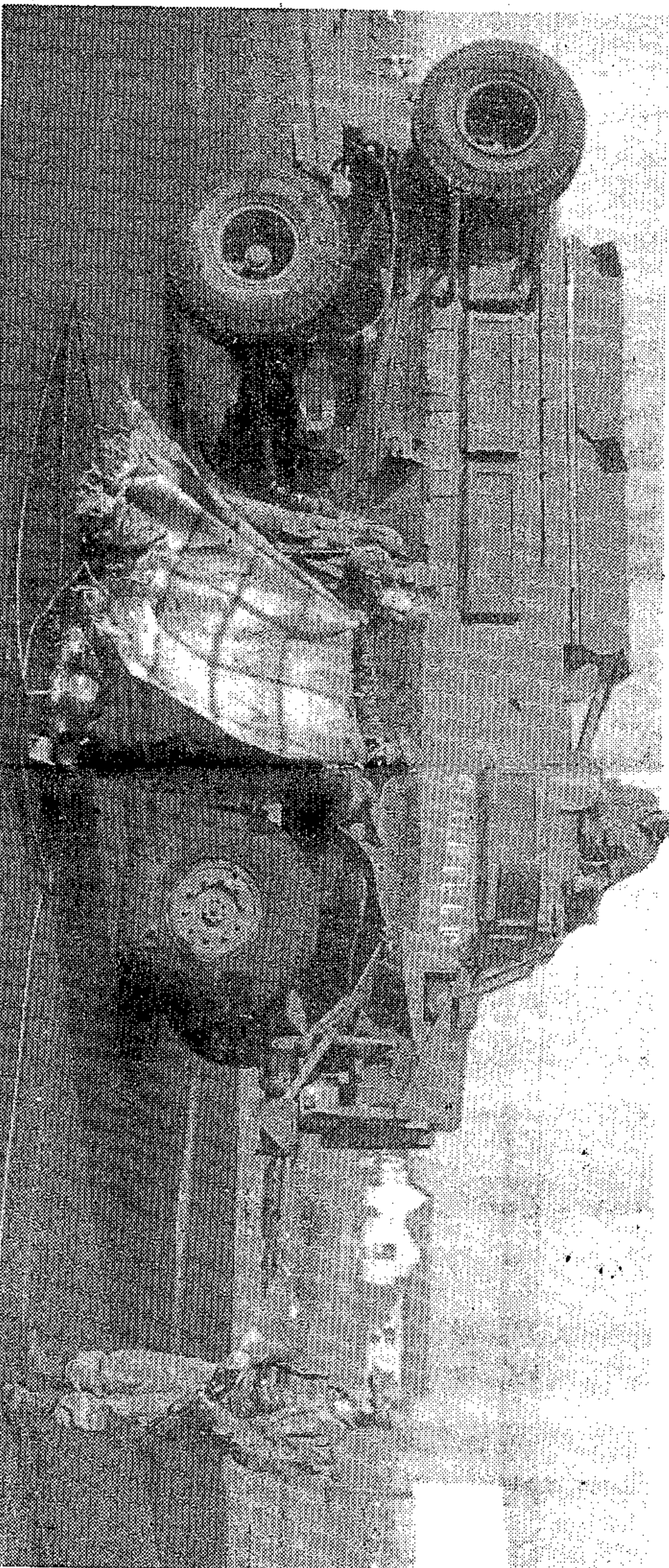
"As a result, comrades sought revenge on all houses harbouring IFP supporters.

"They burnt their shacks and all their belongings. I think the IFP members must have fled to the hostel to seek refuge.

"On Sunday morning all seemed quiet. On Sunday afternoon, we saw imps on the war-path, attacking any person they

# ALL IT TAKES IS

# TWO BULLETS TO START A WAR



STOPPING THE 'FUN' ... police with a partially-burnt body which youths wanted to cremate further

came across. A lot of people died."

Mr Shezi says the volatile situation has also created opportunities for thugs and witch-hunters.

"All your neighbour needs to do is to tell the comrades that you are friendly with Inkatha. The comrades will be all over you, setting your house and family on fire.

"When you are under attack, there is no time for setting the record straight," he adds.

However, some residents, like self defence unit member Sam Mahuli, are determined to stay. Mr Mahuli's unit remains out-

doors in the evening, ready to retaliate "with whatever we have at our disposal".

Since the Thokoza massacre last month, he says, "we haven't been free."

## MASSACRE

"They (hostel dwellers) attack us. But we won't leave this area. This is an ANC territory," he says.

Not all sections in Kaitleng and in Thokoza have been badly affected by the violence. Ramokunipi, Mavimbela, Kwesine and Hlahlasi in Kaitleng, and Khamalo Street in Thokoza, are the

worst hit because they are close to hostels.

Residents in both townships have dug trenches and barricaded the streets to try and defend themselves.

In Kaitleng's Mavimbela Section, resident Osbond Ngozi, 47, explains: "If you stay here, you don't sleep from 7pm. When we hear gunfire, we get outside and patrol.

"We patrol from 7pm to 5am because we don't know when they (hostel dwellers) will come to attack us."

For most people in the strife-torn townships, going to work is

the area in the evening and return the following morning to count the bodies.

But East Rand police spokesman Lieutenant Janine Smith maintains police patrol the townships "on a 24-hour basis".

"I would not be getting reports in the evenings from patrolling members of the Internal Stability Unit if police were not there," she says.

Mrs Tau Mokoagwe, 55, of Mavimbela Section says: "We go to sleep fully clothed, except for our shoes, so that in the event of trouble we can scuttle to safety.

"I do not belong to a political party, but I think we are beginning to see the ugly face of political recruitment and territorial control.

"Meeting after meeting has been held to try to create peace but there is no tolerance on either side.

## INNOCENT

"Frankly I think both the ANC and the IFP must draw up a peace accord or come to some form of understanding.

"We are the innocent victims who are suffering while the politicians waste time," she says.

"When elections draw nearer next year, I will leave with my family to go and live in the city. "I am scared to even think what will happen — the house-to-house witch-hunt will start all over again."

Matric pupil Tiny Setlogelo, 18, of Radebe Section, who is visiting her family during the winter holidays says: "After this week's violence I regret coming back home. "I could have lost my life and I am tired of being woken up at night by youths to go on patrol."

With violence having engulfed not only the East Rand but Natal, ANC leader Albertina Sisulu this week expressed concern that the bloodshed might affect the coming general elections.

Attempts are being made to implement a programme of joint ANC-IFP rallies agreed to during recent talks between ANC president Nelson Mandela and IFP leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

However, there was concern at IFP central committee member Walter Felgate's threat to unleash the wrath of two-million IFP supporters to stop the setting of an election date — a threat believed to have been taken seriously by ordinary members.

Most of those killed in violence have been people with no political affiliation

# WHY dead leaves to

By BRI

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And it takes being addressed by a firebrand leader for them to listen.

...the continuation of the fight in the face of incomprehension and opposition. So the Church



## Six bodies found

Soweto  
12/7/93

SIX people were found dead in Katlehong and Tokoza on the East Rand yesterday following two days of relative peace in the troubled area.

Police said the six had been stoned to death, stabbed or shot. They brought the toll since last Friday to 107 in the two townships. Three more people were reportedly killed in nearby Vosloorus on Saturday night. (278)



# Eikenhof killings: Car 'hijacked'

JOHANNESBURG. — The owner of the BMW used in the Eikenhof killings, Mr Nelson Mpunge, told the Heidelberg Circuit Court on Friday how his vehicle was hijacked by four men with AK-47 rifles early on March 19.

Mr Mpunge was testifying in the trial of Mr Boy Ndweni, 19, Mr Siphwe Bhola, 24, and Mr Siphwe Gavin, 22.

The men have pleaded not guilty before Mr Justice D.J. Curlewis and two assessors to 43 "special" offences.

They have been accused of murdering Mrs Zandra Mitchell, 35, her son Shaun Nel, 14, and a friend Clare Ann Silberbauer, 13.

They are also accused of attempting to kill six other

people, and of kidnapping Mr Mpunge and Mr Madoda Vayisi.

Mr Mpunge said he and Mr Vayisi were on their way to work on the Golden Highway when four armed men surrounded his car at a stop sign and got in.

One of the men had pulled out a plastic bag and taken out an AK-47 and three hand-grenades.

Mr Mpunge said he had been told to drive fast as they intended reaching their destination at 6.50am.

"We then proceeded along the Vereeniging/Johannesburg road and went looking for a bus full of whites," Mr Mpunge said.

The trial continues today.

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# Winnie: Attack killers

JOHANNESBURG — Mrs Winnie Mandela and the PAC yesterday called on people in Sebokeng to arm themselves against "faceless" attackers responsible for mass killings in Vaal Triangle townships.

Mrs Mandela, an executive member of the SA National Civics Organisation in the PWV region, was speaking at the funeral of 11 people shot dead by unidentified attackers in Sebokeng's Zone 8 on June 26.

"You should arm yourselves and attack the people who are killing you — with immediate effect," she urged about 1 000 mourners at a Zone 17 stadium.

If elections did not take place as agreed at the World Trade Centre, it would "be a dark day for all South Africans", she said.

Elections would have to take place next year, she said.

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"If the organisations of the oppressed continue making compromises in the negotiations, the constituent assembly will be nothing else but a mockery of democracy."

Meanwhile, three policemen have been suspended following the death in police custody at the weekend of a man suspected

of mass killings in Sebokeng.

Police spokesman Henriette Bester said Victor Kheswa, 28, a KwaMadala hostel resident, had been taken out of police cells for investigation by three members of the Vanderbijlpark unrest and violent crime unit. Kheswa was certified dead on arrival at Sasolburg Hospital on Saturday.

A murder docket has been opened.

In another incident, a policeman was wounded in Sebokeng when a police patrol was fired at by a group of youths on Saturday. Police also found the bodies of six men yesterday morning in Thokoza and Katilehong townships.



# Toll rises after township killings

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**JOHANNESBURG.** — Police said they found the bodies of six people yesterday in Thokoza and Katlehong townships, scene of fierce fighting last week.

Police spokesman Warrant Officer Andy Pieke said the six had been stoned, stabbed or shot. He said the deaths pushed the death toll since last Friday to 107.

Police units in the townships reported the townships were calm yesterday, WO Pieke said.

A policeman was wounded in the Vaal Triangle township of Sebokeng on Saturday when a police patrol was fired at by a group of youths, police said yesterday.

The constable, whose name has not been released, was wounded in the leg when members of the Internal Stability Unit stopped to investigate the gathering of a group of youths in a street in Section 8 about 10pm, spokesman Major Henriette Bester said.

She added that the patrol returned fire but it was not known whether anyone was hit. The policeman is in a satisfactory condition in hospital.

In Natal, three women and a six-year-old child became the latest victims in the violence sweeping Natal

## 109 police died on duty

**PRETORIA.** — A total of 109 policemen were killed and 1 720 others injured in the line of duty in the first six months of this year, police said yesterday.

The figures were released on the eve of the resumption today of the Goldstone Commission inquiry into attacks on policemen.

Police said in a statement the homes of 516 policemen were attacked during the past six months and 915 vehicles belonging to SAP members were destroyed or damaged.

Police expressed serious concern about "the apathetic attitude of the South African people" toward the attacks.

"No community can exist without peace and order. In South Africa this is made possible by the thin blue line of men and women sacrificing everything to prevent anarchy." — Sapa

townships, bringing the death toll in the province since the election date was announced to more than 80.

The incident took place when a group of men arrived at a kraal in the Nkonjane reserve, near Empangeni, allegedly looking for an 18-year-old ANC member who lived there, said police.

However, when they could not find him, they allegedly started attacking the rest of the household with pangas and knives, killing three and injuring two.

Five others managed to escape uninjured. — Sapa, Own Correspondent



# Rocket grenade attack on police

The Argus Correspondent (278)

JOHANNESBURG — An RPG-7 missile fired at a police patrol in Tokoza early today missed their vehicle before smashing into a wall of Tokoza hostel. **Argus 12/7/93**

Police said the missile was fired from a launcher at policemen patrolling a field near the hostel.

The projectile left a large hole in the wall but no one was injured.

Police are investigating charges of terrorism.

Six people were found stoned to death, stabbed or shot in Katlehong and Tokoza yesterday bringing the toll since Friday to 107.

Three people were killed in nearby Vosloorus on Saturday night.

Residents said gunmen entered a house looking for a man. When they found him away they shot his mother and two friends.



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Staff Reporter

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## Mercer tried bribe — claim

NEW YORK. — Heavyweight boxer Ray Mercer appeared in court here yesterday in connection with accusations he offered an opponent \$100 000 (about R330 000) to lose.

Mercer, training for an August 12 fight against Tony Willis in Atlantic City, is accused of bribing Jesse Ferguson during their February 6 fight at Madison Square Garden.

Ferguson won a decision over Mercer and went on to a big-money fight against heavyweight champion Riddick Bowe. Bowe won the fight in the second round. The judge will make a ruling on September 27. — Sapa-AFP

## Stals sees 1 percent growth rise

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Reserve Bank Governor Dr Chris Stals believes the growth rate could rise one percent this year, depending on agricultural production, and could rise even further next year, depending on political stability.

In an interview yesterday, he also said inflation was declining again towards a single digit.

He also expressed "faith and confidence" that South Africa would have access to new foreign capital to meet its heavy debt commitments next year.

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## n for Bok rugby

first against Western Australia in Perth tomorrow.

Kick-off is at noon, with bilingual commentary on Radio 2 000.

Meanwhile, IAN GAULT writes from Perth that the Boks had their first victory yesterday when SA Rugby Football Union executive president Mr Ebrahim Patel, addressing a large contingent of journalists, headed off potentially hostile questions about drugs, foul play and racism in sport.

The Bok management had obviously done their homework and the television crews were dismantling their cameras long before the end of the meeting.

A special match to mark the centenary of the Western Australian Rugby Union is being arranged in Perth on Wednesday, August 25. It will be a composite team of Springboks and All Blacks and will play an Australian Barbarians XV.



# Nine die in gunmen's death spree

Star 13/7/92

By Melody McDougall  
Vereeniging Bureau

Unidentified gunmen shot dead at least nine people and wounded about 16 others in the strife-torn townships of Sebokeng and Evaton last night. (278)

The attack came barely two weeks after 16 people were shot by snipers in the two townships.

Vaal Triangle police spokesman Major Piet van Deventer this morning strongly condemned the massacre. He assured residents the SAP would do everything in its power to find and charge the culprits.

According to Van Deventer, the attack occurred shortly before 8 pm last night when gunmen in a white Toyota Cressida chased through the streets of Evaton and Sebokeng's Zone 12, randomly shooting at pedestrians.

A Sebokeng woman was also robbed of her car — apparently by the occupants of a white Cressida — during the killing spree. The vehicle was later found abandoned in neighbouring Sharpeville.

Van Deventer said preliminary investigations indicated at least eight men and one woman died during the massacre. All had bullet wounds and most died at the scene of the shooting.

Twelve men and four women were injured, some of them seriously, and taken to the Sebokeng hospital. None of the victims has been positively identified yet.

Van Deventer appealed to the local community to co-operate with police in trying to bring the killers to justice.

He also urged residents to come forward immediately with any information which would assist the police with their investigations into the shootings.



# Star 13/7/83 Demonstrators ransack shop

By Glen Elsas  
West Rand Bureau

A crowd of more than 1 000 demonstrators ransacked a fast food outlet in Kagiso and broke 48 shopping mall windows when they dispersed following a protest march to the Kagiso police station yesterday.

Damage was estimated to be about R200 000, police said.

A bakkie was burnt out and a second bakkie was stolen but later recovered. Another vehicle was stoned and its windows broken.

A petrol bomb was hurled at the car of West Rand Regional Services Council

chairman and chairman of the West Rand Peace Committee Dr Benoni van Graan.

The bomb landed far from the car. No one was hurt.

The march was part of a 10-week-old consumer boycott against white owned businesses in Krugersdorp in support of a number of demands including the resignation of the Conservative Party-controlled Krugersdorp town council.

During the march, pamphlets calling for a stayaway and rally were distributed to people living in Kagiso, Azaadville, Munsieville and other areas. The pamphlets urged that the racist Krugersdorp Town Council be

destroyed.

The ANC, Civic Association and the Consumer Boycott Committee also stated that the council had failed to provide electricity for all, failed to provide land and houses for all and also failed to provide a proper infrastructure for all. (278)

West Rand police said permission to hold a march and a rally at Jan Lotz Stadium in Krugersdorp had been declined by the magistrate.

Organisers, including Ahmed Asvat, then asked for permission for the crowd to march from a garage in Kagiso to the police station in the township. Police said the

marchers numbered about 1 000 but Asvat said there were more than 3 000.

At the police station it was arranged that about 30 people be transported to the Krugersdorp Civic Centre where an agenda for an urgent meeting was to be handed over to the council.

Most marchers then dispersed. A group of people, however, then went on the rampage and ransacked the Kentucky Fried Chicken outlet in the Kagiso Mall after breaking 48 mall windows.

Earlier, peace monitors intervened to avert conflict between protesters and policemen, reports Sapa.



## NEWS Kriel denies rumours

# Pruis touted as new police chief

By Ismail Lagardien  
Political Correspondent

GENERAL André Pruis, head of the Community Relations Division of the South African Police, has been touted as the possible new Commissioner of Police.

As a so-called new thinker, Pruis' name has been mentioned repeatedly over the past few months within the African National Congress and the Government, a well-placed source told *Sowetan*, as successor to the present Commissioner of Police, General Johan van der Merwe.

Pruis' name came up again at the weekend when it was rumoured that Van der Merwe was considering early retirement.

Van der Merwe denied he was considering retiring but said if it was required of him "to make room for constitutional change" he would step down.

Meanwhile, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Hernus Kriel, said yesterday there was no truth in the speculation that Van der Merwe was about to retire at his suggestion.

"I can state quite categorically and unambiguously that the Government and I have the fullest confidence in General van der Merwe and his general staff," Kriel said.

Kriel and Van der Merwe have come under increasing pressure to resign after some serious blunders.

Firstly, there was the countrywide raid on offices of the Pan Africanist Congress and its members during a crucial stage in the negotiations at the World Trade Centre.

There then followed what many people perceived as the SAP turning a blind eye when rightwingers stormed the World Trade Centre and disrupted negotiations.



## Mine blast at Tokoza

*Sowetan* 13/7/93

A LIMPET mine exploded at almost the same time and near the spot where an RPG-7 missile smashed into the wall of a hostel in Tokoza early yesterday.

Police spokeswoman Lieutenant Janine Smith said an MPM magnetic mine was set off at about the same time the missile penetrated the wall of No 2 hostel.

The projectile, apparently fired at a patrolling police vehicle, missed its target but smashed into the hostel wall.

No one was injured in the attack.

The MPM magnetic mine was used on ships during World War 2, a police spokesman said, adding it was now being used by "terrorists". — Sapa. (218)



# Youths on rampage in Kagiso after march

Biday 13/7/93

RAMPAGING youths damaged property worth R200 000 in the West Rand township of Kagiso yesterday after an illegal march on the police offices in Krugersdorp, police said.

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Looting, stone-throwing and the burning of vehicles occurred after about 200 youths broke away from a group of ANC and Sanco marchers who had protested against Krugersdorp's CP-led town council.

Permission for the march to protest against the town council's failure to provide electricity, land, houses and infrastructure was refused by the town's magistrate, West Rand police spokeswoman Maj Henriette Bester said last night.

However, about 1 000 protesters gathered in Kagiso, outside Krugersdorp, and marched to the police station where they had discussions with local police officers, she said.

West Rand dispute resolution committee member Benoni van Graan, whose car was attacked with a petrol bomb which did not go off, brokered an agreement that allowed a delegation of 35 protesters to proceed to the Krugersdorp Town Council to present a memorandum.

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STEPHANE BOTHMA

to shops in the Kagiso Mall, Bester said. Police were stoned by youths.

By late yesterday afternoon, the situation was back to normal, Bester said.

□ A march on the Transvaal Provincial Administration's (TPA) head office in Pretoria by Sanco's southern Transvaal region failed to materialise yesterday because the expected crowd did not arrive on time.

General secretary Dan Mofokeng said the march had to be postponed because most people failed to turn up on time for the protest action to take place within the timeframe allocated by authorities.

The organisation wanted to deliver a memorandum demanding that the TPA take full responsibility of all damage caused by black local authorities and management committees, the collapse of health services and inadequate infrastructure. It also demanded the TPA be replaced.

And in Mossel Bay yesterday about 200 people began a sit-in at the D'Almeida municipal offices after their electricity was cut off on Sunday night.

The municipality was not available for comment.



## Monitors avert march conflict

KRUGERSDORP. —

Peace monitors intervened to avert conflict between hundreds of Kagiso protesters and policemen yesterday.

The ANC and South African National Civics Organisation had planned a march through Krugersdorp yesterday to protest against the town council's failure to provide electricity, land and houses for all. (278)

By 1pm more than 500 ANC and Sanco supporters started marching. They were then stopped by police. CT 13/7/93

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# 670 unrest deaths in 70 days

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## Staff Reporter

IN the past 70 days 670 people were brutally murdered and a number of these were neck-laced or doused in fuel and set alight in more than 3 500 incidents of unrest, according to the police.

"The number of people killed in this manner indicates that this horrific murder method is rapidly increasing," Pretoria police headquarters said in a statement.

The statement blamed the deterioration of peace and order in the country on the apathy of community members and "their unwillingness to serve the country and its people".

During May 252 people were murdered in 2 183 "unrest related incidents", while in June 239 people were murdered.

From July 1 to 9 there were 329 incidents in which 179 people were murdered.

Most of the incidents and

murders occurred in the Thokoza, Vosloorus and Katlehong areas in the Transvaal, and in rural Natal.

Independent research shows that from July 1990 to June 1992 more than 7 250 people were killed in over 5 000 politically motivated incidents in the Transvaal and Natal.

In this period 1 250 people were killed in 49 massacres, where a massacre is defined as any attack in which 10 or more

people were killed.

Police said although most of the incidents and murders in the past 70 days occurred on the East Rand as well as at Wembezi and Ezakheni townships outside Ladysmith and other areas of Natal, "indications are that other areas could be affected if appropriate steps are not taken".

The police urged all South Africans to become involved in the maintenance of peace and order.



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# Alleged killer linked to rightists

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Alleged mass killer Mr Victor Kheswa had links with an international right-wing movement, a report published here yesterday said.

Mr Kheswa, dubbed the "Vaal Monster", died in police custody at the weekend after being arrested in connection with the murder of 19 people on the eve of SACP leader Mr Chris Hani's funeral in April.

He was said to be a member of the World Preservatist Movement (WPM), previously known as the World Apartheid Movement.

WPM leader Mr Koos Vermeulen said yesterday he was convinced Mr Kheswa had been taken to Sasolburg to ensure that an autopsy would be done in Bloemfontein. He said his organisation knew there was a possibility that facts could be "covered up" in Bloemfontein.

He said the WPM had started recruiting black members earlier this year.

In a statement yesterday, the African National Congress said the disclosures confirmed its belief that township violence was not a black-on-black conflict, but was fomented by a "third force". The ANC said Mr Kheswa had been repeatedly arrested and was convicted and sentenced to a term of imprisonment last year.

He was "inexplicably released" and on more than one occasion was seen in the Vaal Triangle. The ANC asked whether Mr Kheswa's death was part of a broader cover-up to prevent information on the source of violence in the Vaal Triangle becoming known.

Vaal Inkatha Freedom Party organiser Mr Chris Theunissen confirmed yesterday that Mr Kheswa had been a member of both the IFP and the WPM. He said this did not bother him as no conflict of interest existed between the two organisations.

## Massacres:

## Boycott call

JOHANNESBURG. — The death toll in Monday night's Sebokeng and Evaton killings has risen to 14 with the death of five victims in hospital.

The ANC yesterday called a boycott of white business in the Vaal Triangle in protest at recent massacres. In the Sebokeng and Evaton attacks nine pedestrians died instantly when shot by gunmen firing from a car. — Own Correspondent, Sapa.

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# 40 arrested in pre-dawn raid

Sowetan 14/7/98

By Mzwandile Jacks

FORTY people were arrested during a pre-dawn raid in Tshiawelo, Soweto, yesterday morning.

Residents said police arrived at 1am and made arrests following the alleged killing of a man by a group of men at a "kangaroo court" in the township on April 5.



Two men, Mr Isaac Ramusuela and Mr George Mabungu, were arrested on April 26 and charged with murder. They have since been released on R800 bail. Residents who were picketing at the gate of the Moroka police station said yesterday their houses were continually being broken into by thieves, but the police had failed to make arrests. They also denied knowledge of the killing at a "kangaroo

court" in the area.

A resident, Mr Wiseman Pusako, said yesterday that the windows of his home were smashed during the raid.

"We are protesting because we want our friends and parents to be released," he said.

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A Colonel de Klerk at the Moroka police station told *Sowetan* yesterday that eight of the 40 people who were arrested had been released.



# East Rand death toll up to 120

By Anna Louw  
East Rand Bureau

Six more people have died in Katlehong and Tokoza, bringing the death toll in the past 10 days to 120.

A police spokesman said the bodies of three men were discovered in Moleleki section in Katlehong yesterday.

Another three male corpses were discovered in various parts of Tokoza on Monday night.

In Daveyton, municipal policeman Constable V Tshabalala (28) was shot in the back early yesterday and the body of a man with multiple back wounds was found on Monday night.

In KwaThema yesterday, two bakkies were gutted after being petrol-bombed and R145 000 damage was caused to three Telkom vehicles which were set alight by youths.

The ANC and the IFP yesterday agreed that refugees of East Rand violence be allowed to return to their homes.

The two parties recommitted themselves to their July 9 peace pact relating to the control of supporters and the protection of property. They also agreed to address their local leaders and supporters to ensure their co-operation in the return of the refugees.



Emipian Airlines flights at Johannesburg's Jan Smuts Airport.

The ground handling agreement covers baggage and cargo handling, ramp services, airline representation, technical assistance, communication, operations and full passenger handling.

### ANC to protest killings

THE ANC alliance has called a consumer boycott in Vanderbijlpark, Meyerton and Vereeniging to protest against continued massacres in Vaal townships.

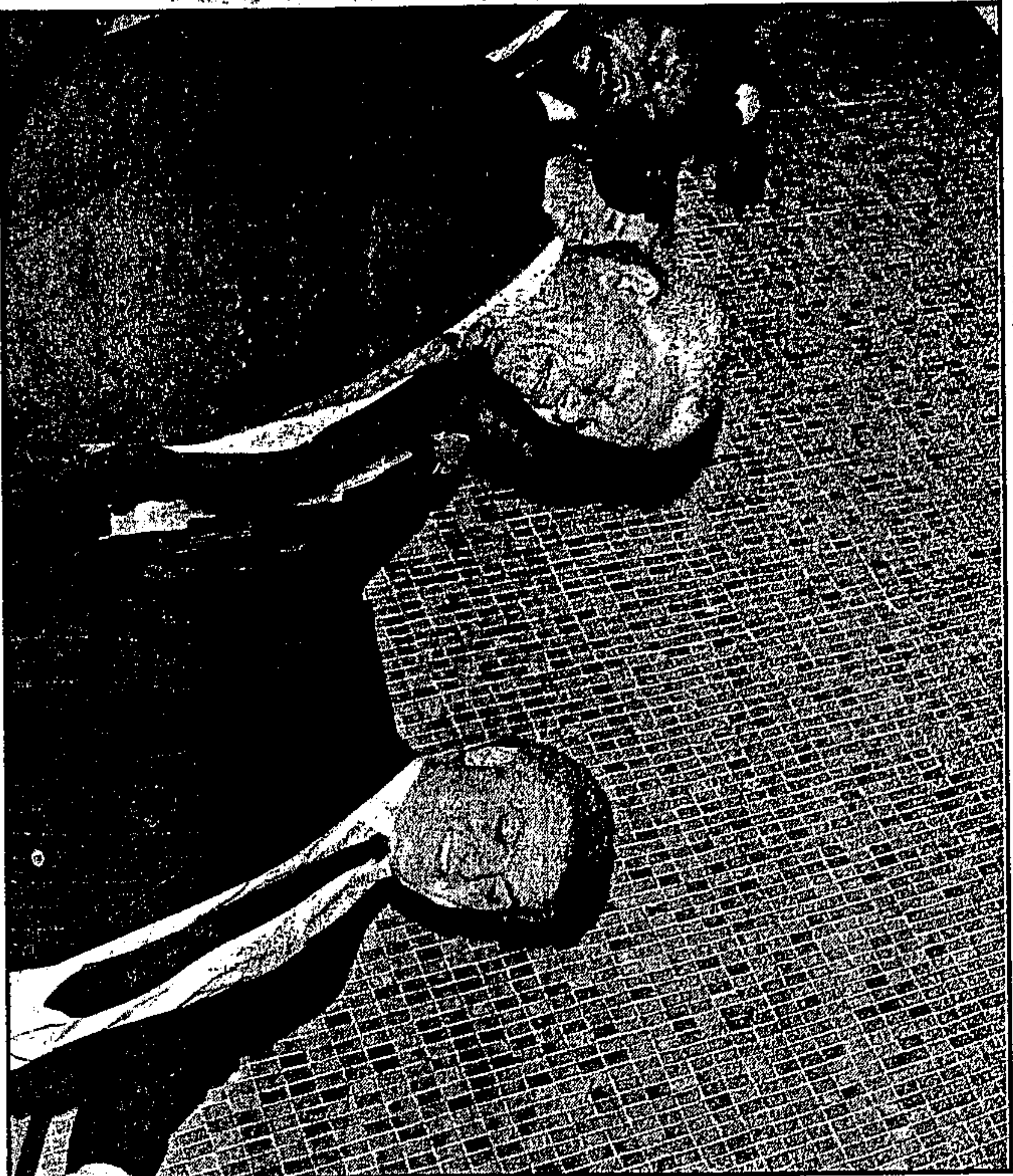
The latest killings were in Sebokeng on Monday night. The ANC further said the refusal by the Vanderbijlpark town council to be part of the Local Government Negotiations Forum made the town a particular target for a consumer boycott.

### Steel men back at work

HIGHVELD Steel and trade union representatives returned to work yesterday after a one-day work stoppage by the whites-only Mineworkers Union and the National Union of Metalworkers of SA.

Both unions were dissatisfied with the way in which Highveld Steel management at Witbank handled the case of a white worker accused of assaulting a black employee. The white worker was dismissed but was reinstated on Monday after a successful appeal.





ANC president Nelson Mandela at Jan Smuts Airport yesterday after his arrival from the U S where he and President FW de Klerk were honoured by President Bill Clinton, who presented them with the Liberty Award. With Mandela are ANC general secretary Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, his bodyguard and a BBC correspondent . PIC: MBUZENI ZULU



# TOTAL INVAZION

*Swetani 14/7/93*

## By Bongani Mavuso and Sapa

**T**EN PEOPLE were killed and at least 15 injured when gunmen travelling in a car opened fire on residents in the Vaal Triangle townships of Sebokeng and Evaton on Monday night.

Vaal police spokesman Major Piet van Deventer could not disclose the names of those killed in the attacks, which occurred at about 8pm.

He said three people were killed in Evaton and six at Sebokeng and 9mm pistols were used in the attacks.

A spokesman for the Sebokeng Hospital said yesterday five people died in the casualty section, one of the injured was in a critical condition and another had been transferred to the Baragwanath Hospital in a critical condition. Those admitted to the Sebokeng Hospital

were identified as Mr Ezekiel Mabuya, Mr Annos Mahe, Mr Petrus Phoswa, Mr Abraham Mpondo and Mr William Pule. Four others were not identified for "security reasons".

Survivors at the hospital said people driving in a white Toyota Cressida were responsible for the attacks.

Mabuya (18), of Zone 14 Sebokeng, who was shot in the leg and arm, said he was sitting in front of a fire with friends when they were attacked.

The car drove past them, returned shortly afterwards and three men armed with firearms came up and opened fire without saying a word, Mabuya said. One of his friends, Mr Patrick Mathubudi was shot in the head and died instantly.

Mathe (16) was shot in the leg.

In a separate attack in Evaton the same night, Phoswa (20) was shot in the leg and Mpondo (19) in the hand. Both said they were shot at by occupants of a Toyota Cressida while sitting next to a fire near a school.



## ANC boycott call after shootings

THEO RAWANA

THE ANC yesterday called for a consumer boycott of white businesses in the Vaal Triangle following the killing of 10 people in an apparently random attack by gunmen in Sebokeng and Evaton on Monday.

Police said 10 people had died and 13 were injured after gunmen in a car opened fire on pedestrians in the two townships. Sebokeng Hospital superintendent Ann van der Spuy told Sapa, however, that 14 people had died and 16 were injured. (2-18)

ANC PWV general secretary Paul Mashatile said the boycott of Vanderbijlpark, Meyerton and Vereeniging businesses was to protest against the massacre of people in Vaal Triangle townships. He said the refusal of the Vanderbijlpark Town Council to be part of the local government negotiations forum made the town a particular target for a consumer boycott.

Meanwhile, regional leaders of the ANC/SACP/Cosatu alliance and the Inkatha Freedom Party, who are holding a series of meetings aimed at ending East Rand violence which has claimed 120 lives since July 3, yesterday agreed that people should be allowed to return to their homes in Thokoza and Katlehong.

ANC PWV executive member Mondli Gungubela said the parties had agreed that residents' right to property should not be "held to ransom" by Inkatha and ANC differences.

The organisations' local leaderships would be told to ensure the residents' safe return.

He said the parties had agreed on the need for co-operation between themselves and security forces to deal with the "criminal element which uses the ANC/Inkatha conflict" to commit acts of violence.



# 'Hani told meeting to kill police'

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Own Correspondent

PRETORIA. — A masked police informer told the Goldstone commission yesterday that former SACP chief Mr Chris Hani had urged Sebokeng residents last year to kill policemen.

The informer, Mr Z, who wore a balaclava, sunglasses and gloves while giving evidence before the commission's investigation into attacks on police, said Mr Hani had told a meeting of 400 people in June last year that "whenever a policeman appears he should be attacked, disarmed and killed".

ANC legal adviser Mr Brendan Barry said more than 80 policemen, including senior officers from the Vaal Triangle, had testified, but none, although asked repeatedly for such information, had mentioned this meeting in a Sebokeng cinema.

While it could be confirmed that Mr Hani had spoken at a meeting in a Sebokeng cinema in June last year, "at no stage during the course of that meeting did Mr Hani utter those words or anything like them".

Mr Z said he had become a police informer in 1991.

The Vaal Triangle ANC Youth

League's violence committee, of which he was a member, had decided last year to reintroduce the armed struggle and target policemen.

This had been supported by the area's civic associations.

An ANC Youth League office bearer had told Mr Z that policemen should be attacked day or night.

One scheme had been to dig trenches, cover them with branches and leaves and attack police vehicles when they fell in.

Another, which had been put into operation, had been to shoot policemen from the tops of trees.

Mr Z described how a soldier had been shot dead from a tree-top in a Vaal Triangle township on the night of June 19 last year, Sapa reports.

## Fired

He said the shooting had followed an instruction from the Vaal Triangle Civic Association given at a civic meeting in Sebokeng.

Mr Z said a man, whose name was known to him but could not be given, climbed a tree and fired on security force vehicles, killing a soldier.

He had told his handler about the incident, but to his knowledge the man had not been arrested.



# Apla connection alleged in Eikenhof killing

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The driver of the BMW car allegedly hijacked by the accused in the Eikenhof murder trial was told by one of the accused that Apla was responsible for the Eikenhof attack and would strike again. Mr Nelson Mpunge of Orange Farm, Vereeniging, told the Hel-

delberg Circuit Court yesterday that four men hijacked his car and forced him to drive during the shootings on March 19 this year.

The men allegedly told him the attack was in retaliation for a massacre of six children in the Table Mountain area near Maritzburg on March 2 this year.

Mr Mpunge alleged that Mr Si-

phiwe James Bholo, 23, told him that the people responsible for the Natal attack were hired by whites.

Another of the accused, Mr Sipho "Fish" Gavin, 22, was identified as the leader of the attackers by Mr Mpunge.

The accused face three charges of murder, five counts of attempted

murder and two of kidnapping, among others.

Mr Mpunge said the other two men in the car were wearing bala-clavas and he could not see their faces.

He told the court Mr Madoda Vayisi, also of Orange Farm, who was dropped off by the attackers before the attack, was assaulted by

police because they believed he had been involved in the shooting.

Mr Mpunge denied that he was assaulted or intimidated by police, but added that some suspected he was involved in the attack and could disclose the identity of the perpetrators.

AWB members attended the trial in full uniform yesterday.



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Victor Kheswa



# ANC hints at link between 'Monster' and massacre

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The Argus Correspondent

## JOHANNESBURG

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And yesterday, a resident of the notorious KwaMadala hostel in Vanderbijlpark, who was arrested with Kheswa, appeared in the Sebokeng Magistrate's Court over the killing of 50 Vaal Triangle residents.

Henter Ndlovu, 20, was also one of the accused in the Boipatong massacre trial in which 40 people were killed.

The Boipatong trial, which is being heard in the Delmas Circuit Court, has been postponed because of the Supreme Court recess. Mr Ndlovu was on bail at the time of his arrest on Friday.

He was not asked to plead yesterday and the hearing was postponed to July 26.

Two other KwaMadala hos-

tel-dwellers arrested with Mr Ndlovu are being kept in custody while police investigate their alleged role in the April 18 massacre of 19 people who were shot dead on the eve of SACP leader Chris Hani's funeral.

Meanwhile, The PAC's youth wing, Azanian National Youth Unity (Azanyu) called on township residents to "export" the violence to white areas in reaction to Monday's slaughter.

It said it would call on the organisation's military wing, Apla, to rescue township residents and to turn low intensity township conflict into high intensity warfare against white communities and security forces.

Although the Azanyu statement referred to "white racist" gunmen involved in Monday night's killings, police said they had no record of the gunmen being white and said that their

identity was unknown.

Vaal Triangle police spokesman Major Piet van Deventer yesterday strongly condemned the massacre of innocent people. He assured residents that the police would do everything in their power to find and charge those who were responsible for the killings.

And yesterday, in the aftermath of the latest killings, a man was shot dead and two buses and a house were set alight and gutted.

Police said the body of a Sebokeng hostel inmate was found with a bullet wound in the head in an open field next to the KwaMasisa hostel. He has been identified as Peter Lekgabonyane, 53.

A group of men stoned and petrol-bombed a house in Zone 14, Sebokeng, yesterday. The house was gutted. Two buses belonging to a transport company were set alight in Evaton.

The situation in Vaal townships was quiet this morning.



ANC to probe link with rightist movement

# Fury at 'barbaric' killings

Star 14-1/93

By Bronwyn Wilkinson,  
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And yesterday, a resident of the notorious KwaMadala Hostel in Vanderbijlpark, who was arrested on Friday with Kheswa, appeared in the Sebokeng Magistrate's Court in connection with the killing of 50 Vaal Triangle residents.

Hentler Ndlovu (20) is also one of those accused of involvement in the Boipatong massacre of 40 people.

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The situation in Vaal townships was quiet this morning, say police. According to Vaal Triangle spokesman Major Piet van Deventer, Monday's attack occurred just before 8 pm when unknown gunmen in a white Toyota Cressida chased through the streets of Evaton and Sebokeng's Zone 12, randomly aiming and shooting at pedestrians.

The killings followed barely two weeks after 16 people were shot dead under similar circumstances in Sebokeng and Evaton.

Police were probing the possible involvement of Kheswa and his three co-suspects in the earlier shootings at the time of Kheswa's death.

It was established yesterday that Kheswa had been a member of the right-wing organisation the World Pre-servatist Movement (WPM), formerly the World Apartheid Movement (WAM).

The WAM changed its name recently when it went "multiracial", WPM co-leader Koos Vermeulen said.

In a statement from its publicly department last night, the ANC said the revelations of Kheswa's right-wing links confirmed the organisation's position that township violence was directed and fuelled by elements of a third force.

Kheswa's death remains a mystery. Van Deventer said a post mortem was conducted yesterday, but no finding as to the cause of death had been reached as body tissues had been sent to laboratories for examination and this process could take several days.



All smiles ... Nelson Mandela and Cyril Ramaphosa at Jan Smuts yesterday.

## Mandela home and optimistic

By Katzer Nyatsumba  
Political Correspondent

ANC president Nelson Mandela yesterday returned from the United States full of optimism about South Africa's future in spite of the continuing violence, and said President Bill Clinton and US businessmen were ready to help the country during the transition.

Mandela, who jointly received the Philadelphia Liberty Award with President

F W de Klerk on July 4 — said his trip to the US had been an unqualified success.

Not only had he raised millions of dollars for the ANC's election coffers, but he had also obtained commitments from Clinton and important business leaders to help South Africa during the transitional period.

"I used the opportunity to ask both the president and business leaders for a massive injection of funds (into

## US state to lift SA ban

Ramsay Milne  
Star Bureau

NEW YORK — Though still waiting for a formal signal from ANC leader Nelson Mandela, New York state is to take immediate steps to lift investment restrictions against South Africa.

State controller H. Carl McCall, said a conversation with Mandela during Mandela's US visit had convinced him he should withdraw any shareholder resolutions that

call for restrictions on investment in South Africa.

Although these steps would be taken in advance of any ANC call to lift sanctions, McCall said he would advocate a full investment policy only when the ANC urged an end to sanctions.

He said Mandela had told him he expected the ANC to make that call within three weeks. McCall is the first black holder of a major state post in New York.

Picture: George Mashini



# Copy-cat killing claims 2 more lives

Sowetan

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GUNMEN firing AK-47 rifles from a car killed two women near Tokoza on the East Rand yesterday.

Police spokesman Warrant-Officer Andy Pieke said four men in the car opened fire on the women and their two male companions at Rietfontein. The

men survived.

Pieke said the shooting resembled those in Sebokeng on Monday night when gunmen in a car shot indiscriminately at residents. But he said it was too early to link the two attacks.

The East Rand Violent Crimes Unit

had begun investigating the shooting in Rietfontein and the two men who survived would be questioned, Pieke said.

At least 14 people died in the Sebokeng shooting spree, two days after alleged mass killer Victor "Khetisi" Kheswa died in police custody.

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# Drive-by killers strike again

THEO RAWANA and  
DIRK VAN EEDEN

ANOTHER "drive-by" shooting on the East Rand has claimed the lives of two Thokoza women. **BIDAY**

The killings follow similar attacks in the Vaal Triangle townships of Sebokeng and Evaton on Monday, when at least 10 people died. **(278)**

Police spokesman W/O Andy Pieke said four gunmen armed with AK-47s cruised a road in Rietfontein in a white Toyota and opened fire on four pedestrians. Two men with the women escaped unhurt.

Pieke said it was still too early to link the killings to previous attacks and police hoped to get more information from the two survivors.

Meanwhile, the Law and Order Ministry said yesterday the SAP had launched an urgent special investigation into the death in detention of Victor Kheswa.

Kheswa died at the weekend after being

arrested in connection with mass murders in the Vaal Triangle. Three policemen of the Vanderbijlpark unrest and violent crime investigation unit have been suspended and murder charges are being investigated. **15/7/93**

The Ministry said the investigation would probe Kheswa's reported membership of the ultra-right World Preservatist Movement (WPM) and claims that he had been murdered by policemen to prevent the disclosure of information about alleged 'third force' activity.

The investigation will be headed by Maj-Gen Piet du Toit and Brig Floris Mostert.

The ANC yesterday alleged that WPM leader Koos Vermeulen was a former

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## Killers strike

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commander of the Vlakplaas police base near Pretoria. **(278)**

It called for an investigation into alleged links between the WPM and "gangsters involved in wanton murder".

"The public demands to know: what is the relationship between the World Apartheid Movement with Vlakplaas, Askaris and alleged police hit squads."

Vermeulen was not available to comment last night but his wife Marguerite denied that her husband had been a policeman or had been involved with third force activities.

Inkatha spokesman Suzanne Vos said the party's leadership knew nothing about the WPM or any purported involvement that Kheswa might have had with that organisation.

"The IFP has no links with international

right-wing movements and this latest attempt to associate the name of the party to such a repugnant organisation, which we have never heard of, is nothing more than vicious anti-Inkatha propaganda."

Meanwhile Wits/Vaal peace secretariat director Peter Harris said yesterday security force assistance would be enlisted when refugees from Thokoza and Katlehong were returned to their homes in terms of an ANC/Inkatha agreement on Tuesday.

He said the secretariat would distribute 30 000 pamphlets publicising the agreement between Inkatha and the ANC.

The Vaal Boycott Committee had started distributing pamphlets publicising the boycott of white business in Vereeniging, Vanderbijlpark and Meyerton, spokesman Cobra Mashiloane said.



# 'Monster' death probe

Argus Correspondent BRONWYN WILKINSON reports from Johannesburg

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**P**ROMPTED by the astounding revelation that "Vaal Monster" Victor "Khetisi" Kheswa was a member of an extreme right-wing organisation, the SAP has launched a special investigation into his death in custody and into alleged right-wing involvement in violence.

It was established this week that Mr Kheswa — who had been linked to several Vaal massacres — had been a member of the World Presbyterian Movement (WPM), formerly known as the World Apartheid Movement (WAM).

Police confirmed yesterday that they were interviewing WPM-leader Koos Vermeulen about his organisation's alleged links to township violence.

Guns men continued to drive through Vaal townships this week and at least 30 people have died at their hands in the past two weeks.

Mr Vermeulen again confirmed that Mr Kheswa was a member of the WPM and said his organisation had also had "communication" with Mr Kheswa's co-accused and fellow KwaMadala hostel inmate Hunter Ndlovu, 20.

Asked if Mr Ndlovu also belonged to the WPM, Mr Vermeulen said: "I cannot deny that or confirm it. I can only say we have communicated with him."

Law and Order Ministry spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said a special task force had been set up headed by Vaal deputy regional police commissioners Brigadier Floris Mostert and Major-General Plet du Toit. Major-General Du Toit is a former head of the Witwatersrand security police.

Captain Kotze said the team's investigations would include:

- Kheswa's links to violence in the Vaal.
- Reports that Mr Kheswa's membership of the WPM constituted evidence of the existence of the existence activity of a Third Force fomenting township violence; and
- Claims that Mr Kheswa may have been murdered by members of the SAP on Saturday to prevent information on Third Force activities from surfacing.

Three policemen have been suspended following Mr Kheswa's death and murder charges are being investigated. A post-mortem examina-

tion has been held, but the cause of Mr Kheswa's death is not yet known.

The ANC said this week it had been imperative that Mr Kheswa appeared in court and suggested that his death in custody might have been part of a broader cover-up to prevent information on the source of violence in the Vaal coming to light in court.

The organisation said the revelation of Mr Kheswa's WPM membership was the first evidence that a Third Force was fostering township violence.

And Lawyers for Human Rights said in a statement yesterday that this was a breakthrough towards identifying the Third Force, and towards ending violence.

LHR demanded that a commission of inquiry be set up to investigate right-wing involvement in township violence.

According to police sources, Mr Kheswa's arrest on Friday came after one of the three KwaMadala inmates arrested the previous day had allegedly made a confession about the killing of 19 people in Sebokeng on April 18 — the eve of the funeral for slain SACP chief Chris Hani.

Mr Ndlovu was one of the three. He appeared briefly in the Sebokeng Magistrate's Court this week charged with several murders, including those on April 18. The other two KwaMadala inmates are being held under section 50 of the security legislation.

Mr Ndlovu is also one of the accused in the Boipatong massacre trial. His possible involvement in other attacks is being investigated.

Yesterday Mr Vermeulen confirmed the police had set up a meeting with him to discuss his organisation's links to Mr Kheswa and its alleged involvement in township violence.

He said Kheswa and other blacks had been recruited during a recent drive in which WPM officials approached black people and asked if they would be interested in joining an anti-ANC organisation.

He could give no indication how many blacks belonged to his organisation.

Mr Vermeulen said he had known nothing of Mr Kheswa's background or the allegations that he had been linked to several Vaal massacres until after his death. "If I had known about it before, I would not have been so

willing to confirm he was a member of our organisation."

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The IFP, of which both Mr Kheswa and Mr Ndlovu were members, yesterday distanced itself from the WPM, describing the right-wing organisation as "odious".

The IFP denied that the party and the WPM had any links.

The WPM was a "front organisation with close links to the South African intelligence community" and was involved in a smear campaign against the IFP, IFP spokesman Ed Tillet said in a statement.



**CELL DEATH:** "Vaal Monster" Victor "Khetisi" Kheswa who died in police custody. He has been linked to an extreme right-wing organisation.



# Manny clues, no answers in Daveyton

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**By ZANELE VUTELA and MONWABISI NOMADLOLO**

NEW explanations are emerging for the sudden explosion of violence in Daveyton last week following unfirmed allegations that four white men were seen at Zenzele, also known as the Mangosuthu squatter camp, just before the killing started.

In the massacre 25 were killed, scores wounded, and shacks razed. The conflict was at first blamed on ANC/Inkatha rivalry.

However, a Daveyton resident who wishes to remain unknown, told City Press that his sources had seen four white men enter the squatter camp last Sunday.

"Apparently the men had boxes full of food, though it is suspected that weapons were hidden in them," the source said.

He claimed he immediately phoned the toll-free number 0800 11 12 13 on hearing the news.

"I phoned the number two days after the visit (of the white men) but the police officer who answered my call

said there was nothing he could do. He said I should've phoned them the day I received the information," he said.

His claims could not be confirmed by police.

In another development, a mysterious "Arthur" was blamed by Inkatha for starting the violence at the squatter camp.

In a meeting attended by Inkatha central committee member Themba Khoza, Zenzele resident Mzonzane Hlatshwayo said: "This is not an ANC/IFP conflict. There is a Shangaan from Mozambique called Arthur who is responsible for this."

Hlatshwayo told the meeting that "Arthur" wanted to appropriate the land surrounding the camp and first had to get rid of Inkatha members in the area.

He further alleged that "Arthur" pointed out the homes of Inkatha members subsequently burnt in a raid.

Supporting Hlatshwayo was Mfaniseni Zulu, chair-

man of Inkatha's Daveyton branch. Zulu said that "Arthur" had been masquerading as an ANC member.

He alleged that "Arthur" had mobilised township youth to burn the homes of Inkatha members. Zulu added that ANC leadership said they knew nothing about the man.

Zulu told City Press that "Arthur" has since run away because the people he sent to burn other people have burnt his shack too.

Reports that the violence at Daveyton was caused after Zenzele was renamed Mangosuthu (after Inkatha Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi) were dismissed by our source as "unfounded and distorted".

East Rand police spokesman Capt Wikus Weber said initial police investigations pointed to the overflow of violence from townships like Vosloorus and Katlehong, where different organisations are fighting to establish power bases.



# WPM — 'a right-wing home for non-whites'

Argus Correspondent

THE realisation that no black person would belong to something called the World Apartheid Movement (WAM) had prompted the organisation to change its name to the World Preservatist Movement (WPM), the right-wing movement's leader Koos Vermeulen said.

The WAM needed to introduce "a right-wing home for non-whites" and had thus decided to woo other ethnic groups.

A few months ago, Mr Vermeulen said, WAM officials had gone into the streets interviewing blacks, coloured people and Indians "to test the temperature".

He said the organisation had a good response when it asked these

people if they would be interested in joining "an anti-ANC organisation" that could guarantee them the preservation of their own language, culture and land.

WAM had only just changed its name to WPM, he said. "In fact our stationery has not yet been changed."

Mr Vermeulen said some WAM members objected strongly to the inclusion of blacks and had threatened to leave the movement. "But they can go and join the AWB," he said.

The WPM had a whites-only military wing, but this operated purely on a defensive basis — teaching people how to defend their property, Mr Vermeulen said.

On the issue of multi-party negotiations, Mr Vermeulen said the WPM accepted that the white electorate

had given the go-ahead for the government to negotiate with other parties.

"We will permit them to negotiate, but we won't be involved. But if they come up with a constitution that we are not happy with, we will do something about it and perhaps become less defensive," Mr Vermeulen said.

"I am trying to get away from established right-wing attitudes by trying to associate with people who want peace and understand that we know how to get it — by allowing self-government and separate development," he said.

Mr Vermeulen added that his organisation had ties with more than 100 organisations world-wide, including the Ku Klux Klan and several German neo-nazi movements.

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**BABES IN THE WOODS:** Sebokeng children play in the burnt-out Toyota Cressida allegedly used in Monday night's attack in which 14 people were killed and 16 injured.

# Sebokeng killers hired by right wing, say residents

Argus Correspondent JUSTICE MALALA reports from Johannesburg

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## Hani 'call to kill' claim 'outright lie' — SACP

JOHANNESBURG. — The SA Communist Party has refuted a police informer's evidence to the Goldstone Commission that murdered communist leader Mr Chris Hani had called for the killing of policemen.

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The SACP said yesterday that the informer's evidence was "an outright lie" and accused the South African Police of abusing the commission, using it as a propaganda platform and "cynically trampling on the memory of one of the most popular political leaders in this country". — Sapa



Task force to investigate The Star's revelation

# 'Monster' probe begins

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By Bronwyn Wilkinson

The SAP has set up a special task force to investigate alleged right-wing involvement in violence.

This was prompted by this week's revelations that "Vaal Monster" Victor "Kheswa" Kheswa was a member of an extreme right-wing organisation.

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Police confirmed yesterday that they intended interviewing WPM leader Koos Vermeulen.

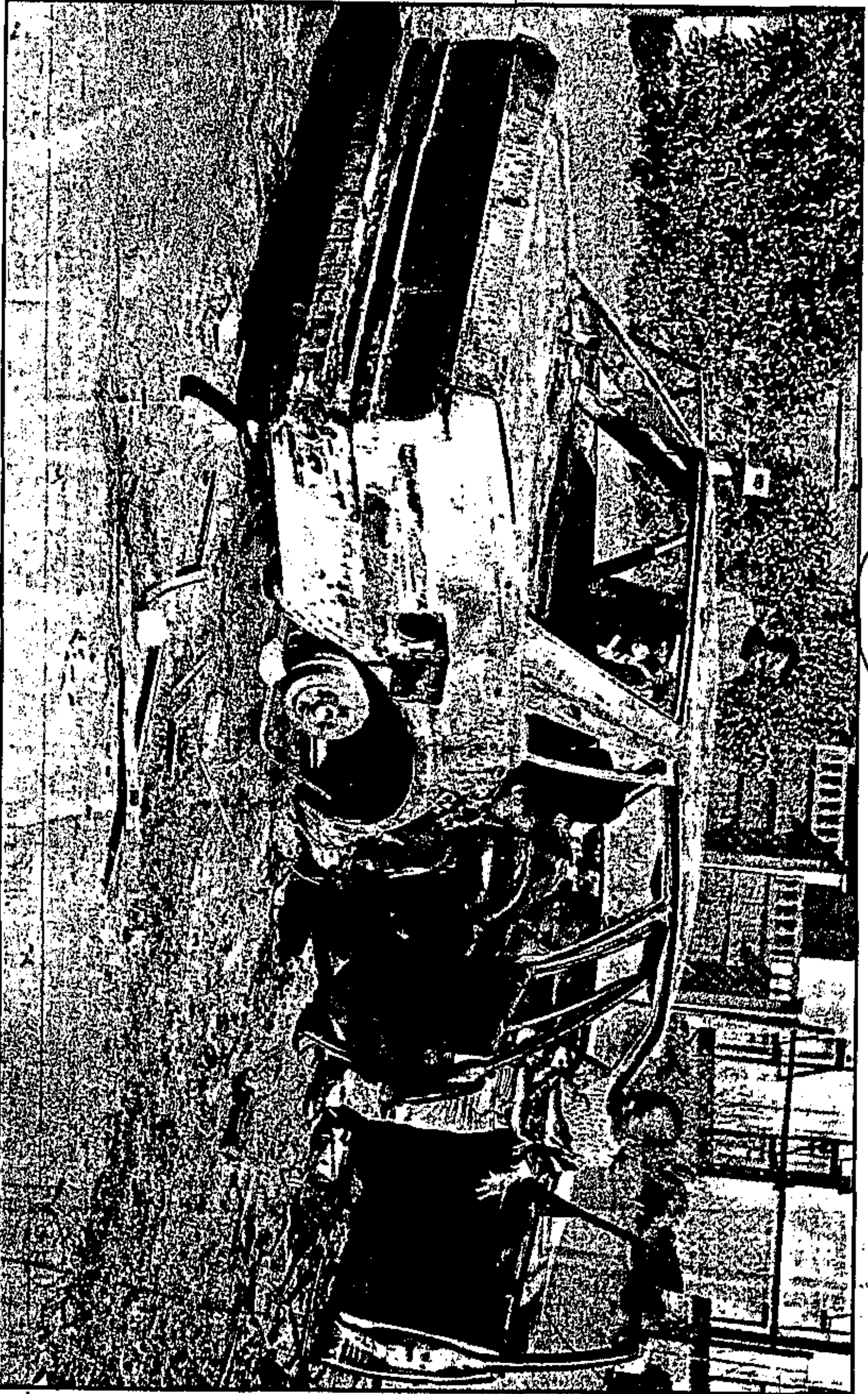
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Grotesque games... Sebokeng children play in the burnt-out Toyota Crossida which was allegedly used in Monday night's attack in the township near Vereeniging in which 14 people were killed and 16 injured.

## Vaal violence update

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The ANC last night alleged Vermeulen was a former commander at the Vaal police base in Pretoria where Askaris — "turned anti-apartheid activists" — and alleged police hit squads were trained, Sapa reported.

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Mrs Vermeulen last night denied the WPM had links with SA's intelligence community.



# Residents blame killings on Right

By Justice Malala

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Victims of this week's attack recovering at Sebokeng Hospital refused to speak to the media and the police because they said they feared for their lives after they had appeared on SABC television news on Tuesday night.

On Tuesday, a man was shot dead and two buses and a house were destroyed by fire.

Police said the body of a Sebokeng hostel inmate was found with a bullet wound in the head in a field next to the KwaMasiza Hostel. He has been identified as Peter Lekgonyane (53).

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# Black Nat with a chequered past

**A**N alleged murderer, who claims to have ties with the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging and threatened to assassinate African National Congress leaders, is working for the National Party as an official in Soweto.

Patrick Hlongwane is now the information officer of the NP's Soweto branch — even though he was implicated in the murder and abduction of African National Congress activists in the 1980s.

After joining FW de Klerk's new-look party last month, Hlongwane attended the NP's Youth Congress in Durban last week. He joined the crowd in rapturous chants of "Viva De Klerk" when the NP leader addressed the conference on Saturday.

In buoyant mood, Hlongwane shook hands with De Klerk — and fired off a series of questions to him on constitutional issues and on the NP's election strategy.

In an interview, Hlongwane said he was not only an NP member — but also a member of the AWB.

He commented: "I'm a member of the AWB militarily. Politically, I'm NP. I honour president De Klerk as a man of integrity."

Hlongwane added that he had ties with the AWB because the NP did not have a military wing and if he ever needed "to go and kill" he could rely on the AWB to supply him with weapons.

Hlongwane said he joined the NP after discussions with its election co-ordinator for the Greater Johannesburg and Soweto region, David Chuenyane.

Chuenyane — a former member of the Pan Africanist Congress — said the NP accepted Hlongwane

*Patrick Hlongwane,*

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**FAROUK CHOTHIA reports**

within its ranks because "it's an open party" and the NP thought "we could salvage someone like him".

Chuenyane said the NP had warned Hlongwane not to make "controversial statements" and the NP would consider "disciplinary action" against him for his comments to *The Weekly Mail*.

"He assured us: 'I'm a changed man. I want to work for peace'," Chuenyane added.

Hlongwane later telephoned *The Weekly Mail* and denied he still had ties with the AWB. "I was with the AWB. I'm no more with the AWB," he commented.

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus said the NP's decision to give membership to Hlongwane proved that the NP could only win over blacks with "dubious records" and not "people of stature".

In 1991, Hlongwane returned to South Africa to make revelations of torture in ANC detention camps, severely embarrassing the organisation. With other alleged victims, he formed the Returned Exiles Committee and pressed for an independent inquiry to investigate their

claims. Hlongwane also threatened to form a hit squad to assassinate ANC leaders he believed were responsible for the abuses.

The ANC hit back by claiming that Hlongwane was a police operative who assisted in the killing of ANC activists in Lesotho and in a security police plot to kidnap United Democratic Front and civic leaders. Hlongwane denied the charges.

Before joining the NP in Soweto, Hlongwane lived with alleged IFP warlord Thomas Mandla Shabalala in Lindelani, near Durban, but denied being a member of the IFP.

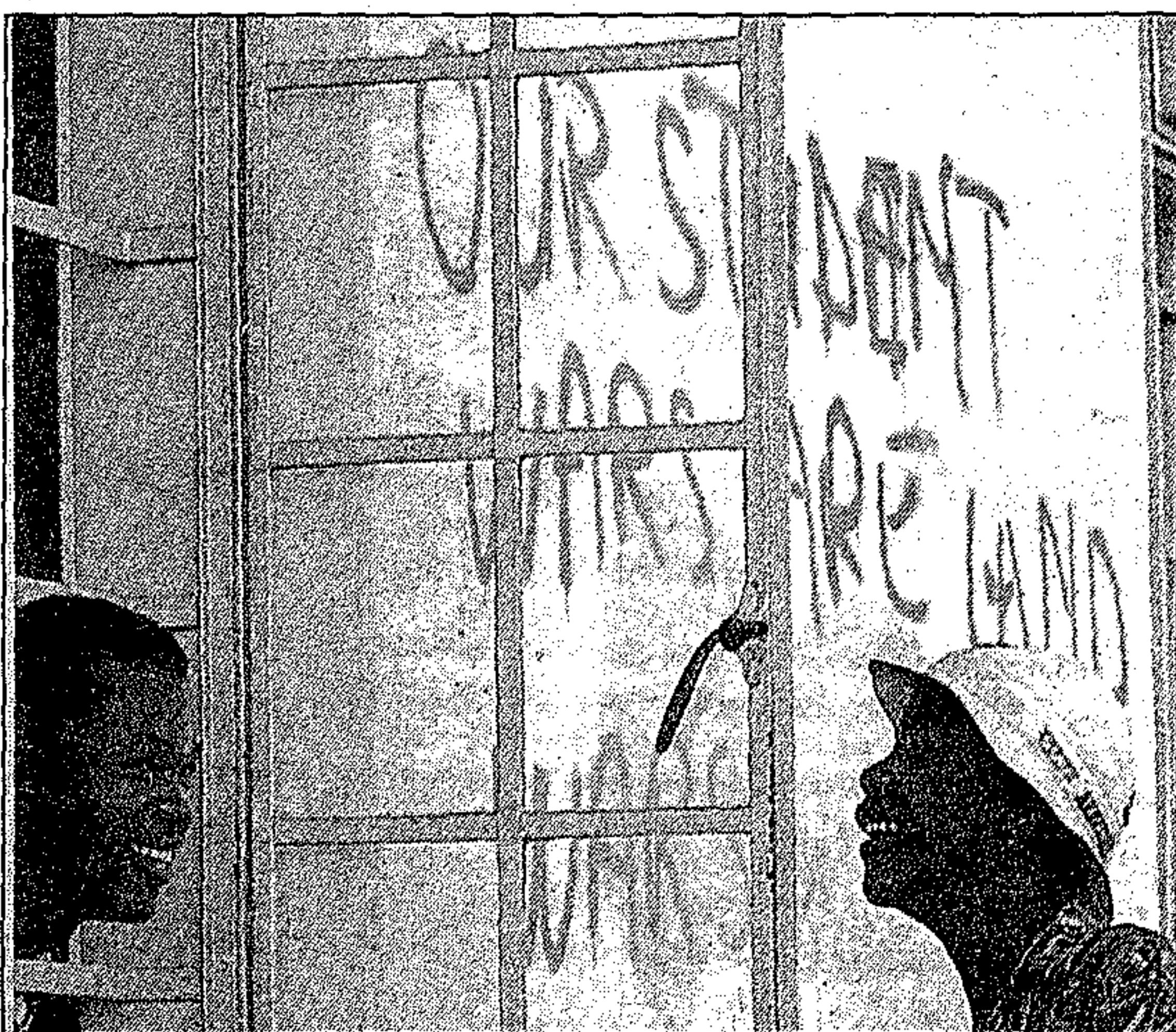
At its latest Commission of Inquiry into human rights abuses, chaired by businessman Sam Mot-suenyane, the ANC presented a video tape early last month which showed Hlongwane confessing that he had helped the South African Defence Force kill exiled "comrades" in Lesotho in 1982.

In the video, Hlongwane said three comrades were killed after being lined up against a wall. He admitted killing at least one of them with an R1 rifle — which is a police issue weapon — and said he was paid R500.

According to *The Star* newspaper, Hlongwane was present at the commission hearing when the video-tape was shown. When Mot-suenyane asked him whether he had anything to say, he replied that the killings were carried out by "professionals".

Hlongwane later complained to *The Star* about its report, saying he had "long maintained that he was forced at gunpoint" to make the "untrue" confession.

He insisted he had never been an IFP member.



The writing's on the wall ... Political graffiti is ubiquitous in the townships

Photo: LUANNE CADD

## Don't say it - spray it

By DESMOND PITOI

THE writing is definitely on the wall in Soweto. An explosion of graffiti is giving vent to township feelings on every issue and in every imaginable colour.

Some of the messages are crude and fiery: "If you see a policeman, contact Apla"; "One traitor, one panga". Others reject violence, such as: "Forward to peace". Yet others spread awareness about Aids: "Don't womanise, condomise" and "One man, one condom".

Supporters of political organisations use spraycans to spread their messages, but the Pan Africanist Congress seems to be winning the war of the walls, with "One settler, one bullet" mushrooming everywhere. The African National Congress slogans are more sedate: "Viva MK" and "Long live the spirit of Chris Hani".

School walls, corner cafes, community halls and even walls around private properties are used for graffiti, as long as the surfaces are clean enough to be written on. Churches are still respected. Graffiti may be written on the church wall, but

not on the building itself.

"This form of writing expresses, lucidly, the mode of things in the townships and the country as a whole," says Mandla Monyela, a school teacher in his early 30s. He says that if you're out of the country for a while, on your return you can catch up with developments through wall slogans.

It is fascinating to note the styles in which some of the writing is done. For instance, one person will raise the issue of the non-payment of rent in a line or two. Underneath that, another scribbler will endorse the sentiment or disagree; yet others will follow — setting up a kind of "multilogue". The writers may not know each other, but are in touch.

"Graffiti and mural art are mediums through which many people vent what's inside them, be it political, social or economic," says Mandla Monyela. "It's therapeutic as well."

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# The mothers who are warriors

If 'war is only for men',  
why are women fighting?

**MARK GEVISSER** spoke to  
mothers and Amazons of  
the townships

**F**AITH MASHILOANE'S granddaughters, aged three and four, aren't the slightest bit interested in girls' games any more. "Dolls are dull," they tell their *gogo*, an African National Congress activist from Katilehong, when she tries to dissuade them from shooting each other with pointed fingers and playing dead.

Gertrude Mzizi's children also play war, dodging between the remnants of barricades in the streets across the road from Thokoza's hostels. With other kids from the neighbourhood, they make cardboard cutouts of men with shields and policemen, and spend much of their leisure-time imitating their elders.

Mzizi, a senior Inkatha Freedom Party organiser in the township, isn't particularly worried by this: "I'd rather have them playing these games and coming to terms with the violence than shielded from it and traumatised. It's a relief to see them getting used to it. This is the life here now, so it's better they get used to it."

What role do women really play in war situations? According to the classic model, men protect their own women and violate the enemy's women, as seen most recently in the mass rapes of Bosnia. This presupposes, however, that all women are passive and peace-loving. In the townships of Thokoza and Katilehong, many women are certainly victims, juggling the traumas of violence and displacement with the obligations of householding and motherhood. But many of them also play more active roles, both as peace-makers and peace-breakers.

Certainly, there's a notion that women are better at peace-making than men: David Storey of the Wits/Vaal peace secretariat notes, for example, that "we always try to put one woman in each pair of peace monitors, because we find that this cuts down on the John Wayne action".

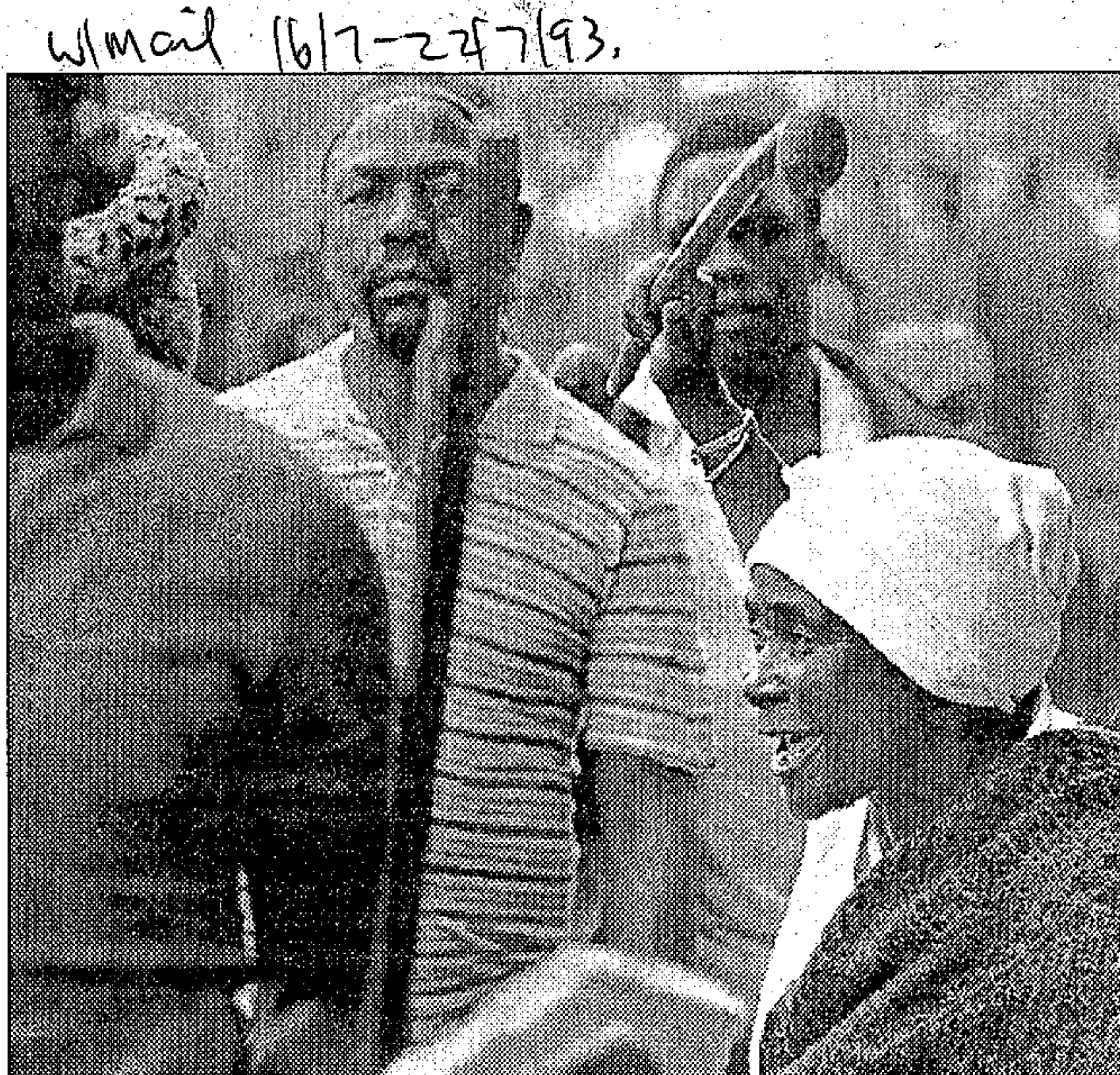
Mashiloane, who currently co-ordinates the East Rand local dispute resolution committee, supports this view: "As a woman, you're a mother. You want to mother everyone, to mother the situation. What I do as a peace-keeper is an extension of my mothering. There's something inside me that wants to protect; to stop two men from fighting and make them talk instead."

In Aristophanes' *Lysistrata*, women forced the warring cities of Sparta and Athens to make peace by withholding sexual favours from their men. In traditional Zulu culture, women would stop wars by simply placing themselves in the middle of a battle. This, says Thembele Ngubane, an IFP refugee from Thokoza now living inside the Mshayazafe hostel (which means "beat him till he dies"), was "because you could never kill a woman. That would be the greatest crime of all".

**S**itting on a stool inside the squalor of the yard of the hostel, Ngubane has all the incongruous bearing of a rural matriarch holding court outside her hut. Her bare feet rest comfortably in a bubbling stream of sewage; her ample bosom is pinned with badges adulating Inkatha and Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi. She concedes that there are ways Zulu women can, and do, support their men in battle. They turn their clothes inside-out, for example, and knot their scarves in the front rather than in the back, as a way of signifying nakedness, and thus contempt for the enemy.

And in Thokoza, as in rural areas, they also participate in the muti ceremonies that precede war. In the battles that raged in the township last week, observers noted within the hostels a variation of a ritual that goes as follows: an older woman dips her broom in *intelezi* — a fortifying substance that is meant to ward off bullets — and warriors jump over the broom before going into battle.

Perhaps most commonly, women also play a cheerleading role once the battle begins, standing on the sidelines, whipping warriors into a frenzy with ululation and taunting the enemy with derisive chants. "Whenever there's fighting at the hostel," says Mzizi, "you always hear the women going 'kikiki' — it's a way of calling up the power of the men."



Cheerleading role ... An ululating woman urges the men on

Photo: KEVIN CARTER

Increasingly, as the urban war spreads, women are to be seen not just with inverted clothes or vibrating tongues, but actually carrying the weapons of war themselves. At the Zulu *imbizo* (national convention) at King's Park in Durban last Sunday, for example, a group of dancing women carrying spears and shields led the *amabutho* into the stadium.

And on the Reef, some women are actually beginning to use these weapons. In Zululand, says Ngubane, "war is only for men". But that has broken down now with urban political violence: "Here in Thokoza, the ANC women have taught us that we can kill one another. We see the women from Phola Park killing men, women and children. And so we do the same if we need to."

Mashiloane expresses a mixture of contempt and sympathy for those women who have been forced into warrior status: "In the squatter camps under siege the women also fight. They have no choice. If you talk to them like a mother you may as well be talking Latin. They can't hear you."

It's very hard, she says, to push a woman to the point of violent retaliation, but when she gets there, "it's even harder to bring her back to normality. She becomes cold and hard; she's no longer a woman. Women are people who will pick a flower and stroke it and talk to it as if it were

a person. But once you become a fighter, you forget about flowers."

In the townships themselves, insists Mashiloane, female residents do not fight: "If there's an attack coming from the hostels, the women scream and rush inside and bolt the door, or they flee." She has noted, among women, a particularly high level of trauma: "More and more you see women talking to themselves, or looking disoriented, as if they just don't know where they are."

Among the ANC-aligned community patrols and self-defence units, women are never included: "I think it's one of the stereotypes of our culture," says Mashiloane, "that a woman is weak and will trip and fall and will therefore be more hindrance than help to a patrol." Likewise, when hostel-dwellers attack homes, "they go straight for the men. They ignore the women because they see us as harmless."

The fact that enemy women are 'ignored' rather than violated seems to imply that rape is not used as a weapon of war in South Africa's township battles — with one notable exception: when certain arms of the security forces are involved. The Goldstone Commission heard, for example, that in April 1992, Phola Park women were raped by members of 32 Battalion when it raided the squat-

ter camp.

More common are reports of fighters raping their own rather than the other. Natal researchers have noted, for example, that there was a trend in the mid-1980s of comrades in the Pietermaritzburg area being instructed to impregnate young women as a way of increasing their numbers.

And Mashiloane recalls a chilling conversation with an older Zulu woman who sought refuge in Katilehong's Kwesine hostel: "The woman pulled me aside and asked me for help. She was desperate. She said she was tired of living in hostels and being slapped around by kids she didn't know, and that men came to her bed just because she was sleeping there. It seemed to be a kind of blackmail: we'll protect you if you sleep with us."

In Mshayazafe hostel at present there are 350 women and over 2 500 men, but Ngubane is adamant that no sexual abuse occurs. When the question is asked, however, a slight ripple of discomfort crosses her features. Clustered around her are about 20 hostel men who have gathered to listen to her give the interview: the fact that they are present clearly inhibits some of her answers, and gives another indicator of the way women — in the hostels and in the townships — are subject to the approbation of men.

One notable exception, however, is the case of Mzizi. Although she is married to a Zulu man, the local Inkatha branch chairman, she is Sotho. In chauvinist Inkatha culture, she is thus doubly marginalised, by both her gender and her ethnicity, and yet she is clearly the hostel-dwellers' most powerful and respected leader. "When I'm angry or I feel something needs to be done, I pick up my sjambok and I go door-to-door through the hostel calling the men out. And they listen to me."

**S**he doesn't have any problem with the Zulu male hostel-dwellers, she says, because "I have proved that I am on their side. Most of them are illiterate country people, and I talk for them and represent them."

She also respects them, because "I too grew up in traditional culture. I don't see anything wrong with Zulu men carrying shields and spears because I grew up around Basuto men who also carried shields and spears. The only difference is the pattern on the shield."

As she sits in the lounge of her bullet-pocked home, one of the senior *indunas* from the hostel across the road nods, rather submissively, in agreement.

He recounts the story of King Dinizulu's mother, who organised a war-party to free her son from the British. "There is the thing," he contemplates, "that a woman is a woman and she must stick to her position. But times are changing ..."



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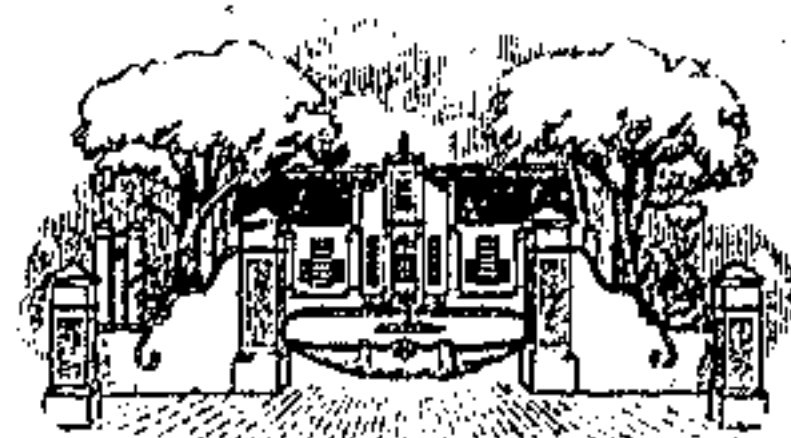
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# Bid to hinder 'monster' autopsy — claim

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**T**HE saga of the "Vaal monster", Victor Kheswa, took two bizarre twists yesterday when police claimed he had not died violently while in custody, and the pathologist who conducted the autopsy said attempts had been made to obstruct his work.

Arrested last Friday, Kheswa died several hours later in Sasolburg hospital. Inkatha and the African National Congress have alleged that he had intelligence links, and it has been suggested that he was killed by police to prevent him revealing a security force role in "third force" activities.

Sebokeng has been hit by a series of mysterious and suggestively similar drive-by killings. The most recent, in which 10 died, came last Monday night.

Brigadier Floris Mostert, deputy police commissioner for the Vaal, has been appointed to head an investigation into Kheswa's death. Because of the latter's political links, Mostert is to be assisted by Major General Piet du Toit of

*A pathologist has alleged that attempts were made to derail his post-mortem examination of Victor Kheswa, the alleged assassin who died in police custody. By STEPHEN LAUFER*

the Criminal Investigation Service.

The dead man, who lived in the notorious kwaMadala hostel, was an Inkatha member linked to several acts of violence in Sebokeng and Evaton, including the night vigil massacre in January 1991 when 45 people died and 50 were wounded.

According to Koos Vermeulen, head of the far-right World Preservist Movement, formerly the World Apartheid Movement (WPM), Kheswa was a member of his organisation. He also claimed that the man arrested with Kheswa, Henter Ndlovu, is a WPM member and had been tortured by police.

Ndlovu appeared in the Sebokeng Magistrate's Court this week in connection with 50 deaths.

Mostert told *The Weekly Mail*: "I am completely happy that Kheswa was not assaulted by the police. The autopsy revealed no evidence whatsoever of a fierce attack or assault. The suspension of the three officers involved was purely to show impartiality."

Kheswa, it appears, had been confronted by the police with an array of material evidence implicating him in several killings in the Vaal townships, and had agreed to co-operate. At his own suggestion, he was put in a police car and taken to the Free State, possibly to point out accomplices or weapons sources to investigating officers.

Said Mostert: "While in the car, he suddenly became ill, and the officers with him rushed him to the nearest hospital, where he died a short while later. OFS detectives were immediately called in, and they conducted forensic tests on

the car. They have taken over the investigation and I am satisfied that they will report impartially."

A forensic pathologist from the Department of Health in Bloemfontein, a Dr Wagner, was called in to conduct the autopsy on Kheswa.

He told *The Weekly Mail* that he had subsequently received "manipulated" faxes apparently aimed at getting him to discontinue the post-mortem examination. He said he believed the faxes had "come from Kheswa's side", but was unable to specify whether he thought they came from the family, Inkatha, or Vermeulen's WPM.

Wagner is as yet unable to specify the cause of death, because tissue samples and blood specimens are still being analysed. But he is sure that Kheswa was neither poisoned nor drugged. "I cannot rule out the possibility that muti in one form or another was involved," he said. "Only exhaustive tests may show their long-term use".



# Agreement *Sowetan* reached on 16/7/93 refugees

By Mathatha Tsedu

AGREEMENT has been reached between the ANC and the IFP on the need for people who ran away from their homes on the East Rand because of the violence to return.

Speaking to *Sowetan* yesterday, ANC PWV executive member Mr Mondli Gungubele said the agreement would affect refugees who are presently housed in churches, community halls and hostels.

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The chairman of the Katlehong branch of the ANC, Mr Johnson Nonjeke, has called on people who were affected by the violence and who had to leave their homes, to attend a meeting organised by the civic association at the Arts Centre in Phoko Section, Katlehong, tomorrow at 10am.





Brutal or brutalised ... A passing man smiles for the camera as a pack of women attack another woman outside a Thokoza hostel in Khumalo Street

Photo: JOAO SILVA, The Star

# Gertrude Mzizi — Thokoza's living target

*W/m ail 16/7-22/7/93*  
*She knows she won't die of natural causes — but that's not going to stop this tough Inkatha Freedom Party stalwart in the war-ravaged township of Thokoza.*

By DAVID BERESFORD

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**G**ERTRUDE MZIZI'S home is easy to find, on the main road into Thokoza township. The front gate is gouged and twisted and the yellow brick front wall is pock-marked, all by the impact of AK47 bullets.

The house itself is riddled with bullet holes, including one that has spoilt the mock-leather cover of her sofa. The lamp above the side door is missing — it was sliced off by another bullet and landed like Newton's apple on Mzizi's head as she was crawling for safety towards her back yard, past the engine that is all that remains of her old Renault after five hand grenades were tossed inside it.

She was going for the hole in the back fence when she heard gunfire coming from that side as well, so she decided to take her chances with the gunman out front and crawled back. She was half way across the road when she heard a soldier shout in Afrikaans, "shoot that woman there", so she decided that, after all, home was where the heart should be and was running for the door when the bird shot hit her from behind.

That was two months ago, but she displays a well-turned leg and points to a smear of blood where she has just pulled out another of the 37 lead pellets that were buried in her body.

Mzizi is what might be described as a living target.

It is uncomfortable calling her Mrs Mzizi, even if she is a mother of four. There is still the air of the schoolgirl rebel about her as she chortles the stories of how she built an underground still for the boys in her class and disconnected the school's electricity supply to get a bit of additional shut-eye. That was at the Moshoeshe II high school in Lesotho.

How she avoided getting expelled is difficult to fathom although, no doubt, it had something to do with the fact that she is a cousin of King Moshoeshe II.

Not that she looks much like royalty, stomping around her three-bedroom house in red ankle stockings, a blue towel wrapped around her head, shouting down the phone at a caller from the peace secretariat headquarters that she is damned if she's going to go across the road for them again to look for more people kidnapped by the Zulu hostel dwellers, because as far as she's concerned it is all a plot to discredit her with the Zulus and why didn't they call on the police and have them put together the biggest damned contingent of helicopters and armoured cars and go in there themselves.

She clearly relishes the image and repeats it: "The only advice I am giving



While Inkatha warriors wait ... Gertrude Mzizi clears the barricades

Photo: KEVIN CARTER

to you is to call the largest-ever-seen police contingent with helicopters to go into the hostels. I am not available." And with that she slams the phone down.

It is a hard world in the East Rand townships which have become the epicentre of political conflict. And Mzizi is necessarily a tough woman to have survived there for a decade as a leader of the local Inkatha Freedom Party's Women's Brigade.

She has been up since before dawn, trying to persuade the *indunas* at the Zulu hostel across the way not to allow their men to go on the rampage after someone fired an RPG7 rocket at them the night before, demolishing one of

their toilets.

It has to be said that toughness is not enough to explain her survival; luck clearly plays a part. When she talks about having lost count of the number of times they have tried to kill her, it is no figure of speech.

But some attacks do stand out in her memory. One is the occasion in August 1990 when she was walking home from the butcher's shop down the road, carrying her nine-month-old baby.

"There was a group of about 150 (members of the African National Congress) Youth League. They told me to put the baby down on the ground. Then they poured a 20-litre (can of)

petrol over my head and they hanged a tyre around my neck.

"The only thing I remember is them shouting at one another for matches: 'Go to that house and get matches, we want to burn this dog.' And I heard the Casspir approaching the corner. That is all I remember, because I woke up in hospital the following morning." The Casspir had beaten the matches to the draw; all she was suffering was shock.

It's been a tough life, but she insists she has no regrets. "I've always said I was born to suffer. And I was born to be the salvation of those people in the hostels," she adds as an after-thought, gesturing towards the ugly migrant work-

ers' homes across the road.

"They are just traditional people, from somewhere in Natal, living here in the cities only to work. They have no interest in anything here in the cities except work."

Scathing in her political perceptions, she says: "People in South Africa are politically illiterate. Only a few people know why they are members of the ANC or the IFP."

But it is an ignorance she does not share as she delivers incisive, if extreme, judgments on the major political players and the situation in South Africa.

Her own leader, Mangosuthu Buthelezi, "grew up as a mama's baby; he is good, but he is not tough. He cannot resist pressure. He has never been exposed to criticism." It is the price one pays for being of royal blood, she says. "Whatever you do, people respect you." But Buthelezi will be the saviour of the country, she predicts.

Nelson Mandela is "a very confused monkey"; a "very good person", but "a liar; a typical Xhosa." His espousal of peace is a charade, she insists; when he speaks to his own people, in their own language, it is in warlike terms.

"If Mandela loves peace, why is it that he doesn't come to the township and convince these so-called young lions who are always burning people?"

The controversy over the election date sets her off on an impassioned and informed monologue about the process of constitution-making. How can they set the date when they have not even got as far as agreeing who will have the vote, she demands contemptuously. "Is it going to be the 14-year-olds — like Mandela says, who wants the country run by children?"

She adds scornfully: "How are you going to get to the polling stations when you can't even get to the shops?"

Does this mean the elections will not be held on April 27, as scheduled? Her eyes harden as she turns on a pet hate. "Maybe the UN will send in its peace-keeping force, which will do its nonsense like it did its nonsense in Somalia," she says angrily.

She recounts a recent incident in which an IFP member was killed in political violence, buried and dug up again by ANC supporters, who then burnt the corpse.

"Those bastards from the UN, they didn't go to this place because they said it was too dangerous. When it is IFP, it is too dangerous — simply because they didn't want to write a report about the behaviour of the ANC towards the IFP."

And her own future? "I know I won't die of natural causes," she shrugs.



## 2 die in violence

Star 16/7/93  
Two more people have died in violent attacks in Katlehong and Tokoza. Police said the charred body of an unidentified man was found at Kwe-sini hostel in Katlehong on Wednesday. The victim was set on fire. In Tokoza, gunmen killed an unknown man on Tuesday. — Staff Reporter

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JOHANNESBURG. — A police captain was shot in the face and Beeld crime reporter Johannes de Waal in both legs when gunmen opened fire on a patrol in Kaituma last night. Police killed one of the attackers. (25) (242)



# Violence: 140 dead unclaimed

Sowetan 16/7/93

**By Bongani Mavuso**

ABOUT 140 bodies of victims of violence are lying unidentified at Government mortuaries on the Reef, the Vaal Triangle and with undertakers.

The East Rand Council of Churches said yesterday about 100 unidentified bodies were at Sukazi Undertakers in Katlehong.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Major Eugene Opperman said at least 40 unclaimed bodies were lying in mortuaries in Springs, Germiston, Vereeniging, Sebokeng, Vanderbijlpark, Hillbrow, Roodepoort and Boksburg.

In Natal there were "a number" of unidentified victims of violence in the area, police spokesman Major Bala Naidoo said.

The ERCC said six bodies, all victims of violence at the end of May, were still unidentified as well as most of the victims of the recent violence now at Sukazi Undertakers.

At least 96 people were killed on the East Rand when violence erupted in Tokoza and Katlehong just over two weeks ago.

A Sowetan staffer who went to the Government mortuary in Hillbrow, Johannesburg, on

Tuesday to identify a relative said she was "disgusted" with what she had seen there.

She said bodies were "stacked" on top of each other and this made it impossible for people to identify or look for lost family members or relatives. The mortuary also had an "unbearable stench".

The Reverend Peter Moerane of the ERCC said a meeting had been called for Monday at the AME Church in Katlehong to arrange for the burial of victims of the violence.

Meanwhile, two women and a man were shot dead and a man was burnt to death in violence on the East Rand on Wednesday and yesterday.

Police spokeswoman Lieutenant Janine Smith said 10 AK-47 rifle cartridges cases were found next to the women's bodies at Siluma View in Katlehong on Wednesday. The body of a man was found in Khumalo Street in Tokoza with gunshot wounds on Wednesday night.

Yesterday afternoon, the charred body of a man was found at the Kwesine Hostel in Katlehong.

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# Policeman tells of <sup>274</sup> Sebokeng <sup>Q78</sup> attack <sup>16/7/93</sup>

PRETORIA. — A police detective constable told the Goldstone Commission this week how he and 27 colleagues were attacked by youths in Sebokeng when they investigated shootings allegedly by Mr Victor Kheswa's gang on April 26 last year.

Constable P Chaka was testifying here on Wednesday before the commission's committee investigating attacks on policemen.

He did not say if Mr Kheswa — known by residents as the "Vaal Monster" who recently died in police custody — was present when the gang "harassed residents" earlier that day.

## Fire

Constable Chaka said he and the other policemen went to Zone 4 where they came across a group of about 100 people in a street.

Two people had AK-47 rifles and, when the police stopped their vehicles, they came under fire.

Police returned fire and one youth with an AK-47 rifle, Moses "Mzwakhe" Nhlapo, a member of a "self defence unit" and the ANC's uMkhonto we-Sizwe, was killed.

He said the windscreen of a police vehicle was shattered and a young girl was killed by an AK-47 bullet.

The hearing continues today. — Sapa



# Lateness for work saved police officer

YESTERDAY started off with a blast in the normally quiet West Rand suburb of Florida, when a limpet mine exploded in front of Brixton detective Major Charles Landman's police car, parked in his driveway.

He was running five minutes late for work and this probably saved his life, said police spokesman Major Henrietta Bester.

"At 7.50 am Major Landman and his wife heard an explosion and thought it was two trucks colliding in the street," she said. "Looking out the window he saw the police car surrounded by smoke. He realised an explosive device had been detonated in the car."

Landman had been driving his car on one of many investigations in which he was involved on Thursday night, but Brixton chief, Colonel "Blackie" Swart, could not say whether the

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blast was linked to the case. No one was injured in the blast.

The East Rand, however, was the scene of three reported violent deaths. Nearly two hours before the Florida blast, police discovered the body of a 16-year-old boy who had been burnt to death in Tembisa's Tsanlong Section.

## Shots

Later in the morning, an adult man was found shot dead in Tokoza, another East Rand township.

Shortly after noon, a group of men charged at an off-duty policeman having an outdoor haircut in KwaThema. Shots were pumped into him from a 9 mm pistol and he died of wounds.

The 38-year-old constable, from Springs Mobile Unit, was robbed of his service pistol by his

murderers. KwaThema also saw the burning of a Telkom lorry in which damage ran to R60 000.

In the Johannesburg city centre, meanwhile, the Bezuidenhout Street entrance of the magistrate's courts had stood wide open all night, after an explosion at 8 pm on Thursday blew out the doors, their frames and metal detectors.

Pieces of glass and wood lay strewn across the road outside the court, while a large contingent of policemen, bomb specialists and sniffer dogs searched the area and the court building for more bombs. No one was injured.

Regional police commissioner Lieutenant-General Koos Calitz was called to the scene.

One case being heard at the courts was that of six rightwingers appearing in connection with last month's storming of the multiparty negotiations venue. — Sapa



# 'Despicable act against police'

JOHANNESBURG. — Police reacted angrily to yesterday's bomb blast which destroyed a senior officers car, saying the attack was "a despicable act against the police who work from morning to night to uphold law and order".

The car was parked behind locked gates at the Florida home of Major Charles Landman, a Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad branch commander.

Fortunately for Maj Landman, he was running late for work yesterday morning as the bomb went off just after the time he normally left his house.

Warrant Officer Johan Bezuidenhout of the police bomb disposal unit said the saboteurs would have been able to set a time for the explosion, which was caused by a limpet mine of East European origin.

Maj Landman refused to talk to the press, beyond saying "my wife and kids were at home at the time of the explosion".

But Witwatersrand police dep-

## Court bomb: Security stepped up

JOHANNESBURG. — Security was stepped up inside and outside the Magistrate's Court building here yesterday for the appearance of six right-wingers following a bomb blast on Thursday night.

The bomb, which police suspect contained commercial explosives, detonated in the doorway of the court building about 8pm.

The right-wingers appeared in court on public violence charges relating to the armed invasion of the World

Trade Centre on June 25.

Attorney-general of the Witwatersrand Mr Klaus von Lieres und Wilkau said the bomb was an attempt to intimidate the legal process.

He vowed no one would succeed in deflecting the process from its community-orientated task.

No one was injured in the blast which blew off a door and damaged metal detectors inside the building. Police estimated damage at about R3 000. — Sapa

uty regional commissioner Major-General Chris Serfontein said: "The motive for the attack might have been against a specific person or a warning to the police in general or perhaps both."

Gen Serfontein said it would not prevent policemen and women from doing their duty. Instead, it would make them more determined to apprehend suspects.

Brixton murder squad head Colonel Blackie Swart refused to say what case Maj Landman had been working on while using the vehicle on Thursday night.

Col Swart said he did not know whether the case and the bomb

could be linked. "He works on so many murder cases," he said. West Rand police spokeswoman Major Henrietta Bester said: "Maj Landman and his wife heard an explosion and thought it was two trucks colliding in the street."

"Looking out the window he saw his police car surrounded by smoke."

The car was destroyed, with parts of the wreckage strewn across the lawn and stuck in a tree.

The explosion also damaged a wall between the Landman house and their neighbour and several windows were shattered. — Sapa



Township residents celebrate as the Kheswa mystery grows

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# THE SMILING MONSTER

THE last time lawyer Anina van der Westhuizen saw Victor Kheswa was a Friday afternoon. He was accompanied by two policemen and waving to her from a car as it pulled out of the Vanderbilpark police station.

Less than 24 hours later, the man known to people throughout the sprawling Vaal Triangle townships as the Vaal Monster was dead — his wrists white from the bonds that had tied him, a streak of dried mucus running up his cheek.

For the past week, as the tale of the

CHARIS PERKINS and BRIAN SOKUTU trace the background of the man who came to be known as the 'Vaal Monster'

man known as Khetisi has unfolded, conflicting reports of his political affiliations have been punctured with vivid accounts of the gruesome murders and massacres which, township residents said, made him one of the most feared men in their midst.

Once admired by pensioner William Mabaso as his neighbour's "bright" toddler, Khetisi was no longer so

chummy 23 years later when he led his gang to attack the Mabaso family.

Mr Mabaso, his wife Maria and four children say they fled their home in Zone 7, Sebokeng, after Khetisi and his gang looted the building, set it alight, and sprayed the walls with gunfire.

"I knew that child. He was a bright toddler who grew up very well — but he got the name Vaal Monster because of what he did to people," said Mr Mabaso.

He believes Khetisi's "cruel and greedy" mother, Emma, is to blame. She spoilt him by allowing him to steal cars when he was a kid.

The boy's father, Samuel, deserted the family "after a confrontation with his wife over their son's activities".

By the time Khetisi was 12, he was driving stolen cars and selling dagga. He also led a small gang terrorising Sebokeng residents, Mr Mabaso said.

The youngster ran into trouble with former friends in March 1990 when ANC-aligned comrades tried to persuade him to stop robbing customers at a petrol station.

In December 1990, he escaped an attempt by comrades to necklace him and fled to KwaMadala hostel. That, according to ANC branch

chairman Tsietsi Kekepeti, was when random attacks on residents by gunmen in cars began.

Mr Kekepeti, who first met Khetisi in 1987, said one of the first victims of the KwaMadala gang was ANC Youth League Sebokeng member Christoffel Nangalembe.

He and Khetisi had been childhood friends, but Khetisi was angry that Christoffel had accused him of forcing a woman to drink poison. The woman later died.

On January 6 1991, Mr Nangalembe's body was found on a refuse dump in Bopatong's Tshela hostel. He had been garotted with

wire.

Gunmen linked by survivors to the Khetisi gang fired on mourners attending an all-night funeral vigil for Mr Nangalembe, killing 45 people and wounding more than 50.

Khetisi became an Inkatha Freedom Party member at the hostel and, according to Vaal regional secretary William Nhlapo, rose to become chairman of the IFP's Sebokeng branch.

But Khetisi, who died in police custody, evidently also had links with the SAP.

## Charged

Several witnesses saw him observe the funeral service for the murdered wife and daughter of ANC

The IFP claims the Khetisi affair is part of a campaign by state intelligence agencies to link it with right-wing violence. The ANC insists Khetisi was a state agent, killed in custody to prevent information about the source of Vaal violence coming to light in court.

## Police

The police have appointed a special task force to probe the matter. But the residents of Sebokeng have already considered their verdict. They danced in the streets when Khetisi died.



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# A young boy who is old with hatred

THABO Moepodi (pictured right) is only 17 years old.

A Standard 9 pupil at Ponogo High School, he is a member of the Congress of South African Students, a student body aligned to the African National Congress.

We found him at the offices of the Joint Operations Centre, one of the instruments put in place to try and secure peace in trouble-torn Katlehong and Tokoza.



Thabo had gone to report the burning of his parents' house, his home. Number 804 in Ramokonopi West had been his home. Situated near the Mazibuko Hostel, what was initially a playground had suddenly turned into a frontline of the battle with hostel residents.

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"People from the hostel came last Monday and burnt everything inside. We took nothing out. I am presently staying with my grandparents in another section.

"I know it was the hostel people because I saw them. I am very bitter and I do not think that I can forgive them for what happened. They should be killed or evacuated from our

township", young Thabo said.

Thabo has now become a battle-hardened veteran of many skirmishes, nursing a hatred for people who speak Zulu.

"When Chris Hani was killed, and we were going to the vigil, the Tokoza hostel people said no buses carrying communists could pass through Khumalo Street, which is the main road. As a result, we had to drive through other areas, which lengthened our journey. When we wanted to march, they blocked us and started shooting us.

"They are making life difficult for us and now they attack houses, loot and burn. We have had enough," Thabo said.



# Police shoot at Sisulu cars after birthday celebration

WITWATERSRAND regional police commissioner Lt-Gen Koos Calitz is to lead an inquiry into the high-speed shootout on the Soweto highway early yesterday in which police and ANC deputy president Walter Sisulu's convoy exchanged shots.

Law and Order Minister Hermus Kriek said he had discussed the incident with ANC president Nelson Mandela, and had invited the ANC to nominate two NEC members to participate in the investigation by the police.

Sisulu and his wife Albertina were on their way home from Mandela's 75th birth-

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day celebrations early on Sunday when the incident occurred.

Police and the ANC have given conflicting reports of events.

Opperman said two Johannesburg Flying Squad members had seen three vehicles — a Mercedes, BMW and Toyota Corolla — travelling at high speed near Booyse's Reserve in Johannesburg at approximately 1:20am. Police had given chase, sometimes travelling at speeds exceeding 140km/h.

On the Soweto highway the occupants of the Corolla had allegedly tried to force the patrol car off the road and allegedly fired shots at it. The policemen returned fire and the Corolla overturned.

Three seriously injured ANC bodyguards had been taken to hospital. One of them died shortly afterwards while another was treated in an intensive care unit, ANC PWV chairman Tokyo Sexwale said yesterday.

Sexwale said the police car had attempted to travel alongside Sisulu's car, and the Corolla, leading the security escort, had

slowed down to force the police car to move away from Sisulu's car. The police car had been unmarked and the two white policemen had not been in uniform, Sexwale claimed. The road had been deserted and the bodyguards had acted to protect Sisulu's life.

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shots, but said the driver of the escort car was shot and the car overturned.

This was the second time police had shot at, or prepared to shoot at, Sisulu's car at the same location and Sisulu's life had been placed in jeopardy, he said.

Opperman denied the policemen were not in uniform and said the white police car was new and not marked on the sides yet, but had a blue light on the roof. The three ANC cars had been unmarked too and there was no way the policemen could have known Sisulu was in the car. Police often found stolen vehicles travelling at high speed on the Soweto highway (218). He also said preliminary medical ex-

aminations showed no bullet wounds in the injured men.

Sexwale said the ANC demanded the two policemen be identified and suspended and the ANC be granted access to the two bodyguards in detention.

It also expected a full investigation and explanation from Police Commissioner Gen Johan van der Merwe.

Kriek also had to take full responsibility for ensuring the police force ceased its "acts of aggression" against Sisulu and other ANC officials.

Kriek yesterday said the investigation would be conducted as thoroughly and as openly as possible.

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# ANC rage at shootout

**JOHANNESBURG.** — The government moved swiftly yesterday to quell ANC rage at a shootout in the early hours of the morning between a police car and a convoy carrying ANC deputy president Mr Walter Sisulu and his wife Albertina from Mr Nelson Mandela's Carlton Hotel birthday party.

One of Mr Sisulu's bodyguards was killed and two seriously injured in the incident, which occurred near Soweto. Two as yet-unidentified policemen were un-

scathed. Minister of Law and Order Mr Hernus Kriel appointed Witwatersrand regional commissioner of police Lieutenant-General Koos Calitz to head an investigation. Gen Calitz invited the ANC to nominate two representatives to join the probe.

Late yesterday ANC members were on the scene of the shooting with the police.

ANC PWV chairman Mr Tokyo Sexwale at first charged that this had been a second attempt by the police to assassinate Mr Sisulu, 82.

Police strongly rejected Mr Sexwale's interpretation of the shootout. Mr Kriel said the police had nothing to hide, adding that "the investigation will be conducted as transparently as possible".

Both parties blamed the other for the incident.

Police spokesman Major Eugene Opperman claimed two Johannesburg flying squad members had seen three cars travelling at high speed near Booyseens Reserve about 1.20am.

Police gave chase and at times travelled over 140km/h, he said.

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**RICH AND FAMOUS AT MANDELA'S BIRTHDAY BASH**  
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**OLD FRIENDS . . .** ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela shakes hands with deputy-president Mr Walter Sisulu at a party held at the weekend to celebrate Mr Mandela's 75th birthday.

travelling at high speed on the Soweto Highway, he said.

May Opperman said police recovered a Makarov pistol, a shotgun and a stolen Llama pistol.

Mr Sisulu told Independent Radio 702 he had heard "two sounds of fire over our car".

"Our people didn't know whether this was police," May Opperman said preliminary medical examination showed the injured and surviving men had no bullet wounds.

Mr Sexwale demanded that the two policemen be identified and suspended and that the ANC be granted access to its two bodyguards in police custody at Soweto's Baragwanath Hospital.

The ANC also expected a full investigation and explanation from Police Commissioner General Johan van der Merwe and demanded a public guarantee from Mr Kriel on the safety of the detained men, he said.

The organisation also called for police to be brought under multi-party control "without delay". — Staff Reporter. Own Correspondent, Sapa

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# Sisulu incident

By Esther Waugh  
Political Correspondent

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# AK-47 gunmen slaughter Zulus

By Anna Louw  
East Rand Bureau

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He said a helicopter had been requested to transport the man to hospital.

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# 7 Zulus die in taxi execution

□ Inkatha supporters 'singled out', shot with AK-47s

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The Argus Correspondent

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A police spokesman said an unidentified man indiscriminately opened fire on people in Stock Road at 8pm yesterday.

People dived for cover but two men, Mr Thabiso Ngikazi, 20, and Mr Hudson Solani, 45, were fatally wounded.

Nine men, aged between 17 and 64, were injured in the head, upper body and legs and taken to Groote Schuur and Victoria hospitals.

The spokesman said detectives, including members of the new riot and violence unit led by Colonel Leonard Knipe, and forensic experts were working "around the clock" on clues.

The spokesman said the identity of the gunman, the motive for the attack or whether the attacker belonged to a specific faction or group was not known.

Anybody with information is asked to call Colonel Knipe at ■ 951 6665.

● Fears are running high in Kokstad following an explosion at the G F Heyns municipal building in Hope Street during the early hours of yesterday morning.

A police spokesman said that nobody was injured in the blast and that experts had yet to report on the calibre of the device which was used in the explosion.

No arrests were made and no political group had claimed responsibility.

But some residents fear the blast is a prelude for violence in the town. Apart from the black community being split, there is a strong white right wing presence in the town.

● At least eight people were killed in violence in Natal's townships at the weekend.



Top-level inquiry after bodyguard dies

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Happy returns . . . a beaming Nelson Mandela receives an enormous cake at the fundraising party for his 75th birthday at Johannesburg's Carlton Hotel on Saturday. See report on Page 3.

Picture Ken Oosterbroek

The security men's car rolled. Sisulu's car sped off.

One of the bodyguards was in Baragwanath Hospital's intensive care unit yesterday morning with "a bullet in his back" and was waiting to be operated on, he said. The driver died in hospital.

Sexwale yesterday asked:

- Why were the police travelling in an unmarked car?
- Why were they not wearing uniforms?

● Why were they forcing the convoy off the road?

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Looking for clues . . . police search for cartridge cases at the scene of the shootout on the Soweto highway.  
Picture: Alf Kumalo

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**Six die on East Rand**  
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SIX people died violently in East Rand townships over the weekend, police reported yesterday. The bodies of the six men were found by police in different areas of Katlehong and Tokoza. Four of the men died of gunshot wounds, one was stabbed and the sixth was burnt to death. There were also reports of arson and stone-throwing.



Lawyers to probe highway shootout

# Another of the Sisulu bodyguard's dies

Soweto 20/7/93

By Lulama Luti and Sapa

A SECOND bodyguard of ANC deputy president Mr Walter Sisulu died in hospital yesterday following Sunday's shootout between police and Sisulu's convoy.

The guard was injured when police and ANC bodyguards exchanged fire on the Soweto highway as the Sisulus were returning from Mr Nelson Mandela's birthday celebrations at the Carlton Hotel.

One guard died soon after the shooting and a third at Baragwanath Hospital. The ANC yesterday named the two guards who died as Mr Jabulani Cebo Ntli and Mr Ishmael Moloane.

Meanwhile, the organisation said lawyers Mr Matthew Phosa and Mr Fink Haysom would represent it in investigations to be headed by Witwatersrand Regional Commissioner of Police Lieutenant-General Koos Calitz.

ANC spokesman Mr Ronnie Mamoepa said Phosa and Haysom would meet Calitz today.

He said the ANC insisted on the involvement of the international police monitors who are in the country. The organisation also wanted independent experts to be part of the investigations, he said. Witwatersrand police spokesman Brigadier Zirk Gous could yesterday not confirm if there would be a meeting between Calitz and the ANC legal team today.



Revulsion at execution of six on E Rand

# IFP fears an

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# 'ethnic war'

By Charmeela Bhagwat,  
Anna Louw  
and Lee-Ann Alfreds

The "execution-style" slaying of six IFP supporters in Wadeville on the East Rand yesterday morning could jeopardise moves towards peace in the area, say peace brokers and political organisations. (2-18)

Police have offered a R50 000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those who shot dead the six men and left one wounded.

The National Party expressed "shock" and "revulsion" and said such violence jeopardised the possibility of an election. It asked the Goldstone Commission to investigate the murders.

The Wits/Vaal Peace Secretariat has expressed fears that the massacre could scuttle "the very fruitful bilateral discussions" being brokered by them between the ANC alliance and the IFP to resolve conflict on the East Rand.

The IFP said the killings raised the spectre of "ethnic cleansing" and said it shuddered to think of the implications of a full-scale ethnic war breaking out.

According to police, passengers said a man with a torch flagged down the taxi at about 1 am yesterday. As the taxi stopped, about 10 more men with AK-47 rifles and pistols approached and ordered everyone out.

They said they were looking for IFP members.

One man said he was from Swaziland and three women said they supported the ANC. The attackers told them to stand aside.

They marched the seven remaining men about 70 m into the veld, ordered them to lie face down and shot them in the back or the head.

## Ominous

The four survivors ran to the nearest police station and reported the killings. Police said they found about 14 AK-47 cartridges, two AK-47 bullets and 9 mm pistol cartridges at the scene.

Police said the gunmen seemed to have targeted Inkatha supporters.

When The Star visited the scene yesterday, Zacharia Masoabi, a Spoornet worker who arrived at the scene at 7 am, said: "When I arrived I saw six bodies strewn over the field. Medics were trying to help one man who was lying some distance away as if he had tried to flee."

IFP Transvaal regional organiser Themba Khoza said: "Ominously, the gunmen not only cold-bloodedly selected their targets on the basis of political affiliation, but also on the arbitrary basis of tribal affiliation."

"We can only shudder to imagine the implications of such a war spilling out into full-scale ethnic war."

Khoza said the IFP had established that some victims were permanent residents of Vosloorus and Katlehong while others were migrant workers originally from Mtubatuba on Natal's

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Killing field . . . the six men shot dead near Germiston yesterday.

## Revulsion over slayings

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north coast, who lived in neighbouring hostels.

Khoza said yesterday that the IFP had received information on Friday that ANC members were seen offloading weapons at Mandela squatter camp, allegedly for use in attacks on hostels and buses carrying IFP supporters. He informed the Wit/Vaal Peace Secretariat and the police.

Secretariat chairman Peter Harris yesterday said that peace monitors and policemen investigated the claims, but squatter camp leaders denied arms had been delivered.

The ANC's PWV region yes-

terday also denied the claims.

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Investigating officer Major Robbie Robertse can be contacted at (011) 866-7050 during office hours or on his pager at 804-2777 code 10133.



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**Natal violence claims 16**

At least 16 people were killed in violence in Natal's townships at the weekend. The KwaZulu police reported the killing of four people in Umhlanga, south of Durban, on Friday and Saturday. The SAP reported another eight deaths in areas under its jurisdiction. Inanda's Bhambayi shack settlement was again the scene of violence with two deaths at the weekend. — Sapa. (276)



# NEWS Government says discussions must continue

Lawyers to probe highway shootout

## IFP, PAC to hold talks

Sowetan 20/7/93

By Ismail Lagardien  
Political Correspondent

THE Negotiating Council resumed its business as usual yesterday despite the absence of the Conservative Party, Inkatha Freedom Party and KwaZulu administration.

The Council resolved to continue its work until it has received formal notification from the IFP and CP of their withdrawal from multiparty talks; the Government was particularly adamant that talks should continue.

In the meantime the Concerned South Africans Group held a meeting yesterday to discuss its particular gripes with talks in general, the council and especially the procedures for the adoption of resolutions, among which is the concept of sufficient consensus.

And in a surprise move the PAC yesterday held a snap bilateral meeting with the IFP, allegedly to discuss the latter's reasons for its withdrawal from talks.

### Mandate

The secretary general of the PAC, Mr Benny Alexander, confirmed that his leader, Mr Clarence Makwetu, had given the mandate for the meeting and that the outcome thereof would be taken back to the PAC president before any action would be taken.

The meeting between the PAC and IFP raised eyebrows at the World Trade Centre yesterday where a *de facto* alliance between the two parties was emerging on the issue of sufficient consensus.

At the end of the Cosag meeting yesterday, the IFP and CP remained out

of the Council meeting.

The IFP wants special veto powers in negotiations. It wants sufficient consensus to be based on its approval of any agreements reached or resolutions accepted in the Council.

The IFP has changed its mind three times over the past week over what would bring it back to negotiations.

First the IFP said it would return once the issue of federalism had to be confirmed, then said it would return when an interim constitution was tabled and afterwards said that once the Government ruled on the continued existence of the ANC's military wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe, it would resume talks.

The CP was frank enough to say that it wanted an Afrikaner homeland to be guaranteed before it would return to negotiations.

## Another of the Sisulu bodyguard's dies

Sowetan 20/7/93

By Lulama Luti and Sapa

A SECOND bodyguard of ANC deputy president Mr Walter Sisulu died in hospital yesterday following Sunday's shootout between police and Sisulu's convoy.

The guard was injured when police and ANC bodyguards exchanged fire on the Soweto highway as the Sisulus were returning from Mr Nelson Mandela's birthday celebrations at the Carlton Hotel.

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One guard died soon after the shooting and a third at Baragwanath Hospital. The ANC yesterday named the two guards who died as Mr Jabulani Cebo Ntli and Mr Ishmael Moloane.

Meanwhile, the organisation said lawyers Mr Matthew Phosa and Mr Fink Hayson would represent it in investigations to be headed by Witwatersrand Regional Commissioner of Police Lieutenant-General Koos Calitz.

ANC spokesman Mr Ronnie Mamoepe said Phosa and Hayson would meet Calitz today.

He said the ANC insisted on the involvement of the international police monitors who are in the country. The organisation also wanted independent experts to be part of the investigations, he said. Witwatersrand police spokesman Brigadier Zirk Gous could yesterday not confirm if there would be a meeting between Calitz and the ANC legal team today.

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# Man tells of horror ambush

Sowetan 20/7/93

By Bongani Mavuso and Sapa

**A** SURVIVOR OF YESTERDAY morning's minibus taxi attack in Wadeville on the East Rand, in which seven people were killed, described how passengers were shot dead by men armed with AK-47 rifles and 9mm pistols.

He was the only male survivor of the 1am attack on taxi passengers who were travelling from Natal to Wadeville. Other survivors were three women and two three-month-old babies.

The Inkatha Freedom Party said the dead were its members but declined to identify them for "security reasons". Photographers were asked not to take pictures of the survivors at the party's offices in Johannesburg.

The survivor said he was in the minibus with his wife and three-month-old child when a man wearing camouflage uniform and carrying a torch ordered the taxi to stop. "We thought he was a member of the SADF because he was armed with an AK-47 rifle."

He said about 10 men, all wearing the "brown uniforms worn by soldiers" and armed with AK-47 rifles, appeared.

Occupants of the taxi were ordered out of the vehicle. "The men, who spoke Xhosa, asked for guns and money and wanted to know what we knew about the ANC and IFP. They also asked us about another bus coming from Natal."

The passengers were then led to a veld where they were asked if they were Zulus. The women and babies were told to stand to one side. "The attackers told me to stay with the women because I told them I was from

Swaziland."

Seven of the passengers who spoke Zulu were then separated from them. He said he and the three women and the two babies were ordered to stand to one side. A man was assigned to guard them while the seven other passengers were taken to a spot near a railway line.

Shortly thereafter shots rang out. "I could hear that the men (passengers) were being killed. Our guard told us to keep quiet or we would also be killed."

The attackers then fled. (278)

IFP Transvaal regional organiser Mr Themba Khoza said some of the victims were residents of Vosloorus and Katlehong, while others were workers from Natal living in hostels on the East Rand. He said it was clear the attack was carried out by highly trained military operatives.

"We can only conclude that the attack reflects a desperate attempt by agents provocateurs to imperil the peace process currently underway in the PWV region," Khoza said.

The ANC called on its supporters to help expose the killers so they could be arrested and brought to justice.

"The ANC views the killers of these people as enemies of peace, freedom and democracy who want to prolong our national oppression.

"Their activities can create tribal hatred that will result in more killings," it said.

The National Party expressed shock and revulsion at the "senseless and cold-blooded" murders.

Police have offered a R50 000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killers. People with information can contact Major Robbie Robbertse at (011) 866-7050.



# Taxi ambush condemned

THE Inkatha Freedom Party yesterday blamed highly trained military operatives bent on derailing peace negotiations for an ambush on a minibus taxi in Wadeville, Germiston, yesterday morning in which six men were shot dead. **Blay**

Police are offering a reward of R50 000 for information leading to the arrest of the killers. They said the men were hauled from a taxi returning from Natal and executed after being interrogated by 12 Xhosa-speaking men about their ethnicity and political affiliation. **(278)**

The victims were all Zulus and Inkatha members. **20/7/93**

The ANC strongly condemned the killings, describing the incident as an act of wanton violence. "We call on all our members and supporters to help expose these murderers," it said.

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One man survived the shooting by claiming to be a Swazi, a second was wounded but survived, and four women and children were spared by the attackers.

Inkatha Transvaal organiser Themba Khoza claimed the assassinations were part of a plot to plunge SA into an "all-out ethnic war", and an attempt to destabilise his party prior to elections.

"We can only conclude that the attack reflects a desperate attempt by agents provocateurs to imperil the peace process currently under way in the PWV region, despite substantive and meaningful progress being achieved by the joint Inkatha/ANC working committees tasked with exploring joint ways of defusing the vio-

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## Ambush

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lence and rebuilding mutual trust."

Khoza said the attack bore the hallmarks of an attempt to spark full-scale "ethnic cleansing" in Reef townships.

Inkatha would continue its participation in regional peace structures, he said.

Khoza said Inkatha had received warning on Friday of an attack on supporters heading for the party's congress in Ulundi and had taken pre-emptive measures by changing routes and schedules.

Inkatha had also learnt of the delivery of a consignment of weapons to the Mandela Park squatter camp on Friday, and had informed police and the Wits/Vaal peace secretariat of the alleged plot.

The secretariat said monitors had investigated the claim which was denied by local ANC leaders. **(278)**

An ANC spokesman said secretariat monitors had investigated the claim on Friday and found it to be unsubstantiated.

Police said yesterday Khoza's claim would be investigated.

The man who survived yesterday's attack by claiming to be a Swazi said the attackers — some of whom wore camouflage dress and were armed with AK-47 rifles and pistols — had demanded to know their political affiliations.

He told the men he had no political

affiliation and was religious.

He was then told to wait with the women travellers, and seven men who admitted to being Inkatha members were taken into the veld. Shots were heard.

The man said the survivors reported the incident to police.

The survivor of the shootings was found hanging onto a fence and was flown to hospital in Germiston by police.

The victims of the attack were residents of Vosloorus and Katlehong and migrant workers from Mtubatuba, Natal, living in local hostels, Khoza said.

The NP has called for the Goldstone commission to investigate the attack while the DP called on political leaders to inform their members that violence and murder would no longer be tolerated.

Police reported six other weekend deaths in East Rand townships.

At least 16 people were killed in violence in Natal's townships at the weekend, police said, including four shot dead in Umlazi near Durban, reports Sapa.

In the western Cape a lone gunman firing a shotgun and handgun indiscriminately at Crossroads residents killed two men and wounded nine others on Sunday.

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## Six die in East Rand violence

JOHANNESBURG. —

Six men were killed in East Rand townships at the weekend, police said.

The bodies of the six were found by police in different areas of Katlehong and Thokoza.

Four of the men were shot dead, one was stabbed and the sixth was burnt to death. —

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# Second Sisulu guard dies

Own Correspondents

JOHANNESBURG. — A second bodyguard of ANC deputy president Mr Walter Sisulu died in hospital yesterday and the two surviving guards will be charged in court today after their shoot-out with the police early on Sunday.

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## Link?

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The discoveries were made in the presence of ANC NEC member Mr Matthew Phosa and lawyer Mr Fink Haysom.

The ANC expressed concern yesterday at a possible link between a previous incident of "police aggression" against Mr Sisulu and Sunday's incident.

Mr Sisulu's security convoy was stopped at a road-block outside Soweto three months ago, the ANC said. It was allowed to proceed, but was immediately followed by a police vehicle and forced off the road.

## Threats

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Witwatersrand regional police commissioner Lt-Gen Koos Calitz said yesterday police forensic experts had found Makarov and SA-manufactured shells and the wad of a shotgun round at the scene. They would be subjected to ballistic tests, he said. **(278)**

The discoveries were made in the presence of ANC NEC member Matthew Phosa and lawyer Fink Haysom, who have been appointed by ANC president Nelson Mandela to monitor investigations.

The ANC would be invited to appoint an independent pathologist to perform a post-mortem on the ANC security guard who died immediately after the incident, Calitz said.

The attorney-general's office had also been invited to monitor investigations.

The ANC expressed concern yesterday at a possible link between a previous incident of "police aggression" against Sisulu and Sunday's incident, demanding that police disclose what steps had been taken to

By STEPHANE BOTHMA  
and DIRK VAN EEDEN

investigate the previous incident and what instructions had been given to prevent a repeat.

Sisulu's security convoy had been stopped at a roadblock outside Soweto three months ago, the ANC said in a statement. The convoy had been allowed to proceed, but was immediately followed by a police vehicle and forced off the road.

"A police officer, his weapon ready to shoot, approached the car and demanded the right to search it — only allowing the convoy to proceed after a lengthy discussion with Sisulu's security guards."

At the time, the ANC had registered strong protest with the police, who undertook to investigate the matter.

It repeated demands that international peace monitors and independent experts investigate the role of the police in the incidents.

"Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel must take full responsibility for ensuring his police force ceases its acts of aggression against Sisulu and other ANC officials," it said.

The western Cape branch of the ANC expressed alarm at threats made to kill ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus and Allan Boesak, during a public meeting at Mitchells Plain at the weekend.

"These threats, following the attempt on the life of Sisulu, strengthens our belief that many of our leaders are in serious danger of their lives," it said.

## Trust to focus on public servants

CAPE TOWN — The Canadian Southern Africa Education Trust Fund, a non-governmental organisation funded indirectly by the Canadian government, intended to focus more of its training efforts in SA on future public servants and media personnel, one of the fund's trustees said yesterday. **(280)**

The fund, launched five years ago, had been involved in training civil servants in Transkei, trustee Juanita Westmoreland-Traoré said in an interview yesterday.

Westmoreland-Traoré, who is Ontario's first employment equity commissioner, is on a fact-finding visit to SA.

Previously she served on the Canadian Human Rights Commission. **(281)**

In the past the fund had concentrated on fostering exchange programmes for postgraduate university students special-

ising in certain areas.

It recently completed a legal exchange programme. **2017/193**

Most of its funding was derived from a government agency, the Canadian National Development Agency.

Westmoreland-Traoré emphasised the intimate link between education and training and equity in employment.

In devising employment equity legislation for Ontario, her commission had emphasised the education and training of people who were in jobs where they had experienced discrimination.

She said the legislation would give greater effect to the Ontario human rights code, which prohibited discrimination but was difficult to enforce.

LINDA ENSOR



# Massacre survivor tells of 30 terror-filled minutes

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**The Argus Correspondent**  
**JOHANNESBURG.** — A shocked survivor of the execution-style killings early yesterday when six Zulus were told to get out of a taxi and were shot in the head, has told how he lied to avoid being killed.

The man and three woman (two of them holding babies) faced the media at an IFP Press conference in Johannesburg yesterday.

All four, looking tired and haggard, refused to be identified for fear of their lives.

He said the taxi driver had dropped off people in Daveyton about 1am and was taking the rest of the passengers to Vosloorus and Katlehong when a man in camouflage uniform flagged down the taxi.

He held a rifle and had a pistol in the waistband of his trousers.

The taxi stopped and about 10 men, each holding a rifle and a pistol, ordered the passengers out.

"They asked us for money

and guns and searched the taxi. They all spoke Xhosa," he said.

He said the attackers asked the group what their political affiliation was.

One of the women said they supported the ANC.

They were told to stand aside.

"I told them I was from Swaziland and I had hitched a lift with the taxi in Piet Retief," the survivor said.

The killers interrogated him, asking him if the "Zulus" had not harassed him in the taxi,

before allowing him to stand with the three women.

The remaining passengers were taken to a railway line, while he and the women were guarded by one of the killers.

"To convince him I was not a political person I said that I was a church man. I was scared. He only believed me when I showed him my church clothes in my bag," said the man.

About half-an-hour later, while he was trying to calm

the crying women, they heard "many gunshots".

"I said to the women that they have killed all of them. Then I peeped to see what was happening. Our guard was called away. A man came and said 'King' wanted him. I realised that the men were leaving and I took the women and ran to the police station."

He said when he returned to the scene with the police he saw six dead people and one man who was still alive, hanging on to a fence.



# 'Execution slaying' of IFP six

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## can harm moves towards peace

□ NP asks Goldstone to probe murders; police offer reward of R50 000

**The Argus Correspondent**  
**JOHANNESBURG.** — The "execution-style" slaying of six IFP supporters in Wadeville on the East Rand could jeopardise moves towards peace in the area, say peace brokers and political organisations.

Police have offered a R50 000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those who shot dead the six men and left one wounded.

The National Party expressed "shock" and "revulsion" and said such violence jeopardised the possibility of an election. It asked the Goldstone

Commission to investigate the murders.

The Wits/Vaal Peace Secretariat has expressed fears that the massacre could scuttle "the very fruitful bilateral discussions" being brokered by them between the ANC alliance and the IFP to resolve conflict on the East Rand.

The IFP said the killings raised the spectre of "ethnic cleansing" and said it shuddered to think of the implications of a full-scale ethnic war breaking out.

According to police, passengers said a man with a torch flagged down the taxi about 11am yesterday. As the taxi stopped, about 10 men with

AK 47 rifles and pistols approached and ordered everyone out.

They said they were looking for IFP members.

One man said he was from Swaziland and three women said they supported the ANC. The attackers told them to stand aside.

They marched the seven remaining men about 70m into the veld, ordered them to lie face down and shot them in the back of the head.

The four survivors ran to a police station where they reported the killings. Police said they found about 14 AK 47 cartridges, two AK 47 bullets and

9mm pistol cartridges at the scene.

Police said the gunmen seemed to have targeted Inkatha supporters.

The IFP said yesterday the attack "bore the hallmarks of a cynical attempt to ignite the spark for full-scale ethnic cleansing in Reef townships".

IFP Transvaal regional organiser Themba Khoza said: "Ominously, the gunmen not only cold-bloodedly selected their targets on the basis of political affiliation, but also on the arbitrary basis of tribal affiliation."

Mr Khoza said the IFP had established that some victims were permanent residents of

Vosloorus and Katlehong while others were migrant workers originally from Mthabuba on Natal's North Coast, who lived in neighbouring hostels.

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# Probe into (278) CT 21/7/93 'attempt to kill Sisulu'

## Own Correspondent

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A police statement said a docket of attempted murder had been opened. Regional police commissioner Lieutenant-General Koos Calitz and ANC legal department head Mr Matthew Phosa had agreed that the ANC would make available two cars involved in the incident for forensic tests.

## Police experts

The ANC would also provide police with the names of their investigators and the name of a forensic expert appointed by the ANC.

A request by the ANC to involve two international police experts in the investigation would be taken to the attorney-general by the ANC.

"The identity of the policemen involved in the incident will eventually

be revealed. ANC legal representatives will have free access to the three (bodyguards) arrested.

"A request to have access to the two policemen involved will be referred to the attorney-general," the statement said. Both parties had also agreed to prevent the investigation degenerating into a "trial by media".

## One died

The ANC, meanwhile, yesterday denied reports that a second bodyguard had died after the shootout.

An ANC statement said one bodyguard, Mr Ismael Moloane, died when police and ANC bodyguards exchanged fire.

"Mr Jabulani Cebo Ntuli was shot, but is stable and recovering in hospital. Mr Themba Makuba sustained injuries when the vehicle overturned and is recovering in hospital. Both are in a satisfactory condition, but are being kept under police guard."

The statement said bodyguard Mr Jerry Radebe had been detained and was due to appear in court yesterday. This could not be confirmed by police.

"Oddly, it is one of the victims of the attack who has been arrested while the perpetrators have not been held accountable. We demand his immediate and unconditional release, and guarantees from the police of the safety of all the people concerned."



# Elderly IFP women shot dead in attack

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JOHANNESBURG. — Police have reported six more violence-related deaths in Natal and on the East Rand.

Two IFP supporters — both elderly women — were shot dead after gunmen armed with shotguns and petrol bombs went on the rampage shooting randomly at people and burning huts at Odlamini near Wartburg this week.

The dead have been identified as Mrs Phendukhile Mhlongo, 66, and Mrs Mavis Khanyile, 60.

The gunmen first attacked the Mhlongo kraal, raking homesteads with gunfire and throwing petrol bombs through smashed windows of huts. They then went to the Khanyile kraal, 500 metres away, where they gutted two huts with petrol bombs.

Police recovered several spent shotgun and .45 cartridges at both kraals and said politics appeared to be the motive for the attacks.

Two people were also killed overnight in violence-torn Adams Mission in the Umbumbulu district, south of

Durban. Police said the couple were shot dead by gunmen in their home.

Meanwhile, two people were wounded when gunmen ambushed a taxi on the Wembezi road outside Estcourt early yesterday. The road has been the scene of frequent ambushes over the past few months.

Supporters of both the ANC and IFP have been victims of the attacks, which have led to increased tension between the organisations.

A man and a woman were found dead in Thokoza on the East Rand on Monday. The man had died of gunshot wounds while the woman had been stabbed to death.

Police also reported incidents of arson and vandalism in the East Rand townships of Katlehong and Daveyton.

● The ANC claimed yesterday that police killed Thokoza self-defence unit member Mr Tanki Mthembu, 24, in the township on Monday. Mr Mthembu was allegedly shot while trying to escape from police custody. — Own Correspondent, Sapa



# Attempted murder probe into shootout

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A police statement said a docket of attempted murder had been opened.

Regional police commissioner Lt-Gen Koos Calitz and ANC legal department head Matthew Phosa had agreed that the ANC would make available two cars involved in the incident for forensic tests.

The ANC would also provide police with the names of ANC investigators and the name of a forensic expert appointed by the ANC.

A request by the ANC to involve two international police experts in the investigation would be taken to the Attorney-General by the ANC.

The statement said the identity of the policemen involved in the incident would "eventually be revealed" and ANC legal representatives would have free access to the bodyguards arrested.

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# Referendum advised for SA

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CONSTITUTIONAL principles for SA should be tested in a referendum before an election and entrenched so these principles could not be changed without the consent of all communities, Russian MP Oleg Rumyantsev said yesterday.

Rumyantsev is the president of the Russian Fund for Constitutional Reforms. He is visiting SA as a guest of the Department of Foreign Affairs and is to meet various political leaders during his stay.

Rumyantsev warned SA negotiators not to rush the transition, but rather to make sure all parties agreed on the principles of the transition. **BIDAY**

Any constitution could be changed as the ruling party changed. Therefore constitutional principles had to be entrenched and all ethnic groups had to agree to changes in constitutional principles, he said.

However, he warned against establishing ethnic states because that would lead to inter-ethnic clashes. **21/7/93**

SA should have more than the proposed

seven to nine states. More states would increase the quest for a federal government and insure SA remained a single state, he said. **(2-18)**

These states should have maximum self-determination, provided regional policies were subject to the constitutional principles and a Bill of Human Rights.

Rumyantsev said Russia had made mistakes in transition which SA should avoid. Most important of these was rushing the process and blindly following IMF recommendations to adopt pure capitalism.

"Yeltsin jumped for IMF recommendations and everybody is suffering."

He was in favour of a mixed economy for Russia and advised the same for SA.

Rumyantsev said he did not have a mandate to represent his government, but he hoped it would promote closer links.

Rumyantsev also welcomed attempts to establish close economic ties.



# Police agree to Sisulu murder attempt probe

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□ Sequel to shootout with ANC bodyguards

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The police have agreed to open an investigation into whether the shootout between police and ANC deputy president Walter Sisulu's bodyguards was an attempt to murder Mr Sisulu.

The agreement was reached at a meeting between regional police commissioner Lieutenant-General Koos Calitz and ANC representatives Mathew Phosa and Billy Masehla.

The police had previously insisted the bodyguards were responsible. They have been charged with attempted murder of police and possession of illegal weapons.

Three of the bodyguards, including two in hospital, were granted bail of R5 000 each in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Jeremiah Radebe, 39, of Chiawelo in Soweto, appeared briefly and bail was granted in absentia to the men in hospital, Themba Makhubo and Cebo Ntuli.

The hearing was postponed to August 10.

A statement last night by Witwatersrand police public relations head Brigadier Zirk Gous outlined the "terms of understanding" reached at the meeting between the police and the ANC.

They included:

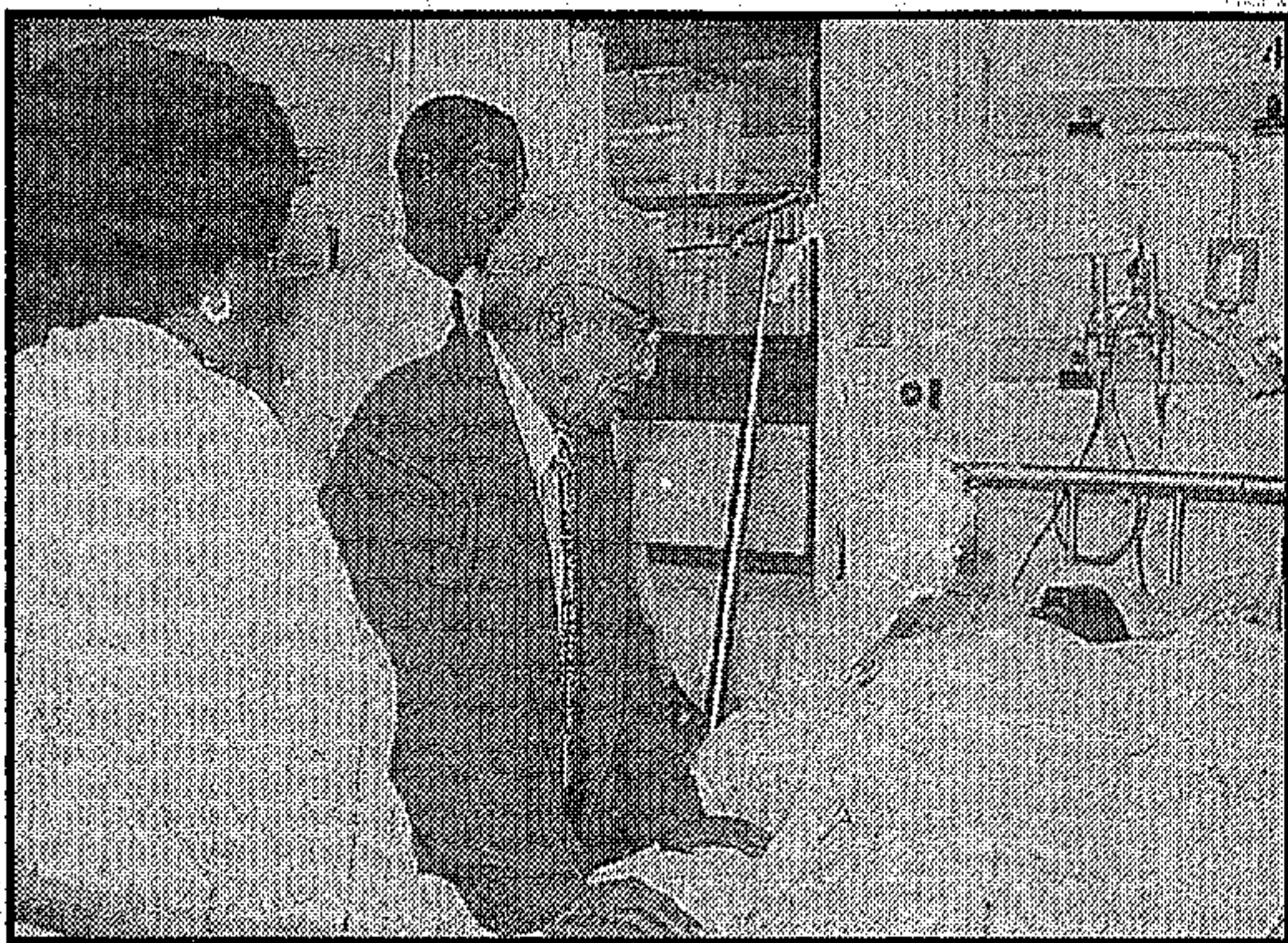
- An attempted murder docket would be opened for the attempt on Mr Sisulu's life and the names of the policemen allegedly involved would eventually be released;

- ANC legal representatives would have free access to the arrested bodyguards;

- An ANC request to have two international police experts involved in the police investigation would be handed over to the Attorney-General;

- The ANC and police would co-operate during the investigation;

- The ANC would make the other two cars in the convoy available to police for forensic tests.



**COMFORT:** Walter Sisulu and his wife Albertina offer words of encouragement to one of his bodyguards injured in Sunday's shootout with police.

## Words of cheer for injured in hospital

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A frail-looking Walter Sisulu and his wife, Albertina, have paid a whistle-stop visit to Baragwanath Hospital to cheer up two of their bodyguards injured in a shootout with police early on Sunday.

One bodyguard, Ismael Moloane, was killed in the shootout on the Soweto highway. Another, Jeremiah Radebe, appeared in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday on a charge of attempted murder.

With a contingent of new bodyguards in tow, the Sisulus turned heads as they walked slowly through the crowded wards — with Mr Sisulu sometimes being helped along by one of his guards.

Mr Sisulu held Themba Makhubo's injured hand, asking if he was still in pain. Mr Makhubo's left hand was covered in a thick case of plaster and he still had deep scratches on his forehead.

But after a few softly spoken

words of encouragement, Mr Sisulu asked if Mr Makhubo's family had visited him and said it was time to rush to the next bodyguard, Cebo Ntuli.

Mr Sisulu spoke to Mr Ntuli for just a few minutes in hushed tones and then told journalists it was time to leave Mr Ntuli to rest. Mr Ntuli's right hand was covered in a bloodied bandage and he was unable to move in his bed.

It was clear that the Sisulu visit cheered the two injured guards, whose faces lit up with smiles when they saw their boss.

Mr Sisulu, who has refused to comment on the shootout, relented and faced a barrage of questions from the media.

He again refused to say anything about the fatal shooting, but when asked if he believed it was an assassination attempt, he said: "What else can it be? But my lawyers and the police are busy with the matter."



# Reef violence claims further 17

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On alert... a squatter with an AK-47 stalks the Daveyton camp east of Johannesburg following clashes between residents and squatters. Picture: Len Kumalo

By Charmeela Bhagwat  
Crime Reporter

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ways to resolve tensions, according to Peace Committee chairman Con Roux.

Roux said he feared retaliatory attacks might further exacerbate violence in the township. He called on all organisations to co-operate with the peace committee.

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At least two people were killed and about 16 shacks were burnt to the ground in Daveyton when unknown attackers made the homes of Zulu-speaking residents their target, police said.

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Police said five people had been arrested following the attacks which began in the late afternoon.

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**UNDER FIRE**  
... A man armed with an AK-47 rifle at the Mangosuthu squatter camp near Daveyton on the East Rand takes cover as shack dwellers and residents in the township exchanged fire yesterday.  
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# 'War' in Daveyton

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**By Bongani Mavuso and Sapa**

**V**IOLENCE broke out in Daveyton on the East Rand yesterday morning claiming the lives of at least nine people and leaving 24 burnt-out shacks.

This brings to at least 16 the number of people killed in violence in the East Rand townships of Daveyton, Katlehong and Tokoza since Tuesday.

By late yesterday residents of Daveyton were bracing themselves for more attacks and many people were fleeing the area. Fears that the violence might escalate were fuelled by a meeting of hostel dwellers in Daveyton late yesterday.

Police said the bodies of seven men who had been shot, hacked or stabbed were found near a hostel in Heald Street, Daveyton.

About 100 men rampaged through the township yesterday, burning down a house and setting a vehicle alight. Petrol bombs were also used.

At least 16 shacks were burnt down at the Mangosuthu squatter camp while eight were burnt in the township.

Yesterday afternoon the area resembled a war zone. There was an exchange of AK-47 rifle fire. Shots were fired at the camp from houses nearby and residents of the camp returned fire with AK-

47 rifles. The firing lasted about three hours. It started shortly after a police vehicle patrolling the area left. When the gunfire stopped there were no police in the area.

Squatter residents blamed the violence on a "Third Force" and accused the police of failing to maintain law and order.

However, police spokesman Major Eugene Opperman said: "We cannot deploy the police in every township on the East Rand. The area is too big."

"Residents are quick to blame the police. They cannot thank us for making arrests and saving people's lives."

Opperman said five people were arrested at the camp yesterday for possessing illegal firearms and ammunition.

Groups of men armed with an assortment of weapons took up positions around the camp late yesterday. They said they feared a night attack and would not sleep.

Meanwhile, police yesterday confiscated an arms cache containing eight AK-47 rifles, 12 AK-47 magazines, 800 rounds of AK-47 ammunition and a Makarov pistol at a hostel in Vosloorus.

A police spokesman said police acting on information found the weapons and ammunition hidden under a blanket in a room at the hostel. There were no arrests.



# East Rand attackers kill 17 people

SEVENTEEN people died in unrest in East Rand townships yesterday as unidentified groups of men went on the rampage in Katlehong and Daveyton. **B/Day**

In two days, about 46 shacks and houses were burnt down in what police described as uncoordinated attacks in the townships. A number of people were severely burned in the arson attacks. **22/1/93**

Fourteen deaths were reported by yesterday morning, but the death toll rose to 17 with the discovery of three more bodies in Katlehong yesterday afternoon. **(278)**

Seven bodies were discovered outside the Zulu hostel in Huld Street, Daveyton, early yesterday. Police said the men had been hacked, shot and stabbed to death.

Several people were injured in petrol bomb attacks.

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SAP spokesman Maj Eugene Opperman said five people had been arrested in connection with the Daveyton violence.

"Police are patrolling the area in an attempt to stop the attacks and arrest those responsible. Their work is being hampered by the fact that the larger part of Daveyton has no, or very poor, lighting," Opperman said.

Police acting on a tip-off confiscated eight AK-47 rifles, a Makarov pistol, 800 AK-47 rounds and 12 AK-47 magazines at the Nguni hostel in Vosloorus.

Sources said yesterday the renewed violence might be linked to the assassinations of six Inkatha Freedom Party members in

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## East Rand **B/Day**

Wadeville on Monday morning. However, the local East Rand peace committee said there was no evidence to support such a connection. **22/1/93**

ANC sources said the violence in Daveyton — which had been quiet for several months — followed a police raid on the Chris Hani squatter camp during which a large number of AK-47 rifles were confiscated, and a meeting at the local hostel two weeks ago. **(278)**

Sapa reports that the Benoni-Boksburg peace committee has convened an urgent meeting today between all major organisations in Daveyton in a bid to resolve tensions. Committee chairman Con Roux

said a meeting had been convened when violence flared on Tuesday. The ANC, Inkatha and civic organisations had agreed on policing measures which had calmed tensions in the Zenzele settlement.

Roux said he feared retaliatory attacks for the latest killings.

Two Reuters Television journalists were threatened by youths who seized their bullet-proof jackets in Daveyton yesterday.

Meanwhile the Boksburg/Benoni Hospital appealed to East Rand residents to donate blood for victims of violence. About 80 patients a week, mostly gun-shot victims, were being admitted to the hospital.

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**D**ANISH Foreign Minister Niels Pieterse may not have been aware of it, but his leisurely stroll through a migrant worker hostel during a visit to SA on May 28 more than vindicated his government's decision to sponsor a unique peace initiative in the East Rand township of Thokoza.

Pieterse's visit came six days after a flare-up of violence in which 13 people died, and tempers were on the boil. Yet he was able to saunter safely through one of the worst trouble spots in the country.

He was the guest of a one-man, Danish-sponsored show called the Thokoza peace office — a pilot project initiated three months ago by the Community Conflict Resolution Service (CCRS), itself a project of the SA Independent Mediation Service.

CCRS regional director Vincent Mtambo said the peace office in Thokoza was born out of the need for a permanent infrastructure for conflict resolution, and the need to avoid dealing with violence on an ad hoc basis. The office — the only permanent peace office in the area — dovetails with the activities of the local peace committee, a national peace secretariat structure in the area, providing administrative and organisational backup.

**P**ieterson was shown around Thokoza by peace office co-ordinator Thabo Ndabeni, a deferential, soft-spoken man. Mtambo says CCRS appointed Ndabeni because of his thorough knowledge of SA's political scenario and the personalities involved. Ndabeni learnt the art of communication the hard way, as a student leader with Mtambo during the 1976 student uprising.

Ndabeni says there are two levels of conflict resolution in Thokoza, the first being the regional structures of the peace secretariat with negotiations by regional leaders. The second is where he finds himself, negotiating with ANC marshals and Zulu indunas on the nuts and bolts of peace agreements.

The bespectacled Ndabeni likens his role to a complicated game of chess, played to avoid a total breakdown in communication between the township's warring parties.

# Quietly working on the ground to ease Thokoza's pains

By 22/1/93

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But the peace office has assumed a more important role: it has been acting increasingly as a buffer between the township's antagonists.

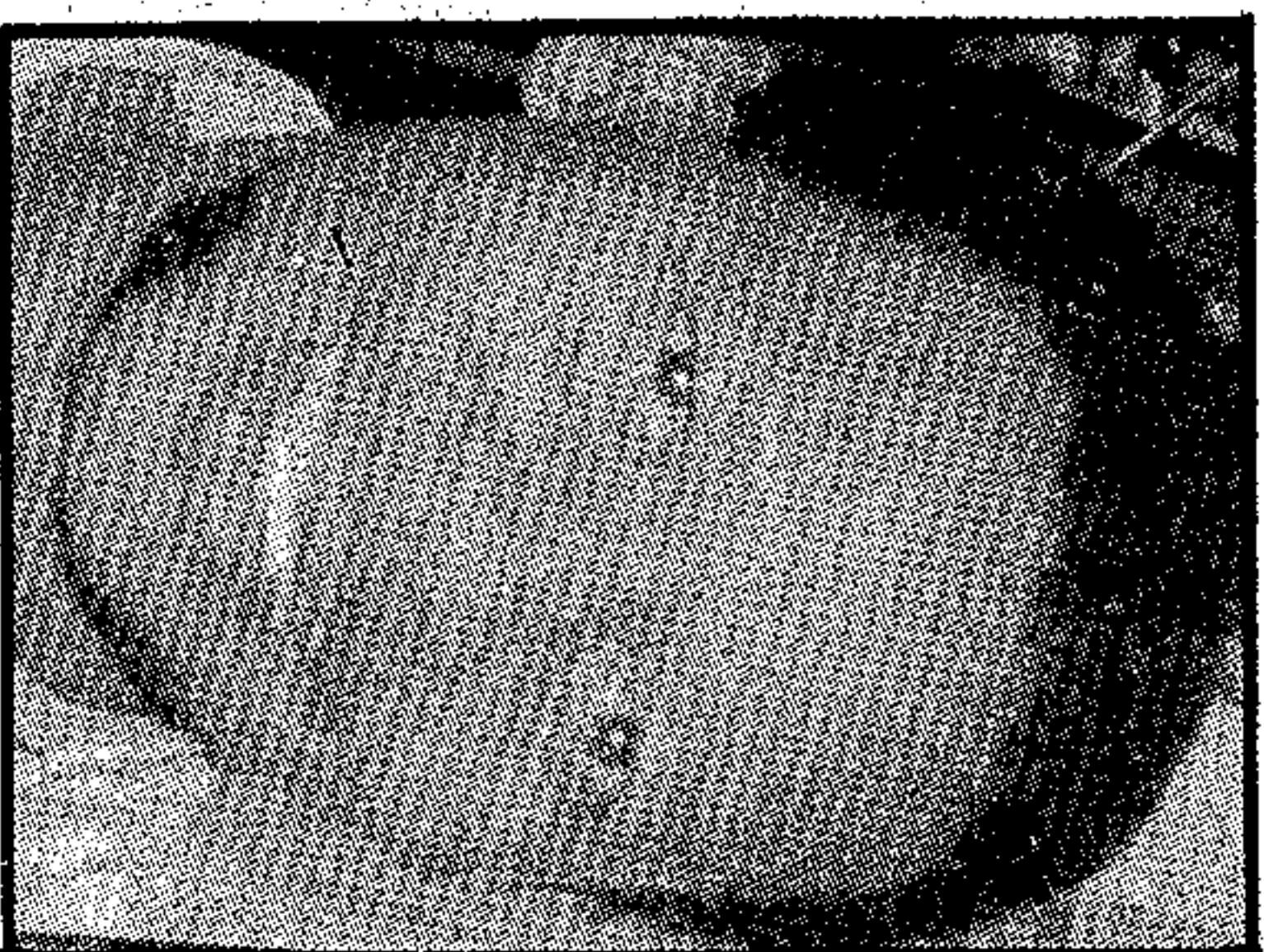
Ndabeni describes his job as "facilitative" — keeping lines of communication open and uncluttered. His first task three months ago was to make contact with interest groups in the township. "The major problem we had to overcome was getting acceptance by all the parties."

Ndabeni set to his task with a will, and broke new ground by approaching every grouping in the township, including Rastafarians and other "insignificant" parties.

He believes smaller groupings, especially those not signatories to the national peace accord and therefore not bound by its charter, have to be accommodated within a formal structure that processes their complaints. Through direct contact, he set up a network of key people in various camps.

But mediating between parties who are constantly at each other's throats is not simple. Ndabeni deals with people, not concepts, and the personalities on the ground in Thokoza are strong. "If you are a weakling in that environment where all parties are under constant threat of attack..." he tails off, but adds: "They are very strong people."

He mentions the names of local Inkatha leaders Gertrude and Abram Msizi. Abram Msizi, says



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Ndabeni has a lot of influence in the hostels. He also identifies Duma Nkosi, the local ANC chairman, and Thokoza Amalgamated Taxi Association chairman Richard Madonsela, as tireless workers for peace.

Once he had established his contacts, Ndabeni had to face the challenge of containing violence through dialogue. Most of the time, he says, it is fairly easy to tell where violence is happening, and where retaliation

will come from. The difficult part, says Ndabeni, is pinning down its source: "You really are groping in the dark trying... There are unexplained incidents. It's not a structured, two-sided affair."

A bigger headache, Mtambo and Ndabeni concur, are rumours. "We are saddled with a big problem in Thokoza and that is rumour control. A lot of violence comes as a result of rumours," says Mtambo. Ndabeni is often called on to defuse tense situations that arise as a result of a rumour. In one instance, a massacre was prevented when Ndabeni established that the source of conflict was an argument over alcohol.

He says relations with police are cordial. He deals directly with the local station commander and has identified helpful figures in the internal stability unit and the SADF. He singles out police W/O Wessels and SADF Capt Wiese. "If you just mention the names you get some movement. The problem is that they are being rotated all the time."

Ndabeni says the trick is to let the parties resolve conflicts themselves. "Our role is trying to get parties to talk even when they are aggrieved. We have to allow people to see an opening, to show them that there is always hope at the end of the telephone line. We are not upfront. We just facilitate the talking... by allowing either party to behave in a manner which meets the conditions

of the other, so they see themselves taking that responsibility for ending the violence."

He feels the office has made a difference. "Yesterday we had a family who had lost a son in the office for advice." Although the family had to be directed to an aid organisation — "we network people with resources" — it was a sign that the office had been identified by township residents.

Mtambo says the office also aims to pinpoint Thokoza's long-term problems: identifying the resources that need to go into socioeconomic development, addressing unemployment and "the so-called marginalised youth."

"We are in the planning stage of a development programme to see what role the peace office can play in a major programme for the long term," says Mtambo, who is also chairman of the Vosloorus peace committee.

CCRS is jointly running the peace line telephone service in collaboration with the Wits/Vaal peace secretariat, and is involved in a hostel residents' peace initiative (Mtambo says PWV hostel dwellers have made peace among themselves, and most of the conflict is with township residents) and conflict resolution and mediation service.

Mtambo says the future of the office and its expansion to other areas of conflict will, like the violence, depend on the "larger political picture". Peace will have to come from the political parties themselves. "If the project works, there is no doubt that we can reach a stage where we can pre-empt violence. A lot of people are beginning to see that violence does not pay at the end of the day."

**T**he efficacy of the Thokoza peace office has yet to be tested, but two signs hold out hope for the success of its mission.

Although the office was heavily involved in recent peace agreements between the ANC and Inkatha on the East Rand, not once did it receive a mention in the media, a tribute to its low-key approach.

And not once in a lengthy interview did either Mtambo or Ndabeni single out any one party as being responsible for the conflict.



# Another 17 die in fresh violence on East Rand

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## ☐ Youths seize TV newsmen's bullet-proof jackets

**The Argus Correspondent**

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They had bullet, stab and hack wounds but police found no cartridges at the scene.

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East Rand police said the crowd set fire to one house but nobody was injured.

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The journalists were in the township to report on the murder of seven men near the Zulu hostel earlier.

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Five people were arrested.



# Police, township residents sign 'breakthrough' peace agreement

THE Wits/Vaal peace committee yesterday announced "a significant breakthrough" in relations between the police and PWV township communities, after police and political organisations reached key agreements to improve communication.

Endorsed by the police, the Inkatha Freedom Party and the ANC, the breakthrough hinges on a visitors' programme allowing a panel of civilians unlimited access to police cells to interview prisoners.

Sapa reports that the Wits/Vaal peace committee's police/community relations subcommittee chairman Bishop Peter

Storey said: "It is a very, very significant breakthrough in police relations. It could allay a lot of anxieties."

He said a pilot scheme could be in place in the region by the year-end, before being implemented nationally.

Storey said it had been agreed that the declaration of unrest areas would be subject to consultation with political and community organisations.

The agreement had still to be ratified but the SAP would honour it in the meantime. The SAP had already demonstrated its commitment to the spirit of the agree-

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ment when it reconsidered and reversed the declaration of the entire Reef area as an unrest area prior to SACP leader Chris Hani's funeral.

Police had also agreed to improve communications between the SAP and township communities by providing data on trends in political violence to regional and local peace committees.

The agreement stipulates that "Before any major SAP action, or reaction by the SAP to any political clash... the SAP will

inform the local peace committee chairman so that he may arrange monitoring."

The subcommittee noted existing SAP procedure at local police stations for recording in a register detainees' details, and that "outside" SAP units reported to local police stations all arrests, attempted arrests, searches and seizures and removal of witness.

The agreement specified that "the police reporting officer for the region will assist in specific cases by examining police dockets to ensure that the investigation is a full and proper one". However the attor-

ney-general had yet to agree to this access. In terms of police regulations, arrested people had the right to contact family or legal advisers, while awaiting trial prisoners should be given access to family, legal advisers and priests.

The subcommittee also recommended that local police/community relations subcommittees be set up in local peace committees as a matter of urgency.

Storey said the subcommittee was considering forming local community/police consultation committees, modelled on

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## Peace agreement

those operating in other countries:

"The closer people are in conversation and dialogue with the police responsible for law and order in the community, the healthier police/community relations will be," Storey said.

SAP representative Col Alf Dyke said police agreed fully with the "understandings". "These are all measures we are taking to show our sincerity. We are giving

ourselves a real facelift."

ANC alliance representative Aubrey Lekwane said the alliance considered the visitors' programme important to ordinary people with no access to lawyers, and urged that people nominated to visit cells be given paralegal training.

Inkatha representative Humphrey Ndlovu also welcomed the agreement.

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● *ANC, IFP leaders talk of the immense acrimony that leads to fighting on the East Rand*

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She said hostel residents had been attacked daily since the assassination of Chris Hani. Trains carrying hostel residents were set alight. The media did not play these events up, she alleged.

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The heartbreak that violence leaves behind.



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# Peace hopes rise on East Rand

By Brendan Templeton  
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Hopes for peace rose in Daveyton last night after more than five hours of intense negotiation between local leaders and authorities.

The optimism followed an earlier appeal from Inkatha Freedom Party Transvaal leader Themba Khoza for peace in the tense Daveyton squatter enclave of Mangosuthu Park.

Although the atmosphere was still tense, Benoni-Boks-

burg peace committee chairman Con Roux said he believed the situation was now "under control".

He expressed optimism last night that a commitment to peace would end the East Rand violence which claimed another 24 lives this week. (278)

Present at the extended meeting were representatives of the ANC, IFP, student organisations, churches, civic leaders, the police and the army.

Roux said the key to the

agreement's success lay in the commitment to peace between the ANC and Inkatha, and the community's relationship with the police.

ANC and IFP leaders had pledged to go out jointly and communicate the details of the agreement to the community, he said.

"Each of the organisations is committed to going back to their structures and working through the proposals for an action plan which will be agreed to at a meeting on Saturday at 2 pm," he said.

Asked why this agreement should succeed where so many others had failed, he explained: "Relations between the leaders at an organisational level are very good. But up to now there has been no commitment to going out together."

I think that will take us a long way.

"Also, the organisations went through a difficult meeting, but the way they went about it gives me great

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hope, he said, adding that the co-operation between the police and the community appeared to be "excellent".

Earlier, Khoza told residents that even though relations between the community and police were "terrible", IFP supporters should keep their "eyes open and their ears to the ground" and inform the police, peace structures and the IFP of activities which could create violence in the camp.

Shortly after he spoke look-outs shouted that armed men were approaching.

Journalists and IFP officials followed excited youths to a place where they saw a pistol-wielding youth take flight.

One IFP supporter was seen with an AK-47 rifle, which he later concealed before returning to the meeting.

Khoza said residents told him

the violence had begun with attacks on Zulus and stemmed from a power struggle to control land in the squatter camp. He said supporters from several different political organisations lived in the area.

Sources in the area said tensions heightened after the camp's name was changed from Zenzele (Do it yourself) to Mangosuthu. (278)

### Attack

The ANC yesterday alleged that a "senior police officer" and "officials of a certain political organisation" had told hostel dwellers to attack Daveyton residents.

Police headquarters spokesman Lieutenant Johan Loots said the ANC's allegations did not make sense, "especially when the police have adopted community policing styles".

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Asked whether she would admit that some IFP members engaged in violence, Mzizi said many of her members reacted to violence against them.

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**NO GO ZONE ...**  
A police detective interviews Mr Rudolph Khumalo, holding his grandson Jabu, who sustained a pellet wound to the buttocks after being allegedly shot by police. Other policemen stand guard next to the body of activist Artwell Khabanyane, who was allegedly gunned down by police while fleeing from them at Ramokonopi Section, Katlehong, yesterday afternoon.

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# Name sparks off war

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**Sowetan Reporters and Sapa**

**T**HE VIOLENCE at the East Rand township of Daveyton, which had claimed at least nine lives by early yesterday, was apparently sparked off by the renaming of a squatter camp in the area.

Sources in the area claimed yesterday that the renaming of Zenzele to Mangosuthu squatter camp had inflamed the feelings of the dwellers, who saw the move as politically inspired.

Fighting spread from Daveyton to the other strife-torn East Rand townships of Tokoza and Katlehong and by yesterday the death toll stood at 22 after two days of clashes between rival factions.

Five bodies were found overnight, adding to the 17 victims of the fighting in the three townships, East Rand police spokesman Captain Wickus Weber said.

Boksburg peace committee chairman, Mr Con Roux, met police and other relevant parties in

Daveyton yesterday morning. Another peace meeting to try and defuse the volatile situation was planned for later in the day.

A source in Daveyton said yesterday: "For years the area was called Zenzele, which means 'do it for yourself'. 'We think the name Zenzele as opposed to Mangosuthu, which alludes to the leader of Inkatha Freedom Party, is proper and devoid of political connotation."

At least 24 shacks were burnt down in Daveyton on Tuesday and Wednesday and many residents fled the area and sought refuge elsewhere in the township.

At Zenzele at least 16 shacks were razed. Eight houses were also burnt down in Daveyton.

Police said the bodies of eight people who had been hacked to death in the area were found near a hostel in Heald Street, Daveyton.

The ANC claimed in a statement yesterday that the attacks on Daveyton residents were instigated by a senior police officer named Tshabalala and officials of "a certain political organisation".



# Death toll in East Rand townships increases to 23

JOHANNESBURG. — The death toll in East Rand townships climbed to 23 yesterday as the ANC and Inkatha gave widely differing accounts of the cause of conflict in Daveyton, where at least nine people have been killed in the past two days.

Police said they shot dead a man and wounded a six-year-old girl in Katlehong yesterday after the man pointed a pistol at a foot patrol.

In more violence yesterday afternoon a man was knifed and seriously wounded at Daveyton station, a Daveyton house was petrol-bombed and shots were fired and petrol-bombs hurled at six homes in Thokoza.

In Daveyton's Chris Hani squatter

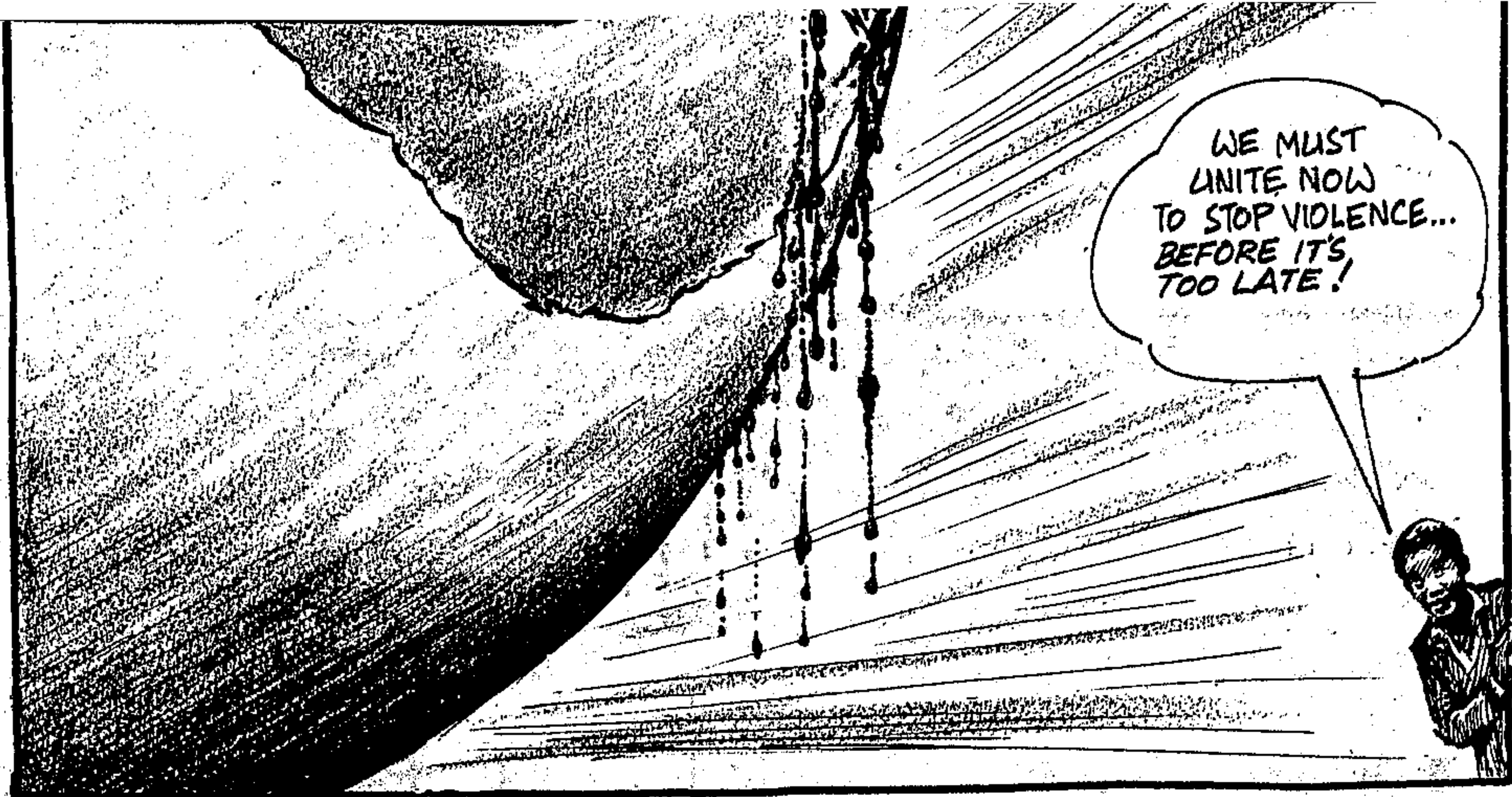
camp two police Casspir vehicles came under fire and police returned fire with birdshot and rubber bullets. No injuries were reported.

Five bodies were found overnight in Katlehong, Thokoza and Daveyton, police spokesman Captain Wickus Weber said. (278) 523/193

The ANC alleged yesterday that a police officer incited Daveyton hostel dwellers to attack residents, resulting in an assault this week which left nine people dead and several injured.

Law and Order Ministry spokesman Captain Craig Kotze replied by saying "police-bashing" would not solve the problems of violence on the East Rand. — Sapa and Own Correspondent





# When friend turns against friend . . .

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**W**E ARE BEING killed because we are Zulus. All along we lived well. There was nothing about being a Zulu or Sotho or Xhosa. It started after (Chris) Hani was killed".

These were the words of Mrs Jane Nkosi, a 61-year-old former resident of Hlongwane section in Katlehong and now a refugee at Kwesini Hostel.

Nkosi, a well-built old lady who does not talk a lot, stood in the middle of a hall that has become home to herself and over 300 people, including children and babies.

The hall, like everything else at Kwesini, was dirty and smelly. Paraffin fumes from pressure stoves filled the air, stinging the eyes and leaving them watery.

It was a depressing atmosphere, one in which children should not be brought up. But for those huddled in the room, it was the only home for now, and maybe forever.

Nkosi has been a resident of Katlehong for 32 years, having moved in from Dindela in 1961. She owned a four-roomed house and added three back rooms for lodgers.

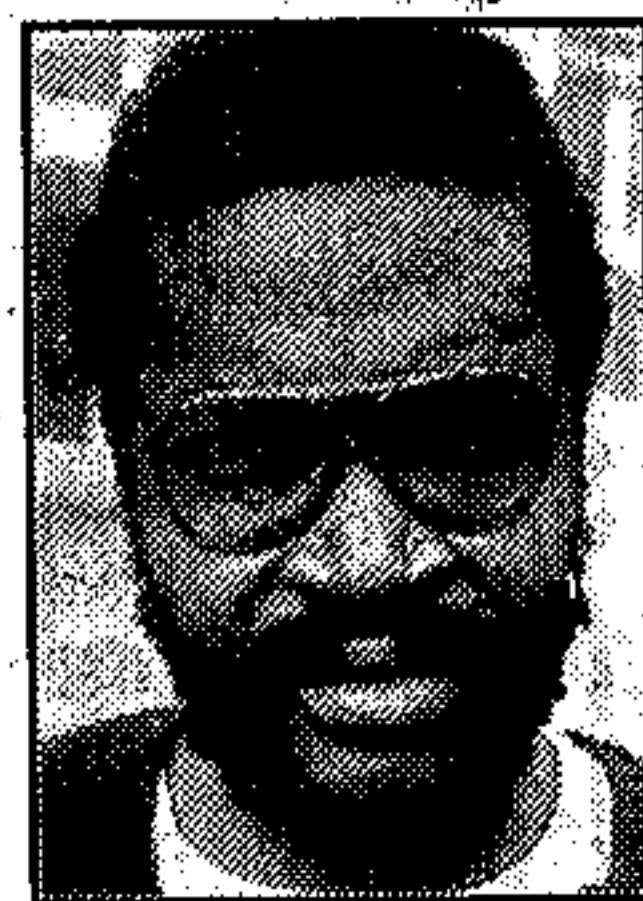
It was a relatively secure and satisfying life, compared to others who lived in shacks. She owned furniture and other household goods, all of which have now gone up in smoke or have been stolen.

She lost everything after her neighbours turned against her. They accused her of being a Zulu and therefore a member of the Inkatha

## focus on refugees

**Investigations Editor Mathatha**

**Tsedu** visited the East Rand following the recent widespread killings and discovered a community on the run from itself:



Mrs Jane Nkosi

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Freedom Party.

The latter connection was deemed by her persecutors to be sufficient reason to kill her. She had been forced to scuttle off, leaving everything behind.

"We knew one another. We had lived together. But suddenly they turned against us, burnt our homes and killed people simply because we were Zulus.

"I have lost everything. As you see me here now, these clothes and blankets are all I have. Everything else I have here is from the Red Cross.

"You ask me what the future is and why the fighting? I don't know. Maybe one section of the

community must die or be wiped out for it to end.

"As for me, I can't see myself going back there and facing those people who turned against me overnight for something I do not even know," Nkosi added.

This was a story repeated by the rest of the members of the commune. A story of persecution simply because they were Zulus.

The fighting on the East Rand, which has claimed more than 200 people since June, has brought great hardship to innocent — and in many cases ignorant and apolitical — people like Nkosi.

Caught in between, they have become the victims of a war that seems to have its roots in crime, political thuggery by all sides and renegade activity by the politically inspired.

And as the peace brokers get yet another peace pact signed, the plight of the victims goes unnoticed as families break under the strain.

This is the one side,



# Train commuter killed in fighting

LLOYD COURTS 2317/93

A TRAIN commuter was killed and two others injured in fighting, allegedly between ANC and Inkatha supporters in Johannesburg yesterday.

Police said the fighting broke out when a train stopped at Croesus station in Industria.

Meanwhile, the ANC and Inkatha yesterday gave wildly differing accounts of the cause of conflict in the East Rand township of Daveyton, where at least nine people have been killed in the past two days. (2278)

The ANC blamed the violence on alleged incitement of Daveyton hostel dwellers by a senior police officer and officials of a "certain political organisation".

"According to information at our disposal there has been a build-up of forces in the Daveyton area for the past three weeks. On July 4 busloads of people were dropped off at the local hostel. The (policeman) is alleged to have incited the hostel dwellers to attack residents whom he referred to as 'dogs'."

But the Inkatha-supporting induna of Mangosuthu squatter camp on the edge of the township, Nathaniel Hlantswayo, said an attack had been launched on the camp on Tuesday night by a Mozambican who claimed to be an ANC member.

The man known as Arthur, Hlantswayo said, was attempting to wrest control of the camp from Inkatha and was demanding money.

A youth was killed near the railway station in Daveyton yesterday and police reported two deaths in Kallahong.

Sapa reports three people were killed in Sundinbhill township in northern Natal and a man was shot dead in Kwamakutha.

## Zimbabwe depots four

# Medicine prices 'likely to stabilise'

MEDICINE prices for private sector consumers were likely to be stabilised by the introduction of a "one-exit price" system, National Association of Pharmaceutical Wholesalers president Lex Tannenbaum said yesterday. (2317/93)

One-exit pricing, which becomes law on August 10, will oblige manufacturers to publish a single price structure for the private sector based on a volume-driven sliding scale. Community pharmacies could in many instances be better placed to offer lower medicine prices to patients.

Until now, some pharmaceutical manufacturers have courted private clinics through extra discounts not offered to pharmaceutical wholesalers. (2317/93)

This has led to a two-tier pricing system in the private sector, to the disadvantage of the patient, because the wholesaler has been charged artificially high prices by manufacturers to "balance the books".

The system echoed the difference be-

tween medicine prices charged the state (Comed) and the private sector.

Tannenbaum said 80% of all medicines were bought by the state on tender. Because volumes were so large, manufacturers were obliged to take part.

Once again, manufacturers had to balance their books, with the private sector subsidising the public sector.

Commenting on reports that mark-ups from manufacturer through wholesaler to pharmacy were well above 100%, Tannenbaum said a system of reference pricing meant the mark-up between manufacturer and consumer could be about 81%, but in fact the price difference was about 45% because of discounts given by wholesalers and retailers. (2317/93)

"Prices in the private sector can begin to come down, or at least cease spiralling upward, only when the one-exit price system is introduced, and the system of subsidisation within the private sector is eliminated," Tannenbaum said. — Sapa.

# Apla membership denied

FOUR alleged Apla members applied for bail yesterday in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court.

Themba Sishange, 32, Wandile Genu, 23, Futhi Zulu, 26, and Emmanuel Tsotetsi, 20, are charged with attempted murder and robbery relating to an incident at the Irvin & Johnson factory in Kaserne, Johannesburg, on March 26. (2317/93)

MARIANNE MERTEN

Under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act, police promised him he would be granted bail if he co-operated and acted as an informer, Sishange said.

While in custody at John Vorster Square, police made him write a letter implicating him in the robbery at Kaserne, he said.

# Police seek 'Col Putter'

PRETORIA — A man who impersonated a police officer and dumped a small weapons cache at a Pretoria police station on Wednesday night is sought by northern Transvaal police.

SAP spokesman Evan Johnson said yesterday the man entered the Elardus Park police station on Wednesday night, introduced



# 22 killed <sup>(278)</sup> on E Rand

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JOHANNESBURG. — A woman was stabbed and burnt in the latest of three days of mayhem in the East Rand in which 22 people have died.

Police said the body of a woman "with stab-chop wounds and who was also burned" was found in Katlehong yesterday morning.

In Daveyton gangs attacked two delivery vehicles in separate incidents. In the first attack, a security guard managed to chase off robbers armed with several firearms including an AK-47 rifle. A bag dropped by the robbers contained petrol bombs, police said.

In the second incident, R40 000 damage was caused when a delivery vehicle was set alight by "unknown attackers". Nobody was injured.

In Zonketiswe squatter camp near the far East Rand town of Heidelberg, a suspected robber set a house alight while police were trying to arrest him. The suspect himself caught fire but was only slightly injured. Police escaped unharmed.

Two men were stabbed — one to death — in separate attacks at Soweto's Orlando railway station about 7pm on Thursday.

Boksburg/Benoni Peace Committee chairman Mr Con Roux said the security forces, IFP and ANC were expected to sign their new accord at a follow-up meeting in Daveyton today.

The meeting would also focus on how to make accountable people outside these groups who were involved in violence.

● Petrol bombs, handguns and "projectiles" were part of a cache of weapons found in a squatter camp in Daveyton yesterday.

● Meanwhile violence in the northern Natal township of Sundumbili has reportedly claimed the lives of 18 people. — Sapa



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## CP Reporters

STRANGE men are being paid to stoke up fear and anger among hostel men, fuelling fresh allegations that a third force is inciting violence in townships.

The allegation was made by a hostel delegate yesterday who revealed how his fellow inmates were mistakenly recruited by mercenaries who were planning to attack their hostel.

The allegations emerged at a tense meeting of more than 100 representatives of Reef hostels at the Central Methodist Church in Johannesburg yesterday.

Delegates said they had received information that attacks on hostels were imminent.

A delegate from Selby hostel in Johannesburg claimed his colleagues had been recruited by men - unaware that the recruits were hostel dwellers - to join in the violence.

The Selby inmates had been invited to a meeting held in a veld near the Emadwaleni High School in Soweto where they heard the men were planning attacks on the Mzimhlophe and Selby hostels and Mzimhlophe station.

The plotters said they planned to leave shirts bearing the name of a political party to implicate it in the violence.

## Mercenaries enlisted hostel men for attacks

"Our colleagues told us the would-be attackers disclosed they were not members of any political grouping, but were doing it for the money," said the delegate whose name may not be disclosed.

The delegates further heard that on Friday night Selby hostel dwellers were woken at midnight when about 10 men wearing police uniforms entered the hostel. The men claimed to be looking for a certain room, but the room number they quoted did not exist.

The men gained entry by jumping the fence as the main entrance was already locked. They left after most of the hostel dwellers woke after being alerted by the security guard.

The meeting was part of a concerted bid by clerics to defuse violence on the Reef.

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# Plot to murder Sisulu?

By MOSES MAMAILA

CIPress 25/7/93

ONE of ANC deputy president Walter Sisulu's bodyguards, who has been charged with attempted murder, this week alleged that three white men plotted to assassinate Sisulu at the Nelson Mandela birthday bash at the Carlton Hotel last Saturday.

An ANC source, who asked not to be named, said the matter had been reported to the police.

He said: "All I can tell you is that we have information that three white men were surveying the activities at the hotel. I cannot give any further details because we are trying to stick to an agreement reached on the matter between the ANC and the SAP." (218)

Reggie Makhubo, who was involved in the shootout between police and Sisulu's security men on the Soweto Highway in the early hours of Sunday morning on their return from the party, told City Press three suspicious-looking whites had asked hotel staff what type of cars would be transporting Mandela and Sisulu to the party.

Carlton Hotel security manager Brian Sharkey, denied any knowledge of the incident.

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus confirmed the information about the surveillance at the Carlton Hotel had been forwarded to the police.

The police laid charges of attempted murder against Makhubo and others but later agreed after ANC insistence to open a docket on the attempted murder of Sisulu.

On Friday afternoon after a meeting between an ANC delegation led by Matthew Phosa of the ANC legal department and Witwatersrand Attorney-General Klaus Von Lieres und Wilkau, agreement was reached that an independent investigation into the shootout would be launched. (AP)

Police spokesman Col Dave Bruce said police could not comment on the matter because it was under investigation.

He said all those who have information about the incident should contact the Soweto police.

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# WILD MEN

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# KEEP OUT!

By STAN MHLONGO

HUNDREDS of strange hostel inmates — claimed by township organisations to be shock troops in a rightwing strategy to destabilise the townships — are looking for a new home.

It was claimed that the 600-strong group were attempting to inhabit the desperately poor and unstable Orange Farm squatter camp.

Former parastatal steel company, Iscor, first blew the whistle on the 600 by stating, in effect, that they were an illegal and unwelcome addition to their KwaMadala hostel.

Facing public outrage over mass killings in the townships, Iscor evicted the group — mostly men —

## Horror over threat to give KwaMadala 600 sites at 'Farm'

from the notorious barracks-like complex.

This week Orange Farm residents and the Orange Farm Civic Association were up in arms over the rumoured allocation of Orange Farm sites to the the former KwaMadala inmates.

Civic chairman Tom Mzimba said his organisation would fight "to the bitter end" to deny the KwaMadala people a foothold in the area.

He said the civic had a mandate from residents

to resist any such possible moves and would demonstrate its intentions with angry mass protest marches on the local Transvaal Provincial Administration branch.

Sebokeng and Bophelong administrator Johan Killian told City Press he was aware of the civic's objections to KwaMadala people being allocated properties in Orange Farm.

However, TPA spokesman for Orange Farm, Dave Wickham, said

there was no truth in the rumour as Orange Farm was already "full".

Wickham said: "The TPA would not act unilaterally in this regard and would liaise with the civic association and other structures before allocating sites in Orange Farm to the refugees."

Iscor initially ordered all "illegal refugees" to vacate the hostel by July 9, but extended the date to July 16 following intervention by the Vaal Peace Committee.

Iscor management said at the time that the influx of illegal residents at the hostel had escalated to such an extent that the company been left no option other than to evict them.



# More bullets in a senseless war

By ZANELE VUTELA

FEAR and mistrust in Thokoza led to Inkatha member Zacharia Ntombela's house being riddled with more than 100 sub-machine gun bullets on Thursday morning.

Ntombela lives in the Inkatha-dominated Phenduka section of Thokoza that borders the violence-torn Ncala section of Katlehong. They are divided by Ben Schoeman Road.

Broken windows and deserted

houses on both sides of the road bear testimony to the running battles between residents. It is said residents regularly took pot-shots at each other and at police patrolling the border.

On Wednesday night a petrol bomb was hurled through the window of the home of Lazarus Ngwenya, another Inkatha member, about four houses away from the Ntombela home. The house was razed, but the occupants were not hurt.

Later in the night, while sitting up unable to sleep, Ntombela heard a gun being cocked outside. He panicked and fired his .38 special into the air.

This sparked off a volley of automatic fire and his son, Simon, who had been keeping watch outside, was hit in the back.

In the morning their home and that of their neighbours was riddled with bullet holes.

City Press picked up over 100 spent cartridges.

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## NEWS ROUND-UP

# Police Casspir burnt after peace meeting

*S. Times 25/7/98*

POLICE ran into an ambush of AK-47 fire and home-made bombs last night when a Casspir armoured vehicle patrolling the Chris Hani squatter camp on the East Rand stuck in a ditch police believe was dug for the attack.

The Casspir was burnt out, but no policemen were hurt. A second Casspir which came to the policemen's rescue was also attacked but not damaged seriously.

● Eight people were killed in two attacks in and around the East Rand township of Daveyton on Friday night. *(278)*

Six people were shot dead and two seriously injured when two men opened fire in a shebeen. In the second attack, in the Chris Hani squatter camp, two people were killed and six others, including three children, were injured.



# New twist to Sisulu saga

By NICK OLIVARI

AFTER a barrage of words earlier this week, the SAP and the ANC have clammed up over the shootout between police and members of deputy president Walter Sisulu's convoy last Sunday.

But the Sunday Times has established the first call from the unmarked SAP Opel to Brixton Radio Control was made at 1.21am, asking for information on a Mercedes 560,

the last car in the convoy.

Two minutes later information was requested on a seven-series BMW. Soon afterwards, at 1.23am, shots were reported.

Police said the Flying Squad Opel, containing two policemen in uniform, had followed the convoy at speeds of up to 140km/h and the convoy's lead car, a Toyota Corolla, had attempted to run them off the road.

The ANC said this was an effort by

the bodyguards to protect Mr Sisulu after the police car had attempted to close in on Mr Sisulu's BMW.

After a third exchange of gunfire, the Corolla overturned, seriously injuring three people, including the driver who died later.

The ANC said everyone in the convoy would lay charges of attempted murder against the two policemen tomorrow.

The incident is already being investigated by a joint SAP-ANC team.



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**Letsitele march**

SOME 200 ANC Youth League supporters from Mariveni village marched peacefully on the conservative town of Letsitele, near Tzaneen, and handed a memorandum to senior police officials and the town manager on Saturday (278)

The marchers demanded the prosecution of a white farmer who has been accused of allegedly shooting dead a villager last year. They also demanded an end to the alleged killing of black stock farmers and the

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opening of public amenities in the town to all people. (278)



# AK-47 gang kills 9 on East Rand

By Anna Louw  
East Rand Bureau

Two planned attacks by AK-47 gunmen travelling in a minibus in Daveyton last night have left eight people dead and 14 wounded.

The two attacks, less than two hours apart, were apparently carried out by the same ruthless gang.

At 9.30 pm, the minibus pulled up outside a house and the gunmen sprayed bullets into the open doorway. Three people died instantly and seven were wounded.

At 11.30 the same minibus, a blue Kombi, stopped at the second house and carried out a similar attack. Five people were killed and seven wounded. (2-18)

Last night's attacks bring the death toll in East Rand townships to 42 at the week end.

Thirty-three people were killed in Katlehong and Tokoza and another nine people in attacks in Daveyton and the Chris Hani squatter camp. Twenty-three of the victims died in attacks yesterday.

Most victims were shot.

Many homes were set alight and destroyed.

Germiston's fire chief, Simon Barkhuizen, said rescue workers were operating around the clock from a South African Defence Force base in Alrode, Alberton.

"My men used an armoured ambulance to protect them from automatic gunfire and petrol bomb attacks while they attended to the wounded in Katlehong and Tokoza," Barkhuizen said.

Two of the victims burnt to death when their home was petrol-bombed in Twala section in Katlehong.

A man burnt to death when his home was set alight in Tokoza.

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# Gunmen rampage in East Rand township

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A policeman and six people were killed in Daveyton and two people burnt to death in the Chris Hani squatter camp. Police came under continuous fire in Daveyton and at least 10 attacks on police vehicles with AK-47 rifles were reported.

The Star's Vaal Triangle Bureau reports that sporadic violence claimed the lives of at least three more victims in the Vaal Triangle at the weekend. Police said

the three unidentified men had all been shot dead. (2-18)

In the first incident on Saturday, police found the body of a man in the veld near the Orange Farm squatter camp. He had been shot in the chest. Later that day, another unidentified man was gunned down in front of a Sharpeville tavern by AK-47-wielding attackers who then fled the scene.

Yesterday police found the body of a man lying in the road near the Sebokeng hostel.



**NEWS** Killings 'a threat to faith' say

# Violence claims 38 on East Rand

*Sowetan 27/7/93*

**By Abbey Makoe and  
Bongani Mavuso**

VIOLENCE continued in the East Rand townships of Tokoza and Katlehong yesterday with the death toll rising to 38 between Sunday and early yesterday.

East Rand police spokesman Captain Wickus Webber said yesterday that 20 bodies were picked up in the two townships on Sunday.

## More bodies found

He said 10 more bodies were found in Daveyton, also on the East Rand, on the same day. By midday yesterday police had found five more bodies in Katlehong and three in Daveyton.

Lieutenant Janine Smith said police had come under constant attack on the East Rand over the weekend.

She said the latest attacks on police vehicles had been characterised by petrol bombings and massive stone throwing.

However, injuries to the police officers on East Rand patrol since Sunday

stood at nil, Smith confirmed.

The motive for the current wave of violence has been not established, except that it has dubiously won itself the description "political violence".

## Brutal circumstances

More than 100 residents have died under brutal circumstances since the outbreak of fresh clashes among residents, some of whom have blamed external mercenaries for the mayhem.

The police were yesterday describing the situation throughout the East Rand townships as "relatively calm but tense". Casps were still patrolling the streets and the main exit points that were last week labelled "no-go zones".

Scores of residents have suffered serious injuries and countless others had their homes gutted, increasing the "refugee population".

The casualty figures were by late yesterday expected to soar as police, who have come under severe criticism for their alleged inept patrols at night, normally pick up bodies at sunrise.



# E Rand carnage goes on

Step 2-17-93

By Anna Louw  
East Rand Bureau

Violence claimed at least 17 more lives in strife-torn Katlehong, Tokoza and Daveyton yesterday, bringing the death toll in East Rand townships to 57 since the weekend. (2-18)

The latest deaths follow two shock AK-47 rifle attacks in Daveyton on Sunday night. Attackers in a blue minibus killed eight people and wounded 14 others.

The attacks are a flagrant bid to rekindle violence in the township at a time when community leaders are working for peace, said Boksburg-Benoni Peace Secretariat chairman Con Roux,

reports Sapa.

Police said today that a man was found shot dead in Letsogo Street in Katlehong while another man was burnt to death in Mavimbela section. The body of a third man with stab wounds was found in Katlehong. Two other bodies were also found by police in the township.

Police said gunmen opened fire on a service station in Letsogo Street. Members of the Defence Force disarmed one of the gunmen but he broke free and fled.

Shacks were broken down and burnt in the area and a man was stabbed several times at the Buyafuthi Hostel and has been admitted to Natalspruit Hospital.

And also last night three people died in attacks in Daveyton and several petrol bomb attacks on the police were reported in the area.

A policeman was shot dead in Daveyton at 3.30 pm yesterday. Another policeman was killed on Sunday in the same township.

A police patrol investigating reports of a shooting encountered about 40 men with petrol bombs. The group dispersed and several men ran to a nearby house from where shots were fired with an AK-47 rifle, killing the policeman. Two people were arrested.

Six more people were found dead on the East Rand earlier yesterday.



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**KwaThema consumers boycott**

RESIDENTS of KwaThema in Springs embarked on a consumer boycott yesterday following the dismissal of municipal workers by the Springs Town Council.

Four workers were dismissed last year for allegedly organising a march. Colleagues who downed tools in protest against the dismissals were all fired last week.

Yesterday youths manned the main entrances to the township and searched cars, looking for goods bought in the town.

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**New turn in  
murder trial**

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THE Boipatong massacre trial, in which 32 KwaMadala Hostel dwellers and Inkatha Freedom Party members are facing 45 charges of murder, was yesterday adjourned to Thursday.

The case will now be heard in the Pretoria Supreme Court.

Mr Justice JM Smit gave no reasons for transferring the trial from the Delmas Circuit Court to Pretoria.

The accused are charged with murder, attempted murder, public violence and malicious damage to property arising from an attack on Boipatong residents on June 17 last year.

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# 7 die in Soweto attack

*Soweto 28/7/93*

By Abbey Makoe

**S** EVEN PEOPLE WERE KILLED when a group of alleged Inkatha Freedom Party supporters attacked residents of the Power Park squatter camp in Orlando East, Soweto, yesterday. (2-18)

One of those who died was a Nancefield Hostel dweller. He was killed when residents retaliated during the 1am attack.

Two other hostel dwellers were arrested and another was injured and admitted to Baragwanath Hospital.

Among those killed were three children — Cynthia, Loyiso and Noluthando, all aged between three and six years and from one family.

The children were all burnt to death together with their father, Mr Zoyisile Nongomo, when the attackers set their shack alight. Nongomo's wife Wynbeg was yesterday fighting for her life at Baragwanath Hospital.

Residents claimed they were attacked in full view of the police. They said police in armoured vehicles were parked a distance away as the men ran amok.

Soweto police spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn dismissed the allegation, saying it was "unbelievable". He challenged residents to back up the allegations by making statements under oath. "I deny it in the strongest terms," he said.

Halgryn said the two men were arrested at about 3am when police arrived at the scene. He said the men were running away from the squatter camp towards Nancefield Hostel.

"We confiscated some arms from them but I can't at this stage say what kind of arms they were," he said.

Mr Bantubonke Mafa, whose shack was among those gutted, said he was shot above the right knee and stabbed in the foot with a spear.

"I was alone in my shack when I was woken up by a loud bang at the door," Mafa said.

He said he fought off the attackers with a pick handle before he was wounded.

Meanwhile, the death toll from violence in Tokoza and Katlehong rose to 48 after police found 10 more bodies yesterday.

East Rand police spokeswoman Lieutenant Janine Smith said 22 homes were also razed in the violence, mostly in Tokoza's Ncala Section.

She said police did not know how many people could have been injured when gunfire was exchanged after police tried to quell fighting between hostel dwellers and residents.

The fighting took place between Katlehong's Buyafuti Hostel and Everest Section in Tokoza.

Among those killed was 54-year-old Mr Mtukabeni Zulu, who was shot in the head. Janine said one of the bodies found in Mavimbela Section appeared to have been of someone beaten to death.



# Taxi owner shot dead

By Isaac Moledi

A SOWETO taxi owner was shot dead and two drivers seriously wounded in a fresh outbreak of taxi

violence in the township yesterday. The cause of the fighting, which took place at the Baragwanath taxi rank, could not be established.

But some taxi drivers said the feud was linked to an ongoing dispute

between former Bara City Taxi Association office-bearers and the association's new executive.

Former Bara City Taxi Asso-

ciation office bearers are allegedly refusing to recognise the new executive.

Soweto police spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn said when police arrived at the Baragwanath rank, the situation was calm but tense.

He confirmed that a taxi owner was shot. The man died instantly.

Halgryn also confirmed that two drivers were seriously injured. One of the drivers was critical at Baragwanath Hospital.

No arrests have been made and police are investigating.

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# 20 killed on Reef in two days

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JOHANNESBURG. — Twenty-three people have been killed in countrywide unrest over the past two days — 20 of them on the Reef.

And the magisterial district of Benoni — including Daveyton and Wattville — has been declared an unrest area.

The announcement was made by Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel in a special Government Gazette in Pretoria yesterday.

● Two people have been arrested for the murder of Constable Hermanus Bernadus Venter, who was shot on Monday evening in Daveyton.

Attacks against the police continued throughout Monday evening in the township.

● Police found 10 bodies in Katlehong and Thokoza on the East Rand on Monday and yesterday. One was a policeman stationed at Eden Park.

## Exchange of fire

● Also on the East Rand, several hostel-dwellers were wounded in a shootout with police late on Monday night. Spokeswoman Lieutenant Janine Smith said a police patrol ran into 30 men, at least two armed with AK-47s, who fired at them from a hostel. The patrol returned the fire, she said.

● Soweto police arrested two Nancefield Hostel residents during yesterday's attack on Power Park squatter camp in Orlando.

Police spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn said six people were killed and the same number of shacks were set alight.

Colonel Halgryn said residents resisted the attack, killing one of the attackers who was later identified as being from Nancefield Hostel.

● Meanwhile in a dramatic shootout in the main street of Ixopo yesterday, IFP Ixopo regional leader Mr. Dumisani Khuzwayo was one of four people — including two bystanders — who were wounded.

He was shot twice in the chest after a dramatic car chase through the southern Natal town. — Sapa



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## Strife flares at Ladysmith

Violence flared up again in trouble-torn Ezakheni near Ladysmith with at least one person reported killed as the township remains on a knife-edge. The body of an unidentified man was found after he had been shot several times in the face and the back by gunmen armed with AK-47s. — Own Correspondent

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# 'Comrades' shot

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By Bongani Mavuso and Sapa

**T**HE BODIES of 10 people killed in attacks at shack settlements in Khayelitsha in the Western Cape and Sharpeville in the Vaal Triangle were found by police yesterday morning.

Seven people, who were burnt "beyond recognition", were found inside a shack at the Macassar squatter camp in Khayelitsha at about 3am.

At the Phumasielthane squatter camp in Sharpeville, the bodies of three youths with gunshot wounds to their heads were found in a shack at about 7am.

It is believed the seven killed at the Macassar camp were murdered by "comrades" who accused them of being "informers". (278)

Phumasielthane residents said Bongani Madayi (19), Molefi Ntshingila (15) and Gubhu Bogwanene (23) were killed by two gunmen armed with 9mm pistols while they (the youths) were sitting in a shack belonging to "comrades".

One of the gunmen went inside the shack and spoke to the youths for a "minute or so" while the other gunman stood at the back of the shack.

When he (gunman) left the shack, he opened fire on the trio — all newspaper vendors — killing Gubhu and Bongani instantly. The two

gunmen fled on foot. Molefi, who was apparently injured in the chest, screamed. He tried to run away.

His screams prompted the gunmen to return to the shack. They shot him in the head. His body was found lying at the door, residents said. Vaal police spokesman Major Piet van Deventer yesterday confirmed the killings and said police were investigating.

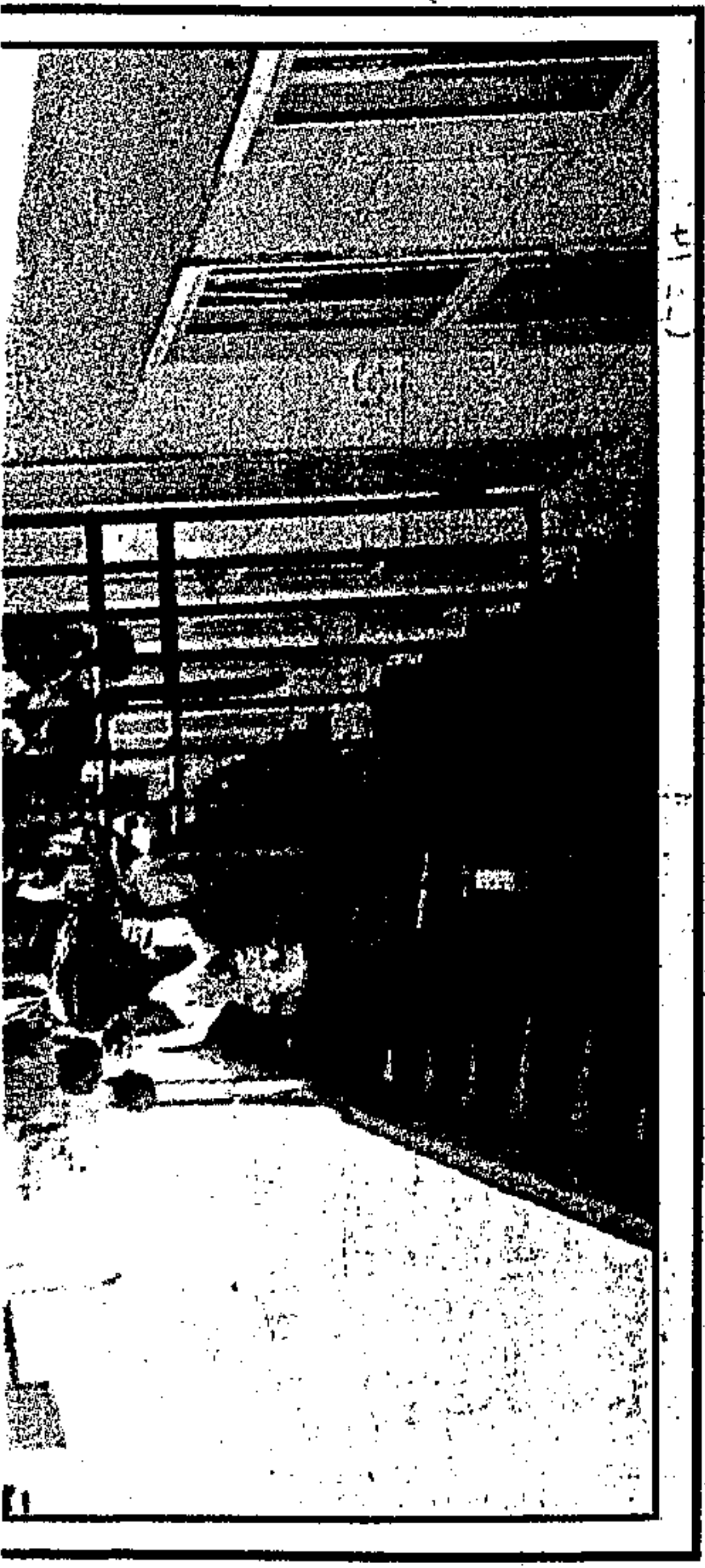
Meanwhile, in other incidents of violence, a man was killed and another wounded during a shootout between an army patrol and residents in Tokoza on the East Rand on Tuesday night. Police said two men opened fire on SADF members patrolling near Kwesini Hostel. The soldiers returned fire, wounding one. Another was arrested and a pistol seized.

Police were again fired on from the hostel and the soldiers returned fire and called for reinforcements.

In another incident at Vosloorus, also on the East Rand, a woman, identified as a Mrs Dudu, died after being shot in the chest by gunmen who burst into her house on Tuesday night. Another body was found in Twala Section, Katlehong, the same night. A .38 pistol cartridge case was found at the scene.

The South African Council of Churches East Rand branch and the United Ministers' Forum will hold a prayer service at Christ the Redeemer Church in Daveyton tomorrow at 2pm.

The service will focus on the violence and the hardship suffered by inhabitants in strife-torn East Rand townships.





# Three bodies found, more attacks on police

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JOHANNESBURG. — Three bodies were found on the East Rand yesterday, and attacks on police continued.

Police said a Vosloorus woman was shot dead on Tuesday night when gunmen burst into her home; a body was found in Twala Section in nearby Katlehong with a .38 cartridge lying nearby, and the body of an unidentified man who had been stabbed was found in Pollak Park, Springs.

Police said Daveyton youths attacked them with stones and petrol bombs on five occasions. Police shot

at their attackers, but no injuries were reported. There was one arrest.

The Boksburg/Benoni peace committee said the IFP continued to participate in peace talks in Daveyton, in spite of an earlier threat by IFP Transvaal deputy-chairman Mr. Humphrey Ndlovu to pull out because two IFP leaders had been killed.

In Sebokeng in the Vaal Triangle, arsonists petrol-bombed and set alight a policeman's home on Tuesday night. Damage was minimal.



# 'Vaal Monster': No rightist link

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PRETORIA. — The Goldstone Commission has found that "Vaal Monster" Khetisi Keswa, who died in police custody several weeks ago, had not been a member of the ultra-rightwing World Preservationist Movement (WPM).

Mr Kheswa was allegedly linked to massacres in the Vaal Triangle. WPM leader Mr Koos Vermeulen said Keswa belonged to the WPM, but later rescinded this.

Mr Justice Richard Goldstone said in a statement that "the membership records of the World Preservationist Movement, which were seized (in a raid on Mr Vermeulen's home early in July), reveal the names only of white South Africans".

The seized documents had been returned to Mr Vermeulen, but police had obtained information relevant to investigations into the causes of violence and intimidation, the judge added.

A police statement confirmed that police had investigated the seized documents. — Sapa



# Security Swoop on East Rand

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## □ House-to-house searches in Daveyton after five days of carnage

### The Argus Correspondent

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Supported by helicopters, the Chris Hani squatter camp was sealed off. The squatter settlement is a flashpoint from where crimes and violence have been perpetrated, especially against the SAP, police said.

Individuals were searched and employers were warned that staff could arrive late for work today.

Attacks on police continued in Daveyton yesterday and the bodies of three people were found on the East Rand.

It is not clear whether the killings were criminally or politically motivated.

A member of the internal stability unit was shot and wounded in Daveyton's Khoza Section last night.

The policeman was hit in the knee. He was a crew member of a Nyala armoured police vehicle on patrol in the township when three bullets struck the vehicle — one freakishly piercing the hinge crack

of a door, hitting the policeman in the knee.

He was taken to hospital for treatment.

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A body with stab wounds was found in Pollak Park, Springs, yesterday.

Police said Daveyton youths attacked them with stones and petrol bombs in five separate incidents.

Police shot at them but no injuries were reported. A man was arrested.

A policeman is receiving treatment in a Tembisa hospital after

an attack by gunmen. Constable Mtsali-Mtsali was searching for a suspect when three shots were fired at his car.

The Human Rights Commission said yesterday more than 500 people had been killed in townships so far this month, the highest monthly toll in three years.

The commission said most of the violence took place in townships east of Johannesburg, where at least 255 people had been killed since the July 2 announcement of an election date.

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Staff Reporters

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Boksburg/Benoni Peace Committee chairman Con Roux said the IFP was still taking part in peace talks in Daveyton. This followed the party's threat on Tuesday to pull out of peace structures after two IFP leaders were killed on Sunday.

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VIOLENCE  
FM 30/7/93

# Overcoming fanaticism

The awful and indiscriminate slaughter this weekend of innocent people on the Reef and in a Cape Town church will persuade many shocked and bereaved South Africans that what State President F W de Klerk has described as this country's quiet revolution was in fact a fanciful illusion. Under our extreme circumstances, who can blame them?

Certainly, over the past three years of the abolition of apartheid, and as political negotiators increasingly found common ground, the death toll has ironically shot up to number in thousands. It has become difficult to distinguish between political killings and pure thuggery.

Yet this is not carnage. The country is less safe for ordinary people of peace and goodwill — but it has not

descended into the killing fields of Serbia. Most of the country for most of the time is reasonably safe.

Slaughter in a church has great symbolism. It was certainly intended by the slick and cruel murderers to provoke outrage. They were impervious to mercy — and when they are caught, public opinion will demand reciprocity.

But orthodox Christians are no strangers to death in places of worship. The Arabs, the Nazis and indeed two British knights in the most celebrated clerical murder at Canterbury were all perpetrators of this singular outrage. Mostly, justification was sought through fanaticism.

And indeed that is the great danger facing this country

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now. There will undoubtedly be further murders of innocent people. Kenilworth is already being used by the rightwing fanatics to justify a call to arms. What curious logic can be used to assume that those in church could have been saved, had they been armed?

The centre simply has to hold. If it does not, no matter what is negotiated at the World Trade Centre or how much goodwill there is among most people, there will be a terrible and savage civil war. We have the fanatics in this country and they unfortunately have the arms.

Since 1986, when the liberation movements and some clergymen realised that revolution might succeed, they have provoked rising levels of violence. Whether this was a justifiable response depends on one's view of the Old Testament and the odds against one. But what is incontrovertible is that levels of violence cannot be controlled and, as we are seeing now, escalation is a permanent danger.

Those advocates of violence — and we include among them those who by advocating financial sanctions have impoverished the unfortunate victims of apartheid — have a great deal for which they must answer. If they cannot control

the fury they have unleashed, they can at least pray for peace and support, instead of criticise the National Peace Accord.

If the clergy are being marginalised in the accord, as the SA Council of Church's Frank Chikane claims, it is probably to good purpose. Experience here has shown that clergymen are not uniformly men of peace. Neither Chikane nor Archbishop Desmond Tutu are easily dislodged from headlines if that is where they want to be.

The accord has an association with government. But it is a business initiative, it is run by businessmen and paid for by business. And thank God for that. Left to those in the townships, as Chikane would have it, or to the clergy, it would have been a sterile initiative, or another instrument of fanaticism. It is all we have now between war and peace.

Peace is not going to come easily to this country. It is going to require efforts far beyond anything sustained so far. Just as over the past 40 years apartheid was vilified Sunday after Sunday from the pulpits of so many churches, so now must the peace initiative be fostered.

What will bring peace is a change in the minds of ordinary people, not just a change in control of the security forces. ■



# Criticism was too much for taxi driver

Sowetan 30/7/93

**Sowetan Correspondent**

AN ARGUMENT about a taxi driver's "bad driving" led to a shootout between four men on the busy Market Square in Maritzburg on Wednesday night.

The taxi driver was wounded twice in the chest during the gunfight and was taken to hospital in a serious condition.

The shooting was the result of an argument that started after the taxi driver had picked up two off-duty policemen and a prison warder at Westgate.

The warder complained about his driving, saying he was negligent and reckless.

The taxi driver then stopped and ordered the three to get out his minibus, said police spokesman Captain Henry Budhram.

The three men then got another taxi and when they arrived at their destination, Market Square, they found the "reckless driver" waiting for them.

"They reported that the driver was armed and fired at the warder as soon as he saw them," said Budhram.

"The warder then fired a shot into the air. But the taxi driver continued to fire at them."

"Then the policemen opened fire and the driver was hit twice in the chest."

Budhram said the names of those involved would not be released before a police investigation had been completed.



# Only resident police wanted

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PRETORIA. — The Sebokeng community wanted policemen to stay in the Vaal Triangle township, provided they were residents, the ANC's sub-region chairman Mr Kaizer Klaas said yesterday.

Addressing a Goldstone Commission inquiry into attacks on policemen, Mr Klaas told the chairman, Mr Gert Steyn, that policemen were brothers, sisters and in-laws of township residents.

He said policemen who had wanted to leave after threats and attacks had been persuaded by his sub-region and community members to stay.

He gave the names of several policemen still living without problems in the township, saying they were not ANC members.

Certain policemen, in their search for firearms, had kicked down doors and assaulted residents, which had angered some, but the ANC had convinced the people that not all policemen were bad.

Unknown police units had entered the township without reporting to the local police station, and assaulted people during searches.

Mr Klaas said police from the local police station should be in charge of maintaining law and order. —

Sapa



# Two white-on-black murders

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JOHANNESBURG. — A black man was knifed to death by a white man in the suburb of Windsor in the second white-on-black murder here yesterday.

Police said the killings appeared to be racially motivated and may have been connected, as white men in a white bakkie were seen at both attacks.

In the first killing, Ms Constance Masuku of Meadowlands died in a shotgun

attack from a white bakkie.

In the Windsor murder, police said witnesses saw a white man stabbing a black man outside a block of flats. A white Toyota bakkie with two white men was seen at the attack.

Police posted a R100 000 reward for information on the attacks.

● In Daveyton, a massive police search yesterday failed to find any firearms, but

police said they seized petrol bombs, dagga and a stolen vehicle and found four burnt bodies.

● Two men were shot dead while allegedly trying to hijack a KwaZulu government vehicle in Umlazi.

● Two people were killed and six wounded in two shootings yesterday at a taxi rank in Estcourt, Natal. — Sapa



As the dying highveld sun filters through the rising smog of evening coal fires, the mood of bustling relaxation is reminiscent of a sea side promenade; kids playing soccer, boys and girls idling in flirtatious banter, women leaning over neighbourhood fences and their men exchanging profundities on street corners. Until 7.08pm.

Former guerrilla commander Michael Malunga says: "Look, they've all gone." And sure enough they have; wiped from view as cleanly as chalk from a blackboard.

Fear is the curfew. Because this is Sebokeng and it is killing time. Across the township the yellow glimmer of a handful of towering security lights offers little in the way of security, more in the way of the surreal. Mongrels scramble happily over celling-high piles of garbage, each covering the area of a basketball court. The headlights heave with shock absorbers over carefully dug trenches. Every few metres the dusty roads are ornamented by barricades: huge boulders of adult determination and the small, balancing rocks of childish contribution to the cause of communal self-defence. Curtains are drawn cataract-like across the unseeing windows of the matchbox houses, most flickering to candles, a few shining with the stolen light of township electricians who have hacked their way into underground power lines.

The hired car has been carefully chosen, a red Nissan to disassociate from the white Cressida from which gunmen took 14 lives on these roads last week. But I've made a slip: it has an ND number plate. Durban, Natal — Inkathaland, a sure-fire killer's car in the simplistic minds of Transvaal township folk, and my passengers are edgy in it.

Wami Ntlopo starts as the teenage gunmen come scurrying out of the

# Dusk: It's countdown to the killing hour

A week after gunmen left 14 dead in yet another attack on the township, David Beresford spent the night in the war zone that is Sebokeng

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Dusk... Soldiers keep a watchful eye on the streets while a commuter hurries home

PHOTO: KEVIN CARTER

dark, hissing a challenge — one other more confidently cradling a pump-action shotgun made even in a two-handed grip with the nervous intensity of someone pinning a cobra's head with a forked stick, the African National Congress branch

Vaal. This is Zone 12, "Angola" in comradely parlance. It is one of the better organised of the eccentrically numbered 11 zones making up Sebokeng. But not well enough to have stopped the gunmen who have taken 52 lives in three raids on the zone so far this year.

Nobody is sure who they are. At a garage on the edge of the zone petrol pump attendant Petrus Mahonoe describes how he filled the tank of last week's killers. The driver was Zulu-speaking, his passenger in the back seat, with two AK47s next to him, seemed coloured. Petrus took little notice of them — assault rifles are common enough baggage in Sebokeng nowadays — until they drove around the corner and he heard the shooting and screaming start.

The identification of one killer as a Zulu is of little significance in Zone 12. "Zulu-section" it was known in the apartheid years and they are still probably the majority. Wami and his brother, Abel, in the back seat, are Zulu. Five senior officials in the ANC's Sebokeng branch are Zulus. The ethnic war of which Inkatha Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi warns seems a remote prospect in this township.

Abel is secretary of the "Anti-Crime Committee" run by the ANC Youth League. "This is the Year of No Non-sense," he declares proudly, recounting their triumphs against the criminal element. Wami boasts that they have even converted tsotsis into upright members of the ANC. "We have disciplined them. We have spanked them." Up to 10 strokes with the ersatz rhino-hide whip of South African notoriety for more serious crimes like rape. Necklacing? They recoil in indignation; there hasn't been a necklacing in Sebokeng for three years. "By killing people you are killing the community," recites Wami.



# 'Outsiders' turn Daveyton into killing fields<sup>(278)</sup>

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By Mduduzi Harvey and Desmond Pitoyi

**A** WEEK of violence has profoundly polarised the East Rand township of Daveyton, where Inkatha and African National Congress supporters have largely lived in harmony.

Many residents were calling this week for Zulu squatters to be sent back to Natal.

"After a relative lull, mercenaries saw our place as fertile ground to promote violence," according to Wandile Makhubu, a principal at Daveyton Unity school and secretary of the Daveyton Education Co-ordination Committee.

In the past week, 21 people have died and many have been rendered homeless in a series of tit-for-tat attacks centring on two of the township's squatter camps, Chris Hani and Zenzele.

The spark for the upheavals, residents said, was a move by one of the squatters, known only as "Arthur", to change the name of Zenzele to "Mangosuthu" in honour of the Inkatha leader, Chief Buthelezi.

"Comrades" in the Chris Hani squatter camp reacted by attacking and setting alight shacks occupied by Zulus at Zenzele.

This set in train a cycle of attack and counter-attack.

Portia Nxumalo, a 14-year-old Standard Seven pupil, now opposes the Zulu presence in the squatter camps and would never set foot in Zulu-dominated areas.

"Outsiders are causing these killings and they don't like residents. They should be sent back where they belong — in Zululand," she said.

A health inspection intern at the clinic, Itumeleng Kotu, echoed her sentiments: "There are people from outside who have come to Daveyton with the specific aim of promoting violence in our township."

A visit to the township revealed an eerie calm, with residents in constant fear of random attacks by unknown assailants. The normal rhythms of township life have been deeply disrupted.

As schools reopened this week for their second term, class attendance was almost non-existent.

"Only two percent of our pupils are attending classes. We have to send children home as early as 11am in fear of possible attacks," said Makhubu.

**E**mmarentia Moncho, a Standard 10 pupil, said: "I doubt if I'll pass my matric and fear to go to school under these conditions."

Remarked local South African Democratic Teachers Union vice-chairman Langi Cokoto: "When schools reopened on Tuesday, teachers were committed to the culture of learning and were rearing to start the term with new zeal, but violence is disturbing the process."

Fearing they will be attacked on their way to appointments, fewer patients are turning up at the health clinic.

"We are also in constant fear for our lives, but there's nothing we can do, we have to serve the community," said a nurse.

Other than in the vicinity of the local police station, there is no visible police presence in Daveyton and law and order has broken down. Home visits by health inspectors have come to a virtual stop, because gangs of youths are threatening to hijack cars. "Our lives are in danger, hence we cannot fulfil our obligations," said Kotu.

Minibus taxi commuters are obliged to pay a "toll fee" to township youths upon entering and leaving the township. Some taxi owners have withdrawn their services, leaving commuters stranded. As most of the attacks have been at night, an undeclared curfew is in force, and the streets are empty after 6pm. The clatter of Casspirs and occasional gunshots break the night silence.

Makhubu is not one of those who advocates the expulsion of Zulus from Daveyton. "We hope this violence does not spread. We have lived together in harmony with squatters until now. The solution lies in strengthening our peace structures by including members of all political inclinations.

"These should work hand in hand to promote political tolerance and unity."



# Baby burned, 3 shot in East Rand violence

JOHANNESBURG. — Three people have been killed in Ivory Park and police have found the charred body of a six-month-old baby in the East Rand township of Daveyton, police said.

The baby's body had been wrapped in newspaper and then set alight.

Meanwhile in Ivory Park, a shack dweller was shot dead early yesterday after having been accused of being an IFP member.

A police spokesman said police had to use teargas to get to the shack

where they found the body of Mr Justice Mabela.

In a shooting in the township about four hours later another two Ivory Park residents were shot dead.

Police said four men had arrived at another Ivory Park house about 4am and killed a man and a woman with AK-47 rifle fire.

Meanwhile in Natal, two people were killed and six were injured when a man ran amok in Estcourt on Thursday afternoon. — Sapa



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## More die at Soweto stations

One person was killed and another three were injured when gunmen opened fire on commuters at Soweto's Phefeni and Dube stations last night.

Ndoela Sikhakane (35), died instantly.

Bongani Dlamini (27), and a man known only as Beki are in a serious condition in Baragwanath Hospital, according to a hospital spokesman.

The spokesman said the third man had been discharged yesterday, but another man, who had allegedly been injured in the same attack, had been admitted this morning.

Police said the gunmen opened fire on people on the platform at Phefeni Station at about 9.30 pm, injuring two people, then got on a train to Dube Station where they shot dead one person.

On Wednesday evening four people, were killed and 16 injured when gunmen opened fire on train commuters at Soweto's Khwezi station.

Police said yesterday they expected to make arrests in connection with the Khwezi attack — Crime Staff.



# Thokoza residents mount raid on hostel

JOHANNESBURG. — Thokoza residents attacked Buyafuti hostel yesterday morning, police said.

Police dispersed the attackers and no injuries or arrests were reported.

IFP regional organiser Mr Thabini Dlamini said the attack occurred at the same time as an attack on residents in the township's Penduka section.

In other incidents in Thokoza, police found the bodies of two men with gunshot wounds in the head. A third man who had been shot in the neck was admitted to Natal-spruit Hospital.

The mutilated body of a woman was found near a hostel, and the body of another woman was found in Extension 2. Police found the body of a man who had been tied up and set alight. Another body, also an unidentified

## 'SADF led ANC war party'

DURBAN. — The IFP has accused soldiers of leading a 1 000-strong ANC war party on the rampage in Thokoza yesterday morning.

IFP spokesman Mr Ed Tillett said black SADF soldiers escorted the war party into Phenduka Section and laughed at helpless residents while ANC youths plundered and torched homes.

He said at least 150 people fled their homes when the youths, assisted by the soldiers, launched the attack. Residents watched helplessly as their homes went up in flames, and claimed soldiers hurled insults at them. — Sapa

man, was found in Extension 2.

In Katlehong, a woman was burned to death and another was shot to death.

● Five men were arrested in Soweto early yesterday in connection with Wednesday night's attack on a train at Ikwezi station in Soweto, in which four people were killed and 16 wounded. The five are to appear in court on Monday, police said. — Sapa





Mangosuthu Buthelezi

## IFP claims 'war party'

JOHANNESBURG. — The Inkatha Freedom Party has accused soldiers of leading a 1 000-strong African National Congress "war party" on the rampage in Thokoza on the East Rand yesterday.

IFP spokesman Ed Tillett said black South African Defence Force soldiers escorted the "war party" into Thokoza's Phenduka Section and laughed at helpless residents while ANC youths plundered and torched homes in Dube Street.

He said at least 150 people fled their homes when the Ncala Section youths, helped by soldiers, attacked.

"Residents watched helplessly as their homes went up in flames, and claim soldiers present did nothing to stop the attack," said Mr Tillett.

He said residents sought temporary refuge at three Tokoza hostels.

SADF complicity in yesterday's attack was reported to a Captain Nota of Group 72, said local IFP leader and peace committee representative Gertrude Mzizi.

Asked to comment, Witwatersrand Command spokesman Major Neels Visser strongly denied the claims and said the SADF deployed soldiers in the area to "stabilise the situation" after sporadic shootings.

"We are in Tokoza to create a presence and be seen there, and therefore have nothing to hide."

An East Rand police spokesman confirmed five houses were burned down in an attack. — Sapa.

# Buthelezi hints at election aims

Weekend Argus  
Correspondent and Sapa

PAULPIETERSBURG. — Inkatha Freedom Party president Mangosuthu Buthelezi yesterday hinted that his party would contest next year's April 27 election, but reiterated his demand that a final federal constitution be written before the poll.

Addressing IFP recruits in northern Natal, Chief Buthelezi said: "It is time that you told the National Party that you will no longer be the scapegoat for their mistakes."

"Next year you will get the opportunity to finally tell the government how you feel at the polling booth."

The IFP walked out of talks in July in protest against the setting of the election date and the process leading to a constitution.

"By allowing the present two-phased process to run its course, we will allow South Africa's final constitution to be written up by a popularly-elected constituent assembly," the IFP leader said.

"Writing a constitution after an election will see an election campaign being waged on who would write the constitution."

"This holds with it many risks for federalism and democracy. There is a danger that if we allow this to happen, the winner at the poll will view the writing of the constitution as the spoils of victory."

"In such a case, we can forget about a constitution which will reflect the views of all of South Africa's people and which will stand the test of time."

Chief Buthelezi again accused the NP and the ANC of secret deals which would make the former a junior partner.

"Has no one yet told them (the NP) that revolutionaries do not like to share power?"

"The ANC wants all the power for themselves."

"If this means that they will secure it through the back-door, then so be it."

"While we can gain comfort from the fact that there are millions of South Africans, both black and white, who think like us, and who are not prepared to hand our country over to the ANC, we must also remember

that if we do not act now, then there will be nothing to salvage."

■ Weekend Argus Correspondent MARTIN CHALLENGOR reports from Durban that Chief Buthelezi said a total of 127 Inkatha Freedom Party office bearers had been "specifically targetted for assassination" and subsequently murdered in political violence since the National Peace Accord was signed on September 14, 1991.

Of these, 103 murders were in Natal/Kwazulu, and 24 in the Transvaal.

This year alone, 32 IFP leaders had been killed in Natal/Kwazulu, and 14 in the Transvaal.

The murder of IFP branch chairman Samuel Motha, shot outside his home in Kwathema, "further confirms Inkatha's insistence that our leaders are being specifically targetted for assassination throughout the country," Chief Buthelezi said, adding that there was a campaign to smash Inkatha and its leadership.

There was a "suspicious" lack of national and international attention given to the ongoing deaths, he said.

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Mangosuthu Buthelezi

IFP claims  
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army, ANC  
'war party' 278

JOHANNESBURG. — The Inkatha Freedom Party has accused soldiers of leading a 1 000-strong African National Congress "war party" on the rampage in Thokoza on the East Rand yesterday.

IFP spokesman Ed Tillett said black South African Defence Force soldiers escorted the "war party" into Thokoza's Phenduka Section and laughed at helpless residents while ANC youths plundered and torched homes in Dube Street.

He said at least 150 people fled their homes when the Ncala Section youths, helped by soldiers, attacked.

"Residents watched helplessly as their homes went up in flames, and claim soldiers present did nothing to stop the attack," said Mr Tillett.

He said residents sought temporary refuge at three Tokoza hostels.

SADF complicity in yesterday's attack was reported to a Captain Nota of Group 72, said local IFP leader and peace committee representative Gertrude Mzizi.

Asked to comment, Witwatersrand Command spokesman Major Neels Visser strongly denied the claims and said the SADF deployed soldiers in the area to "stabilise the situation" after sporadic shootings.

"We are in Tokoza to create a presence and be seen there, and therefore have nothing to hide."

An East Rand police spokesman confirmed five houses were burned down in an attack. — Sapa.

# Buthelezi hints ARG 2/10/93 at election aims

Weekend Argus  
Correspondent and Sapa

PAULPIETERSBURG. — Inkatha Freedom Party president Mangosuthu Buthelezi yesterday hinted that his party would contest next year's April 27 election, but reiterated his demand that a final federal constitution be written before the poll.

Addressing IFP recruits in northern Natal, Chief Buthelezi said: "It is time that you told the National Party that you will no longer be the scapegoat for their mistakes."

"Next year you will get the opportunity to finally tell the government how you feel at the polling booth."

The IFP walked out of talks in July in protest against the setting of the election date and the process leading to a constitution.

"By allowing the present two-phased process to run its course, we will allow South Africa's final constitution to be written up by a popularly-elected constituent assembly," the IFP leader said.

"Writing a constitution after an election will see an election campaign being waged on who would write the constitution."

"This holds with it many risks for federalism and democracy. There is a danger that if we allow this to happen, the winner at the poll will view the writing of the constitution as the spoils of victory."

"In such a case, we can forget about a constitution which will reflect the views of all of South Africa's people and which will stand the test of time."

Chief Buthelezi again accused the NP and the ANC of secret deals which would make the former a junior partner.

"Has no one yet told them (the NP) that revolutionaries do not like to share power?"

"The ANC wants all the power for themselves."

"If this means that they will secure it through the back-door, then so be it."

"While we can gain comfort from the fact that there are millions of South Africans, both black and white, who think like us, and who are not prepared to hand our country over to the ANC, we must also remember

that if we do not act now, then there will be nothing to salvage."

■ Weekend Argus Correspondent MARTIN CHALLENOR reports from Durban that Chief Buthelezi said a total of 127 Inkatha Freedom Party office bearers had been "specifically targetted for assassination" and subsequently murdered in political violence since the National Peace Accord was signed on September 14, 1991.

Of these, 103 murders were in Natal/Kwazulu, and 24 in the Transvaal.

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## BRIEFS

### Shootings on Soweto trains

SIX people were killed in train shootouts in Soweto this week in what appears to be a resurgence of the dreaded train massacres of last year.

Some observers fear the renewed attacks may bring back violence to the otherwise relatively peaceful Soweto. *CIA 2/10/93*

In the first attack, three people were killed and 16 others wounded when gunmen sprayed train commuters with bullets at Ikwezi Station on Wednesday evening.

In another attack on commuters, two people died after being shot at Dube station on Thursday.

The first victim died on the scene while the second died later at the hospital. *(278)*

Police spokeswoman Karla Tredoux confirmed both attacks and added that five suspects have been arrested in connection with the first attack.

The alleged train killers are expected to appear in the Protea Magistrate's Court tomorrow. *(278)*

Condemning what he termed "a well calculated" attack on Inkatha members, Inkatha leader Humphrey Ndlovu said the attackers knew their targets.

He said the two men attacked at Dube station were card-carrying members of Inkatha.



# 'HOW I CAUGHT



HERO OF THE DAY... Solly Setlau, right, overpowered a gunman wielding an AK.

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# AK-KILLERS

BY ELIAS MALULEKE

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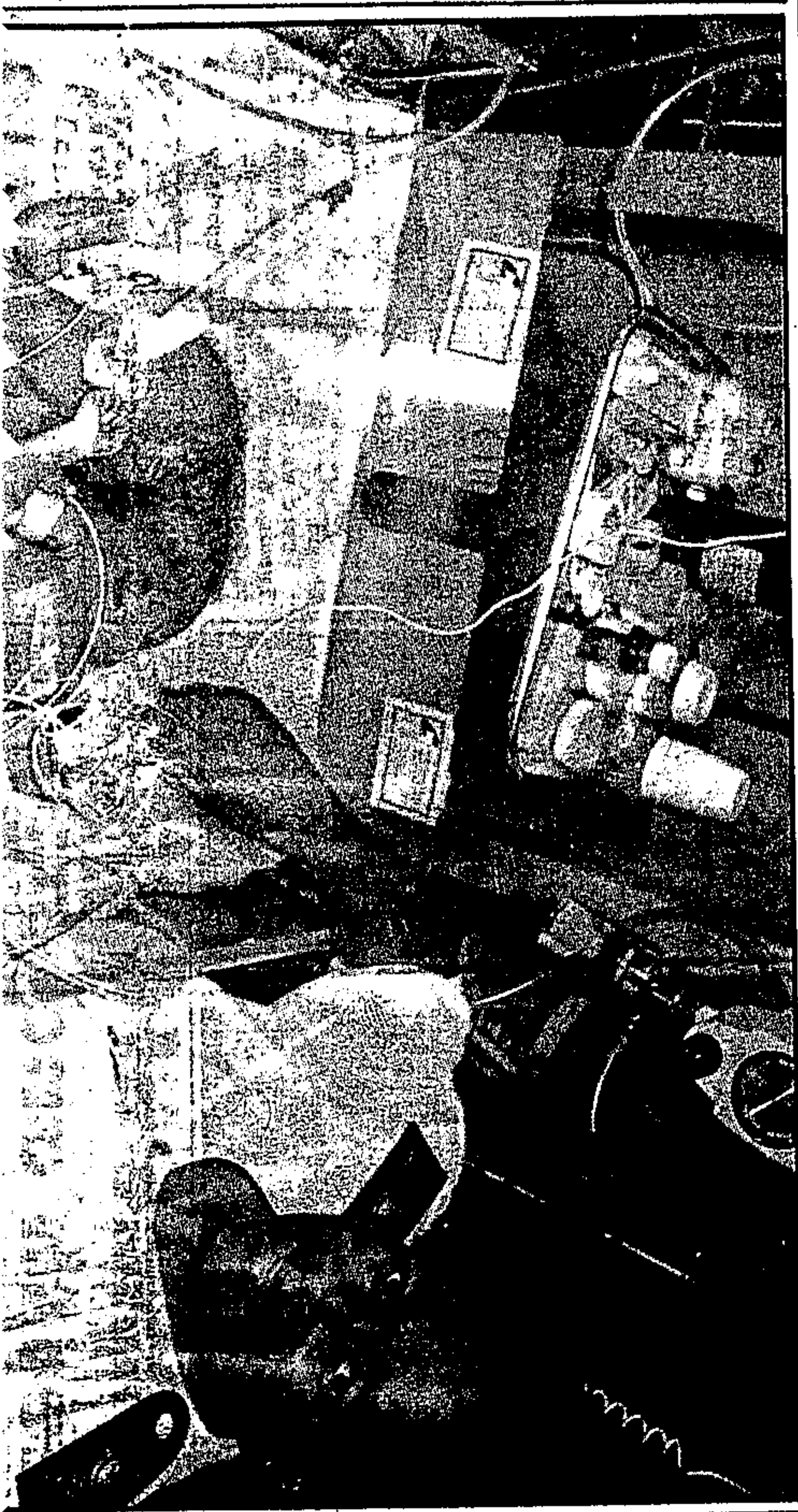
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## Medics cream off millions

SOME part-time district surgeons in the eastern Cape are accused of siphoning off millions of rands in taxpayers money by submitting impossibly high claims for their services.

In one extraordinary case, a district surgeon in Komga claimed he treated 144 patients in one day. In an eight-hour day, that's one patient every 3,3 minutes. Even though a visit to a clinic he conducts con-





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Both captured men were turned over to the police.

The arrest of the two suspects could be a breakthrough in the drive-by-shooting township killings that have claimed the lives of scores of innocent people during the past few months.

No one had been arrested for any of the killings until yesterday.

All the killings have been committed by about 10 heavily armed men from motor vehicles, including a white Cressida, a white kombi, a bakkie and a Honda.

A Cressida was also used during a drive-by shooting spree along a 6 km-long stretch of the old Vereeniging-Alberton road on the East Rand two weeks ago.

Setlau said the killers spoke various South African languages as well as what sounded like a foreign language.

He said the killers seemed well-dressed.

Setlau said he was on his way to the taxi rank at Denneboom Station in Mamelodi West when the Cressida stopped beside

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# Gunmen wreak havoc at Mamelodi taxi rank

Sowetan 4/10/93

Police and paramedics attend to the injured after Saturday morning's shootings at Denneboom taxi rank.

■ **HELTER SKELTER** Pandemonium ensues as commuters dash for cover:

By Pat Seboko  
Sowetan Photographer

AN East Rand-style taxi shooting took place at the Pretoria township of Mamelodi on Saturday morning. Three people were killed and at least 15 were wounded.

I was at the scene seconds after eight gunmen opened fire with AK-47s on commuters at Denneboom Station in Mamelodi West.

I was returning from a funeral in Mamelodi when I heard shots and saw people running towards my car.

I grabbed my camera and went towards the station where I heard gunfire. People were running and falling down out of fear. They were all pointing towards the station and screaming: "They are shooting there!"

I saw a man who was trying to drive



Pat Seboko

away from the gunfire slump forward on the steering-wheel. After the car stopped, I rushed over and could see that the poor driver was dead. There was a bullet wound in his forehead and in his thigh.

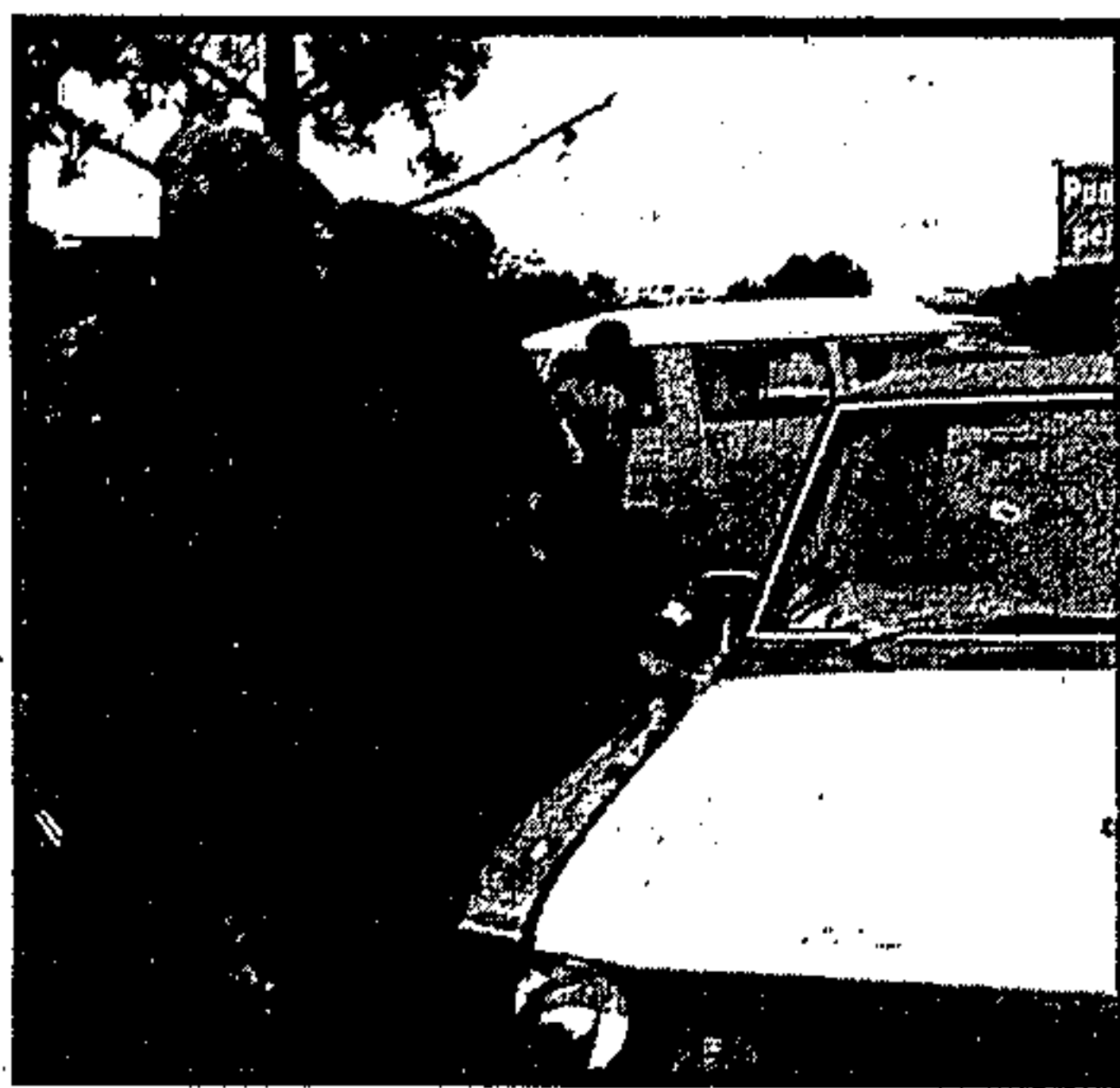
The man has been identified as 56-year old Mr Simon Naphane of C3 Mamelodi. (2582)

After running to the taxi rank, I saw scores of bodies lying on the ground. The killers had left the scene. (278)

A bystander told me that some of the killers drove away in a green Mazda 626. Sowetan is in possession of the registration number.

An unarmed man is being credited with the capture of two of the gunmen. Solly Setlau (45) said he pounced on one of the gunmen and disarmed him. When he pointed the gun at another gunman, the suspect dropped his fire-arm.

The two men are in police custody. Six other gunmen are being sought by police.





# Gun and knife attacks claim 17 lives

PRETORIA. — Five people were shot dead and at least seven injured when gunmen raked passers-by and commuters with gunfire at Denneboom, near Mamelodi, on Saturday morning.

The gunmen got out of a Honda Ballade and ran for about a kilometre, spraying people with AK-47, 9mm and 7,65mm gunfire, Pretoria police spokesman Col Royce

Merton said. *DT 4/10/93*  
Two suspects were arrested. The first failed to make it to the getaway car and the second was pointed out by witnesses, said Col Merton.

News reports yesterday said an enraged crowd caught up with the one suspect before handing him over to the police.

The exact motive for the attack was unknown, but Col

Merton said it may be related to the taxi feud in the township. *(278)*

Twelve people were either shot, stabbed or hacked to death in violence in East Rand townships at the weekend, police reported yesterday.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Warrant Officer Andy Pieke said most of the killings were in Thokoza,

where six people died on Saturday and two yesterday.

● Two policemen were wounded, one seriously, when gunmen opened fire on them at a roadblock in Springs on the East Rand on Friday night, police said.

The policemen had stopped a vehicle at the roadblock, but gunmen in another vehicle fired at them. The gunmen escaped. — Sapa



# 17 killed in East Rand violence

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At least 17 people were shot, stabbed or hacked to death in ongoing violence in East Rand townships at the weekend, police said.

Police spokesman Warrant-Officer Andy Pieke said most of the killings were in Tokoza, near Alberton.

At least six people were also killed in Katlehong.

Two policemen were murdered by suspected robbers in separate attacks in Tokoza and in Tsakane, near Brakpan, at the weekend.

Police said an assistant constable died after he was shot in the head while he was walking in Tokoza on Saturday afternoon.

It is suspected that his firearm was stolen.

In another attack, a municipal policeman was stabbed in the neck, leg and arm at a shebeen in Tsakane on Saturday night.

He was taken to Phelosong

Hospital, where he died.

The attacker stole the policeman's service pistol and later wounded a woman at a house in Tsakane.

The gunman was shot dead by two other policemen who searched for him after the death of their colleague.

■ The Inkatha Freedom Party yesterday called for the SAP's Internal Stability Unit to remain in East Rand townships.

At a rally in Benoni last week, ANC Youth League president Peter Mokaba called for President de Klerk to "remove his dogs" (ISU members) from townships.

At a rally in Zonk'IZizwe yesterday, IFP speakers called for the ISU to stay and protect residents against the ANC's Umkhonto we Sizwe and the Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union, which they accused of fomenting violence. — Staff Reporter, Sapa.



# 27 die in bloody weekend

JOHANNESBURG. — Twenty-seven people have been killed in violence on the East Rand since Friday. (27) CT 5/10/93

The toll included two Kwa-Thema policemen who died in hospital after being attacked.

Police patrols were stoned, petrol-bombed or shot at in 12 incidents over the weekend, police reported yesterday.

The body of a 22-year-old man, apparently stoned to death, was found near Crossroads in Soweto yesterday morning.

Weekend violence in Natal exacted its usual bloody toll. Police yesterday reported at least 15 dead and many injured.

Unconfirmed reports added eight more killed on the South Coast, bringing the toll to 23.

KwaZulu Police reported five killings in Umlazi, south of Durban, and an attempted murder. Police also discovered the bodies of two men, one burnt beyond recognition, in the township's R and T sections.

The Human Rights Commission in Natal said it had recorded an average of nine politically-related deaths in the province daily. — Sapa



# 26 die in East Rand violence<sup>(278)</sup>

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The Argus  
Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Twenty-six people, including two policemen, have died in violent attacks in East Rand townships.

An off-duty policeman was shot dead in Tokoza and a Duduza constable, P A Kgoma, 26, died in the Pholosong Hospital in Brakpan of multiple stab wounds after he was attacked in Tsakane.

Police arrested a suspect in the Tsakane attack after the man, who allegedly used the policeman's firearm, shot and wounded a woman in the neck in a house in the township.

In an attack in KwaThema, near Springs, constables BM Maphanga and B Mgoili were wounded when an AK-47 gunman fired shots at the police in the township.

Two suspects were arrested.



## Police accept ANC's demand

PRETORIA. — The police have accepted in principle the ANC's demand to participate fully in investigations into the weekend's Mamelodi taxi massacre. ANC spokesman Mr. Ronnie Mamoepa said yesterday (2/8).

The ANC hailed the decision as a "major breakthrough towards exposing the real perpetrators of violence". —

Sapa CT 6/10/93



# 7 more killed in E Rand townships

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JOHANNESBURG. — Seven people have been killed in Thokoza and KwaThema in the past two days, raising to 34 the toll since Friday.

Two men were found dead in Thokoza yesterday morning, and another man was shot dead in an attack on pedestrians in KwaThema, near Springs.

Four corpses were found in East Rand townships on Monday, three of them in Thokoza. One had bullet wounds, another was burnt and the third had been hacked.

A body with hack wounds was also found in Tembisa.

In three separate attacks in KwaThema, at least four people were shot and wounded and were admitted to hospital.

In Natal, eight people, including a KwaZulu policeman, have been killed in the past two days. The policeman was shot dead in KwaNdengezi township, near Pinetown.

## SAP prisoner was 'executed' — ANC

DURBAN. — The ANC has accused the SAP of executing one of its members who was blown apart by a handgrenade on Monday.

A statement from the ANC said Mr Wellington Mbili, who was in police custody, was taken to the Sgedleni area near Port Shepstone. He was escorted into dense bushes by white policemen while their black colleagues remained behind, the ANC claimed. "A shot rang out, followed by an explosion."

Mr Mbili's body was later found "in pieces".

In its statement, the SAP said the suspect had produced a handgrenade and pulled the pin, and that one policeman had fired a shot. An investigation was underway, the statement said. — Sapa

Three men were shot and killed in separate incidents in Stanger's Ntshaweni area, on Natal's North Coast, on Monday, the SAP said.

The body of a man was found in Umlazi, south of Durban, yesterday.

Near Port Shepstone on Monday, three people were admitted to hospital after being shot when about 60 people attacked the bus they were travelling in.



# Separate taxi services 'heighten tensions'

SEPARATE transport arrangements for hostel residents and local communities in Thokoza and Katlehong on the East Rand were heightening tensions, Transvaal Hostel Residents Association chairman Joseph Kubheka said.

It is understood residents of the two townships and local hostel inmates began using separate minibus taxis shortly after the violence erupted in July.

"I see no reason why they should use separate taxis. This should be stopped because it serves only to heighten tensions in the townships," Kubheka said.

SA National Civic Organisation (Sanco) southern Transvaal general secretary Dan Mofokeng disagreed with Kubheka, saying the use of separate taxis by hostel inmates and township residents was not fuelling tensions.

Mofokeng said the separate transport arrangements were agreed upon by resi-

WILSON ZWANE

dents after it had become clear that taxi operators living in hostels were colluding with "warlords". **BIDON**

He claimed these taxi drivers had driven scores of township residents into the hostels where they were either harassed or killed. **6/10/93**

"This necessitated separate transport facilities for the residents," he said.

He said until Kubheka and his organisation could ensure the safety of the passengers and township taxi drivers, the separate transport arrangements would remain in place.

Attempts to get Kubheka to comment on Mofokeng's allegations proved fruitless yesterday. **(278)**

Sapa reports East Rand police reported the discovery of two dead men in Thokoza yesterday, and another man was shot dead in an attack on pedestri-

ans in KwaThema.

This brings to 34 the number of people slain on the East Rand since Friday.

Meanwhile, more than 1 000 residents of the East Rand township of Katlehong have vacated their homes as a result of unrest and violence.

Katlehong town clerk Fanie Mar said it was regrettable affected homeowners did not respond to the council's call to come forward and provide details of their property and personal information.

The council had asked residents to provide addresses of vacated homes, present addresses and telephone numbers, names of financial institutions and an account number where a bond, if any, was registered.

Mar appealed to residents to give the information so the council could negotiate with financial institutions not to repossess affected houses.



## ANC: More arrests soon

PRETORIA. — The ANC said yesterday they and the police were confident that further important arrests would be made soon following the Mamelodi taxi rank massacre at the weekend.

This followed meetings yesterday between an ANC investigation team, the deputy attorney-general Mr P W Jacobs and senior police investigators. It had been agreed that the ANC be involved in the investigation into the killing of five people and the injury of 15 (278).



# Mamelodi — access of ANC a key issue

The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — Allowing the ANC access to the accused and witnesses in the Mamelodi taxi rank massacre trial has become a key issue as the ANC, police and attorney-general's office join hands in the investigation.

An ANC delegation led by ANC legal department head Matthew Phosa met Deputy Attorney-General of the Transvaal P B Jacobs yesterday to discuss central issues surrounding Saturday's attack in which five people were killed and 13 wounded.

"It is accepted that we (the ANC) are going to take part in this investigation. Therefore we must be allowed direct access to all information sources — including the accused," Mr Phosa said after leaving the attorney-general's offices.

Their meeting with Mr Jacobs followed a day after they met Deputy Minister of Law and Order Gert Myburgh and Police Commissioner-General Johan van der Merwe, where agreement was reached to include the ANC in the investigation.

At a Press conference Mr Phosa said agreement was reached after discussions with regional police commissioner-Major-General Bertus Steyn.

This included allowing foreign involvement — in the form of the international observer missions — into the investigation, access to witnesses and ballistic results and the comparison and exchange of information between the ANC and the police.

But General Steyn said today that access to ballistic evidence would be restricted to the attorney-general and would be heard only in a court of law.

He said the ANC would have access only to witnesses that they presented to the police.

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# Reef clashes claim 5 lives

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JOHANNESBURG. — Four people were killed in the East Rand township of KwaThema and one in Daveyton at the weekend.

An alleged member of the Pan-Africanist Students' Organisation (Paso) was shot dead in KwaThema near Springs on the East Rand.

Police said Mr Silo Makgalewele was standing outside his home when a shot was fired at him from a stationary yellow van. A spokesman said the township experienced recent strife between Paso and the rival Congress of South African Students (Cosas).

Police held 110 people for public violence in KwaThema on Saturday.

A bus was also hijacked in the township.

In another KwaThema shooting a policeman was shot and injured after being hit on the head with a brick.

Also in KwaThema, spokesman Col Dave Bruce said a policeman, who asked a passerby for help after his car had hit a tree stump, had been attacked by the passerby with a bottle.

The policeman fired a shot, killing the attacker, Col Bruce said.

A youth was shot dead in fighting between two groups in Daveyton on Saturday, police said.

In Graaff-Reinet a police assistant shot dead one man in a group that attacked him early on Saturday, police said. — Sapa



# E Rand toll rises

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The East Rand death toll for the past three days rose by five to 34 last night.

A police spokesman said the body of a man with stab wounds had been found in Mandela View in Katlehong.

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the driver of a furniture delivery van out of his vehicle and set it alight yesterday. (278)

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Another man was arrested in Tokoza for unlawful possession of a CZ pistol.

Shots were fired at the police in Ngadi section in Katlehong. Police returned the fire but nobody was hit. — East Rand Bureau.



# A weekend of violence on the East Rand

Sowetan 12/10/93

AT LEAST 23 people have died in attacks in East Rand townships at the weekend with most of the deaths occurring in Katlehong and Tokoza.

The body of a man who had been shot dead was also found in KwaThema near Springs.

## Hacked to death

In Katlehong a man was hacked to death, another stabbed to death and a third shot dead in three separate attacks. Police also found the body of a youth who had been shot dead.

In Tokoza the bodies of three men were found in Mdekane Street and a man and a woman were shot dead at Hostel 2.

At Zonkezizwe squatter settlement a man was shot and burnt to death.

Police reported a further 11 deaths. —  
*Sowetan Correspondent.*



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# Bloody weekend for East Rand

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JOHANNESBURG. —

Police found a body nearly every second hour in East Rand townships at the weekend.

Police reported yesterday that since Friday morning 27 bodies had been found, most of them in Thokoza and Katlehong.

Seventeen bullet-ridden bodies were found in Thokoza, and an 18th man died in a shoot-out with police near Matlala Multi-Market in the township.

The bodies of seven people, all of whom had been shot or hacked to death, were found in Katlehong and an eighth body was found in KwaThema township near Springs.

A woman was shot dead in a house in Tembisa.

Police report that in 26 of the 27 cases the motive and attackers were unknown and no arrests had been made.

There were also several attacks on policemen in the townships.

In Natal, violence claimed at least five lives in Durban's Umlazi township at the weekend, the KwaZulu police said yesterday — Sapa

## Crime Reporter

AN unknown gunman in a moving car fired a shot at a policeman on guard duty outside the Faure police base yesterday.

A police spokesman said the man escaped unharmed when the passenger of a white Toyota Cressida fired at him at about 1am. No arrests have been made.



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Sowetan 13/10/93

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Star 14/10/93

# Three held after four train commuters shot dead

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■ BY LEE-ANN ALFREDS

Four people were killed and three injured when gunmen opened fire on commuters on a Soweto-bound train at Grosvenor Station, Mayfair, Johannesburg, yesterday.

Within minutes of the 6 pm attack, three men were arrested at nearby Langlaagte station after being pointed out by witnesses. Two women, who had firearms concealed in

their clothing, were also arrested.

Two homemade guns, an automatic pistol magazine with three rounds of hollow-point bullets and other weapons were confiscated, Witwatersrand police spokesman Colonel Dave Bruce said.

Bruce said a Metro Rail guard was stabbed and thrown off the same train at Braamfontein station shortly before

the attack.

Several people who survived the attack said the killers were "Xhosas who had come from the next coach".

While police searched for clues, a tense stand-off developed between IFP members and commuters in the neighbouring coach.

The stand-off was defused when a large contingent of police accompanied the "Xhosa"

commuters to another train. The IFP members occupied a coach at the other end of the same train.

■ In another incident, a man was stabbed and thrown off a train at Longdale station yesterday.

A source told The Star that a suspect, who had an illegal firearm in his possession, was arrested on the scene shortly after the attack.

## East Rand toll rises to 11 (278)

JOHANNESBURG. — Police found the bodies of five more people in East Rand townships, bringing to 11 the number killed there over the past two days. ET 15/10/93

The body of a man with multiple injuries was found next to the railway line in Daveyton at 8.40am yesterday. It was not known if he had been thrown from a train.

A police spokeswoman said the bodies of two men were found in Katlehong on Wednesday. One was hacked to death in Ramakonopi West and the other shot dead with an AK-47 in Manaheng Section.

Also on Wednesday, the body of a woman with bullet wounds was found at a hostel in Thokoza and that of a man with multiple injuries was found at a Boksburg station. — Sapa



# Township violence claims 16

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■ BY ANNA LOUW  
EAST RAND BUREAU

Sixteen people — including two off-duty police constables — died in violent attacks in Katlehong and Tokoza at the weekend.

Witwatersrand SAP spokesman Brigadier Zirk Gous said the bullet-riddled bodies of the two assistant constables were found in Tembisa on Saturday night. Their names have not yet been released.

Police said a man was shot dead in Tshabalala Street, in Tokoza on Friday. They found the

body of another man, who had been shot in the head, in Sabi Street, also in Tokoza.

Another man was shot dead in Tshabalala Street on Saturday and another hacked to death in Mandela squatter camp in Katlehong.

## Stabbed

Yesterday, a man was shot dead near the Yellow Pages Cafe in Phola Park squatter camp and a man fatally stabbed in Ncala section in Katlehong.

Police found the body of a man who had been set alight in Unit

F in Tokoza and the body of a man, who had been shot, was found in the Zonki'Zizwe squatter settlement.

A man was hacked and burnt to death and the charred remains of another victim found in Twala section in Katlehong. A man was shot dead in the township's Radebe section.

Police said a body of a man, who had been shot, was found in Extention 2 in Tokoza and another man was shot dead in Mngadi section in Katlehong.

A man was shot dead behind a hostel in Tokoza last night.

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# Foes join together for peace match

JOHANNESBURG. — Political foes put aside their differences yesterday when a combined soccer side, made up of senior police officers and ANC and Inkatha Freedom Party leaders, took on an SABC team in Soweto.

Organised by the Wits/Vaal peace secretariat, the match was played in front of an enthusiastic crowd of about 200.

Playing in the combined side were: Cosatu general secretary Sam Shilowa, outgoing general secretary Jay Naidoo, Inkatha Youth League leader Themba Khoza, Brigadier Zirk Gouws, Brigadier Steve van Rooyen and Inkatha Transvaal co-ordinator Hennie Bekker, as well as Vaal/Wits peace secretariat director Peter Harris and

Radio 702's John Robbie.

While they lacked the skill and co-ordination of the SABC side, the combined team's enthusiasm made the SABC's 2-0 victory an honourable defeat for them. Naidoo, as goalkeeper, quickly established himself as a crowd favourite by deflecting an SABC shot in the first few seconds. His consistent perform-

ance kept the crowd on its feet.

In keeping with the spirit of the day, the game was unmarred by dirty play.

When the final whistle blew it was clear that the score was irrelevant.

Brig Gouws described the match as one of the bricks that he hoped would build a wall. (278) CT 18/10/93



# Killings 'without motive' claim 31

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INDISCRIMINATE killings in Natal and on the East Rand continued at the weekend, with 31 more people losing their lives since Saturday in what police called motiveless violence.

Two assistant constables, killed in AK-47 fire in Tembisa on the East Rand on Saturday, were named as Petros Funeka and Diamand Nqohube. Both were 23.

The attackers were unknown and the only evidence was spent AK-47 cartridges.

The men were off duty at the time of the attack. Their service pistols were missing.

Thirteen bodies were found in the Katlehong/Thokoza/Vosloorus area and two in Daveyton. They had been burnt, hacked or shot, police said.

There had been several attacks on police, particularly on Katlehong's internal stability unit.

A police sergeant was slightly wounded in one of the attacks. Two men were arrested later for possession of AK-47s.

Two men had also been arrested in Thokoza, one on Saturday and the other on Sunday, for the possession of AK47s.

In Natal 11 people had been killed at the weekend. The dead included two policemen, who police suspect were killed by Apla, and a one-year-old child who was burnt to death.

Kwazulu police said six bodies had been discovered in the greater Durban area at the weekend. The six men had been either

stabbed or shot.

An SADF member was shot in KwaMashu, north of Durban. His firearm and ammunition had been stolen, police said.

In Isipingo a one-year-old child was burnt to death, a woman was stabbed to death and a second child "sustained chop wounds" on Sunday in an attack by 20 men on a house.

In Cape Town, police found the body of police Sgt David Galant, whom they believed had been thrown from a moving train. His body was found on the railway line in Bellville on Sunday.

Police are offering a R10 000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the 29-year-old policeman's killers. Galant's 9mm pistol was missing.

Meanwhile, the national peace committee has endorsed the Peace Train concert, which will begin in December.

The organisers say the concert will feature international performers and local artists such as Ladysmith Black Mambazo and Afrika Soul.

A 250-voice, multicultural youth choir from Natal will also take part.

□ The ANC said a witness to the Mamelodi taxi rank shooting earlier this month had come forward and made a statement to the police. Five people were killed and 15 wounded in the attack.

Two people arrested in connection with the shooting will appear in the Pretoria North Magistrate's Court today. — Sapa.

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# Church leaders call on politicians to end mayhem

EAST Rand church leaders are set to call on President F W de Klerk, ANC president Nelson Mandela and Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi to meet urgently to discuss ways to end violence in Thokoza and Katlehong.

SA Council of Churches East Rand organising secretary Rev Peter Moerane said yesterday regional church leaders would meet in Benoni tomorrow to devise a strategy to normalise the situation.

While the church leaders' meeting would centre on devising a strategy to restore peace in the townships, it "should be made clear that church leaders cannot operate in a vacuum. There should be justice first before there can be peace."

As a first step, church leaders would lay charges against hostel residents alleged to have killed a clergyman in Thokoza last week, he said. The attack was the second on a clergyman since July. Another minister narrowly escaped death after he was captured by hostel residents, he said.

Sapa reports that Natalspruit Hospital's resources are under enormous strain as a result of the large influx of refugees from neighbouring East Rand townships. Chief superintendent Norman Kernes said yes-

WILSON ZWANE

terday: "The burden on the hospital's financial and other resources as a result of an influx of refugees... when violence erupts can no longer be carried."

The Human Rights Commission said more than 3 000 people died and 3 600 were injured in violence in the first nine months of the year, mainly in the PWV and Natal.

Police said four bodies were found in Thokoza and two in Katlehong yesterday, raising the death toll in the area since Saturday to at least 26. A man and a woman were killed and three others were wounded when a gunman opened fire on the bakkie in which they were travelling in Alexandra, north of Johannesburg.

It was reported from Cape Town that two policemen were injured when a police patrol was ambushed near Nyanga police station on Monday. A police vehicle was shot 16 times.

The British Information Service said yesterday that Britain had donated R250 000 to train local "chief marshals" to manage demonstrations and rallies as part of a programme to assist SA's peace accord initiatives.

## Nearly 400 striking policemen discharged

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — Nearly 400 policemen were discharged after ignoring an ultimatum from regional police commissioner Maj-Gen Daan Huggett on Friday to return to work by 7.30am yesterday or be fired.

Five days of negotiations between the police and a crisis committee representing the strikers ended in deadlock on Monday.

Yesterday 71 police assistants, 206 municipal policemen and 98 permanent members — a total of 375 police personnel — were discharged.

Huggett said yesterday some members had reported for work — but not at their usual police stations. They had said they wanted to work but were being intimidated and so reported for work at other police stations. He said there was a "large element" of intimidation.

Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (Popcu) president Gregory Rockman denied there was intimidation or that policemen were reporting for duty at other police stations.

At a meeting at the Methodist Church in KwaMagxaki yesterday, Popcu members decided that striking members would march from KwaMagxaki to the Kwazakhele police station this morning. Rockman called on marchers to act with discipline and dignity.

The strike started on Thursday last week after 88 Motherwell personnel were arrested on mutiny charges. Police liaison officer Capt Lisbe Vermeulen said yesterday only 83 of these were policemen. They had been suspended and released on bail and were expected to appear in court on Friday.

Their arrest sparked a sympathy strike by Popcu members at five township police stations.

Slight damage was caused when a police constable's home in Swartkops Valley was petrol-bombed about 1am yesterday. Although Constable Phakamile Speelman Ngxongo, stationed at Motherwell, did not see who hurled the petrol bomb through his window, he said neighbours had alleged they had seen a white man running from the house and getting into a police vehicle. Police are investigating the allegation.

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# Taxi disputes blamed for violence

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■ BY NORMAN CHANDLER  
PRETORIA BUREAU

The police say the ANC and IFP cannot be blamed, as organisations, for the violence in East Rand townships.

They say it is mainly attributable to taxi owners trying to maintain their routes, particularly in Tokoza and Katlehong.

At a media briefing in Pretoria yesterday, senior policemen said massacres which had taken place — particularly on the East Rand in the past three months — had left 804 dead and 329 injured since May.

Since the establishment of a special investigation team, 229 people had been detained. Of these, 165 were ANC or self-defence unit (SDU) members, 24 IFP members, four from the PAC, four illegal immigrants, seven special constables, one policeman, and 24 other people with no known political affiliations.

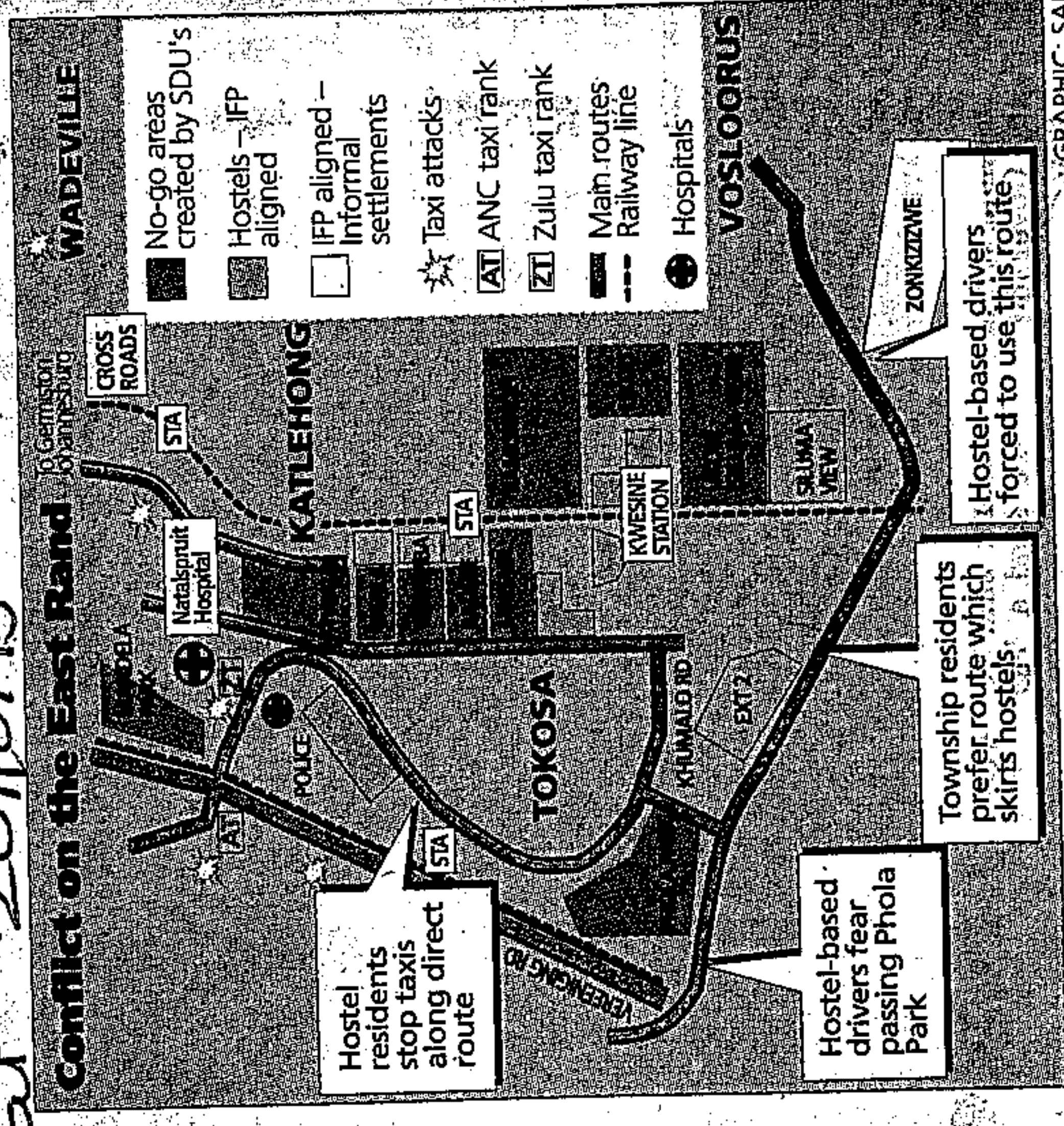
Of these, 51 ANC/SDU members and a special constable had been charged with offences ranging from murder to the illegal possession of firearms.

The briefing heard that so-called no-go areas had been established and were largely inhabited by IFP supporters.

"No evidence is available to incriminate the ANC or the IFP, as organisations, directly to the violence."

"On the other hand, the impression is created that in a number of cases, SDUs and IFP supporters involved in violence operate under the banner of political parties. They also rationalise their deeds on political grounds," the police said.

A total of 3 460 incidents of violence — including attacks on the homes of policemen — had been aimed against security forces between January 1 and September 6. Since September 1, 97 people had been arrested in connection with train violence.



GRAPHIC: SAP



# Another 12 killed on East Rand

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At least 12 people died in violence in Katlehong and Tokoza yesterday.

A police spokesman said a man with an AK-47 was shot dead after he opened fire on a police patrol in Katlehong. Police took possession of the rifle and ammunition found in the gunman's possession.

The bodies of two men were found metres from each other in Ntakane Street in Tokoza. They both had multiple gunshot wounds.

A woman was shot dead and burnt in Matlala Street in the same township.

In Katlehong, a man died after being thrown off a train at Lindela Station.

Two men were set alight and burnt to death in the township's Twala and Mnisi sections.

A man was shot dead in Letsogo Street in Tokoza and the body of a woman who had been shot dead was found in Nkaki Street.

A man burnt to death in Katle-

hong's Mnisi section.

Another man was shot dead and burnt in Everest section in the same township.

The body of a man who had been stabbed was found in Khumalo Street in Tokoza.

In the township's Dube section, a man wounded a bystander when he fired three shots with an AK-47 at a police patrol. The policemen were unhurt and the gunman escaped.

Natalspruit Hospital is under great pressure to cope with refu-

gees fleeing violence in the area, the chief superintendent Dr Norman Kernes said in a statement yesterday.

The strain on the hospital's resources could be hazardous to patients' health, he added.

More than 3 000 people died and 3 600 were injured in violence in the first nine months of the year, mainly in the PWV area and Natal, the Human Rights Commission reported yesterday. East Rand Bureau, Sapa.



## Taxi massacre: Two in court

29/10/98  
PRETORIA — Two people appeared in the Pretoria North Magistrate's Court yesterday in connection with the Mamelodi taxi rank shooting in which five people were killed and 15 were injured.

Mr Sela Hlela and Mr Peter Ngomane were not asked to plead and their case was postponed to November 2.

They face five charges of murder, several of attempted murder and one of illegal possession of an AK-47 rifle. — Sapa

# Man opens fire on bakkie — two die

JOHANNESBURG. — A man and a woman were killed and three others were wounded when a gunman opened fire on the bakkie in which they were travelling in Alexandra township, north of Johannesburg, yesterday.

A passing minibus was also hit in the attack, a police spokesman said. The motive for the shooting was not known, "but there is a possibility it may be related to taxi disputes," he said.

The bodies of six people were found in East Rand townships on Monday, raising the death toll in the area since Saturday to at least 26. An East Rand police report said four bodies were found in Thokoza and two in Katlehong.

● More than 3 000 people died and 3 600 were injured in violence in the first nine months of the year, mainly in the PWV and Natal regions, according to the Human Rights Commission in its latest repression report released yesterday. — Sapa

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# 804 killed on East Rand since May

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PRETORIA — A total of 804 people had been killed and 329 injured on the East Rand since violence erupted in the area in May this year, police said yesterday.

Addressing a briefing to announce the SAP's strategic plan for 1993/94, the SAP's head of Crime Combating and Investigation, Lt-Gen J H le Roux, added that since special teams had been established to investigate the violence, 229 people had been detained.

Of these, 165 were members of self defence units which police link to the ANC, 24 were IFP members, four were PAC members, four were illegal immigrants, seven were special constables, one a permanent member of the SAP and 24 had no known political affiliation.

# Five bodies found on E Rand

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Five bodies have been found on the East Rand in the past two days.

Police said the body of an unidentified man who had been stabbed was found near Hostel 2 in Tokoza yesterday.

The bodies of four men were found on Wednesday. Two were found in Tokoza, one in Katlehong and another in Ramakanopi East. Three had bullet wounds. None of the bodies has been identified.

A soldier was wounded by gunmen who opened fire at a

foot patrol from the Buyafuti Hostel in Katlehong on Wednesday night. A Defence Force spokesman said Z Nel of 1 Parachute Battalion was hit in the side.

Men with hand-made guns started shooting at the patrol, who returned the fire. A shootout followed during which Rifleman Nel was wounded.

He was taken to Union Hospital in Alberton, from where he was transferred to 1 Military Hospital. His condition is reported to be stable.

An AK-47 rifle, a magazine and 21 bullets were seized as

well as hand-made guns and other ammunition. Twelve people were arrested.

On Wednesday police arrested a man in Mapike Street, Katlehong for illegal possession of a firearm. **AKJ 22/10/93**

East Rand violence has been putting a strain on the resources of the Natalspruit Hospital, says hospital chief superintendent Norman Kernes.

He said 77 400 patients were admitted to the casualty ward between January and August. Between Monday and yesterday, 12 patients were admitted to the casualty ward with gunshot wounds. **(278)**



# 11 killed in Reef violence

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Two people were shot dead at a taxi rank bordering Vosloorus and Katlehong, bringing to at least 11 the number of people killed on the East Rand since Friday night, police said today.

Spokesman Deon Peens said gunmen approached the taxi rank on foot and opened fire with AK-47s. Two men were shot dead and a woman was wounded. She is in hospital.

Two men were arrested.

Early today police found an SPM limpet mine in Tokoza which they detonated in a controlled explosion.

Lieutenant Peens said three men were shot before being set alight in Tokoza on Saturday afternoon.

Also on Saturday, police found the bodies of three women killed in Katlehong.

Police shot a man dead in Katlehong yesterday after he fired at a patrol with an AK-47.



# A community living in fear of life itself

S1 Times 24/10/93

Life, or an altered version of it, continues in the war-ravaged townships of the East Rand. CHARMAIN NAIDOO reports

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EVERY morning Bongani Ramokgopa rises triumphant: he and his family have survived another night in Katlehong.

If his zest is tempered by the thought of the uncertain day ahead he does not show it as he gets his soft, out-of-work salesman's hands round the rough wood of a shovel, preparing the earth for scarlet salvias outside his house in the township's Chris Hani section.

Those who do not live in Katlehong will probably write off 21-year-old Bongani's obsessive fear of death as paranoia.

After all, the way he acts out his fears — imagining gruesome ways that he could die — fits the definition: "a slowly progressive deterioration of the personality involving delusions and often hallucinations". He has seen death so often his own is always only minutes away.

His aged mother's anxious face urging him not to speak to us is typical of the suspicion that greets strangers in this place where trust is reserved for close family and long-standing friends.

Their fear is justified. A short distance along the waterlogged mud street is a sign warning newcomers to Katlehong's Twala section around the corner from the Natalspruit hospital: "Welcome to the war zones".

Most of us are immune to headlines that announce "Five killed in Sebokeng" or "Twelve gunned down in Thokoza". They don't tell about the 100 000 living in Katlehong or Tembisa or Phola Park...

Life, or an altered version of it, continues in the war-ravaged East Rand townships.

Sporadic gunfire is as commonplace as the sound of thin, panting townships dogs who scrounge through mounds of garbage.

Our day began with a visit to the Wits Vaal Peace Secretariat, to check on the "temperature" of the troubled spots we were visiting.

Not too much happening, we were told. A drive-by shooting at Twala section — nobody hurt — and a great deal of early morning shooting, following a search by police after a looting incident was reported in Ramoknopi.

The fringes of the township are a bustling hive of energetic industry as roadside vendors ply their wares from makeshift barrows on muddy sidewalks.

By contrast, Schoeman Street on the border of Thokoza and Katlehong was ominously silent, an eerie no man's land where the houses have been razed and windows kicked out to make target shooting easy.

Electricity boxes and street lamp poles on either side of the street are painted in ANC or IFP colours to mark territory.

Youths ordered us to turn off our hazard lights as we wove through the boulder barriers. It seems this is a signal used by residents to identify themselves after dark.

The army and police presence for a seemingly uneventful Thursday morning was large, as was the number of peace monitors.

An ANC spokesman at Phola Park squatter camp mutters that there has been an increase in gunfire from the IFP hostel, Kwesine, and blames the "amazambani" (a

township word for rightwingers, meaning "potatoes") for bringing in arms. But he has no proof.

There is a barren piece of earth on the corner of Petersen and K roads on the border of Phola Park and Eden Park, a parking place for food trucks barricaded with wire mesh, where guards armed with inadequately slow pump-action shotguns nervously keep watch.

For the past five months, since the trouble on the East Rand has peaked, these delivery trucks have not dared to enter the townships.

So shopkeepers and residents make their way to this neutral piece of ground to collect their daily supplies. It is an added financial burden for store owners who cannot survive without transport.

Slowly the queue of bakeries and cars dwindles as plastic crates of fresh bread, cartons of cigarettes and boxes of fresh produce pass from truck to boot, and money exchanges hands.

On Thursday, a bread delivery truck driver and his crew of four were hijacked, their vehicle with its freshly baked consignment taken.

About 20 minutes after his ordeal, his eyes glazed, sweat gleaming on his face, the driver told how "more than 10 men" armed with AK-47s had ordered him out of the delivery truck.

"They took all the money I had, R900 — I'd only been to two customers," he said.

His friends clucked sympathetically. Tomorrow could be their turn.

At Kwesine hostel, two women weighed down with market produce on their heads walked across a piece of veld, talking and laughing loudly. Three short sharp bursts of gunfire cracked through the air.

The women's laughter did not stop. Their only concession to the bullets was to bend their backs and tilt their heads.

Life goes on. Teenage boys plant flowers and mow lawns, old men tap bricks off shelled houses to build afresh, women wash and hang clothes from lines tied to the burnt fragments of cars, school children play childish games...

But names like Kalashnikov Park, the repetitive loud crack of gunfire and the presence of armoured army and police vehicles remind one that this is a war zone where life is cheap and mothers' tears flow often.



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# Mob necklaces 6 at camp

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FOUR MEN AND A WOMAN WERE "necklaced" by a mob at Ivory Park squatter camp near Tembisa at the weekend. It is believed three of the men had gone to the area with three colleagues to investigate the hijacking of their company's truck on Saturday. The other two men are believed to have been killed because they had witnessed the murders.

And on Sunday night, the body of a woman who had been "necklaced" was found in the same area. Police believe that she, too, was a witness to the men's murder.

Police spokesman Warrant Officer Andy Pickle said the violence began when a bakery van belonging to Bokomo Bakeries in Midrand was hijacked in the squatter camp on Saturday morning.

The driver, known only as Lennox, and two security guards employed by DS Security, Mr Sello Mashishi and Mr Jim Thlane, went to Tembisa police station to report the robbery.

Two more security guards, Mr Peter Ludada (58) and Mr Isaia Khanye (30), and a Bokomo manager, Mr Rufus Mogaun (37), went from the Midrand office to pick up their three colleagues at Tembisa police station.

The six men took a car and went to the spot where the truck was hijacked. Pickle said the six men were still in their car when a minibus passed them and its occupants opened fire.

The six drove off but found themselves at a dead end in the squatter camp where they encountered a mob of hostile people. They then jumped out of the car and ran away.

Thlane escaped after he had fired at his attackers. Mashishi and Lennox also escaped unhurt.

On Saturday afternoon, Bokomo hired a helicopter to search for the missing men, the truck and the woman who was seriously injured when gunmen fired on commuters at a taxi rank between Katlehong and Vosloorus.





*SADF urges SAP unit to leave*

*Star 26/10/93*

# Chaos in Tokoza during police raid

■ BY HAPPY NKHOMA

Chaos broke out in Tokoza on the East Rand at about midday yesterday when Internal Stability Unit members fired shots as youths fled a police raid near a primary school.

The Star came across the scene in Khumalo Street. Casspirs were parked nearby as police searched houses, rifles at the ready. They said they were looking for "self-defence units".

Near Umkhathizwe Primary School the police fired shots. Terrified school children ran for safety.

Mothers dragged their children from the school and

nearby pre-school and swore at the police while shots rang out in the background.

A crowd gathered outside the school and shouted at the police to move out.

As the heavily armed policemen moved closer to the crowd of mainly women and children, an SADF patrol arrived and called on the police to back off.

Soldiers (most of whom were black) and policemen (most of whom were white) eyed each other angrily for a while. The police moved away and the soldiers remained between the crowd and the ISU.

"The ISU must leave," a woman shouted in Tswana as

the police retreated. A policeman turned sharply and grabbed a young man by his shirt.

"Wat lag jy? (What are you laughing at?)" he asked the young man who was not even grinning.

The crowd surged forward and the police brought their guns to bear on the crowd. The soldiers rushed and pushed the young policeman away while keeping the crowd at bay.

East Rand police spokesman Lieutenant Dion Peens confirmed the search. He said police had returned fire when they came under AK-47 fire. There were no casualties or arrests, he said.

## 22 slain on East Rand

■ STAFF REPORTERS

Twenty-two people were killed in the East Rand townships of Katlehong and Tokoza at the weekend, the SAP reported yesterday.

A police statement said two gunmen fired at police in two separate incidents. Policemen fired back, killing the men — one in Tokoza — and found AK-47s with the bodies. (278)

Police said 16 other people were killed in Tokoza and neighbouring Katlehong on Saturday.

On Sunday, the bodies of two men were found.

Also on Sunday, two men were shot dead and a woman was seriously injured when gunmen fired on commuters at a taxi rank between Katlehong and Vosloorus. Two men were arrested.

Yesterday, police found an SPM limpet mine, which they detonated, in Tokoza.



# Violent weekend claims 34 lives

ET 26/10/93 (278)

JOHANNESBURG. — Twenty-four people were shot or stabbed to death on the East Rand, and at least 10 people were killed in Natal township violence at the weekend, police reported yesterday.

A police spokesman said the bodies of 18 of the victims, including a woman, were found in East Rand townships on Saturday.

Also on Saturday, one of four unidentified men was shot dead when policemen were attacked while collecting bodies at a Thokoza hostel.

In another incident in Thokoza, a man was shot dead when police returned the fire of an attacker.

Two men were shot dead and a woman seriously wounded when unidentified men opened fire on commuters at a Vosloorus taxi rank on Sunday.

Six gunmen burst into a Soweto hostel on Sunday night and shot dead two people before fleeing, police confirmed yesterday.

KwaZulu Police said three security officers were murdered in two ambushes in KwaMashu, Durban, on Saturday.

Two of the men were providing escort services to electricity technicians when they were shot. Another security officer was later shot dead when his van was fired on.

The KwaZulu police also reported the killing of a man who was shot in KwaMashu's K section on Friday.

A 22-year-old student was shot and killed at his home on Friday night in the Ntondweni area near Richards Bay.

A man was killed and his body set alight at Ezakheni near Ladysmith in the Natal Midlands, it was reported yesterday.

KwaZulu police are investigating the murder of four men who were shot dead near Ulundi at the weekend. — Sapa

# 14 bodies found on E Rand

JOHANNESBURG. — The bodies of 14 unprotected, the association said. people who had been shot, hacked or burnt to death were found in the East Rand townships of Thokoza and Katlehong on Monday, police reported yesterday. (278) 27/10/93

And the Mapetla Hostel Residents' Association yesterday threatened to attack security guards at train stations and to destroy Spoornet property if guards were not deployed at all Sowero stations.

It was strongly opposed to Spoornet deploying security guards only at stations close to hostels, leaving others

unprotected, the association said.

In Natal, a man was killed in Umhlanga, south of Durban, at the weekend and two suspects were arrested in connection with the death and an attempted murder, said KwaZulu police.

The KZP said a 17-year-old youth was arrested for the fatal stabbing of a Mr Mhlomo, 45, at his home in E Section of the township on Saturday.

Mr Sakhile Mlomo, 30, and Mr Bhekisela Majozi, 33, were injured when they were shot near a bus depot. A suspect was arrested. — Sapa



# RIOTS + DISTURBANCES — TRANSVAAL

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# LITTLE SIYABULELA WANTS TO KNOW: WHERE HAVE ALL THE CHILDREN GONE?

By EZRA MANTINI

THIS is six-year-old Siyabulela Mgcina. He is standing near the burnt-down shack that was once the home of his friends. They died in the house at the Power Park squatter camp in Soweto this week.

Siyabulela said goodbye to his three friends on Monday evening. On Tuesday morning he went looking for them as usual.

But there was no sign of Cynthia, Loyiso and Luthando. The children, together with their father, Zoyisile Mngoma, were among seven people burnt to death after being attacked by armed men.

The children's mother, Nowineburg, is in a critical condition in Baragwanath Hospital.

## Waiting

She is believed to have been stabbed with a spear and was burnt when the attackers doused the shack with petrol before setting it alight.

Residents put out the fire and took her to hospital.

They believe the family could not escape from the blazing house because armed men were waiting outside.

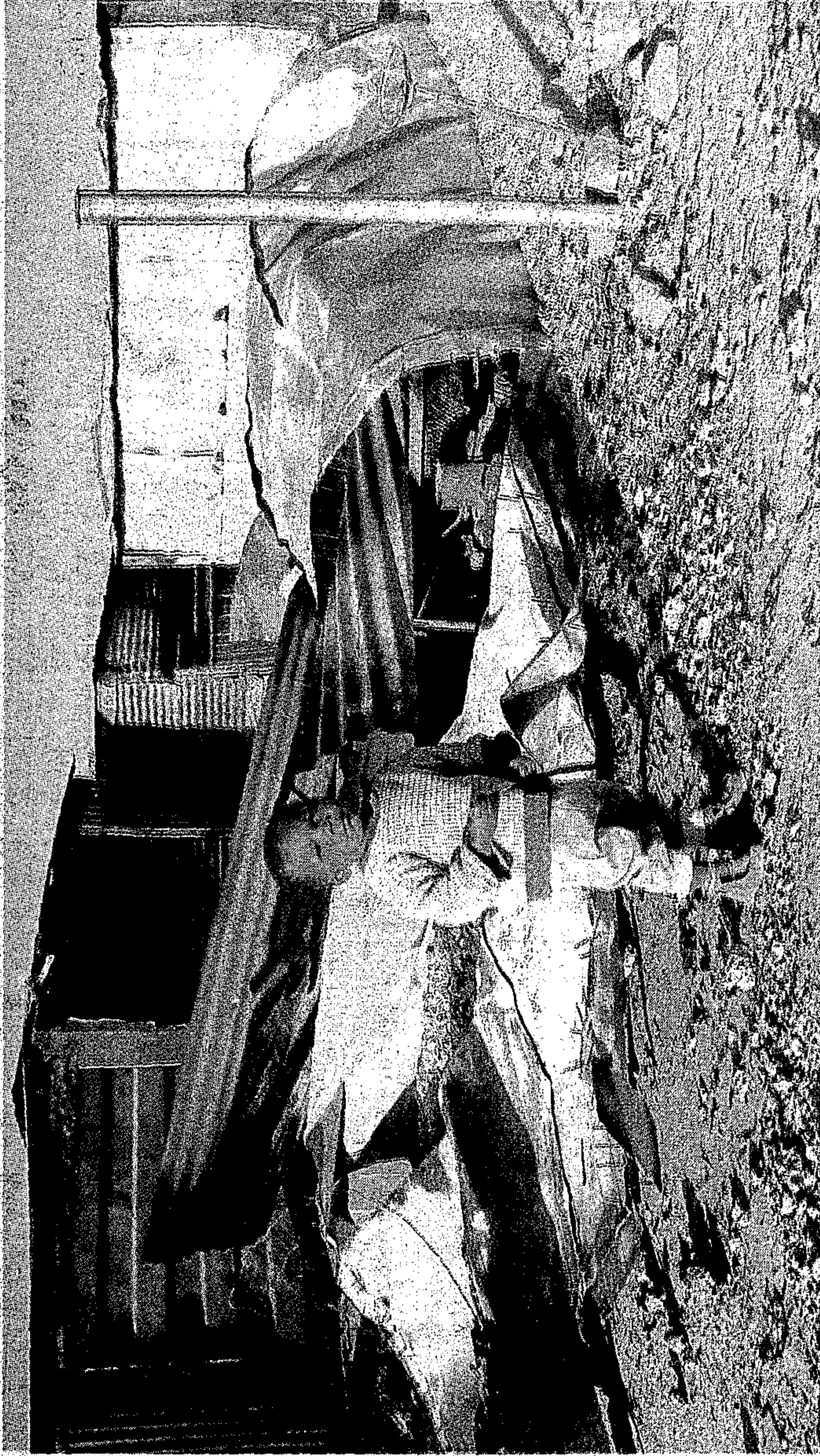
According to Siyabulela's mother, Mrs Noyisile Mgcina, her son always played with the Mngoma children.

He had slept through the heated gun battle and did not see the razing of the shacks. When she broke the news to him next morning, he was shocked and close to tears.

"Siyabulela is very confused. He probably believes his friends have gone to town and will be back. When he is much older, he will understand, I hope," she said.

A resident at the squatter camp said: "I heard people crying and men shouting in Zulu: 'The dogs must die. Let them go back to Transkei'."

"I was shocked because our squatter camp has got people of all ethnic groups, both Xhosa and Zulu."



AMONG THE RUINS: Six-year-old Siyabulela Mngcina stands outside the house where three of his best friends were burnt to death. Picture: JOE SEFALE



# Ten die in C1 Press Thembisa 11/8/93

TEN people died and scores were injured last night after fire fights broke out near Vusimuzi hostel in Thembisa.

Police spokesman Capt Wikus Weber said there was intense fighting near the hostel. Several cars were set alight (2-18)

At the time of going to the press, it had not been established what had sparked the latest clash.

"We are busy sending in reinforcements," Weber said. — Elias Maluleke

# Gunmen grab IFP man's corpse

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By Lulama Luti

THREE MEN armed with AK-47 rifles burst into a funeral parlour yesterday morning, demanded the body of slain East Rand Inkatha Freedom Party leader Mr Absalom Shoji and took it away in a kombi.

The incident took place at Sukazi Funeral Undertakers in Katlehong around 9am, a few minutes before Shoji's coffin was to be taken to a funeral service in the township.

East Rand police spokesman Captain Wikus Weber confirmed the incident and said the gunmen drove to the Zonk'izizwe squatter camp in a car and then got into a kombi, taking the coffin with them.

The chairman of the IFP in Katlehong and member of the local peace committee, Shoji was shot, stabbed and burnt to death in the township on July 25.

His body was picked up in the street

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in Katlehong and identified through pieces of paper that survived the fire that torched his lifeless body.

Shoji was a regular contact for reporters who went into the area. He always went out of his way to help them.

His distraught daughter Nomsa told *Sowetan* last night that the three men burst into the funeral parlour and confronted three workers on duty.

“They demanded my father’s coffin. When told it was not there, the three gunmen threatened to kill them and the workers handed the coffin to

them.

“The gunmen then ordered the coffin to be loaded into a car. They then blindfolded the three workers before driving away with them.”

Nomsa said the gunmen drove to a spot in Katlehong where they ordered the workers to drive back while they took the coffin with them.

“We are now confused and we don’t know what to do. His killers had vowed that he would not be buried in Katlehong and we had decided to bury him at Dawn Park,” she said.

“The funeral service was to be held at the DH Williams Hall and we were going to bury him in Dawn Park,” she said.

Nomsa said the family were appealing to the people who took the body to return it because “they have already killed him, we just want to lay him to rest, that’s all. We are not fighting anybody, we just want to lay him to rest”.

Shoji is survived by his wife Phyllis (60), nine children and 12 grandchildren.



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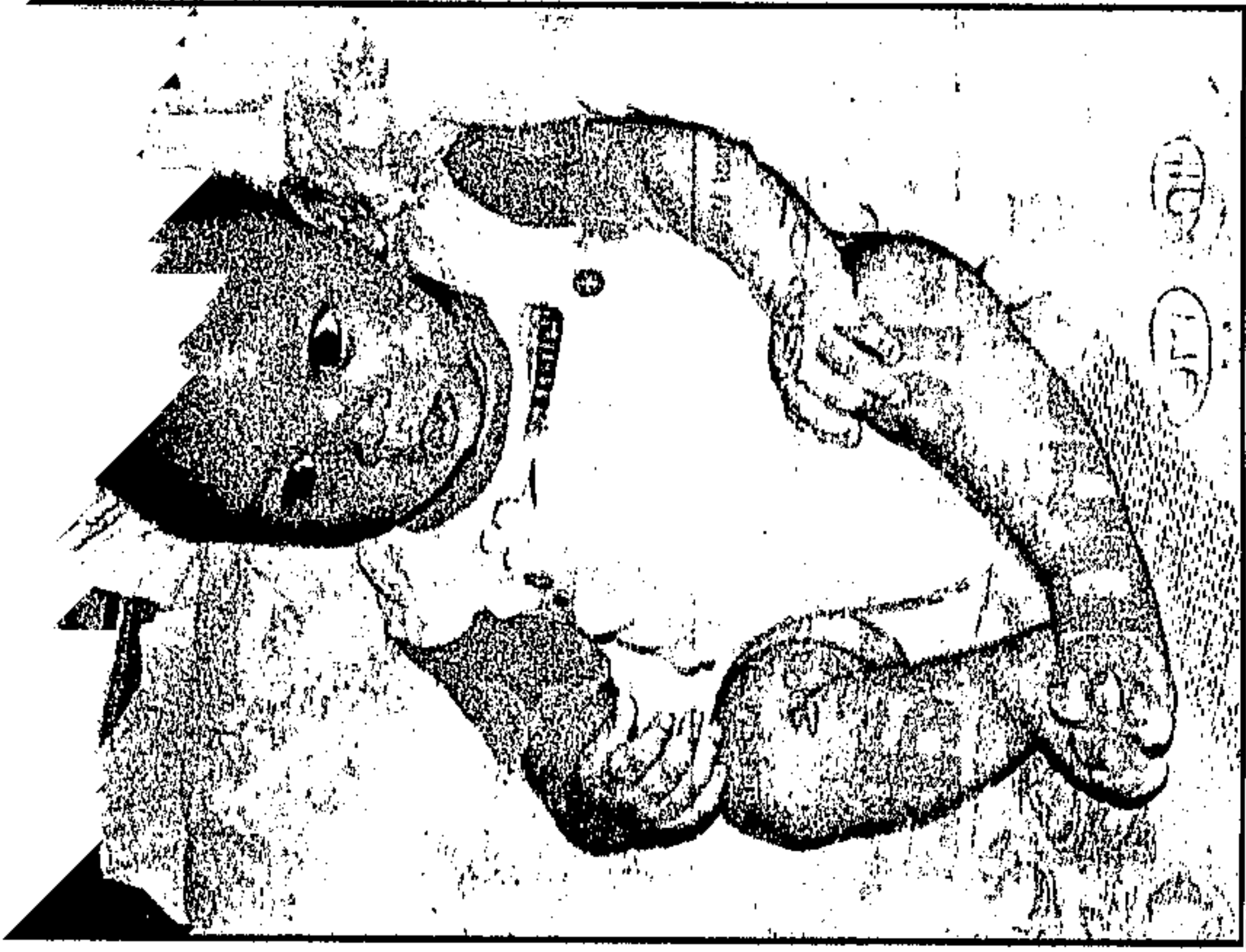


# 44 slain in Reef carnage

Sowetan 2/8/93



Three of the victims of the carnage in Tembisa - Nokwanda Ngabanyana (above), her husband Mxolisi Ngabanyana (below) and their five-month old baby Batandwa.



By Mzimasi Ngudle and Sapa

**A**T LEAST 44 PEOPLE were killed yesterday in one of the worst outbreaks of violence in strife-torn townships on the East Rand. (278)

In Tembisa, at least 30 people were killed - 11 of them burnt to death - when a group of hostel residents allegedly attacked minibuses, taxis and private cars on the main road from Kempton Park.

And at troubled Tokoza and adjacent Phola Park squatter camp, a further 14 people were killed.

Police spokesman Major Eugene Opperman said last night it was not known how many people were injured.

He said police had established that there was an attack on a "Zulu hostel" in Tokoza earlier in the day. "The Zulus retaliated by carrying out attacks on residents. Attacks and counter-attacks followed," Opperman said.

Several vehicles were hijacked and set alight by the attackers.

Police said they arrested three suspects at a hostel in connection with the Tembisa killings and took possession of two AK-47 rifles and a 38 pistol.

Yesterday an anguished five-year-old survivor of a minibus attack stood beside the charred remains of his parents.

Mzukisi Mashwabane was in the vehicle coming from the Transkei to the township when a group of men attacked it near the BP garage. Constable Joseph Mashole said the child had related how his mother threw him out of the

window before the attack. The attackers then shot all the passengers dead before setting the kombi alight.

An alleged eyewitness to the attack, who said he hid in a furrow the whole night after the shootings, claimed he saw eight police Casspirs ferrying the attackers into the township. They were later fetched by Putco buses which drove in the direction of a nearby hostel.

Police spokesman Captain Wilus Weber denied allegations that police assisted or ferried the attackers.

Around midday yesterday shards of glass, congealed blood, human flesh splattered on damaged vehicles, damaged houses in Mthambeka section bore testimony to the gruesome attack.

Survivors at Tembisa Hospital recalled the attack by the marauders saying the killers remained silent throughout the attack.

The Tembisa tragedy hit the Ngabanyana family hard - father, mother and their five-month-old baby were butchered. Mr Mxolisi Ngabanyana was dragged outside and shot dead in the street while his wife, Nokwanda, and baby Batandwa were shot dead in the house.

ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela, speaking from Taiwan, condemned the attack, adding it was "evident that the ruling National Party did not have the intention or the will to stop the destruction of black lives".

President FW de Klerk said words and condemnation of violence were no longer enough. He said the Government and the security forces could not succeed in stopping violence without the whole-hearted co-operation of the public and all political leaders.





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# ERand toll still rising

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## Staff Reporters

At least 55 people were killed in the East Rand's embattled townships at the weekend.

The death toll following Saturday's Tembisa massacre rose to 31 yesterday and another 24 people — including two policemen — were reported killed in Tokoza, Katlehong and Phola Park.

Train services to Katlehong have been suspended and police have warned motorists to avoid using the Old Vereeniging Road past Tokoza and Katlehong. They have suggested the R26 instead.

## Horror

News of yesterday's Tokoza killings filtered through just hours after President de Klerk and the ANC expressed horror at the Tembisa massacre. Both incidents involved clashes between township residents and hostel dwellers.

The Tembisa residents were killed after about 200 hostel residents went on the rampage through the township, according to the ANC.

The situation around the Tembisa hostel was tense yesterday and early today with residents threatening to take revenge.

Sapa reports that police spokesman Major Eugene Opperman said yesterday's Tokoza violence was sparked when residents attacked a hostel in the township.

In Katlehong's Twala Section, gunfire continued through the night and many residents in the area were unable to go to work today.

Police have offered a R250 000 reward for information on the perpetrators of the violence.

The ANC said Saturday's Tembisa massacre was sparked by a clash between township residents and



Witness to atrocity . . . Mzulisi Mashobane speaks to a policeman near the burnt-out shell of the minibus in which 12 people, including his parents, were killed. The boy said his mother saved his life by throwing him out of the window. Picture: George Mashinini

members of the "Toaster Gang" who fled to the hostel. Later, hostel residents armed with AK-47s attacked the township.

The ANC claimed the killings were part of a carefully orchestrated pattern of violence to prevent the negotiated transition to a demo-

cratic and nonracial society. The organisation demanded that the Government investigate claims that the attackers travelled from the scene in police Casspirs, an allegation which has been strongly denied by the police.

A survivor of a chilling in-

cident, five-year-old Mzulisi Mashobane from Transkei, told the press how he watched his parents die.

When their car was stopped at the entrance to Tembisa by a group of armed men who shot all its 12 passengers before setting it alight.

Mashobane and the driver were the only survivors. All that remains of the passengers is half-burnt bones.

Mashobane said he escaped when his mother threw him out of the window.

When the attackers saw what she was doing, they

shot her "many times" before shooting the others.

Another survivor, Correen Mathe (29), said she was chatting with her neighbour when she was confronted by a group of 50 armed men.

She pleaded with them not to shoot her because she was carrying her young child.



# East Rand conflict escalates

By Bronwyn Wilkinson

The simmering conflict on the East Rand blew up into high-intensity warfare yesterday and police reported at least 87 people killed in the area since Saturday night.

According to police statistics 665 people have been killed in East Rand townships since July 3.

Katlehong and Tokoza were undeclared war zones by yesterday afternoon, with peace monitors and police labelling the two adjoining towns as no-go areas. Women and children picked their way through barricaded streets to head for refugee centres.

Snipers took to rooftops,

youths took to the streets and an army helicopter circled above. (2-18)

Weary volunteers manning the joint communication centre at Natalspuit Hospital admitted they could not keep track of incoming calls from residents reporting yet another attack, yet another house being burnt.

Doctors at the hospital said they had been left short-staffed because some people could not get to work.

Ambulance workers said they picked up injured people in Alrode yesterday morning who had come from Tokoza and Phola Park and crossed the railway line and the Old Vereeniging Road into Alrode looking for help. They had either been stab-

bed, shot or hacked. As police and soldiers entered Katlehong's Twala Section yesterday morning to search houses in the area, residents scattered ahead of the armoured vehicles and attackers sneaked in behind the security force net, setting fire to houses abandoned by fleeing residents.

Furious residents gathered at a safe distance and stared down the rubble-strewn street, claiming that police were attacking the attackers into the area.

Other residents told The Star's new paper that they were always attacked by mystery gunmen soon after police ordered them indoors.

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# Katlehong and Tokoza undeclared war zones

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"When we come out to defend ourselves, the police arrive pretending to defuse the conflict, and shoot us with teargas and R-4 rifles," one resident said.

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Gunfire clattered throughout Katlehong yesterday.

"Just keep your head down and stay behind the wall," a resident advised.

Monitors negotiated with

young, scared soldiers who were trying to bash their way into a house where two men were hiding.

Police eventually brought the two out and arrested them for opening fire on security forces. But residents down the street showed a handful of bullets and empty cartridges which they said had been fired by security forces.

Residents were quick to point out a bullet hole through a corrugated-iron wall. A man held

aloft a damaged cooking pot that had been on the stove when the bullet came through the wall. He and others claimed a security force member had fired the bullet.

For journalists trying to cover the violence, the job was almost hopeless.

Just driving into Katlehong and Tokoza became impossible and it was useless trying to ascertain what was happening.

Each street was blocked off by rubble and burnt-out cars,

and the youngsters manning the barricades refused to allow journalists to pass.

On the roof of a gutted beer hall sat five snipers, guns trained on the barricade below.

In one mob in Katlehong, a man carried a plastic bottle and a hosepipe for syphoning petrol out of cars to make petrol bombs. But the only cars were those of peace monitors and journalists. There were many demands for money or petrol.

An ANC representative noted

that youngsters with blankets over their shoulders, despite the heat, could be concealing guns.

"Everyone is carrying some kind of weapon. This is an undeclared war zone," he said.

● The SA Rail Commuter Corporation yesterday withdrew all trains on the East Rand to protect commuters and property.

A train was set alight in Soweto yesterday in an unrest-related incident. Three coaches were damaged, but no injuries were reported.



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“The parties in South Africa must work together closely to break this cycle . . . They must focus their efforts urgently on securing a political agreement,” she said. — Sapa-Reuter.



## *Soweto* **Four attacked on trains**

TWO people were killed and another two — including a policeman — were injured when a group of men attacked them on a train travelling between Soweto and Johannesburg early yesterday. **3/8/93**

Police said all the men were stabbed and three of them were thrown out of the speeding train.

An assistant constable was stabbed and thrown out of the train near Croesus Station. He was seriously injured. ~~(SIP)~~ **(278)**

**NEWS** Fierce gunfights continue in Reef townships • Vandals desecrate graves -- again

# Battle for control of townships

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**By Mzimasi Ngudle**

**■ ANGRY YOUTHS** Township residents

**F**IERCE GUNFIGHTS erupted yesterday in the embattled townships of Tokoza and Katlehong as bands of armed youths and local hostel inmates battled for the control of the area.

When a *Sowetan* crew went to Katlehong and Tokoza early yesterday morning, they saw no police patrols as gunshots rumbled fiercely between the townships' youths and Inkatha Freedom Party supporters.

The only sight of police in the area was a few Casspirs seen collecting charred and bullet-riddled bodies.

## Gunfire raged

Police reinforcements came only about midday at Twala section, Katlehong, where gunfire raged throughout the morning.

Residents insisted that security forces shielded and even assisted bands of Inkatha Freedom Party supporters who, on Sunday, allegedly went on the rampage at Phola Park, Tokoza, killing at least 13 people.

Colonel Janine Smith dismissed the

arm themselves to the teeth after the SA police force fails to protect them: (2-18)

allegations that police were involved in the attacks, saying she "cannot believe police could do that".

She said the situation was still volatile by late yesterday afternoon and that residents were throwing stones at police patrols.

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Both townships were under siege and virtually under the rule of gun-toting hostel residents and angry youths.

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Houses in Radebe section, Katlehong, were virtually deserted as residents fled to seek refuge at the Natalspuit Hospital.

Twala and Ncala sections in Katlehong were the most affected, with some areas virtually deserted.

At about 2pm on Sunday, shots were heard and "all hell broke loose" and the fighting continued throughout the night, residents said.

In Katlehong and Tokoza the death toll rose to 45 since Friday after police recovered 10 more bodies yesterday.

## Ultimatum

Meanwhile, the local branch of the ANC Youth League issued a three-day ultimatum for the security forces to vacate the townships.

"Should they fail to abide, mass action will roll," ANC official Mr Oupa Motaung said.

Meanwhile a *Sowetan* correspondent reports that the ANC-IFP committee on violence is expected to meet this week to address the violence on the East Rand.

But both sides have rejected Government statements washing their hands of

responsibility for finding a solution.

"The key to peace lies in the hands of every South African," said IFP national chairman Dr Frank Mdlalose in response to a statement from Law and Order Minister Mr Hermus Kriel charging the ANC and IFP with finding a solution between them and to stop pointing fingers at police.

## Evidence pouring

Mdlalose said while the ANC and IFP had to "admit" there was conflict between them, he agreed with President FW de Klerk that there were also extremists involved in causing the present havoc.

The ANC also rejected Kriel's call. "Yes, all South Africans are responsible but the Government and the police and security forces have a special responsibility," said ANC spokesman Mr Carl Niehaus.

He said from evidence pouring in from the scenes of the weekend carnage the police had been "appallingly inactive". The ANC said in the first four hours of fighting in Tembisa on Saturday afternoon there was no "tangible police action".



# IFP appeal for return of body

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THE Inkatha Freedom Party yesterday appealed to organisations across the spectrum to work together to ensure the body of a murdered IFP official was returned to the organisation without delay.

East Rand IFP leader Mr Absalom Shozu was shot, stabbed and burnt to death on July 25. 3/8/93

His body was removed from a Katlehong funeral parlour on Sunday by armed men who reportedly threatened the parlour's workers with death if they did not hand over the coffin containing Shozu's body.

East Rand IFP regional organiser Mr Thabane Dlamini said yesterday the police, Department of Justice, Peace Secretariat, United Nations and Organisation of African Unity observers should all work together to ensure the body was returned to the IFP for a dignified burial.

The Sunday body snatch has angered IFP supporters and Dlamini expressed concern that this anger could spill over into yet more political violence. (2-78)

"It is a scandal that Shozu's body should be treated in this manner. He deserves a decent burial," said Dlamini.

## NEWS Socialism a dismal

# Safety assurances Sought by drivers

*Sowetan 2/8/93*

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Spoornet's senior supervisor, Mr Johan Harmse, would meet with members of the Footplate Staff Association today to discuss their concerns, he said. — Sapa.



# Call for action

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## ANC, NP agree on peace force

**JOHANNESBURG.** — ANC secretary general Mr Cyril Ramaphosa has called for the urgent establishment of a joint security force to help end the violence as 93 people died in four days of bloody battles in the East Rand townships.

He was supported in this call by the National Party's representative Mr Leon Wessels during a special debate on the violence at the negotiating forum at the World Trade Centre. Mr Wessels said his party will support anything that comes out of the forum, be it a new force or whatever.

In a separate appeal yesterday Archbishop Desmond Tutu said international help had become urgent as police did not have the credibility to keep the peace.

At least 93 people had been shot, stoned, burned or hacked to death in four days of violence between hostel dwellers, residents and police in the flashpoint townships of Tembisa, Tokoza, Katlehong and Phola Park squatter camp, police said.

Youths armed with stones, petrol-bombs and guns had turned the streets into no-go areas.

The train service between Katlehong and Kwekwe stations has been cancelled. Train drivers, fearing for their safety, are refusing to enter the embattled townships.

With police struggling to halt the slaughter, Mr Ramaphosa demanded the immedi-

ate establishment of a joint security force, comprising members of the police, army, umkhonto weSizwe, and the various tribal homeland police forces and armies.

"The government's security forces do not enjoy the support of the people," he said. The debate became heated when PAC and ANC delegates blamed the violence on the government's security forces and apartheid policies of the past.

Mr Leon Wessels, on behalf of the government, said this was not a time to apportion blame. Instead, all political leaders should openly stand side by side to demonstrate their solidarity against the violence.

The forum's planning committee was instructed to formulate effective measures to reduce and control the violence.

Law and Order Minister Mr Hernus Kriel stated the idea of an international peace-keeping force as unrealistic on the news programme Agenda last night.

However, he said the government supported a peacekeeping force "100 percent" but reiterated that the decision to form such a force would only be made once details had been thoroughly discussed.

Red Cross officials said hundreds of residents of the townships were fleeing the worst fighting since August 1990. Bodies littered the dusty streets and youths openly brandished firearms and scores of houses had been torched, they said.

A resident of Katlehong told AFP by telephone that he was virtually trapped inside the township. "It's become a no-go area."

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Youths have thrown up barricades and are searching everyone walking or driving in the streets. They're not allowing taxis in. Some cars and taxis have been burnt."

He said that with darkness falling, it would be dangerous to try to leave the township. "I'll just have to sit tight and hope for the best."

The man, who did not want to be named, abruptly broke off the interview, saying he could hear shooting.

A woman who fled the township with her three children said in an interview with independent Radio 702 that "all hell" had broken loose in Katlehong.

Others said the streets were strewn with boulders, trees and burnt-out cars.

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Sapa-AFP, Political Staff, Own Correspondent



...nted smiles all round at the Port Elizabeth beach on Sunday. Here she swims with her new baby yesterday. Staff hadn't realised she called to give a hint of what was to come. The sex of her baby has not yet been go whether the baby dolphin will live. The next 72 hours will be critical from view is Dimple.

# Boycott has Spirals on the ropes

By Anna Louw  
East Rand Bureau

Springs is in the grip of a week-long boycott by residents of KwaThema township in support of demands for the reinstatement of about 800 dismissed municipal workers. 318/93

Residents' demands include an amalgamation of the Springs council and the KwaThema and Bakerton councils. They also want facilities to be open to all.

A spokesman for the organisers of the boycott said yesterday that the action had been 98 percent effective. (278)

A spokesman for a shopping centre said at least 55 percent of shops in the complex had been hit hard by the boycott.

"I may mention that there has been a drastic decline in shoplifting. Our security guards have not known what to do with themselves this week," said the spokesman.

Roadblocks have been set up at all entrances to KwaThema and residents' cars and personal belongings are being searched, mostly by youths. (30)

All goods known to have been bought in Springs are being confiscated and destroyed.



# Where are the cops?



LAST RIDE ... A police Casspir removes charred and bullet-riddled bodies from Tokozo.

**RESIDENT'S CLAIM**

"I personally phoned the police station but the telephone was engaged. Many other residents also complained at our office that their calls were either not answered or ignored by the police."

— Resident, Tembisa

**POLICE REPLY**

"Police respond immediately to every complaint they receive. It is unbelievable residents can make such allegations against the police."

— East Rand  
Police spokesman  
Lieutenant Janine Smith

**By Bongani Mavuso  
and Mzimasi Ngudle**

**P**olice allegedly took about four hours to respond to calls by residents during the massacre in Tembisa on the East Rand which claimed the lives of about 30 people and left many injured on Saturday afternoon.

Residents claimed yesterday that police arrived at the scene of the massacre only to collect bodies. At least 89 people were killed at the weekend in violence which erupted anew in the East Rand townships of Tokoza, Kutehong and Tembisa.

African National Congress spokesman in Tembisa Mr Isaac Mahlangu said he tried on several occasions to contact the local police station when chaos started.

Referring to the minibus attack in which 12 people were killed, Mahlangu said if police had arrived at the scene shortly after the attack, the vehicle would not have been "burnt to ashes".

"Police claim they arrived immediately but they made no attempt to arrest the attackers. They (police) should have conducted a thorough search at the hostel and arrested the suspects immediately. Instead they did nothing."

Police spokesman Lieutenant Janine Smith dismissed the allegations yesterday. She said she

would consult the station commander at the Tembisa police station and obtain further information. By late yesterday the situation in the area was still volatile and many residents were fleeing the townships.

The ANC also condemned what it said were "insensitive statements" by Law and Order Minister Mr Hennis Kriel "that the violence tearing our country apart is a problem which must simply be solved by the ANC and IFP". It said it was the duty of the police to protect all South Africans.

The movement said the contrast between what the police were prepared to do at the St James' Church in Cape Town and lack of any effective action by the police to apprehend the Tembisa killers was "outrageous".

"Where were the police? What were they doing when people were getting killed?" asked ANC PWV region spokesman Mr Ronnie Mamoepe yesterday.

Meanwhile, the South African Rail Commuter Corporation yesterday withdrew all East Rand trains to protect commuters and property.

SARCC managing director Mr Wynand Burger said the corporation was extremely concerned at the ongoing violence on the East Rand.

"We believe this is a better option than exposing our commuters to possible violence," he said.

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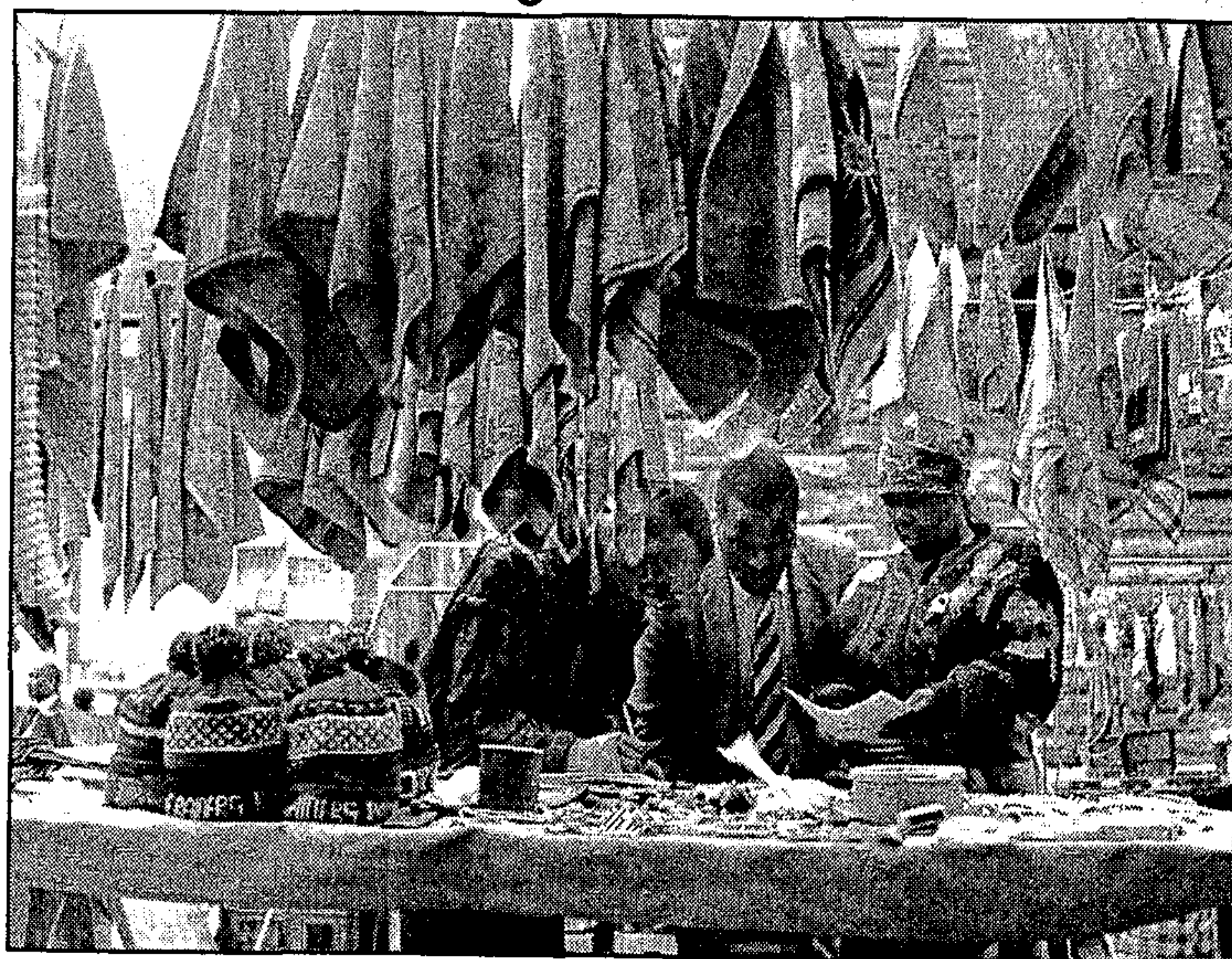
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# train city's hawkers



Hawker squad ... the Johannesburg City Council yesterday embarked on a 10-day campaign to educate the CBD's 4 000 hawkers on the city's new informal trading policy.

PICTURE: PETER MOGAKI

ers in Eloff, Jeppe, Bree, Hoek, Klein, Klein and Wanderers streets. The city's "hawker squad" will distribute brochures in English, Zulu and Sotho while training informal traders.

Trading will not be allowed in certain areas, such as pavements outside residential prem-

ises, without the occupiers' consent.

Vendors may not place tables over dustbins, spill fat or grease on the pavement, or allow smoke to become a nuisance.

They have to remove their shelters and equipment after trading.

De Beer said environmental issues also concerned the council, and part of the campaign was to promote anti-litter awareness.

Hawkers interviewed yesterday said they welcomed the education campaign as long as they could continue trading.

## 2 wounded in Ivory Park

### shootout

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■ STAFF REPORTERS  
AND SAPA

Two men were wounded when they exchanged fire with police at a roadblock in Ivory Park near Midrand early yesterday, police said.

SAP spokesman Sergeant Michelle Erasmus said in a statement two men left their vehicle at 2.45 am and began firing at police manning the roadblock. The police returned fire, wounding one man in the head and the other in an arm.

They were admitted to Tembisa Hospital. Four women in the car were arrested.

The mutilated body of a man was found between Angus and Mpelisweni Stations in Kaituma at the weekend.

Police said the victim had presumably been thrown off a train. (278)

In another attack an unidentified man died of gunshot wounds in Tokoza yesterday.

Six AK-47 cartridges were found at the scene.

Police said the deaths brought the toll in the East Rand since Saturday to 20.

Police said a hand grenade exploded in front of a house in Ngati Street in Tokoza early yesterday.



# ANC in call for joint force

Star 3/8/93

Staff Reporters

As violence continued to rage on the East Rand yesterday, the ANC called on constitutional negotiators to set up a joint peacekeeping force as a matter of urgency to stop the carnage.

Police said today at least 87 people had been killed on the East Rand since Saturday afternoon and the toll was expected to rise as more bodies are found.

ANC president Nelson Mandela says he is planning to contact President F W de Klerk later today about the raging violence, reports Political Correspondent Esther Waugh from Kuala Lumpur.

Mandela said he would be asking De Klerk "what the police were doing about the violence".

The ANC leader contacted the organisation's secretary-general, Cyril Ramaphosa, in Johannesburg early today for a briefing.

The violence topped the agenda at the constitutional talks at the World Trade Centre yesterday.

Ramaphosa said the situation called for the urgent establishment of a joint peacekeeping force.

"This council must bring into being a joint policing force with credibility. We are duty-bound to install a peacekeeping force within a matter of weeks.

"That will send a ray of hope through this country."

ANC PWV chairman Tokyo Sexwale said last night such a "peace corps" would hopefully be trained and ready by January.

## Townships are no-go areas as toll soars



The agony ... ambulance workers offload yet another casualty at Katlehong's Natalspruit Hospital yesterday.  
Picture: George Mashinini

Agreement on the structure and functions of the corps should be agreed to by next month, he added.

Sexwale said in an interview with The Star that joint control of security forces and the creation of the peacekeeping force should go hand-in-hand.

All military forces, be they homeland, right-wing or liberation armies needed to be amalgamated under joint control.

From these forces, an elite group would be picked and retrained for deployment in trouble spots where they would take over from the army and police.

And, in a statement yesterday, Archbishop Desmond Tutu called for urgent international intervention to help restore peace in violence-racked areas. (278)

He said the strife on the East Rand "demonstrates beyond doubt that we are incapable of restoring law and order ourselves". (112)

Sapa reports Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel was sceptical about Tutu's idea, saying it would treat the symptoms but not the causes of the violence.

"By bringing a peacekeeping force here, would it stop the weapons ... from killing people?" he asked a television interviewer.

"Would it stop the fighting between the ANC and IFP? Would it stop the violence in this country? No. We must address the root causes of violence in this country."

He denied that police were not acting decisively enough to end the violence.

Facing a barrage of questions from journalists, Kriel repeatedly blamed political leaders for the violence.

IFP MP Hennie Becker expressed concern that the ANC's armed wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe, would be over-represented on the corps.

He pointed out that the IFP did not have an army equivalent to MK. While IFP members could turn to the KwaZulu Police for protection while in Natal, they were almost defenceless outside the province.

Statistics released by police showed that 665 people had died in unrest-related attacks in East Rand townships since July 3.

Most of the deaths (over 400) occurred in Katlehong. In Tokoza, 170 people were killed in the same period, 45 in Daveyton, 45 in Tembisa and one in Wattville.

Numerous attacks on police were reported in the area yesterday.

Police reported that they came under automatic gunfire and petrol bomb attacks throughout the night.

Several houses and three buses were gutted.

The policeman who was shot dead on Sunday while alighting from a police Caspir in Phola Park squatter camp to negotiate with a mob of rioters has been identified as Constable Steven Lubbe (19).



# 'War zone' crisis

Refugees flee under sniper fire as township death toll soars to 665

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BROWNWN WILKINSON, The Argus Correspondent

**JOHANNESBURG** — Continuing conflict in East Rand townships has killed at least 87 people since Saturday night, boosting the death toll in East Rand townships since July 3 to 665, according to police figures.

And today, violence again flared in Tembisa. Youths set alight and badly damaged at least four Pulco buses, East Rand police reported. They used birdshot to disperse the youths.

Katlehong and Tokoza were undeclared 'war zones' by yesterday afternoon, with local residents, peace monitors and police declaring the two adjoining townships 'no-go' areas.

Women and children abandoned homes and picked their way through barricaded streets to head for shelter at refugee centres.

Snipers took to rooftops, youths to the streets and an air force helicopter circled through columns of black smoke.

Weary volunteers manning the Joint Communication Centre (JOCC) at Ntshabeng Hospital admitted they could not keep track of incoming calls reporting yet another attack yet another house being burnt. Doctors at the hospital said they had been left short-staffed because some people could not get to work through the barricades.

Ambulance workers said they were picking up injured people in Alrode yesterday morning. They said the people had come from Tokoza and Phola Park and had crossed the railway line and the Old Vereeniging Road into Alrode looking for help. They had been either stabbed, shot or hacked. With taxi operators refusing to enter the townships and train services being disrupted, few residents of Katlehong and Tokoza could get to work.

As police and soldiers entered Katlehong's Twala Section yesterday to search houses, residents scattered ahead of the armoured vehicles and attackers sneaked in behind the security force net to set fire to houses abandoned by fleeing people.

Furious residents gathered at a safe distance from the armoured vehicles and stood



**WAR ZONE:** Police in the background, above, arrest two men in Tokoza, where 19 people died on Sunday and yesterday in faction fighting and in clashes with police. At least 87 people have been killed in the East Rand since Saturday night.

**MOVING OUT:** A woman pushing a supermarket trolley piled high with as much as it can carry, leaves Katlehong in search of safety at a refugee centre. Katlehong and Tokoza are undeclared 'war zones' today, with residents, peace monitors and police declaring the two adjoining townships 'no-go' areas. Women and children fled in terror through barricaded streets.





# Township <sup>278</sup> war zone

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Another man carried two axes and a panga.

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"I am warning you, you are entering a no-go area," he said.

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**SAD END:** Police load yet another body into an armoured vehicle in Katlehong. The man had been shot dead by attackers.



Furious residents gathered at a safe distance from the armoured vehicles and stared down the rubble-strewn street, claiming police were actually leading the attackers into the area — allegations denied by the police.

Gunfire clattered through-

out Kaitiaki could be heard

in Tawa Section as police

went on with their search, but

there was no way of knowing

where the firing was coming

from or how far away it was.

"Just keep your head down

and stay behind the wall," a

resident advised.

Monitors feverishly negotiat-

ed with young, scared soldiers

who were trying to break into

a house where two young men

were hiding.

Police eventually brought

the two out and arrested them

for allegedly opening fire on

security forces.

But residents down the street

showed a handful of bullets and

empty cartridges, they said had

been fired by the security

forces.

They pointed out a bullet

hole through a corrugated iron

wall and one man held a dam-

aged cooking pot that had been

bubbling on the stove when the

bullet came through the wall.

He and those in the crowd

surrounding him claimed a se-

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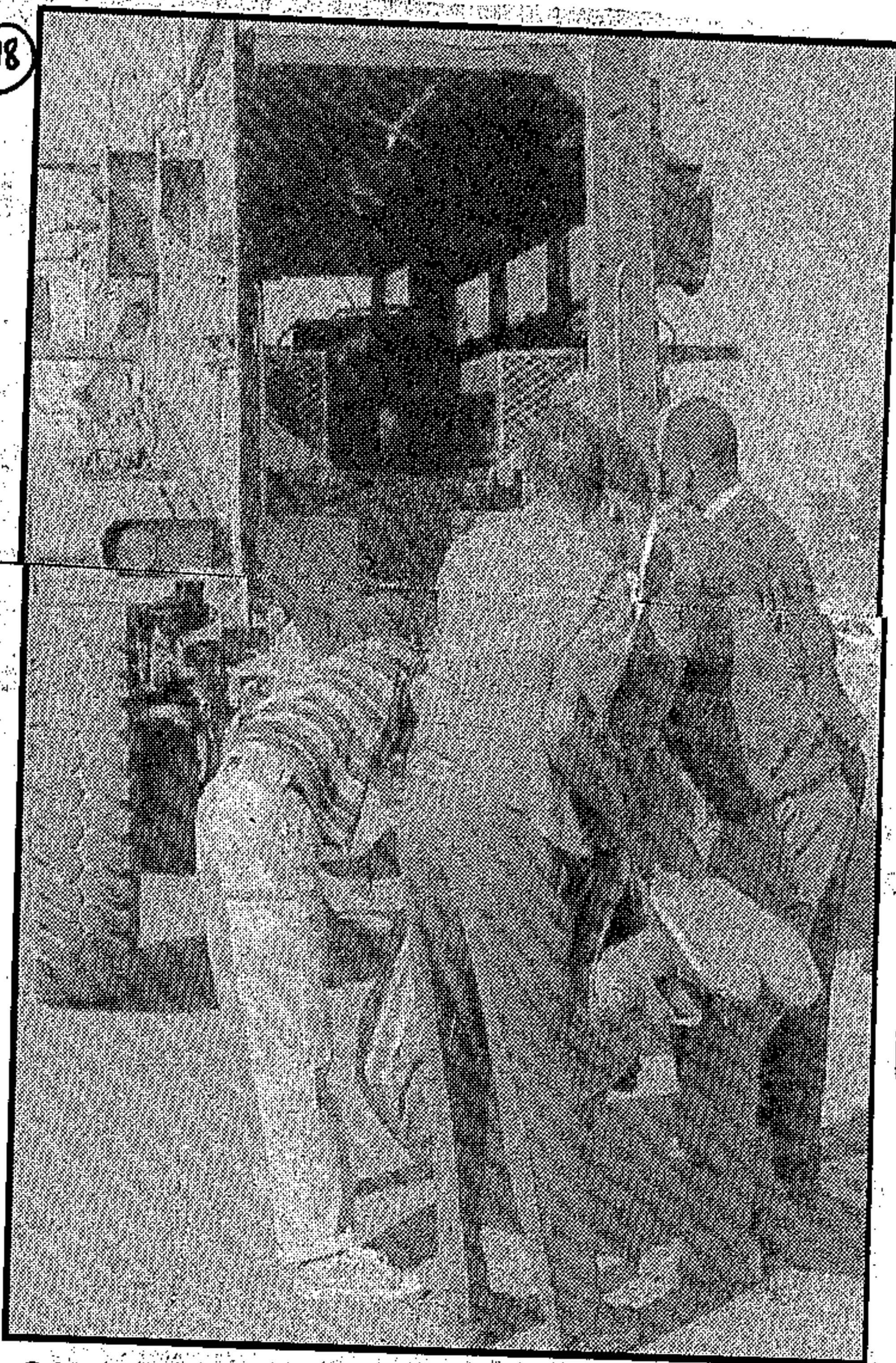
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## Supreme test for a peace claim

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. —

Schweizer-Reneke in the western Transvaal — which claims to have better race relationships with its black township than any town in South Africa — will have its claim tested on Saturday when Umkhonto we Sizwe commander Joe Modise and AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche both receive the freedom of the town. ARG 3/8/75

ANC spokesman Rankoa Molefe said an invitation had been extended to the town clerk and the mayor for the 11am ceremony.

The AWB Wenkommando parade is set for the same time outside the municipal offices.

A spokesman for the National Peace Secretariat said: "If this can be pulled off peacefully we'll all have something to be proud of."



# More killings on East Rand

Star 3/18/93

## ■ EAST RAND BUREAU

Two people were killed and two critically wounded in Katlehong and Tokoza yesterday.

Police said a man was shot dead in Katlehong's Moleleke section.

A man's body was found in Lethogo Street, Tokoza. He had gunshot wounds. (2-78)

Two men were wounded when gunmen fired on them with AK-47s in Tokoza's Everest section.

A grenade exploded in Tshabalala Street in Tokoza but no

injuries were reported.

Police patrols twice came under automatic gunfire in Katlehong's Radebe section last night. No one was wounded.

In Sali setion, also in Katlehong, police arrested a man for possession of a .22 revolver.



# Nurse tells of terror shootings in Tokoza

Star 3/18/93

By Happy Nkhoma

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directed into the hostel," she said with a sob.

She said the armed hostel inmates told them to get out of the taxi and asked whether they were Zulus.

"I told them I was Sotho and they said it was us they wanted. I tried to explain that I was from the northern Transvaal but they wouldn't listen.

"Four women who said they were Zulu were set aside. We were put up against a wall. I could only see four men with me but there could have been more. The Zulu women were told to get into the taxi.

"The armed men were ordered by one of the hostel indunas (leaders) to shoot us."

Her voice was hoarse and soft as she continued: "I heard two shots and I saw the man next to me spin like a top. I dived headlong into the taxi and hid under a seat. The other women landed on me and we heard more shots as the taxi drove off."

The women in the taxi all prayed and cried as the taxi drove towards the hospital. The nurse could not go to work yesterday as she was still in shock.

"I can't believe I'm still alive and I'm too scared to go home," she said.

An East Rand nurse whose taxi was hijacked described how she escaped being executed in a Tokoza hostel at the weekend, as a man next to her was gunned down.

She said at least three other men who had been abducted with her were singled out for execution, but she managed to escape and thus did not know their fate.

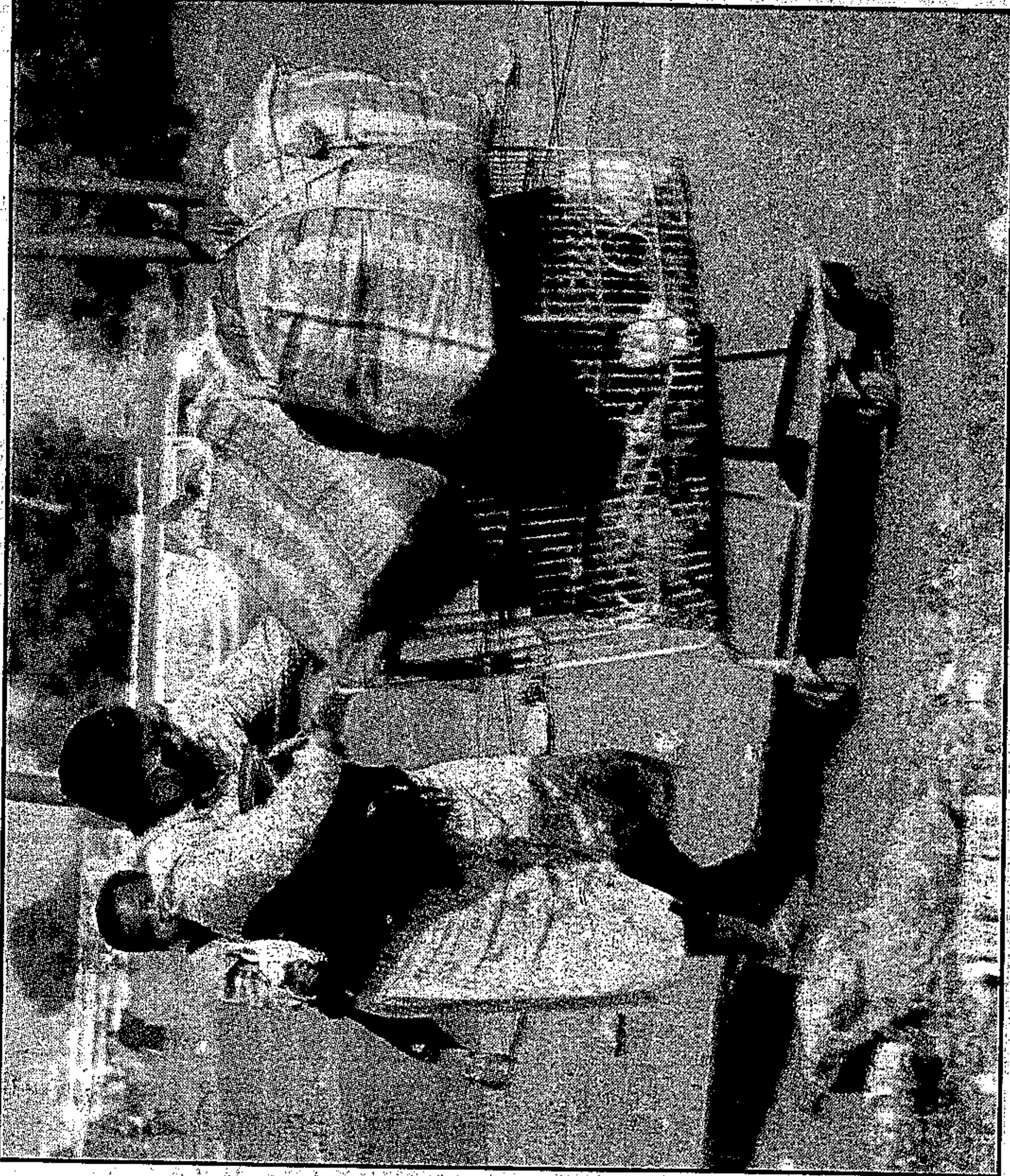
However, as she was leaving she heard the sound of more gunshots.

The terrified woman spoke to The Star on condition that she remain anonymous.

She said that on Sunday she caught a local taxi from Tokoza to Natsalspruit Hospital. The minibus was full and as they were travelling they met other taxi drivers who warned them to keep away from Khumalo Street, which passes near Tokoza Hostel.

The nurse said, however, that the driver deliberately turned into Khumalo Street. A group of armed men surrounded the taxi before it had covered 50 m.

"All I could see were guns everywhere. I started praying when I saw that we were being



Heading for safety ... Katilehong residents leave the strife-torn township yesterday in search of refugee centres.

Picture: George Mashinini



# Boycott has Spirals on *Star* the ropes

By Anna Louw  
East Rand Bureau

Springs is in the grip of a week-long boycott by residents of KwaThema township in support of demands for the reinstatement of about 800 dismissed municipal workers. 318/93

Residents' demands include an amalgamation of the Springs council and the KwaThema and Bakerton councils. They also want facilities to be open to all.

A spokesman for the organisers of the boycott said yesterday that the action had been 98 percent effective. (278)

A spokesman for a shopping centre said at least 55 percent of shops in the complex had been hit hard by the boycott.

"I may mention that there has been a drastic decline in shoplifting. Our security guards have not known what to do with themselves this week," said the spokesman. (30)

Roadblocks have been set up at all entrances to KwaThema and residents' cars and personal belongings are being searched, mostly by youths. (30)

All goods known to have been bought in Springs are being confiscated and destroyed.

# Govt, ANC agree on joint peace corps as East Rand toll

AS THE death toll on the East Rand rose to 93 yesterday, Law and Order Minister Her-  
nus Kriel welcomed an ANC proposal for a  
jointly controlled security force to deal  
with township violence.

Police yesterday discovered the bodies  
of 17 more people slain in weekend battles  
in the townships of Thokoza, Katlehong  
and Tembisa.

Speaking on SABC-TV's Agenda pro-  
gramme, Kriel said the idea of a joint se-  
curity force was being discussed and gov-  
ernment's only requirement was that it be  
well planned.

Sapa reports that ANC secretary gener-  
al Cyril Ramaphosa told the negotiating  
council at the World Trade Centre that a  
joint security force dealing with political  
violence should be established urgently.

"This council must stop making pious  
statements. It must bring into being a joint  
policing force with credibility. We are duty  
bound to install a peace-keeping force  
within a matter of weeks. That will send a  
ray of hope through this country."

Delegates instructed the council's plan-  
ning committee to formulate "appropriate  
action" on effective measures to reduce

and control violence.

Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu  
called for international intervention to end  
the violence. He said the latest killings de-  
monstrated that South Africans were in-  
capable of restoring law and order them-  
selves. "We need to appeal to the  
international community to send in, as a  
matter of extreme urgency, a corps of po-  
lice officers experienced in handling civil  
turmoil."

The ANC yesterday hit out at "glib"

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statements made by government spokes-  
men, including Kriel, that the violence  
could be solved only by the ANC and the In-  
katha Freedom Party.

It criticised police delays in deploying  
officers in Tembisa at the weekend and  
contrasted this with police action in Cape  
Town where a massive police operation  
had been launched immediately after the  
St James Church attack. The ANC said the  
Tembisa massacre raised serious doubts  
about the police force's ability to take ef-  
fective action in critical areas.

Law and Order Ministry spokesman

## reaches 93

### Peace corps

of Kuala Lumpur, Mandela said: "We must  
appreciate fully that the state security  
forces are deeply involved in this matter."  
But he said the negotiation process and the  
April 27 election were not in jeopardy.

The ANC claimed that Saturday night's  
massacre in Tembisa, in which 33 people  
were killed after an attack was launched  
from a hostel, was the third such attack to  
occur exactly two days after a meeting be-  
tween President F W de Klerk and Inkatha  
president Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

"The previous two are the Swamieville  
and Bolpatong massacres. The styles of at-  
tacks are similar — massed groups of hos-  
tel dwellers involved in an attack on town-  
ship residents," the ANC said.

Peace monitors described the East Rand  
as "relatively quiet but tense" yesterday,  
while the multiparty joint operations cen-  
tre at Natalspuit Hospital reported that  
the nature of violence had changed from  
factional fighting to confrontation between

police and residents.

After the derailment of one train and the  
burning of another in Soweto yesterday the  
South African Rail Commuter Corporation  
withdrew trains operating between Katle-  
hong and Kwesine Stations. However other  
East Rand trains continued operating.

Meanwhile, Spoornet and the SA Foot-  
plate Staff Association — which represents  
train drivers — yesterday agreed to estab-  
lish a committee to investigate improved  
security for drivers working in unrest  
areas. The meeting followed a refusal by  
train drivers to enter the East Rand.

The CP called on government and public  
undertakings not to act against workers  
who refused to work in unrest areas.

Inkatha has appealed to all organisa-  
tions to work together to ensure the return  
of the body of murdered Inkatha official  
Absalom Shozile-Malanga. The body was re-  
moved from a Katlehong funeral parlour  
on Sunday by armed men.

Brig Leon Mellet denied that police had  
failed to act after the Tembisa attack. He  
said police had raided a hostel on Sunday  
and seized weapons.

He said four policemen had been killed  
in the latest violence, two at the Mabopane  
police station northwest of Pretoria yes-  
terday. This brought to 130 the number of  
policemen killed this year.

ANC president Nelson Mandela repeat-  
ed his claim that the security forces were  
"deeply involved" in the latest killing  
spree. On arrival in the Malaysian capital

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## Tiny Vaal town an unrest area

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The tiny western Transvaal town of Schweizer-Renecke has been declared an unrest area in an attempt to avoid a possible conflict between the AWB and the ANC on Saturday, the Minister of Law and Order, Hennis Kriel, has announced. *ARCT 4/8/93*

This follows a decision to grant the freedom of the town to the AWB and the subsequent reaction of the ANC to grant the freedom of the town to Umkhonto we Sizwe chief Joe Modise.

Security forces will deploy 1 500 extra personnel in the area at the weekend.

In a statement released today, the minister said: "In order to prevent confrontation and violence I have decided to declare the Schweizer-Renecke magisterial district an unrest area with immediate effect.

"I must stress that the role of the SAP will be to impartially and apolitically protect the rights of all citizens — irrespective of political affiliations — in the Schweizer-Renecke area during this period." *(218)*

'It cannot go on like this' - FW

# Joint peace force likely

Star 4/8/93

By Chris Whitfield  
and Esther Waugh

The Cabinet will today look at ways of curbing violence on the East Rand, after President de Klerk's positive reaction last night to fresh calls for the formation of a joint peacekeeping force.

ANC president Nelson Mandela telephoned De Klerk from Malaysia yesterday to discuss the latest wave of killings.

Mandela said he had told the President he believed the security forces were "deeply involved" in the violence.

## Trauma of violence - Page 3

At a press conference in Malaysia before his return to South Africa last night, Mandela said responsible ANC officials and press reports he had read indicated security force involvement.

Mandela had asked the President to brief him on the East Rand violence. "According to his information, this violence was sparked off by criminal gangs with no political affiliations," Mandela said.

Referring to the violence, De Klerk said last night: "It cannot go on like this. The East Rand must now come to order."

At a media conference he defended police efforts under what he said were extremely difficult circumstances, but said the Government "will not hesitate" to send in more manpower.

Asked about renewed calls for the creation of a joint peacekeeping force, he said the Government had "come forward with an initiative a long time ago" and that talks with various paramilitary forces had already given rise to a convergence of opinion.

He said such a force would never replace the security forces but could go a long way in an "auxiliary role", assisting in situations such as crowd control.

He expected it would fall under the political control of the proposed transitional executive council.

De Klerk also said:

- The NP was not about to ditch the Inkatha Freedom Party, refusing even to speculate on whether a time could arrive when the Government contemplated pressing on towards a new order without the IFP.

- The Government had misgivings about some of the delimitation commission's proposed borders and wanted "the people" to have input (See Page 3).

- The Cabinet and caucus were not divided.

- Before he flew out of Malaysia, Mandela held discussions with Malaysian Prime Minister Dr Mahathir Mohammad, whom he described as "one of our strongest supporters".

Mandela said Mohammad had responded "very positively and very constructively to all the problems raised and requests we made".

- The ANC raised more than \$10 million (R33 million) for its election campaign from the Taiwanese government, ANC sources said.



Cocktail hour ... Miss South Africa finalists Ma rehearsals for Saturday night's event at Sun City



# Horror as many die by fire

Star 4/8/93

Staff Reporters

Fierce fighting raged across East Rand townships last night as burning barricades and petrol bombs lit up the night sky.

Sixteen more people died in the night of violence — most of them being doused with petrol and set alight.

An exhausted policeman described last night's scenes as "horrific".

The worst fighting was in Katlehong and in some sections many people have been unable to leave for work. Deaths were also reported in Tokoza and Tembisa.

Ambulances and fire fighters have been unable to get

into the townships as the streets are blocked with burning barricades and trenches.

Last night's killings bring the death toll in East Rand townships to 140.

"It's as bad as it has been since the fighting started on Saturday morning," SAP spokesman Captain Wikus Weber said today. (278)

He said the number of security force members in the area had been stepped up considerably to try to stem the violence.

Police and members of the SA Defence Force came under heavy attack throughout the night.

In another development, a

man who claims to have witnessed police escorting a mob responsible for the Tembisa massacre on Sunday has gone into hiding.

Reacting to allegations that the police assisted the attackers, Weber said: "I have denied that 10 times and I still deny it."

● The Red Cross has urged families to claim more than 100 unidentified bodies and to approach the organisation for aid with burials.

Food, clothes and money are needed for displaced families. Money can be deposited into the Red Cross Relief Fund, account 001374559 at the Standard Bank's Smal Street branch.



# Killings:

## Witness

## in hiding

By Mzimasi Ngudle

**A** MAN WHO CLAIMS to have witnessed police escorting a mob largely responsible for the Tembisa massacre in which more than 30 people were killed last Sunday, has gone into hiding.

The man told *Sowetan* he had fled after he was told by neighbours that white policemen were searching for him in the East Rand township.

The policemen were allegedly looking for a man "wat k\*k praat op TV".

*Sowetan* is withholding the man's name for his safety.

He appeared on TV on Sunday night, claiming he saw police assisting hostel inmates to attack Tembisa residents at Mthambeka Section.

East Rand police spokesman Captain Wiekus Weber said the man should contact the police if he feared for his life.

Reacting to allegations that police assisted the attackers, Weber said: "I have denied that 10 times and I still deny it.

"It's high time people stop making petty allegations."

The man said he saw the attackers when they went on the rampage last Saturday night until they left the following day.

He said he was alighting from a minibus taxi near a BP garage at 7.30pm on the main road from Kempton Park when a bullet flew past. The driver sped off and he walked faster.

He said he heard one of the attackers shouting

in Zulu: "Kill that dog!" After that he ran for his life and took shelter in the veld some metres away from his home in Mthambeka Section.

He said other attackers were delivered in Casspirs in the nearby open veld that separates the Enhlanzini and Kwesine hostels from Mthambeka Section. (278)

"They then ran down, crossing the veld to Mthambeka Section, and joined others who were attacking houses."

He said four other Casspirs were standing near the BP garage, where white policemen manned a roadblock.

Police stopped cars driving past on the main road.

"When the cars stopped, attackers came out of the Casspirs, shot passengers and set vehicles alight," he said.

A kombi and two private cars were set alight. He saw one of the attackers carrying a 25 litre plastic container, which he believes was filled with petrol.

"They shouted 'Usuthu, Usuthu. Bulala, bulala' after setting the cars alight. White policemen on top of the Casspirs 'laughed louder and louder'. ('Usuthu' is a Zulu war cry and 'Bulala' means kill.)

Meanwhile, State President FW de Klerk yesterday strongly defended the role of the police in the violence.

He said the situation in the East Rand townships was making it impossible for security forces to effectively stop the violence there.



# Bodyguard: ANC lays charges

Star 4/8/93

By Charmeela Bhagwat  
Crime Reporter

The ANC yesterday laid charges of murder against certain policemen following the death of ANC leader Walter Sisulu's bodyguard, Ismael Moloane, during a shootout between policemen and Sisulu's bodyguards last month. (ESP)

Moloane died in the shootout on the Soweto Highway and his two colleagues were seriously wounded.

ANC spokesman Ron-

nie Mamoepa said yesterday the charges were laid against the policemen involved during a "fruitful" meeting between ANC legal advisers on the investigation team, Mathew Phosa and Billy Masetlha, and SAP regional commissioner Lieutenant-General Koos Calitz.

He said they had made several agreements including the decision to reconstruct the scene of the shootout, allowing ANC bodyguards to recount their version of

events, and to appoint an international police investigator to the team.

The ANC said the police had agreed to release the two ANC bodyguards wounded in the shootout on their own recognisance. (278)

However, a police statement released last night said the agreements could be jeopardised because the ANC had released a statement of its own, breaching an earlier commitment to make a joint statement on the meeting.

Star 4/8/93

# Freedom of town for Modise and ET

By Bronwyn Wilkinson

The western Transvaal town of Schweizer-Reneke, which claims the best race relations with its township of any in the country, is to have its claim tested on Saturday when Umkhonto we Sizwe commander Joe Modise and AWB leader Eugene Terre-Blanche both receive the freedom of the town.

ANC western Transvaal spokesman Rankoa Molefe said yesterday the residents of Ipelegeng township would confer the freedom of Schweizer-Reneke on Modise at the Ipelegeng stadium at 11 am. "This is in defiance to the town council giving the freedom of the town to the AWB," he said.

He said all ANC members

in the western Transvaal had been invited to the occasion.

The AWB Wenkommando parade is set for the same time outside the municipal offices, followed by a flypast of the AWB's new "air force". (278)

Molefe said he did not believe the ANC was asking for a confrontation with right-wingers as the defiance "ceremony" was to be held in the township and the "other" parade would be in the town itself. (280)

But a spokesman for the National Peace Secretariat was alarmed to hear of the arrangements.

"If this can be pulled off peacefully then we'll all have something to be proud of," the spokesman said.



# Praying for the morning to come

By Justice Malala  
and Lee-Ann Alfreds

An eerie silence hung over Tembisa's Thafeni Section late yesterday as residents locked themselves indoors, leaving the barricaded streets deserted.

While most residents of the embattled East Rand township appeared to go about their business as normal, Thafeni scene of the fiercest fighting, resembled a ghost town. *Star*

Residents have erected barricades and dug trenches. Even a police Casspir drew no interest. Only a few children walked the streets.

Boys as young as 10 manned barricades and warned motorists not to go near Vusumuzi Hostel. Residents believe the attacks were launched from the hostel. *4/8/93*

"Since the fighting on Saturday, people have been wary of speaking to strangers. The people in the hostel can see this section through their binoculars and might target our house for attack if they see us talking to you," said 18-year-old Lindi, who had to be coaxed out of her home.

She said that when night fell, all the residents, except those on duty in self-defence units, locked themselves in their homes "and prayed for morning to come". *(2-18)*

Another woman, who refused to be named, said she had almost been killed when the driver of the taxi she was in was confronted by armed men trying to hijack the vehicle.

"We were near the Trek petrol station in Thambeka section at 5.30 pm when a gang of armed men appeared and tried to stop the taxi.

"Fortunately, the driver just sped away," she said.

"One of the men who was with us in the taxi jumped out the window when he saw the attackers. I don't know what happened to him."

# East Rand death toll 104 since the weekend

CT4/8/93 (278)

JOHANNESBURG. — Violence in East Rand townships continued unabated yesterday, with 17 more people dying in Katlehong, Thokoza, Tembisa and Daveyton.

These killings bring to 104 the number of people killed in the area since the weekend.

An East Rand police spokesman said security force numbers in the area had been "considerably increased".

Police had come under attack in East Rand townships on at least 20 occasions on Monday and yesterday.

A municipal policeman had been stabbed after a mob tried to set him alight and a police patrol had been fired at in Ivory Park, Midrand, yesterday afternoon.

Police have arrested a suspect in connection with the death of two policemen shot at Mabopane

## Red Cross relief for burials

JOHANNESBURG. — The South African Red Cross Society has urged families of victims of East Rand township violence to claim more than 100 bodies and to approach the society for financial assistance for burials.

In a statement yesterday, the Red Cross said every family which lost a member was entitled

to a burial voucher of R600.

The Red Cross appealed to the public for donations to assist families on the East Rand, especially non-perishable foodstuffs, blankets and clothing.

It said money could be deposited in the society's relief fund account at the Standard Bank, Johannesburg. — Sapa

railway station near Pretoria on Monday morning.

The bullet-ridden body of an unidentified woman was found by police in the veld at Sebokeng near Vereeniging on Monday night.

In other Reef unrest, youths set alight and badly damaged at least

four Putco buses in Tembisa yesterday.

● In Natal, two suspects were shot dead and a policeman seriously wounded.

In Maritzberg, four IFP members were shot and killed in AK-47 fire on Sunday. — Own Correspondent, Sapa



# Guard — ANC acts

CT 4/8/93  
JOHANNESBURG. — The ANC yesterday laid a charge of murder against police on behalf of the widow of a bodyguard killed in a shootout with the SAP while protecting Mr Walter Sisulu last month. (278)

However, no charge of attempted murder was laid by Mr Sisulu at a second meeting between ANC investigators and SAP Witwatersrand commissioner Lieutenant-General Koos Calitz yesterday. Several agreements were reached, but police said these

could have been jeopardised by the ANC's unilateral decision to issue a statement after the meeting.

Gen Calitz said the appointment of an international police investigator had been agreed to in principle yesterday. Police would also consider releasing two bodyguards injured in the incident, Mr Jabulani Ntuli and Mr Themba Makuba.

The ANC statement said its investigators had laid charges of murder on behalf of Mr Ismael Moloane's widow.

# Barricades up: E Rand carnage <sup>(278)</sup> continues <sup>AUG 4/8/93</sup>

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — East Rand townships were barricaded today as groups of militant youths wielding petrol bombs sealed off several areas.

One youth shouted: "We are looking for the Zulus."

Five more people are reported to have died in a night of violence — most of them being doused with petrol and set alight.

An exhausted policeman described last night's scenes as "horrific".

Five victims of violence in Katlehong were to be buried today.

Mourners gathered in the tense township for the funeral of the five from Ramakanopi Section. Living less than a kilometre from IFP-orientated Kwesini hostel, most Ramakanopi residents are PAC or ANC supporters.

The worst fighting was in Katlehong and in some sections many people have been unable to leave for work. Deaths were also reported in Tokoza and Tembisa.

Tembisa residents were greeted by heavily barricaded streets and clouds of teargas smoke this morning after a night of non-stop shooting.

A resident who telephoned the Star, sister newspaper of The Argus, said he spent a sleepless night and said only those who owned private cars could get out of the township this morning.

He said people had locked their doors and very few ventured outside.

"Most of the people I saw were terrified and some vowed never to come back. I'm so scared. I feel I could be killed at any time," he said.

Ambulances and fire-fighters have been unable to get into the townships as the streets are blocked with burning barricades and trenches.

Last night's killings bring the death toll in East Rand townships to 129.

"It's as bad as it has been since the fighting started on Saturday morning," police spokesman Captain Wikus Weber said today.

Police and members of the Defence Force came under heavy attack throughout the night.

● The Red Cross has urged families to claim more than 100 unidentified bodies and to approach the organisation for aid with burials.



# Army moves into East Rand townships

The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — Heavily armed armoured vehicles thundered into East Rand townships today as part of the largest massing of security forces in one area in the history of South Africa.

Over 1 000 troops, backed by artillery units including mechanised infantry in Ratel and Rooikat armoured cars from the Army Battle School in Lohatla and Bloemfontein, poured into battle-ravaged townships in support of police in a desperate attempt by security forces to restore law and order.

The army today called in the help of units equipped with large calibre machine-guns. It is not yet clear what armour has been fitted to the vehicles but the Ratels and Rooikats — which formed the main thrust of the bush war offensives — can accommodate 60mm mortars, large cannons and even anti-tank missile systems if needed.

The army also stepped up its own command levels within the unrest areas to conduct operations with the Officer Commanding Witwatersrand Command, Major-General Vos Bernade, heading up the deployment.

"The aim of the reinforcements is to assist the police in stabilising the areas and to prevent any further senseless killings," army headquarters said.

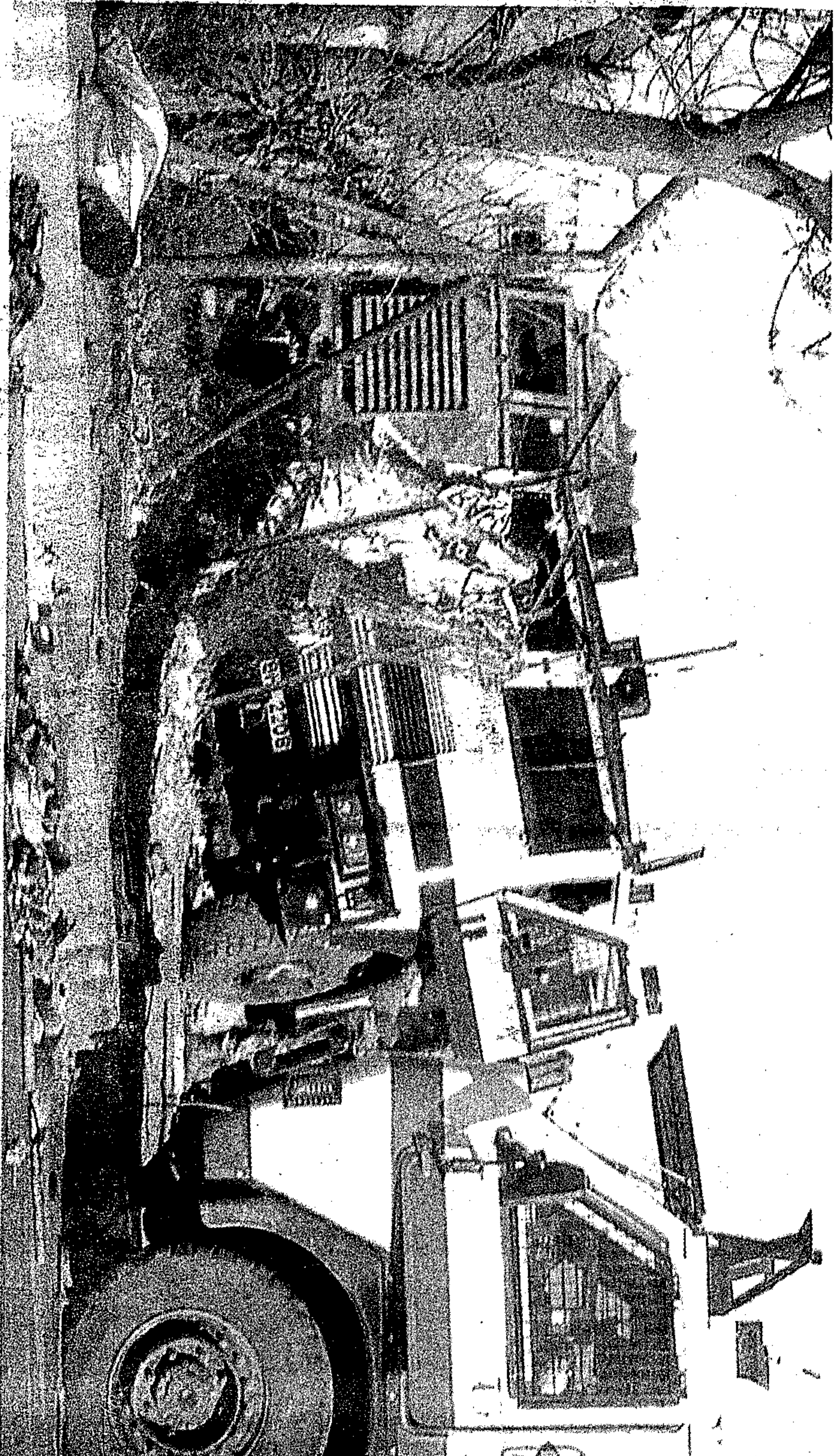
"Residents have nothing to fear provided they are law-abiding and do not in any way attack these forces.

"The army also appeals for calm and a return to peace, and normally so that people can get on with their daily lives.

Earlier today police came under heavy gunfire as the fighting continued for the sixth day.

Police said security forces had swooped on all East Rand townships in "mega numbers" to restore law and order.

Armed police wearing bullet proof vests manned the entry to Thokoza and Katlehong townships on the East Rand ahead of a visit by African National Congress president Nelson Mandela.



**SHOOTOUT:** A mourner, who attended a funeral in Katlehong yesterday for five people killed in the violence last week, lies dead in front of police vehicles after a shootout between police and township residents.



Thousands of angry residents poured into the Huntersfield Stadium in Katlehong to attend a rally at which Mr Mandela

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### FW, Mandela meet

PRETORIA. — President De Klerk and ANC leader Nelson Mandela were to meet today for talks on the violence sweeping the East Rand.

A spokesman for the State President's office, confirming the meeting, did not say where it would take place. — Sapa.

was to speak on the violence which has claimed at least 130 lives and at which he was expected to make a renewed call for calm and peace.

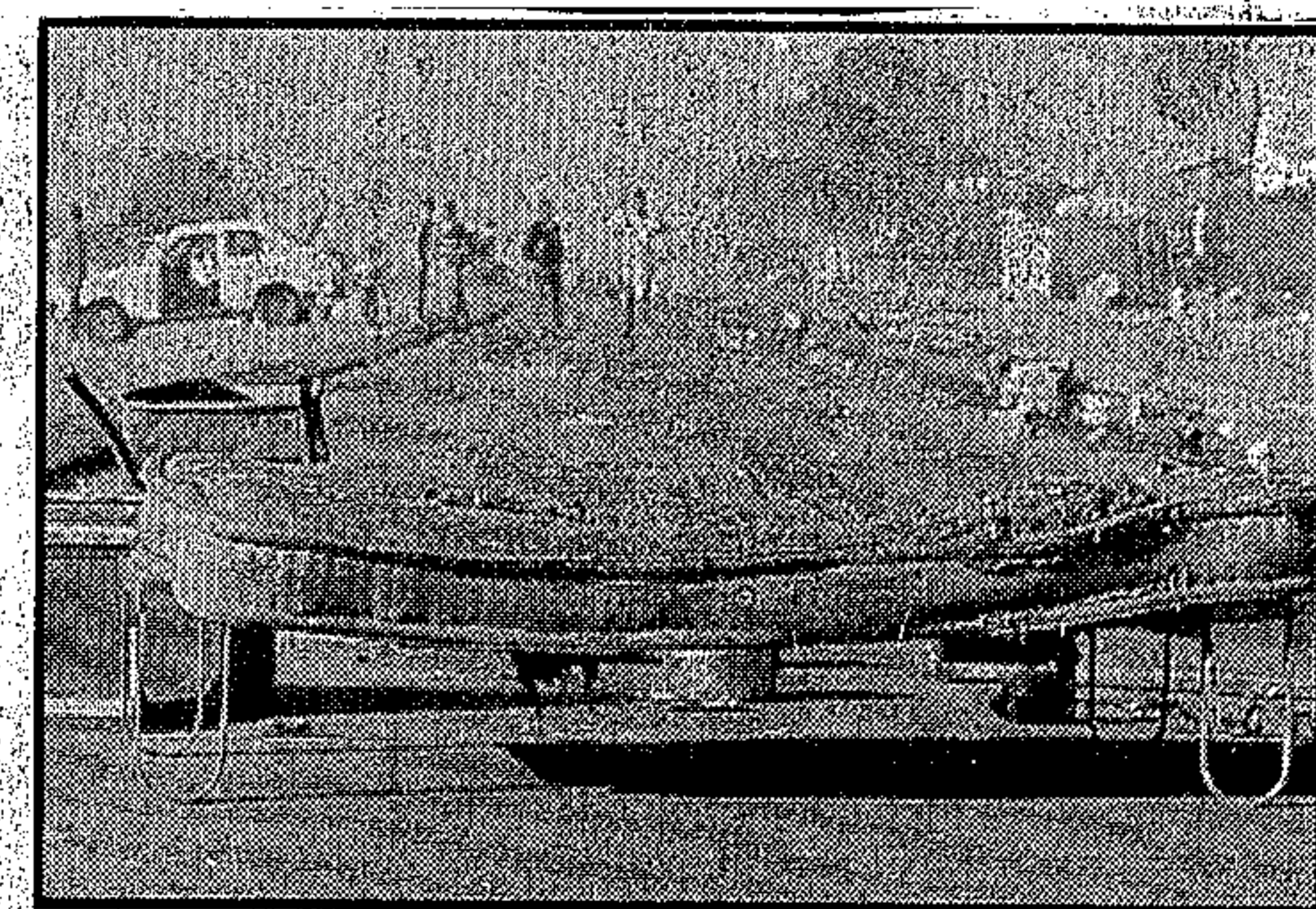
The atmosphere at the stadium was electric as the 5,000-strong crowd sang freedom songs and toyi-toyed.

Two helicopters — one from the police and one from the Defence Force — circled over the stadium.

A police patrol near the stadium came under heavy gunfire about 8am. Armoured vehicles moved into the area en masse but the gunmen disappeared.

Residents filtered into the streets this morning trying to get to work, although little or no transport services were running in the barricade-strewn roads.

Police said they had deployed scores of personnel to clear away the barricades and make policing of the riot-torn areas more effective. They said



**BED BARRICADE:** Barricades were put up with everything residents in the East Rand township of Katlehong could lay their hands on — including this bed.

graders were being deployed to fill in trenches.

The new police moves were being carried out "on cabinet instructions".

Peace monitors reported that a minibus had been driving through Katlehong this morning, its occupants shooting at residents.

The monitors said last night had been "relatively quiet" but police said they had been drawing heavy fire since dawn.

And in a further development, essential services to strife-torn Katlehong have been terminated because of rent and services payment boycotts.

The latest moves follow yesterday's killing of three people in a gunfight between police

and township residents after a funeral procession for five people killed in violence last week in Katlehong.

Lieutenant-General Johan Swart said the number of policemen deployed in the area would be increased and police vehicles in the townships would be equipped with light machine-guns.

"We are fed up with the murder of policemen. We will not hesitate to respond with full force against anyone who fires at us."

General Swart appealed to residents in the townships not to give people involved in the violence access to their properties, warning them that they were "playing with fire" and that they could be killed should the security forces launch retaliatory actions.

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## EAST RAND WAR ZONE 'Viva war to stop the war' • Violence still rampant in East Rand

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## A day in the hell that's Tokoza

By Abbey Makoe

A GRAFFITO on the wall of a Tokoza shop in the strife-torn East Rand township said it all: "Viva war to stop the war."

Tuesday (August 2). I am walking along Khumalo Road, 500m from the notorious Mshay'azafe Hostel (Beat him until he dies).

It's 5pm. Men, women and teenagers in heavy coats stand in separate groups. Elderly men in tightly laced shoes are strategically placed between nearby houses and the hostel.

The sound of AK-47 gunfire rends the air, stopping after about two minutes. One of the men gets into a car, hastily drives off in the direction of the hostel.

"He's right, maybe 'Nkabe' is coming this



## VIOLENCE

way," an old contact tells me. *Nkabe* is the new term Tokoza residents use in reference to the Inkatha Freedom Party supporters living in the hostel.

Local residents claimed at a late-night meeting last Monday that the IFP-aligned Mshay'azafe inmates were being used by police to fuel "black-on-

black violence"

At another meeting later that night, residents unanimously agreed that "more sophisticated guns" had to be bought. Youths were warned not to waste bullets on "minor" targets such as the walls of the hostel.

It was agreed that every household in Tokoza had to give R80 towards buying more weapons. It was also reiterated that the conflict, perceived as a relentless onslaught on residents by hostel dwellers and the police, must go on.

Explaining the slogan, "Viva war to stop the war", the residents said they took up arms only after it became clear to them that the police and the hostel dwellers had launched a war against them.

"We are in this war to stop it," one resident said. Meanwhile, motorists driving past the Mshay'azafe Hostel along Khumalo Road do so at

their own risk. Hostel inmates stone passing motorists and even fire shots at them.

A resident who is active in the defence unit said of the hostel inmates:

"They stop passing cars and force them (the occupants) into the hostel. If you are lucky they make you to pay sums of money and let you out. If you are unlucky you die inside there."

Security force presence in the area is almost nil.

One occasionally sees SADF armoured vehicles driving past at a distance.

Later several residents and I dived for cover when gunmen, driving through Basotho Section, sprayed AK-47 gunfire at crowds gathering on street corners.

## Sinister force stokes unrest on the ER

By Joshua Raboroko

AS VIOLENCE continues unabated on the East Rand, it has become increasingly clear that there are forces stoking it to ensure that a negotiated settlement does not succeed.

This assertion was made by Peace Action, an independent organisation that is monitoring violence in the Pretoria-Witwatersrand-Vereeniging townships.

Peace Action says it is extremely concerned about the violence across the East Rand and the inability of the security forces to halt the carnage.

In a number of case studies, Peace Action has established that it is unclear whether there is one organised grouping or a number of different disaffected sectors following their own agendas.

In a detailed report, it says it is possible that various groupings, who feel they will be marginalised by the democratic process, are forming alliances to halt the process.

It says: "Tragically, these forces are in danger of achieving their goal."

"The success of destabilisation in countries such as Angola and Mozambique is indicative of how vulnerable countries struggling with transition are, and how easily the process of change can be sabotaged."

The report comes in the wake of calls by the African National Congress that constitutional negotiators must set up a joint peace-keeping force as a matter of urgency to stop the continuing bloodbath.

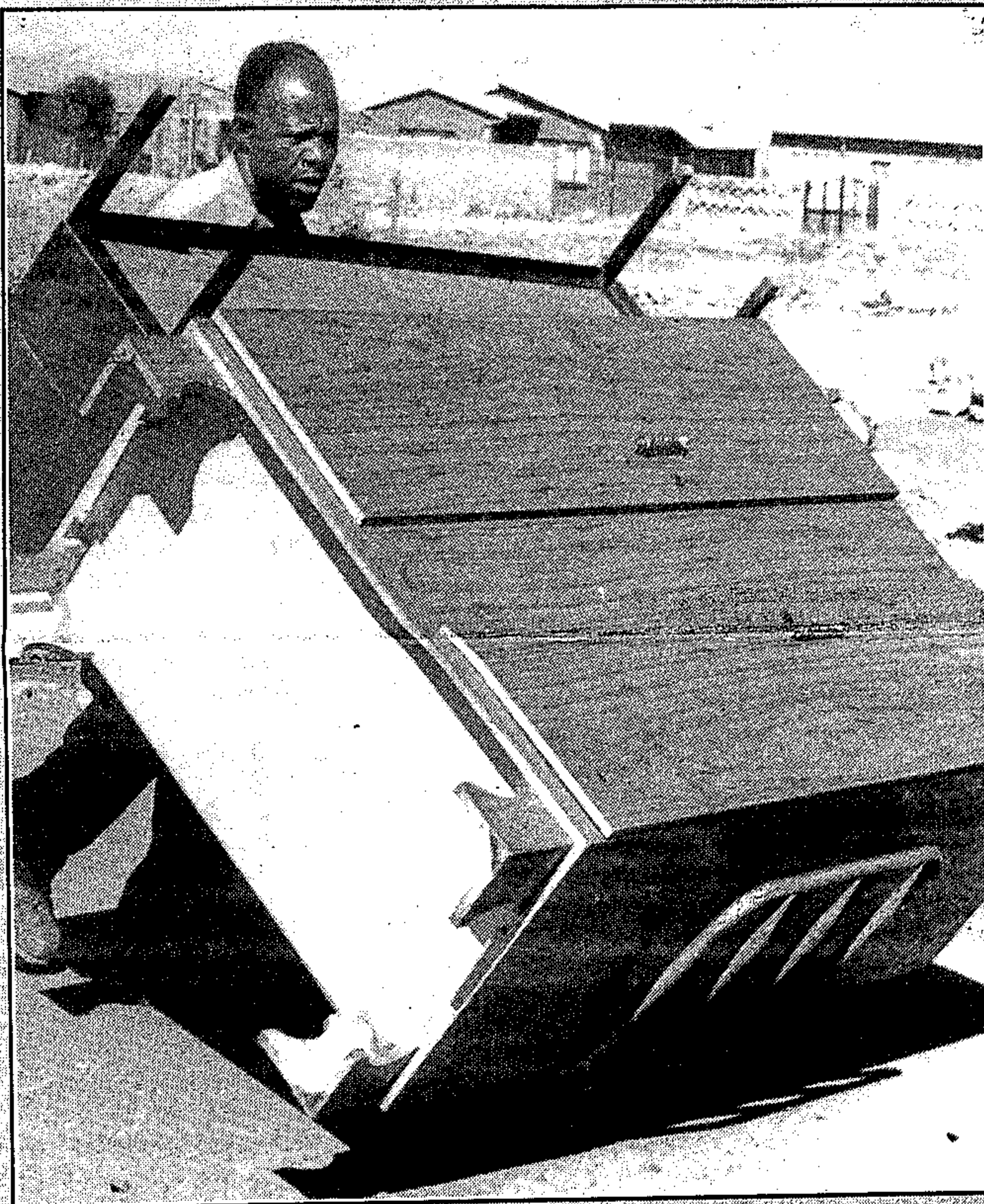
ANC president Nelson Mandela is reported to be planning to contact President FW de Klerk about the raging violence which topped the agenda at the constitutional talks at the World Trade Centre this week.

ANC general secretary Mr Cyril Ramaphosa has called for the urgent establishment of a joint peacekeeping force. He was optimistic that the force would be installed within a week.

Peace Action says South Africa stands at a crossroads, with millions hoping for an end to the ongoing conflict.

Powerful steps, however, are needed to make that hope a reality. Every possible effort must be made to expose and thwart the perpetrators of violence before the country becomes caught up in an irreversible cycle of violence.

Peace Action believes the security forces are unlikely to be able to root out the perpe-



Displaced. A Tokoza resident salvages a wardrobe as he flees the violence

## INCIDENTS in Tokoza, Tembisa, Daveyton and Katlehong since the upsurge in violence during the week-end:

## ● Saturday:

Residents at Radebe Section, Katlehong flee after renewed attacks on their homes. Armed men attack motorists, minibus taxis at Mthambeka Section, Tembisa, killing 33 people including young children. Death toll in three East Rand townships stands at 46.

## ● Sunday:

Tembisa is tense but calm. The body of slain Inkatha Freedom Party leader Mr Absalom Shoji is snatched from a Katlehong funeral parlour by armed men. Violence continues and 16 bodies are found in the East Rand townships.

## ● Monday:

Gunfights continue between residents and Inkatha Freedom Party supporters at Twala and Ncala sections, Katlehong. Sporadic gunfire is reported in Tembisa, Katlehong and Tokoza. Weekend death toll stands at 86.

## ● Tuesday:

The situation is calm in the morning. Violence escalates late afternoon. Fourteen bodies are found in Katlehong, Tembisa and Tokoza.

Tembisa is relatively quiet with some youths searching vehicles entering the township.

## ● Wednesday:

Police report that five people were killed by 2pm — some of them doused with petrol and set alight.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Janine Smith reports 21 petrol-bomb attacks on police vehicles on the East Rand. Two houses owned by policemen are burnt in Tembisa.

## 'More attacks on police in Tembisa'

By Isaac Moledi

THE violent conflict on the East Rand, especially in Tembisa, has led to increasing attacks on the police.

This was revealed by East Rand police spokeswoman Lieutenant Janine Smith, who said between 6am on Tuesday and yesterday morning there had been 21 incidents in which police were stoned by Tembisa residents.

There were also 21 petrol bomb attacks, four firearm and one handgrenade attack against the police.

Two houses belonging to policemen were burnt down, forcing the owners to flee the area.

Smith said the major problem facing the police on the East Rand was the barricading of roads by the residents. Stones, burning tyres and concrete blocks were being used to block roads, making it difficult for police to patrol these areas, especially at night.

their duties by continuing their daily patrols, sending reinforcements whenever necessary and negotiating with concerned organisations in the areas.

Mr Con Roux, chairman of the Boksburg-Benoni Peace Committee, said the committee had received co-operation from the community, organisations, leaders and security forces to the extent that a formal peace agreement had been signed by all the major organisations in Daveyton.

"A major problem is communicating and extending the co-operation down to grassroots level," he said.

Another major difficulty, Roux said, was that many of the incidents of violence were perpetrated by faceless people.

"There have been a number of drive-by attacks by people who are not known and which have resulted in a large number of people being killed."

Mistrust between police and the community was also rife, Roux said.

it are dealt with.

"We also have peace monitors on duty patrolling the townships on a 24-hour basis."

"We are constantly on duty to facilitate communication between different organisations."

A spokesman for the Wits-Vaal Regional Peace Secretariat said that there seemed not to be enough security forces or peace monitors to deal with each incident of violence.

"Townships are heavily barricaded. In Tembisa, frightened residents have constructed barricades with refuse bins and have dug trenches for protection."

"Reports from residents and peace monitors say the presence of police seems to be accompanied by increased gunfire from residents," the spokesman said.

The spokesman said the targets of violence included women and children and people who were on their way to work.



# EAST RAND WAR ZONE ER communities have become desensitised to the violence



**THE UGLY FACE OF VIOLENCE:** A burnt corpse lay for two days uncollected in Katlehong; five to eight-year-olds were playing next to it.

## Where a pierced earlobe means death

By Mzimasi Ngudle

IT'S Tuesday morning and Katlehong is still tense. A small thing like an earlobe mark can cost you your life here.

The mood is militant in this East Rand township and at the same time menacingly quiet. The people here are used to violence and are no longer afraid.

No sense of trepidation is evident on the faces of residents as they move around gingerly.

Neither shock nor horror is etched on the faces of the families of some of the victims of violence, which has so far claimed more than 124 lives in Katlehong, Tokoza and Tembisa since last Saturday.

You enter a house to condole with a family. They are simply not impressed.

They only want to know what you want. The sooner you state your case and get out the better.

No more weeping and sobbing. The mood is militant and vengeful. There is a war going on and people are angry.

This is how the communities of the East Rand have become desensitised to violence.

All is not lost, however.

One indignant resident went to the offices of the Wits-Vaal Peace Committee and complained bitterly about a corpse that had been lying in Tsolo Section in Katlehong for two days. This despite pleas to police to come and fetch it.

"Children as young as five are playing around the corpse. What kind of future are we nurturing?" she asked. She left without having accomplished anything after a peace officer told her only the police could collect corpses.

Her sentiments are echoed by other residents we meet during our drive through the barricaded streets. They, too, are angry that the necklaced corpse, believed to be of a hostel inmate, is still lying there.

A deep hack wound on the corpse's back is crammed with flies. It appears as if the man had suffered excruciating pain moments before he died. His hands are clasped together and a half-burnt tyre lies next to the body.

Children between the ages of five and eight are standing over the body, looking at its private parts which, like the face, are covered with soot.

Residents living nearby only come out to look after we arrive and took pictures.

They all decry the trauma their children is experiencing and want to know what the future holds in store for them.

"Hayi, bantwana bami kunzima, (Oh, my children, it is really tough)," is all an old woman has to say.

Reports are that the man had been in a minibus taxi stopped by the "comrades". When they spotted his pierced earlobe, they grabbed him and demanded to know where he came from.

The man apparently ran away with the mob in hot

pursuit. He was later cornered, hacked and set alight.

Residents generally associate pierced earlobes with Inkatha Freedom Party supporters.

At Ncala Section, Katlehong, the situation is no less gloomy. After driving past the deserted Radebe Section we come across a group of comrades about 300 metres from an IFP stronghold.

The corpse of a man is covered in congealed blood. Nobody looks concerned. A 15-year-old boy, who claims

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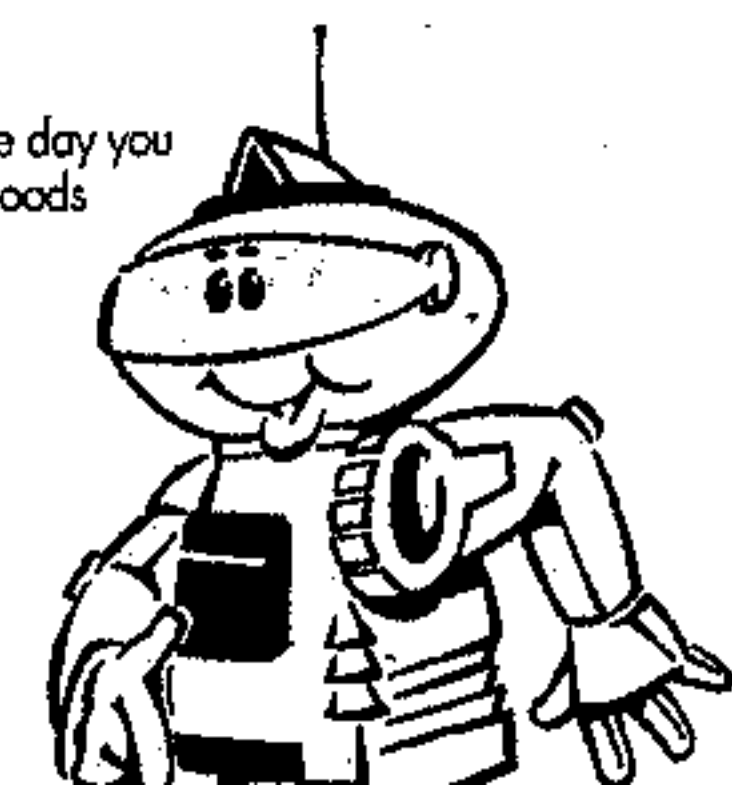
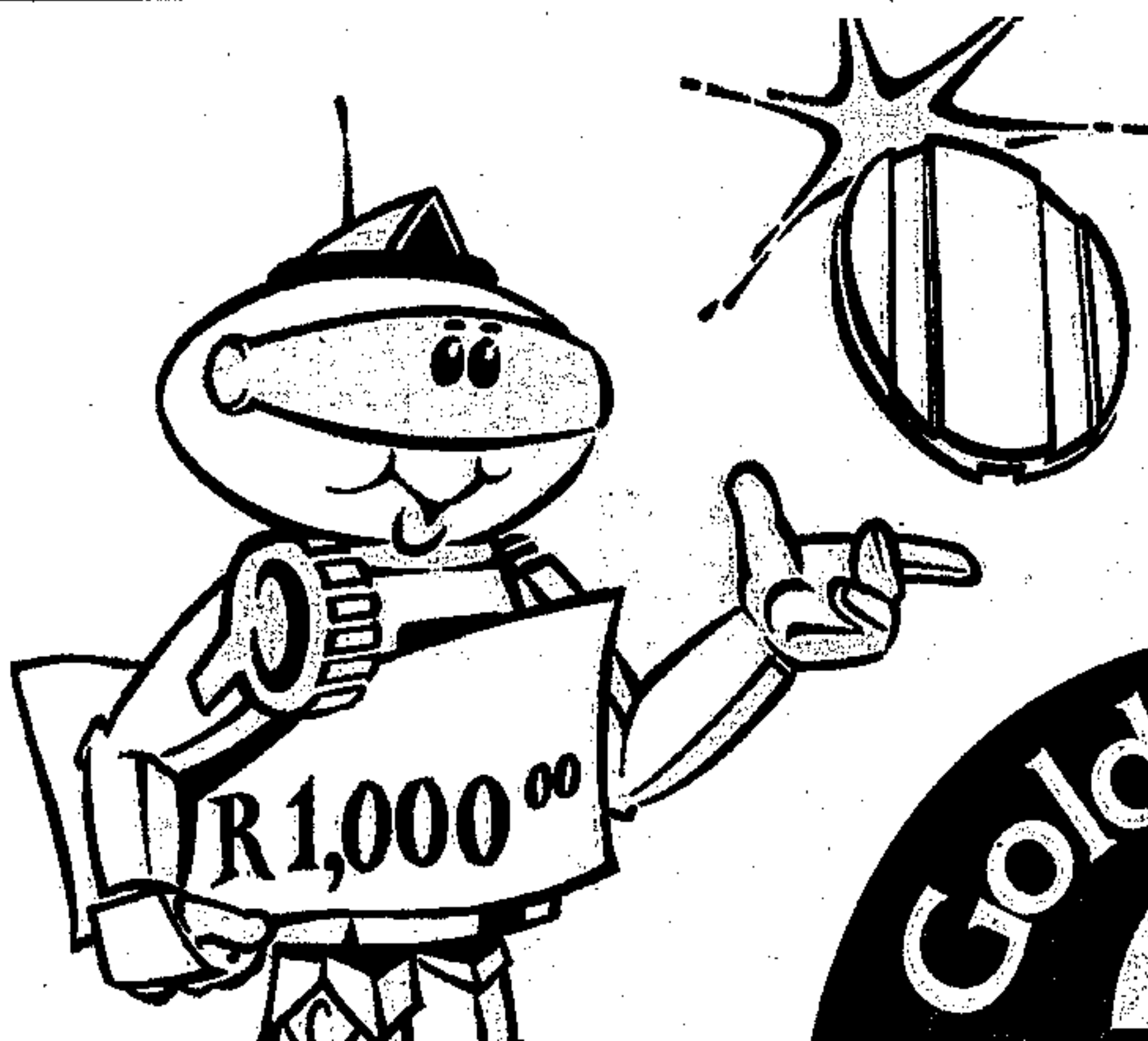
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\* You can only exchange your till slip for a token the day you do your shopping, and you must have bought goods worth at least R30,00.





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# Freedom hobble

THE Western Transvaal town of Schweizer-Reneke has been declared an unrest area with immediate effect in an attempt to avoid possible conflict between the AWB and the ANC on Saturday.

The Ministry of Law and Order announced this yesterday following the decision to grant the freedom of the town to the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeging leader Mr Eugene Terre Blanche and African National Congress military wing Umkhonto we Sizwe chief of staff Mr Joe Modise.

Security forces are to deploy 1 500 extra personnel in the area at the weekend.

A statement released by Law and Order Minister Mr Hernus Kriel yes-

terday said: "In order to prevent confrontation and violence stemming from this situation, I have decided to declare the Schweizer-Reneke magisterial district an unrest area with immediate effect. (278)

"I must stress that the role of the SAP will be to impartially and apolitically protect the rights of all citizens — irrespective of political affiliations — in the Schweizer-Reneke area during this period.

"However, both the AWB and the ANC must carry the heavy responsibility of acting with the utmost restraint, responsibility and tolerance.

"Both organisations should take steps to ensure that incidents which could spark violence are avoided.

Sapa.

# Bid to avert AWB-ANC collision

Star  
Staff Reporter

5/8/93

The western Transvaal town of Schweizer-Reneke has been declared an unrest area with immediate effect in an attempt to avoid a possible conflict between the AWB and the ANC on Saturday, Minister of Law and Order Hernus Kriel has said.

This follows the decision to grant the freedom of the town to AWB leader Eugene Terre-Blanche and the subsequent decision by the ANC to grant the freedom of the town to Umkhonto we Sizwe commander Joe Modise.

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"Both the AWB and the ANC must carry the heavy responsibility of acting with the utmost restraint, responsibility and tolerance. Both organisations should take steps to control and discipline their supporters."

Sapa reports that Western Transvaal regional commissioner of police Major-General Tokkie Nienaber has limited AWB members to only one holstered firearm each.



# SAY, mourners shoot it out

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EAST RAND  
WAR ZONE



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By Bongani Mavuso

**K**ATLEHONG ON THE EAST RAND resembled a war zone yesterday after police in camouflage uniforms shot at mourners on their way to Vosloorus Cemetery.

The shooting was without provocation, according to residents living nearby. But a police spokesman said the police were shot at after they had stopped a kombi carrying AK-47s.

The area around Skhosana Section where the shooting took place, was strewn with bodies of the

dead and injured who were one their way to bury victims of the violence. At least six bodies lay on the ground. Police later confirmed that three people were shot dead and three others injured.

Police spokesman Captain Wikus Weber described the situation as "very bad".

"At the moment there is a lot of shooting, stone-throwing and petrol-bombings," he said.

Weber said: "Police stopped a minibus taxi which had AK-47 rifles in it during the funeral procession. As they approached the kombi to search it, shooting erupted. Police then returned fire."

The procession had come from the DH Williams Hall where the service had taken place. Most of the victims of the shooting were at the tail-end of the procession. The rest of the cortege proceeded to the cemetery where the four activists were buried.

When the shooting started, many people ran in all directions. Bodies were left lying on the ground.

Those buried yesterday included local leader Artwell Khabanyane shot dead by the police about two weeks ago. The others were Charles Molai, his brother Moramang and Kumeleeng Dira.

The police apparently started shooting without any provocation. No warning shots were fired.

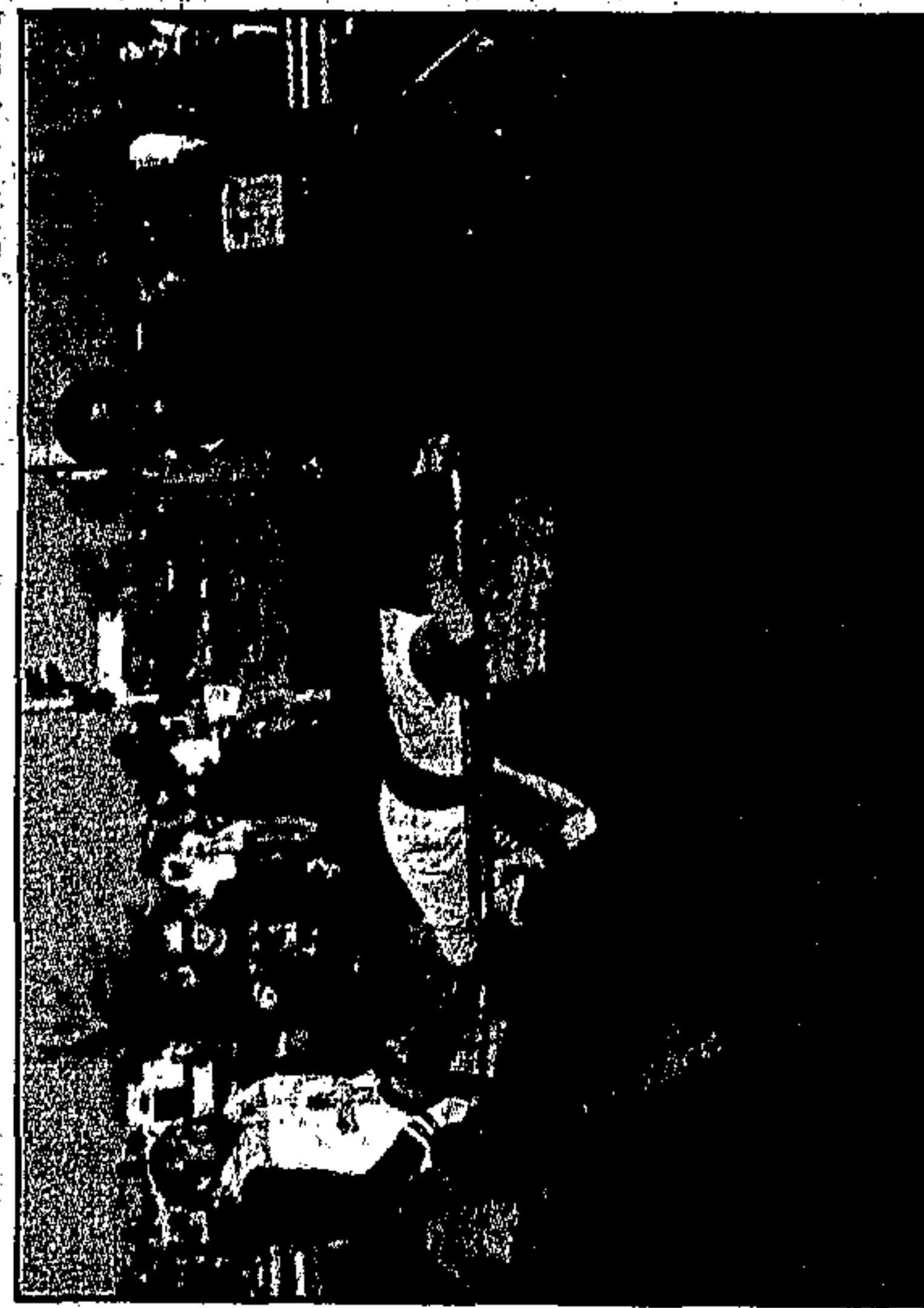
Gunfire continued for about five hours and journalists, members of the peace secretariat and the Red Cross were prevented by the police from entering the area. At one stage a car belonging to the Red Cross came under fire.

Senior police officer Lieutenant-General Johan Swart said light machineguns were to be mounted on police vehicles patrolling East Rand townships. He said this had become necessary for policemen to better protect themselves.

"We are fed up with the murder of policemen. We will not hesitate to respond with full force against anyone who fires at police," he said.

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DEATH ZONE ... An injured woman is carried on a stretcher by members of the Red Cross after police had exchanged gunfire with a group of mourners during the funeral of four activists in Katlehong on the East Rand yesterday. At least three people were killed and several injured in the shootout.

PIC: MBUZENI ZULU



# Bid to avert AWB-ANC collision

Star  
Staff Reporter

5/8/93

The western Transvaal town of Schweizer-Reneke has been declared an unrest area with immediate effect in an attempt to avoid a possible conflict between the AWB and the ANC on Saturday, Minister of Law and Order Hernus Kriel has said.

This follows the decision to grant the freedom of the town to AWB leader Eugene Terre-Blanche and the subsequent decision by the ANC to grant the freedom of the town to Umkhonto we Sizwe commander Joe Modise. (278)

Security forces are to deploy 1 500 extra personnel in the area at the weekend. (278)

Kriel said in a statement yesterday: "I must stress that the role of the SAP will be to impartially and apolitically protect the rights of all citizens — irrespective of political affiliations — in the Schweizer-Reneke area during this period."

"Both the AWB and the ANC must carry the heavy responsibility of acting with the utmost restraint, responsibility and tolerance. Both organisations should take steps to control and discipline their supporters."

Sapa reports that Western Transvaal regional commissioner of police Major-General Tokkie Nienaber has limited AWB members to only one holstered firearm each.



# Police in Rand battle — 3 die

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THREE people were shot dead and 10 were wounded when a gun battle broke out between police and township residents on the East Rand yesterday during a funeral procession.

The gunfire erupted after police surrounded a minibus, which they had been told would be carrying weapons.

Witnesses said the firing continued for about 30 minutes, with a handful of police pinned down behind their vehicles under fire from three sides.

At the height of the battle about 100 people from a crowd of 7 000 mourners were lying on the ground to avoid being hit in the crossfire.

A police spokesman was last night unable to confirm reports that the driver of the minibus had been wearing a priest's dog collar.

According to Reuters television cameraman Mr Jimi Matthews, police found guns and handgrenades in the vehicle. As they were searching the vehicle, he said, they came under AK-47 fire from several directions.

The police returned fire with rifles, handguns and stun grenades.

In a follow-up operation police arrested two men and confiscated two AK-47s, a crossbow and a pistol.

Police liaison officer Captain Wikus Weber said there was anger in the community as residents had been told that police had opened fire without reason.

Reacting to the killings, the police said light machineguns were to be mounted on police vehicles patrolling East Rand townships.

## Four gunmen fire on Estcourt pedestrians

DURBAN. — The death toll from violence and crime in Natal over the past six days rose to 31 yesterday.

Four gunmen apparently firing at random on pedestrians in Estcourt in Natal killed a man and wounded two others yesterday morning.

Police said they found spent AK-47 and 9mm cartridges at the scene.

Other incidents reported by police since Sunday included:

● A 47-year-old man was arrested for the murder of Mr Mbekizeni Mbatha, who was allegedly shot when he tried to rob the man in Ulundi.

● The body of Mr Thobela Mchunu, 25, of Mahlabathini, northern Natal, was found stabbed to death. One arrest was made.

● The KwaZulu Police (KZP) said Mr Bonginkosi Zungu, 25, was beaten to death in KwaMashu after he was allegedly found stealing.

● In KwaMakutha, the KZP said two unidentified men were shot by unknown attackers.

● A 24-year-old man was found shot dead on the premises of a butchery in KwaMakutha.

● In Umlazi an unidentified 21-year-old man was shot while walking along the streets.

Meanwhile the ANC's northern Natal region has blamed an Inkathale assassination campaign for the slaying of a second University of Zululand student and ANC activist this week. The ANC has also accused the KZP of attacking ANC supporters.

Education student Mr Mandla Dlamini was shot dead at his home outside Eshowe on Sunday night. He was due to begin his mid-year exams this week.

A KZP spokesman rejected the allegations of "police brutality and bias towards the IFP". — Sapa

Lieutenant-General Johan Swart said the machineguns had become necessary in order for policemen to better protect themselves.

"We are fed up with the murder of policemen. We will not hesitate to respond with full force against anyone who fires at police."

Gen Swart also announced that the number of policemen in the embattled East Rand townships would be increased "substantially" during the next few days. Soldiers would also be called in.

Yesterday's deaths bring to at least 127 the number of people killed on the East Rand since last Friday. Police said yesterday 16 bodies were discovered in Katlehong and Tembisa after a night of violence.

Meanwhile the embattled township was plunged into further crisis yesterday with the announcement that maintenance services to Katlehong had been cut off in retaliation against a lengthy rent and services boycott.

East Rand townships continued to burn yesterday as youths manning barricades fought running battles with police, and unknown attackers rampaged through township streets setting houses alight.

The joint operations centre at Natalspruit Hospital reported Katlehong in a state of upheaval with refugees streaming into the hospital.

It said corpses with hack, stab, burn and gunshot wounds were littered across the townships.

## Fears of ANC, AWB conflict

PRETORIA.

Schweizer-Reneke has been declared an unrest area and about 1 500 security force members will be deployed there at the weekend to prevent possible confrontation between the ANC and the AWB (278)

This follows a decision by the Schweizer-Reneke council to grant the freedom of the town to the AWB on Saturday.

The Western Transvaal ANC branch has said it will grant the freedom of the town to uMkhonto weSizwe commander Mr Joe Modise — on the same day.



## Three killed in police, residents funeral battle

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Police said they would mount light machineguns on police patrol vehicles to protect their members.

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# NEWS FEATURE With the Press in Katlehong • Residents of Bhambayi, Tembisa accuse

## 'I felt like I was in hell'

By Abbey Makoe

I WAS walking in one of violence-riddled Tokoza's many barricaded streets with an old contact, Mr Desmond Sabi, this week.

Suddenly there was an burst of automatic gunfire.

I immediately dived for cover as people do in a war zone. Sabi, however, did not do so.

Instead, he smiled gently, held me by the hand and gave me a pat on the shoulder.

"Don't panic, man, this is not serious," he said.

I could not understand it. Streets were barricaded and there was the sound of continuous gunfire. And someone tells me it is not serious.

I spent 64 hours in Tokoza. And at the end of it all, I felt like I was in hell. I am happy I have come out of the place alive.

What strikes one is that people like Sabi, who were born and brought up in Tokoza, view the violent situation as normal. They have gone through this violence for such a long time that they now see it as a normal way of living.

Men, women and children rush out of their houses each time they hear the

sound of gunfire. They are clearly not worried by the possibility of getting hurt.

During my first 24 hours there I was taken aback when I heard elderly people openly hurling abuse at passing policemen. (278)

Residents laughed and joked every time they heard news about a slain or torched hostel dweller.

"This is one war we cannot afford to lose," said a youngster.

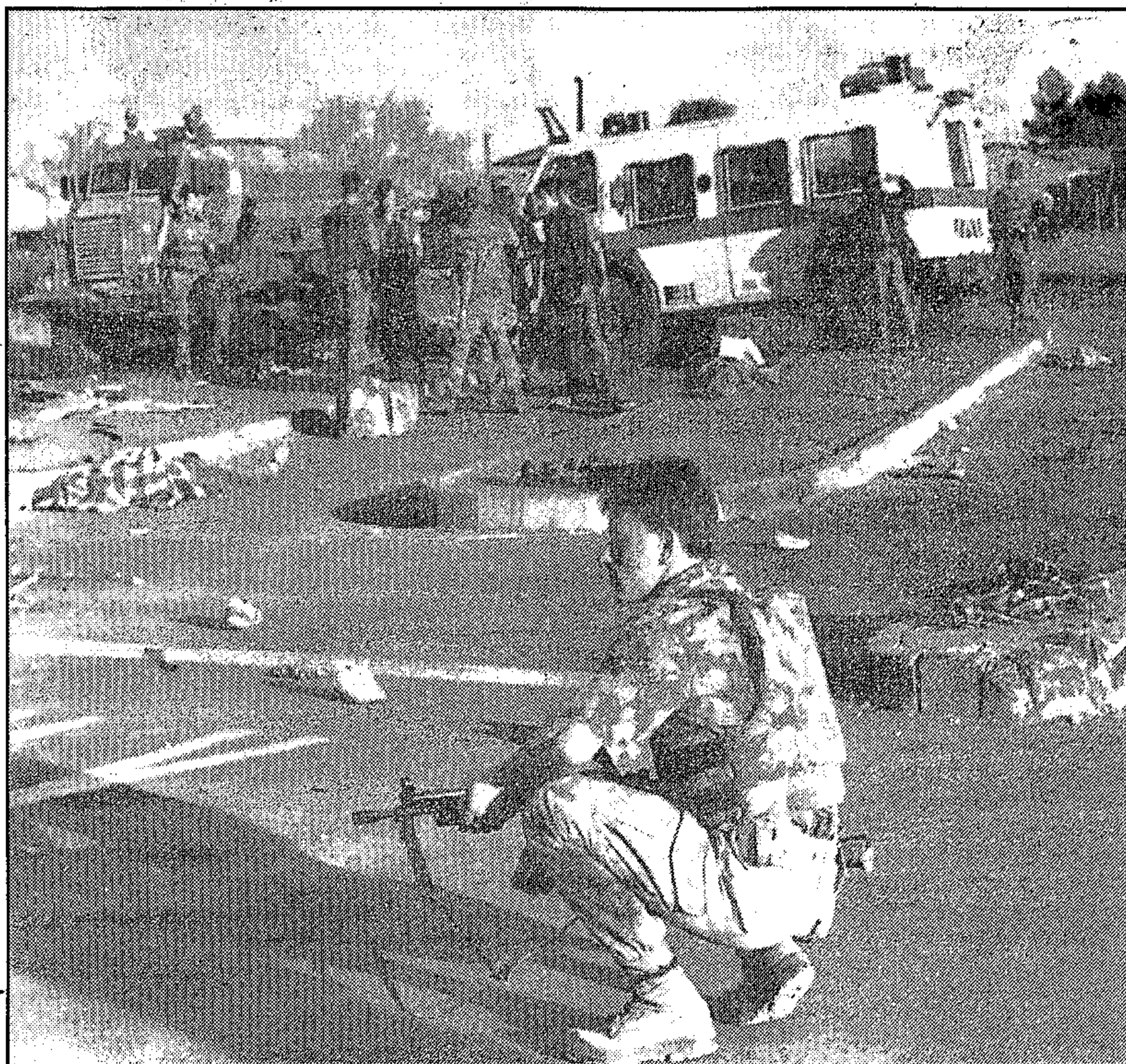
Another youth, brandishing a pistol, was on "official guard duty".

At night, as I pondered the justifiability or wisdom of taking on such an assignment in the middle of war-torn Tokoza, my hosts, six people including two children, were fast asleep. It was unbelievable.

During my stay there, I managed to speak to local civic leader Mr Louis Sibeko. He lashed out at the Local Dispute Resolution Committees which are part of the National Peace Accord.

"They are as useless as the Tokoza police station," he said.

The residents, according to Sibeko, have identified certain people and the police as joint primary causes of violence in Tokoza and residents could no longer take it.



WE ARE HERE NOW ... Police standing guard in Katlehong yesterday after a funeral procession ended in chaos as a result of a shootout between police and some of the mourners.

Pic: MBUZENI ZULU

## A day of death and destruction

By Bongani Mavuso

A PEACE monitors' car races down a road at high speed, avoiding barricades on the road. A woman with a blood-spattered face sits in the front passenger seat.

Residents of Skhosana, Ncala, Twala and Makula sections in Katlehong on the East Rand are running in all directions from an intersection near Khumalo Road, the scene of shooting between mourners and police.

The Sowetan team at the scene drive towards the intersection where about eight police Casspirs are parked.

As our car enters the intersection, gunfire erupts.

"Abantu bayafa lapha. Asikhipheni ibhande (People are dying here. Let's take out the arm-band)," says our driver.

We take cover and flash a red Press arm-band out of the window. Bullets whiz past our car.

Our driver stops the car next to the American Board Mission Church. Suddenly the gunfire stops.

In the middle of the intersection a man lies motionless and a Red Cross vehicle, with all its doors open, stands near the police vehicles.

Its occupants are hiding at the side of the vehicle. The body of a woman lies near the fence of the church.

Several other bodies lie face down near the fence and those of two men lie a short distance away from the motionless man.

Our photographer crawls out of the car towards the intersection.

"Kyk daai persman," screams a policeman and gunfire follows.

Another Casspir drives up Khumalo Road. "Daar is twee onder daai boom, kry hulle," a policeman instructs his colleagues. Then the rapid sound of gunfire follows.

Again we take cover. The area is tense.

When the gunfire subsides, a Red Cross van reverses towards the two men lying in the road. When the car gets near

Road. The Red Cross members had managed to take one of the men.

A policeman in one of the Casspirs near the church throws away metal sticks. Police tell people lying near the fence to stand up and "voetsek". About six of them walk away and the Casspir drives up Khumalo Road.

"Kom julle uit of ons skiet," a policeman with a loudhailer shouts. Two men emerge with their hands up. Police search them. "Gaan julle weg. Julle moet nie hierheen terugkom nie," they are told.

Residents mill about aimlessly in Hospital Road. Angry youths threaten to go towards the scene of the shooting and "wipe the Boers out".

We drive to the Natalspruit Hospital and look for our photographer. "We do not know where he is," terrified Red Cross members say.

"We fled the area when we came under heavy gunfire."

Our team returns to the intersection and look for the photographer. Our colleague emerges from a group of photographers.

There are many people in the hospital premises. It resembles a refugee camp. A man, bleeding profusely from the stomach, is wheeled away on a stretcher.

Five minutes later, a car speeds past the entrance. A woman with a bullet wound in the leg screams hysterically from the back seat.

Shortly afterwards another car drives past. Four men carry out a bleeding man. He is unconscious.

We leave the hospital around 5.45pm. Katlehong is tense and we wonder how many people will live to see the next day.

**We take cover and flash a red Press arm-band out of the window. Bullets**

## Shackland anger over missing police

**SELF-DEFENCE** Where are the cops, is anguished cry as Bhambayi burns:

**W**HERE WERE THE police? angry residents of Bhambayi, near Durban, asked

yesterday morning after another attack in the strife-torn shackland claimed the lives of at least eight people.

Wednesday night's attack — which was in the "Reds" section of the informal settlement — was apparently launched by members of the "Greens" faction.

At least two of those killed were shot and then thrown into a blazing shack. Those burned to death were Ms Mamjoli Maseko (50) and a man known only as "Ndlovu from Maritzburg".

Also killed in last night's attack was 18-year-old Bavumile Cele, who was hacked to death in her bed.

Once more residents blamed members of the Internal Stability Unit patrol-

ling the area for failing to protect them against such attacks. Some went to the extent of accusing members of the ISU of complicity in the attacks. Responding to the allegations, police spokesman Major Bala Naidoo said people should not expect miracles: "They cannot expect the police to be everywhere. When they heard the gunshots last night they went to investigate."

Naidoo also dismissed allegations of security forces' involvement in the attacks. However, residents maintained that the attack was at about 10.30pm and that the police were nowhere to be seen until this morning. When journalists went into the area three of the corpses

had not yet been removed. Residents complained that, while failing to protect them, the police arrested them whenever residents formed their own patrol squads.

"What do they expect us to do?" asked an angry resident whose shack was also attacked last night.

Naidoo said people could not expect the police to allow them to form vigilante groups.

With Maseko's death, a two-year-old child, Sindi, is left without a guardian. Maseko took charge of the toddler after its mother had abandoned her in February this year. According to residents the mother left for work and never came back.

## ANC opportunistic — cop

WITWATERSRAND regional police commissioner Lieutenant-General Koos Calitz has accused the African National Congress of political opportunism for its criticism that police took four hours to respond to Saturday's Tembisa massacre.

At least 33 people died when a group numbering about 200 went on the rampage.

In one attack, 12 minibus taxi passengers were shot dead and the taxi set alight.

Reacting to ANC criticisms as reported in a Johannesburg newspaper this week, Calitz said the time for finger-

witnesses not to hand information to police in the past, he said: "People are dying every day and the police need the assistance of the political parties and the communities to bring the carnage to an end."

"Sowing mistrust and suspicion in the minds of the community is merely stoking the fires and will not assist in quelling the violence."

"The ANC has an important role to play in bringing normality to the situation ... it is time for all parties to face up to their responsibilities in restoring law and order," he said.

It was reported that ANC Tembisa

police had arrived in time. He also claimed police failed to search a nearby hostel for suspects.

Calitz disagreed that the commuters' lives could have been saved, saying the victims were dead when the bus was set alight.

In the report, the ANC expressed outrage at what it said was police inefficiency compared to their prompt reaction when whites were killed recently in a Cape Town church massacre.

Calitz said that in the case of the church massacre police were receiving the help of the entire community, including the ANC. In Tembisa, there was



**NEWS** State of emergency in Schw

# AWB warning to ANC: Hands off!

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THE Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging yesterday warned the African National Congress it would not tolerate any interference by the organisation when the AWB receives the freedom of Schweizer-Reneke tomorrow.

AWB general staff secretary "Colonel" Nico Prinsloo was reacting in a statement to a decision on Wednesday by Minister of Law and Order Mr Hennie Kriel to declare the Western Transvaal town an unrest area to prevent a possible confrontation between the two organisations.

Prinsloo said the planned march by the ANC in Schweizer-Reneke's neighbouring Ipelegeng township, to coincide with the AWB ceremony, was intended to seek confrontation with the AWB.

He said Kriel should never have

given permission for the ANC march to be held on the day the AWB was to receive the freedom of the town.

"As a result of his incomprehensible decision, a state of emergency has been announced in the area and 1 500 policemen have to be moved there at considerable cost. (278)

"And, ironically, he now threatens the AWB instead of acting against the ANC," Prinsloo said.

He warned the ANC that the AWB would act "mercilessly" against them if the AWB's democratic rights were encroached upon.

The organisations will grant the freedom of the town in separate ceremonies to AWB leader Mr Eugene Terre'Blanche and ANC military wing Umkhonto we Sizwe commander Mr Joe Modise. — Sapa.



# Peace Accord 'can stem fray'

DURBAN. — National Peace Secretariat chairman Dr Antonie Gildenhuys yesterday conceded there were shortcomings in the the Peace Accord but maintained it was largely effective and had helped prevent East Rand violence from spreading through the Transvaal.

Addressing a meeting to assess the two-year-old accord, Dr Gildenhuys said a successful Wits/Vaal peace committee meeting on Wednesday could "go a long way to restoring peace (to the East Rand)", and underlined the accord's potential to work.

He said police and leaders of warring groups had agreed to "preach peace" in their constituencies.

In terms of agreements reached at the meeting, he said daily meetings would be held at the East Rand joint operations centre to assess ways to prevent further killing.

Police also agreed to greater consultation before they acted, he added.

On the accord's shortcomings, Dr Gildenhuys said it lacked legal "teeth", but this was being addressed by a special sub-committee which would report back to the National Peace Committee next week.

Outlining the accord's successes, Dr Gildenhuys said 11 regional peace committees and 120 local peace committees had been established.

"But they cannot operate effectively unless communities ... want peace."

Dr Gildenhuys acknowledged there were too few black faces in leading positions on peace committees, and he urged black clergy to avail themselves of these structures.

He said community co-operation with security forces was as important as the police's obligation to consult and work with residents and leaders of areas affected by violence.

"If the police act as an invasion army, they will not achieve success," he said. — Sapa



## Policeman shot dead on Reef

JOHANNESBURG. —

An assistant constable was shot dead and robbed of his service pistol in Power Park squatter camp yesterday and a constable was seriously wounded in Nancefield, Soweto. (678)

A police spokesman said the assistant constable died shortly after police received a tip-off about weapons in Power Park. (678)

He said when police raided the settlement about 1am yesterday the constable was shot and two men were arrested. No weapons were found.

— Sapa CT 6/8/93



# Mandela: is also

## Call for tolerance and reconciliation in SA

### Own Correspondents

**JOHANNESBURG.** — ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela told a crowd of 7 000 East Rand township residents yesterday that ANC supporters had killed innocent people in the area.

Referring to "instances of ANC supporters participating in the murder of innocent people", Mr Mandela said he did not want "such people" in the ANC.

"If you kill innocent people ... then you don't belong to the ANC. We want you to fight criminals. We don't want you to fight innocent people.

"If you have no discipline we don't want you in our organisation," he added.

In his address to the township residents who packed into the Huntersfield Stadium in Katlehong, Mr Mandela appealed to members of the ANC to "make friends" with Inkatha supporters.

### Complicity

And he later said arrangements were being made for him and Inkatha leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi to undertake a joint tour of the area in an effort to stop the violence.

In his address, Mr Mandela also accused police of complicity in East Rand violence that has killed nearly 130 people since last Friday.

"Clearly these are signs that the police are involved in this violence," Mr Mandela said, calling for the police internal stability unit to be removed from townships.

He accused "top officials" in the SAP of being involved with hostel dwellers in the violence.

But acknowledging that violence was not just the responsibility of the government, Mr Mandela said: "Real leaders do not just point fingers."

The responsibility to end violence lay also with the leadership of black organisations.

He said the ANC understood the anger and frustration of people mourning the deaths of relatives killed in the violence, but called for discipline and a spirit of reconciliation among ANC supporters.

Fighting on the East Rand was not a feud between Zulus and other ethnic groups. "The ANC has more Zulu supporters than Inkatha on the East Rand," he said.

"We are building a nation and the answer is



**BATTLE CRY.** A child armed with a homemade axe, attends a rally in Katlehong yesterday. Picture: AP

reconciliation, peace and political tolerance. Let us preach the slogan: 'Build, my friends, build. Let us build a new South Africa.'

To loud disagreement from the crowd, Mr Mandela suggested that ANC supporters should "make

friends with an Inkatha member in your area."

"We must give them a shoulder to lean on," he said. "We must try to win them over."

He said a major problem for his organisation was the unwillingness of the government and the security forces to protect people in the townships.

"We don't want anybody to be killed, but when five whites were killed earlier this year, the whole eastern Cape was turned into a battlefield. They mobilised every policeman in that area to defend whites.

"By then no less than 15 000 blacks had been killed in this violence. To the police and the SADF, the lives of black people are cheap. Whether one dies, or 10 die, it makes no difference to whites," he said.

Mr Mandela, who interrupted a fundraising tour of Malaysia to address the violence, said he had asked President F W de Klerk to use the army and police to surround the hostels to prevent attacks from being launched from them.

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No. Mr Mandela said the problem could be solved if the violence was a question of blacks fighting blacks. However, the government, police and the army were involved in the violence.

He said police were causing problems by refusing to implement joint agreements with political parties.

Joint operations centres were rendered ineffective because of the deployment of police officers, and police were refusing to co-operate with ANC and other peace

tors. He said the security forces were seen in large numbers during the day, but at night they simply disappear.

Mr Mandela claimed there were criminals working in close co-operation with police. Policing was conducted by mainly mobile units based outside the townships,

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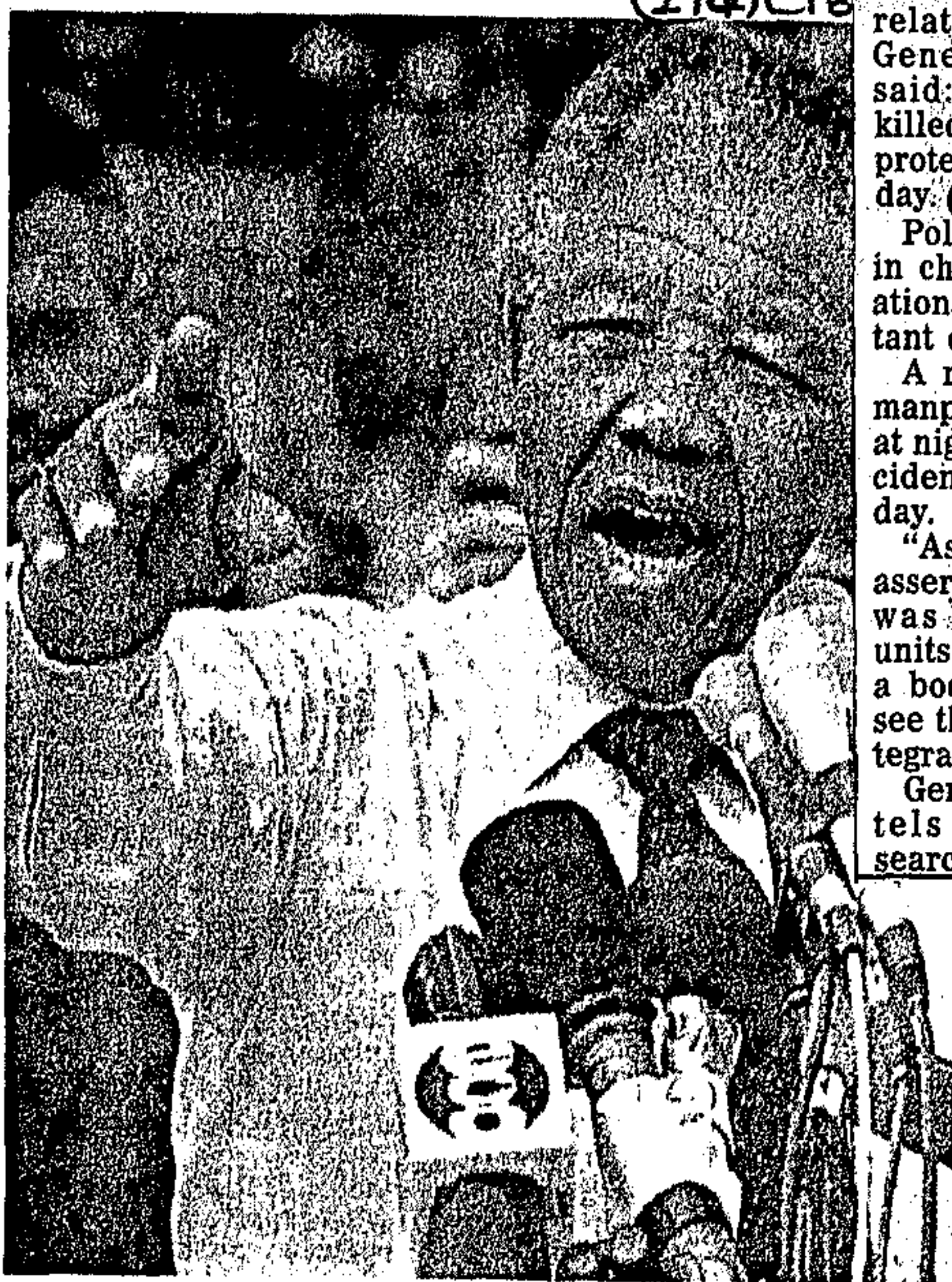
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PLEA FOR PEACE... ANC President Mr Nelson Mandela  
calls for peace at a rally in the strife-torn township of  
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Picture: AP

policemen displayed racist and suspicious  
attitudes. Hostels were not subjected to regu-  
lar searches, he added.

● SA Army headquarters announced yes-  
terday that army reinforcements would be  
moved into the Witwatersrand "in the coming  
hours and days".

Police kept a low profile throughout Mr  
Mandela's meeting, but Nyala armoured  
vehicles — some fitted with mounted light  
machineguns — appeared throughout Katle-  
hong and Thokoza in large numbers.

Peace monitors said only one death was  
recorded in Katlehong yesterday, but Natal-  
pruit Hospital sources said five people were  
shot and injured.

Meanwhile, Law and Order Minister Mr  
Hernus Kriel claimed yesterday that some of  
the 14 suspects arrested in connection with  
Wednesday's shooting incident in Katlehong  
were ANC and ANC Youth League members.

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He said in a statement  
preliminary investiga-  
tions had also shown  
that the weapons — two  
handgrenades and three  
firearms — seized by  
police during the inci-  
dent were to be used  
against police.

Replying to some of Mr  
Mandela's accusations,  
last night police public  
relations head Major-  
General Leon Mellet  
said: "Policemen are  
killed in the townships  
protecting people every  
day."

Police generals were  
in charge of joint oper-  
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tant cases.

A reduced number of  
manpower was available  
at night. Most violent in-  
cidents occurred in the  
day.

"As to Mr Mandela's  
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a body count he would  
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tegrated."

Gen Mellet said hos-  
tels were regularly  
searched.



FW and Mandela clash on how to end killings

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# East Rand calmer

By Bronwyn Wilkinson  
and Chris Whitfield

Relative calm returned to East Rand townships today as thousands of police and members of the SADF, backed by heavy armour, blanketed the townships.

Although gunfire was heard throughout the night and early today, no serious incidents were reported.

At least three houses near the Tokoza Hostel were set alight and thick palls of smoke could be seen for several kilometres.

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As armoured vehicles rolled towards the East Rand from bases at Lohatla and Bloemfontein, four hours of talks between President de Klerk and Nelson Mandela ended in Pretoria last night with the two leaders failing to resolve significant differences on how the East Rand violence should be handled.

The ANC said in a statement issued after the meeting that the Government's "unilateral and arbitrary action" in deploying the massive security force task force was severely criticised during the talks.

The action had been "contrary to the spirit of multi-party negotiations" and the Government's explanations were unsatisfactory, it said.

Sources said De Klerk had countered that the Cabinet decision to send in the reinforcements was taken in the light of the grave situation, which had not allowed time for consultation.

The ANC statement said it was agreed that a joint ANC-Government delegation



Under fire . . . police in Katlehong yesterday try to cover each other and locate the gunmen.

should visit the area, but the Government delegates balked at a suggestion that it visit the area last night "because they claimed to have other commitments", said the ANC.

The statement slammed the conduct and approach of the South African Police in its handling of the East Rand violence.

Last night Witwatersrand regional police commissioner Lieutenant-General Koos Calitz announced that more than 2 000 extra policemen had been deployed in the region yesterday afternoon.

An SADF spokesman con-

firmed that armoured units from Lohatla and the Army Battle School in Bloemfontein had left their bases and were expected on the East Rand today.

Ratels and Rooikats — armoured vehicles equipped with heavy-calibre machine-guns — are to patrol the townships from today as part of an effort to stabilise the area, where at least 137 people have been killed since Saturday.

Yesterday residents of Katlehong remained highly antagonistic towards the police, and in one instance a patrol came under fire.

The army moved in an earth-moving machine and tore down barricades erected by residents. The rocks, burnt-out cars and mangled pieces of steel that had formed the barricades were carted away. SADF members were not attacked.

Although few incidents of violence were reported yesterday, police took on the grisly task of loading the bodies of four men and a woman into a trailer in an IFFP-controlled area near the Tokoza Hostel. All five have been shot during the night.

Mandela visited Katlehong and made a plea for peace

yesterday. Addressing about 8 000 people at Huntersfield Stadium, he urged his supporters to work for reconciliation, peace and tolerance.

He told reporters that plans were afoot for a joint tour of East Rand townships by himself and IFFP leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

On the school desk from which Mandela addressed the crowd, someone had written: "No peace. Don't talk about peace. We have heard enough of peace. Please, Mr Mandela, no peace. Give us weapons."

Mandela urged Katlehong residents to make friends

Picture: João Silva

with hostel dwellers and win them over to the ANC, giving IFFP supporters "a shoulder to lean on". The crowd booed the suggestion.

Mandela acknowledged that some ANC members were guilty of killing innocent people and said he did not want such people — or people without discipline — in the ANC.

He talked out at those who saw the violence as a conflict between Zulus and Xhosas, adding that the ANC had more Zulu supporters than the IFFP.

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**ANGER** ANC leader Nelson Mandela (inset) addresses a meeting attended by some heavily armed people at Huntersfield Stadium in Katlehong yesterday.

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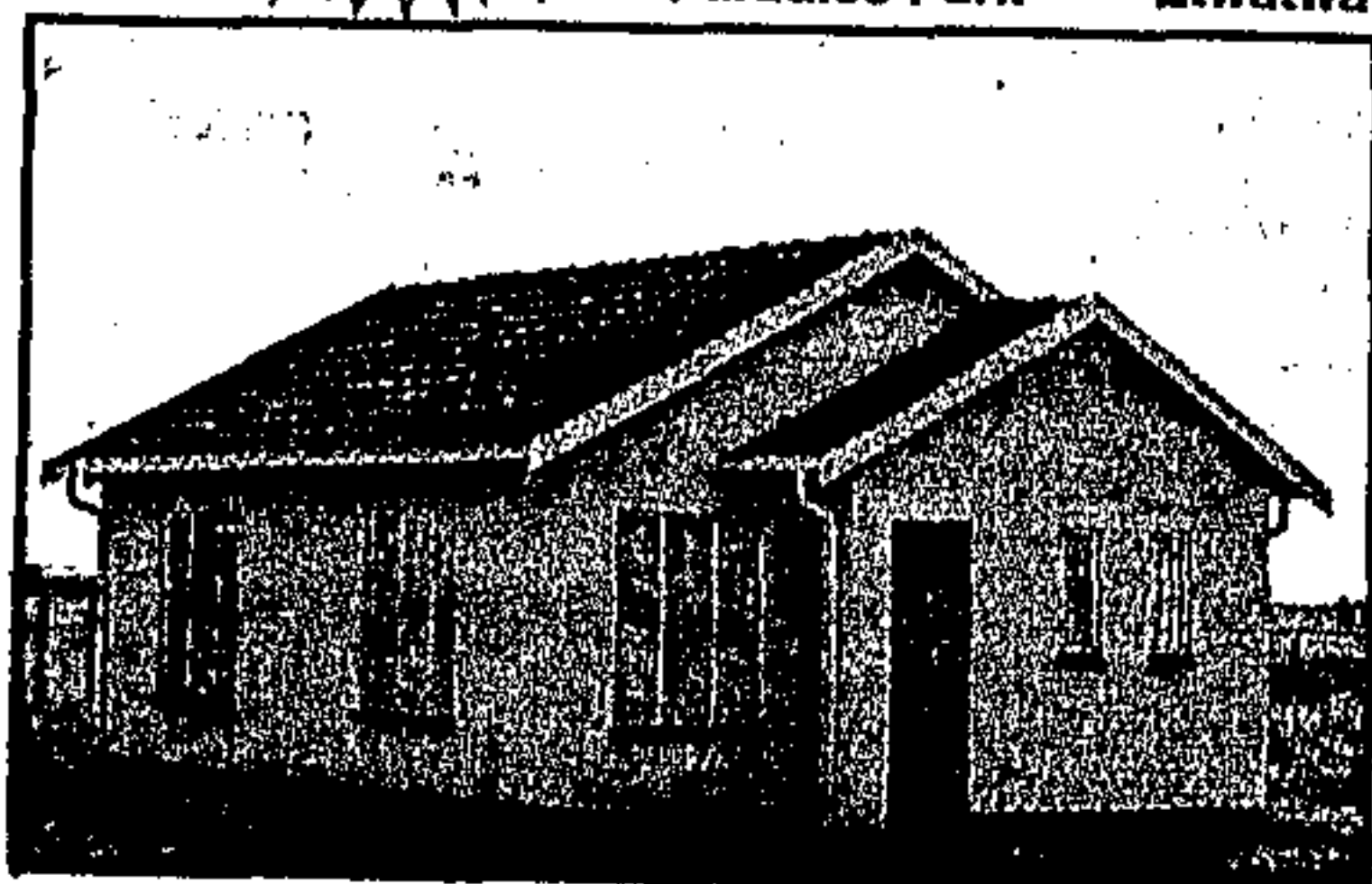
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# E Rand: SADF clamp

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**By Ruth Bhengu**

**M**ORE THAN 1 000 troops were deployed in the strife-torn East Rand townships yesterday in a desperate attempt to quell the violence that has claimed about 150 lives since the weekend. (278)

Ratels and Rookats — armoured vehicles equipped with large calibre machineguns — left their bases and headed for Katlehong and Tokoza, where security forces manned roadblocks all day.

And ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela yesterday announced that arrangements were being made for him and Inkatha Freedom Party leader Mr Mangosuthu Buthelezi to tour East Rand townships together. He said a meeting of all political leaders was needed urgently to end violence.

Addressing a rally in Katlehong yesterday, Mandela said hostels should be cordoned off and police and the army stationed outside to prevent inmates from attacking township residents. This

would also stop residents from going into the hostels and attacking the inmates.

The ANC leader said he would convey these sentiments to State President Mr FW de Klerk during their meeting late yesterday. The two were to meet in Pretoria to discuss ways of bringing an end to the violence in East Rand townships.

Thousands of angry residents poured into the Huntersfield Stadium in Katlehong yesterday to attend the rally. Shots rang out from among the crowd when Mandela arrived and he had to wait a while before leaving his car. Gunshots were also heard soon after Mandela left the stadium.

Mandela made a renewed call for calm and peace and reminded his supporters that they were nation builders and had a responsibility to win their opponents over.

The atmosphere at the stadium was electric as the 5 000-strong crowd sang freedom songs and toyi-toyed.

At one stage Mandela had to rebuke the crowd of mostly youths when they openly rebelled against him when he called for discipline and instructed them to make friends with their foes.



# Within earshot of township gunfire, these

## Two different portraits of people whose daily life is to bring relief to the

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**Natalspruit Hospital**  
Heartbreak and optimism in the rehabilitation unit.  
**Stephen Laufer**

**T**HUMELO CHAPATSO'S wheelchair has to be rotated on its axis so that the back rests on a bed for most of the day. That way he's half-lying, half-sitting, able to be a part of the occupational therapy sessions at Natalspruit Hospital on the edge of Thokoza.

He is a quiet young man, perhaps still grappling with the fact that a single bullet through the neck during the last bout of violence on the East Rand has virtually paralysed him.

Chapatso cannot hold himself in his wheelchair, which is why it must be tilted. What's left after the damage to his spinal cord is the roll of his eyes and the rotation of his head. And he can gyrate his right shoulder, the way tennis players do after a long rally to ease the tension.

The 18-year-old Standard 10 pupil is one of the victims of the violence who did not die. Standing at his garden gate in Thokoza a month ago, he was shot through the neck. It was evening; he saw four men. But he didn't realise that one of them had a gun. Until a single shot rang out. The bullet wound was clean, in the one side of his neck, out the other.

Chapatso's experience has been so devastating that an overwhelming sense of hopelessness would be understandable, even reasonable. But he remains optimistic, talking of returning to school to study commercial subjects.

Optimism, it seems, is central to Natalspruit Hospital's rehabilitation unit. There, within earshot of the gunfire from Thokoza and Kaitshong, occupational therapists and physiotherapists work with social workers, nurses and other medical staff to give disabled patients whatever life skills they can master.

They are practical women — and a few men — trained to describe their patients' conditions in technical terms. Dressed in bottle green for occupational therapy and dark blue for physiotherapy, they quote statistics. Unlike other countries, where car accidents top the list of the causes of spinal-cord injuries, here it is gunshot wounds. They are up from 25 percent in 1988 to 50 percent in 1992. Young men in the 15 to 30 age group make up 67 percent of the patients. There is a waiting list for beds in the rehabilitation unit.

The therapists teach practical things like exercises to strengthen those muscles still able to respond to commands from the brain, in some



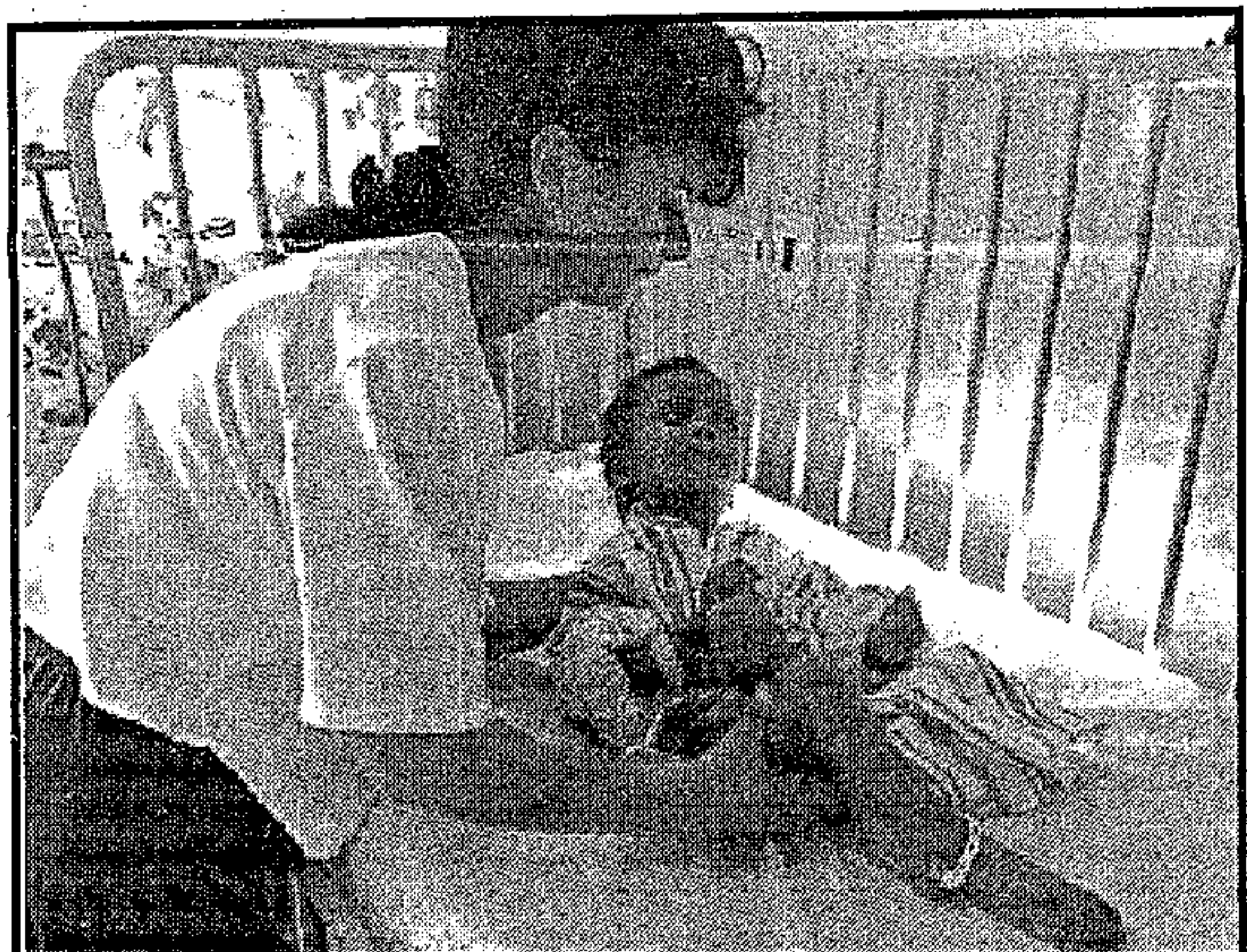
**ABOVE:** A month ago, Thumelo Chapatso, (right of picture), was standing at his garden gate, when a passerby shot him. Today he can move only his head, and needs to be fed while lying in a tilted wheelchair  
**PHOTO: GUY ADAMS**

cases the use of a spoon, wheelchair dexterity and maintenance, or the insertion of catheters. Necessary skills if the victims are to return to their communities, to a life beyond institutions. Survival skills.

In Chapatso's case, the aims are likely to remain modest: keep working with the muscles which are still there; have him sitting within a month if possible. Then, within three to six months, his family will be asked to spend three days at Natalspruit, learning how to help him before he is discharged into their care.

**A**s practically minded as these health care professionals are, there is another essential quality about them which goes beyond the technical, something as central to their work as the scientific training. It is a warmth and inner strength which cannot fail to touch and motivate those in their care.

More, almost, than the doctors and nurses in the casualty and intensive care units who save lives often hang-



**LEFT:** At the age of three, Thato Hialele's childhood ended. A bullet ripped through her spine, leaving her paralysed, blind and unable to communicate. She has spent a quarter of her life lying motionless in this cot  
**PHOTOGRAPH: GUY ADAMS**

ing by a thread, it is these therapists who drag, cajole, coax and encourage people back into life. Their job is the rehabilitation of people who have been physically and emotionally traumatised in the extreme. The reality is that they restore hope where it seems as if there were none.

It is often heartbreaking work, made more difficult by the conflict outside which frequently enough does not respect the sanctity of the hospital. Bullets hit buildings, colleagues struggle through the barricades to get to work.

Even under the best circumstances, it is work which requires the patience and dedication of saints. Courage plays a role too. And the ability to retain a sense of compassion amid the brutality.

Among the patients who most need the love these professionals give so easily are a number of children. They are young enough never to have known a world without violence, without the nightly sound of gunfire, without the panga attacks and the burning and looting. They are here because they have become its victims.

Ntombi Madela is one of them. Six years old, she was burnt on the face and arms when armed men attacked the shack she and her mother were living in, setting it alight as they fled. Police found Ntombi the next day, lying under her dead mother amid the smoking remains of the shack.

Now, the staff at Natalspruit work with Ntombi every day to avoid the scarring and skin contraction typical of burn wounds, which could limit the use of her hands.

But they know that her real scars are emotional, and when they see her taking on a mothering role for the other children in the ward, they let her play out her needs. They have hope for Ntombi, as long as her mother's family can be found.

**F**or some of her compatriots in the children's ward, the prospects look very much more bleak. Thato Hialele is four years old. She has spent a quarter of her life in this ward, and she is likely to spend the rest of it in an institution.

### What can be done to end the violence? Increasingly, all sides seem to be saying: bring in the troops

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**S**TUNNED by the ferocity of this week's township violence, security experts from across the political spectrum say the crisis can only be tackled by a massive use of organised force.

Both Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Bishop Peter Storey have called for radical new measures to restore law and order. And the African National Congress has called for the deployment of troops outside hostels.

Opinions still differ as to the makeup of the forces necessary for an effective crackdown. But a clear consensus is emerging on the need for a huge security force operation as a first step towards stabilising the situation, particularly on the East Rand.

nage in South Africa's major population centres could derail the multi-party talks and next April's election.

What is needed now, say international observers, is the kind of intervention which can give the peace structures, political parties and observers a breather. This would allow them to function normally again, rather than reacting in a knee-jerk fashion to one catastrophe after another.

Storey, vice-chairman of the Wits-Vaal peace secretariat, says there is a lesson to be learnt from the stabilisation of Alexandra township outside Johannesburg last year after months of bloodshed. "The use of a highly visible military force was greeted by most residents with relief,

in the area an opportunity to regroup. And the saturation of the township by the defence force meant that people again felt safe enough to walk down the streets, knowing they were doing so under the watchful eyes of a force they felt they could trust."

**T**he ability of township residents to trust the armed formations deployed in their areas will be a key to the success of any operation, says Storey. "It must be clear from the outset, as it was in Alexandra, that their presence has nothing to do with martial law. What they must create is not a security attack, but a security blanket."

Storey feels the defence force is capable of doing the job if commanders are hand-picked, as

operations control, manned by all of the major political parties.

Tutu went even further this week, calling on "the international community to send in, as a matter of extreme urgency, a corps of police officers experienced in handling civil turmoil."

"Such a group," said Tutu, "needs to set up a joint policing operation in areas affected by violence which would incorporate both foreign police personnel and elements from all South African parties."

But an international peace-keeping effort is easier said than done, say international observers already deployed in South Africa's crisis spots. "To be effective, one would need to draft in thousands of police officers, and no country

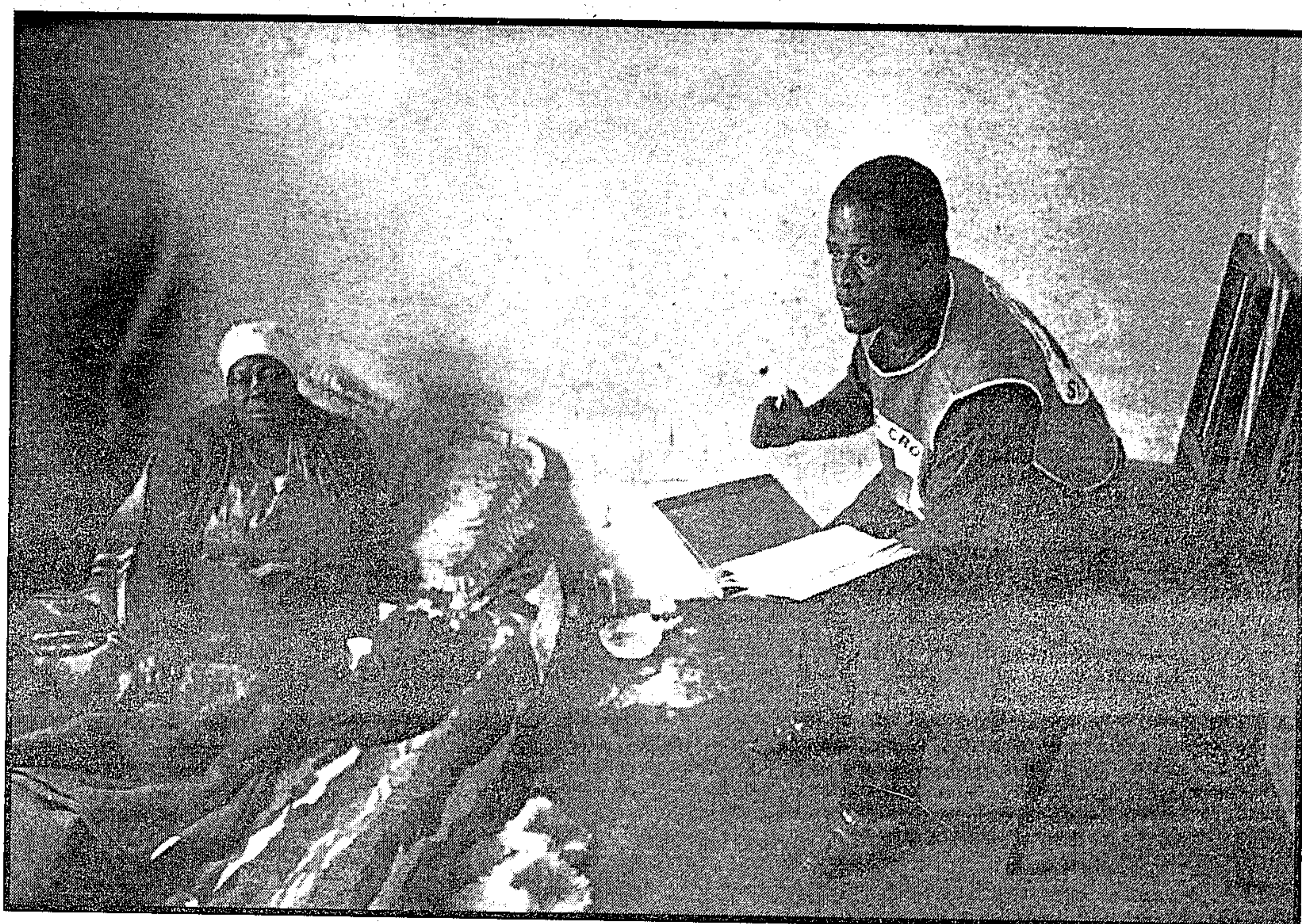


# saints labour quietly to bring hope suffering victims of East Rand violence



ABOVE: Badly-burned Ntombi Madela was found in the smouldering ruins of a Katlehong shack, her mother lying on top of her, dead. Ntombi plays out her trauma by pretending to be a mother to other patients in the hospital

PHOTOGRAPH: GUY ADAMS



Thato is from Katlehong. A single bullet ripped through her kidney and spine a year ago. She lies on her cot in the foetal position, legs contracted in a permanent spasm, hands gripping at nothing. She can hear what is going on around her, but she cannot see.

It's unclear what caused Thato's brain damage, perhaps an embolism. What is sure is that she will spend her life as a South African equivalent to those men who returned from the Somme or Verdun in baskets, needing intensive care for the rest of their lives.

Two cots away from Thato lies Lerato Mazibuko. She too is four years old. Her father and two sisters were killed in an attack by panga-wielding men, her mother is upstairs in an adult ward. A panga blow to the head severely damaged Lerato's brain, putting her into a three-week coma.

She is conscious now. But she is blind and incontinent and she cannot sit up. And yet the occupational and physiotherapists refuse to give up on her.

They spend hours each day patiently coaxing whatever response they can from her little body.

When one of them says that it is still difficult to know whether Lerato will ever go to school, one can only marvel. It is a statement which astounds because of its tenacious optimism.

## The Red Cross Braving high-risk dare not tread Paul Stober

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THE file of death certificates lies heavily on the desk of William Mazibuko, head of Red Cross relief operations in the southern Transvaal. Each certificate is carefully stapled to an application by family members for funds to help to bury their dead.

"I don't know exactly how many there are, I haven't had time to do book work. But there are hundreds," says Mazibuko.

Outside his office, volunteers and staff at the Red Cross regional headquarters in Germiston are talking about the violence which exploded in the East Rand this week. By early Tuesday, South African Police units there had found the shot, hacked and burnt bodies of 91 people.

The Red Cross personnel delivered whatever aid they could to those left homeless or destitute after attacks — allegedly by criminals and some hostel dwellers — on residents of Thokoza, Katlehong, the Phola Park squatter camp and Tembisa. In the process, they virtually emptied the

small warehouse behind the organisation's headquarters; just a few boxes of food and blankets are left.

Refugees and the homeless are given blankets and food, while those who lose family members in the attacks receive R600 towards funeral costs, from a programme set up with the help of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

At the Germiston headquarters, fieldworkers are briefing each other.

"It is always the poor that suffer the violence, especially the women and children who remain after the men are killed in the fighting. We are only concerned about the suffering," says Mazibuko, explaining why the Red Cross volunteers brave the conflict to distribute aid.

The organisation's southern Transvaal region, which covers the areas most affected by the recent fighting on the East Rand, has undertaken a huge effort to get relief into the townships. It has succeeded in delivering aid to areas treated as no-go zones by the security forces, other relief organisations and even peace monitors.

"Often we're alone in those areas," says Diepka Gopal, a fieldworker who has made regular sorties into the East Rand battlefields. "But the organisation has been around a long time, and we are known. You have to build relationships with the people,

they have to see you work."

Surprisingly, there have been no adverse incidents involving Red Cross members. "Our absolute neutrality protects us," says Gopal. "We go into the hostels and deliver aid to the residents. If we don't help everybody, we won't be able to help anybody."

On Monday, a convoy of Red Cross vehicles toured Katlehong — the scene of some of the worst fighting on the East Rand, where 394 people have died since the start of July.

After ensuring that all the vehicles are clearly marked with the Red Cross emblem, the vehicles plunge into the heart of the township. Led by a vehicle flying the ICRC flag, the convoy navigates its way through the barricades, past the shells of burnt-out houses and into the narrow side streets which have proved a death trap for police vehicles.

Youths manning the barricades, which have made the township inaccessible to all but residents, wave the convoy through and give directions to the homes of bereaved families.

At each house, a Red Cross official explains how the family should apply for burial assistance and works out a food allocation for the family. Many of the households list up to nine unemployed residents.

Prompt help for the helpless ... William Mazibuko visits a grieving Katlehong family whose father has just been killed.

PHOTOGRAPH: KEVIN CARTER

After visiting the houses, the convoy turns towards Natalspruit Hospital, where hundreds of refugees gather every night because it is too dangerous to stay in the townships. "The displaced are the real problem; you never know how many there are going to be," says Gopal.

On the way to the hospital, residents try to direct the convoy towards the scene of an outbreak of fighting, but the convoy presses on as the Red Cross may not intervene directly in the violence.

At Natalspruit, the hospital relief workers express concern about the approaching night: it has been a bad day and they are expecting a huge influx of refugees tonight. It becomes clear the Red Cross convoy does not have enough food or blankets, and that the supplies left in the warehouse will have to be fetched.

Suddenly, there is an explosion to the east of the hospital. As reports of renewed fighting reach the hospital, the Red Cross team decides to set out and evacuate the wounded. By the end of the day, they have removed 30 people from the scene of the fighting and taken them to hospital.

## Stephen Laufer reports

So a security crackdown within the next couple of weeks can realistically only be expected to use local forces, of which the South African Defence Force is the best organised and equipped.

Deployment of the SADF will only be possible if the government does one of two things, says Institute for Defence Policy director Jakkie Cilliers: "They must either rapidly get the agreement of the other parties for drastic action, or be prepared to act unilaterally and face the consequences."

The repercussions could be dire: force levels capable of making a difference to the township situation would require a huge callup of white

can finally be turned around.

"The army has between 7 000 and 12 000 men deployed in townships in the Vaal, on the Rand, and in Natal," says Cilliers. "To be effective, they would need to double or treble that force."

Cilliers, long a proponent of multi-party control of the armed forces, says any crackdown must be accompanied by a sufficiently large monitoring force to ensure abuses of power be kept at a minimum. Observers must have carte blanche to go anywhere at anytime, he says.

But order will not be restored without "concerted and hard-handed action", argues Cilliers.

There must be a clear political message behind the use of force, says Cilliers. "The government and any other party prepared to support the

Soldiers must man roadblocks at major intersections. Casspirs should be posted outside hostel gates, says Cilliers. Search operations should be mounted to find weapons. Anyone carrying a gun must know that they will be shot on sight.

"These would be harsh measures," concedes Cilliers. "But this week has changed the situation we face. We do not have many options left if we are to deal with the violence. And it is only once we have done so that we can begin to deal with its causes."

Whether President FW de Klerk would be able to get agreement from the African National Congress and other political parties for

that the source of the violence lies in the inkatha-controlled hostels, and that any attempt at stemming the bloodshed must begin there.

"The hostels have become military bases for Inkatha," says Kasrils. "They must be fenced and controlled, as agreed months ago. A permanent security post at every hostel gate would make the townships safer and give the hostel dwellers a sense of security from outside attack."

Limiting use of the hostels to bona-fide residents would go a long way to curbing violence, argues Kasrils. "We would still have hit-squad killings, but even they would be hampered."

"Ultimately," comments Storey, echoing many experts, nobody in the townships is going to



By  
**PHILLIP VAN  
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Thirty-three people were  
butchered in Tembisa but  
the police failed to halt the  
mayhem or arrest the killers

# Just another bloody Sunday

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**T**HE charred hulk of metal that had once been a minibus taxi sat in the parking lot at the side of the Tembisa police station. On the floor inside, covered in ash, was an assortment of charred bones and skulls.

The official death toll in Saturday night's massacre stood at 33, including a five-month-old baby and its parents, but it is unlikely that, without piecing the bones together, anyone would know exactly how many really perished in the inferno.

The back window of the next vehicle, a yellow Toyota, had been blown away by gunfire and the windscreen was spattered with blood. Someone's brains lay on the front seat, in the sun, next to a packet of Rothmans cigarettes.

The cars had been towed into the police parking lot, next to the routine casualties of weekend road accidents, but otherwise had not been touched. Nearly 24 hours after the attacks, police acknowledged that no forensic tests had been conducted, and no one had removed the human remains inside.

Another Sunday, another massacre in South Africa. Not exciting enough for the local press to send their own reporters to the scene.

The newspapers on Monday morning were filled with routine clichés like *The Star's* "E Rand death toll rises" that served only to extinguish the humanity of the victims again, this time under the dullness of "newspaperspeak". Amid the body counts, there was no sense conveyed of real human life being lost — that this pile of bones in the back of the minibus had probably been people returning from town in the late afternoon. A mother, perhaps, and her daughter with Checkers shopping packets.

Perhaps it was because they were black to start off with. And now they were dead. And by nightfall there would be dozens more. And there is only a certain amount of all this that we can take before we run for cover.

Yet one could only sympathise with the African National Congress for noting the difference of the reaction to the massacre just one week before, when 11 whites were gunned down at a church service in the white Cape Town suburb of Kenilworth.

Then, the government responded as if it were a national emergency with leaders immediately flying to the scene and pledging the perpetrators would be brought to justice. Frankly, the new policing measures announced by Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel after Kenilworth didn't amount to a row of beans — but at least he had to sound as if he were doing something.

The same Kriel who had laid a wreath in the church after the Kenilworth shootings issued a statement after Tembisa that at no stage mentioned sympathy for the victims. Instead, he used the occasion to defend the record of the police and to blame the ANC and the Inkatha Freedom Party for the situation of unrest in the townships.

**T**o his credit, President FW de Klerk did express the appropriate horror and outrage at the Tembisa killings and visited victims at the hospital with his wife.

But at the police station on Sunday, there was little sign of activity. The station commander was not even on duty.

The duty officer, a young captain, was unable to explain how the attack from the hostels could have continued for more than 40 minutes, not three kilometres from the police station, without the security forces intervening to stop it. A police raid early on Sunday on the two hostels from which hundreds of armed men had swarmed a few hours earlier, netted just three arrests for possession of illegal firearms, two AK-47s and a .38 pistol.



Another Sunday. Another massacre ...Cyril Ramaphosa visits the scene of the killings

PHOTO: HANNER FRANKENFURT

One injured resident, a Zulu woman, said the hostel dwellers were known IFP members who had attacked her street because it was an ANC stronghold — youths recently had renamed it Cuba Street. She was allegedly shot by her brother-in-law, an IFP member who was angry that her husband, who was away in Natal at the weekend, had defected to the ANC.

Even though she could identify some of the assassins, police had not bothered to take a statement from her.

Leaving aside the apocryphal tales of armed men being unloaded and escorted to and from the scene by Casspirs, the police inability to halt the mayhem, to apprehend the marauders or to start a proper investigation, was breathtakingly inadequate.

Was it another example of incompetent policing as the Waddington report claimed after Boipatong last year? Fear of getting into the thick of the battle? A malicious desire not to protect residents against their ideological allies swarming out of the hostels? What lies behind such gross lack of will?

The weekend's events elevated the proposal for a multi-party peace-keeping force to the top of the political agenda, on the assumption that existing law enforcement agencies lack legitimacy, and thus a new security force is needed for the new South Africa.

But the proposal has inherent dangers. ANC secretary general Cyril Ramaphosa insisted that the violence was perpetrated by people "who want to stop the country's march to democracy".

This weekend's killing spree in Tembisa was just the latest in hundreds of slayings that have followed the decision to set April 27 next year as the date for the country's first democratic elections.

‘Amid the body counts,  
there was no sense conveyed  
of life being lost, that this pile  
of bones had been people  
returning from town’

Ramaphosa's sentiments are shared by township people and dozens of dazed residents from their hospital beds in Tembisa on Sunday. Why do these people come and do these things? Joseph Nkuta, wounded in the leg, was asked. He replied: "I think it's that election. Maybe ...", he said and his voice trailed off into silence as he looked fearfully around the room. If there is truth in this scenario, then the peace-keeping force will be doing more than just keeping warring parties apart. It will be the army of the democracy negotiators.

The difficulty of this situation would have been evident on Saturday. The attackers were Zulu-speaking men, allegedly supporters of the IFP. More than 200 had come from the two hostels in daylight, marched across the township and hacked and burnt township residents, and attacked and burnt down their automobiles and houses.

**F**or the joint peace-keeping force to have engaged the IFP impis would have amounted to a de facto confrontation between forces inside and outside the negotiations. That smacks of civil war.

This raises the danger that a separate new force might be highly motivated but it could have its own legitimacy problems. It could be portrayed by the Conservative Party and the IFP as the private army of the World Trade Centre, an ANC-National Party gang to stamp out dissidents.

To refute this, the democracy negotiators should play their strongest card: the fact that it is they who hold the keys to constitutional authority. They need to show that the peace force will not be defending a specific political agenda, but will be part of a new, concerted effort to uphold and restore the rule of law in South Africa.

De Klerk is correct that the peace-keeping force will have to be a supplement to the existing security forces. It should never seek to absolve the police of their duty to protect the lives and property of people in places like Tembisa. It should certainly not substitute for the urgent task of restructuring the South African Police so that reality at last can match Captain Craig Kotze's fatuous rhetoric about a professional, non-political force.



## Two killed in taxi shooting

Two people were shot dead and three seriously injured when occupants of a minibus taxi parked on top of a bridge, opened fire on another taxi below in Alrode, Alberton, shortly before dawn today. (3-22)

East Rand police liaison officer Lieutenant Janine Smith said the attack happened on the corner of Dekama Road and James Street. (2-18)

She said police cordoned off the area and found cartridges at the scene.

— East Rand Bureau.



# It's never been this bad, says Red Cross

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By Peter Davies

The organisation that tries its utmost to be fair to all was on Wednesday caught in the crossfire between police and Katlehong residents — inevitably, some might say.

A Red Cross ambulance came under heavy fire in the Skosana section of the township as local and International Red Cross vehicles tailed the funeral cortege of five people killed in violence last week.

The bullets whizzed overhead. Four gouged ugly gashes in the aid vehicle's bodywork. One shattered the driver's window, sliced a chunk off the controls, rippled the windscreen and came to rest in the dashboard.

It was a miracle that no one was killed, said Swiss International Committee of the Red Cross worker Didier Grond.

Dipak Gopal, who has been with the South African Red Cross for three years, said: "I've been in similar situations but yesterday was heavy. Five minutes seemed like five hours."

Gopal's vehicle was caught between township residents lining the streets and police Caspurs on the other side of the road.

## Battlefields

"Some residents tried to use us as a shield. Some tried to get inside the car but there was no space. We lay flat on the floor. When the shooting stopped, we got out of the car to try to crawl to victims, but the shooting started again."

The Red Cross is proudly impartial in its mandate to reach all those wounded in township battlefields, regardless of political affiliations.

"We are virtually the only organisation that can go where

others can't.

"We tell those who don't want us to assist the other side that, if that's the case, we won't assist them either," said Gopal.

Grond, two-thirds of his way through a 15-month stint in South Africa, said: "It was very frightening. I've been working in the townships every day but we've never been under fire like that." (278)

A disturbing new aspect to Grond's work has arisen. On recent trips to East Rand townships he is being interrogated at makeshift roadblocks.

●The Star is also intent on helping East Rand refugees. Readers' donations will help victims through the SA Red Cross. Send donations to Operation Snowball, Box 1014, Johannesburg 2000, or deposit food and clothing at The Star offices, 47 Sauer Street, or at any of the depots around the city.



# Mandela give us weapons

JOHANNESBURG. —  
Written in large block  
letters on the table Mr  
Nelson Mandela ap-  
proached to make his  
speech in embattled  
Katlehong yesterday  
were the words: "Do not  
talk about peace. We  
have heard enough.  
Please, Mr Mandela, no  
peace. Give us weapons.  
Please, no peace."

The message's author  
remained anonymous.  
Mr Mandela received  
similar pleas from town-  
ship residents last year  
when he visited Boipa-  
tong after the massacre.



# FW, ANC clash on ways to curb unrest

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JOHANNESBURG. President F.W. de Klerk and ANC president Nelson Mandela clashed yesterday about ways to end the raging township violence and the police's commitment to peace.

Police said the death toll in the East Rand had risen to 137.

In a statement after a four-hour crisis meeting with Mr Mandela, Mr De Klerk said police would continue a township crackdown that began before dawn yesterday.

"These operations will continue until the situation has stabilised sufficiently," he said.

Mr Mandela was accompanied to the talks by ANC secretary-general Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, as well as national executive committee members Mr Joe Nhlanhla and Mr Matthew Phosa.

## Challenged

A government source said Mr Mandela wanted community leaders to be drawn into the security process, but Mr De Klerk said there was no time for consultations.

"There was no meeting of minds," the ANC said. "I would reserve the right to criticise the police," the source said.

The source said Mr De Klerk had challenged Mr Mandela about his claim made earlier yesterday at a meeting in the battle-ravaged township of Katlehong that police cared little for black lives.

● Church heads meet today to brainstorm for a solution to the war-torn East Rand townships.

● In Durban, the National Peace Accord came under scrutiny as political leaders and analysts began the first of a three-day summit to highlight the accord's shortcomings.

Several delegates stressed the NPA's lack of legal authority to implement decisions and to act against violators of accord agreements.

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# Violence feeds funeral vultures

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■ Relatives trying to identify victims of East Rand violence have to search through piles of corpses and fight off rival undertakers, reports Weekend Argus correspondent **SONTI MASEKO** from Johannesburg.

**T**HIS is a place where the living come in search of the dead. Grim-faced men and women come to the Germiston government mortuary to try to find their loved ones among the piles of corpses.

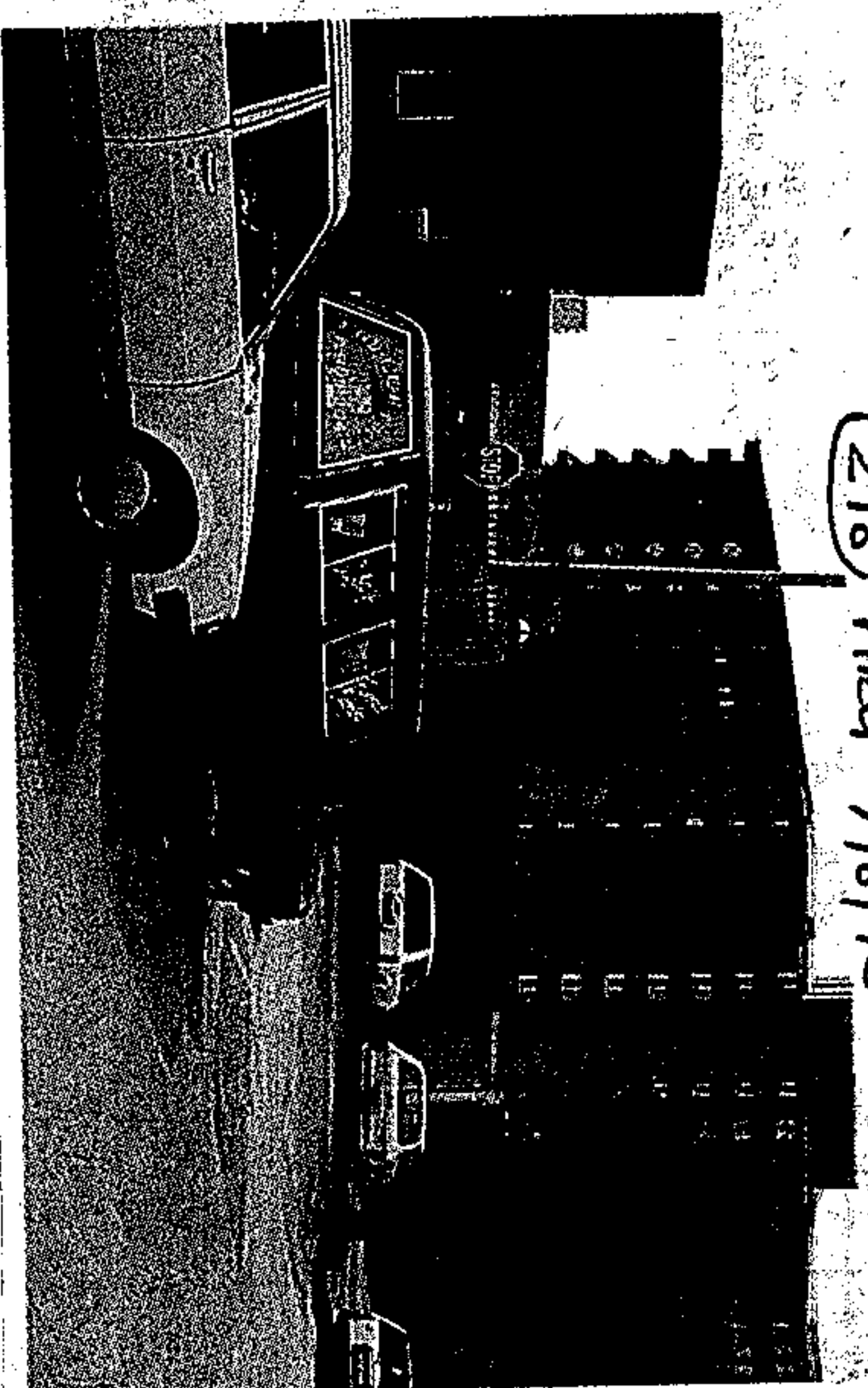
The women wear scarves to cover their heads and blankets around their waists or shawls over their shoulders as a sign of respect.

The men are always in dark blazers or jackets. Through the gates they file to join the lengthening queue of people looking for missing relatives.

But there are others who come to the mortuary to make a living. About eight cars from funeral parlours are parked outside. The drivers are waiting like vultures, ready to pounce.

Some of the men and women are there for the second or third day, from 9am till late in the afternoon to look for clues: the shape of the head, the missing tooth, anything, because most of the bodies are burnt beyond recognition.

You can read the anguish on their faces. Some know for sure their



□ **WAITING FOR BUSINESS:** A hearse parks outside the Germiston government mortuary, but the driver is inside the building, touting for trade.

loved ones were killed and they must find the bodies. Others are not sure.

Others are not sure; they almost want to find their relatives among the dead to end the search and find relief. Yet they also want the search to fail, hoping not to find them dead, for there might still be a chance their loved ones are alive.

It's another hectic day for the mortuary staff. I peep into a garage and see bodies wrapped in white plastic being placed in a minibus.

Outside, a yellow police vehicle is parked. From the back I notice what looks like blood dripping to

the ground, betraying the presence of another body or bodies.

Hudson Shibambo, who has come for the third day, still cannot positively identify four relatives who were shot and then set alight in Tokoza on Monday morning.

He says bodies are piled on top of one another and to find his relatives he would have to remove the bodies one by one.

"It is difficult because we are not used to this," Mr Shibambo says.

Eventually, the search will end for some and they will emerge from the mortuary in tears.

Then the men from the funeral

parlours will move in to make their business offers, trying to offer the lowest price, while grieving relatives watch. Stunned, shocked.

"I'm here every day, from the morning when relatives come looking for their missing family members," says a man from G E Funerals.

Then we are joined by a man from another funeral parlour.

Why they are hanging around the mortuary?

"For business," says the man from Ideal. "When families find their missing relatives they will need an undertaker."

"We tell them we can give them a good price. We give them our business cards and forms to complete."

He says 20 bodies a week bring in between R20 000 and R30 000.

"We have to make a profit. If you buy a coffin for R600 and you sell it for R600 you do not make a profit. It is a very good business not only for us but for everybody."

"We do not only make money. We also satisfy the people because we add other small comforts to funerals, such as tents, chairs and glasses for cold drinks."

Isn't it difficult to conduct business with people who are in tears after discovering a loved one has been murdered.

The man from G E Funerals says: "It's not that difficult. First we tell them how sorry we are about their loss. Then we ask whether they have an undertaker and we tell them we can give them a good price."

Some grieve; others prosper.



# IFP healer's killing a fatal spark

■ The death of Katlehong businessman and local chairman of the Inkatha Freedom Party Absalom Shoji — whose body was stolen and has not been recovered — is being seen as one of the sparks that lit the deadly fires that raged through East Rand townships this week. A report by Weekend Argus Correspondent **SIBUSISO MABASO.**

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**F**OR more than 40 years Absalom Shoji practised his traditional healing and was regarded as a sage with supernatural powers who helped Zulu impis with muti when carrying out attacks on township residents.

A source very close to Mr Shoji claimed this week that, at the time he was attacked outside his Radebe section home about two weeks ago, none of the bullets fired by the youths had hit him.

Mr Shoji's murder is seen as one of the causes of the deadly fighting that raged through East Rand townships this week.

The source said: "A number of shots were fired at him by his attackers, but not one penetrated his body.

"No one could believe it. Even his attackers could not believe what they were seeing."

The source refused to be identified for fear of reprisals.

He said Mr Shoji's attackers trembled — and appeared scared — as they kept on firing at him.

Realising that their usually lethal AK-47s were doing no apparent harm to Mr Shoji, some ran away and others shouted, "Gwazani umthakathi nimshise" (use your knives and axes to kill the witch, then burn him.)

"If they, the attackers, had kept on firing at Mr Shoji from a distance they wouldn't have killed him," said the source.

"He did not panic, nor did he do anything to defend himself when the attack started.

"Instead he asked what it was that he had done to them. He kept on asking that one question until he was dead."

Mr Shoji's daughters strongly denied allegations this week that their father had ever helped hostel dwellers with his muti. Township youths allege Mr Shoji used his powers to turn bullets, fired by residents at rampaging Zulus, into harmless water.

But his children admitted that as an inyanga Mr Shoji was capable of performing miracles.

Mr Shoji's daughters claimed that several attempts were made on the life of their father before he was murdered about two weeks ago.

They said that after they heard rumours that their father's house was to be burnt they pleaded with him to resign from politics or keep a low profile.

His daughter Thando said: "To achieve peace he refused to listen to us, that saying if we felt threatened he would rather die serving his people than dump politics.

"My father was dedicated to his work at the peace secretariat. Even those who killed him knew him well, and will miss him for his tireless efforts."

And in an exclusive interview this week, the Shoji family alleged that IFP supporters might be behind the snatching of Mr Shoji's body.

They alleged that two days before Mr Shoji's planned burial, which was not carried out, they were visited by three IFP leaders, who demanded that the funeral arrangements be postponed for a week because they needed more time to organise themselves.

The family claimed the IFP wanted to feature prominently in Mr Shoji's funeral service, and said they wanted to give him a "hero's funeral" because he was their leader.

A family spokesman added: "We didn't want them to come in great numbers because that might result in unwanted bloodshed."

The Shoji family said they had made arrangements with an undertaker to bring their father's charred body to the cemetery at 11am.

"Eleven o'clock struck and there was no body. We waited for another hour. Still there was no body.

"We learnt only through newspaper reports on Tuesday that the body of our father had been stolen from the mortuary."



# Tokoza: War of the tribes

Weekend Argus  
Correspondent **ABBEY**  
**MAKOE** this week  
spent 64 hours in war-torn Tokoza, where violent clashes between residents, hostel dwellers and the police have killed more than 100 people. He gives an eyewitness account of a township under siege, fighting a civil war.

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**V**ICTIMS of violence on the East Rand are, primarily and systematically, mowed down according to their ethnic groupings.

It is for this reason that traditional tribal rituals have become a major source of repulsion to individuals in the Tokoza and Kallehong areas.

For Xhosas, the conspicuous traditional cuts on their cheeks mark them for death by their foes, Zulu hostel dwellers, who are by and large Inkatha Freedom Party supporters, if not card-carrying members.

But hostel dwellers, too, are targeted. Xhosas identify their Zulu prey by their famous cut earlobes.

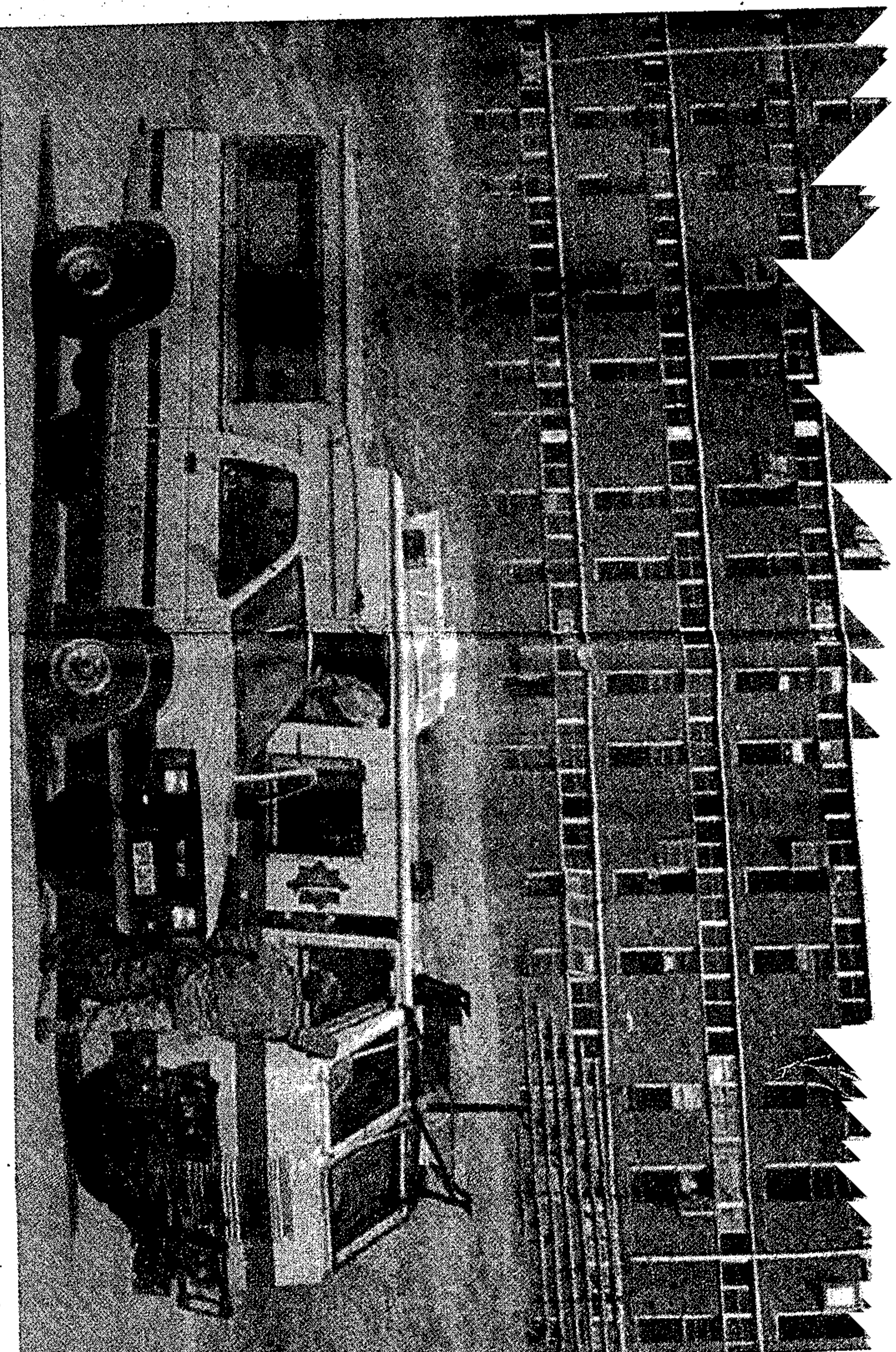
Caught in the cross-fire are the Sothos. The Mshayazafe ("hit him until he dies") hostel is barely 500m from the unpopular Tokoza police station, yet hostel dwellers manned illegal roadblocks on a sunny afternoon, hurling township residents out of "cornered" minibuses taxis.

It is here I spent at least 64 unbroken hours this week.

On arrival I stopped at the Tokoza police station for a chat with police officers about the situation.

Many were standing outside the main police

□ **ON GUARD:** An armoured police vehicle keeps a watch on a hostel in Alexandra township this week.



station gate, watching the pandemonium at the hostel. When I identified myself as a pressman, the immediate answer to my inquiries was straight-forward: "Broer, moenie daar gaan nie." (Brother, don't go there).

One of the officers warned that I would have only myself to blame should anything happen to me at the hostel, yet I was determined to investigate.

"You can see that we are not moving any closer to that place. You are not even armed. I can't understand reporters," another officer said as I pulled off towards Mshayazafe.

Within minutes, I was passing a sea of black faces in overalls and heavy coats. I could not tell what lurked underneath the heaving clothing in the mild weather — except to guess or suspect.

One fellow waved a hand at me in manner that could only mean "stop". I moved faster, despite the barricades.

Soon I came across a group of men, women and teenagers.

Armed youths openly brandished weapons, closely watching every approaching motorist or pedestrian.

I stopped to identify myself and asked residents a few questions. The youths were quick to warn me not to go past the hostel before they could explain what was going on.

"If you had not speeded up you could be dead now," another youth said, putting a shotgun behind his back. He was standing on a huge rock,

part of the barricade system they had built to protect their area.

My first night in Tokoza brought back memories of footage from Bosnia. My hosts, who prefer to remain anonymous, did not seem at all perturbed about the sporadic gunfire outside the house.

For my sake, my host switched off the lights, despite the heavy blankets covering the curtains for absolute darkness.

We all had supper by the light of the television.

At about midnight Tokoza residents — those not manning the "defence line", mostly the elderly and females — went to bed. The sound of gunfire kept me awake. A woman told me they only responded to the sound of a whistle.

"That means things are really bad ... when men blow it," she explained.

This was one of the amazing things about these people trapped in this nightmare: they seemed unconcerned about the danger threatening their lives.

The one thing they were preoccupied with was the destruction of the hostel. To them, Mshayazafe is the source of mayhem in the area. The hostel dwellers made people more angry when police were seen to treat them with kid gloves — a treatment residents report is rarely meted out to them.

In my last hours I bumped into Louis Sibeko, a prominent leader of the local civic association, who said: "People here are ready for a

full-scale war. They are armed to the teeth. Unfortunately people get killed."

While speaking to him gunfire erupted nearby. "Let's get inside my house ... I told you it's war here," Mr Sibeko said.

As we sat in his dining room, residents came in and out. Mr Sibeko's house resembled a surgery. Many looked upon him for advice and others came to report on the activities of "Nkabe", a new term used by Tokoza residents when referring to hostel dwellers. It was used to battle police as to who residents were talking about.

Mr Sibeko said of the police: "I am prepared to go to the highest court to prove that police are involved in this violence, be it by commission or omission."

Tokoza residents were not interested in the huge sums of money police were promising as rewards for information leading to the conviction of criminals, Mr Sibeko said.

"Worse things are still going to happen in this township," he said.

"People are no longer interested in anything except to fight the hostel dwellers and Inkatha to the end."

What sparked the war in Kallehong and Tokoza?

Mr Sibeko said there were individuals who harassed the community. Every time the community hunted them down or reported them to the police, they joined Inkatha.

"This is why at a recent meeting the community identified the IFP as the chief source of violence," Mr Sibeko said.



# Shaky peace under the

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**N**OW the army has been unleashed on the East Rand. But will township residents accept that the war is over? Not likely.

As Louis Sibeko of the Tokoza Civic Association puts it: "The people are angry. No leader nor army can stop them."

The object of their anger is the local hostel housing mainly Zulu men.

Police spokesmen said strife-torn townships of Daveyton, Katlehong, Tokoza and Phola Park were quieter after the deployment than they had been in the previous week, when rolling killings and revenge attacks claimed more than 130 lives and forced hundreds to flee their homes. Residents were said to be coming out of the houses for the first time in a week, and life was slowly returning to normal.

Political parties greeted the SADF deployment with cautious optimism, with both the ANC and IFP saying the iron-fist operation would work if the military remained impartial.

As the iron fist of SADF armour descended on the devastated East Rand townships this weekend, the rattle of gunfire and whooshing explosions of petrol bombs faded. But this does not mean that the

"war" is over, report Weekend Argus correspondents **BRENDAN SEERY** and **ABBEY MAKOE**.

Earlier this week Methodist Bishop Peter Storey welcomed the commitment of troops to the townships, citing the example of Alexandra township near Johannesburg, which was stabilised last year by a joint police-SADF operation after weeks of bitter and bloody political fighting.

The deployment of army Rooikat and Eland armoured cars — mounting 90mm guns — with Ratel armoured fighting vehicles, some of them mounting heavy calibre

machineguns and even rocket launchers, was one of the biggest peacetime operations undertaken by the SADF. Although officers involved in the exercise, Operation Pikadel, refused to give details of the number of men or vehicles involved, journalists counted around 100 armoured and support vehicles at the Witwatersrand Command base at Doornkop near Soweto.

Wits Command chief Major-General Vos Benade assured the public that the heavy weaponry mounted on the armoured cars — and which could wreak havoc if used in a township or squatter camp — would not be used. He said the operation would primarily be an infantry one, using standard infantry R-4 rifles, and that the armoured vehicles were for the protection of the troops rather than offensive operations.

Colonel Vic Walker told reporters that the bulk of the troops deployed were Permanent Force members. Many black troops were seen at Doornkop; reports from some townships indicated that Portuguese-speaking

black Angolans, former members of the controversial 32 Battalion, were among the units sent in.

However, the apparent calm cannot camouflage a seething discontent which is focused essentially on the hostel in Tokoza, from where the deadly raids are thought to have been launched during the week following the death of leading Zulu businessman and "sangoma" Absalom Shoji.

On Friday residents were donating R80 a household toward buying AK-47s, ammunition and high-powered but light machineguns capable of destroying the hostel. The decision, which was unanimously supported, was taken at a residents' meeting last Tuesday night.

One section of Tokoza, according to report-back by leaders of the defence unit, had already "purchased" its own machinegun. Other items on the buying list were two-way radios, leaders said.

"The hostel must go once and for all," is the message that is on the lips of most residents

# Iron fist



# New probe into death of 'Monster'

VICTOR Kheswa, the "Vaal Monster" who died in police custody almost a month ago, may have succumbed to suffocation, electrocution or poisoning, according to an independent post mortem.

This contradicts police claims at the end of July that Mr Kheswa died of a heart attack.

Three policemen, who were suspended after his death, have been reinstated. (278)

Mr Kheswa was held by police on suspicion of being involved in a number of massacres in Sebokeng on June 9 and died the following day.

Mr Kheswa's family intends applying further pressure on the state for an inquest into the cause of his death.

The independent pathology report commissioned by Mr Kheswa's family and the Inkatha Freedom

By CHARLENE SMITH

Party, to which Mr Kheswa belonged, has already caused tension among his supporters at the Kwamadala hostel near Sebokeng.

## Force

Johannesburg forensic pathologist Dr Gert Saayman conducted the post mortem examination on Mr Kheswa two weeks after his death.

The corpse had been extensively cut up during the police examination, making investigation of some areas impossible. The heart, for example, had been sliced into 20 pieces.

In his findings, Dr Saayman noted that no cause of death could be determined. He said there were no significant injuries on the body, except for evidence of blunt force in one area, but that was not sufficient to cause death.

He could find no indicators of natural causes of death and concluded: "The possibilities of conditions, including acute suffocation, electrocution and hypothermia, as well as occult toxic substances, should be considered in the causation of death."

Mr Kheswa's family arrived yesterday from Lesotho to begin planning his funeral, which Vaal IFP organiser William Nhlapo said would probably take place in Evaton next weekend.



# OF DEATH

100 refugees at Katilehong's Natalspruit hospital. Women and children flee to the hospital at night while the men stay in the township to guard their homes.

1.37pm: Family members gather to bury five victims of the Katilehong violence as 300 township youths sing freedom songs and toy-tloyi in the aisles of the D H Williams Hall.

3.01pm: Representatives from the security forces, political and church organisations and peace structures meet at the joint operations control centre in Katilehong to discuss the violence.

4.34pm: Three people die and three are wounded when police and township residents exchange gunfire during the Katilehong funeral march.

5.49pm: The Department of Education and Training says violence has effectively put paid to education on the East Rand, with less than 50 school days left to the start of year-end examinations.

10.22pm: Police announce that light machine-guns are to be mounted on vehicles patrolling East Rand townships and that security forces in the area are to be "substantially" increased.

## THURSDAY

6.53am: Security forces swoop on all East Rand townships in "mega numbers" to clear roads and remove barricades

"so that normal policing can start".

12.34pm: Law and Order Minister Hennus Kriel announces that some of the 14 suspects arrested in connection with Wednesday's shooting in Katilehong are ANC and ANC Youth League members.

1.36pm: A Red Cross ambulance comes under fire in Katilehong while paramedics are trying to evacuate people wounded in earlier violence.

2.05pm: ANC president Nelson Mandela appeals for peace at a rally in the Huntersfield stadium, Katilehong, where he is met by a message written in large black letters: "Do not talk about peace. We have heard enough. Please, Mr Mandela, no peace. Give us weapons. Please, no peace".

4pm: President FW de Klerk and Mr Mandela begin four hours of talks on ways to end the violence. They agree to pursue ways of ensuring the involvement of political leaders in defusing violence.

## FRIDAY

12pm: As the East Rand death toll rises to 143, 2 000 additional policemen and battle-hardened SADF troops and armoured vehicles — including Elands, Rates and Rooikats — move in. The first task performed by members of Operation Pikaed is to fill in trenches and remove barricades. Calm settles over the troubled area.

## Morgue filed to capacity

IN the government mortuary at Germiston, 186 unclaimed bodies bear testimony to three weeks of violence.

The mortuary can no longer accommodate the dead, and bodies are now also being taken to the Diepkloof mortuary in Soweto.

Constable Siphive Ngcobo said that because of the tense situation on the East Rand all bodies would be kept for at least two months in the hope that relatives would identify them.

At the Natalspruit hospital in Katilehong, the concern is for the living. Deputy superintendent Beata Binkowska said, "we hospital was 'desperate' for surgeons to cope with the number of patients with gunshot and stab wounds.

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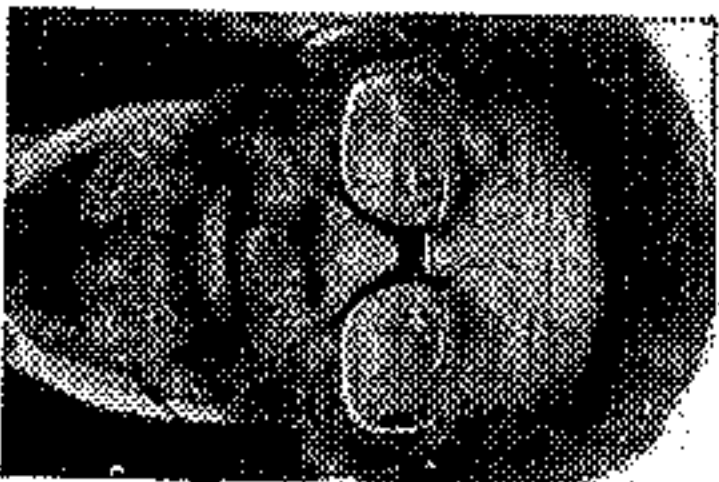
I HAD been planning to spend July lolling in Rustenburg or Durban, far from work and my meddling family.

Little did I know that fate had other things in store.

For my entire annual leave, which started on July 2, violence has kept me prisoner in my own section of Katilehong.

What apparently started off as a taxi feud five weeks ago has escalated into a full-scale war between hostel dwellers and township residents.

The details have been submerged in a blur of bullets, terror, death and violence, and as the winds of August begin to



By DOC BIKITSHA

blow there is no sign of relief.

At first the nightly rat-tat-tat of small-arms fire was no more than inconvenient. But as time passed the nocturnal symphony became a cacophony of booms and bangs, mostly from the direction of Thokoza, Phola Park, Mandela Park and Buva Puthi.

Then the daylight terror started. The anguished expressions on the faces of frustrated workers said it all. With all commuter links disrupted or halted, going to work has become a terrifying risk, with death never far away.

Each morning I strolled with pounding heart to the main route between Katilehong and Vosloorus to see what was happening. Most times the busy route was deserted. Only brave pirate taxis and unwary motorists took their chances.

Business has suffered as delivery vans from Johannesburg, Germiston and Alberton refuse to enter the war zone. One has to be early at the shops

to buy perishables like bread, milk and meat.

So far there have been no accompanying disruptions of electricity and water supplies in my zone — called Beitun. I don't know about other areas because I dare not venture farther afield to find out.

In Beitun, a predominantly Sotho area, the young militants are ferocious. Even cops fear to tread here at night.

Before, people used to talk. Now they are mute with fear. When workers are turned back from taxi ranks or stations, trying to probe them for information is futile. The unnatural look in their eyes is testimony enough of their fear.

At home, as if by common

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# ZONE

accord, my family members troop to bed immediately after the 6pm rapies on TV. Some of the children are beginning to understand what is happening in Bosh-Herzogovina.

When the frantic pounding of hurried footsteps breaks out and she goes off terrifyingly near, we switch off all lights. Not even a candle is lit for fear of facelists snipers.

Another inconvenience is the disruptive to schooling. Every evening frantic parents can be heard shouting for kids to come indoors.

Much against my will, I have resorted to clouting those not inside when night falls. Forgive me... the violence is getting to my nerves.

The sparkle and joy have gone out of people's lives, notably the refugees who pass by on their way to other areas, and safety. But where is one safe on the East Rand these days?

For me, the greatest personal loss has been my files and records, dating back 17 years.

On Wednesday morning a total stranger alerted my neighbours to a fire in the out-buildings of my house. By the time I got there, my neighbours were already fighting the blaze with buckets of water.

But it was too late. My entire collection of books, newspaper cuttings and other valuable documents had gone up in smoke.

MOPPING UP:

settled after a week of violence in this week, SA stationed on Rand to bolster moved along rifles at the

Picture: HERBEE





# Night patrol in Tembisa: <sup>STILL</sup> expecting the unexpected

By NICK OLIVARI

TEMBISA was calm on Thursday night, but after heavy fighting earlier in the week, internal stability unit members were still working around the clock.

With the death toll on the East Rand at more than 140, ISU crews were alert to the unexpected, but believed the worst was over — this time. **218193**

With a dusk-to-dawn curfew effective for the last two months, only two pedestrians were seen on the streets, and few houses showed light when the Sunday Times joined a crew on patrol.

Travelling down a dark street, we approached yet another roadblock and a small fire was kicked out as we passed.

Suddenly the flames of petrol bombs ignited the night, and the R5s and shotguns appeared as if by magic in the hands of the crew. **(2-18)**

As the acrid smell of smoke filled the open cab, the driver cut the engine.

"They put rubber pieces in the bomb so it adheres to what it hits," said a crew

member, explaining the smell.

The driver called in the attack on the radio and the time was noted in the Casspir's incident book. All eyes peered through the gun turret, but the attackers had already melted into the night.

The driver started the engine again and cruised up and down the street, hoping to draw fire, but only a stone thudded against the armour plating.

The patrol continued uneventfully. Isolated petrol-bomb attacks on other Casspirs in the area were reported, but there were no major incidents.

According to one crew member, no matter how big the police presence on the East Rand, the killing will not stop.

"We can park in one spot and things will calm down. But if we get called away, you can be sure something will happen the minute we leave."

For the men of the internal stability unit, the one certainty of township duty is that they can never predict what will happen next — or where.



RED ALERT: Poised for action after a petrol bomb is thrown at the Casspir Picture: JON HRUSA



# Toaster gang set our town alight

By EZRA MANTINI

AFTER counting the bodies of more than 41 people who died in this week's violence in Tembisa, residents and hostel dwellers agreed on one thing — the notorious Toaster gang had a hand in sparking the bloodshed.

Residents say members of the gang are being sheltered at the Vusumuzi hostel, and that forcing them out would be the only way to bring peace to the area.

The hostel dwellers, too, acknowledge the danger posed by the thugs living among them, but they say the decision to shelter gang members was taken by their leaders.

Toaster gang members have been moving into the hostel since residents started attacking them and forcing them out of other parts of the township.

The conflict is complex, and is clearly more than just the work of a gang of thugs. Nonetheless, the name of the Toaster gang keeps coming up.

Teacher Dudu Mkhize, of the township's Mthambeka section, said: "We have lived with hostel dwellers for decades. We have been the best of friends, and some of us have relatives inside the hostel."

## Revenge

"This chaos was started by the Toaster gang who attended a party last week and caused hell by beating up people and robbing them."

"In revenge, party-goers grabbed a Toaster gang member and killed him. The rest sped off to the Vusumuzi hostel."

"On Saturday afternoon, hostel dwellers were called to a meeting, and later that night they launched an attack on residents."

"I am convinced that if the hostel can rid itself of thugs like the Toaster gang — who, I want to believe, are easily manipulated by the third force — we can have lasting peace."

Miss Irene Mphake, of Kopanong section, said some of the attackers did not speak local languages.

## Armed thugs take refuge in hostel



HIT THE DECK . . . as police and marchers exchange gunfire during a funeral procession in Katlehong, peace monitors take cover behind a car

They spoke Shangaan and Portuguese, indicating they may have come from Mozambique.

"We are not sure if they also came from the hostel, but they certainly joined the attackers," she said.

"However, the violence here was not simply a fight between residents and hostel dwellers. Tensions between the two sides were manipulated and exploited."

"We cannot wish either group away. There are strong family ties bonding certain people of the two groups."

I decided to visit Vusumuzi hostel, despite warnings from residents not to.

As I drove off, a youth said: "No one goes under that bridge and comes back alive — unless you

are one of them."

At the hostel, the atmosphere was tense, but almost every person I talked to said they had nothing against township residents.

Thoko Gumede, an office clerk, said: "People in the hostel are also worried about the situation — some of them have not been to work because they cannot cross the bridge."

"We have relatives in the township, and many girls who are married to hostel dwellers still have strong links with their homes in the township."

"But we have a problem because the leadership in the hostel gave shelter to the notorious Toaster gang."

"Since gang members sought shelter in the hostel, we have been experiencing

hell."

"We do not want them either, but until our leadership gets rid of them, there is nothing we can do."

Later, I met a man who was described by some as a Toaster gang member. He denied this, but said he was friendly with some members of the gang.

Refusing to identify himself, he said: "My friends are being terrorised by township youths and their homes have been set alight. That is why they have sought shelter at the hostel."

"If there was pressure on them to leave the hostel, they would not know where to go."

He said this week's fighting started because comrades had waged war against gang members "for

no apparent reason".

With cars from the hostel being stoned by township youths, I was only able to leave by driving behind a police armoured vehicle.

The ANC's Tembisa peace officer, Mr Isaac Mahlangu, acknowledged part of the problem was the Toaster gang.

He said: "We have a working agreement with IFP members who come from the Vusumuzi section."

"But we realise they are powerless against the headmen who run the hostel and who seem to be in favour of the Toaster gang."

"We particularly want to talk to the headman, named Mbatha, and we have invited him to several meetings without success."

## Trouble

"We have noticed that each time there is violence, their thugs are used to stir up trouble."

Mr Lawrence Zikalala, an IFP branch secretary and member of the Peace Secretariat, admitted: "Our investigations found that residents and hostel dwellers would live well together if only the gang could be weeded out."

"We have reported the matter to the region, but without response. We will now be taking the matter to Ulundi."



# Mayibuye iDemocracy

By ZANELE VUTELA

THE Democratic Party was prevented from holding a rally yesterday at the Orange Farm's TPA stadium by groups of stone-throwing youths.

The stadium stood empty as chanting youths forced their way inside and burnt the grass.

## Doused

A van belonging to the DP was doused with petrol but was not set alight.

Jack Bloom, the rally's organiser and DP director for expansion in the

southern Transvaal region, had his car stoned.

"I'm very sad. This was a meeting for peace in a peaceful community.

"We have many supporters here and now our supporters cannot make it.

"It is indeed a sad day for South Africa," he said.

According to Henry Nkosi, DP organiser for Orange Farm and deputy chairman for Soweto, all the arrangements for the rally had been finalised "when in the afternoon bands of youths amassed

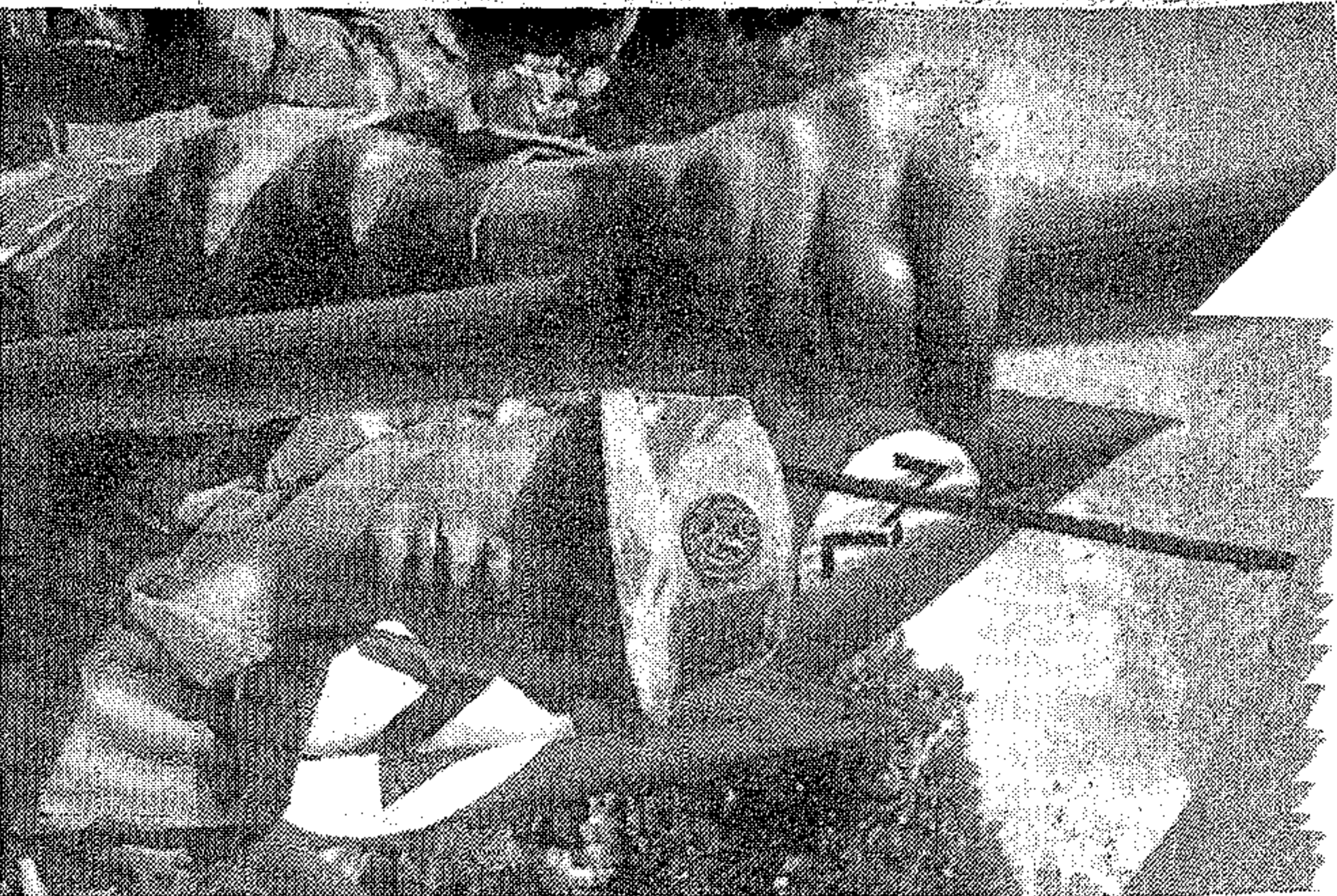
at the entrance to the stadium".

## Carried away

He said he was picked up and carried away when luckily a car belonging to the DP interceded and he managed to wriggle free and jump into it. "I don't know what would have happened to me," he said.

DP officials, including Soweto chairman Andile Mzayidume, had to flee the scene, and those who remained later left under heavy police escort.





THE OLD SA: The AWB's Wenkommando

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THE NEW SA: Umkhonto we Sizwe's Joe Modise

## Schweizer-Reneke's residents salute two different 'heroes'

**THE western Transvaal town of Schweizer-Reneke returned to the old South Africa yesterday when freedom was divided up — one for whites, the other for blacks.**

In Schweizer-Reneke itself, 1 200 uniformed members of the AWB's Wenkommando went on parade as the organisation was granted freedom of the town.

At the same time, the ANC responded by granting Umkhonto we Sizwe commander Joe Modise freedom of the local township, Ipelegeng.

It was feared that holding the two ceremonies on the same day would lead to violence between the AWB and the ANC, and the town was declared an unrest area.

But with an overwhelming police presence separating the two sides, there had been no incidents of confrontation by 3pm.

SAP spokesman Ray Harrauld ascribed this to "the tremendous amount of co-operation by both organisations".

Prior agreements had been reached, and both organisations had adhered to the conditions, he said.

By BILL KRIGE and KURT SWART

The AWB used the day to unveil its air wing — 13 light planes which made ragged attempts at a flypast under the close escort of a police helicopter.

The air wing's abject failure did nothing to detract from a strong display of martial discipline on the ground, with AWB units assembling from as far afield as the Western Cape.

There were no balclavas and revolvers were holstered. Only three men — AWB leader Eugene Terre Blanche's bodyguards — carried rifles in canvas gunbags.

Mr Terre Blanche, his brother Andries, who is a general in the movement, and several other right-wing luminaries arrived on horseback.

In a brief ceremony, Schweizer-Reneke's mayor, Mr Joey Fourie, said: "There is no greater honour than to be given the freedom of the town."

"The town council took the step with the greatest goodwill."

In response, Mr Terre Blanche said: "Today Schweizer-Reneke becomes the town that wants law and order while everything else is collapsing about us."

"You have opened the road of the Wenkommando to Pretoria."

He signed off with a Nazi salute and to a huge ovation from the townsfolk, who left no doubt that Schweizer-Reneke is happier with the past than with the future.

In Ipelegeng, Mr Modise received thunderous applause from about 2 000 supporters, who were watched by UN monitors, Red Cross observers and a large police contingent.

In his address, he called for an end to violence and condemned Mr Terre Blanche for "beating the drums of war".

Lumping Mr Terre Blanche and Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi together, he questioned whether they knew the consequences of war.

"We want to warn them that the path they are following is the path of destruction," he said.

Additional reporting by Sapa



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## WAR ON THE EAST RAND



## Stories by Moses Mamaila



# Black fury over police role in bloody battles

THE SAP have been accused by East Rand township residents of actively taking sides in last week's outbreak of civil violence in which more than 130 black people died.

Police emphatically denied the allegations.

Residents' allege:

■ Police ferried the attackers, mainly the hostel inmates, to and from the scene of the attack in Thembisa last weekend.

■ Police took more than four hours to respond to calls to stop fierce fighting – the station was less than two kilometres away.

■ Hundreds of 'warriors' took part in the killings, but only three people were arrested.

■ Police opened fire without warning, killing three mourners attending a funeral in Katshehong.

■ Police only arrived to pick up bodies – after fighting had ended.

■ The police response to the violence was to announce they would mount light machine guns on their vehicles.

Capt Wikus Weber said in response to the accusations: "Police refute allegations that we transported the attackers. This is just a cheap trick to embarrass the police. In Beiratoir and Evtion the



# Suffer little ones in strife-torn townships

IF CHILDREN in violence-free white suburbs are traumatised by merely seeing horror scenes on television and newspapers, how are thousands of black children who witness brutal murders of their parents affected?

Psychologists answer this question in one phrase – "we are on the road to self-destruction as we are breeding a generation of raptors and vultures who will have no respect for human life".

As township violence continues to claim more lives, psychologists argue that the real victims are not those killed, but the children caught in the crossfire, as the damage inflicted on them could be permanent.

In one of the most terrifying incidents in Thembisa last weekend, five-year-old Mzukisi Mashwabane watched in horror as his family was shot dead in a minibus.

The boy, saved by his mother who threw him through a window out of the minibus, also witnessed his parents burn in the vehicle with ten other people.

In another incident, also in Thembisa, Buisiwe Yende, 6, and her three-year-old brother, Thulani, hid under the bed when gunmen sprayed their house with automatic gunfire.

Their mother, Mabel Yende, said her children were terrified and refused to go to sleep at night.

Family Institute Executive Director Dr Sathis Cooper told City Press that the community would have to develop another term for a generation that was being produced by violence.

"The so-called lost generation will be far more human compared to these children who witness all sorts of horror in their childhood," he said, adding that killing would be normal to these children.

He said these children would have no respect, would be over-vigilant and violent.

Cooper cited the example of a white child who showed signs of psychological trauma after watching horrifying scenes on television.

"White kids receive counselling, but black children who are exposed to violence daily do not.

"Black children live on an extra-boost all the time.



UGLY ... The sight of a corpse does not bother township youths anymore. ■ Pic: TLADI

They live under appalling conditions but somehow manage to survive.

"However, some day their experiences will catch up with them and they could explode," he warned.

He said some of these children would behave like robots programmed to kill, while others would be reduced to "zombies" who would be passive in life.

Another counsellor, Lebo Mapologela, said some of

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"Some of them have nightmares and refuse to sleep during the night."

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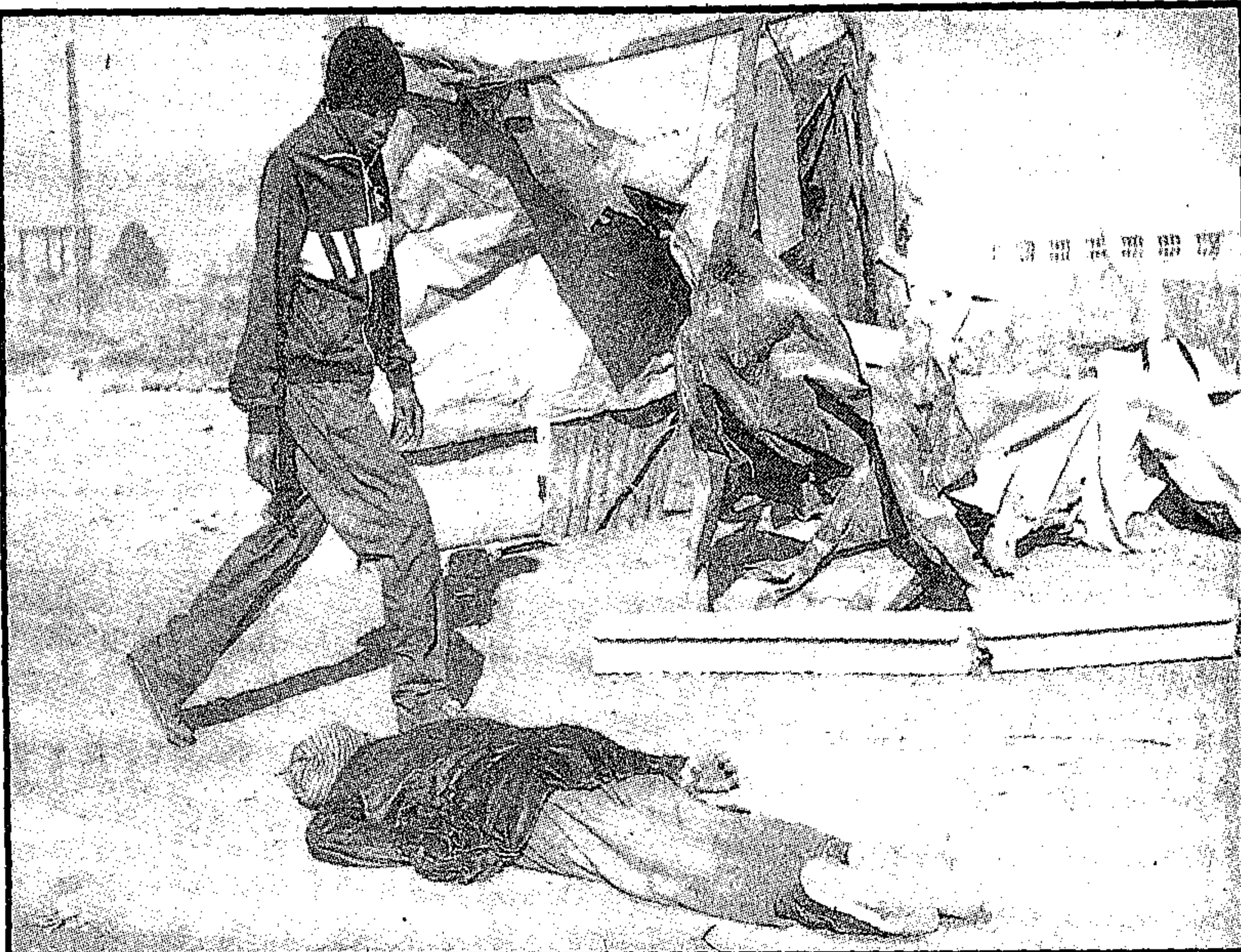
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## WAR ON THE EAST RAND

Stories by Moses Mamaila

# ANATOMY OF A WAR

(2-18)

It was about 2 pm on July 31 when a member of the notorious Toasters gang was apprehended by a mob of residents in the Mthambeka section.

The gangster, who had sought refuge at the pro-Linkatha Vusumuzi hostel, was severely assaulted by the mob before being burnt alive in an open veld in the township.

Reports that a hostel inmate was killed by township residents spread through the township like wildfire. The news also reached the hostel.

While residents celebrated the killing of what they perceived as a thug who terrorised them, hostel inmates interpreted the act as a declaration of war.

Four hours after the killing of the gangster heavily armed warriors left Vusumuzi hostel to avenge the loss of their colleague, whom they believe was killed simply because he was from the hostel.

The warriors then manned a "terror" roadblock on "John Chuckman road", the main street into the township.

According to the residents, a "battalion" of more than 500 warriors attacked all cars travelling to and from the township.

In one of the most gruesome attacks all the occupants of a minibus traveling from the Transkei, except for a five-year-old boy, were killed when the war-

**The ongoing violence in the East Rand township of Thembisa, which has claimed up to 50 lives in less than a week, was started by one murder. Residents of Thembisa outside Kempton Park were experiencing relative**

riors sprayed them with bullets.

They were then burnt to ashes.

The boy, Mzukisi Mashwabana, cheated death when his mother threw him out of the minibus window just before the ambush.

While members of the brutal battalion attacked motorists on the main road to the township, another group went into Mthambeka section attacking houses and people at random.

In one house in the area, the *amabutho* killed all eight occupants, residents said.

Members of area's SDUs said more people would have been killed had it not been for the daring battle they waged against the invaders.

Residents also alleged that reinforcements from other hostels were brought in as the fighting continued. They claimed to have seen several

calm... until a "truce" between hostel dwellers and township residents was broken last Saturday when a mob killed a member of the notorious Toasters gang who was seeking refuge in the Vusumuzi hostel at the time.

buses off-loading people who aided the hostel dwellers.

The residents said the peoples' militia spent the whole of Saturday night guarding the area, anticipating more attacks.

At dawn SDU members, hoping there would be no further attacks, left the posts they guarded throughout the night to get some rest.

At about 6 am on Sunday, the hostel dwellers went on the rampage in the Thafeni and Welamlambo sections.

Several people were killed and scores wounded.

After the pre-dawn offensive, the hostel inmates retreated to the Vusumuzi hostel.

Police have repeatedly denied allegations by residents that they (police) colluded with hostel dwellers in various township attacks.

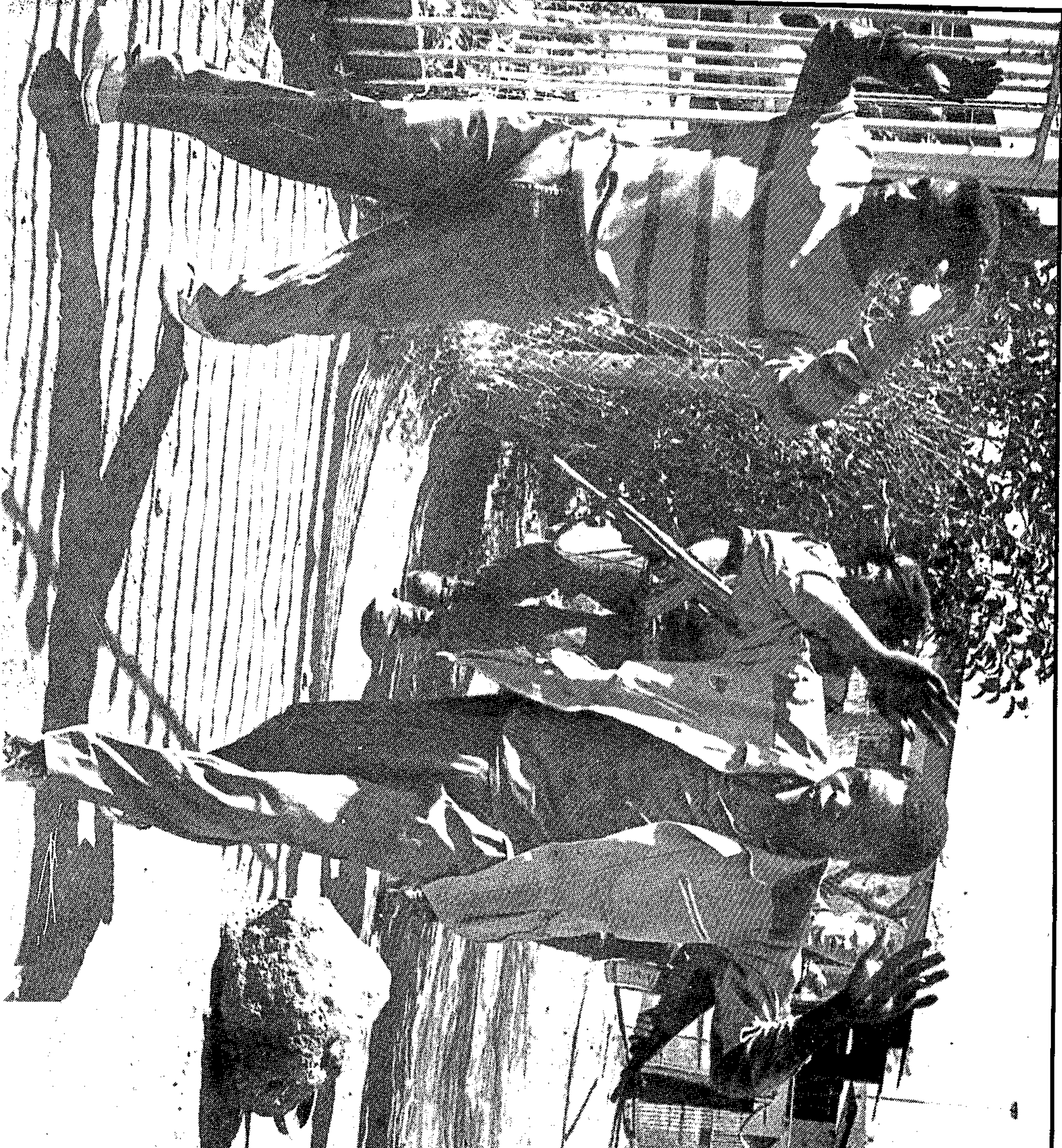
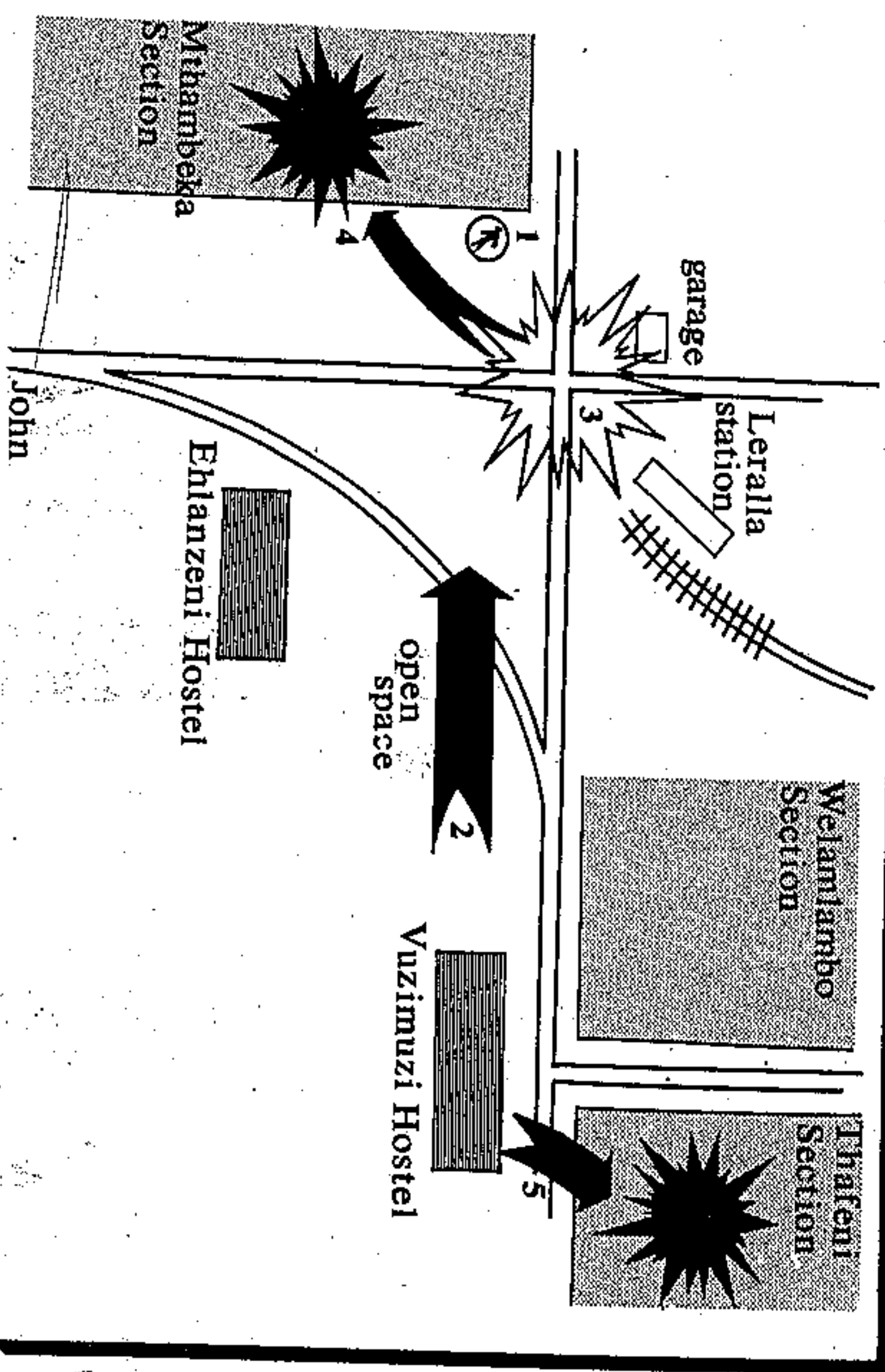
## How it started

1. A Toasters gang member is burnt by a mob of residents from Mthambeka section.

2. About four hours later, Vusumuzi hostel dwellers go on the rampage in apparent revenge for the slain gangster.

3. Hostel dwellers man a road-block attacking motorists. In one incident 12 passengers are killed.

4. Some warriors from the hostel are deployed on Mthambeka section where they go on a trail of





... Police in Katlehong arrest two young men who were allegedly firing at them.

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## 'My cousin is out to kill me'

THEY now say politics is thicker than blood.  
Cousins Nkos'anye Sokheli and Milfred Sokheli are  
the bizarre proof of this.

They are at each other's throats simply because they  
belong to different political organisations.

The two close relatives were brought up in the same  
kraal at Msinga in Natal.

Their fathers are brothers.

The two left their home in Natal to seek work in  
Johannesburg.

Milfred settled in the township, but Nkos'anye and  
his nephew Mhlabuyefana were accommodated at the  
Vusumuzi Hostel in Thembisa.

Nkos'anye and Mhlabuyefana, who are known to be  
members of Inkatha, accused Milfred of treachery.

It is said they had leapt to this conclusion when  
Milfred joined the ANC last year.

On Sunday morning, Nkos'anye and Mhlabuyefana  
were allegedly in a mob of hostel inmates which went to  
Milfred's township house.

According to Milfred's wife, Delisiwe, the two rela-  
tives called her by her name and told her to leave the  
house.

"I was scared because I had heard gunshots a short  
while before and I peeped through the window and saw  
my two in-laws, Nkos'anye and Mhlabuyefana, were  
out there ... armed.

"They wanted to know where my husband was, but  
before I could say anything they sprayed our house  
with bullets. Two bullets struck me in the back," she  
said.

Mhlabuyefana then torched the family car - a Ford  
Fairlane - which was parked outside.

Milfred, who was in Natal on that day, said he was  
convinced that he would have been killed if he had been  
at home.

He told City Press: "It is clear that they wanted to  
kill me. I have no doubt that their plan was to kill me  
because they accuse me of betraying them since they  
are Inkatha members and I am in the ANC."

Milfred said the cousins used to "live together in  
peace in Natal.

"My only crime is that I am not staying at the hostel  
and that I am not a member of Inkatha."

Milfred and his wife said they were considering  
reporting the case to the police.



**HOME SCORCHED HOME ... A ravaged home in  
Katlehong near Germiston.**



## Five killed in Reef train violence

TRAIN violence made a horrifying comeback this week when five people were gunned down and two others were seriously wounded by unknown gunmen at Langlaagte Station. *C Press*

Witwatersrand police spokesman Maj Eugene Opperman said two taximen were gunned down near Johannesburg's Noord Street taxi rank.

Seventeen people were arrested in connection with violence-related crimes and police seized several stolen and illegal firearms this week in Ivory Park, said Opperman. *8/8/93*

The men are being held under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act. *(2-18)*



# Thousands trapped in E Rand hostel

By MONWABISI  
NOMADOLO

THOUSANDS of people including Inkatha supporters and hostel dwellers were trapped inside the much-feared Kwesini Hostel in Katlehong yesterday as train services ground to a halt.

Train drivers are refusing to drive into the trouble-torn townships of

Thembisa and Katlehong after several trains came under fire. (278)

Last Sunday, an attempt was made to derail a train carrying hundreds of Inkatha supporters returning from an *imbizo* addressed by King Goodwill Zwelithini and Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi at the FNB stadium.

The line was repaired

and then self-defence units allegedly started firing at the train drivers, which led to Transnet withdrawing its services.

Sources told City Press that there was a crisis inside the hostel with shortages of food.

Inkatha regional organiser Thabang Dlamini said there was a threat of starvation as food deliv-

eries cannot reach areas near the hostels.

He added that even organisations like the Red Cross were coming under increasing attack when they tried to take supplies to the hostels or offer medical services.

"The government should take the blame as youths leave in day light for military camps ..." he said.



# LEADERS RUSH TO FLASHPOINT



Ulundi sends top  
man while ANC  
pleads for peace  
*C/P Press 8/2/93*

By **MONWABISI NOMADOLO**

KWAZULU Justice Minister CJ Mthethwa was sent to the trouble-torn East Rand by Inkatha president Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi this week after reports that the violence was discrediting Inkatha.

The point of the visit was to obtain information from grassroots leadership on the levels of violence, and also to prepare for the proposed East Rand tour by Buthelezi and the ANC's Nelson Mandela.

Mthethwa held a meeting behind closed doors with several leaders from violence-stricken areas such as Vosloorus, Thembisa, Thokoza and Katlehong.

Inkatha central committee member Humphrey Ndlovu confirmed the visit.

Ndlovu said the minister, accompanied by chiefs, wanted to get first-hand information on the ground instead of having to rely on newspaper, fax or telephone reports.

Violence in the area since last week has left more than 140 people dead.

Thembisa and Katlehong resembled war zones with hostels in both areas cut off from the townships after train services were stopped due to the drivers' endangered lives.

## Plea

In an impassioned plea during an address on Thursday at Huntersfield Stadium, Mandela called on residents not to attack Zulus simply because they were Zulus.

He condemned killers within both Inkatha and the ANC who murdered innocent men, women and children.

He also lashed out at the conduct of police, especially members of the internal stability unit, saying they had no interest in the people they were supposed to protect.

Amid jeers, Mandela called on Katlehong residents to make friends with hostel dwellers.

He told the crowd that he understood their anger when their loved ones and relatives were killed by criminals.

Mandela congratulated the SDUs for their tireless work in protecting township residents.

Youths in Katlehong called for the withdrawal of police.

Most of the youths interviewed belonged to the PAC's student body Paso. They told City Press they were not fighting hostel dwellers but police, adding that hostel dwellers were being used by security forces.

**PEACE PLEASE! ... Nelson Mandela made an impassioned plea for peace on Thursday at the Huntersfield stadium in Katlehong on the East Rand.**

■ Pic: EVANS MBOWENI



# TRAIN



First the driver thrown from a shot at in an ambulance burning. JAMES

SI Times 8/8/93

# RIDE TO TERROR

GREY smoke hung in pockets over the East Rand as Daniel Mofokane hurtled on to the tracks. His frail body bounced once, and then lay still, a bundle dumped across the silver lines in front of our train.

Within moments, as we watched him struggle to get up, the train from which he had been thrown flashed past in the opposite direction on its way to Germiston.

I stood in silence with our driver, Herman Schutte, looking down the line from his green-coloured cab. The stillness broke when Herman swore.

He put his hand on the brass handle of the dead-man's brake and edged the locomotive forward. "This is bad. It's getting worse," he said.

Herman has been driving trains down the line from Germiston to Kwesine station, near Katlehong on the East Rand, for five years. Not even the political violence which has claimed 160 lives since last Saturday night — the worst in three years — was going to stop him.

He halted the train next to Mr Mofokane, who was now standing, shaking and with big holes in his trousers. Grey stone chips that lay between the tracks were embedded in his

knees, which had been torn open as he fell. His face was cut and his hair was full of the yellow reed grass that grows in the marshes. We helped him into the cab because he could not climb up alone.

He was too shocked to speak straight away, but I kept asking him if he was all right. Herman said he was lucky to be alive.

"We could have been travelling at 60km/h. We would have hit him. We would have killed him, sliced him to pieces," Herman kept saying.

## Provoke

Our train — the 07h00 to Katlehong from Germiston — pulled into Katlehong station late. I asked the police to call an ambulance.

Mr Mofokane, a 59-year-old man from Katlehong, was travelling to work in Wadeville on Friday morning when a gang of "young men" threw him from a carriage window.

Mr Mofokane said he had done nothing or said anything to anyone on the train to provoke the attack. "They started hitting me



AMBUSH: A guard and a railwayman run for cover Picture: HERBERT MABUZA

## INSIDE THE WAR ZONE

● SEE PAGES 10 AND 11

on the head. They would not let me pass. Then they grabbed me here (pointing to his wrists) and threw me through the window," he said.

I left Mr Mofokane with the police at Katlehong station, said goodbye to Herman, and boarded the train to Kwesine.

On this shuttle service, a short three stops to the heart of South Africa's ugliest recent violence, there were two drivers — Laurens Espag and Willem Botha.

Both had volunteered to drive the route — for no extra pay — after it had been closed as too dangerous on Monday.

Laurens drove the first leg. The train rattled along past the charred remains of endless Katlehong

houses. Some were still burning, others now shells. Figures wandered in and out of the smoke.

We stopped at Lindela station, which had also been torched, its corrugated iron roof blackened and splintered. (278)

A few kilometres further down the line lay Kwesine itself. The platform was empty and littered with broken glass. The passengers waiting for the train were hiding up on the footbridge between the grey metal gangways.

When the train stopped, they flooded down the stairs and got in. They were people from Kwesine hostel, where some of them had been trapped for more than two weeks.

One man, Mr Alson

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## TRAIN RIDE TO TERROR

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Mbata, said there was no food in the hostel. "There are no taxis, and trains have stopped. The spaza shops are closed and empty. We couldn't get out," he said.

In Kwesine, there were neither people nor cars in sight. Just rows and rows of empty houses.

This train, No 9093 back to Katlehong, was the only means for these people to escape.

Willem walked down the platform to the rear of the train to begin the return journey to Katlehong. Slowly, the carriages began to move again, back past the ghostly shells of the burnt-out houses.

Suddenly Willem pointed up ahead. Just past Pilot station, there was some-

thing on the track.

In the 10 minutes that had passed since we were last at this spot, a great heap of stones had been laid on the line.

Willem pulled to a halt. Young men in hats and balaclavas stood high up on the embankment.

"We have to clear them away," Willem shouted. He called to the security guards in the carriages behind. "We're going to get out. Come. We've got to clear this."

As Willem and his partner, Tan Napel, jumped out of the cab, the shooting began. Figures positioned above the train had laid a deadly ambush.

I heard at least two shots hit the train. The guards covering Willem were apparently firing back. Small stones were pelting into the

## ERROR

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cutting as Willem and Tan cleared the tracks.

It seemed a short time before they leapt back into the cab. "Let's go," Willem shouted.

The train started moving again. No one spoke for a while, and then we started cursing and swearing. I asked how Willem could do this. (278)

"It's my job. I love my work. I'll never leave it," he said.

"I want to help these people get to work. I've got a job to do, just like them."

When we reached Katlehong, people waiting there said Mr Mofokane had been thrown out of the train because he had been in the wrong carriage. There were different platforms and carriages for different political parties, they said.

Mr Mofokane had lived in the centre of Katlehong. That's why he had been thrown off.

I left Willem standing in his cab. He was going back to Kwesine.

● Only hours later, gunmen opened fire on Kwesine station, adds Sapa. Police returned fire. There were no arrests or injuries.

Soon afterwards, five people were killed and nine injured when gunmen ran through a train — travelling from Vereeniging to Johannesburg — and opened fire on passengers at random.

Elsewhere, seven people were killed in East Rand violence, and at least three other bodies were found early yesterday in Katlehong and Thokoza.



# E Rand death toll rises despite troops

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**The Argus Correspondent**

JOHANNESBURG. — Carnage in East Rand townships continued at the weekend, in spite of the deployment of 2 000 additional troops.

Police said at least 31 people died in violent attacks yesterday. In one vicious attack, six shebeen patrons were shot dead when two gunmen, one armed with an AK-47 and the other with a pistol, burst into the premises of a Daveyton shebeen late last night and opened fire. The death toll for the weekend was 44, police added.

Since July 31 181 people have lost their lives in the war-ravaged townships.

At 4am today, the army and police launched a joint house-to-house search for illegal weapons in Katlehong's Mavimbela section. A spokesman said police were concentrating on the area because it was regarded as a trouble spot.

While some residents supported the search, others demanded to know why the hostels were not being searched.

Giving details of other violence, a police spokesman said a Tembisa man burnt to death after being set alight at Lerela station last night. The victim also had hack and stab wounds.

Two men were shot, hacked and stabbed to death at Vusimusi hostel in Tembisa last night.

In Tokoza two men died and a third was seriously wounded after they were attacked in Tshabalala Street.

Police said seven bodies were found in Tokoza and Katlehong yesterday.

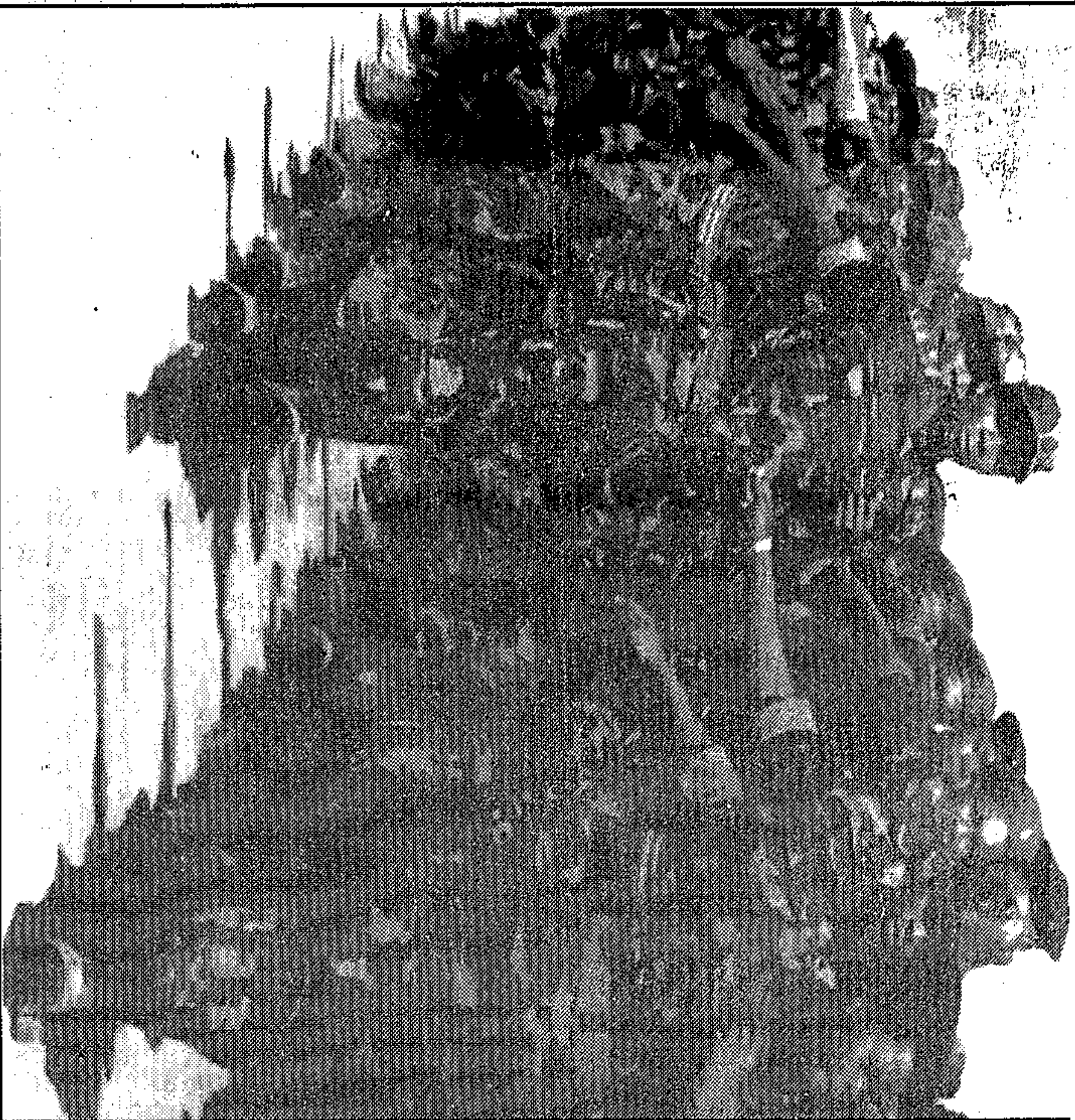
Planned mass funerals failed to materialise and peace monitors reported that people had chosen to bury their dead in private, rather than risk another flare-up of violence in the volatile area.

In spite of the latest violence, a market near Natalspruit Hospital was open again yesterday and residents were calmly stocking up with fruit and vegetables.

● In the Vaal Triangle, police said its members shot dead two men armed with AK-47 rifles after they opened fire on a patrol in Sebokeng early yesterday. Another man, believed to be a resident of Sebokeng Hostel, was found shot dead outside a room in the hostel last night.

● In a desperate bid to promote peace on the East Rand, members of the ANC-SACP-Cosatu alliance met East Rand civic structures and self-defence units yesterday to establish a peace programme.





**BACK INTO THE FUTURE ... IT was a tale of two marches when the African National Congress (left) and Afrikaans Weerstandsbeweging were awarded the "freedom" of Schweizer-Reneke in two conflicting ceremonies on Saturday.**  
 PICS: LEN KUMALO and AP.

# *South African* MK and AWB in no mood for a fight

TWO armies from the belly of South African politics came within spitting distance of each other on an historic battlefield in the Western Transvaal on Saturday — but did not clash as was feared.

Despite inflammatory language, a host of camouflaged troops and a fair sprinkling of arms the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging's Weerkommando and African National Congress' Umkhonto we Sizwe showed, before a strong police presence,

little inclination to come to blows.

In the conservative white dorp of Schweizer-Reneke, where the 1914 Boer rebellion was sparked, AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche received the freedom of the town on behalf of his army, saying: "We don't want peace with communists, but war."

Addressing curious townsfolk, followers and about 1 000 of his armed

soldiers, he said the honour they were receiving in Schweizer-Reneke "opened the way to (the South African capital) Pretoria".

(2-78) Five kilometres away, African National Congress military chief Joe Modise was at the same time being accorded the freedom of the potholed streets of Ipelegeng, Schweizer-Reneke's satellite black township. Modise told about 2 000 residents,

many of them youths and young children, that Terre'Blanche was "beating the drums of war".

In a conciliatory beginning to his speech, he said the country was made up of factions and that no party could weld them together on its own.

He also called on the Azanian Peoples Liberation Army to lay down arms. "Very soon we'll be integrating our forces. We say the future is found

around peaceful negotiations."

The Pan Africanist Congress yesterday slated Modise for saying that Apia should lay down its arms.

"Modise is unwittingly laying himself down as a functionary of SADF-SAP propaganda to demonise Azanian Peoples Liberation Army forces," said a statement by PAC secretary for political affairs Mr Jaki Seroke.



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# Victims want guns -- Winnie

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RESIDENTS in the strife-torn East Rand townships were tired of being lectured about peace -- they wanted weapons to defend themselves, Mrs. Winnie Mandela told a mass rally on Saturday.

The fiery ANC veteran and estranged wife of Mr. Nelson Mandela was speaking at Mdantsane's Sisa Dukashe Stadium at a mass rally to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Egerton station massacre.

"There are some people who talk about peace while they know they are protected. I know what the people in Kattlehong want, they want weapons to defend themselves," Mrs. Mandela said.

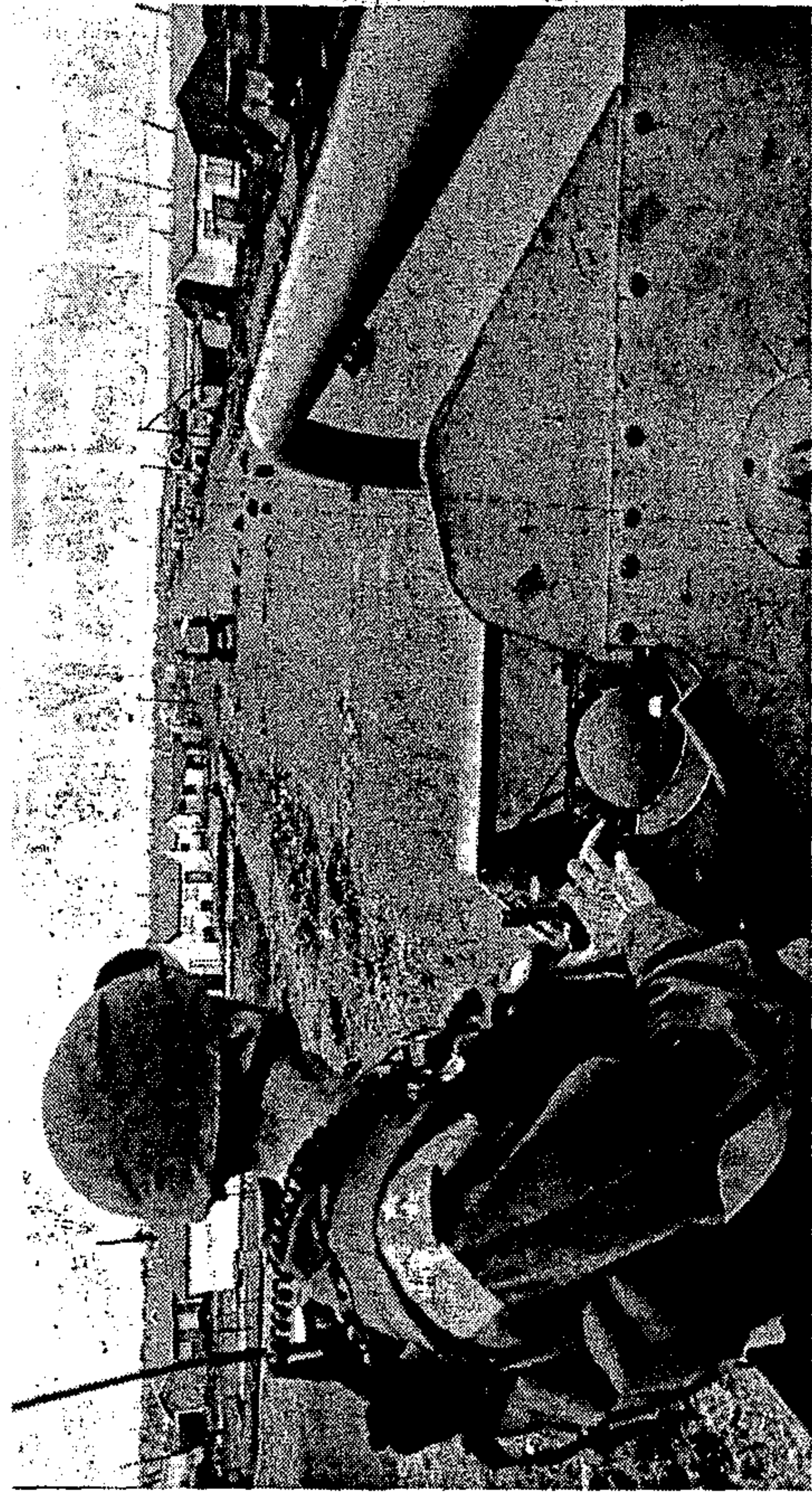
She said there would be peace in South Africa once apartheid had been abolished, but added that if the people were ignored and their demands were not met, they should take to the streets, "even if our government is in power".

Mrs. Mandela also said former Ciskei Life President Lennox Sebe would pay for the killing of innocent people at Egerton station in 1983 -- and for the death of Umkhonto we Sizwe cadres during his reign in the homeland.

The Ciskei government said eight people were killed at the station when security forces opened fire on bus boycotters about to board train, but independent observers said many more people had died.

The other keynote speaker at the rally, Congress of Traditional Leaders of South Africa president Chief Patekile Holomisa, called for the urgent deployment of armed international peace-keepers to monitor the police and SADF.





An army convoy rumbles through the deserted streets of Thokoza, negotiating barricades residents say have been erected as a deterrent against drive-by shootings.

Picture: ROBERT BOTHA

## Management committee chairman sacked

**PRETORIA** — Evidence of widespread fraud and irregularities by the Marble Hall Town Council had led to the summary discharge of the management committee chairman at the weekend, the Transvaal Provincial Administration said.

Other management committee members would also be investigated to determine who had supported or passed council decisions leading to "unnecessary expenditure and the squandering of council funds".

TPA MEC for local government Burger Lategan described as "extremely disturbing" the published findings of a commission of inquiry into the town's affairs.

The commission, appointed in May

**ADRIAN HADLAND**

1991, recommended that several incidents of possible fraud be referred to the attorney-general for consideration. These included the review of business licences and cancellation of special consents for usage carried out by the management committee chairman and business competitor N B Mallinson.

A decision that the council would only buy petrol from certain garages was also to be referred to the attorney-general.

The commission's report identified actions of wilful illegality, maladministration, squandered moneys and favouritism in accepting tenders.

While the council had refused to appoint a town clerk, itself contrary to the Town Clerks Act of 1939, the acting town clerk was found to be woefully underqualified.

The commission found that Mallinson had "personally contributed to the unnecessary spending of council funds", and that other members of the council had taken part.

The TPA executive committee had accepted all recommendations of the report including the discharge of Mallinson, the investigation of other members of the town's management committee and the determination by the auditor-general of funds unnecessarily spent, a statement said.

## Calm 'deceptive' as killings continue

STEPHANE BOTHA

THE massive security force deployment on the East Rand at the weekend has brought an eerie daytime calm to Thokoza and Katlehong, where running battles were fought in barricaded streets last week. *B/Say*

But the calm was deceptive as killings continued at night. Twenty bodies were discovered by SAP and SADF patrols on Saturday and yesterday, bringing the East Rand death toll over the past 10 days to at least 207.

The week of mayhem prompted government to deploy additional SADF infantry and armoured vehicle units in Thokoza, Katlehong and Daveyton. *9/8/93*

SADF Maj-Gen Vos Benade said the violence brought about by a political power struggle, high unemployment, civil disobedience and a tremendous influx of weapons mainly from Mozambique — had led to acts of "straightforward barbarism".

SADF Col Vic Walker told a news conference that armoured vehicles were not being used for their firepower, but for self-protection and to circumnavigate barricaded roads. He could not say how long "Operation Pikadel" would take to restore peace.

On Saturday, the second day of the operation, Thokoza and Katlehong seemed stable, with informal street corner markets and taxis — absent from the townships for a week — in evidence. Journalists accompanying an SADF patrol on Saturday saw that the soldiers were largely accepted and, in some cases, welcomed by residents.

"The township people are generally quite happy with our presence, but unfortunately the same cannot be said about police patrols. Thank God I am not a policeman," a soldier said. *(2-78)*

Meanwhile, a group of about 100 black business executives and professionals, convened by Eskom's Dawn Mokhobo, met in Sandton on Saturday to discuss strategies to end the violence. They agreed to fund programmes to combat the violence and a task force to coordinate this will be set up this weekend.

The group, which has not yet been named, said it would co-operate with existing peace accord structures, encourage nation-building and promote black unity in order to stabilise communities.

In Durban yesterday, ANC and Inkatha Freedom Party youth leaders declared a cessation of hostilities in southern Natal and called on supporters to stop waging war, Sapa reports. They pledged to form a joint committee to ensure that peace agreements were not breached.



*2 km separates 2 worlds*

# A story of division, freedom

■ BY PATRICK LAURENCE

Two black policemen in plain clothes were racially abused and told to "voetsek" when they got out of a police van to watch AWB zealots march through Schweizer-Reneke at the weekend.

A white police colleague did not intervene to protect their right to observe the columns of marching AWB commandos, even after the black policemen identified themselves as SAP members by showing their police identity cards. Asked by journalists why he had not interceded, the white policeman shrugged his shoulders.

When The Star approached the black policemen they were still seething with anger.

Before Schweizer-Reneke's mayor Joey Fourie had formally conferred freedom of the town on the AWB's Wenkommando, a member of the AWB had tried to persuade journalists that the AWB's quarrel was not with blacks per se but with "non-believers" who supported the ANC. The black residents of Ipelegeng, hardly more than 2 km away, had a different, more ominous view of the AWB.

With the exception of the two black policemen — who were on duty and en route to another part of the town — and a soli-

**BLACKS are clearly not welcomed in Schweizer-Reneke by AWB members — even if they are policemen.**

tary black employee at the town hall, black people kept well clear of the armed AWB militants.

In his speech replying to the granting of freedom of the town on the Wenkommando, AWB leader Eugene TerreBlanche told Schweizer-Reneke's town council: "You have opened the road to Pretoria."

The road to Ipelegeng, however, remained firmly closed. The 27 000 people there chose to confer freedom of the township on Joe Modise, commander of Umkhonto we Sizwe. (278)

A crowd of about 2 000 residents watched a more modest parade by 32 members of the ANC army, led by a woman combatant, on the dusty field of the local sports stadium.

Accommodatingly holding the microphones of radio and TV journalists in one hand, Modise, who was garlanded, capped and gowned in ANC colours by his Ipelegeng hosts, adopted a generally conciliatory tone.



Show of force . . . AWB members march through the town.

PICTURE: KEN OOSTERBROEK



# Many die in volatile E Rand

BY BRONWYN WILKINSON  
and ANNA LOUW

Carnage in East Rand townships continued at the weekend, in spite of the deployment of 2 000 additional troops.

Police said at least 31 people had died in violence in East Rand townships yesterday. In one attack, six patrons were shot dead when two gunmen burst into a Daveyton shebeen and opened fire with an AK-47 and a pistol late last night.

The death toll for the weekend was 41, police added.

At 4 am today, the SADF and SAP launched a joint operation to search houses for illegal weapons in Katlehong's Mavimbela section (278).

Some residents supported the search, but others demanded to know why hostels were not being searched.

Giving details of other violence, a police spokesman said a Tembisa man was hacked, stabbed and burnt to death at Lerala Station last night.

Two men were shot, hacked and stabbed to death at Vusimusi Hostel in Tembisa.

In Tokoza two men died and a third was seriously wounded after they were attacked in Tshabalala Street.

Police said seven bodies were found in Tokoza and Katlehong yesterday.

Planned mass funerals failed to materialise and peace monitors reported people had chosen to bury their dead in private rather than risk another flare-up of violence.

In the Vaal Triangle, police said its members shot dead two men armed with AK-47s after they had opened fire on a patrol in Sebokeng early yesterday. Another man, believed to be a resident of the Sebokeng Hostel, was found shot dead.

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# Troops - but rifles

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**By Bongani Mavuso**

**T**HIRTY FOUR PEOPLE were killed in East Rand townships at the weekend despite the deployment of about 1 000 troops in the area.

Police spokeswoman Lieutenant Janine Smith said yesterday that seven bodies were found in Katlehong and Tokoza on Friday. Four houses, 16 shacks and one vehicle were set alight during the same period.

The body of an unknown man with hack wounds was found in Madondo Street, Tokoza.

Shots were fired with AK-47 rifles at police at the Kwesini Station, Katlehong. No one was injured and no arrests were made.

Police found the body of a man at the Zenzele squatter camp in Daveyton. Two spent AK-47 cartridges were found at the scene.

Smith said 11 bodies were found in Katlehong and Tokoza on Saturday, bringing to at least 173 the number of people killed in violence in the past eight days.

Ten bodies were found the same day, while the 11th was found yesterday.

In Daveyton, police found a body with gunshot wounds, Smith said.

There was relative calm in Tokoza yesterday. The Barricades that have been the order of the day had been removed from most streets.

Minibus taxis were back on their routes after taximen pulled out their services from the township last week.

Police and SADF members manned roadblocks and searched cars entering the township.

Residents expressed differing views on the massive deployment of security forces. Some said they felt safe with the security force presence, while others said they did not trust them.

A resident, Ms Linah Vilakazi, said: "As long as the police are black, we feel safe. The white cops are killing us."

Another resident, who declined to be named, said she was fleeing the township. "I do not think they will solve our problems. Their presence here is useless because they are helping the people who are killing us."



*The biggest township is a relative island of calm*

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# Soweto stays on sidelines

■ BY MOKONE MOLETE  
SOWETO BUREAU

While the East Rand and Tembisa have become flash-points of violence, except for an attack on Power Park last week in which seven people were killed, there has been little political strife in Soweto recently.

This was "heartening", according to Azapo's publicity secretary Dr Gomolemo Mokae. He noted that some of the ingre-dients which had fuelled the Tembisa and Katlehong violence

**IMPROVED attitudes towards the police are part of Soweto escaping the anarchy that has characterised the East Rand townships.**

— hostels, people of different ethnic extractions and political persuasions — were also present in Soweto.

"This gives credence to the conclusion that there are agents

provocateurs who are exploiting these differences," Mokae said. He called on black communities to be vigilant against such agents.

Soweto SAP media liaison officer Colonel Tienie Hargryn said good relations between the police and the community, the relatively large number of police on patrol, and the different units deployed in the area, were contributing to the quiet.

"I think the biggest contributing factor is the community's attitude towards the police. We are now reaping the benefits of

community policing."

But both the ANC and the PAC believe the police have only played a small part in bringing quiet to Soweto.

"While they are part of the Greater Soweto Peace Committee (GSPC), there are still too many allegations of their complicity in violence," Soweto's ANC chairman Sidney Phuti said. He cited allegations by Power Park residents last week that their attackers were escorted by the police. The SAP has denied this.

According to Phuti, the fact

that Soweto has been quiet demonstrated that black people are not inherently violent.

"The myth of the conflict between the ANC and the IFP is perpetrated particularly by the media and the police," he said.

He did not believe there was inherent enmity between hostel residents and their neighbours, but that warlords were being imported into areas to start violence.

In addition, the GSPC, of which he is an executive committee member, worked tirelessly in conflict resolution.



# E Rand toll 201 in nine days

JOHANNESBURG. — A man found shot dead near Vusi Musi Hostel yesterday morning brought to 201 the toll in East Rand township violence since July 31.

According to police statistics, 186 people have been killed in Katlehong, Thokoza, Tembisa and Vosloorus since the end of last month.

Fifteen residents have died in Daveyton, about 20km away, over the past nine days.

Six people were killed and five were injured when two gunmen armed with an AK-47 rifle and a pistol opened fire on patrons in a shebeen at Daveyton on the East Rand late on Sunday night, police spokeswoman Lieutenant Janine Smith said.

Meanwhile a security force operation to clear roads and "specifically find firearms and ammunition" in Katlehong's Mavimbela section yesterday yielded one homemade gun and a teargas grenade, East Rand police said.

Police and soldiers also arrested seven people. — Own Correspondent, Sapa

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# Cops accused of bias

By Ike Motsapi  
and Isaac Moledi

RESIDENTS of Katlehong yesterday accused security forces engaged in a raid on the East Rand of being biased for not raiding the hostels at the same time.

The accusations came as hundreds of heavily armed policemen and SADF troops swooped on the violence-torn Mavimbela Section in a pre-dawn strike.

The forces said the aim of the raid was to stamp out the violence which has claimed the lives of 185 people in Katlehong, Tokoza, Vosloorus, Daveyton and Tembisa in the first nine days of this month. (278)

Altogether 466 people have been killed in East Rand townships since July 2.

Media reports have suggested links between the walkout by the IFP from multiparty talks over next year's April 27 election date and the rising death toll.

Police, however, said there had been a marked decrease in violence since Thursday's deployment of extra police and army troops in the area.

Residents in the area and various organisations condemned the raid on several homes as biased.

They questioned the police's alleged unwillingness to raid the hostel.

The African National Congress said the raid on Mavimbela Section showed that police were not interested in working hard to normalise the situation.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Janine Smith defended the action, saying the search was intended to stabilise the area.



*'I will not allow the whole country to disintegrate into anarchy'*

# Tough talk from FW

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■ BY KAIZER NYATSUMBEA

As the death toll continued to rise in the killing fields of the East Rand since the massive deployment of troops into the area on Friday, President de Klerk has warned that he might have to declare a state of emergency "with very strict limits" in an effort to contain the carnage.

In an interview with the German newspaper Welt published today, De Klerk — who has often said his Government would consider the declaration of a state of emergency only as a last resort if the country continued to slip towards anarchy — said that was now increasingly becoming a possibility.

"We can declare a state of emergency with very strict limits. I still recoil from that at the moment, but I will not allow the whole country to disintegrate into anarchy," he said.

## Remote

Sapa reports he told the interviewer the possibility of a military coup in South Africa was remote because the Government had always enjoyed "an open and trusting relationship" with both the police and the military. Neither did South Africa have a history "of military putsches".

But as De Klerk was interviewed by the German paper, the death toll in Kaitleng, Tokoza and Vosloorus continued to rise, with at least 10 more people killed last night.

And while police yesterday reported a marked decrease in violence in these townships since reinforcements were sent in on Friday, peacekeepers have alleged security forces "strong-arm tactics" were contributing to the bloodshed.

According to police figures issued yesterday, 44 people have been killed in Kaitleng,

## WITH violence in the townships apparently unstoppable, the President warns of a state of emergency.

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Tokoza, Vosloorus, Daveyton and Tembisa since the 2 000 extra troops were deployed on Friday, compared with 186 killed between July 31 and August 7. The latest deaths bring the death toll in the area since July 2 to more than 450.

But, a non-government group monitoring the unrest said in Johannesburg earlier that a total of 531 people died in political violence in South Africa in July — the highest monthly toll since August 1990. Police said 33 bodies were recovered on Sunday alone.

The ANC and the Police Prisons Civil Rights Union (Popru) yesterday said the security force personnel deployed in the strife-torn townships did not enjoy the credibility of residents to be effective in their work.

"They do not have the trust of the people, so there is no way they can find the people behind the violence," said ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus.

Popru Transvaal regional chairman Monwabisi Mottlo said the violence could be better contained if black officers — who had a better understanding of the townships and their residents — were put in charge of township forces.

However, Inkatha Freedom Party Transvaal leader Themba Khoza said he was optimistic the increased deployment of troops would enable people to return to the area more quickly and allow the leaders of organisations to move around more easily.



Ag shame . . . Springboks Heinrich Fuls and Chester Williams take time off to cuddle a koala bear at the Lone Pine Sanctuary in Brisbane. ► Wallabies get chance to redeem themselves. — Back Page

PICTURE: ANDREW INGRAM



# 472 die in month of violence

MORE than 470 people have died in the East Rand violence since the July 2 announcement of next year's election date, according to police statistics. *BIDay*

As fighting continued yesterday, despite the presence of SADF reinforcements and armoured vehicles mobilised under Operation Picadel on Friday, President F W de Klerk disclosed that he was contemplating declaring a state of emergency. *10/8/93*

Thirty-nine bodies were discovered in the townships of Katlehong, Thokoza, Vosloorus, Daveyton and Tembisa by yesterday morning, and by nightfall the discovery of seven more bodies had brought the official death toll since July 3 to 472. *(278)*

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On Sunday night six people were killed and five injured when gunmen sprayed AK-47 and 9mm bullets into a Daveyton shebeen. Two men were killed in a similar incident in the township last month.

Sapa-Reuter reports from Bonn that De Klerk told the German Welt newspaper that he might declare a state of emergency but this would have to be with strict limits. However he said he did not favour such a move as a solution to the bloodshed.

"I still recoil from that at the moment. But I will not allow the whole country to

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## Violence

disintegrate into anarchy," he said. *(278)*

Asked about the effect of the violence on SA's future, De Klerk said: "We have done what we could. We have got rid of all laws which discriminate between races. We can't change people's hearts and drive apartheid out of people's brains. But we have managed to lay the groundwork."

Police spokesman Lt Janine Smith said last night the presence of the troops and armoured vehicles had made a difference in the townships, adding that weekends

tended to be bloodier than week days.

Police and the SADF conducted a combined search for weapons in Katlehong yesterday, and cleared street barricades.

A homemade gun, a teargas grenade and an unknown amount of dagga were confiscated, and seven people, including two alleged illegal immigrants, were arrested.

In Daveyton four men were arrested after police confiscated two handguns and several AK-47 rounds in Kazivi Street.

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**EAST RAND VIOLENCE:** Police say there has been a marked decrease in violence on the East Rand since reinforcements were sent in. But at least 44 people have been killed in Katlehong, Tokoza, Vosloorus (278) Daveyton and Tembisa since Friday. In Natal, the weekend toll was eight.

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**ELECTION MODE:** The Government's biggest mistake had been to exclude traditional leaders from central government, Foreign Affairs Minister Pik Botha said yesterday. Getting into election mode, Botha said the NP was the only party which would constitutionally guarantee a role for them.



## Car clash: ANC meet SAP

JOHANNESBURG. — Police and ANC representatives met here yesterday with Witwatersrand attorney-general Mr Claus von Lieres und Wilkau and two international observers to discuss the July 18 shooting in which a bodyguard of ANC deputy-president Mr Walter Sisulu was killed.

A joint SAP/ANC statement after the meeting said "certain misunderstandings were addressed" and the

reconstruction of the scene of the killing was deferred to early next week to allow the ANC's forensic team to study photographs and other material made available to them by the police.

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"The purpose of the reconstruction of the scene will be to afford the ANC bodyguards the opportunity to point out their version of the sequence of events," the statement said. — Sapa



## Sisulu's guard: Short release

JOHANNESBURG. — Charges against Mr Jerry Radebe, ANC deputy president Mr Walter Sisulu's bodyguard, were temporarily withdrawn yesterday (27).

He is facing charges of attempted murder following a shooting incident with police. Police said last night Mr Radebe was immediately charged with the same crime and had summons to appear in court served on him.

The release was a technical adjustment. —

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**DESTRUCTION ...** Shocked neighbours Mrs Francina Mslbi and Mrs Jumalima Magubane inspect a bullet-riddled minibus taxi after its owner, Mr Bheki Khanyile, was ambushed by gunmen at Orange Farm in the Vaal Triangle yesterday in what is feared to be a taxi war in the area. PIC: PAT SEBOKO

# Train attacks claim four more victims

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By Abbey Makoe

**F**OUR COMMUTERS were murdered in renewed attacks on Reef trains yesterday after a lull of about a month, instilling fears that trains are again becoming the focal point of faceless killers.

And in the strife-torn East Rand townships, police discovered the head of a woman in Radebe Section in Katlehong yesterday.

The body was missing and by late last night police attempts to trace the body had failed.

The unidentified head was among the 11 dead found in Katlehong, Tokoza and Tembisa yesterday, police said.

Meanwhile, Tokoza Civic Association spokesman Mr Louis Sibeko criticised members of the South African Defence Force who arrested 11 residents during a house to house search for weapons on Monday.

Sibeko said the 11 were not found in possession of any weapons and their arrest was an SADF attempt to be seen

**■ FACELESS KILLERS** Shock and dismay on rail killing fields which claimed many lives earlier this year:

to be doing something in the township.

"Their presence here will only help to fuel the hostilities currently prevalent between residents and the police," Sibeko said.

East Rand police spokesman Lieutenant Janine Smith said yesterday that the townships were calm.

## Attacks

Of the four commuters killed in attacks on suburban trains, three were stabbed before being hurled out of a moving train between Soweto and Johannesburg, police said.

The incident took place between 5am and 6am.

The fourth victim, a security guard, was killed in the second attack at the

Driehoek Station near Germiston.

A Spoornet spokesman expressed shock and dismay at the resurgence of attacks on train users who shunned the services earlier this year because of attacks.

"It is a great pity that certain groups are using the service we provide to kill people."

● Five of the six victims of Sunday's shootings at Mike's Tavern in Etwatwa Section, Daveyton, have been identified.

According to the police they were Moses Motshwane (24), Elizabeth Maphosa (29), Tryphina Tsoetsi (16), Muzikayise Manana (17) and William Mosikiti (25).



# ANC 'appalled' by FW's threat of emergency rule

THE ANC yesterday condemned as irresponsible President F W de Klerk's reported threat to consider emergency rule as a last resort against violence.

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus said that the ANC was appalled by De Klerk's suggestion, in an interview published by German newspaper Welt on Monday.

Reuter reports Niehaus said: "We accept it is necessary to use additional police and soldiers, but... violence can be addressed only in full consultation with the community and by a multilateral peacekeeping force."

"We consider it an irresponsible remark. It smacks of the old government attitude of unilateralism and baasskap and it reflects the bankruptcy of his rule," Niehaus said.

However, government spokesman Dave Steward said yesterday De Klerk had mentioned emergency rule as a possibility, not as his choice of strategy, to control violence.

Police spokesman Gen Leon Mellet said he did not expect De Klerk to use his power to impose an emergency. "At this stage it is an option, but it's

an inappropriate option because... emergency rule would put an artificial lid on the violence without addressing the roots of the trouble."

Meanwhile, the head of a woman was found in the veld near Kattlehong's Radebe section yesterday, bringing to 11 the number of dead discovered by police in East Rand townships after another night of violence, LLOYD COUTTS reports.

This brings to 483 the number of people killed in the area since July 3.

Police spokesman Lt Janine Smith said most of yesterday's victims had gunshot, hack, stab and burn wounds, and were found near the Thokoza, Byafati and Kwesini hostels, and in Radebe section.

A man was shot dead in Vosloorus after opening fire on police with an AK-47. Two policemen were injured in the incident.

Violence appeared to spread to Alexandra near Sandton yesterday, with three deaths reported in the area. One man was discovered with seven bullet wounds in his body, another was stabbed in the neck and a third shot in the neck, police said.

The SA Red Cross Society said yes-

terday it had called in psychiatrists to counsel its southern Transvaal branch staffers who had been doing relief work in the East Rand and Vaal regions.

Sapa reports the society said its staffers in conflict areas had been working non-stop since the April 10 assassination of SACP leader Chris Hani and had been "traumatised by the gruesome killings, especially in recent fighting in Thokoza, Kattlehong, Daveyton and Tembisa".

In northern Natal police reported five people had died since Saturday in renewed violence in the township of Sundumbili. (278)

In Durban yesterday the Inkatha Freedom Party accused Transkei Defence Force soldiers of involvement in the conflict which left eight people dead at Bhambayi at the weekend. Inkatha leader and Kwa-Zulu government minister Thomas Shabalala told a news conference evidence to this effect would be forwarded to the Goldstone commission.

Transkei's military ruler Maj-Gen Bantu Holomisa challenged Inkatha to substantiate its claims in order to bring guilty parties to court.

## Death month

PATRICK BULGER

JULY was a disastrous month for peace in SA with 580 politically related deaths, the Human Rights Commission (HRC) said.

It was the highest death toll since August 1990 when 709 people died in township violence. B1 Day

The HRC said yesterday that violence on the East Rand accounted for 50% of the deaths. 11/8/93

So far this year, political violence had claimed 1 983 lives and caused 2 710 injuries. (278)

## ANC asked to address police rally

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ANC's co-operation.

However, he understood policemen in the PWV were being intimidated into not attending such a rally, and were being told they would lose their jobs if they did so.

It is the same form of intimidation meted out to police in the eastern Cape. But they braved the storm and came in large numbers, he said.

Sexwale denied that the ANC was forming an alliance with the police, and said police were instead recommitting themselves to their communities.

"Even the ANC should not be able to misuse anyone in the police force," Sexwale said.

He said policemen and warders had read a declaration at Sunday's rally in which they committed

themselves to community-based policing, reconciliation and cutting links with police methods of operating under apartheid.

"They are committing themselves to a democratic police force, to a new constitution, to a new SA and to proper policing methods in conjunction with the community. One other thing they are saying is 'no' to police apartheid practices of the past."

A date for the rally has not been finalised.

An ANC spokesman said Sexwale had also been approached by striking policemen based in Tembisa.

SAP spokesman Col Johan Mostert denied there was a strike. He said he had no knowledge of a forthcoming rally, but the ANC should present evidence of intimidation of police wishing to attend.

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# Woman's severed head found

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■ BY CHARMEELA BHAGOWAT  
CRIME REPORTER

Police patrols found the head of a woman in Katlehong yesterday and reported that 12 more bodies had been recovered in East Rand townships as violence continued to engulf the area.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Janine Smith said the woman's head was found in Radebe Section in Katlehong early yesterday. By last night police had still not recovered the remainder of the body, she said.

Smith said 11 bodies had been found in Katlehong, Tokoza and Vosloorus around midnight on Monday. About the same time, another body had been recovered in Tembisa.

She said two security force members had been wounded in a shoot-out with a group of men in Vosloorus on Monday night.

The latest deaths increase the East Rand's death toll since July 31 to about 213. (278)

Smith said the volatile townships had been "relatively calm" yesterday, but police had to use teargas and rubber bullets to disperse a crowd of about 50 people who had gathered "illegally" in Radebe.

Responding to allegations that security forces were not visible in the townships during the day, she said they patrolled all day and increased their patrols at night.

She said no one had been arrested yet for the attack on a Daveyton shebeen on Sunday.



*Trauma haunts relief workers*

# Eerie quiet settles on East Rand

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■ BY CHARMEELA BHAGOWAT

The dusty streets are deserted, a cluster of burnt-out homes stand abandoned.

An eerie silence envelops the veld which separates Katlehong's huge Mazibuko Hostel from homes in the area.

In rock-strewn Ramokonope Section, a group of residents chat behind a barricade.

They chose to stay in spite of the violence that turned their neighbourhood into a place of terror. But they are suspicious and scared.

Few police patrols and none of the SADF's newly deployed Ratels and Rooikats were visible in Katlehong and Tokoza on Monday and yesterday.

An angry youth, who said he is a member of the PAC's student wing and belongs to a self-defence unit in Katlehong's Padi-ma Section, claimed his colleagues were no longer patrolling in the night because they were being shot at by the security forces.

"We try to protect ourselves, but they see us and they shoot. And how can we trust the army anyway? They rape our sisters

**SOME residents want the SADF out; to others, the presence of troops means peace in their war-torn townships.**

and kill us," he said.

Another Katlehong man said people were not against the police, but preferred local black policemen to patrol.

"We don't want white security forces here. They shoot at us and we don't know where they're from. The black policemen we can identify," he said.

But an elderly Tokoza hawker said she was happy about the SADF presence, which made her feel safe.

The violence has taken its toll on relief workers too.

In a statement yesterday, the South African Red Cross said it had called in psychiatric counsellors for its members working on the East Rand and in the Vaal. It said relief workers had been "psychologically traumatised by the gruesome killings".



# Two die in attack on train

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■ BY LEE-ANN ALFREDS  
and ANNA LOUW

Train terror continued today when two people died and two were seriously hurt when they were thrown off a moving train in Wadeville, Germiston.

At least 16 people have been killed in attacks on train commuters since last week after a lull of several months.

In this morning's attack, paramedics found the dead and injured after receiving a call at 7.20 am. The injured were taken to Willem Cruywagen Hospital in Germiston.

Yesterday four people were killed, three of them on the Johannesburg line and one in Germiston.

Police said two men arrested in connection with Friday's train massacre, in which five people were gunned down and 15 wounded, have appeared in court. The case was postponed to August 24.

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## Assassins

This morning a reader told The Star that four men were seen tampering with the railway line near Morafe Station in Soweto and that two were arrested by the Metro Railway Guard. Police in Soweto could give no details of the incident.

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus blamed the latest outbreak of train attacks on "third force activity" aimed at creating total instability in the country. He said the killers were "professional assassins".

SAP spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Dave Bruce said: "It's a measure of over-spill from the East Rand violence, especially since police are starting to curb the trouble over there."

IFP spokesman Themba Khoza said it was too early to determine what had led to the renewed outbreak of violence on trains.



# Buthelezi calls for peace after East Rand carnage

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Inkatha Freedom Party leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi has made a powerful call for an end to violence.

He urged IFP members in the battle-scarred East Rand townships of Tokoza and Katlehong to "find common cause" with their African National Congress counterparts.

But, reports Sapa, Chief Buthelezi warned of possible civil war if negotiations continued on their present course.

Six more bodies were found on Tuesday night and yesterday in Katlehong, Tokoza and Tembisa, but police said relative calm had returned to the East Rand, where at least 220 people have died in the past 11 days.

Addressing about 5 000 IFP supporters at the Tokoza Auditorium, Chief Buthelezi strongly condemned all forms of violence and warned that pitting one ethnic group against another was like playing with fire, "which will not be extinguishable by any one of us".

In what must rank as his stron-

gest call for peace so far, he:

- Called on his followers to "to find common cause with ANC members and supporters" and implement agreements he reached at his meeting on June 23 with ANC president Nelson Mandela.

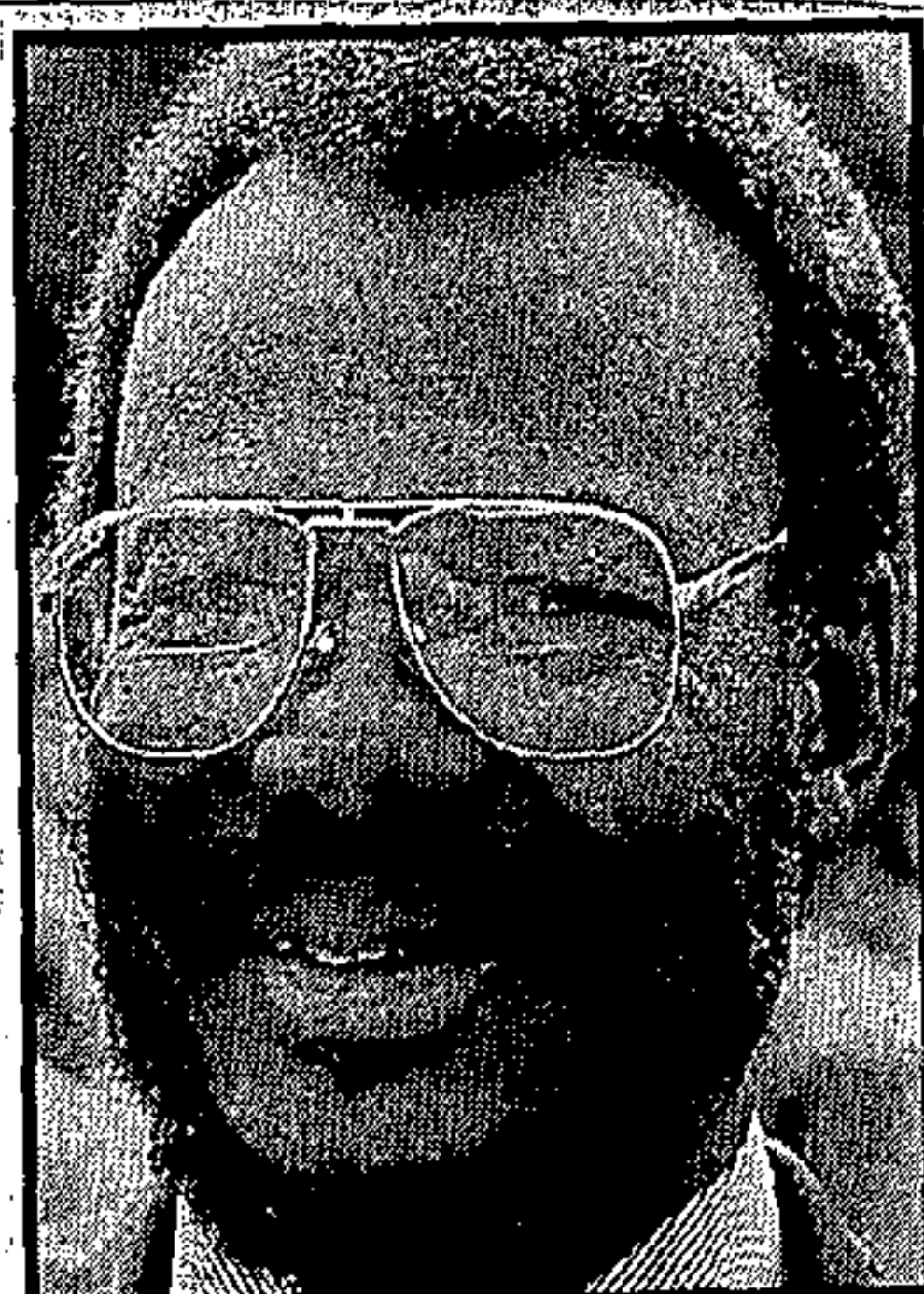
- Urged IFP members to translate the letters IFP into the slogan "I'm For Peace" and to wear T-shirts bearing the message.

- Asked the private sector to finance a peace centre on the East Rand "through which social reconstruction and development projects can be designed around priorities the people themselves set in their action for social stability and peace".

- Said violence was "wrong and evil".

The IFP president blamed part of the violence on faltering negotiations caused by prominent bilateral agreements between the ANC and the government, such as last year's Record of Understanding.

"It is that bilateralism which could well precipitate civil war."



**PEACE PLEA:** Chief Buthelezi in Tokoza yesterday.

Chief Buthelezi — who was accompanied by former National Party MPs and new IFP recruits Jurie Mentz and Hennie Bekker — delivered a stinging attack on the ANC's armed wing Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK).

He again called for the dissolution of MK, saying its absorption into the Defence Force and into a multiparty peacekeeping force would be "a total prescription for disaster".

Chief Buthelezi's visit follows one to Katlehong last week by Mr Mandela.



# Thirteen more people killed in E Rand violence

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JOHANNESBURG. — Thirteen more people have been killed on the East Rand.

An SAP spokeswoman said two bodies were found at the Kwesine Hostel in Katlehong on Wednesday. Both men had been stabbed.

The bodies of two people were found between Wadeville and Katlehong stations, raising the train attack toll on the Reef since last Friday to 11.

Nine people were killed — seven of them by police — and 13 others wounded in clashes at Springvale hostel on the West Rand on Wednesday.

Two Tuncon employees were allegedly axed to death by hostel dwellers after an apparent wage dispute. A

third employee escaped, the spokeswoman said.

Internal stability unit members rushed to the hostel but were allegedly ambushed by about 1 000 hostel dwellers. Police "returned fire", killing seven people, including a woman.

She said police were shot at with AK-47 rifles twice on Wednesday at a roadblock in Katlehong. No injuries were reported.

● Violence has decreased dramatically in areas near Stanger in Natal after the establishment of formal co-operation between the community and police, said Stanger Police-Community Liaison Forum chairman Mr Tobias Bhadumuthi. — Sapa



## VIOLENCE

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## Testing the limits

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The implications of continuing anarchy on the East Rand go well beyond the tragic loss of life and property and may soon test the outer limits of political leadership. It is now clear that in the absence of a radical new plan, neither the understaffed and demoralised police force nor calls for calm by party leaders will stop the violence. The current wave of killing started early last month and has accounted for nearly 500.

Routine police reports of the carnage are chillingly clinical: "The body of a man was found in Molohe section. He apparently died when a hand grenade in his pocket exploded. Another corpse was found on Sunday night at the Buyafuti hostel, Katlehong. In Katlehong and Thokoza nine bodies were found on Sunday, 10 on Saturday and seven on Friday. The body of another man was found with gunshot wounds in Daveyton near Benoni."

The pattern is familiar: hostel dwellers — loosely labelled Inkatha supporters — battle with ANC-supporting township residents; unknown gunmen armed with AK-47 rifles attack groups of opponents at shebeens or houses; attacks on vehicles; raids by police on hostels and houses where they confiscate weapons and dagga.

It can't go on. What's now needed is a means to bring violence under control and keep it there. Without bold moves, a general election in April — or in the near future — will be impossible. If the East Rand last week was a peek into what the next few months may hold, the prospect of establishing a democracy based on a vibrant and growing economy appears bleak.

President FW de Klerk hinted this week at the imposition of a state of emergency. But without the backing of the main political parties, such a move may simply worsen the crisis by drawing even deeper battle lines between the anarchists and criminals — backed implicitly by radicals in the liberation movement — and the security forces. It may also encourage militant rightists to launch their own bloody initiatives to "restore order."

The causes of the violence are obviously complex. To attribute it simply to clashes between supporters of the IFP and ANC is cynical in the extreme. The suggestion by NP spokesman Marthinus van Schalkwyk that the solution is for party leaders to "discipline" their members is as ridiculous as the ongoing demands by ANC leader Nelson Mandela that the security forces must restore order — but then criticising virtually every move they make to do so.

There is also no point at this stage in deep analysis of the underlying historical causes of the conflict. With few exceptions, every-

one accepts them. The immediate task is to end the killing and ensure relative peace during the election campaign. There have been few feasible suggestions so far from political leaders on how to do this.

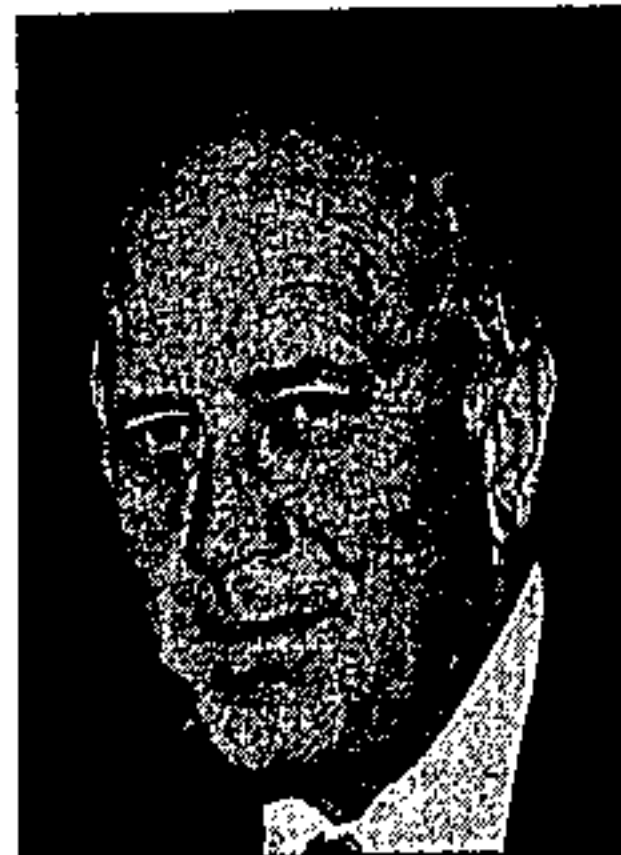
After four hours of talks in Pretoria last week, Mandela and De Klerk could offer no more hope than a bland statement saying further discussions would be held. But the killing continued. Mandela's frustration at the apparent inability of the police to protect township residents is understandable.

To start with there are not nearly enough policemen and troops on the East Rand to deal with the crisis. Secondly, and more telling, is that ANC leaders from Mandela down continue to vilify the security forces at every opportunity — portraying them, by implication, as enemies of the people and legitimate targets for attack. In many cases, even those township dwellers who would like to see the police as their only hope against the anarchists dare not seek their protection for fear of reprisal.

If the police and troops on the East Rand



Mandela



De Klerk

had sufficient manpower and equipment, and were backed to the hilt by all political leaders and monitored by international observers to guard against excesses, chances are they could mount an operation to end the violence quite quickly. But the cost in lives may be high if the anarchists resist — so the liberation movement leaders, fearing a political backlash, are unlikely to support it.

The immediate establishment of some kind of multiparty peace-keeping force is an option that most leaders are likely to back. It was mooted by ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa last week and subsequently given conditional backing by De Klerk. Spokesmen for other parties also indicated their support. But it may remain nothing more than a good idea. The composition, function and training of such a force could be a major stumbling block, particularly if it is to get off the ground within a month, as proposed by Ramaphosa.

To expect the armed wings of the ANC and PAC to work in harmony with the IFP

and SAP, against what in many cases will be one another's supporters, seems a bit much. The process of integrating armed formations is slow and complex.

Military analyst and co-director of the Institute for Defence Policy, Jakkie Cilliers, doubts whether a competent joint peace-keeping force could be established in time to be in place for April's election, let alone within a month. He believes a force of at least 20 000 would be needed to be effective and could cost nearly R1bn to operate for a year (*Current Affairs* July 30).

De Klerk apparently sees a peace-keeping force operating in tandem with the SAP, which would remain the primary keeper of law and order. But credibility and legitimacy will remain critical factors in determining the success of whatever peace-keeping forces — including the police — are operating in the townships. There's no denying that the SAP is tainted by apartheid and will remain so until after the election. But until then, it is all that stands between negotiations and the sort of anarchy now raging on the East Rand.

Distasteful as it may be, Mandela must accept that even if a peace-keeping force is established, the SAP, through training and manpower, remains the only force able to provide the relative order he and all other leaders need to fight the election. If necessary, he must insist that the SAP should be placed under immediate multiparty control so that he or his lieutenants can take action against those elements in the force that they repeatedly accuse of wrongdoing.

De Klerk, too, must be firmer with his negotiating partners in insisting on an early agreement on a joint course of action to end the violence. Joint responsibility for law and order cannot wait until after the election, it must happen now. The risks of alienating supporters must be weighed against the possibility of never being able to test that support at the polls. ■

## NEGOTIATIONS Fm 13/8/93 Labours of Hercules

The hoped-for return to the negotiating council by Inkatha this week failed to materialise. This was despite intensive bilateral discussions with government and the ANC, and tabling of the second draft of the interim constitution, which firms up two critical areas of concern to Inkatha and the Cosag group: regional powers and the question of regional administrative continuity in the transition.

An indication of whether Inkatha will re-



**EAST RAND CARNAGE:** The morgue is overflowing, hostel residents are living under siege, thousands

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# A look inside the shabby citadel

**T**OILET paper, mealie meal, soap, cigarettes and chocolate may seem harmless items — but last week it took three Nyala armoured police vehicles to get them into Katlehong's Mazibuko and Buyafuthi hostels.

Mazibuko has the fearsome reputation among Katlehong residents of being a key source of attacks on the township, which have left scores of deaths in the past fortnight. But the hostel dwellers themselves have a very different understanding of the violence.

This emerged when the *Weekly Mail and Guardian* penetrated the two hostels, which are completely cut off from the outside world, with a police food convoy last week. Many inmates have not left the hostels for days or weeks. At Mazibuko, the faces which greeted outsiders were wary with mistrust and suspicion. Many refused to talk without the

## The hostel dwellers

**Amy Waldman speaks to wary inmates living under siege**

approval of Katlehong Inkatha Freedom Party youth organiser Jeffrey Sibiya, who arranged and accompanied the convoy, and none would give their names. Only a few members of the Internal Stability Unit, who were clearly familiar to the hostel inmates, were warmly received.

The state of siege experienced by the inmates is both physical and psychological. The houses across the adjacent field seem to look ominously at the hostel; razor wire surrounds the compound; most win-

dows have been shot out. The stench of urine and uncollected refuse permeates the shabby building; its corridors are dark and oppressive.

"What is the use of the United Nations (observer mission) if people cannot leave the hostel for three days?" Sibiya asked.

Sibiya lives in Buyafuthi Hostel, where the morale, food supplies and standard of living are visibly higher than at Mazibuko. A peace monitor, he has decorated his room with Wits-Vaal Peace Secretariat material. Also on display is a hand-made poster with photographs of the ANC, IFP and police involved in violent acts, and the caption "Everybody proves each other's complicity".

Sibiya needs a police escort to leave Buyafuthi, and for many inmates transport remains a hazard.

"Tell them they must let the trains run," said one Mazibuko inmate. "If not, we have to take taxis to get to work and then they attack us easily." On Thursday and Friday last week, some finally took the risk of catching trains to return to work.

All the surrounding shops are closed — but even if they were open, the hostel dwellers would not hazard the walk. "We would be shot," they said matter of factly.

**A**t Mazibuko, police stood guard as the food convoy was quickly unloaded. The men said they would share the food among all the inmates, many of whom are unemployed. "We circulate it because we can't get transport to get food, and we have lost work because of the violence," one said.

In the hostel's spaza shop, traditional belts and head-dresses hang on the wall next to signs stating "Long live the IFP" and pictures of IFP president Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

One inmate estimated that 60 per cent of the hostel's dwellers are IFP supporters. Sibiya was not sure, but joked that "if they were ANC, they couldn't tell us. This is an IFP stronghold." The inmates are of Zulu, Tswana and Sotho descent, but there are no Xhosas.

An inmate who called himself "Robert" joked with a policeman: "Give us guns so we can go and shoot the ANC. Give us machine guns, big ones, R4s." Why does he want to kill? "Because they want to kill us."

Asked whether people were leaving the hostel at night for any purpose, Sibiya refused to comment.

## Will the Palmerston option work for army? (278)

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### The SADF

**Stephen Laufer on the army's show of strength in the townships**

**L**OCKED in argument with the Greek government in 1850, Britain's foreign secretary, Lord Palmerston, ordered a show of Royal Navy fire power off Corfu. No blood flowed, but Athens bowed to London's demands.

A military demonstration of a similar sort is under way on the East Rand, involving the big guns of the South African Defence Force.

But the jury is still out on whether the show of force will have the same effect as Palmerston's — a bloodless end to the conflict raging through Thokoza, Katlehong, Tembisa and Daveyton.

For some, the arrival from Bloemfontein last weekend of the Rooikat heavy armoured cars and smaller Ratels and Elands signalled the beginning of the crackdown which appeared imperative after weeks of carnage.

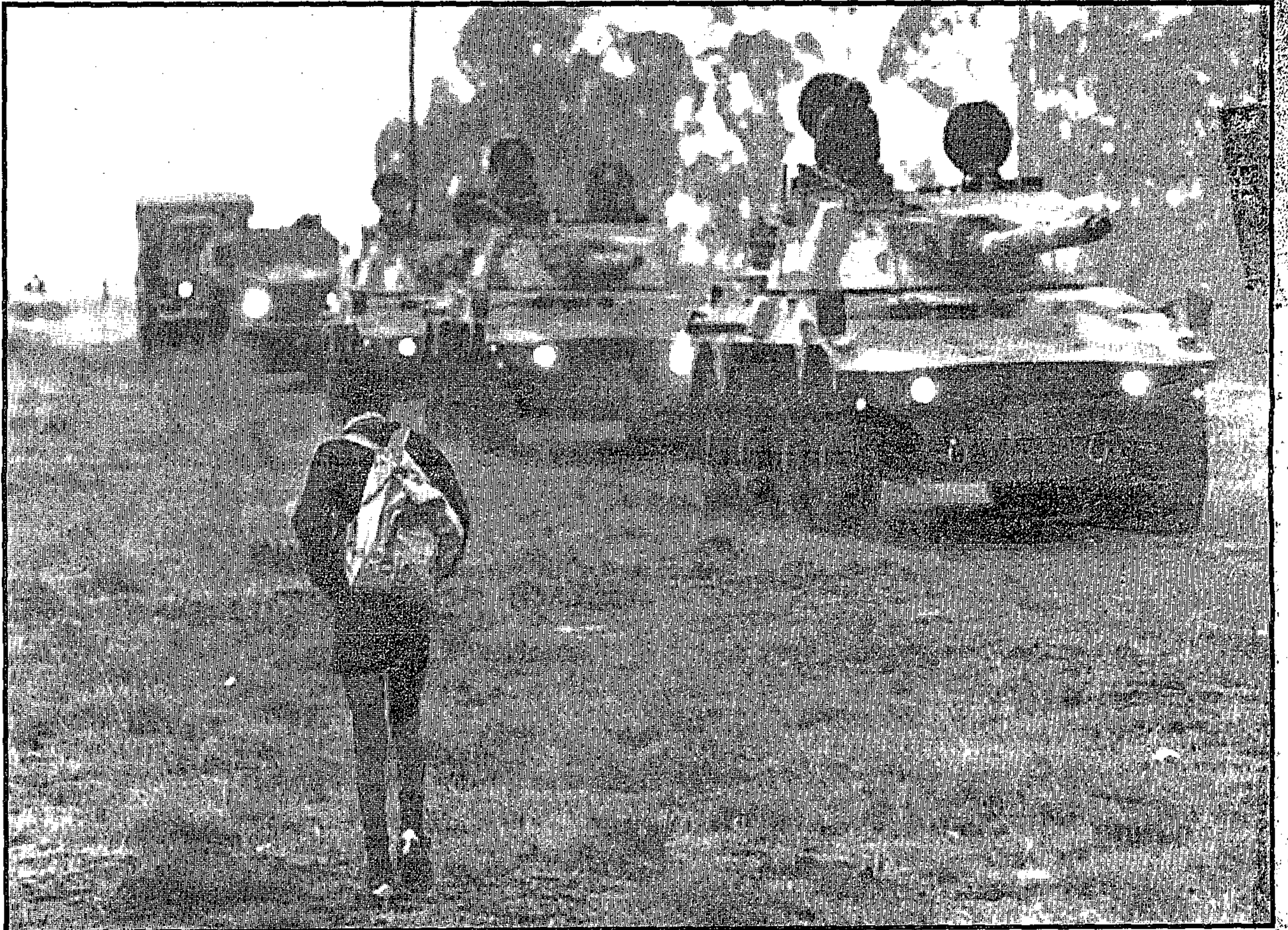
Others, watching the death toll rise again towards mid-week, are sceptical.

Added to the army's inventory in 1989, in the light of the SADF's experience in Angola and Namibia, the eight-wheeled Rooikats have never seen action outside an exercise area.

The East Rand is their first operational deployment — with at least one hand tied behind their steel backs, because these are urban areas and this is still essentially a policing task.

Weighing 26 tons and with an engine which develops as much power as eight Volkswagen Golfs, the Rooikat can command the respect of any adversary. It carries a heavy cannon with an effective range of 2.5km on a turret with a 360-degree radius; smoke, gas and hand-grenade launchers; and a heavy machine gun.

Too much fire power for a police support operation in a built-up area? Or impressive enough to calm the emotions of the angriest comrades



Foot patrol ... A schoolboy walks to school in Bekkersdal as the army's show of force passes by

PHOTO: GUY ADAMS

force," explained unit commander Commandant Chris Gildenhuys, during an SADF patrol accompanied by the *Weekly Mail and Guardian*. "We are prepared for action, but we are not planning to use live ammunition unless absolutely necessary."

To do so, experts agree, would be to take the township conflict to new and bloodier levels. Already, fears have been expressed that the deployment of heavy armour could unleash a mini-arms race, leading to the increasing use of RPG7 and other armour-piercing rockets against the SADF.

Gildenhuys, an army veteran of 18 years, is at pains to underline the non-political nature of the task at hand.

**O**bserving the establishment of a vehicle-control checkpoint by a troop of four Rooikats in Katlehong this week, he struck up a conversation with two men measuring a sign. "We want to contribute to peace here," he told them.

The men turned out to be Basotho,

their scepticism. "It is a privilege for us not to be involved politically, it makes our job easier," said Gildenhuys.

"One doesn't trust," replied the elder of the two men, his eyes narrowing under the visor of his grubby yellow baseball cap. "The problem is the police helping the Zulus."

"It's terrible here, we can't work," agreed his grey-bearded colleague. An imploring note in his voice, he turned to Gildenhuys: "Perhaps you can stop it."

And then, casting an eye towards the mighty Rooikats, he displayed a touching faith in the potential of advanced military technology. "Haven't you got a machine that can fly over the townships and see the weapons and suck them up, like a magnet?" he asked.

Perhaps struck by the limitations placed on the army by the current policing operation, Gildenhuys tried to steer the conversation back to a more theoretical level. "What do you think of politics?" he asked the two men.

without their wives or their children. If they had their families with them, this nonsense would stop, they would be more responsible."

A couple of hundred metres up the road, the Rooikats swung their gun turrets forward, ready to move to the next checkpoint. Someone had told them that the road they had spent the past 20 minutes controlling is the dividing line between Inkatha and African National Congress territory in Katlehong, which is why it was almost totally empty of traffic.

Some minutes later, the four Rooikats and an infantry bakkie reached the edge of Phola Park squatter camp.

**O**n the way, they had stopped dutifully at each stop street, their calm, well-mannered driving contrasting with a police Nyala which screeched around a corner and over a sidewalk, raising dust and scattering pedestrians in its path.

As mothers with infants strapped to their backs queued for attention at an Alberton municipal health authority caravan, the Rooikats took up

Their vehicles each pulled halfway across the road to form massive metal roadblocks, two armoured-car crews kept a watchful eye as infantrymen in bullet-proof vests flagged down minibus taxis, bakkies and private cars.

Vehicles were searched and documents checked. Satisfied that a car was not running contraband, the troop commander asked the driver to sign a form confirming that no damage had been done during the search.

The calm on the edge of the squatter camp — its self-defence unit regarded as the arch-rivals of the Thokoza hostel dwellers — seemed perfectly reflected in the dull heart-beat-like throbbing of the massive Rooikat engines.

It was an almost peaceful scene in the winter sun, supporting the view that the Palmerston option seems to be having at least a temporary effect on the East Rand. Or did the source of the calm lie elsewhere?

In the cynicism expressed on the bumper sticker sported by a minibus taxi stopped at the Rooikat checkpoint perhaps? It read: "Love them all



have been left homeless and the army's tanks are rolling in with a massive show of force

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"Robert" continued: "I need to go home to kwaZulu. I can't stay here because they will kill me. I'm waiting for a truck to fetch me to go back. No job, no nothing. I can't eat. I'm waiting for death."

At night, Sibiya said, the hostels fill up with Zulu refugees from the neighbouring townships — a fact confirmed by other refugee centres housing those fleeing the hostel vicinity.

"It's propaganda that people from the hostels are burning houses," said "Sipho". "Our people are staying in the township. If we go to burn houses, we're going to burn our families also. When Nelson Mandela came out, the ANC started to burn houses and toast people. They want to burn the hostels because they want to control everything. People started saying they didn't want Zulus

in the township." Sibiya explained that he originally moved to the East Rand because the violence was worse in Natal. "But now it's getting out of hand here. I've jumped from the frying pan to the fire," he said.

There are fewer men in the hostel block than might be expected — perhaps 75. According to Sibiya, the East Rand hostel dwellers are moving to hostels in Johannesburg because they are unable to get to work. "If a worker is away from work for a month, he is going to be fired."

One of the four blocks at Mazibuko, Block D, houses women and children, some related to the male inmates and others refugees. To reach it from the men's complex involves a dangerous 300m walk across a field. Snipers often target

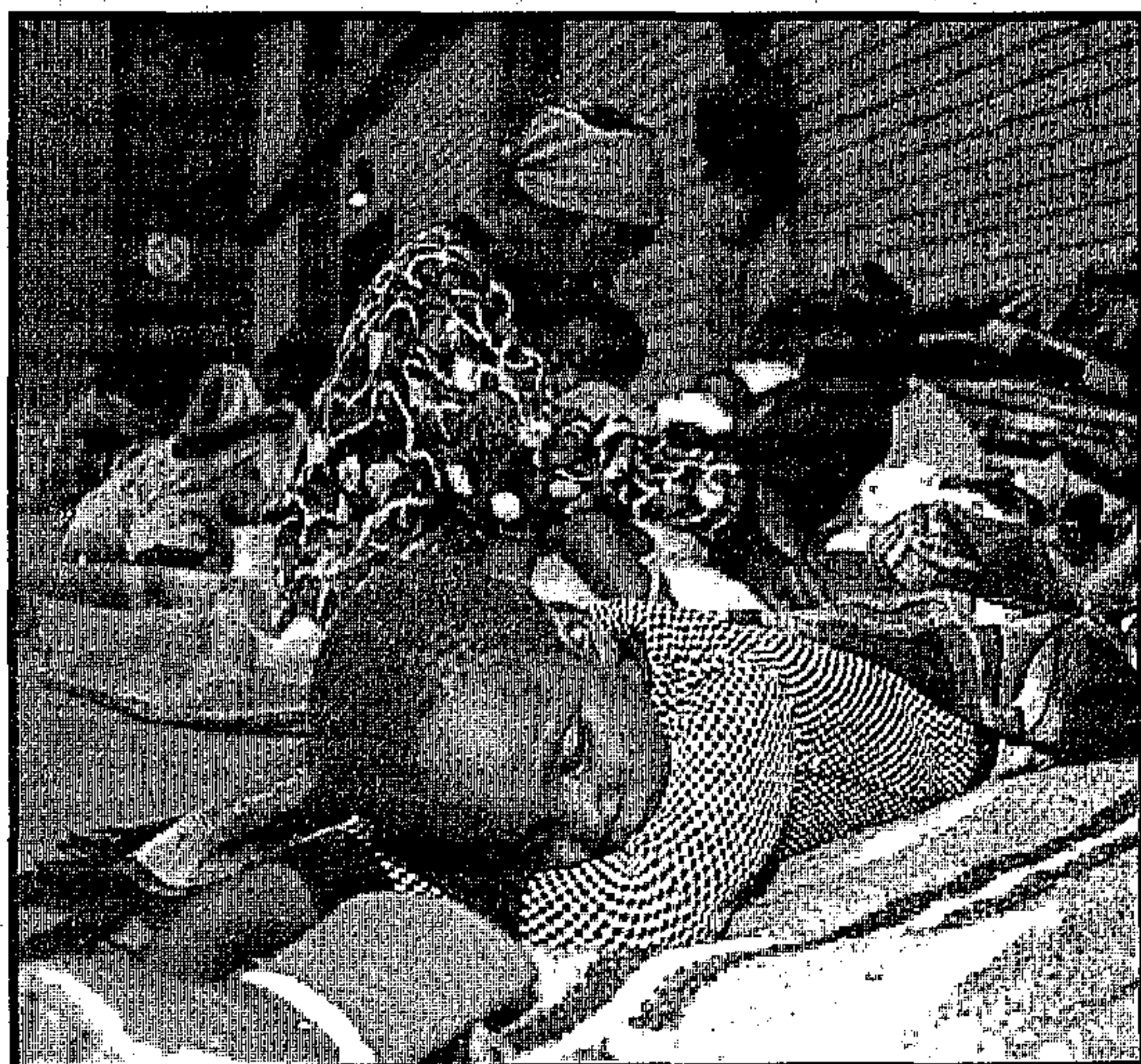
those making the exposed crossing.

Block D has no water or electricity, which makes frequent journeys to the men's complex necessary.

Inside, a few women basked in the sun, while children who have not been to school in weeks or months created games out of nothing. One woman said she was starving. She had not been able to go to her job as a domestic worker for two weeks, and worried she may have been fired.

At night, a few men guard Block D; the women say they do not sleep at night because they fear attacks. "The police are supposed to protect us but they cannot, so we seek for ourselves the ways and means to protect ourselves," Sibiya said. "Let's just say we are using traditional weapons."

After making the crossing to Block D, Sibiya gestured at the refuse, stagnant water, broken windows and sparse food supplies. "How can you expect people to act humanly when they are living in these inhuman conditions?" he asked.



Safe haven ... refugees at Palm Ridge

PHOTO: HANNER FRANKENFELDER

## Township residents find a helping hand amid crisis (278)

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### The refugees

#### Amy Waldman visits the Palm Ridge Community Centre

It's supper time at the Palm Ridge Community Centre and the refugees — men, women and children — are queuing for their nightly pop and stew. Some have been enacting this ritual for two months.

"We can only call them veterans," says Cecil Moeng of the Palm Ridge Crisis Committee. Others are newer: two weeks, two days.

About 130 refugees from Katlehong and Thokoza are being sheltered in Palm Ridge, an East Rand Indian community falling under the conservative Germiston City Council.

This may seem like a heartening symbol of the new South Africa — but in reality the centre, operative since May, is the product of tireless work by a crisis committee largely comprising local African National Congress and civic association activists.

Committee members say many Palm Ridge residents are suspicious and resentful, and the Germiston City Council unhelpful. Some residents blame refugees for the 120 burglaries in the Palm Ridge/Eden Park area each month. The centre's clinic has received phone calls accusing it of being a "kaffir clinic".

Palm Ridge residents and the local management committee also complain about the loss of the community hall, which houses refugees. One Germiston city councillor has been spreading rumours of imminent Inkatha attacks.

"Ask any family in Palm Ridge about the situation, and they'll say it's black-on-black violence. They know nothing about what's behind it. They believe what they see on TV," says the crisis committee's Osmond Sheik.

Thokoza, Katlehong, Phola Park are all less than a kilometre away but, as Sheik comments, "they may as well be on Mars. Few people from Palm Ridge have ever been in the black townships."

Outsiders, Moeng says, sow panic by spreading rumours: "They say hostel dwellers are coming to attack, and it sends shocks through the group. We're not even trained as counsellors, and we have to deal with this." Welfare organisations have promised to

Others spread rumours that the crisis committee has money, which the refugees then expect. "We're not even financially viable," says Moeng.

There have also been rumours that Winnie Mandela is planning a visit. "Where was she in May? Or June?" asks one committee member. "Now that things are finally calming down a little, she wants to come and stir things up." The volunteers work 16-hour days, struggling for food supplies, raising money, cooking hundreds of meals and counselling.

Moeng has just surveyed the refugee group and found 40 children, from sub-A to standard nine, who should be at school.

Inkatha refugees generally go to the hostels. "If we had Inkatha people here, everyone would know, and after what they've been through we would have major problems. We'd have violence right here in this hall," Moeng says.

But one refugee, called Isaac, says he came here in June because his father was accused of being an Inkatha supporter. Unemployed, he spends his days talking to friends, playing games, "then I go to sleep, wake up, and it starts again. I am not satisfied here, but at least I am safe."

Robert fled from the area near the Katlehong hostels four days ago, and he still seems shaken.

"Fighting all the time," he says. "You sleep at night and they come to shoot." He snaps his fingers. "You try to run away, and they shoot. Where is Umkhonto weSizwe? If they do not come, we will be finished."

Angelina, who fled from the area near Mazibuko and Kwesine hostels, is pregnant, like three or four other women at the centre. She left two weeks ago because "it wasn't right for the baby to be born that side".

Her husband still guards their house, shooting at anyone who comes near, barely sleeping at night.

The Transvaal Provincial Administration has promised to allocate land to those who have fled their homes, but the refugees say the proposed site is in the heart of an Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging area in Germiston. Moeng says there are plans to rebuild houses in Katlehong, but no one knows when.

As soon as her baby is born, Angelina wants to leave Palm Ridge — but not to return to her house in Katlehong. She came to Johannesburg in 1962 and after 30 years of building a life, she no longer believes it



Grim reminder ... Clothes removed from unidentified bodies at the Germiston mortuary PHOTO: HANNER FRANKENFELDER

## In the wake of the dead (278)

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### The victims

#### Amy Waldman at the Germiston mortuary

ONLY in death, it seems, do the two sides come together. In cold storage, at the Germiston government mortuary, African National Congress and Inkatha members lie on top of one another. With them lie ordinary people caught in the middle — even a baby.

In the waiting room, Martha Mbatha sits waiting to be taken through the mortuary to inspect the 240 bodies there. She is looking for her 20-year-old brother, Eric, who disappeared in Katlehong on Saturday. She has heard he was taken to a hostel "by those Inkatha dwellers", and was killed and burnt.

and there were too many bodies to inspect. Today she has brought two friends with her.

On a nearby bench sits Princess Sheksane, sobbing uncontrollably. Her husband also disappeared on Saturday. With her is Joyce Kheswa, who is looking for her boyfriend. They have heard that the two men, both Inkatha members and residents of Mazibuko Hostel, were killed at Katlehong's Lindela train station.

The mortuary was opened hurriedly three weeks ago because the old mortuary didn't have enough capacity. But this one may not be big enough either: on Tuesday it was 100 over its 138-body capacity, and 65 bodies came in last weekend.

By Wednesday, however, there would be more space: 100 unidentified bodies were due to be taken to undertakers as "paupers".

The bodies are usually kept for seven days, declared "paupers" if

trying to extend the waiting time, in part by shipping bodies to the Diepkloof mortuary, but they cannot handle the backlog. So those who are unable to leave their homes or refugee centres to claim their dead may never be able to do so; within days they will have been buried.

Many of the bodies are so badly burnt they are unidentifiable, says one mortuary employee. He shrugs: "What can we do?"

The waiting room is full. Women sit stony-faced or in tears, men fidget. But not all are family and friends; some are undertakers, come to take the bodies if the identification is successful. Within the mortuary, dozens of tight bundles of clothes, each with a number attached, stand on a small patio. Occasionally families are asked to look at the clothes in order to link them to bodies.

Flies feast on blood-spattered belts, shoes, women's underwear,



# Price of protection — R20

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Desmond Pitoy

RESIDENTS of Thokoza and Katlehong are paying teenagers R20 a household to protect them after months of random attacks in the townships.

The payments appear voluntary, and flow from residents' loss of faith in the police.

"The SAP just stand by and watch us perish," said Siphiwe Goba whose sister's house in Thokoza was attacked — he believes by hostel dwellers. He said the police station was a stone's throw from the Thokoza hostel, yet attacks continued unabated.

At a meeting of Goba's street committee during the recent spate of violence, residents agreed that each household would pay R20 towards the protection of their neighbourhoods. The money was paid to local youngsters to act as self-defence units.

The youth have become virtual watchdogs in Katlehong-Thok-

oza, taking nightly turns in guarding violence-prone sections. Until the South African Defence Force moved in, strangers coming into the area were stopped and body-searched for weapons and cars were searched.

He added that on two occasions, "comrades" had managed to intercept a group of hostel inmates intent on violence.

Juliet Mntambo, a Thokoza pensioner, has no misgivings about SDUs operating in her neighbourhood. She was recently visited by the youths asking for "protection fee".

"My monthly pension is small, but I don't mind spending it for a good cause. All our lives are in the hands of these kids," she said and commended the "comrades" for putting their lives in danger.

Another resident, who did not want to be named, said the youths had also approached her for money, saying they "needed to buy weapons and bullets." She was happy to pay up because she wanted to feel safe.



# Child shot in back by AK-47

## ■ EAST RAND BUREAU

A woman was necklaced in Tokoza and police found a nine-year-old girl who had been shot in the back by a gunman armed with an AK-47 rifle in Katlehong last night.

Police liaison officer Lieutenant Janine Smith said an unidentified woman was necklaced in Mauli Street in Tokoza at about 10 pm. *Star*

In Katlehong, a man armed with an AK-47 fired shots at a police patrol through a window of a house. *13/8/93*

He missed the policemen but wounded an unidentified girl in the back. Police took her to Natalspruit Hospital. *(2-18)*

In retaliation, someone threw two petrol bombs at the house, causing minimal damage.

■ Five men were arrested in Tokoza after police searched a house and found an AK-47.

In another part of the township police arrested two men, including an illegal immigrant, for unlawful possession of an AK-47 rifle.



## Attacks: Police offer R50 000

JOHANNESBURG. — Police yesterday offered a R50 000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of people responsible for five attacks which left 27 people dead in Daveyton last month. CT 14/8/93

A police spokesman could not immediately say if the same attackers were suspected in the five attacks.

An unidentified man was necklaced in Thokoza and a nine-year-old girl was shot and wounded in Katlehong on Thursday night, bringing to at least 217 the East Rand township death toll since July 31.

In the Katlehong attack, a man armed with an AK-47 fired at a police patrol through a house window, missed, and hit the unidentified girl. — Sapa (278)





**VICTIM OF STRIFE . . . Trapped with nowhere to go, her husband a refugee and her shack burnt down, Jamama Bhengu is one of the many victims of the war on the East Rand.**

■ Pic: MIKE MZILENI

# Wrecked homes and shattered lives

*C/Press 15/8/93*

**By MOSES MAMAILA**

**WOMEN** at the besieged Mngadi section in Thokoza this week said their husbands had been forced to flee the township and were staying at their places of work because the comrades wanted to kill them.

The women accused the pro-ANC youths of wanting to get rid of Inkatha supporters in the township by burning and shooting them.

"Now that there are no more men to execute in the area, the comrades have decided to burn

all houses belonging to Inkatha members," said Jamama Bhengu whose shack was still ablaze when she spoke to City Press.

She said the youths went on a rampage burning and destroying houses belonging to Inkatha supporters in the area.

At least five houses were attacked and more than five shacks burnt down when youths raided the Mngadi section just before noon on Wednesday.

"The comrades now call this place Ulundi and not Mngadi as it used to be. They say most

people in the area were Inkatha and should be killed.

"Our men have been forced to leave us behind because there are people who have made it their business to ensure they (Inkatha men) do not get peace in this area.

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"Even if they can evade these brutes, they cannot go to work," she said, adding that there was no transport from that section.

Bhengu said her common-law husband, Elphus Khumalo, was forced to leave her and their five children to go and stay at his place of work.

Bhengu, who was echoing the sentiments of other women in the area, said she wanted to leave, but did not know where she would go.

Standing next to the few belongings she was able to recover before her home was razed, Bhengu said she did not know where she would sleep that night.

She said she was convinced that she would have been killed had the comrades managed to apprehend her.

"No man lives in this area. Only women and children."



# Killers sneak back on to trains

By THEMBA KHUMALO

THE heavy presence of security forces in the trouble-torn East Rand townships may be responsible for the resurgence in train killings, police said this week.

At least 20 commuters have died since last month after they were stabbed and hacked before being thrown off moving trains in Soweto and the East Rand.

Five suspects have been arrested so far and

police are hoping for more arrests soon.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Maj Eugene Opperman said he suspected the sudden increase in train violence had much to do with the presence of the police and army in Katlehong and Thokoza where more than 500 people have died in recent violence.

"We can only speculate that because the perpetrators of violence in these townships can no longer do as they

please due to the large number of security forces deployed there, they have resorted to trains to pursue their evil deeds," Opperman said. (278)

Train killings resurfaced for the first time this year at the Langlaagte railway station last Sunday when five people were killed and two wounded by masked gunmen. (278)

Two suspects were later apprehended and they will make their second court appear-

ance at the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court on August 24.

Soweto was still reeling from the Langlaagte attack when two days later three more people died after being thrown out of a moving train between Johannesburg and Soweto. A security guard was killed on the same day at Driehoek station near Germiston.

The victims were reportedly stabbed before they were thrown out.

The next day,

Wednesday, two commuters were killed when thrown off a moving train in Wadeville, Germiston.

The renewed train attacks follow a prolonged lull after the ANC signed a joint agreement last year with Spoornet and the SAP to increase police patrols in train coaches.

Opperman said the renewed train attacks had prompted the re-deployment of police in large numbers.



# EVICITION OF STRIKERS ENDS IN A BLOODBATH AS FIGHTING LEAVES 10 DEAD

By PETER DELONNO

**BLOODSTAINS** in the dirt, a patch of ash and a hostel trashed by fleeing workers are all that remain to mark the **Battle of Springfield Dairy**, where 10 people were killed in an hour of madness this week.

No one who was on Vermaas Road, about 5km from the Western Transvaal mining town of Stilfontein, will forget the courage they saw on Wednesday morning. But most of all, they will remember the madness. Rassie Smit, 62, the

hostel manager ordered to evict 492 striking labourers, was the first to fall. His appeal — or order — for 30 men to come and collect their final pay-offs from Tuncon Construction's office had been rejected.

As he climbed into his truck to leave, he was felled by a rock between the shoulder blades, and disappeared under a rain of panga blows.

Tuncon driver Lucas Dzanbe, 41, fled as an explosion in the truck's fuel tank set it alight. He got about 200m before six or more pursuers hit and stabbed him until he dropped, fatally wounded.

Robert Hull, the strikers' foreman, escaped in a kilometre dash across the veld to a hiding place under bags of mealies in a neighbouring dairy shed.

## Trouble

Mr Hull, 37, a father of four, dodged an assegai and bolted, shedding his leather jacket as he ran. He hid for 20 minutes.

"I will never forget running," he said. "I could feel my legs getting heavy, but I could not stop. I can't believe I got away... the hands of God... I don't know."

"We didn't expect trouble. I never thought they would attack me or Rassie. He looked after them, he got them medicine when they were sick. He was a pensioner who came back to work to put his daughter through university."

The first police called were dog patrols. But when they came

# Day of Madness

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**"You never say 'gee whiz' I have killed somebody. It takes something from you every time. You have no choice. Otherwise it could be you lying dead on the ground."**



AFTERMATH: Robert Hull with Rassie Smit's burnt-out truck

upon bodies, a blazing truck and armed, toyi-toying strikers, a 10-man internal stability unit patrol — under commander Captain Salmon Vermaak — was sent out.

Without warning, a serious, but routine call became a protracted hand-to-hand battle. The patrol shot dead eight men and wounded

12 others fighting their way out of an ambush by a mob which Captain Vermaak estimated at between 1 000 and 1 500.

Captain Vermaak, toughened by four years in the riot unit, is distressed by the experience. He too, believes the Almighty helped his men survive. "Just thank God."



HAND-TO-HAND BATTLE: Salmon Vermaak and Piet van der Westhuizen

He was there for us. No one panicked, and our shooting was restrained.

"I heard the shooting and ran towards the Nyala. The moment they had driven up to the mob and got out, they were attacked with shooting and spears and rocks."

"I remember seeing Sergeant

(Piet) van der Westhuizen lying on the ground. He had been left outside when the men got back in the Nyala. He was screaming that he had been attacked. They had taken his shotgun after he fired three shots."

"Then they started coming for me. Two guys were firing shots at

me. I had to shoot back. Then another came with an assegai, about three metres away. He fell when I shot him. Behind him, one was shooting at me with a pistol. I shot him. Then there was another guy with a .357 Magnum shooting at me."

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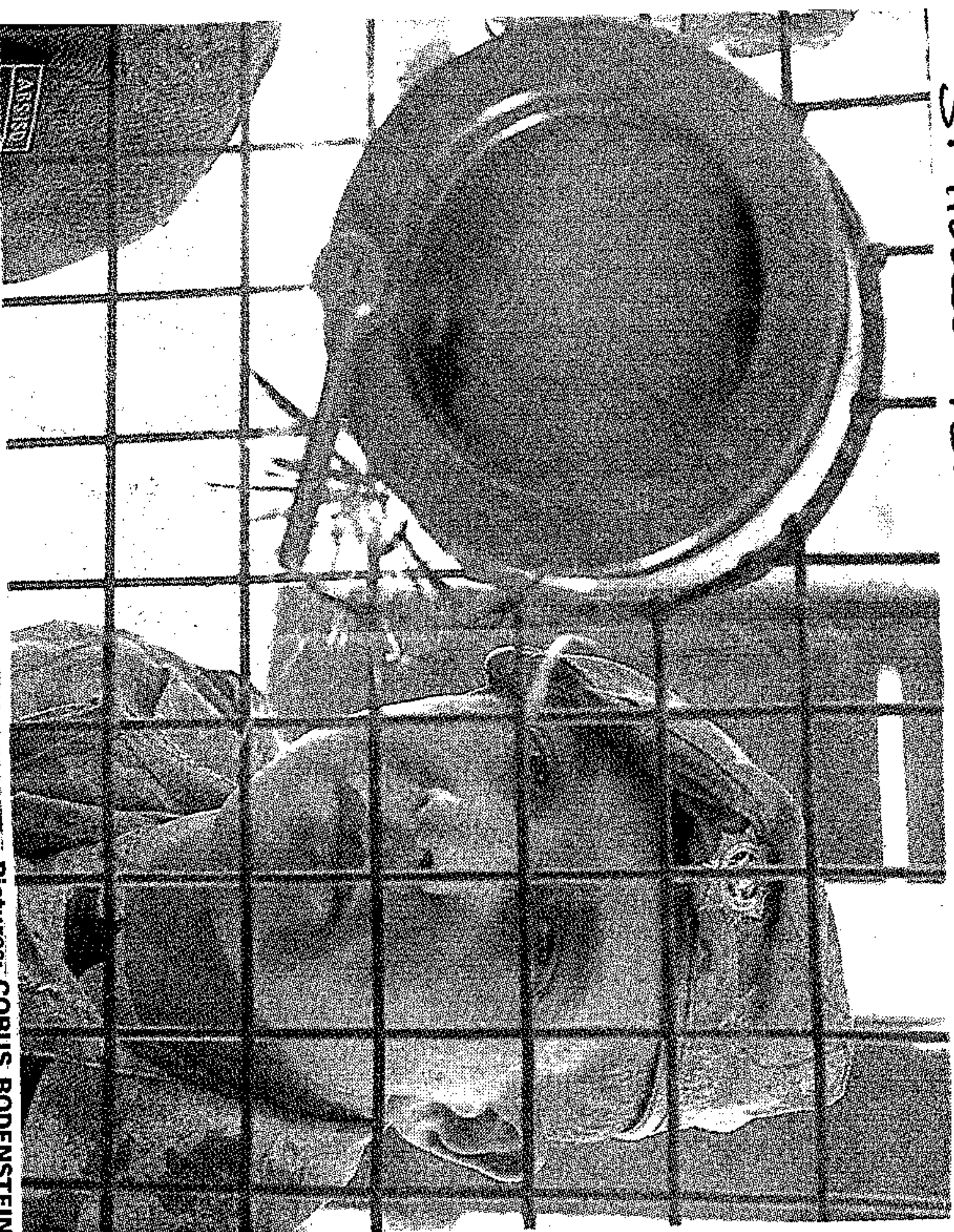
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Captain Vermaak said ritual twin cuts on both sides of the chests of many of the dead and wounded indicated the strikers may have been involved in a multi ceremony to protect themselves before the fighting started.

The strikers were desperate men. A claim for an 85 percent increase on their average monthly wage of R600 was rejected out of hand when it was lodged on August 3.

They were dismissed after ignoring a company ultimatum for bidding a strike on August 6.

### Revenge

On Monday, a Building Construction and Allied Workers Union official confirmed their strike was illegal and urged them to resume work at Hartebeestfontein Gold Mine. When they refused, they were told hostel food was being cut off, and that they would be evicted and paid off.

On Tuesday, they refused to accept their money. On Wednesday, they stopped talking and went berserk. The hostel emptied overnight.

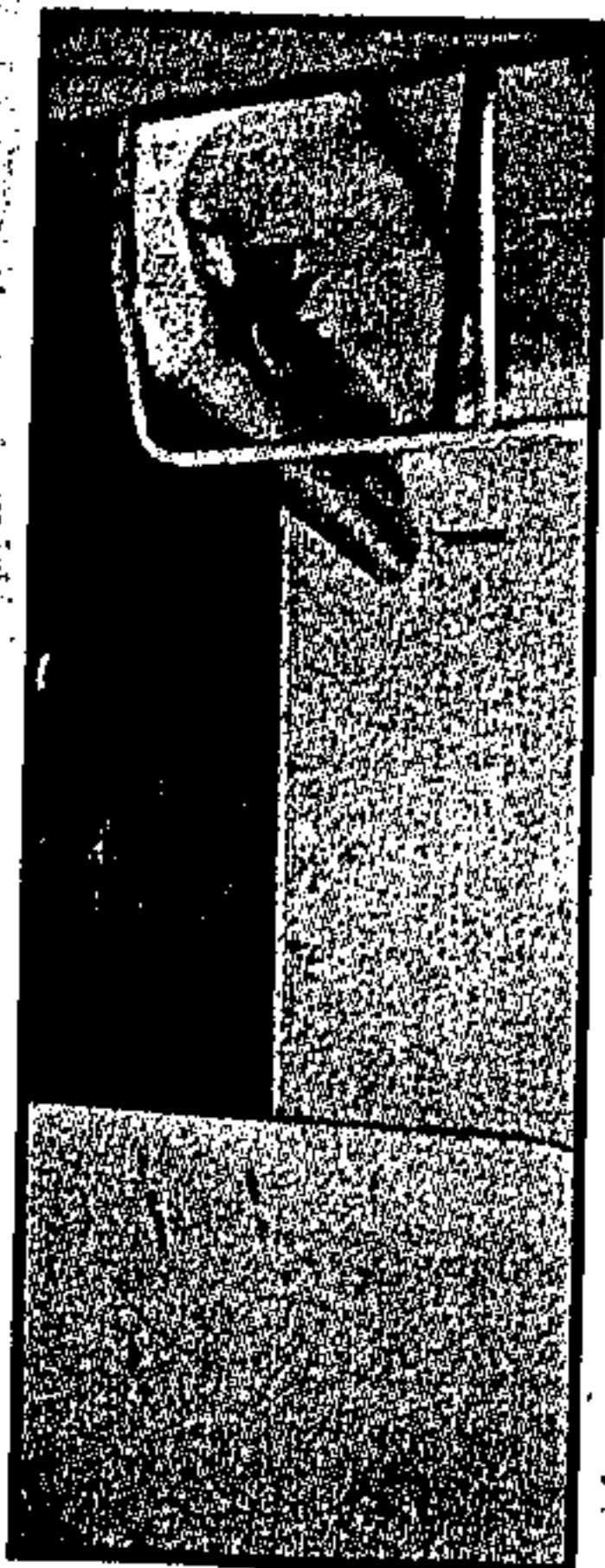
As the workers left, they took revenge on the slum where they had lived, with up to 16 beds in rooms about 4m square. A central corridor is flooded, strewn with clothing and rotting food. Mice scuffle amid the debris in a fetid kitchen, where pots of uneaten pap and meat remain.

A puzzling hint of regret, or perhaps a parting gibe, lies in the spray-painted words "Sorry Turn of corn" on the walls at the hostel entrance.

The hostel is now being cleaned in readiness for 190 Mozambicans due to start work tomorrow.



# HOW 1 TRAIN KILLERS



**BLOODY CARNAGE** ... A train coach bears the gruesome traces of the brutal slaughter.



**SLOW COACHES** ... Police at Johannesburg's Park Station examine the train after the latest Reef massacre. **AP Photo MIKE MIZEL**

# TRAIN KILLERS

**EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW**  
**by MONWABISI NOMADLOLO**

THE brave survivor of a Reef train massacre in which five people were gunned down has told City Press how cops were slow to arrest two of the suspected killers after he followed them to their workplace.

"I could have been killed in that attack," said Mr X, who approached City Press for protection still fearing for his life after strange vehicle patrols outside his home at night.

The courageous train commuter who survived last Friday's train carnage in which 15 people were also injured, led the police to a construction company where two suspects were arrested.

Mr X, who refused to be identified for fear of his life, followed the suspects on foot to a construction site in Johannesburg's President Street after having seen them jumping and running away from the bloodied train still carrying

## Survivor's brave action leads to 2 train arrests

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Mr X said he was shocked at police reluctance to act with urgency after he told them he had followed the suspects to the construction site a few blocks away from John Vorster Square.

The 25-year-old Mr X, still shaking with disbelief, related his bloody train ordeal to City Press. His nightmare started at around 6.45 am on the Vereeniging-Johannesburg train.

According to Mr X, who had boarded at a Soweto station, the attack started at Langdale. "The train was hardly on the platform when we saw a lot of armed men on the ground carrying a variety of weapons," Mr X said.

There was gunfire and people

ran for cover in the mayhem that ensued. At Grosvener, he ran from the third to the first coach. The shooting continued at Langlaagte.

At Grosvener Mr X managed to flee from the train and took cover at a nearby cafe from where he spotted the suspects leaping into two waiting getaway cars.

Two of the murderers were left behind as the cars sped off. He said the two immediately concealed their guns and started walking away swiftly on foot.

"I followed them to Mayfair where I called the police at 0800-11-12-13 at around 6.50 am.

"I told police that I was following the men at Main Street," said Mr X, adding that one of the men was wearing only one shoe. He followed the suspects until

they entered at a building site in President Street not far from John Vorster Square.

"I notified the security man on duty at the building site and then went to the police station. Police in the charge office gave me a telephone and asked me to phone the flying squad again at 10111. I waited and waited but nothing happened," he said.

"I could not believe it. I nearly gave up. Just on my way out, members of the flying squad arrived and I went with them to the building site.

"We entered the site and started searching the area. The men could not be found and police called off the search promising to come back at around 1 pm when everyone was knocking off," said

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## MASSACRE HERO



**QUICK THINKER** ... Fearless action by commuter Mr X, who followed men suspected of train killings in which five people died and 15 were injured, resulted in two arrests.

Mr X. Mr X made his way to Park Station, where pandemonium had broken out with the arrival of the train in which the killers had struck.

"I told police who were inspecting the train that I saw the people involved and they insisted that we go back to the site.

"On arrival at the building site we found that one man had been arrested.

"Accompanied by police, we went to a bank where most of the workers had gone for their wages and I managed to point out to the police one of the men I followed who was then arrested," Mr X said.

Police later recovered two weapons and have promised Mr X a substantial reward and police protection.

The two suspects appeared in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court on Monday and the case has been postponed to August 24.

Charges of murder and attempted murder are being investigated by police. More arrests were expected.



# 'Spy' changes story on hostel arms

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Alleged police "spy" Mr Bongani Mbatha failed at the weekend to show the Goldstone commission arms caches he had earlier claimed were hidden near a Thokoza hostel.

Goldstone investigator Mr Pieter Botbijn said Mr Mbatha had retracted his allegations on the grounds that Phola

Park residents abducted and assaulted him to force him to make the claims.

He did show the commission the place where he claimed he was kidnapped.

Mr Mbatha was handed over to the commission on Saturday after being the subject of two news conferences during which he claimed to be a police spy.

He had told reporters he knew of arms caches at Thokoza hostel, allegedly pro-

vided by police to hostel dwellers for use against residents. (278) CT16/8/93

Brigadier Zach Gouws, who facilitated the commission's investigation of the incident, said Mr Mbatha had pointed out the places where he had been interrogated. Blood smears had been removed for forensic tests.

The IFP has called for the arrest of Mr Mbatha's alleged abductors.

## More bodies found in East Rand townships

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JOHANNESBURG. — Sporadic violence continues to claim lives in the strife-torn East Rand townships of Katlehong, Thokoza and Vosloorus, with the weekend toll reaching nine.

While the townships seem to be returning to normality, police continue to find bodies of victims, with the latest discovery being the charred body of a man in Twala section in Katlehong at midday yesterday.

Police spokesman Warrant Officer

Andy Pieke said badly burnt human remains were also found in a torched car in Katlehong.

Four other bodies with gunshot wounds were found in Katlehong and one man was burned to death at Nguni hostel in Vosloorus.

Two other bodies with gunshot wounds were found in Thokoza.

WO Pieke said the township was quiet yesterday. — Sapa



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# Police accused of East Rand atrocities

■ BY MONTSHIWA  
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The ANC Youth League (ANCYL) in strife-torn Katlehong, on the East Rand, yesterday accused the police Internal Stability Unit (ISU) of atrocities and of holding more than 200 people in detention.

Police have rejected the allegations.

The claims were made at a press conference in the township, where the organisation also announced a mass protest march to be held from Huntersfield stadium to Inyoni Park at 10 am.

A spokesman said the ANCYL deplored the role

security forces were said to be playing in the on-going violence.

"The ISU has embarked on a campaign of harassing members of our community, in particular young people, and this harassment has taken the form of detentions, torture, beatings and raids on homes."

"More than 200 people have been detained since the deployment of the SADF units during Operation Picadilly," he said.

East Rand police spokesman Captain Wikus Weber denied the SAP had embarked on a "harassment spree" against residents.

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# Mokaba in about-turn

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■ BY CHARMEELA BHAGOWAT

ANC Youth League president Peter Mokaba last night retracted his calls last week for Tembisa mourners to direct their bullets at President de Klerk.

On Thursday he asked mourners attending a mass funeral for people killed in East Rand violence to "save your bullets" for De Klerk.

He also told them to demolish the Vusimuzi Hostel "brick by brick", to run the security forces out of the townships and take "the struggle" to their areas.

Yesterday he said: "I retract any statement that might have created the impression that any individual should be targeted for physical attack."

"My organisation and I are

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# Mokaba retracts statement

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committed to the suspension of armed actions and we will continue to pursue the path of a negotiated and peaceful resolution of the country's problems."

Mokaba's retraction came hours after a Sapa story quoted him as saying he did not regret his statements.

Just before making the retraction yesterday, Mokaba's secretary said he was in an urgent meeting at the office of ANC president Nelson Mandela.

The ANC earlier distanced itself from "impressions created" by Mokaba's controversial statements, but it is not known whether Mokaba was pressured into making the retraction.

He said the ANC was committed to the right of the people to defend themselves against violent attacks "wherever such attacks come from".

■ National Party media director Marthinus van Schalkwyk said yesterday that ANC leaders did not have the courage to discipline Mokaba.

And the University of Pretoria's Conservative Party branch challenged Mokaba to repeat his slogans on their campus and face the consequences of their "symbolism".

A police spokesman said last night an intensive investigation had been launched into Mokaba's statements in Tembisa. Police would submit a docket to the Attorney-General once the investigation was completed.



# Five killed on East Rand

JOHANNESBURG. — Five bodies were found in Thokoza and Katlehong on the East Rand on Monday and seven shacks were gutted, police reported yesterday.

In Katlehong, the bodies of two men were found. The bodies of Ms Tina Mabasso, Ms Tandi and Mr Aubrey Mgomesulu were found in Thokoza after gunmen opened fire on a house (278)

Daveyton municipal policeman Const Nkosinathi Alpheus Ntombela's body was found next to the tracks near Delmore Station, Boksburg, with a bullet wound on Monday CT 18/8/93

● At least six people have been killed in Natal since Sunday, police said yesterday. A man was shot dead in one of three attacks in the Estcourt

area and four people — including a policeman — were wounded in a shootout at a Harburg sugar plantation yesterday.

Two people were killed in separate incidents in Ladysmith's Ezakheni township on Monday, while the bodies of two men were found in Umlazi.

A man was shot dead at Durban station on Monday. — Sapa



Edited by Mike Siluma

**T**ownships on the East Rand have seen some of the worst violence in the country since 1990. Jo-Anne Collinge, Cyril Madlala and Happy Nkhoma visited Katlehong and Tokoza to see how residents are coping in their battle to live.

# If you survive, there's still tomorrow

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At the entrance to the neighbouring townships of Katlehong and Tokoza, a stranger is struck by the sight of hawkers selling fruit and vegetables along streets shared by cars and horse-drawn carts.

Children, seemingly oblivious of the mayhem that engulfs the townships, while the time away with a game of soccer.

But the visitor should not be fooled by the apparent tranquillity. Survival here — where violence has claimed hundreds of lives over the past months — depends on knowing where the battle lines have been drawn.

Some sections, like Ramokontopi, Mavimbela, Mgagadi and Likole — situated next to Buyafuthi, Kwesine and Mazibuko hostels — are out of bounds.

While burnt-down buildings bear testimony to the tough life here, ordinary people get on with their lives as best they can. Before leaving for work in the

morning, breadwinners phone colleagues already there to find which routes are safe.

In Tokoza, families take stock every evening to see if relatives have survived another day of killings. Most families have sent their children to stay with relatives outside the townships.

When Nobahle Nkosi's friends across the street abandoned their four-bedroom house in Tokoza Extension 2, her family decided to stick it out although they were left in a virtual ghost town of abandoned, looted buildings.

## Pass fee

Now as she leaves home to work in nearby Katlehong she wonders if she will ever return, or whether she will find her house intact if she survives the day.

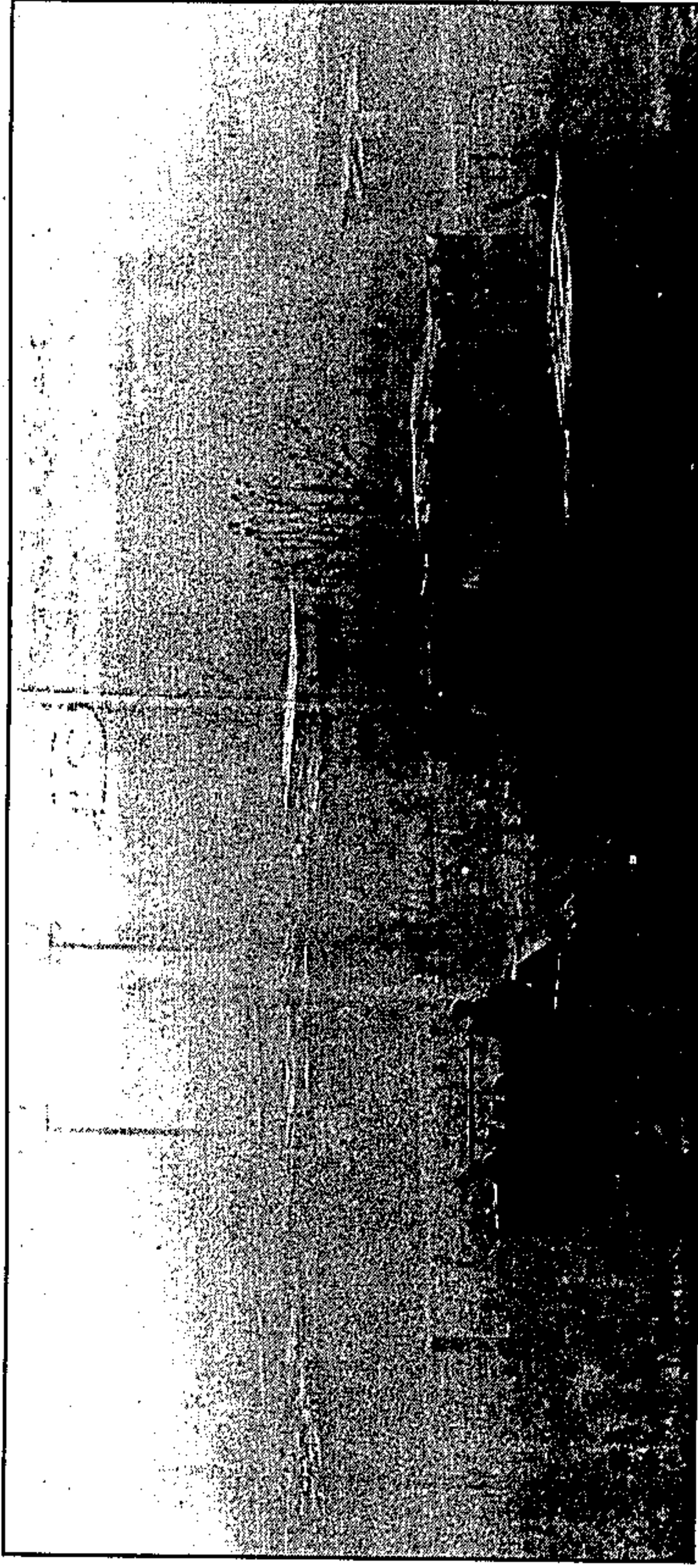
"You walk out of the gate and meet armed hostel dwellers who demand a pass fee. You go around a bend and meet another lot, and pay. You finally board a

taxi which is stopped a few times as it drives down Khumalo Street, and every time the occupants must pay or into the hostel you go," she said. Her voice was getting louder and she jabbed her finger in the direction of Kwesine hostel.

Nobahle alights near Phola Park and walks about a kilometre to Natspruit Hospital where she catches a taxi to the shopping centre in Katlehong. The expedition to work, which used to be 15 minutes, takes two hours or more.

She fears attacks by hostel dwellers if she takes the more direct route past the Madala hostel.

Almost shouting, she says: "The whole trip is nerve-racking but we don't have a choice, we need to earn a living. Besides putting our lives on the line, we spend up to R20 a day to buy our way through. I hear a number of soldiers have been deployed in the East Rand, but I have not seen one in our area yet."



What will it bring? ... Another day dawns as Katlehong, an East Rand township torn apart by violence, rises to patrols by troops brought in to stem the tide of the mayhem that has claimed hundreds of lives in the last month.  
PICTURE: MYKEL NICOLAOU



# Spotlight on quality policing

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Troops have been deployed in unprecedented numbers in East Rand townships in the last fortnight.

But, monitoring groups suggest, the quality of security force action is as critical as the sheer size of the force in instilling peace in the explosive areas of Katlehong and Tokoza.

For two monitoring bodies — the local group, Peace Action, and the international Ecumenical Monitoring Programme in South Africa (Empsa) — the events of August 4 threw the question of the quality of policing into stark relief.

On that day, as a funeral procession made its way to Katlehong cemetery, police and residents engaged in a furious gun battle. Three civilians were killed.

Immediately afterwards, police warned that light machine-guns were to be mounted on patrol vehicles in the area.

Empsa and Peace Action were aghast: what they had seen left them in no doubt that the police had already employed excessive force.

The South African Police do not concede the point. Captain Wikus Weber argues it is "totally out of place" to suggest that police use excessive force when they return fire with fire.

And he contends: "The deployment of 2 000 more policemen and other security force members in the areas shows distinctly that they are serious about restoring peace."

Peace Action and Empsa mon-

**PEACE monitors on the East Rand say it's all very well sending the Army in, but the quality of action is even more important than the numbers going to the townships**

itors made the following observations about events of August 4:

- That the gunshot which preceded police shooting was some distance from the point where the police and the tail end of the funeral procession were halted.

Empsa monitors at the rear of the procession could not understand why they were suddenly facing police fire. "There was no apparent reason for it."

- That gunfire from the residents' direction followed this. But that the police shooting continued for an "extraordinary" time — on and off for more than 30 minutes — and long after residents and monitors were prone or taking shelter.

- That police resumed fire precisely as Red Cross workers arrived and attempted to treat the injured. They had to abandon patients to take shelter.

Peace Action commented that such strong-arm approach would surely "reduce even further the capacity of the police to defuse situations of violence".

The SAP's Weber says: "There was a substantial

amount of shooting between the police and the funeral-goers.

"In a follow-up operation, police confiscated a further two AK-47s, a pistol and a cross-bow."

Peace Action argues that police could make better progress if they could respond adequately to distress calls. The failure of the police to do so merely strengthened the resolve of ordinary people to arm themselves.

The organisation said that on August 3 its monitors had attempted to get help for people in Phenduka Section who said they were Zulu and under threat from comrades.

Monitors went to the Tokoza police station and were redirected to the Internal Stability Unit HQ in Katlehong where, after more than 30 minutes, they were given an undertaking that a patrol vehicle would be sent to the scene.

The Independent Board of Inquiry relates a similar problem. Makie Binasie was hijacked to Mshayazafe hostel on July 5. His brother tried in vain to secure the help of the police and SADF.

The board then approached the SADF. "After much wrangling, three soldiers agreed to accompany us to the hostel. They gained access and retrieved the vehicle's windshield. The following day, Makie Binasie's body was found in the mortuary."

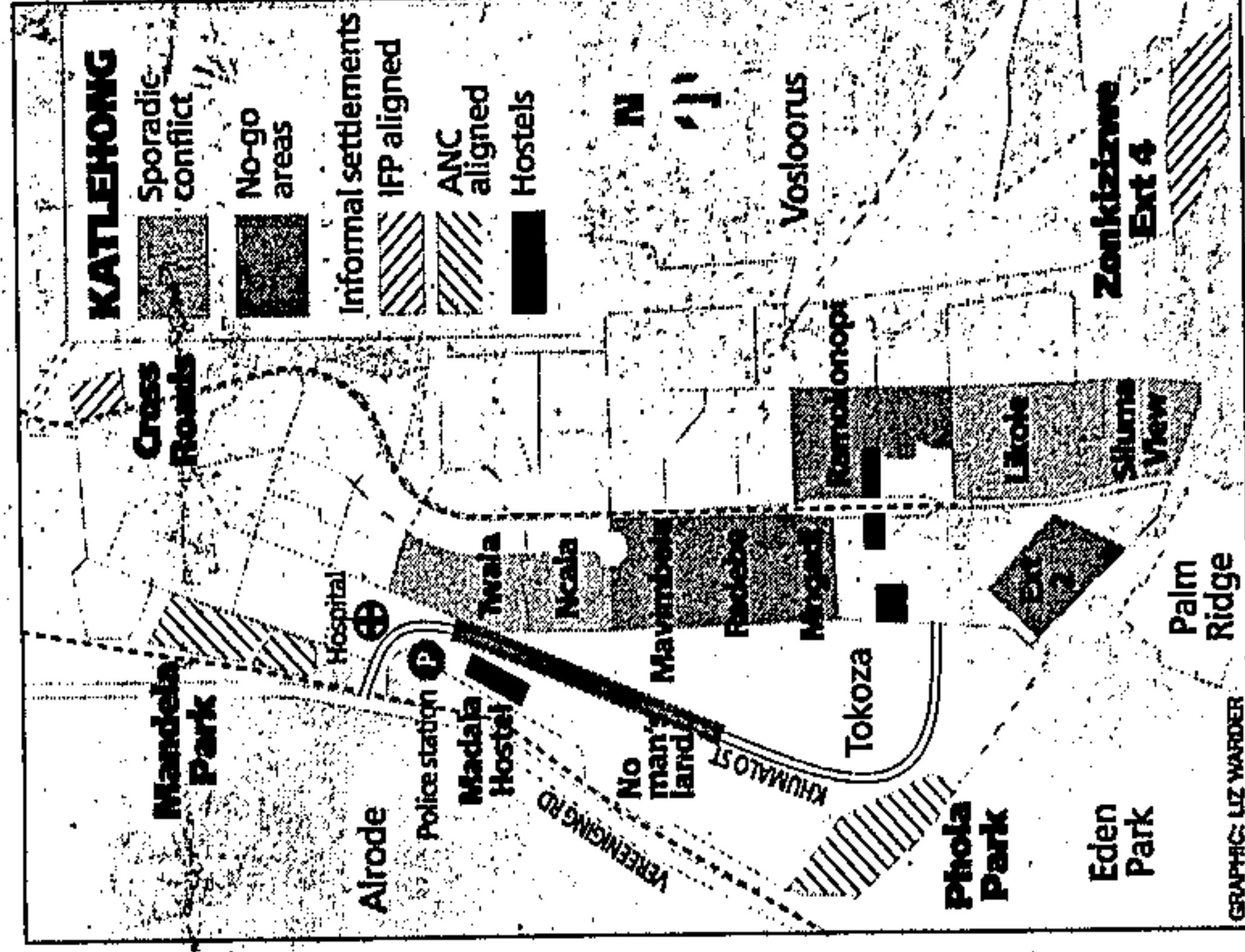
In Katlehong last month gun-fire and arson were the order of the day.

"They occur in the presence

wide range of peace monitors — not only those from the statutory Wits Vaal Peace Secretariat — could help the police find interventions other than the strong arm and the iron fist.

The organisation does not deny there are situations where force is necessary and that the

security forces are uniquely equipped to wield it. But, it argues: "In the light of the extremely poor relations between the police and community, we feel the security forces should be using every avenue to address their credibility problem."



**Ignorance not bliss**  
Tokoza and Katlehong have been carved up at great inconvenience and danger to those who live and work there — and to those who visit and are ignorant of the political geography.

These are some of the key features on the maps of Tokoza and Katlehong.

- "No-go" zones for township residents are areas of IFP supporters (or people labelled as such) and areas surrounding the five hostels.

- "No-go" areas for IFP and hostel dwellers lie in the Phola Park, Mandela Park and Holomisa Park informal settlements.

- Extension 2, subject to repeated attack by hostel dwellers, is a ghost town.

- The southern part of Khumalo Street is mainly IFP-controlled, except near Phola Park. In front of the KwaMadala hostel the street is a no man's land.

- Twala, Ncala and Silumaview are sites of simmering conflict.

GRAPHIC: LIZ WARDER



## 3 shot, one burnt in Tokoza killings

Four people were killed as violence continued in Tokoza yesterday.

Police said a man was shot dead in Tsolo Street at 9 pm.

Another man was shot dead in Tsali section at about noon yesterday.

An unidentified man was burnt to death in Letshoho Street at 1 pm and the body of a fourth man was found in Extension Two with gunshot wounds.

On Monday night, police said, three people were shot dead and three wounded when gunmen

opened fire on the occupants of a house in Tokoza.

Tandi and Aubrey Mngomezulu and Tina Mabaso were killed.

Johannes and Ouma Mbaso and Tembo Mlambo were wounded, police said. — East Rand Bureau.

(278)



Star 19/8/93

# Two more bodies found on tracks

## ■ CRIME REPORTER

Train violence on the Reef has claimed the lives of two more people.

Police said one body was found along the railway line at Braamfontein station early today and the other along the

tracks at Longdale station, between New Canada and Langlaagte stations. (278)

Witwatersrand SAP mobile unit operations officer Colonel Frank Sneygans said initial information indicated the man killed in Braamfontein was a security guard who had been

robbed, but police were still investigating. (SAP)

He said it seemed the body found at Longdale had been thrown off a moving train.

More than 16 people have died in train violence since it restarted about three weeks ago.



## ANC: Lift unrest curbs

JOHANNESBURG. —

27/8/82  
The ANC called yesterday for the lifting of unrest regulations in East Rand townships where violence has claimed the lives of nearly 500 people since July 2 (278)

ANC PWV secretary-general Mr Paul Mashatile told journalists in Katlehong the ANC "condemned the behaviour of police under cover of these regulations".



# Rifles ring prayer group

(278) CTW/8/83  
JOHANNESBURG. — Ringed by heavily-armed soldiers, women from rival political groups entered a migrant workers' hostel in Thokoza yesterday to join hands and pray for peace in this violence-torn East Rand township.

But prayers came to a halt and the situation turned volatile when troops took up combat positions, rifles at the ready, and tried to enter the rooms of some

of the hostel-dwellers.

Only the intervention of the peace rally's organisers, the Interdenominational Prayer Women's League (IPWL), prevented a confrontation between dwellers and soldiers. The troops arrived minutes after a 200-strong IPWL contingent entered the hostel, a flashpoint of the violence in East Rand townships.

Also in Thokoza yesterday police found the body of an un-

identified man who had been shot 18 times.

Another man was also shot and four 9mm cartridges were found near his body.

A security guard was stabbed to death yesterday while patrolling Braamfontein station in Johannesburg.

A train commuter was found stabbed to death on the tracks at Longdale station, west of Johannesburg. — Sapa



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l fight the election together and ether." — Sapa-Reuter.

## Women calm angry squatters (278)

WOMEN for Peace defused a potentially explosive situation in Phola Park on the East Rand yesterday, moving through the tense squatter camp to calm residents.

The women arrived in five busloads as policemen, an ANC delegation, peace observers and a large media contingent arrived to visit the area. Angry residents gathered outside their shacks as police Nyalas followed by a convoy of about 15 cars arrived. B/Day 2018/93

The policemen formed a cordon around the contingent as it moved towards a house where alleged police informer Bongani Mbatha claimed he was tortured by ANC members. Police have said the house still contains bloodstains.

Women for Peace forced the contingent back towards the entrance of the squatter camp, singing and shouting for peace. ANC Youth League members tried to quell growing anger as residents hurled abuse.

Police tried to assure Phola Park residents they were there to protect the Press, but the contingent was forced to withdraw.

The ANC earlier yesterday accused police of damaging property and assaulting residents during house searches.

Police spokesman Capt Wikus Weber said police would react formally to the allegations.

Statistics indicated there was "some kind of orchestrated force" in the area.

Police said yesterday the bodies of two men with gunshot wounds were found in Thokoza. One had been shot 18 times. Four men were arrested after police found a 12-bore shotgun at a Tembisa house.

In other incidents, a security guard was stabbed to death at a railway station in Braamfontein, Johannesburg, and a train commuter was found dead on the tracks at Longdale station. — Sapa.

## Goldstone says greed central to taxi violence B/Day 2018/93

A COMMITTEE of the Goldstone commission has listed intolerance, selfishness, provocation and greed by taxi operators as the immediate cause of taxi violence.

Among other causes were the effect of apartheid laws on urbanisation, commercial factors, the Transport Department's role, a lack of law enforcement and the absence of facilities.

Political rivalry and affiliation were not causes of taxi violence, the report said.

The committee's fifth interim report was released yesterday, more than a year after it began hearings into taxi violence.

The authorities' failure, because of apartheid laws, to provide even rudimentary transportation facilities to masses of people on a daily basis, was an important factor in the violence buildup.

Among the commercial factors in the violence were the inability of the free market to operate because of the cost and delays of the permit system; the absence of business skills in operators; the effects of unfair competition by the state-subsidised bus and train services; the deterioration of the economy; and the inflationary effects on running expenses leading to overloading; and the necessity for high speed to

increase passenger turnover.

On the role of the Transport Department, the report was scathing, noting an absence of anticipation and lack of communication with taxi operators.

It said secrecy in the issuing of permits by local road transportation boards and, more particularly, the absence of reasons for refusals of permits and high fees for appeals, had led to a perception by taxi operators of corruption among officials.

The committee's report noted that where sufficient manpower and facilities existed, effective policing reduced violence and intimidation.

"(But) the absence of proper law enforcement in most areas has brought the legal system and the efficiency of the whole system of control into disrepute."

It also said the taxi industry should not be deregulated in the foreseeable future, and not before informal townships and settlements had become established and peaceful communities.

The report, which is not final as the committee still has to investigate the SAP's role in the Cape Town taxi violence, is now in the hands of President F W de Klerk. — Sapa.

## SAP counsel accuses ANC

THE ANC was bent on discrediting police to hasten joint control, SAP senior counsel Flip Hattingh told the Goldstone commission's inquiry in Johannesburg yesterday. B/Day

He referred to a commitment made in Sebokeng last year that the police, the ANC and the civics would patrol "to identify the enemy", but nobody had come forward from these organisations. 2018/93

Cross-examining ANC Vaal subregion chairman Kaizer Klaas, Hattingh said: "I'm putting it to you that you are not the least bit interested in co-operating with the police ... so you can discredit the police and get joint control."

Klaas said it was the police who were trying to discredit the ANC by releasing thugs turned over to them by the organisation.

Hattingh said: "Often you bring the person but not the evidence. The police need evidence." — Sapa.



# Man burnt, woman shot

Star 20/8/93

## ■ EAST RAND BUREAU

Two people died violently on the East Rand yesterday, police said.

In Katlehong's Twala section a man was set alight and burnt to death.

A woman was fatally shot in the head with an AK-47 rifle in Tokoza. Police later arrested two men. (278)

An arms cache, including seven AK-47 rifles and more than 140 AK-47 rounds of ammunition, was found at Nguni Hostel in Vosloorus. Two men were arrested.

In Katlehong, three men were arrested for the unlawful possession of a .38 revolver and ammunition.

In Daveyton a man was arrested for unlawful possession of two firearms and ammunition. Another man was arrested for being in possession of a stolen Walter pistol and ammunition.

Police said patrols were attacked in Phola Park and the Chris Hani Park squatter settlement in Daveyton.



## NEWS ROUND-UP

# Funeral clash sets off more violence

AT LEAST one person died as violence erupted anew in the troubled East Rand township of Tokoza late yesterday afternoon.

*S.I. Times*  
A man was shot dead when police and a crowd of about 300 mourners clashed after the funeral of four ANC Youth League members shortly before 4pm. Six houses were set alight before police arrested three men and confiscated an AK-47 rifle and ammunition.

As night fell, young supporters of both the ANC and the IFP in the Slovo and Ulundi sections were preparing for battle.

22/8/93  
ANC youths pointed out houses which they alleged had been burnt by IFP supporters, separated from their stronghold by a barely recognisable fence.

An old woman whose house had been set alight claimed she saw people who threw a petrol bomb through her kitchen window in the presence of SADF soldiers who did nothing to stop them. (278)

She managed to retrieve most of her belongings, but the owners of two shacks behind her house were less fortunate. One of them wept openly as she told how she saw her shack and everything in it reduced to ashes.

Most residents on both sides had their furniture and personal belongings outside in their yards and were evacuating their homes to seek shelter elsewhere as darkness fell.



# Thokoza taximen are forced to take sides

By MOSES MAMAILA

AS the undeclared war between Inkatha and ANC followers in Thokoza rages on, taximen in the area have been forced to take sides — there are taxis which transport pro-Inkatha commuters and others for the sole use of pro-ANC commuters. *City Press*

According to Phola Park ANC official Themba Dladu, ANC-supporting residents decided to separate the taxis following complaints that township residents were being abducted to the hostel where they were left at the mercy of pro-Inkatha hostel dwellers. 22/8/93

Dladu said taxis which transport pro-ANC residents operate along the end of Khumalo street and join the tarred road which passes next to Phola Park.

He said taxis that catered for the "people" were known to the township's residents and those of Phola Park.

Phola Park residents told City Press that they had no difficulty in identifying the "correct and safe" taxis because those that co-operated with the attackers based at Thokoza hostel never ventured into Phola Park. (2-18)

"Taxis which transport hostel dwellers and Inkatha members use the other route," said a resident, adding that they operated just before the hostel, up Khumalo road and towards Thokoza police station.

While residents maintained that they were being attacked by hostel dwellers, the pro-Inkatha hostel dwellers also ac-

cused gunmen based at Phola Park of killing Inkatha supporters.

Inkatha spokesman in the area Thabang Dlamini confirmed that there had been attacks on taxi commuters from both sides.

He said Inkatha members had been ambushed and killed next to Phola Park.

Although Dlamini admitted that taxis in the area had been divided, he emphasised that this would not resolve the problem.

"The only way we can resolve the crisis in the area is for the ANC and our organisation to sit down and sort out our differences in a peaceful manner."

"It is not only the taximen and commuters who have been caught in the crossfire but pupils too. Pupils from Phenduka section cannot go to schools in other parts of the township because they are said to be from an Inkatha area," explained Dlamini.

Speaking on behalf of the hostel dwellers, "Chief" Mpisendlini Mthethwa said he was able to control his followers but was sometimes powerless when his people were provoked and attacked.

Approached for comment, Thokoza Amalgamated Taxi Association deputy chairman Elliot Zondo said taximen were caught in the crossfire.

"Taximen are not political. We appeal to the warring factions to leave commuters alone."

"We must emphasise that we do not transport people to their deaths," he said.



# KEEP TOWN OUT OF KILLING ZONE

C1 Press 22/8/93

By MOSES MAMAILA

HUNDREDS of black policemen say they were fobbed off by white police officers when they asked to be sent into the strife-torn East Rand townships.

They claim the white officers told them there was "no transport".

About 600 black cops had volunteered to work extra hours in a bid to restore law and order in the strife-torn townships.

They say white senior officers had also told them they could only be deployed in violence-free Alberton.

Black cops, apparently frustrated by the lack of commitment on the part of their white superiors to curb township violence, complained to the police

trade union, Popernu.

This was confirmed by the union's Transvaal regional chairman, Monwabisi Moto.

Police spokesman Capt Wikus Weber said police had taken note of the complaints and the matter had been referred to the district commissioner in Kempton Park for investigation.

Black policemen, who did not want to be identified for fear of internal censure, said they had made their offer two weeks ago — at the height

of the strife.

Said one: "We wanted to work extra hours because we were convinced that if reinforcements were deployed, violence could be dealt with effectively. (2-18)

"We decided to risk our lives to work extra hours because we wanted the killing of our people to stop," said a disgruntled policeman. (2-18)

"But we were shocked when we were told that we could not be deployed in the townships because there was no transport.

However, the white officers, who said there was no transport to the townships, were willing to deploy us in Alberton. Obviously we would have been given transport for that.

"We all know that there is no violence in Alberton, hence we had to withdraw our unwanted service," he explained.

Their complaints came hard on the heels of Popernu's statement that black policemen could effectively deal with township violence — if there was less participation from white officers.

## Black cops 'blocked' from E Rand townships

In an interview with City Press, Popernu's Moto accused the white officers of "lacking the will and the ability" to curb the township violence.

Moto said: "Black police officers surely know the area better because they stay in the townships and are better placed to understand the situation — unlike people coming from other communities."

Law and order spokesman Capt. Craig Kotze said: "There are no white or black officers in the SAP, only officers."

"To try and create racial tension in the police force is not in the interest of the police or the community," he said, adding that the classification of the policemen along racial lines was racist.



B1 Day 23/8/93

# Gunman kills 10 outside Germiston factory

A LONE gunman with an AK-47 assault rifle opened fire yesterday on a group of people outside the Scaw Metals factory at Wadeville, Germiston, killing nine men and one woman, police said.

Twenty-one people were wounded.

The shooting spree occurred shortly before noon. SAP spokesman Capt Wikus Weber said no arrest had yet been made, despite the deployment of helicopters in the search.

He said a security guard on duty at the hostel, which is on the factory premises, saw an armed man chasing another and heard shots inside the hostel.

PATRICK BULGER

Shooting also began outside the security guard's office where a funeral committee was holding a meeting.

Weber said the motive for the attack was not known.

Anglo American Industrial Corporation said Scaw Metals regretted the incident which took place on and around its premises. It referred all queries to police.

In other weekend incidents, Sapa reports that on Saturday soldiers found a number of weapons after an ANC funeral in Thokoza near Germiston.

Witwatersrand Command Group 41 spokesman Capt S Nel said a number of shots were fired during the funeral. After negotiations with peace monitors and marshals, soldiers searched the funeral group. An AK-47 was found in a hearse and an unlicensed .38 revolver in a taxi. Police arrested two people. (278)

Nel said that after the funeral group had dispersed the army searched the graveyard and found weapons hidden in the ground next to the grave. These included six AK-47s, 77 AK-47 rounds, five AK-47 magazines, a mini Uzi submachine gun, a .38 revolver, a home-made firearm and other rounds of ammunition.



# AK-47s seized after East Rand killings

CT 23/8/93 (278)

JOHANNESBURG. — Three bodies were found in Phola Park on the East Rand yesterday after sporadic incidents of violence.

The situation in neighbouring Thokoza was also tense yesterday after a petrol bomb attack and a shooting incident the previous night.

This followed the killing of three people and the burning down of eight houses after a funeral on Saturday.

Police arrested six people in a follow-up operation and seized eleven AK-47 rifles and three pistols.

At Thokoza a man was killed when police returned his fire.

Three men were arrested for illegal

possession of an AK-47 and a magazine.

Soldiers found weapons after an ANC funeral in Thokoza — including an AK-47 in a hearse, said an army spokesman.

In Natal, four people were killed.

Two died in an attack on a house at Nsuzwe, near Greytown, and a man was shot dead in a faction fight at Tugela Ferry. At Mountain Rise, near Maritzburg, a man was killed in a fight.

In the Free State, a policeman was shot dead outside a police station at Moakeng, near Kroonstad, on Saturday. — Sapa



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**Safe homes for violence victims**

JOHANNESBURG —  
The PWV region of the ANC Women's League is to set up safe homes for women and children affected by violence.

At its annual meeting here at the weekend, the region also decided to use representatives at the constitutional negotiations to push for equal facilities for all victims of violence.

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An executive member said yesterday victims of the St James Church massacre had received counselling from police never given to victims in townships. — Sapa



# Massacre

CT 23/8/93 (218)

## 12 die in

## AK-47 fire

**JOHANNESBURG: —** AK-47-wielding gunmen yesterday mowed down members of a burial society, killing 12 people and wounding at least 21 others on a lawn at the entrance to a hostel at Scaw Metals in Dinwiddie, Germiston.

The gunmen escaped, possibly through a hole in the barbed wire fence behind the hostel, said police spokesman Captain Wilkus Weber.

The dead found lying in the grounds were thought to be from Transkei.

Witnesses told police they saw three or four gunmen, but only one had appeared to be shooting. Capt Weber claimed the factory was close to where seven people accused of being IFP members were taken from a taxi and shot dead in July.

### R250 000 reward

The massacre began as the group was sitting in the sun just before noon yesterday.

Shortly afterwards a police helicopter searched the area by air while police and dogs scoured the body-strewn grounds for clues.

Police offered a R250 000 reward for information leading to arrests.

An eyewitness said he was in the hostel's TV-room when the shooting began.

"Everyone in the room scattered and dived under the tables to avoid the gunfire," he said.

"While we were hiding one of the gunmen broke the TV-room window" and people scattered "everywhere", he said.

Another witness said the shooting started at 11am at a liquor store on the grounds and that four gunmen were involved, but this was not confirmed.

The witness, who did not want to be identified, said the shooting appeared "unprovoked".

Capt Weber could not say whether the killings were politically motivated and said he did not know the political affiliation of the hostel dwellers.

Hostel residents said there were both ANC and IFP members living in the hostel, with IFP support-



**MASSACRE VICTIM...** Mortuary attendants remove the body of one of 12 members of a burial society who were slaughtered by AK-47-wielding gunmen on a lawn outside a Germiston hostel yesterday morning. At least 21 people were wounded in the attack.

ers in the majority.

"We have had problems here before but never like this," said one resident "I am very shocked."

After the shooting the factory was surrounded by about 10 policemen and 30 soldiers, all fully armed, wearing bullet-proof vests and backed by at least three armoured vehicles.

The ANC said it was deeply shocked by the savage attack.

"The barbarism of an armed attack on a burial society meeting defies any description, and must be condemned unreservedly in the strongest possible terms."

The statement said this attack was comparable to the St James' Church

massacre.

"The ANC demands that the National Party government and police respond with equal concern and diligence."

Law and Order Minister Mr Herens Kriel expressed disgust at the attack.

"Politicians of all affiliations and the community as a whole will have to redouble efforts to address the culture of violence which gives rise to atrocities of this nature," he said.

Mr Kriel expressed condolences to the victims' families.

Scaw Metals said in a statement the company regretted the massacre outside its factory. — Sapa, Own Correspondent





# Factory carnage!



MASSACRE AFTERMATH ... Police remove the body of one of the 10 people at Scaw Metals factory in Wadeville, Benoni, yesterday.

FIG: SELLO MOTSEPE

## gunmen kill 12

Star 23/8/93

(278)

By Isaac Molefi and Sapa

**T**WELVE PEOPLE were shot dead and 21 others seriously injured when gunmen opened fire on workers attending a burial society meeting at a factory in Germiston yesterday.

According to a Scaw Metals factory security officer, who was on duty in the reception area of the hostel, a shot fired inside the hostel was immediately followed by shots from other directions in the hostel.

When he phoned a security guard at Gate Number 2 of the hostel, he was told that one man with a firearm was chasing another in the hostel.

The second security guard also heard shots from an automatic rifle.

When the guard investigated, he found nine workers who had been attending a meeting sprawled on the lawn near the gate he was guarding.

Police confirmed that the body of another person was found near the premises. Police spokesman Captain Wilkus Weber said the shooting incident began immediately after midday and it was suspected that the 10 people were killed by a single assailant.

The injured had been sent to the Natspruit and Willem Cruywagen hospitals.

Other witnesses said they saw three gunmen but only one appeared to be shooting. The 10 who were killed were having a

meeting on the lawn outside the canteen at the entrance to a hostel.

Weber said there had also been shooting inside the building. It was extremely difficult to ascertain whether the shooting was aimed at people at the meeting or not.

In spite of having deployed dogs and two helicopters, the police had been unable to track down the attackers.

The factory is close to where seven people, accused of being Inkatha Freedom Party members, were taken out of a taxi and shot dead last month, Weber said.

It is believed the attackers used a hole in the company fence to gain entry. The motive for the killing has not yet been established. Several AK-47 cartridges were found in the area where the shooting took place, according to Weber.

Meanwhile, at least six people were killed in Tokoza and Phola Park at the weekend, police said yesterday.

The deaths occurred after two funerals, one on Saturday and the other yesterday. Last night, peace monitors described the area as volatile.

Police said three people died yesterday in an exchange of fire between Phola Park squatter camp residents and Inkatha Freedom Party mourners during a funeral procession.

On Saturday, three people were killed in Sivo Section in Tokoza when mourners were fired on, allegedly by IFP supporters. An ANC Youth League member said mourners were returning to the deceased's homes when they were shot at.

## »» SATIN LEAF ««





*Barbarism comparable to church slayings - AWC*

# 12 are killed in

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# E Rand attack

**POLICE have offered a reward of R250 000 for information leading to the capture of the killers**

■ BY PETER DAVIES

Disgust and horror have greeted yesterday's slaying of 12 people during a burial society service outside the Scaw Metals workers' hostel in Dinwiddie, Germiston.

Police have offered one of the highest rewards yet — R250 000 — for information leading to the capture and conviction of the killers.

Twenty people were injured when a gunman opened fire on the congregation shortly before noon.

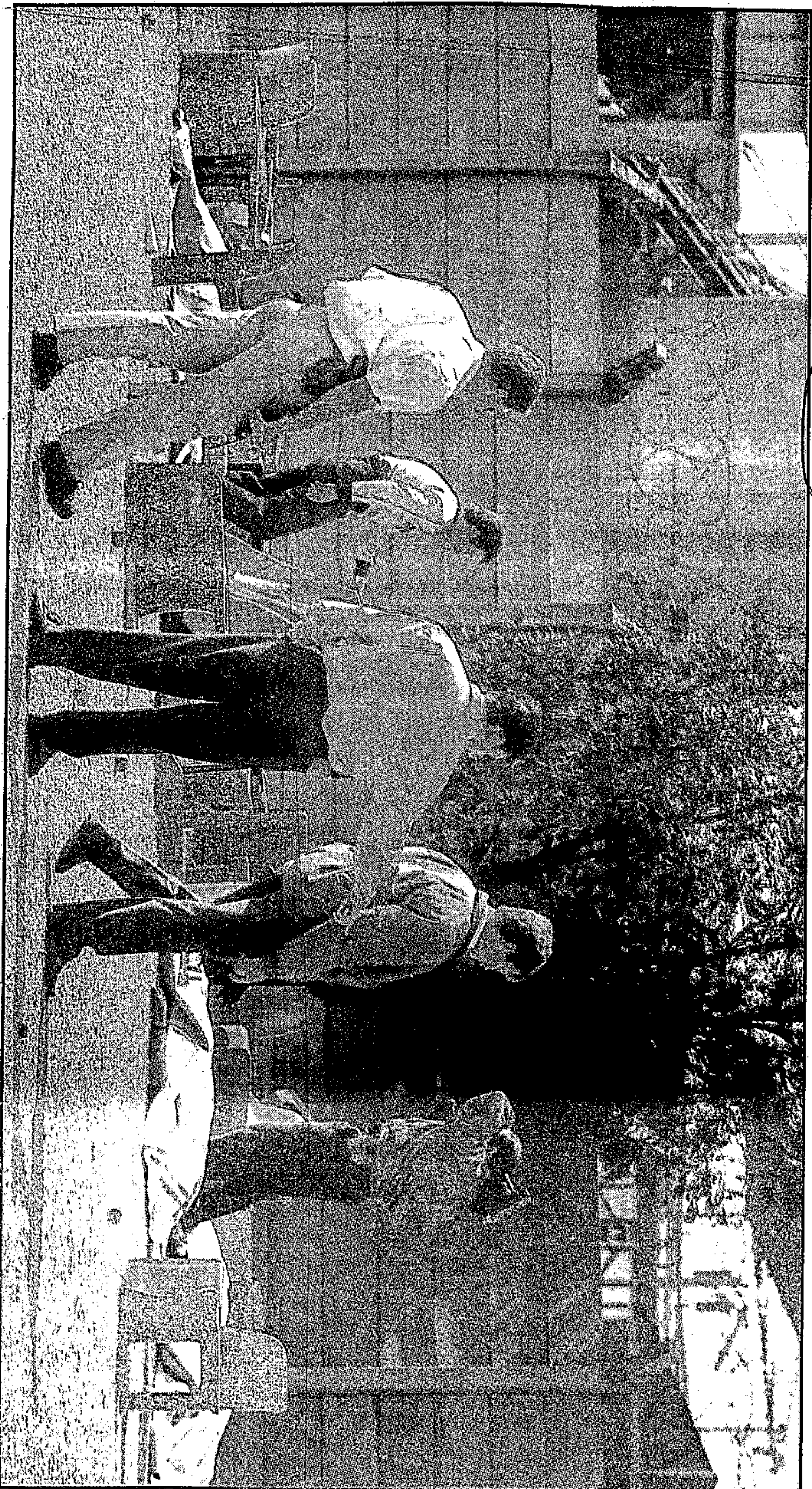
Nine of the burial society victims, one a woman, died on the lawns outside the hostel, as a man with an AK-47 sprayed the meeting with automatic gunfire. A man was found dead in the hostel after having crawled there, leaving a trail of blood along the lawn.

Later, in the hostel, police found the body of another man believed killed in the same attack, and one of the wounded died later in hospital.

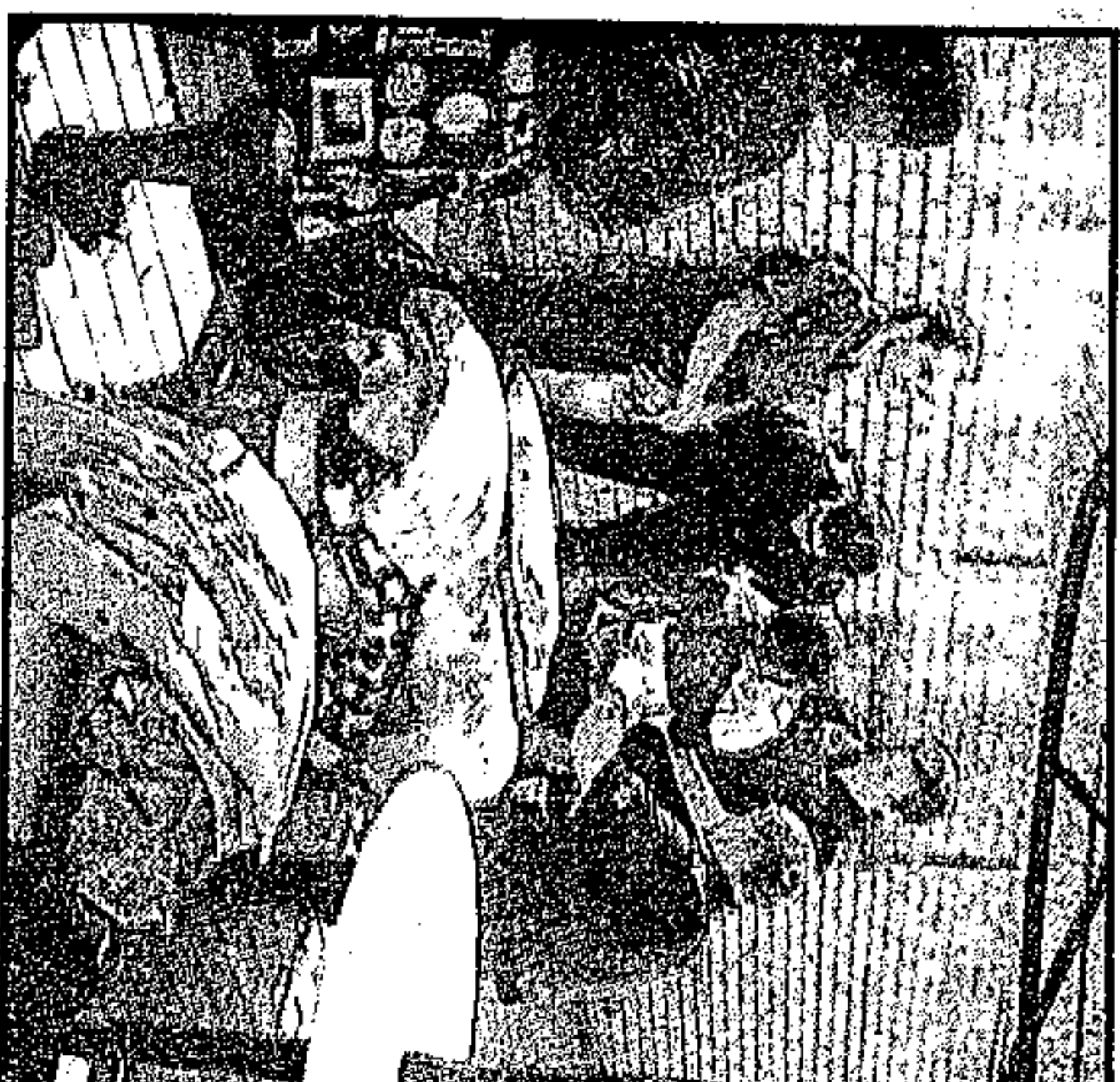
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Killing field . . . corpses covered by blankets, and chairs knocked over in panic, bedevilled witnesses to burial society outside the Scaw Metals hostel in Dinwiddie, Germiston, yesterday when a man with an AK-47 sprayed automatic gunfire into a burial society meeting. Witnesses later told police there were three armed men, but that only one did the shooting.



Aftermath . . . paramedics help dress the wounds of a young boy who dived through a window to avoid the gunfire.



**Motive**  
He said the motive for the massacre was unknown, adding it would be presumptuous to say that the attack was politically motivated as the hostel comprised supporters of all parties.

Law and Order Minister

Minutes after the shooting, po-

lice patrols, dog units and helicopters combed the vicinity.

One witness said the people gathered on the lawn were collecting money for the funeral of a man who had been shot dead at the hostel last week.

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It is believed the attackers escaped through a hole in a fence behind the hostel.

Police spokesman Captain Wikus Weyer said it was believed that the deaths of two people inside the hostel were related to the attack.

**Wounded**  
The wounded were taken to the Natalispruit and Willem Cuywagen hospitals. Some had gunshot wounds and others had deep gashes from diving through windows in the hostel's reception room to escape the gunfire.

At least six people died in Tokoza and Phola Park on the East Rand in another violent weekend. Three died in an exchange of fire between Phola Park squatters and IFP mourners during a funeral procession yesterday.

Anyone with information can contact the SAP on the toll-free number 0800-11-12-13.

**Hostel inmates told Sapa**  
there was a majority of Inkatha Freedom Party supporters in the hostel.

The ANC condemned the attack as "barbarism". It said it was "comparable to the horrific attack on St James's Church in Cape Town only five Sundays ago" and demanded that the Government and police "respond with equal concern and diligence" as they did then.

Hernus Kriel expressed "utter disgust" at the shooting.

When The Star arrived at the metal refinery shortly after noon, corpses littered the lawn in front of the hostel's reception area.

Police patrols, dog units and helicopters combed the vicinity.

# 12 killed and 20 injured in Reef attack

Star 23/8/93

## EAST RAND BUREAU

A man was shot in the stomach by two gunmen who robbed him of his vehicle in Alrode, Alberton, early on Saturday.

The attack took place in Bosworth Street which has been the scene of several robberies and fatal shootings this year.

Police said G. Kriek was reversing out of his firm's premises when he was shot.

## VEREENIGING BUREAU

Staff members of a Vanderbijlpark supermarket were locked inside a walk-in fridge by two gunmen last night after being robbed of about R60 000 in cash.

The 45-year-old owner of the store, Eleftrios Savvas, was also robbed of his watch and ring, valued at about R40 000, during the incident.

Beverley Spreadborough, Cattanch's friend, said from her day that Cattanch had tried to disarm the man, who retrieved the gun and shot him dead.

## WOUNDED

She said she had arranged a blind date between him and her sister Carin Rounahlo (27).

She said Cattanch had gone to buy petrol on the way to her house.

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# Shootout re-enacted

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JOHANNESBURG. — Police, the ANC and international observers yesterday reconstructed the scene of last month's shootout between ANC deputy president Mr Walter Sisulu's bodyguards and two policemen in which Mr Ismael Moloane died when his car overturned on the Soweto highway.

The respective delegations were led by Mr Sisulu, Brigadier Zirk Gouws, international observer Mr Peter Straub, ANC legal department head Mr Matthew Phosa and Mr Johan

Lubbe, the ANC's forensic expert.

The final sequence of events could not be reconstructed yesterday, with Mr Phosa claiming the two policemen linked to the shooting were not at the scene. They also claimed forensic tests on pistol cartridges found after the shooting had not been completed.

Brigadier Gouws accused the ANC of breaking an agreement by insisting that ANC forensic expert Mr Lubbe, and not a police forensic expert, supervise the reconstruction. — Sapa



# Four killed by gunmen in car

JOHANNESBURG. — Three men were shot dead on the spot and another died in hospital after coming under fire from a passing car near the Jeppe hostel here on Sunday afternoon. (278)

Police said a car with five men passed a group of men in Johan Page Road and sprayed them with AK-47 and pistol fire. ET 24/8/93

Senior Transvaal IFP spokesman Mr Humphrey Ndlovu said the victims were all IFP members.

A bullet fired at close range killed a taxi-driver and wounded his young son at a taxi rank at Benoni station. The assassin was killed by bystanders.

In Natal, Estcourt police are investigating an attack on a car in which two men were killed and a woman seriously injured on Sunday night.

At least 16 people were killed in Natal violence at the weekend.

In the Eastern Cape, more than R90 000 damage was caused in car stonings and attacks on police vehicles in Port Elizabeth at the weekend.

SAP spokesman Captain Henry Chalmers said vehicles in Zwide, KwaZakhele and New Brighton townships were attacked. — Sapa



# Retaliation fears after massacre

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JOHANNESBURG. —

Retaliation for Sunday's massacre of 12 people at Scaw Metal Hostel in Germiston was the greatest fear of Deputy Law and Order Minister Mr Gert Myburgh, he said yesterday.

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"The thing that I personally fear at this stage is that this may in itself precipitate another retaliation by whoever believes that an injustice has been done to him or her," he said after visiting the scene.

"I would really appeal to all the hostel dwellers to remain calm and not to resort to any retaliatory action."

He had no idea of the motive for the attack; police have offered a reward of R250 000.

At least one gunman with an AK-47, with two accomplices, fired at members of the Tsomo Burial Society on a grassy area outside the hostel complex. Ten people there died.

The attackers then went through the complex, killing a further two residents. Twenty people were injured. — Sapa



## Fatal shootout is recounted

THE African National Congress and police yesterday reconstructed the events of last month's shootout between ANC deputy president Mr Walter Sisulu's bodyguards and two police officers.

The July 18 shootout, in which bodyguard Mr Ismael Moloane was killed, was reconstructed in the presence of international observers and Sisulu himself. Another was done by the police themselves.

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## ● Hostel death toll stands at 14

Sowetan 24/8/93

# 28 killed in violence on the East Rand

By Ike Motsapi and Sapa

AT least 28 people were killed in violence on the East Rand at the weekend, police said yesterday.

Police spokeswoman Sergeant Michelle Erasmus said the weekend's death toll includes 14 people who were gunned down at the Scaw Metals hostel complex in Germiston on Sunday.

In Natal, another 16 people were killed at the weekend in politically linked violence which continues to sweep townships and rural areas in the province. The violence occurred in several attacks over the weekend.

The death toll at the Scaw Metals plant on the East Rand rose from 12 to

14 yesterday, according to Dr Bennie Fanaroff, an official of the National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa.

Fanaroff said preliminary reports had shown that six of the dead were Numsa members and four were women from outside the hostel. (2-78)

He said he believed that the attack was carried by outsiders who wanted to "stir trouble at this normally peaceful hostel".

Police have offered a reward of R250 000 for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the people responsible for the killings.

Erasmus said 14 bodies — 13 of them in the troubled Katilehong-Tokoza area — were found since Friday.



## New party discussed

B/Day 24/8/93  
TIM COHEN

THE creation of a new broad-based party consisting of groups that supported federalism was under discussion, Afrikaner Volk-sunie secretary Schalk Burger said yesterday.

Burger predicted such a party would win a substantial number of seats — many more than the NP could.

"If the NP were to decide against being part of such a group, it could find itself crushed between the opposing forces," Burger said.

Two options for the new party were being considered, Burger said.

One option would be to create a new party out of the Concerned South Africans Group (Cosag) and possibly the CP, although it supported confederalism.

The second option would be to create a party out of the Afrikaaner Volksfront, under the leadership of the organisation's director Gen Constand Viljoen. This option was more likely to incorporate the CP.

# Appeal for calm after hostel killings

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LAW and Order Deputy Minister Gert Myburgh said yesterday he feared retaliation after the killing of 12 people at a Germiston factory hostel on Sunday, and warned this could precipitate further violence.

After visiting the Scaw Metals hostel yesterday he appealed to residents to remain calm and not retaliate.

He also said police had offered a R250 000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the attackers.

Police spokesman Sgt Michelle Erasmus said another 14 bodies were found at the weekend — 13 in the Katlehong/Thokoza area — taking the East Rand death toll to 26 over this period. (278)

On Sunday a gunman fired at members of the Tsomo Burial Society outside the Scaw Metals hostel, killing 10 people.

The attackers then went through the complex, killing two more. Twenty people were also injured.

In a separate incident, four men died after a drive-by shooting near Jeppe hostel in Johannesburg on Sunday. Senior Transvaal Inkatha Freedom Party spokesman Humphrey Ndlovu said the victims were all Inkatha members.

Meanwhile, the NP has condemned ANC

president Nelson Mandela's statement that government has neither the will nor the desire to end the country's violence.

Reacting to the hostel killings, Mandela said: "It is clear the government has either lost control of the security forces or elements in the security forces are doing what the government wants them to do."

NP spokesman Marthinus van Schalkwyk said Mandela should look truth in the eye and take up the role which the Goldstone commission said the ANC could exercise in stopping the violence.

In Natal at least 16 people were killed at the weekend, police and monitors said.

At least six people were killed in political clashes in Sundumbili township, near Mandini, since Saturday, according to the Human Rights Commission.

Two people were killed in Greytown, police said, while another was killed in the Tugela Ferry area.

Two people died when gunmen opened fire on a vehicle in Mobeni, Estcourt.

A man was shot dead in Umlazi's Zwelethu informal settlement on Sunday.

The body of a man was also found in KwaMashu's E Section on Friday night, police said. Another man was also shot dead in KwaMashu on Sunday. — Sapa-AP.

## Inkatha dissenters oppose talks boycott

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A TIGHTLY knit group in the Inkatha Freedom Party central committee is opposed to the formal strategy of boycotting talks and has singled out senior negotiator Walter Felgate as the person responsible.

It is understood that the group, which includes parliamentarians who recently joined Inkatha such as Mike Tarr and Peter Miller, claims Felgate has the ear of party leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi, and together the two are running the party along the lines of a feudal system. (172)

The group has set up an Inkatha information centre to wrest control

BILLY PADDOCK

from Felgate over public statements.

In an interview yesterday, Felgate rejected claims that Inkatha was feudal or that he was the main proponent of boycotting the talks.

He said he espoused the party line as determined by central committee resolutions, and argued that if those who disagreed with the resolutions did not oppose them at the central committee meeting, they could blame only themselves.

He rejected out of hand the suggestion that people were afraid to openly

oppose any position adopted by Buthelezi.

If he were mandated by the central committee to return to talks, he would abide by its ruling.

However, before Inkatha returned the issue of sufficient consensus had to be resolved adequately, and the decisions on setting an election date and giving the committee drafting the constitution the go-ahead to proceed in its present course had to be reviewed.

He was adamant that Inkatha would not accept an elected constituent assembly.



## NEWS Sowetan-Sanlam Entrepreneur of the Month

● Hostel death toll stands at 14

# Black Moses Strikes it lucky

**By Mzimkulu Malunga**

THE July winner of the Sowetan-Sanlam Entrepreneur of the Month Competition is Mr Moses Mgcina of Black Moses.

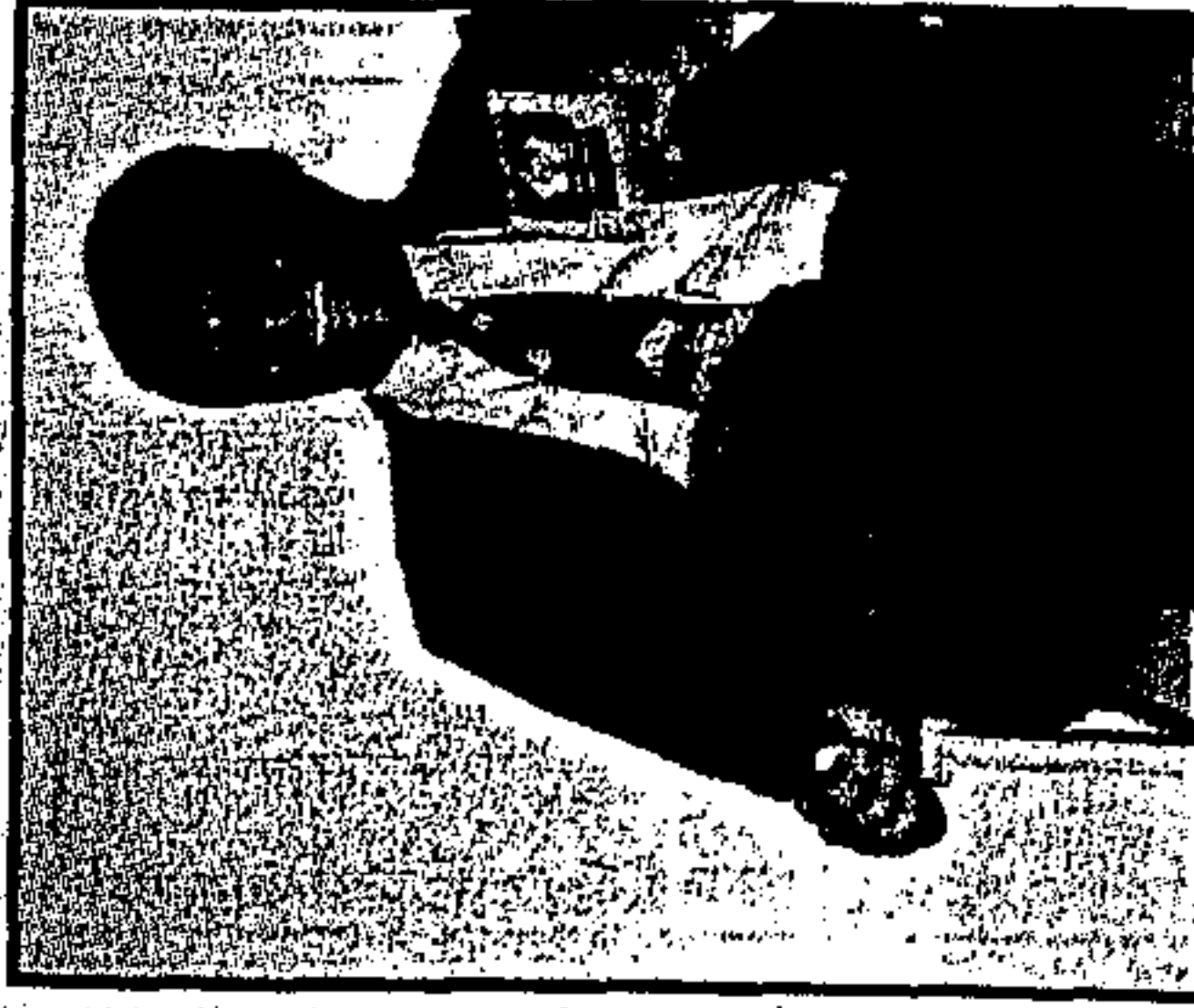
"I am speechless. Awards like this encourage us to work even harder and I must commend the Sowetan and Sanlam for what they are doing to promote black business," he said.

As in the preceding months, choosing the winner was not easy for the panelists as all finalists were impressive.

Mgcina was competing with three other promising black businessmen. Some, like Mr Lebogang Direise of Sizanani Bottle Collection, appeared to be destined for better times in the very near future.

The other two monthly finalists were the Dobsonville-based Mr Johannes Thlapi of MJ Thlapi's Aerial Installations and draughtsman Mr David "Inch" Nkutha of Inch Building Plans.

Due to the stiffness of the competition the rules have been altered to allow those who did not make it this year to enter again next year.



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# Hostel attack bid to stir tension — union

■ BY PAUL BELL  
LABOUR CORRESPONDENT

The National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa (Numsa) believes that Sunday's attack on the Scaw Metals hostel in Germiston, which left 12 people dead and 20 injured, was an attempt to excite ethnic tensions among its residents, and had been coming for some time.

The union has conveyed this view to Scaw's management and will today begin further discussions with management on the security of

workers.

The hostel — which Numsa spokesman Bernie Fanaroff yesterday described as "fearful and very tense" in the aftermath of the killings — is home to at least 2 000 workers, mostly migrants, as well as several hundred refugees from the violence in nearby Kattlehong.

"We believe the shootings were intended as a provocation aimed at stirring up trouble in a hostel where workers of different political persuasions have co-existed peacefully," Fanaroff

commented.

Six of the nine named so far were Numsa members, as are four of the 15 who have been named as injured. Among the other dead named was a member of the United Workers' Union of South Africa, while another Uwusa member was injured.

The union met Scaw management yesterday and presented a list of up to eight incidents near the Scaw plant in the past two months.

Numsa also believes the murder of seven Zulu-speaking men hauled out of a taxi sev-

eral weeks ago is linked to whatever lies behind the weekend massacre.

■ The National Party and the ANC have become embroiled in a slanging match over who should take responsibility for the massacre.

ANC president Nelson Mandela said the Government had neither the will nor the desire to end the violence.

NP spokesman Marthinus van Schalkwyk said Mandela should face the truth — that "the ANC is responsible for a good deal of the violence in South Africa".



# Interdict against SAP

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The ANC obtained an interim order against eight Witwatersrand police station commanders and the Ministers of Law and Order and Defence in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday preventing staff under their control from assaulting 123 detainees arrested during recent East Rand violence.

The interdict will remain in force

pending an urgent application next week for an order declaring the arrests and detentions unlawful and for the release of those in custody.

The ANC alleged in court papers that many of the detainees had been assaulted or threatened with assault since their arrest. Counsel acting for the police said these allegations would be disputed.

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# Crisis talks in Thokoza after three die in army shoot-out

THE SADF, ANC, SA National Civic Organisation and Phola Park residents held crisis talks in Thokoza yesterday in an attempt to defuse tensions created by the shooting of three people on Monday night.

Two men and a three-year-old child died in what the SADF said was a shoot-out between soldiers and armed civilians in Phola Park. **B/Day**

Phola Park residents accused soldiers of shooting without provocation, while the SADF said a patrol had been fired upon.

SADF area commanding officer Maj Mike Claassens told yesterday's meeting that the talks were long overdue. He regretted the deaths, but was grateful the meeting could be held. **25/8/93**

He said the army was apolitical and its role was to serve the community.

ANC PWV chairman Tokyo Sexwale said it was important for the parties to thrash out their differences in preparation for the deployment of an envisaged peace-keeping force. **(278)**

Meanwhile, a trade unionist said yesterday the massacre of 14 people outside Scaw Metals' Wadeville hostel on Sunday could be attributed to "third force" action.

JOHANNES NGCOBO

ERICA JANKOWITZ reports National Union of Metalworkers of SA (Numsa) regional organiser Bethwell Maserumule said the attack was aimed at destabilising a workforce which had shown its ability to live and work in harmony despite different ethnic origins and political affiliations.

Scaw holding company Anglo American said yesterday two more victims of the attack had died in hospital, bringing the death toll to 14 with 18 injured.

Maserumule said Numsa, which represented about 2 000 workers at the plant, had consulted Scaw management yesterday about security arrangements. The union had presented proposals to ensure security was beefed up in a way which had the backing of all parties, especially hostel residents. He said Numsa had often complained about inadequate security.

An Anglo spokesman said the attack had taken place outside the hostel in an area not controlled by company security officers. Numsa said the burial society meeting had taken place on company premises.

## Taxi conference well attended

THEO RAWANA

THE taxi indaba got off to a tense start yesterday after it was boycotted by the PAC, Inkatha Freedom Party leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi failed to arrive and Transport Minister Piet Welgemoed said he had been pressed not to attend.

However, the first day of the three-day conference on taxi violence was well attended, with ANC president Nelson Mandela, Azapo president Itumeleng Mosala and national peace secretariat chairman Antonie Gildenhuys addressing a full house of delegates. **B/Day 25/8/93**

Before he spoke to delegates, Welgemoed said he had been urged by certain parties not to address the conference because only half the taxi industry was involved. He had ignored the call as he felt the conference was a worthy cause.

PAC president Clarence Makwetu failed to turn up at the conference. The organisa-

tion's transport secretary, Mark Shinnars, said the PAC decided to stay away because "significant players in the industry were not taking part".

This was a reference to Sabta, which had decided to distance itself from the "unrepresentative" conference. **(352)**

Sabta spokesman Mike Ntlatleng said his organisation had nothing to do with asking Welgemoed not to attend.

Ntlatleng said Sabta took a conference on taxi violence seriously. However, Sabta felt that it should come from the "grass-roots" of the industry — "the taxi people".

Sabta would convene a meeting of taxi associations to look at the issue of violence.

Mandela told delegates success in ending violence in the taxi industry would be an immense boost to the quest for peace.



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PIC: MBUZENI ZULU



# Girl dies in gunfight

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By Ike Motsapi

**A** THREE-YEAR-OLD GIRL is among three people shot dead yesterday at the Phola Park squatter camp on the East Rand when South African Defence Force members allegedly opened fire on residents.

The girl, Nombulelo Olifant, was asleep when she was shot through the head and died.

The others are Khinengi Ncapayi (36) and Andile Twangu (33). (278)

Also killed was a family dog which was shot through the stomach.

The shack in which the girl and her mother had been sleeping had several bullet holes.

Major JAJ Jordaan, public relations officer for the Witwatersrand Command, confirmed yesterday that an SADF foot patrol had shot and killed two gunmen at Phola Park.

He said the patrol returned fire when attacked by a group of men armed with AK-47 rifles. Two AK-47 rifles were found next to the dead bodies. Another three AK-47 rifles, a

pistol and ammunition were found during army operations in the area.

However, residents said yesterday the incidents happened between 10pm on Monday and 4.30am yesterday.

The death of the three brings to six the number of people shot dead in the area since Sunday.

The area was tense yesterday and virtually deserted. Residents gathered near open veld waiting to be addressed by African National Congress official Mr Tokyo Sexwale, chairman of the PWV region, and Mrs Winnie Mandela of the national executive committee. The girl's unidentified mother, who was still shocked yesterday and would not speak to the Press, was later admitted to hospital for treatment.

Residents claimed they were warned by soldiers after the first attack on Sunday that they would have to leave Phola Park because it belonged to members of the Inkatha Freedom Party. They also claimed they had been warned of the second attack but did not take the warning seriously.

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# SADF patrol kills three in camp

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■ BY BRONWYN WILKINSON  
and OWN CORRESPONDENT

Three people — including a four-year-old girl — were killed when SADF troops opened fire in Phola Park on the East Rand on Monday night.

The little girl, Nombulelo Olifant, was sleeping when she was shot through the head. The other dead are Khiningi Ncapayi (36) and Andile Twangu (33).

Residents said the girl's pet dog was also killed. (278)

The girl's mother, who was in a state of shock, had to be admitted to hospital for treatment.

However, Major Andreas Jordaan, spokesman for the SADF's Witwatersrand Command, said an SADF foot patrol shot dead two gunmen after a skirmish. He was not aware of any other deaths. Two AK-47 rifles were taken from the bodies, he said.

A Phola Park resident, who asked not to be named, said he had been awakened by gunfire shortly after 10 pm.

He said he and a group of other men moved through the shacks to investigate and, amid the gunfire, they heard a woman screaming. "Her daughter had been shot. The dog had been killed too," he said.

He said he had seen troops lying on their bellies shooting at the shacks.

Another resident, Doctor Nkonyana, said troops had fired on Phola Park residents several times over the past few days.

But Jordaan said troops were coming under continuous attack and dismissed as "propaganda" suggestions that troops fired on the camp without provocation.

■ A Tokoza resident claimed yesterday that a young self-defence unit member who was patrolling Mhlangu Street was shot dead by police. The SAP could not confirm the shooting.



# Six more die in Reef violence

BY ANNA LOUW  
EAST RAND BUREAU

Six more people died in East Rand townships yesterday including a policeman who was gunned down by four AK-47 rifle wielding youths in Kwa Thema near Springs.

Police said another policeman Constable M Mphahlele was wounded in the hand when he was attacked by a group of men near Kempton Park station last night.

In the first attack a

constable, aged 35, was approached by four youths who shot him at close range.

The constable was in civilian clothes. (278)

In the second attack Constable M Mphahlele of Tembisa was reporting for duty in Kempton Park when he was attacked by a group as he got off a train.

They tried to rob him of his service pistol and he wounded one of the assailants. Someone in the group opened fire wounding the policeman

in the hand.

He was admitted to the Tembisa Hospital.

Police found the body of a man in Tembisa and another man died a fiery death after being set alight in Katlehong's Radebe section.

The body of a man was found at Kwesine station in Katlehong and another man died of gunshot wounds in Moleleke section.

Police found the body of a man who died of gunshot wounds in Mot-sig Street in Tokoza.



# Man killed, 7 hurt in attack on home

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JOHANNESBURG. — A man was killed and seven members of his family, including women and children, were injured when gunmen attacked his home on Tuesday night in KwaMbonambi, northern Natal.

Mr Bongani Mthethwa was believed to be an IFP supporter.

An off-duty assistant policeman was stabbed to death and another seriously wounded at the Ellis Park railway station yesterday.

On Tuesday on the East Rand, eight people, including a municipal policeman, were killed. No arrests have been made.

Police said yesterday a 35-year-old KwaThema policeman died of his in-

juries after being shot a number of times with an AK-47 rifle.

Six bodies were found with gunshot and burn wounds in the Katilehong/Thokoza/Vosloorus area, and the burnt body of a man was found in Tembisa.

A police patrol was attacked in Katilehong by a group of eight people with AK-47s, but nobody was injured.

A 15-year-old boy was found shot dead in Thokoza, on the East Rand, yesterday.

In adjacent Katilehong, a police patrol was fired on and 14 petrol bombs were found.

The latest killing brings the civilian death toll since July 3 to at least 545, with an unknown number of police also killed. — Sapa

# Women in joint initiative for peace

CT26/8/93 (278)

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A joint regional ANC women's league and IFP women's brigade delegation is to meet the national leaders of both organisations soon to bolster peace initiatives in violence-torn Natal.

After a day-long meeting in Durban yesterday, both regional executives resolved to send joint delegations to the police, prisons and lawyers regarding children in custody.

"Women will be pillars of strength in the achieving of a peaceful climate and in the long term it will be good to lay a firm foundation," IFP women's brigade president Mrs Faith Gasa said.

ANC women's league regional chairman Dr Nkosazana Zuma said the joint meeting was not to level accusations but "to ask what we, as women, are going to do to help our children".



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# 4 more killed in E Rand violence

## ■ EAST RAND BUREAU

Four people died in unrest on the East Rand yesterday.

Police said the bullet-riddled bodies of two men were found in Twala and Monaheng sections in Katlehong. (278)

A man burnt to death when a shack was set on fire in Ivory Park squatter settlement in Tembisa. Another was shot dead in Motsu section, also in Tembisa.

## Rifles

■ Police raided Scaw Metals hostel in Wadeville, Germiston, and arrested 15 people.

They recovered eight AK-47 rifles, seven magazines and numerous rounds, an R-1 magazine, a Makarov pistol with ammunition, six petrol bombs, three handguns with rounds as well as an amount of dagga.

■ A group of about 300 municipal workers, who were dismissed by Springs Town Council after an illegal strike, damaged drains, an irrigation system and taps outside the town's municipal offices yesterday.

The march followed the reinstatement of half the workforce after negotiations with the council. The other half yesterday protested against unfair dismissal.

The group dispersed after a request by police.



# One policeman knifed, 3 shot

JOHANNESBURG. — Four policemen were attacked in Johannesburg within 36 hours, with one dead, two seriously wounded and another less seriously injured. (278) CT 27/8/93

A police spokesman said some of the policemen were shot with their service weapons.

The first incident occurred at 7pm on Wednesday when two assistant policemen were attacked at the Ellis Park station. One was

stabbed to death and the other seriously injured.

At 4am yesterday another policeman was critically wounded when he was shot with his own service pistol in central Johannesburg.

At 8.15pm yesterday a police detective was seriously wounded in an attack near the Denver hostel. The spokesman said the man was robbed of his pistol and shot. He is critically ill in hospital.

At 8.10pm yesterday a policeman received a flesh wound in the head in a shoot-out with robbers on the Soweto highway, after giving chase to a minibus that had been reported stolen.

One of the robbers was killed, another was arrested and two escaped.

● At least three people were injured when commuters from two trains attacked each other at Braamfontein Station yesterday.



## Taxi war halted

JOHANNESBURG. — Taxi operators in the Transvaal declared an immediate end to hostilities at the "taxi indaba" here yesterday.

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seize firearms in hostel

# Four die in ongoing violence on the ER

*Sowetan 27/8/93*

FOUR people were killed in township violence on the East Rand on Wednesday, police spokeswoman Sergeant Michelle Erasmus said yesterday.

And in a follow-up operation following last Sunday's massacre of 12 people at Scaw Metals, police seized 15 firearms and six petrol bombs during a search of the on-site hostel complex early yesterday.

Fifteen residents in possession of weapons were arrested. *(2-18)*

Firearms confiscated included nine AK-47 rifles, a R1 rifle and five pistols.

In Tembisa, also on the East Rand, a passenger was shot dead when people in a Putco bus fired at a taxi. Erasmus said the motive and attackers were unknown.

A man was found dead in a burnt-out shack at Tembisa's Ivory Park squatter camp after a crowd set the homestead alight, and two men with gunshot wounds were found at Katlehong. The motive and arrests were unknown, said Erasmus.

In another incident, at least three people were injured when commuters from two trains attacked each other on the Braamfontein Station in Johannesburg yes-

terday morning.

Police spokesman Warrant-Officer Andy Pieke said they threw stones, stabbed and apparently fired shots at one another at about 6.30am.

"Two men were found with stab wounds and were rushed to hospital where their condition was described as critical. A woman was also injured but her condition is unknown."

Police knew of no other injuries, Pieke said.

In townships around the Cape Peninsula, damage estimated at more than R100 000 was caused when three trucks were stoned and set alight during the past 24 hours.

Police said an Isuzu truck was set alight in Main Road, Mfuleni, near Kuils River, shortly before 8pm on Wednesday. Ten minutes later a second Isuzu vehicle was burnt out.

A third truck was stoned in Washington Road, Langa, at about 9pm on Wednesday. The driver, Mr Rodney Adonis, was forced to flee when the truck was torched. — Sapa.



## News in brief

### **Consumer boycott on ER**

RESIDENTS of Vosloorus on the East Rand have declared a consumer boycott of white businesses in nearby Boksburg. **27/8/93**

The Vosloorus Campaign Committee said the campaign, which started on Monday, would continue until certain demands were met. These included the release of people detained under "unrest regulations", the withdrawal of the security forces from the township, the deployment of an accountable local police force and the immediate installation of an elected internal local government. **27/8/93**

### **Azapo discusses BC Week**

THE Central Witwatersrand region of the Azanian People's Organisation is to meet at the organisation's head office in Johannesburg tomorrow to plan the Black Consciousness Week which starts on September 6. **27/8/93**

Azapo deputy national organiser Mr Monwabisi Duna has invited the Soweto, Lenasia, Eldorado Park, Alexandra and Dobsonville branches to attend. **27/8/93**

Meanwhile, the Jabulani and Moletsane branches of Azapo will on Sunday hold a memorial service at Entokozweni Community Centre in Soweto for former South African Students' Organisation permanent secretary Mr Mapetla Mohapi, former Azapo publicity secretary Mr Muntu Myeza and 1976 student leader Mr Tsietsi Mashinini.



# Fears of more factory violence

Ferial Haffajee

THERE are fears that last weekend's attack on the Scaw Metals factory hostel in Germiston, in which 12 people died and 20 were injured, could revive organisational conflict at East Rand factories.

Fighting between workers of different political persuasions, in which many East Rand workers were killed in 1990 and 1991, has abated in the past year as trade unions and employers have made concerted attempts to put peace structures in place.

But the weekend massacre and a series of incidents involving trade unionists suggests that the peace may be about to be broken.

Six members of the National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa (Numsa) were killed in the attack.

But this may not be a concerted attack on the union as those killed were of a mixed group, said a Numsa representative this week. Another of the people killed was a member of the Inkatha aligned United Workers Union of South Africa (Uwusa).

Numsa has put together a security proposal for the protection of its members which it will present to Scaw Metals management for negotiation.

Trade union and South African Communist Party leaders did a damage-control exercise when they addressed workers at Scaw Metals on Tuesday, asking them to keep the shopfloor free of political tension and violence.

The hostel is home to 2 000 Scaw Metals workers from different political homes and to hundreds of refugees from East Rand violence.

In what may be an unrelated set of incidents, Numsa last week charged that many of its members on the East and West Rand were being harassed.

In two separate incidents, shots were fired at the homes of Numsa members Abessal Nkoe and Solly Crouser in July and August, while the union charges that workers at Arlec Engineering were attacked on company premises by men armed with AK47s on August 11. Numsa said such incidents were part of a plan to weaken the tripartite alliance structures.



## Unrest areas declared

JOHANNESBURG. — Several districts on the East Rand have been declared unrest areas for three months.

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According to the latest Government Gazette, Alberton (including Tokoza and Katlehong), Boksburg (encompassing Vosloorus), and Kempton Park (including Tembisa) are affected. — Sapa.



# 'Unrest' status back in E Rand

CT 28/8/93 (278)

JOHANNESBURG. — Several magisterial districts on the East Rand have again been declared unrest areas.

A notice in the latest Government Gazette says Alberton, which includes Thokoza and Katlehong, Boksburg, which encompasses Vosloorus, and Kempton Park, which includes Tembisa, have been declared unrest areas for the next three months.

East Rand police reported finding the bodies of another two men yesterday, one near Springs and the other in Katlehong, bringing to five the number killed there in two days.

On Thursday night three bodies were found — one at the Daveyton campus of Vista University, one in Katlehong and one in Thokoza.

East Rand police said traffic officer Mr Bertus Muller was wounded in the leg when he was shot with an AK-47 rifle while chasing four suspects running to a minedump at Daggafontein, Springs.

In KwaZulu, eight people were killed in a faction fight yesterday between the Mganumbobo and Gcula clans at Ewela near Mahlabathini.

No arrests had been made yet and police were still investigating.

## Rival unions helped in arrest of Scaw suspects

JOHANNESBURG. — The ANC-aligned Numsa and the Inkatha-linked United Workers' Union of South Africa co-operated to make possible the arrest of two men in connection with the Scaw Metals massacre at the weekend.

Police have confirmed the arrests.

At a press conference here yesterday National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa spokesman Mr Alfred Woodington said the political affiliations of the two were not known.

He said clues were being followed to identify a third assailant.

Eight of those killed were Numsa members, he said. The other two were non-aligned. — Sapa

The IFP expressed shock yesterday at Thursday's killing of the party's KwamTetwa branch chairman, Mr Elias Dladla, who had previously survived five attempts on his life.

Mr Dladla was shot dead by a youth while travelling on a bus in the Enzonga area near Empangeni, Inkatha spokesman Mr Ed Tillet said.

Mr Tillet said the youth went up to Mr Dladla, shot him at point-blank range and then stole his firearm.

The killer instructed the bus-driver to stop and alighted in the ANC stronghold of Enzonga, Mr Tillet said.

The SAP were unable to confirm Mr Dladla's death. — Sapa



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**Unrest areas**

*29/8/92*  
SEVERAL districts on the East Rand have been declared unrest areas.

Alberton, including Thokoza and Katlehong; Boksburg, including Vosloorus, and Kempton Park, including Tembisa, have been declared unrest areas for the next three months *(2-18)*

● Police said yesterday two men died and four were injured on the East Rand.



# TRAPPED IN A JAIL KIDS CALL HOME

CIPress 29/8/93

By MONWABISI NDOLOLO

THREE babies have been born in grim, concentration camp-like conditions in Katlehong hostels. They were delivered by traditional midwives.

The infants have never been checked by doctors or hospital-trained midwives.

No medical facilities are available to the hostel dwellers and township refugees who live trapped lives inside the fortress.

The sick mostly rely on traditional healers leading one sangoma to claim that she was "overworked".

Tshitshi Ngema gave birth to a healthy boy, week-old Philani, inside a hostel hall where more than 20 families are crammed.

"There is nothing we can do," Ngema said.

The hall was thick with the buzz of flies when City Press visited the place. Someone remarked: "It's like we're in Ethiopia."

The atmosphere was tense. No-one had any idea when the hostilities between hostel dwellers and township residents would cease.

On Tuesday, at 12.5pm, I was sitting in room 2355, F3 block at Buyafuthi Hostel, when a deafening burst of semi-automatic fire exploded outside.

The room belonged to Jeffrey Sibiya, chairman of the Inkatha Youth League and a member of the Local Dispute Resolution Committee (LDRC).

The room was packed with Inkatha members. Everyone kept calm myself and photographer Tladi Khuele panicked.

"This is what life's all about here," said one when the noise died down.

"That was from a R-1 rifle," commented another. On the wall, a recent picture of Buthelezi and Mandela hugging.

The past three weeks have been the worst for three hostels - Buyafuthi, Khwesini and Mazibuko - all Inkatha strongholds.

Close on 7 000 people stick it out daily in the hostel barracks: the Inkatha leadership have given strict instructions - no-one is to set foot in the township outside.

The hostel residents talk of "the war" in Katlehong. They looked tired, bored. The stress is visible on

**BEHIND BARS ...**  
This toddler (left) believes nothing is wrong as she goes about playing inside the fortress unaware of the heavy police presence outside and bursts of bloody fighting. Tshitshi Ngema (below) gave birth to a healthy baby boy inside the hostel's hall last week. She has not been able to get out to go to a doctor for a check up. **2 PICS: TLADI KHUELE**



**MASS HUNGER ... Starving hostel dwellers offload food aid.**

Young men were taking turns to guard their fortress round the clock against "the enemy" - like soldiers in a war.

They complained: "There's no police station in the area. How do we get protection or lodge complaints?"

Sibiya complains: "Township people have such a service even though we all pay tax."

Tax? It seems like a strange concept in times as dire as these.

One man named "Mkhize" simply described life inside the hostel as "worse than prison life".

Sibiya dismissed the "myths of the third force". There was nothing like that, he said vehemently.

"People are just fighting. It is a matter of residents against hostel dwellers."

"There is a campaign to clean out Zulul from town ships," he said.

Yet, in these weird times life continues. I saw traditional beer brewing and men drinking but seemingly without much social warmth. They sat in the shade with eyes staring blankly.

*Gumbhagumbhas* could be heard going full blast, playing Zulu music all around the hostels.

Yet, many men said they felt rejected and isolated. They described themselves as "the unwanted".

"They say we're armed. Is there any man around

here you see carrying arms?" asked one man.

Children have been caught in the crossfire. There is virtually no schooling, or other facilities for them. The kids in the hostel grounds play at mock shoot-outs - wargames copied from life around them?

Blind seven-year-old Dudu Dlamini complained that she could not go to the Katlehong school for the deaf and blind because "there is fighting. They are burning us. They are killing us, but I want to go to school".

Sports, like soccer or traditional dancing on Saturday afternoons, has been banned by the leaders because "it is unsafe".

Already, thousands of the trapped hostel people - most of them unemployed - are starving, leaders said.

Shops inside the hostels, except for spazas, have been closed. No supplies have reached the hostels as delivery trucks are attacked once they enter the townships.

Some men, vigorously engaged in fighting off clouds of flies, were seen selling meat which looked off.

The only chance spaza owners have of buying food was when police and the SADF escorted supplies in to the area.

"We get such an escort once a week or once in two weeks," Sibiya said.

The Kwa-Zulu government is allegedly sending tons of food to the hostels.

Hostel dwellers have been accused of pillaging household goods from township residents, an allegation denied by Sibiya.

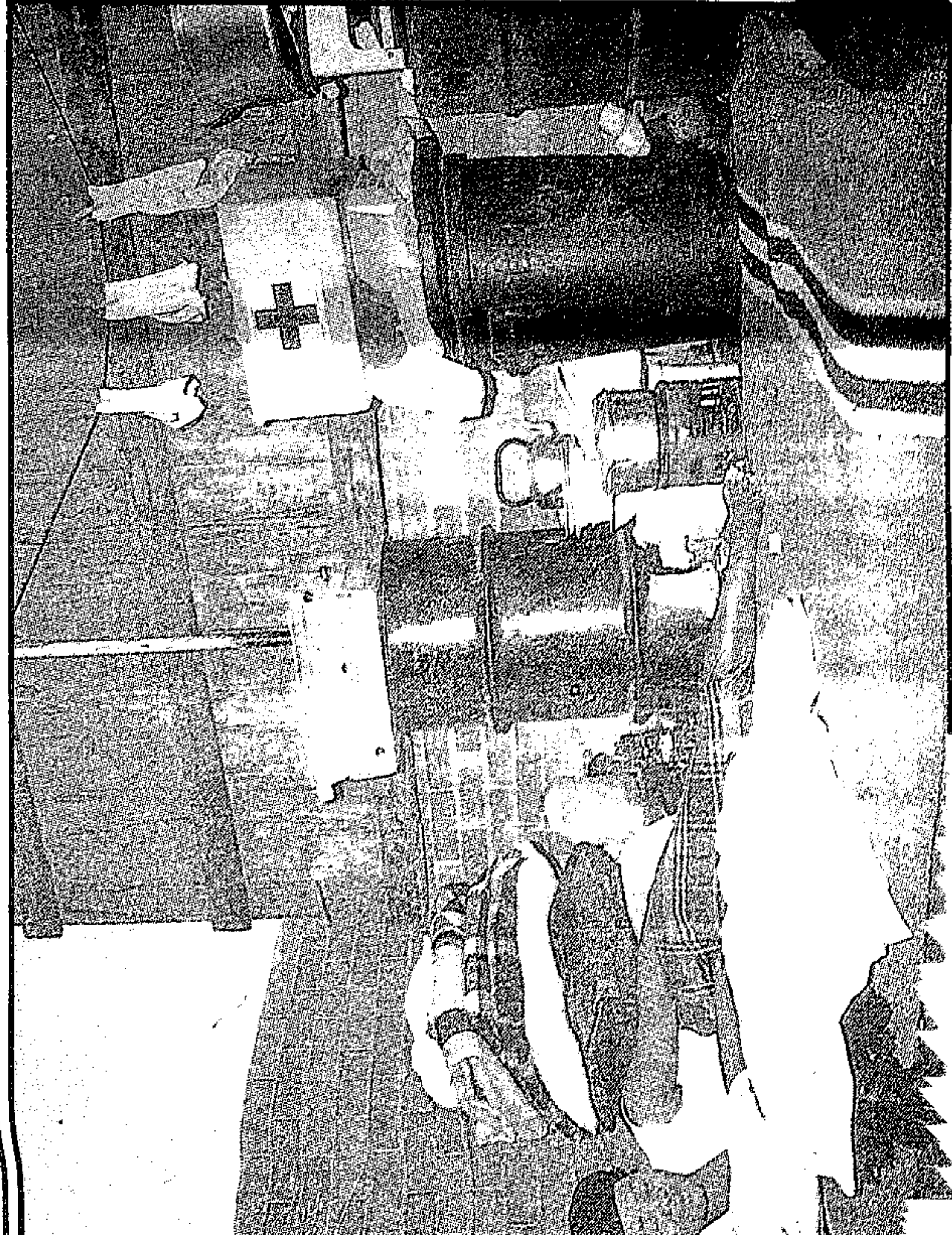
"These goods - mostly furniture - belong to our people who ran away from the township," Sibiya said.

"Our people ran away from the township leaving their goods which have been stolen. We know that houses that belonged to our members in Mavimbela and Radebe have been sold by comrades," Sibiya said.

He confirmed that hostel people had taken control of the "bond" houses in Mgadi Section, but denied that owners were forced to move out.

"We've made agreements with the owners that we'll look after their houses. They have even given us keys.

Another leader and an induna, Alson Mbatha - affectionately known by his clan name "Shandu" - said they had helped several residents nearby to load their goods when leaving the area.





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# Police hit at ANC 'meddling'

JOHANNESBURG. — Police have accused the African National Congress of "reprehensible" meddling in a police investigation into the deaths yesterday of four men in the Ivory Park squatter camp, north-east of Johannesburg.

SAP spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Dave Bruce said the four men were found with stab and chop wounds yesterday morning.

He said that while police were investigating the scene, ANC officials arrived, accompanied by a photographer.

One of the officials placed an object in the hand of one of the dead men and the photographer took pictures.

"The dead man was wearing a raincoat that looked like those the police wear, but he was not a policeman," Col Bruce said.

He said the photographer left the scene when ordered to do so.

Police would also investigate why the SAP officers on the scene had allowed the meddling in the first place.

ANC spokesmen could not be reached for comment last night.

Violence has left three more people dead in the East Rand townships, and police were attacked several times yesterday.

Col Bruce reported that in Thokoza a man was found shot in the head, and another body was found at a local hostel.

A woman was found hacked and partially burned at a soccer field in nearby Katlehong.

Police came under fire five times yesterday at Katlehong's Kwesine station and in various places in Thokoza, Col Bruce said. There were no injuries.

Also in Katlehong, a driver in a stolen car ran over a child, who died instantly. An angry and incensed crowd gathered and began stoning the driver.

Police arrived and tried to calm the crowd, but they too came under attack. A policeman was wounded.

Police then used live ammunition and teargas to disperse the crowd, Col Bruce said. — Sapa



**NEWS** Chikane apologises for misconceptions • Makv

# Ray of hope for peace in Tokoza

Sowetan 30/8/93

**T**OKOZA HOSTEL RESIDENTS, in an apparent breakthrough, agreed to discussions with the South African Council of Churches at the weekend.

Describing Saturday's meeting at the hostel as an extraordinary event, SACC general secretary the Rev Frank Chikane said East Rand hostel dwellers had previously refused to talk to the SACC.

Speaking at the departure of World Council of Churches general secretary Konrad Raiser at Jan Smuts Airport in the afternoon, Chikane said he had apologised to hostel dwellers if they had been hurt by the perception that his organisation had ignored them.

## Troubled township

The two general secretaries were among the WCC and SACC officials who went to the hostel in the troubled East Rand township earlier on Saturday.

Chikane explained there was a per-

## ■ NEW HOPE Hostel dwellers agree talk to SA Council of Churches:

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ception that the SACC was against hostel dwellers because of the organisation's political history.

The SACC did not side with political groupings.

The SACC hoped to begin ministering to hostel residents. Talks would begin as early as today, Chikane said.

## Switzerland

Before leaving for Switzerland after a week-long visit, Raiser said he was hopeful that peace could be achieved in the country.

"There is strong evidence communities are capable of rejecting the culture of violence.

"The will of the people for peace and

justice is paramount and that is precisely where the churches can play a major role."

## Arbitrary violence

Raiser said violence in South Africa did not appear to be arbitrary.

"We have heard witnesses who strengthen the view that there is a pattern to the violence and have been struck by the parallels with Central America, where violence has been part of a deliberate plan of internal destabilisation."

Raiser said any delay in democracy talks would inevitably increase tension.

He said the WCC was convinced that South Africa's problems could only be solved by political means. - Sapa.



## NEWS Residents claim Casspir delive

# Car thief, cops stoned

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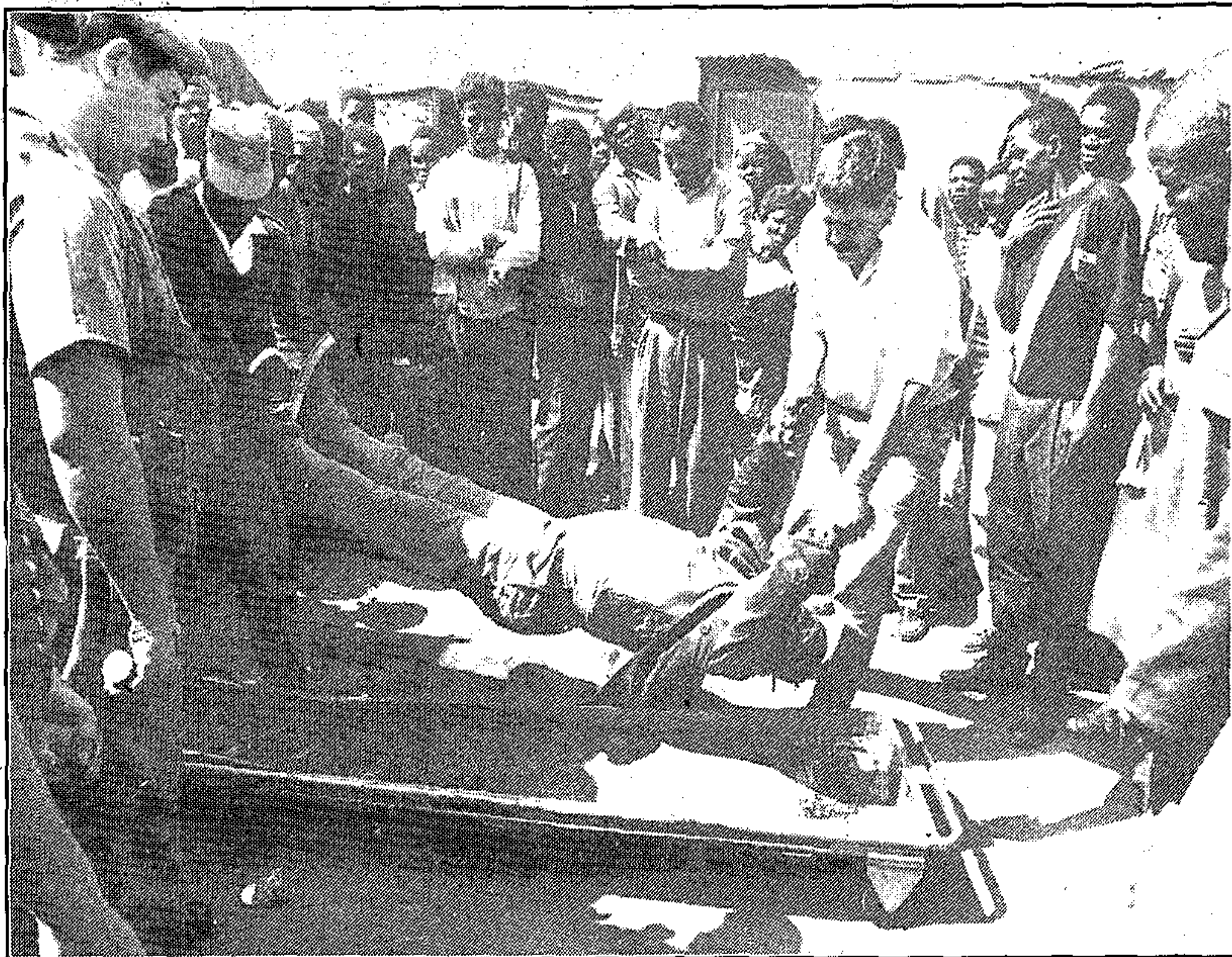
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— Reports by Sapa and Sapa-Reuter (2-18)



ered attackers ● One month before matric exams



ANOTHER DEATH ... Police remove the body of an unknown man whom residents claim was among the attackers who killed three people at Ivory Park squatter camp near Tembisa early yesterday.

PIC: PAT SEBOKO

# 4 men stabbed to death at Ivory Park

Sowetan 30/8/93

By Tsale Makam

■ UNKNOWN VICTIM Squatters insist

he was among the assailants:

**F**OUR MEN were found hacked and stabbed to death after an attack on Ivory Park squatter camp near Tembisa on the East Rand yesterday morning.

Residents claimed the attackers were dropped off by a police Casspir at about 9pm on Saturday. (2-18)

They said that although Ivory Park was under state of emergency and unrest regulations, there were no police patrols on Saturday night except the Casspir which "brought the attackers".

One of the dead men who lay uncovered, carrying a plastic rod in his hand, was unknown.

Residents insisted that he was among

the attackers.

The other three men were; Mr Lawrence Lebepe (25), Mr Peter Nkosi (35) and Mr Thabo Makunyane (22), all of Ivory Park.

Police spokesman Colonel Dave Bruce confirmed the murders and said police were investigating. He said he could not comment on allegations about the police or the unidentified man "unless people come forward and make a statement".

He said: "It appears that members of the ANC arrived on the scene and put

an object in the dead man's hand. They also brought a photographer who took pictures." Two girls, Maggie Zikhali and Bonakele Nsibande, said they saw four men jumping out of a Casspir, carrying spears. The unidentified dead man among them, armed with a plastic rod."

A survivor, Mr David Mohlala, said he was sitting with Lebepe and Makunyane at about 9.30 pm on Saturday. Mohlala said: "Thabo went out to get some glasses but rushed back saying there were attackers outside."



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# Woman stoned to death

## ■ EAST RAND BUREAU

Four people died in township unrest on the East Rand yesterday.

A police spokesman said a woman was stoned to death and burnt in Moseleke section, Katlehong.

In Tokoza, a man was shot dead at a hostel, and the bodies of two men were found — one in Nkaki Street, the other, riddled with bullets, in Khumalo Street.

Also in Tokoza, a child was knocked down by a vehicle. Bystanders stoned and stabbed the driver, and police also came under attack when they arrived.

The injured driver was arrested.

Police were shot at with an automatic weapon in Mavimbela, Ramakanope and Radebe sections of Katlehong yesterday.

\*A Tokoza squatter camp was petrol-bombed (278)

Four people were wounded when four gunmen opened fire on a shebeen with AK-47 rifles in Daveyton early yesterday.

Nine people were arrested in Daveyton for unlawful possession of AK-47s and ammunition.

A man was also arrested in Daveyton for possession of a 7.65 mm pistol. Police arrested a man in Ratanda, near Heidelberg, for unlawful possession of a .38 revolver.



## Four held after police shot at

POLICE have arrested four men in connection with attempted murder charges after gunmen opened fire at police on patrol in Khayelitsha.

A police spokesman said the four were arrested shortly after the incident at lunchtime on Monday.

No one was injured. The arrested men are expected to appear in court soon.

• Several vehicles have been damaged by stone-throwers in Mitchells Plain since Monday.

No one was injured. No arrests were made.

• Two more people have died in townships on the volatile East Rand and four Daveyton residents were arrested for possessing illegal firearms during a house-to-house search in the township yesterday, police said.

An East Rand police spokesman said patrols found the body of a 22-year-old man who had been shot in Katlehong's Mnisi Section at 11am.

In the same area, about the same time, they found the body of a 17-year-old youth who had been hacked to death.

The latest deaths bring to 24 the number of people killed on the East Rand since Saturday.

In Daveyton, police confiscated two AK-47 rifles, a Mauser shotgun, nine other firearms and ammunition.

On Monday, police reported the deaths of two people in Katlehong and Thokoza. — Staff Reporter, Sapa

## Mozambican units training on E Rand

PRETORIA. — Mozambican citizens are training self-defence units (SDUs) on the East Rand in the use of firearms, Brigadier P Abrie, commander of the SAP's Crime Information, Analysis and Interpretation Centre, said yesterday. (278) CT 1/9/93

He said 13 Mozambicans had been arrested in connection with the training.

The SDU were said to be buying firearms from Mozambicans who were probably former rebel Frelimo members.

Brig Abrie said this was one of the main factors leading to instability on the Witwatersrand.

Three SDU members have already been charged and several arrested for murdering policemen. — Sapa

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## SAP 'needs more recruits'

PRETORIA. — The police are to begin a recruitment drive because the force does not have enough members to counter unrest, Police Commissioner General Johan van der Merwe said yesterday. (278) CT 1/9/93

He said the SAP was planning new steps to contain violence. Details would be released later.

Political leaders played a great role in this regard, and without their commitment the police could not prevent violence, he said.

Gen Van der Merwe said planning had begun for policing during democratic elections, but the SAP was awaiting final peace-keeping force proposals and directives from multi-party negotiators. — Sapa

## Govt m

Political Staff

THE government is taking financial administration of independent Lebowa home today after irregularities of proportions" emerged.

The move is the first by the government to Lebowa into South Africa.

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## Taxi w

A SUPREME COURT warned two Codeta com members yesterday he withdraw bail of R10 000 should there be "as much whisper" of intimidation of witnesses.

Mr Sandile Nonqwana a Patrick Nonqwana are cl with two counts of murder one of attempted murder related to the taxi war.

They were yesterday re



# Unrest: seven policemen held

Star 2/9/93

■ BY BRONWYN WILKINSON

Seven policemen have been arrested for allegedly being involved with ANC-aligned self-defence units (SDUs) in instigating violence in East Rand townships.

SAP Witwatersrand regional commissioner Lieutenant-General Koos Calitz said the seven were arrested yesterday. They had been suspended and were being held with SDU members arrested earlier.

The ANC last night questioned the police's motive for detaining the men and demanded that they be charged or released immediately.

The ANC noted that the arrests had taken place against the background of recent marches by the Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (Popcru) to demand better working conditions.

Police could not say last night whether the detained men were Popcru members.

The seven comprise one constable and six assistant constables. They live in Katlehong, Tokoza and Vosloorus.

"The arrest and detention springs from their alleged involvement together with SDUs in the instigation and perpe-

tration of violence. Their involvement is being investigated urgently," Calitz said.

At least 485 people were killed in East Rand township violence between May 1 and August 23 in battles between the ANC and IFP and the security forces. (278)

Law and Order Ministry spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said the arrests emphasised the dangers of politicising the police force, as was being attempted by Popcru and the ANC.

IFP spokesman Ed Tillet said he was not surprised that policemen had been arrested for alleged collusion with SDUs.

"These allegations and the arrests give even more weight to the IFP's scepticism about the impartiality of a multi-party peacekeeping force."

IFP Youth Brigade spokesman Carter Ndlovu said the IFP had believed for some time that SAP members were training Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK) cadres.

Wits/Vaal Peace Secretariat chairman Peter Harris said he could not comment on the arrests until the men had been charged and the nature of the charges became clear.



# Three found slain on East Rand train

(278)

CT 27/93

JOHANNESBURG. — Three men were killed on a train on the East Rand and a woman was set alight and severely burned at the entrance to the Daveyton Hostel yesterday, police reported.

It was not yet known why the woman was attacked, police said.

The bodies of three men who had been shot were found in a train on the Kwesini-Germiston line.

In another train incident, police shot dead one man and wounded three others on a train at Johannesburg's Grosvenor station early yesterday. This followed on a gang attack earlier in the week in which five commuters were killed and two injured.

In Natal, a Mr Sibusiso Gumede who

was walking with a group of school-children in Mtunzini on Monday was shot dead when gunmen fired on them. The children fled.

In the nearby Nkojane Reserve, Police Sergeant Reimers was shot in the back while he and a colleague were investigating an incident on Tuesday. He is in a "satisfactory" condition.

Mr Bantu Mkhize, 22, died and Mr Mbadada Ngema, 35, was wounded when they were shot while waiting for a bus in Ematsheni on Monday.

• Sixty-nine people died and 39 others were injured in nationwide violence in the week ending on Tuesday, the Human Rights Commission reported yesterday. — Sapa



Star 2/9/93

## Four men shot dead in train attacks on Reef

■ BY BRONWYN WILKINSON

Police shot dead a man and wounded three others when they were attacked on a train at Grosvenor station in Johannesburg yesterday.

And on the East Rand, the bodies of three men were found in a railway coach between Kwe-sini and Germiston.

Police said commuters heard shots fired in the carriage near Wadeville station. (278)

In the Grosvenor station attack, plainclothes policemen were attacked by a gang. (278)

One of the policemen tried to fire at an attacker, but his gun jammed and the attacker grabbed it. Shots were exchanged and the attackers ran through the train. Three people, including the man who took the gun, were arrested.

The body of the man shot by police lay in the second carriage. Police put the body in a waiting room on the platform. A trail of blood led to the platform.



# Violence: Policemen arrested

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JOHANNESBURG. — Seven policemen were arrested yesterday for their alleged involvement in ANC self-defence units and instigating violence in East Rand townships.

They include one permanent constable and six assistant constables, said Witwatersrand police regional commissioner Lieutenant-General J F Calitz.

He said no further information was available while investigations were pending.

The arrests have sparked the ire of the ANC who said it was ironic that the first policemen to be detained were those involved with community self-defence units.

The timing of the arrests gave rise to serious questions about the real motive for their detention, the ANC alleged.

The ANC said the arrests took place against a background which included the Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union's marches in the East Cape and PWV to demand better working conditions for all policemen, grievances on the refusal of police authorities to grant black policemen access and resources to quell violence in the townships and the displacement of a number of families in Kattlehong and Thokoza.

IFP spokesman Mr Ed Tillet said his party was "delighted that the SAP is finally taking tough action against maverick elements within its ranks". — Sapa



## East Rand stayaways

THE ANC-led tripartite alliance will launch mass action campaigns, including a stayaway on Monday, in three East Rand townships in support of its demand for peace in the area. ANC PWV regional deputy general-secretary Mr Obed Bapela the alliance and other organisations were concerned about peace on the East Rand and called on people to regard September as a "month of peace" (27)



# Seven policemen arrested over E Rand violence

BRONWYN WILKINSON  
The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Seven policemen have been arrested for allegedly being involved with African National Congress-aligned self-defence units (SDUs) in instigating and perpetrating violence in East Rand townships.

Witwatersrand regional commissioner Lieutenant-General Koos Calitz said the seven were arrested yesterday. They had been suspended and were being held with SDU members arrested earlier.

The ANC questioned the police's motive for detaining the men and demanded that they be charged or "immediately released".

The organisation said the arrests were made against the background of recent marches by the Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (Popcru) in the Eastern Cape and the Witwatersrand to demand better working conditions.

Arrested were a constable and six assistant constables. They live in Katlehong, Tokoza and nearby Vosloorus. Police could not say whether the men were Popcru members.

"The arrests and detentions spring from their alleged involvement together with SDUs in the instigation and perpetration of violence. Their involvement is being urgently investigated," said General Calitz.

At least 485 people were killed in battles in East Rand townships between May 1 and August 23. The fighting in-

involved supporters of the ANC and the Inkatha Freedom Party and security forces.

Law and Order Ministry spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said the arrests emphasised the dangers of politicising the police force, as was being attempted by Popcru and the ANC.

The ANC said the timing of the arrests gave rise to "serious questions about the real motive" for their detention.

It also pointed to the refusal of police authorities to grant black policemen access and resources to quell violence in townships and the alleged lack of accountability of the security forces to the communities they served.

IFP spokesman Ed Tillet said he was not surprised to hear of police being arrested for alleged collusion with SDUs.

"We are delighted to hear that the police have finally taken firm action against partial and intimidatory acts of certain elements in their ranks," he said.

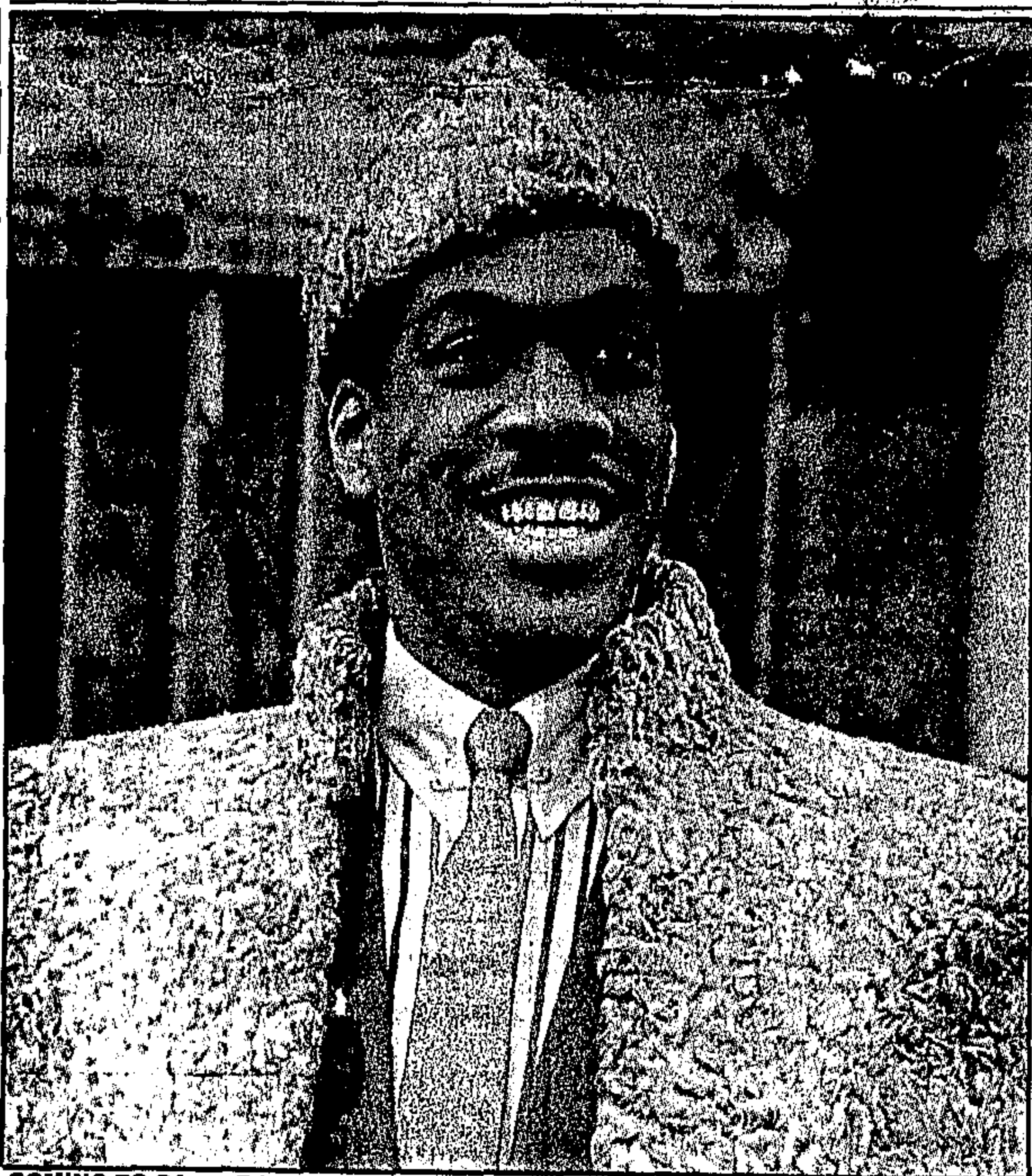
"We have had reason to suspect this for a while, but we have had no evidence to substantiate our claims."

IFP Youth Brigade spokesman Carter Ndlovu said the IFP had believed for some time that policemen were training Umkhonto we Sizwe members.

"We believe the killers of IFP supporters and of citizens of our country are the police and MK," he said.



# COPS FIRE ON COPS



COMING TO SA ... Eddie Murphy has promised he will join the Michael Jackson tour.

## Jacko visit in jeopardy

A SURPRISE element if the Michael Jackson concerts take place in South Africa is that megastar Eddie Murphy will join the entourage.

However, yesterday the SA promoter of the two concerts scheduled for the end of September announced that Jacko's visit was in jeopardy because of the star's poor health but that he would know by tomorrow if the tour would go ahead.

The two shows scheduled for South Africa were sold

out within hours this week and some City Press readers who had stood in ticket queues for hours said they had spent almost a week's wages on tickets.

Anant Singh, who flew to Singapore to confirm Jackson's tour said on his return that the star's management had advised all promoters around the world that the tour dates could be affected by the star's health.

## White officers released train killers - Popcru

By MOSES MAMAILA

PLAINCLOTHES cops this week shot at a Jo'burg-bound train filled with commuters and later shot at cops who tried to arrest them. The rogue cops surrendered shouting that they were cops, but were later set free by four white senior officers.

This was the shocking allegation made to City Press by the Police and Prison Warders' Civil Rights Union (Popcru). Popcru Transvaal secretary Kenneth Nthombeni said a member of their organisation had witnessed the incident.

Police killed one commuter and injured two others in the shootout.

The witness - a constable - told City Press that after the shootout four white police officers - a Captain Kloppers, a Colonel Snyman, a Captain Dawson and a Lieutenant Theron - ordered the release of the three plainclothes men.

This was after the plainclothes cops had produced their police ID cards.

However, police spokesman Major Eugene Opperman vehemently denied the allegations. He said that plainclothes policemen on the train had been attacked by commuters.

He said the policemen had returned the fire and killed one man and wounded two others.

Opperman challenged the Popcru member to make a sworn statement "to the police" for investigation or to make a statement to the Goldstone Commission.

The eyewitness told City Press he boarded the train at Kliptown Station with a colleague. They were wearing their uniforms but were not armed.

"Just after arriving at Grosvenor Station, some commuters who saw me standing at the door shouted that Inkatha was attacking them and appealed for help," he said.

"Fortunately there were uniformed policemen based at New Canada who were patrolling the train. As I was not armed I rushed after them and alerted them about the attack in the coach where the comrades had been chanting their slogans.

"Within a very short period we were at the coach where the attack on commuters was occurring. The terrified commuters appealed to us to arrest the three gunmen who were shooting at them.

"As we advanced on the three attackers they opened fire on us and the armed uniformed policemen returned fire. Suddenly the attackers produced police ID."



ANC calls mass  
Rand stayaway  
27/7/73  
JOHANNESBURG  
The ANC has called a  
mass stayaway today in  
the strife-riven East  
Rand townships of Tho-  
koza, Katlehong and  
Vosloorus in protest  
against alleged police  
brutality (278)



**news**

## **in brief**

### **Town honours AWB**

AN AFRIKANER Weerstandsbeweging ceremony at Sannieshof in the Western Transvaal — during which the ultra-rightwing group received the freedom of the town from the town council — went off peacefully. *Sowetan 6/9/93*

"There were no problems. The AWB said they were going to have a braai after the ceremony," police spokesman Major Hannes Wehrmann said yesterday. Sannieshof mayor Mr Steg Peters said on Saturday the decision to confer the freedom of the town to the AWB had been taken after five of six councillors on the pro-Conservative Party town council voted unanimously in favour of the conferral. *(278)*



# ANC calls for a stayaway

THE African National Congress has called a mass stayaway today in the strife-torn East Rand townships of Tokoza, Katlehong and Vosloorus to protest against alleged police brutality.

The protest was announced a day after ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela demanded that white policemen be withdrawn from townships.

Demanding the release of detained youths, ANC regional leader Mr Obed Bapela said residents would stayaway from work and march to the Internal Stability Unit centre in Vosloorus today.

More than 300 people have died in

violence in Tokoza, Katlehong and Vosloorus since July. *Sowetan* 6/9/93

Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel has refuted ANC charges police did not care for the lives of blacks and said the claim by Mandela was a propaganda ploy.

Police spokesman Major Eugene Opperman said police would monitor the stayaway. (278)

Bapela said the ANC demanded the release of youths he claimed had been arrested since the authorities deployed troops to the East Rand. It also wanted the lifting of the unrest regulations.

The actions are aimed at ending violence, to stop indiscriminate at-

tacks on people, harassment meted out by police," Bapela said.

The stayaway would launch the "In Defence of Our Lives" campaign during which residents would demand the removal of the police, particularly white policemen, Bapela said.

The campaign was being organised by the ANC, South African Communist Party, Congress of South African Trade Unions, Congress of South African Students and civic organisations.

A mass rally would be held at Huntersfield Stadium in Katlehong starting at 10am, Bapela said. — Sapa.



# Township violence precedes stayaway

Star 6/9/93

■ STAFF REPORTERS

Violence flared across the East Rand townships at the weekend and early today ahead of today's planned mass work stayaway to demand the withdrawal of the Internal Stability Unit (ISU) as part of the ANC's campaign to end the violence in the area.

At least 25 people were killed in the renewed violence which flared up in Katlehong, Tokoza and Daveyton.

A Tokoza resident, who telephoned The Star today, said AK-47 gunfire could be heard near one hostel from about 4 am today. He said he knew of six people who had been killed. Police were unable to confirm today's shooting.

The resident said houses were burning and people were fleeing their homes.

Residents of East Rand townships are bracing themselves for today's stayaway.

Thousands of Tokoza, Vosloorus and Katlehong residents are expected to gather at the Huntersfield Stadium in Katlehong for a rally today before marching to an ISU centre at Vlakplaats, near Vosloorus, to deliver a memorandum. ANC PWV deputy secretary Obed Bapela said they demanded:

- The removal of the ISU from the townships, especially white policemen.
- The immediate release or charging of people who had been arrested.
- The lifting of unrest regulations in the area.
- The empowerment of local police stations to police the townships.
- The legalisation of self-protection units.

Bapela said yesterday that failure to meet these demands

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# 25 die in township violence

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"would invite more forms of mass action" such as a protracted consumer boycott of all towns around the townships. (278)

Local IFP leader Gertrude Mzizi expressed concern about the timing of today's activities in the light of tension in the area and national efforts to forge peace.

A senior police spokesman today confirmed that 24 people had died in violent attacks in Katlehong and Tokoza.

A woman was also shot dead in Daveyton on Saturday and police recovered a Tokarev cartridge at the scene.

Germiston's fire chief Simon Barkhuizen said 15 homes were burnt in Katlehong and Tokoza at the weekend.

■ More than 3 000 SADF troops who converged on the troubled East Rand townships to stem the violence at the beginning of last month have been withdrawn and SADF officials have hailed the massive operation "Pikadel" a success.

■ Senior SADF Witwatersrand Command communications officer Colonel Neels Visser said troops had stabilised the area within the first week of the operation.

Police spokesman Brigadier Zirk Gouws said the death toll for last month was 33 percent lower than that for July.

While the IFP and ANC agreed that the SADF helped to stem violence on the East Rand, both parties have criticised the methods used.



# Unrest areas: Whites warned

Crime Reporter

CT 6/9/93

A WEALTHY farmer and businessman has been beaten and burnt to death in a Johannesburg squatter camp near his home — prompting police warnings to whites not to enter violence-torn areas.

The murder of Mr Fanie Badenhorst, 37, of Delmas, on Saturday morning is the latest in a series of attacks against whites in townships.

On Friday, in Cape Town, Mr Corné Pienaar and Mrs Maria Roets narrowly escaped death when they came under fire near the Good Hope College of Education, Khayelitsha, where they lecture.

A week earlier, American Fulbright scholar Ms Amy Biehl was stabbed to death in Guguletu while taking friends home.

Mr Badenhorst, part-owner of a large plastics factory and a cattle and maize farmer, was attacked and killed while taking an employee home to Mandela Park squatter camp, Daveyton.

Police said Mr Badenhorst was off-loading sheets of corrugated iron for his employee when a gang of youths surrounded him.

## Beaten

The youths had beaten him, bundled the seriously-injured Mr Badenhorst on to his bakkie, drove a short distance, doused him with petrol and set him alight, police said.

No arrests have been made but police are following up "certain leads", a spokesman said yesterday.

It was "suicidal for white people to enter most black townships under the present circumstances".

"If they really need to enter such places, especially well-known unrest areas, they should approach the security forces for protection," he said.

"People will be given police protection only if it is essential for them to be in the township and if they are prepared to wait for a patrol van."

The spokesman also urged companies working in unrest areas to employ armed guards.



## CITY/NATIONAL

# Chaos after ANC stayaway to drive police from townships 1 shot dead in march on East Rand

ARG 6/9/93

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**The Argus Correspondent**  
**JOHANNESBURG** — A march on the East Rand ended in chaos today when a man was shot dead and a woman was wounded.

The march, to an Internal Stability Unit centre at Vlaakte, near Vosloorus, was to deliver a memorandum demanding the withdrawal of white policemen and the ISU from the violence-hit townships.

The shooting happened during clashes as groups of marchers made their way to Huntersfield Stadium, where a rally was to be held.

Police jumped out of their Nyalas and rushed to a group, apparently to check for firearms.

Tensions rose as police grabbed some of the marchers

and fists flew. Police and army reinforcements were called to the scene as the situation got out of control. Sounds of AK-47 gunshots with police returning fire could be heard.

Later, the body of a man who had been shot in the head was found in a churchyard.

A woman reeled in pain in the same churchyard as peace monitors rushed to help her.

The march and rally were staged during a mass work stayaway called by the ANC in the strife-torn East Rand townships Tokoza, Katlehong and Vosloorus to protest against alleged police brutality.

The protest was announced a day after ANC president Nelson Mandela demanded that white policemen be withdrawn from townships.

The situation was highly volatile in both Tokoza and Katlehong at midday as police and army patrolled the streets. In Katlehong streets were barricaded with rocks as thousands of residents remained at home to heed the stayaway call.

In Tokoza groups of people stood on street corners, some wearing overcoats in spite of the hot weather.

There were no taxis or other vehicles in sight. Only peace monitors and the Press were travelling on the main roads.

Violence flared across the East Rand at the weekend and early today ahead of the stayaway and march.

At least 25 people were killed in Katlehong, Tokoza and Daveyton and police said they recovered four more bodies in

the townships early today. Police also said they arrested one man and seized an AK-47 rifle early today after investigating reports of shooting at private vehicles on the Vereeniging Road about 7am.

A Tokoza resident said today that AK 47 gunfire could be heard near a hostel from about 4am today.

The demand for the withdrawal of white policemen and the ISU from the townships follows several allegations of harassment and intimidation from residents and the ANC.

Residents have blamed ISU members for assaulting them and harassing local leaders and the ANC has accused the unit of detaining several Self Defence Unit members.

Law and Order minister Hernus Kriel has condemned

the demand as "blatantly racist", adding that the call also "directly threatens the security of all South Africans".

He said the demands were an ANC ploy to establish "no-go areas" in which a "political cleansing process" could take place.

ANC PWV deputy secretary Obed Bapela said the demands were:

- The removal from the townships of the ISU, especially white policemen.
- The immediate release or charging of people who had been arrested.
- The lifting of unrest regulations.
- The empowerment of local police stations to police the townships.
- The legalisation of self-protection units.

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## Thousands join township protest

8/Day 7/9/93  
JOHANNES NGCOBO

EAST Rand townships came to a standstill yesterday as thousands of residents joined a protest calling for the withdrawal of white policemen from the area.

Shops were closed and streets barricaded as protesters marched from a rally in Katlehong to the internal stability unit's offices. Taxi operators refused to enter the townships. (278)

Two more deaths were reported on the East Rand yesterday, bringing the toll in the area to 27 since Friday. A man was shot and killed by police after he tried to escape arrest for allegedly possessing a Makarov pistol at the Katlehong rally. Police also reported that two train carriages were derailed in Katlehong after sabotage. Four carriages were derailed on Sunday.

ANC PWV deputy secretary Obed Bapela, who led the march to the internal stability unit's offices, told unit head Brig A J Huggett that his members should leave Thokoza, Katlehong and Vosloorus within 30 days or they would be physically removed. The ANC, SACP, Cosatu, Sanco, student movements, the clergy and "the people" would make it impossible for them to work in the townships.

He handed over a memorandum calling for the release of eight policemen held for participating in self-defence units and the lifting of unrest regulations.

Huggett told Bapela that the unit's

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## Protest

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members had grievances against self-defence units. He said young boys were being used to commit crimes.

Police told marchers the call for white police to be removed from the townships was racist and contradicted the principle duties of the SAP. (278)

"There is absolutely no chance of removing white police or any other policemen from the townships until peace is restored in the East Rand black townships," a state-

ment read.

Inkatha Freedom Party PWV leader Themba Khoza criticised the stayaway as an irresponsible action with the potential to fuel tension and violence. He said intimidation had led to the apparent success of yesterday's mass action.

He dismissed the ANC's claims that white police were the sole culprits of the killings and said their removal could lead to a bloodbath.



man trapped in his blazing shack

Sowetan 7/9/93

## Peace hopes dashed

AROUND 3am yesterday Mr Samson Kabeli lay trapped in his burning shack at Thintwa Section in Tokoza on the East Rand.

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There was very little he could do to escape as groups of men went on the rampage, burning down houses and shooting at residents while looking for firearms and money during a pre-dawn attack in the area.

Kabeli was shot dead as he tried to escape. The attackers fled to nearby Tokoza Hostel. Residents alleged they were escorted by white policemen travelling in a Casspir.

Police have, however, denied the allegations. Police spokesman Captain Wikus Weber claimed there was a campaign by certain politicians against the police, especially white policemen.

He said there was no way the police could help criminals.

The attack coincided with yesterday's stayaway in Katlehong, Vosloorus and Tokoza.

Kabeli was one of four people killed in renewed violence in Tokoza and Katlehong.

Thousands of residents stayed away from work to attend a mass rally at Huntersfield Stadium in Katlehong where they demanded that white policemen withdraw from the area.

One person was shot dead and another wounded while on their way to attend the rally, residents said.

Police confirmed the killing of the man but denied he was killed by police. Police said three other bodies were found in Katlehong yesterday morning.

These latest attacks have dashed hopes of peace on the East Rand, which has been relatively quiet following the launch of the National Peace Campaign.



*Renewed township unrest as troops withdraw*

# East Rand toll mounts

Star 7/9/93

## ■ STAFF REPORTERS

Violence has left 69 people dead nationwide since Friday, including at least 35 in the East Rand townships of Tokoza and Katlehong.

The resurgence of East Rand violence comes shortly after the withdrawal of more than 3 000 SADF troops called into the area at the beginning of last month.

The soldiers were withdrawn on August 27 because the SADF believed their "Operation Pkadel" aimed at stabilising the East Rand had been a success.

Ten people were killed during a day of mass protest action in Katlehong and Tokoza as thousands of residents heeded an ANC stayaway call yesterday. This added to the weekend death toll of 25.

Sapa reports that 30 people were killed in Natal and four in the Cape at the weekend.

Police liaison officer Captain Wikus Weber said several homes and two train carriages had been burnt on the East Rand.

Germiston's fire chief, Simon Barkhuizen, said 20 homes and shacks were burnt down in Tokoza and Katlehong.

Yesterday's stayaway was called in protest against the presence of white policemen and the Internal Stability Unit (ISU) in the townships.

ANC PWV assistant general secretary Obed Bapela led a march to the Katlehong ISU offices, where he handed in a memorandum.

The memorandum from the Katlehong, Phola Park, Tokoza and Vosloorus communities was addressed to President de Klerk and Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel.

## THE latest wave of violence on the East Rand follows the withdrawal of 3 000 SADF troops

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It said that since Chris Hani's assassination, these townships had experienced an unprecedented escalation of internecine violence, making many "exiles in their own country".

Among its demands were: the immediate release of those detained under unrest regulations, including the eight policemen who were arrested for alleged involvement in self-defence units; the manning of police stations only by policemen living in the townships; and a halt to torture and assaults by police.

The regional commissioner for the East Rand, Major-General J Oberholzer, said the suggestion to remove white policemen from black townships was racist and contradicted SAP duties.

No policemen would be removed until peace was restored in the townships.

Tensions ran high yesterday when policemen intercepted people on the way to the march, which began at the Huntersfield Stadium.

Peace monitors intervened to prevent a threatening situation developing into a war between police and militants.

Sounds of AK-47 gunshots and police fire were heard. A man was later found dead in the yard of a church.

Police and army reinforcements were called to the scene.

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East Rand casualty . . . a policeman holding a stun grenade crouches near the body of a Tokoza resident. During an argument between the SAP and residents, the police were fired at. They returned fire and two residents were shot.

PICTURE: JOAO SILVA



# 4 die during East Rand stayaway

Sowetan 7/9/93

By Bongani Mavuso

**T**HOUSANDS OF East Rand residents stayed away from work yesterday to attend a mass rally at Huntersfield Stadium in Katlehong, where they demanded that white policemen withdraw from the area.

Shortly before the rally started, a person was shot dead and another wounded while on their way to the rally, residents said. The two are believed to have been shot by police.

Violence in Tokoza and Katlehong yesterday. Police confirmed the killings. Three of the bodies were found in Katlehong.

These latest attacks have dashed hopes of peace on the East Rand, which was relatively quiet following the launch of the National Peace Campaign

## ■ TOKOZA TENSE Residents and hostel dwellers manned different roadblocks:

barely a week ago.

Since Friday 25 people were killed in renewed violence in townships on the East Rand.

By noon yesterday the situation in Tokoza was tense as both residents and hostel dwellers manned roadblocks at different points.

The rally, which was organised by the African National Congress alliance, culminated in a march on the Internal Stability Unit base at Vlakplaas in Vosloorus, where a memorandum containing grievances was handed to the commanding officer, Brigadier AG Hugger. It coincided with yesterday's one-day stayaway in Katlehong, Tokoza and Vosloorus.

The demand for the withdrawal of white policemen and the ISU follows allegations of harassment and intimidation by residents.

### Unit members

Residents have blamed ISU members of assaulting them and harassing local leaders while the ANC has accused the unit of detaining several self-defence unit members.

Residents also demanded the immediate release or charging of people who have been arrested; the lifting of unrest regulations in the area; the empowerment of local police stations to police the townships; and the legalisation of "self-protection" units.



# 69 violent deaths since Friday

□ Killings on the East Rand surge after withdrawal of 3 000 troops

The Argus Correspondent

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**FLARE-UP:** An argument breaks out in Tokoza between policemen and residents. Shots were fired at the police who returned fire, shooting two residents.

koza and Katlehong.

Yesterday's stayaway was called in protest against the presence of white policemen

and the Internal Stability Unit (ISU) in the townships. ANC PWV assistant general secretary Obed Bapela led a

march to the Katlehong ISU offices, where he handed in a memorandum. The memorandum from the

Katlehong, Phola Park, Tokoza and Vosloorus communities was addressed to President De Klerk and Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel. It said that since Chris Han's assassination, these townships had experienced an unprecedented escalation of internecine violence, making many "exiles in their own country".

Among its demands were:

- The immediate release of those detained under unrest regulations, including the eight policemen arrested for alleged involvement in self-defence units;

- The manning of police stations only by policemen living in the townships; and

- A halt to torture and assaults by police.

The regional commissioner for the East Rand, Major-General J Oberholzer, said the suggestion to remove white policemen from black townships was racist and contradicted SAP duties.

No policemen would be removed until peace was restored in the townships.



## Boycott of white shops

ALG 7/9/93  
LOUIS TRICHARDT. —

A consumer boycott of all white-owned shops has begun in this Northern Transvaal town and will continue until there is free political activity in the town. (278) (D)

The boycott was called by the Consumer Boycott Committee at a meeting at the University of Venda on August 29 after an application for a march by the South African Democratic Teachers Union was turned down, all entrances to the town were blocked and black people were harassed on August 25. — Sapa.



**J**o-Anne Collinge reports on a court case which may provide clues to why many residents of the violence-racked East Rand townships view "unrest" measures practised by security forces with hostility

# Do powers calm or inflame passions?

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**I**N areas like the East Rand townships of Katlehong and Tokoza, where political conflict leaves a weekly trail of bodies, the proclamation of "unrest areas" — or mini-states of emergency — might have seemed a necessary evil.

But a recent urgent application in the Rand Supreme Court raised the question whether the unrest proclamation, and particularly the wide powers of detention which it confers on security forces, serves to calm the troubled area or whether it serves to further inflame passions.

Central to the application were allegations of regular assault and torture of detainees by the police, particularly those stationed at Inyoni Farm, isolated headquarters of the Internal Stability Unit and the Political and Violent Crime Investigation Unit, situated outside Vosloorus in Boksburg.

Senior police officers denied the assault allegations, but officers cited as respondents eventually consented to an order restraining police from assaulting, abusing or threatening any detainees named in the application for the duration of their detention.

In court papers that could scarcely fail to recall the landmark "Wendy Orr" assault case of the mid-'80s, medical practitioners told what they had found when they examined detainees from the Katlehong-Tokoza-Vosloorus ("Kathorus") area and from Daveyton in Benoni.

"Sustained injury on the upper part of the right eye following an assault with the butt of an R-4 rifle. This has caused depressed fracture. Also has scratches on the hands, due to handcuffs," wrote physician Dr Rampule Ratsela after seeing Lulama Pekaide (27).

Mzwandile Nshingana (45), he found, was "urinating blood and also having chest pains on the operation scar. Has swelling on the lower chest area. May be due to a fracture on the affected side".

The "subungal haematoma" shown by Jacob Moloi and Thabo Seeko were consistent with their charge that needles were pushed under their finger nails.

Ratsela examined 33 of the 123 East Rand detainees on whose behalf the ANC PWV region brought an application.

Other doctors saw signs to corroborate allegations of assault. District surgeon Dr T H D Sparrus found that Daveyton teen-

ager Mzwakhe Nxele had an injured right arm and bleeding in one eye. District surgeon Dr J G de Vos recorded a wound on the forehead and a swelling in the case of Zakehe Mashilwane.

Dr D V Mabunda, a private practitioner, found abrasions on Tshepo Soetsang's wrists, caused, the detainee said, by his being bound with a rope while a rubber tube was placed over his nose and mouth, smothering him.

The police also filed district surgeons' reports in support of their contention that detainees had not been assaulted and had had access to doctors. They relied particularly on district surgeon Dr M Chaplin.

The applicants' evidence pointed out that Dr Chaplin's reports did not always concur with those of his colleagues where such comparative reports existed.

In the Nxele case, for instance, Sparrus and a private practitioner, Dr Mia Mayet, had both found marks which had not been apparent to Chaplin although the latter had the advantage of seeing the detainee soon after the alleged assault.

## Third-rate hearsay

Major Alexander Venter, commanding police conducting interrogations in "Kathorus", stated initially that the detainees "have not been assaulted and no irregular treatment whatever has been meted out to them".

He said much of the ANC's application rested on "third-rate hearsay" and the applicants had not established a basis for "the extremely broad proposition and serious accusation that the majority of detainees were assaulted on a regular basis by members of the force".

But, after the applicants filed additional medical evidence, Venter said in a statement: "It is not possible in the available time to get witnesses together to attempt to deal with the allegations of assault that are raised for the first time in (the applicants') replying affidavits."

Although he indicated that they would ask for more time if the ANC and the detainees insisted on pressing for a final interdict, the order was granted by consent on Friday.

The ANC court action also aimed to secure the release of the detainees by having their detention declared unlawful. Mr Justice

Leveson has still to rule on this aspect.

The applicants argue that they have been targeted for detention not only because they are members of self-defence units (SDUs), but because they are ANC members.

Lancelot Bruce Mvungama of Katlehong told his lawyer he was interrogated at Nyonni Farm about his ANC membership, about returned exiles, about how he had left the country, and how they were trained.

According to papers, Mvungama told his lawyer that as he lay on the floor, "one policeman held his head down and two others held his feet and a fourth knelt on his shoulders and pulled a piece of rubber tubing tightly across his face from behind."

"Whenever he answered a question in the negative, the tube across his face would be pulled tighter from behind and his head was pushed down. He could not breathe properly and thought he would suffocate. When he bit through the tube to try to breathe, the police men brought another tube and continued."

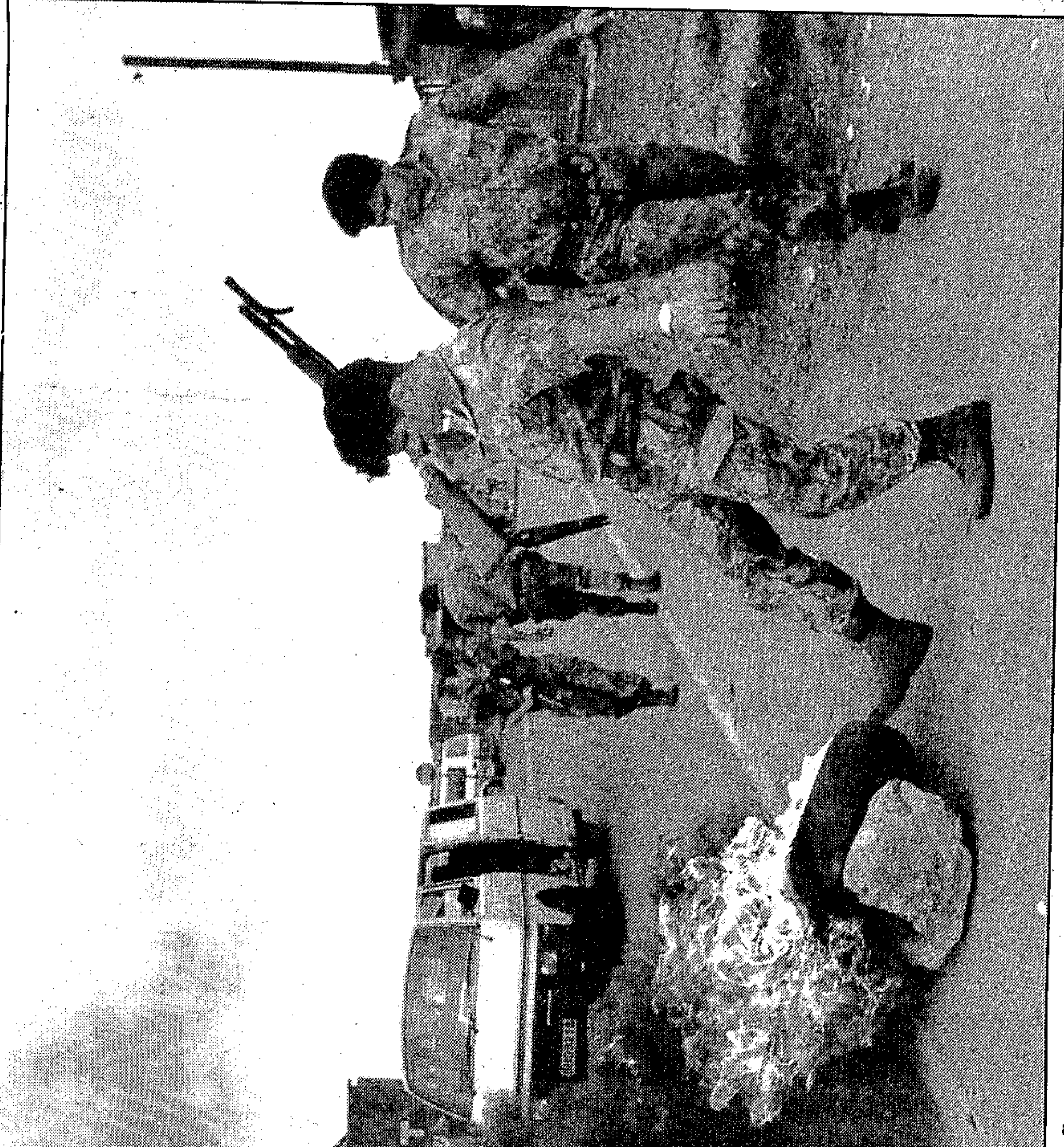
The reason given on the official form for Mvungama's detention was that "I am a card-carrying member of the ANC. The reason why I am arrested is because I was suspected of being in possession of an AK-47, which was not found at home."

Venter stated that membership of a SDU was not a reason for detention. Criminal activity was.

Furthermore, it was not correct that "only ANC people" were detained under the unrest regulations. Although all the detainees cited in the application were SDU members, and the SDUs gave an impression of ANC alignment, there were 33 detainees who claimed no affiliation, 11 members of the IFP, one PAC member and seven policemen, Venter said.

Whatever Mr Justice Leveson's ruling on outstanding aspects, the court action has provided insight into the ANC's demands for the removal of the Internal Stability Unit from "Kathorus" and the residents' plan to march on Inyoni Farm.

The case also raises serious questions about means and ends in the control of political conflict. It is clear that unrest areas, with their detention provisions, have become a bone of contention instead of the instrument by means of which peace can be reasserted.



fires . . . members of the Internal Stability Unit in action in one of the East Rand townships. The increasing pressure to leave these townships.  
PICTURE: JOAO SILVA



# 10 bodies found in E Rand township

JOHANNESBURG. — Police reported finding 10 bodies in the East Rand township of Thokoza between Monday morning and daybreak yesterday.

Eight had bullet wounds, one body was burnt and another appeared to have been hacked to death.

Police also said a woman and two men were injured during crossfire on Monday when cars in Alrode were shot at. Police at the scene returned fire and found 53 AK-47 cartridges. (278) CT 8/9/93

Nine shacks were razed in Thokoza on Monday along with a house which was petrol-bombed, causing R25 000 damage. Police also said the two train carriages they reported on Monday as having been derailed at Pilot Station, Katlehong, were also set alight.

Meanwhile in Natal, the Inkatha Freedom Party yesterday called on South African Police to protect taxi passengers along main routes in the Wembezi-Estcourt area in the Natal Midlands.

The appeal comes after five people were killed in an ambush on a minibus taxi on Saturday. A statement from the IEP said local police had ignored several requests to increase policing of the routes.

The IEP suggested a security strongpoint be established in the vicinity of the Depo and Longhomes sections of Wembezi.

Police are still investigating Saturday's ambush. — Sapa



# Uneasy calm lies over East Rand

*Sowetan 8/9/93*

By Bongani Mavuso and  
Lulama Luti

**A**N UNEASY calm has returned to the violence-torn East Rand townships of Katlehong and Tokoza, where about 26 people have been killed since Friday.

Yesterday morning police found the body of a man with bullet wounds in Khumalo Street, police spokeswoman Sergeant Michelle Erasmus said.

School children milled about in the streets and barricades had been removed from most streets. A few SADF vehicles patrolled sections of the townships.

However, some residents said fighting starts in the evening.

"It seems calm during the day. Trouble starts at night when faceless killers stalk our streets and create havoc. Our townships will be safe only when black

■ **FACELESS KILLERS** Residents say

attacks occur in the darkness of night:

policemen police our areas," resident Mr David Dunga said.

On Monday the townships came to a standstill when thousands of residents stayed away from work to attend a mass rally to demand the withdrawal of white policemen and the Internal Stability Unit.

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East Rand Deputy Regional Commissioner of Police Major-General JCS Oberholzer said: "Initial investigations also show that the intimidation factor towards black policemen in black townships is very high and the question must be asked whether the non-intimidation of white policemen in black areas is not the reason for the removal request."

SADF spokesman Colonel Neels

Visser confirmed yesterday that some troops had been withdrawn from the two townships after "Operation Pikadel" which he described as having been "successful" in quelling violence.

He said only forces from outside the Witwatersrand had been withdrawn and that only the Government could decide to call them back as and when need arose.

Responding to calls for the total withdrawal of the armed forces from the townships, Visser said it was unlikely that the forces would be withdrawn.

"We still have people in there. It is absolutely absurd for us to withdraw completely at the moment (especially in the light of the renewed violence)."



## White shops CT89/93 (278) boycott starts

LOUIS TRICHARDT —

A consumer boycott of all white-owned shops in this Northern Transvaal town began on Monday and boycotters said it would continue until there was free political activity in the town.

The boycott was called after an application for a march by the Limpopo sub-region of the SA Democratic Teachers' Union was turned down and all entrances to Louis Trichardt were blocked, and black people were harassed on August 25.

A meeting to call the boycott was held at the University of Venda on August 29. — Sapa



## Taxi conflict inquiry set up

PRETORIA. — The Goldstone Commission is to hold a preliminary inquiry into the tension and conflict in the taxi industry at Rustenburg, Mr Justice Richard Goldstone said yesterday.

The committee will hold a public inquiry on September 24 to investigate the nature and causes of the conflict and consider recommendations on the steps that are necessary to prevent further violence and whether a justice of the peace may play a role. — Sapa

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# Church, IFP to meet

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JOHANNESBURG. — The South African Council of Churches and church leaders are to meet Inkatha Freedom Party representatives and hostel residents tomorrow in an attempt to resolve the conflict on the East Rand. AKG 8/9/83



# 21 killed in Rand attacks

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**JOHANNESBURG.** — Twenty-one people were gunned down and 25 hurt in two attacks on taxis in Wadeville near Germiston last night.

The attacks occurred just four kilometres apart, but police were unable to confirm last night if they were linked.

In the first attack at a taxi rank in Dekema Road, a gang of at least 10 opened fire on black commuters alighting from two minibus taxis, killing 19 and wounding 22.

Police said the attack appeared to have been well planned and that the attackers used AK-47s and other weapons.

Soon after 8pm, also in Wadeville on the corner of Black Reef and Khumalo roads, two people were shot dead and three wounded when gunmen opened fire on a minibus taxi.

A witness, local butcher Mr Hannes Venter, said when the shooting started customers in his shop jumped over his counter to seek cover.

Law and Order Minister Mr Hernus Kriel said the atrocities emphasised the dire need for political leaders to constructively address the climate of violence, especially on the East Rand.

ANC peace desk deputy head Mr Mondli Gungubele reiterated the ANC belief of a "third force" at work in the country. — Sapa



**AFTERMATH . . .** Police remove a corpse at a taxi rank in Wadeville last night. Twenty-one people were killed when gunmen fired on commuters.

Picture: AP



NINETEEN people were killed and 22 injured when gunmen opened fire on a group of people waiting to catch taxis in Wadeville on the East Rand, police spokesman Major Eugene Opperman said last night.

The attack happened at 6pm when about 10 gunmen opened fire on commuters outside the Hokaai restaurant on the corner of Dekema and Lantern Streets. **B1 Day**

Police said the attack appeared to have been well planned. AK-47 assault rifles and other firearms were used. **(278)**

No arrests had been made last night.

In another attack an hour earlier, four men died and four were wounded when gunmen opened fire at a taxi operators' meeting in Orlando East, Soweto.

## 19 commuters shot dead at taxi rank

A shootout ensued between the attackers and the taxi operators, and two of the attackers were killed, said Soweto police spokesman Maj Joseph Ngobeni.

It was unclear how many gunmen burst into the YMCA hall where about 60 members of the Baragwanath Taxi Association were meeting. The motive for the attack was not known. **9/9/93**

In the morning, three people were injured when two taxis travelling from Katlehong to Germiston came under fire at Leondale bridge in Alberton. — Sapa.



# Four killed at taxi peace meeting

Sowetan 9/9/93

By Abbey Makoe

**F**OUR PEOPLE WERE SHOT dead when two groups of taximen exchanged gunfire during a meeting to resolve a dispute at the Orlando Donaldson Community Centre in Soweto yesterday.

The incident took place inside the community centre, across the road from Orlando Police Station, shortly before noon when tempers flared. The two groups could apparently not agree on certain issues.

Eyewitnesses said three of the victims died inside the hall and the fourth collapsed and died in the yard of the DOCC as he tried to stagger away.

Police rushed to the scene and cordoned off the area. People, including journalists, were barred from going beyond the cordon.

Soweto police spokesman Major Joseph Ngobeni said last night that police were told that the shootings took

## ■ TEMPERS FLARE

Police say a group of men burst into the hall and opened fire:

place while members of the Baragwanath Taxi Association were holding a meeting. (278)

He said a group of men burst into the hall and started firing shots at the taximen. (302)

Ngobeni said the names of the dead would only be made known when their next-of-kin had been notified.

He said of the dead, two were members of the Baragwanath Taxi Association while the other two were part of the group of attackers.

Police found 50 spent cartridges and two rounds of ammunition at the scene.

Four of the injured people were identified as Miss Nomsa Nhleko (25), Mr Kenneth Nkosi, Mr Jacob Moatla and Mr Hamilton Sibisi.

The clash is believed to be associated

with the on-going taxi feud in Soweto which, before yesterday, had claimed the lives of more than 10 taxi operators and commuters since June.

Meanwhile, three passengers were seriously injured when gunmen shot at taxis driving past Leondale bridge on Black Reef Road in Alberton on the East Rand yesterday.

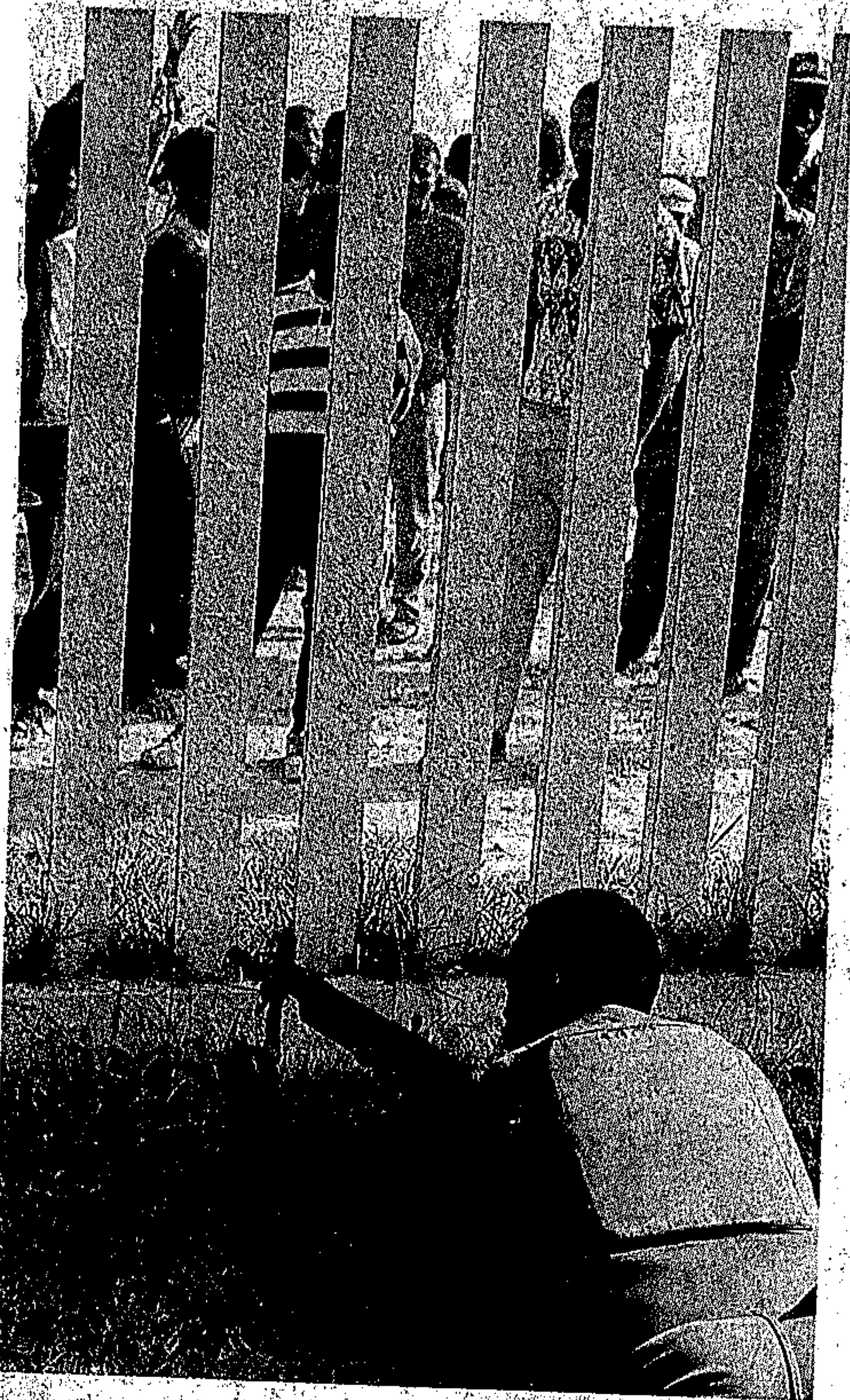
Police said the injured were admitted to Natalspruit Hospital.

In Daveyton, also on the East Rand, Mr Sipho Hlongwane (32) was injured when he was shot in the chest from a passing car while off-loading stones in the township.

He was admitted to Boksburg-Benoni Hospital.

East Rand police said they did not know the motive for either attack.





**CONFRONTATION:** Policemen, on their stomachs, top and above, confront some of the angry crowd outside the Site B, Khayelitsha, police station after ANC-aligned organisations held a protest march in the township.

Pictures: OBED ZILWA, The Argus.

## New attacks on taxi commuters: Death toll rises

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Two more taxi commuters were shot dead in Black Reef Road near Leondale on the East Rand early today. **Aug 9/93**

This follows last night's killing of 21 and the wounding of 25 in Wadeville, Germiston, and five near Escourt, and brings the taxi-linked death toll to 33.

Four members of the Bara-City Taxi Association (BCTA) were shot dead during an election meeting in Orlando, Soweto, earlier and a queue marshal was gunned down in Noord Street, Johannesburg.

Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel immediately condemned the "horrific atrocity" and called on township residents to help police track down the killers.

"It is the prevailing culture of violence in places such as the East Rand that provides the seedbed for outrages such as these," he said.

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus said last night the massacre was linked to Tuesday night's breakthrough in negotiations on the Transitional Executive Council.

"The pattern seems to be well-established," he said.

Too many similar massacres had followed political breakthroughs.

"We believe there's a very clear pattern of third force activity stoking violence."

The Germiston commuters were killed in two attacks within four kilometres of one another. Police spokesman Eugene Opperman said the first massacre at the Hokaai taxi rank on the corner of Dekema and Lantern roads, where 19 people died and 22 were wounded, was one of the "most cold-blooded to date".

Witnesses said two minibus taxis stopped on either side of the rank at 6 pm and about 10 men

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# JOHANNESBURG 'I' taxi-rank gunmen mow down 21 commuters

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fired on commuters queuing to go home. (278)

There was pandemonium as screaming workers ran from one side of the rank to the other, only to be caught in cross-fire. A25919193

A pile of bodies last night lay beneath white, sterile morgue sheets at the corner of a small shopping centre where the victims had desperately tried to find shelter from the gunfire.

Hours later taxi driver Sawu Vilakazi could still not believe he had survived. He had loaded his taxi and was about to drive off when a gunman ran in front of his minibus and fired straight at him. Four others fired at the vehicle from the side.

Mr Vilakazi leapt from his taxi and ran for the shelter of shops, while his passengers tried to jump from the window and the door facing the gunmen. Three of them were killed.

Toni Iglauei was turning into the entrance of his engineering firm at the centre when he heard the gunfire and saw people running.

"There were bodies everywhere. It had sounded like a mini war," he said.

"There was no reason (for the shooting). Most of these people were just going home after a day's work.

"I administered first aid, and my wife telephoned the emergency numbers straight away. The only thing we could do was try to give people support," he said. A25919193



**SURVIVOR:** One of the 25 commuters wounded by gunmen last night at a taxi rank in Wadeville, Germiston.

Police at the scene then heard of the other shooting four kilometers away on the corner of Heidelberg and Black Reef roads, where two men were reported to have fired at a moving taxi with AK 47s.

Two people were killed, and three were injured.



# Police offer rewards totalling R325 000

JOHANNESBURG. — Police today upped the rewards offered for information leading to arrests and convictions for last night's taxi attacks.

The reward for information on the first attack, in Wade-

ville, in which 19 people were killed and 22 injured, is now R250 000. (278)

Up to R75 000 is being offered for information about the second attack, four kilometres away, in which two people

Were killed and three injured.

The public have been assured that information will be accepted anonymously and may also use the toll-free telephone number (0800) 111213.

— Sapa.



Gunmen target commuters in series of attacks

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# Taxi carnage goes on

## SCREAMING

commuters were mown down as AK-47 thugs struck during rush hour

BY BRENDAN TEMPLETON

Two more taxi commuters were shot dead on the East Rand early today following last night's cold-blooded killing of 21 people and the wounding of 25 others in Waverille, Germiston.

The latest attacks, in Black Reef Road near Leondale, bring the death toll in taxi-related violence to 28.

Earlier yesterday four members of the Bara-City Taxi Association (BCTA) were shot dead during an election meeting in Orlando, Soweto, and a queue marshal was gunned down in Noord Street, Johannesburg.

The Germiston commuters were killed in two attacks within 4 km of each other. Police spokesman Major Eugene Opperman said the first massacre at the Hokaal taxi rank on the corner of Dekema and Lantern roads, where 19 people died and 22 were wounded, was one of the "most cold-blooded to date".

Witnesses said two minibuses stopped on either side of the rank at 6 pm and about 10 men started firing on commuters queuing to go home.

Pandemonium broke out as screaming people ran from one side of the rank to the other, only to meet a withering hail of gunfire blocking their hoped-for escape route.

Law and Order Minister Hennis Kriel called on township residents to help police track down the killers.



Medical attention . . . police and ambulancemen attend to one of the victims shot at the Black Reef Road intersection last night. The man was wounded in the head and leg. PICTURE: STEPHEN DAVAMES

"It is the prevailing culture of violence in places such as the East Rand which provides the seedbed for outrages such as these," he said.

ANC spokesman Carl Ntshaus said last night he believed the massacre of commuters was linked to Tuesday night's breakthrough in nego-

tiations regarding the transitional executive council.

"The pattern seems to be too well established," he said. "We believe there's a very clear pattern of third force activity stoking violence."

The Inkatha Freedom Party has expressed shock and horror at the latest massacre ad-

ding that there was still time to save the peace process.

Bodies last night lay beneath morgue sheets at the corner of the small shopping centre where people had desperately tried to find shelter from the gunfire.

Ironically, the shop wall which had failed to protect

them belonged to the Good Luck Butchery. An assistant who went home to feed her children, returned to the shop to find that the chair on which she normally sits was full of bullet holes.

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of his minibus and fired straight at him. Four others were killed.

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"I went into the factory and administered first aid. My wife telephoned the emergency numbers straight away and the only thing we could do was try to give them whatever support was possible."

While police were scouring the scene for clues at about 8.10 pm, news came of another shooting 4 km away.

Police and the press sped off to the scene, where police and ambulancemen were administering first aid to victims. A witness said two men on the side of the road had fired on their taxi with AK-47s. Two people were killed and three injured.

Opperman said it was too early to say if the shootings, which occurred close to the scene where 12 people were massacred at Scaw Metals last month, were linked.

Anna Louw reports that two people were seriously wounded when gunmen opened fire on a minibus from Katlehong in Black Reef Road this morning.

Shortly afterwards the same gunmen opened fire on another minibus travelling on the same road. A passenger was seriously wounded.

Kriel said the killing emphasised the need for political leaders to constructively address the climate of violence. The Human Rights Commission reported yesterday that 121 people died in violence in South Africa in the past week.



# 21 die in taxi rank

## South African Press Association

**T**WENTY-ONE PEOPLE were killed and 25 others wounded in two attacks in the industrial area of Wadeville near Germiston on the East Rand last night.

In the first attack, which occurred shortly after 6pm at a taxi rank outside the Hokaai restaurant at the corner of Dekema and Lantern streets, a gang of about 10 men opened fire on commuters alighting from two parked minibus taxis.

Nineteen people were killed and 22 wounded.

A senior police officer at the scene, Brigadier TJ Kockemoer, described the attack as "completely senseless".

Police said the attack appeared to have been well planned. The attackers used AK-47 assault rifles and other weapons.

Two hours later, also in Wadeville, near Black Reef Road and about 4km away from the first attack, two people were shot dead and three wounded in an attack on a minibus taxi.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Major Eugene Opperman said the taxi was travelling from Germiston to Katlehong when it was shot at, apparently by gunmen armed with AK-47 rifles.

Earlier yesterday four people died and another four were injured in a shootout during a taxi associa-

tion meeting in Orlando East, Soweto. Police said several gunmen burst into the hall where 60 taxi operators were meeting and opened fire.

Reacting to the killings, Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel said the "horrific atrocities" emphasised the dire need for political leaders to constructively address the climate of violence.

"Atrocities of this nature also highlight the absolute folly of calls to remove police, especially the Internal Stability Unit, from townships on the East Rand," Kriel said.

"I appeal to township residents to co-operate fully with the police to track down those responsible for this outrage.

"But it is the prevailing culture of violence in places such as the East Rand which provides the seedbed for outrages such as these."

Kriel added that unless the leaders of particularly the Inkatha Freedom Party and African National Congress realised this and took steps to address the problem, violence would continue to escalate.

The police were doing everything within their power to combat violence, but this would be an enormously difficult task unless all sectors of the community supported them, Kriel said.

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# carriage







**PEACE SNAKE** . . . This is the Mamba, a specially-designed armoured car, to be used by Wits-Vaal Regional Peace Secretariat officials at night in violence-racked townships on the East Rand.

Picture: AP

## 'Iron doves' for peace

Own Correspondent

**JOHANNESBURG.** — The Wits-Vaal regional peace secretariat took delivery yesterday of two custom-made armoured vehicles in a "swords-to-ploughshares" deal which will allow safer night-time monitoring in black townships.

Called the "Mamba 7" and "Mamba 11", the two vehicles — sporting the national peace secretariat colours of white and blue and flashing green lights — were donated to the secretariat by the Sandock Austral engineering company.

The vehicles have already been nicknamed the "iron doves" by peace secretariat workers.

Complete with gunports, the Mambas also carry a high-output public address system, night-sight equipment, peace logos and peace flags.

Monitors were trained by the donors to drive the vehicles.

Secretariat director Mr Peter Harris said few emergency services operated in East Rand townships and at least one of the vehicles would be fitted with water tanks and firefighting equipment.

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# Probe into ambushes

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PRETORIA. — A team of 30 detectives has been sent to the East Rand to probe the Wednesday night killing of 21 people and the wounding of 25 others in taxi ambushes at Wadeville near Germiston. (218)

President F W de Klerk also said yesterday 250 extra SADF soldiers would be deployed there.

Since Wednesday, 33 people have died and 31 wounded in violent incidents, most of which centred on taxis on the East Rand and Natal.

Yesterday morning, two people

were killed when their vehicles were sprayed with gunfire.

As political leaders expressed their horror at the attacks, Mr De Klerk announced that rewards totalling R320 000 had been offered since the killing spree to anyone with information about the murderers.

Angered by the Wadeville killings, ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela said: "Whenever we make a breakthrough (in the negotiations), these massacres continue." — Sapa



# East Rand drive-by shooting

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THE death toll in two days of political violence has risen to 34 after another drive-by shooting on the East Rand and a spate of killings in Natal yesterday.

In Alberton yesterday morning, two gunmen opened fire with AK-47 rifles on vehicles in Black Reef Road, killing two men. Two people were injured.

Two victims of Wednesday night's taxi rank massacre in Wadeville, near Germiston, died in the Natalspruit Hospital in Katlehong yesterday, bringing to 25 the number of people killed in two attacks on commuters in the area. (278)

President FW de Klerk offered a R320 000 reward to anyone with information which could lead to the arrest of the murderers, and announced that a team of 30 detectives had been appointed to inves-

LLOYD COUTTS and  
JOHANNES NGCOBO

tigate Wednesday's shooting. He said the attacks appeared to be politically motivated and called on the ANC and Inkatha Freedom Party to end "their conflict".

The ANC, meanwhile, claimed that Wednesday's attacks were preceded by a major security force operation in the area. "It could not be ascertained whether the security forces had prior knowledge of the attack or were simply keeping an eye on workers in the area who have embarked on industrial action."

Five people were killed in KwaZulu yesterday afternoon, three in KwaMashu, one on Natal's North Coast and a fifth in Mbon-

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## Violence

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golwane in northern Natal.

Two bodies were found in Bhambayi, near Durban, yesterday morning. Five people were wounded when bullets raked their taxi along a road near Estcourt on Wednesday night, reports Sapa.

In Vosloorus, one pupil was shot dead at a school and another wounded in a separate incident. (278)

Tensions ran high in Katlehong yesterday and most of the township's major roads were barricaded. Stunned survivors of Wednesday's attack held a prayer meeting at Natalspruit Hospital.

De Klerk called on all South Africans to work for a new society in which "this type

of outrage" would no longer take place.

In Cape Town, ANC President Nelson Mandela expressed his anger. "Whenever we make a breakthrough (in negotiations), these massacres continue," he said.

Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu said the forces of separation and darkness were becoming desperate to stop the coming of justice and democracy, while Methodist Bishop Stanley Mogoba called for an immediate "summit of violence".

Lawyers for Human Rights called for the replacement of Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel with a "more appropriate and enlightened minister who will take the action which is so urgently needed".





Illegally evicted families seek shelter in Palm Ridge Community Centre PHOTOGRAPH: JOHNNY ONVERWACHT

## Invaders 'evict' hundreds of families from their homes

At least 400 East Rand families have fled their homes after they were served 'eviction notices', reports **Pat Sidley**

**H**UNDREDS of houses in the violence-racked townships of the East Rand have been occupied by marauders who have "evicted" the legal owners.

In Thokoza, at least 200 houses have been annexed, and in Kallahong a similar number of families have been forced out of their homes. The rightful owners are now refugees.

Residents in targeted areas are often served "eviction notices", either by letter or loudspeaker. Since the last major flare-up in Thokoza six weeks ago, many residents in Phenduka section — abutting the local hostel — have received letters giving them seven days' notice to move, according to Peace Action.

Police are aware of the phenomenon, and have escorted residents from their homes to safety. No action has yet been taken against the new occupants.

The Thokoza Town Council has made several attempts to tackle the problem, including contacting provincial authorities, Inkatha Freedom Party president Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi and African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela, but without success.

Victims claim the illegal occupants are IFP supporters from hostels. The IFP and some hostel indunas deny this and blame the phenomenon on criminal elements — or the ANC.

Many of the houses are in areas "under IFP influence", while others have been deserted and bricked up in "no-go" areas.

According to a Thokoza social worker, Sarah — she would not give her full name — four young men appeared at her house two weeks ago and demanded her keys, claiming they would "protect" her home.

When she refused, she was threatened with violence. She, her mother, brother and his three daughters moved out with only the clothes they were wearing.

Police escorted the family out of their home, which they had bought and which is almost fully paid up, but otherwise did not act. One of the new occupants, says Sarah,

has repeatedly approached the local council to register the telephone in his name and restore services.

"What do the police think we are doing? Don't they ask why we are leaving our own homes? Shouldn't they be investigating? People don't voluntarily leave their own homes," she said.

In Sarah's office was another resident who had watched all her possessions being loaded on to the back of a truck and driven into the nearby hostel. She claims police watched the incident but were too afraid to intervene.

Lawyers for Human Rights' Brian Leveson said crimes committed by illegal occupants ranged from breaking and entering to trespassing and, potentially, malicious damage to property.

But the breakdown of law and order in the townships meant that police were likely to take the line of least resistance by escorting people to safety without asking questions.

The SAP's East Rand spokesman, Captain Wikus Weber, said the police were aware of the problem and believed that at the "very least" a crime of intimidation had been committed. But before they could investigate, they needed a written complaint or evidence, such as an eviction order. This had not been provided.

Police in Thokoza are known to have a list of people evicted from their homes and escorted to safety.

Piers Pigou of Peace Action — which has affidavits from several refugees in Palm Ridge Community Centre, where many evicted residents are sheltering — said: "Even if there was an agreement under which people could go back to their own homes, I doubt if many would return."

"Some want a permanent, objective security force present to ensure that it does not recur. Others believe that security forces helped the marauders and don't want any security forces nearby. Still more believe that until the hostels disappear, the threat of recurring evictions is ever-present."

According to Peace Action and the SACC, the Peace Committee knows of the problem and has set up a forum in the area in an attempt to deal with it.

### An apology for peace

THE South African Council of Churches is holding a series of meetings with the Inkatha Freedom Party on the East Rand aimed at overcoming perceptions that it is biased against the IFP.

The principal focus of the meetings is violence in the area.

The perception of bias has prevented the SACC and its ministers from mediating effectively in township violence. It has also meant that church ministers and church groups have been unable to minister adequately to violence-hit communities.

The meetings were prompted by the visit to South Africa of the World Council of Churches general secretary, Dr Konrad Raiser who paid a historic pastoral visit to the Thokoza hostel with the SACC's Frank Chikane and several of his top officials.

The hostel residents' condition for the visit was that Chikane apologise in Zulu for the "misconceptions and perceptions" created by the SACC, which he did.

Last weekend, local SACC officials and church ministers met about 50 members of the National Hostel Residents' Association, indunas from hostels on the East and West Rand, and local officials of the IFP.

Perceptions of church partisanship were among the issues addressed, as well as the belief among IFP members and hostel dwellers that they do not have the same access to church buildings as others.

They were also critical of the lack of pastoral care at funerals, and the SACC's failure to offer "words of condolence" to bereaved IFP members over the years.



## More bodies (278) found in East Rand townships

JOHANNESBURG. — Six more bodies have been found in the East Rand townships of Tokoza and Katlehong.

Police said today three of the victims had bullet wounds, two appeared to have been burned and one had stab wounds.

They also reported that a man's car was hijacked when he pulled off the road near Etwatwa squatter camp, Daveyton, to allow a funeral procession to pass.

The motorist, identified only as Mr Havenga, was shot at as he ran away but later found his vehicle without the keys. — Sapa.



# Troops, detectives sent into E Rand

Star 10/9/93

## ■ STAFF REPORTERS

A team of 30 detectives and 250 security force members has been deployed on the East Rand after three brutal attacks on commuters in 12 hours, President de Klerk announced yesterday.

Twenty-five people were killed in the attacks. Police have offered rewards totalling R325 000 for information.

De Klerk said the latest killings were a "stark indication that there are some elements in the country still determined to pursue their objectives through violence."

He said there were indications that the attacks were politically motivated and linked to the "current cycle of intolerance, intimidation and conflict involving supporters of the IFP and the ANC".

ANC president Nelson Mandela yesterday attributed the attacks to breakthroughs made in negotiations at the World Trade Centre and said it was clear such violence was perpetrated by people opposed to a peaceful settlement.

Twenty-one people were killed and 25 injured in one attack in Wadeville, Germiston, on Wednesday night. Gunmen in two minibuses stopped on both sides of the Hokaai taxi rank in Dekema Road at 6 pm and opened fire.

While at the scene, police received a report of another attack on the corner of Heidelberg and Black Reef roads at about 8.30 pm, in which two people were killed.

At about 6 am yesterday, two more people were killed in Black Reef Road near Leondale when two gunmen fired on a minibus and two cars from the Heidelberg bridge.

Lloyd Vogelmann, director of the Project for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation, said the taxi rank attack smacked of an operation by a highly trained hit squad.

"The gunmen had immense control over their weapons and showed they were incredibly highly trained."

Meanwhile, other East Rand violence continued yesterday, with seven people killed in Kaitshong and Tokoza.



# Killings 'linked to rail sabotage'

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Stephen Laufer

POLICE are investigating possible links between the Wadeville massacre and last Sunday's sabotage of the railway line serving three East Rand hostels.

The attack on Wednesday night, in which 19 commuters died and 22 were injured while waiting for taxis home, may have been a desperate attempt by the Zulu hostel dwellers to break a transport blockade which has kept them virtual prisoners for almost a week, say detectives.

"The attack had all the signs of taxi-related conflict," said Colonel Rias of the Internal Stability Unit's unrest and violence investigation unit. "The shootings were random, victims could have been members of any political party."

Added SAP Witwatersrand spokesman Brigadier Zirk Gous: "Although the massacre appears to have been taxi-related, there are some indications that it was not just a normal turf battle."

Trains have been unable to go beyond Kattlehong station to Pilot, Lindela, and Kwesini stations, which serve the Inkatha-held Bayefuti, Kwesini, and Mazibuko hostels since Sunday, when four coaches were derailed. About 40 000 commuters use the three metro stops daily.

The hostel dwellers have been unable to go to work and have had difficulty procuring food, say the police. Taxis have offered little alternative to the stranded rail commuters.

They either serve Inkatha supporters, like the hostel dwellers, or African National Congress sympathisers, but the nearest rank available to the hostel dwellers is three kilometres away. Taxis transporting Zulus had come under attack recently, said police sergeant Meininghaus.

"People in the hostels have clearly become

angry," said Meininghaus.

Some commuters have used the alternative Vereeniging line, according to Spoornet. But the stations are a long walk from the hostels which often lead through ANC-dominated streets.

Fearing the walk, many hostel dwellers have remained in their barracks, with anger rising.

"Spoornet has been unable to repair the Kwestini line," said railways spokesman Annemarie Strydom. "We will only do so once we have assurances from the surrounding communities that they will respect the services provided."

The resumption of rail services also depended on security forces being made available to patrol the line, said Strydom. And drivers at the Germiston depot, who formed a safety committee after coming under attack on the Kwesini line, have been given a virtual veto. "The driver's committee must consider the line safe before we will resume services," said Strydom. Metro drivers are still all white, with blacks currently undergoing training. Learner locomotive engineers must serve a four-year apprenticeship.

Strengthening speculation that the massacre was related to the railway blockade is the fact that the attack took place in Wadeville, an industrial area frequented by whites and blacks alike. Purely politically-motivated violence has tended to be centred in the townships.

Wednesday night's attack catapulted Wadeville into the headlines for the third time since July 19, when six passengers travelling in a long distance taxi from Durban were executed in cold blood after being forced to leave the vehicle by gunmen wielding automatic rifles and pistols. Among the similarities with the most recent attack are the number of gunmen — witnesses have spoken in both cases of a commando in excess of 10 — and the use of a variety of weapons.



## Man held for taxi killings (278)

JOHANNESBURG — A man has been arrested in connection with Wednesday's attacks which left 23 taxi commuters dead at Wadeville on the East Rand. More than 40 witnesses have been questioned, including two who were injured when gunmen opened fire on commuters at the Hokaai taxi rank. A R320 000 reward has been offered for information leading to conviction of those responsible for Wednesday's attacks. — Sapa



## Makwetu's guards <sup>(278)</sup> <sup>27/11/93</sup> shot at

JOHANNESBURG. — Shots were fired at bodyguards of PAC leader Mr Clarence Makwetu yesterday as they drove here from Mr Makwetu's Daveyton township home, the organisation said.

The car was carrying five bodyguards, but none was hit by the bullets which shattered the windscreen, said PAC national executive committee member Mr Mark Shinnars.

He said the highway attack occurred about 4pm in heavy traffic as the men neared Kempton Park after escorting Mr Makwetu to his home.

Mr Shinnars said the security men did not return fire but sped away. One of the men was cut by flying glass.

He said it was not clear where the shots came from.

Police spokesman Brigadier Zirk Gous said he had no information about the incident but police would investigate. — Sapa



Security forces oversee exodus

# Flight from East Rand townships

BY HAPPY NKHOMA

Security forces are overseeing the flight of terrified Tokoza and Katlehong residents from areas close to Inkatha Freedom Party-controlled hostels on the East Rand.

Bitter residents criticised the police and SADF for failing to protect them and their property, saying it was ironic that they received help only to abandon their homes.

Many families said their houses were being taken over by men from the hostels — and they claimed police were doing nothing to stop them.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Brigadier Zirk Gous said the police were doing their utmost to patrol the townships, but they could not be everywhere at once.

At least one police vehicle was allocated per hostel on the East Rand, he said.

On Saturday, The Star witnessed SADF troops help nine Tokoza families to move out of their homes. At least 300 homes in Tokoza have been abandoned by their owners.

SADF spokesman Colonel Les Weyers said the army would help anyone who requested assistance as long as it was within the bounds of its duties.

When The Star joined a convoy of trucks going to remove furniture on Saturday, most of the refugees said they had been too terrified to spend the night in their homes. Only one or two

**HUNDREDS of homes in Tokoza and Katlehong have been evacuated near hostels controlled by Inkatha members**

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had been brave enough to stay at home overnight to guard their possessions.

The convoy would venture into the townships only after a Buffel had arrived as an escort.

The streets surrounding the Tokoza hostel were quiet and most houses were abandoned and barricaded.

At one point, gunfire rang out, temporarily stopping the evacuation while terrified women ran indoors. Work resumed once soldiers had disarmed and arrested a sniper.

One of the truck drivers claimed that houses he had recently helped to evacuate had already been taken over.

Residents also claimed that residents still living in sections overrun by hostel dwellers had to pay "protection" money.

A man told The Star on Friday that he had seen his neighbour being shot for refusing to pay.

Some people had to leave possessions behind when the soldiers decided that it was time for them to leave. "Never mind my furniture, I will work and buy some more just like I did before," a woman said.



# Peace plea for SA <sup>(278)</sup> goes out from rally

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The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — About 2,000 people took part in the Peace Rally at the New Laudium Stadium, near Pretoria, and heard leaders call on everybody for efforts to forge peace in South Africa.

Head of the National Peace Secretariat Antonie Gildenhuys said South Africa had "so much going for it" and could not allow this to go to waste.

He said neither the Peace Accord, politicians nor the police alone could end violence, but all South Africans could by practising righteousness.

"We should all hunt the perpetrators of violence down and hand them over to the police.

"We can only become a winning nation by making our communities whole again and becoming one nation."

Louw Alberts, introduced to the gathering as "the father of the Codesa talks", said that Christ had "nailed the declaration of war to the cross when he was crucified", but that people had not yet realised this and thus continued to fight.

He said he had been asked to address the crowd from a Christian viewpoint and that people should learn to talk to each other.

Pretoria mayor Nico Stofberg said children should not look to politicians alone to stop the violence, but should begin the peace process within themselves and expand this to their friends, families, schools and communities.



## 27 die in weekend violence

JOHANNESBURG. — Police found 12 bodies in the townships of Thokoza, Katlehong and Vosloorus yesterday, raising to 27 the number of deaths reported in the region at the weekend.

Police said in a statement today 11 bodies were found on Saturday and four on Friday.

In Daveyton, also on the

East Rand, the body of a man was found outside a hostel with stab and bullet wounds.

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More than 1 000 people have died in political violence in East Rand townships since July, when negotiators set April next year as the date for the country's first non-racial elections. — Sapa.



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In Durban it was reported at least nine people had been killed in violence in Umhlangeni, bringing the weekend toll in Natal to more than 22, KwaZulu Police said yesterday.

In the Natal Midlands, Estcourt's Wembezi township was tense after two weekend killings. — Sapa **(278)**

## Dismay at Goniwe inquest

PORT ELIZABETH — Murmurs of dismay broke out in the Port Elizabeth Supreme Court when a Cradock businessman was quoted as saying that "the only solution" to unrest was to "put Matthew Goniwe against a wall and shoot him".

Former Cradock Command head Cmdt Gerhardus Botha Marais was in the witness box yesterday during the Goniwe inquest. Questioning him about the attitude of Cradock's white business community in 1985, advocate Glen Goosen, appearing for retired SADF Col Lourens du Plessis, quoted a report in the publication Die Zuid-Afrikaan in which an unnamed businessman recommended that Goniwe and other political activists be shot.

Goosen asked Marais if "this was the attitude of the white business community to Goniwe". Marais replied that "such a proposal was never made to me".

Sapa reports that Marais admitted to being involved in covert operations in the '80s, but refused to give details. He also refused to give evidence on "Operation Katzen", an SADF plan to depose former Ciskei President Lennox Sebe.

Marais conceded that it was possible that security force elements could have killed Goniwe and three other Cradock activists, Fort Calata, Sparrow Mkonto and Sicelo Mhlauli, in June 1985.

Circumstances surrounding the murders were such that they could be interpreted as "covert action", he said. While it was unlikely that Azapo members had executed the murders, this could not be excluded as a possibility, he added.

Marais denied that the security forces in Cradock had planned the murders.

Own Correspondent

## Taxi blockade brings towns to a standstill

THEO RAWANA

"But if the blockade continues, we will have to use force," he said.

Bata said the ANC alliance supported the right of people to protest. "We are concerned at the hike and believe the demands of the taximen are legitimate." He said the alliance's concern was to minimise the effects of the blockade on the people.

National African Federated Transport Organisation secretary Ntise Matlhoko said his organisation had warned government the increase could cause violence in the taxi industry. **14/19/93**

Mineral and Energy Affairs Ministry media spokesman Carel du Toit said the price increase would go ahead at midnight tonight.

Border Chamber of Commerce spokesman Errol Spring said business was badly affected. People arrived late for work because of lack of transport.

Cape Town bus company Golden Arrow announced it would not increase commuter fares as a result of diesel price hike.

Reuter reports that Mercedes-Benz of SA halted production yesterday after the taxi drivers blockaded oil companies near its East London plant. It was hoped production would resume tomorrow.

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# East Rand killing fields claim another 44 lives

JOHANNESBURG. — Violence has taken 44 lives and injured 33 people since Wednesday night with reports of deaths yesterday coming only from the East Rand, considered the worst trouble-spot in the country.

But Bambhayi squatter camp — Natal's notorious killing field — has enjoyed a breath of peace.

Yesterday's deaths in the East Rand were those of 27-year-old electrician Hans Taylor and a municipal policeman who was escorting him in Tokoza. He was doing repair work on an installation.

Another municipal policeman, Constable John Mohanwe Moloi, 34, is in a critical condition in Alberton's Union Hospi-

tal. Mr Taylor's body and panel van were set on fire.

East Rand police also reported having shot a suspect who ran away from a vehicle which a patrol was chasing in Daveyton. He was armed with an AK-47 rifle and had failed to obey an order to stop.

On Thursday they shot dead another man whom they claimed refused to obey an order to stop. Police said he had been stealing steel plates from the Scaw Metals factory.

Police reported finding a total of 14 bodies in Tokoza and neighbouring Katlehong on the same day.

Wednesday night saw two attacks on taxis in Wadeville in which 25 people were butch-

ered in cold blood. Another occurred the next morning in Katlehong in which two people died.

Thursday and Friday however, saw peace and goodwill in Natal's Bambhayi squatter camp where the Human Rights Commission has recorded over 250 deaths in a war between the African National Congress-aligned "Reds" and Inkatha-supporting "Greens".

Emanating from a peace meeting between the warring sides in Durban on Wednesday was a call for a joint prayer service in the shackland.

A large group of women, watched by peace monitors, gathered at the Gandhi Clinic in Bambhayi on Thursday and nervously moved from the Red

to the Green section where they were greeted with cheers of welcome.

"First we were afraid, but it was like Christmas, we were so happy," said resident Penny Zungu.

"We were jumping around shaking hands and some people saw their relatives for the first time since this fighting started."

"People from the Greens were saying: 'We are tired of fighting'."

Local Red leader Lenford Mbidi said: "There is peace here today because the Stability Unit is not here. Whenever they leave this area there is peace. We want them out and we want the Defence Force in here."

He was referring to the Police Internal Stability Unit which the ANC has constantly accused of fanning the violence by supporting the Inkatha-aligned faction. Police have vehemently denied the allegations and have called for evidence to be put before the Goldstone Commission.

From Durban it is reported that a group of school pupils were fired at by unidentified gunmen when walking through Imbali, Maritzburg, yesterday.

They were being escorted by guards from a security firm, who returned fire and drove off the attackers.

"No injuries were reported," said police spokesman Captain Henry Budhram.

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# Avoiding the death queue is a tricky business

Sowetan 14/9/93

By Musa Zondi

**B**LACK COMMUTERS in this country are faced with a very difficult choice every morning they leave home for work or travel from work to home.

The choice is which death queue they pin their hopes on. Will it be safe to be on a train or will it be safe in a taxi today?

Will Putco be the better choice or the bicycle or the motorbike? What about walking or maybe hitching a lift in a private car?

These are the life-and-death questions. A colleague who stays on the East Rand says every morning the question of safety crosses his mind.

"But you can die anywhere. It does not really matter where you are or what mode of transport you are using," he said.

As he enters the taxi he uses every day, he thinks: "This could be your last ride". If you are in a taxi, you can die under a hail of gunfire from faceless attackers who are never caught by the police.

This is what happened in Wadeville on Wednesday last week.

This might sound like a sick idea, but *Sowetan* went to areas where people take transport to work. Looking at the faces of those people, bright and beautiful in the spring morning, we couldn't help but think that they might not make it home.

**■ SAD TIMES** *No matter which way*

*we turn, death is never far away:*

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**You can die anywhere. It really does not matter where you are or what mode of transport you are using.**

The crispy clean and expensive clothes might be drenched in blood later in the day as these people bleed for crimes they know nothing about.

Little packets of Smarties and other goodies that these people will bring home might be strewn all over the road after the taxi, or whatever form of transport, has been ambushed.

The waiting husband or wife might have to wait forever. The children might have to wait forever. It is an unending, waiting game.

It does not really matter what form of transport you use or what class of society you fall into. What matters is the colour of your skin.

You can die anywhere. You can

also die under a hail of machine gunfire as taxi owners fight it out. You can die while alighting from a Putco bus. You can be shot while waiting for transport to take you home.

If you are lucky enough to get home, a car might just drive up as you walk to the door of your home and its occupants, faceless thugs, pump you full of lead.

**Lucky enough**

But if you were lucky enough to get into your house and have supper with your family, try and enjoy it while you can, because you and your family might not wake up in the morning.

If your idea of drowning your sorrow is visiting a shebeen, then people in Sebokeng will tell you that this is not safe either. A lot of people have died while playing parley-parley with holy water. You can die in a night vigil while going to pay your last respects to those who died in a hail of bullets.

These days, you can die practically anywhere. It is just a matter of timing.

Be at the right place at the right time and you will survive. Be at the wrong place at the wrong time and you are dead meat—literally and figuratively.

But you will never know what the right place or the right time is—unless the gods are on your side.



# Fears over upsurge in train violence

STEPHANE BOTHMA

FORTY-seven commuters have been killed since July and scores injured in a surge in train violence on the Reef.

In May and June eight people were killed.

The majority of deaths occurred on East Rand trains, but last night's attack on a Soweto train, which left two commuters dead and 10 injured, sparked fears that train violence was spreading to Soweto.

The Inkatha Freedom Party said yesterday that the victims of the attack, which took place between New Canada and Mzimhlophe stations, were all residents of the Marafe hostel in Soweto and Inkatha supporters.

West Rand Inkatha regional secretary Humphrey Ndlovu warned that Inkatha would not accept responsibility for the "holocaust" that would ensue when hostel dwellers lost patience with being denied access to trains.

Witwatersrand police yesterday admitted there had been a recent upsurge in train violence which almost

come to a complete halt earlier this year when railway authorities stepped up security at stations and in coaches with police assistance.

"It is difficult to determine the cause of recent attacks, but it seems that criminality played some part," a spokesman said.

Ndlovu said the ANC, in line with the organisation's campaign to marginalise hostel residents, was stepping up its "horns of the bull" strategy to isolate hostel communities.

However, ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus last night denied the Inkatha claims, stressing that his organisation did not have a policy of taking part in train violence.

He said many ANC supporters had also lost their lives on trains and the organisation had repeatedly expressed its outrage and concern about train killings.

Last year, 277 people were killed and 532 were injured in 438 incidents

of train violence in the PWV area. The previous year, 92 incidents left 57 commuters dead and 218 injured.

From January this year to yesterday, 76 commuters had been killed and 78 injured in 89 train attacks.

Forty-six of the deaths occurred in the past two and a half months.

Police also reported yesterday that they had found the bodies of four victims of East Rand violence in Katlehong and Thokoza, Sapa reports.

Two men were shot dead with AK-47 rifles in two incidents, and a third was found with a neck wound in Mandela Park, Katlehong. The fourth victim was found with burn wounds next to a railway line in Katlehong.

The East Rand Council of Churches said yesterday it would bury and give a memorial service today for 32 unidentified people who had died in East Rand violence. The service would start at 10am at Thokoza's Methodist Church.

Those to be buried have been lying at Germiston mortuary since May.

## State fails to prove case against Soweto man



## Two dead after attack

TRAIN attacks claimed two more lives on the Reef on Monday, police said yesterday.

*Sowetan*  
Police spokesman Major Joseph Ngobeni said the body of a 30-year-old man and two seriously injured men were found near Mzimhlophe in Soweto at about 6.25pm. One of the seriously injured men later died in hospital. The other, Mr Joseph Ngubane (23), is still in a serious condition. — *Sowetan Reporter and Sapa.*

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# Reef killings anger SAP and Inkatha

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■ BY CHARMEELA BHAGOWAT  
CRIME REPORTER

Police have expressed outrage at the murder of a constable and the shooting of his girlfriend in Vosloorus on Monday night.

Constable Mgazi Mbonane (31) was stabbed and Mthabo Mlangeni (19) shot in the chest and legs in M.C. Botha Drive.

Six more people were killed in townships on the East Rand yesterday, bringing the township death toll since Thursday night to 35. And KwaZulu police said the murder of three people in the region on Monday had brought the death toll in Natal to 25 since Friday. (278)

The IFP expressed outrage at train attacks in Soweto and on the East Rand on Monday.

In Soweto police found a man's body and two injured men next to the track between Mzimhlophe and New Canada stations. One of the injured men died in hospital.

The IFP said at least 10 people were injured in the attacks. The dead and injured were Merafe Hostel residents.

On the East Rand, the railway tracks between Kwesini and Germiston stations were sabotaged on Monday afternoon.

■ Thirty-two unidentified people who died in East Rand violence are being buried and given a memorial service today by the East Rand council of churches in Tokoza.



# Four men killed on East Rand

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JOHANNESBURG. — Police found the bodies of four men in Katlehong and Thokoza yesterday.

Two had been shot with AK-47 rifles in two incidents in Thokoza, and a third was found with a neck wound in Katlehong.

The fourth victim was found with burn wounds next to a railway line in Katlehong.

Shacks were torched in Katlehong's Monisi Section yesterday.

On Monday night Constable Mgazi Mbonane, 31 — a Vosloorus policeman — was stabbed dead. His girlfriend, Ms Mthabo Mlangeni, 19, was seriously wounded when shot in the chest and legs by his killers using his service pistol.

On Monday train attacks claimed two more lives on the Reef, police said.

Railway tracks between Katlehong and Kwesine stations were loosened again, disrupting services.

● In Natal, Mr M Nciki, 58, was shot dead but his family escaped injury when a man opened fire on their home in Harding on Monday, police said.

A suspected bus thief was shot dead by Natal police while allegedly trying to escape.

In Estcourt, 4 000 IFP supporters staged a protest, monitored by police and soldiers. Shops in the town centre closed. The IFP said it was reclaiming an area the ANC had allegedly declared out of bounds to IFP supporters. — Sapa



ANC massacre probe call

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JOHANNESBURG. — An independent commission should investigate police failure to turn up at meetings with alleged witnesses to the Wadeville massacre, the ANC said. The attack, last Wednesday, left more than 20 dead. The ANC alleged witnesses had arranged to meet police, who failed to turn up. Police denied the charge.



# No graves for victims

JOHANNESBURG. — About 40 unidentified victims of violence in the East Rand townships were dealt one final humiliation yesterday — there was no one to dig their graves.

The victims, some charred beyond recognition, were to have been buried after a memorial service sponsored by the South African Council of Churches in Thokoza.

But the Rev William Gamindana, who was to conduct the service, was told at the last minute that no graves

had been dug.

"Relatives of those killed in the violence have been ensuring that graves are dug, but, because these victims have not been identified, no one has made the arrangements.

"It's difficult to get grave-diggers because of the violence," he said.

SACC spokeswoman Ms Lena Mochoele said the local council's mechanical gravedigger had broken down and other arrangements were being made. — Sapa-AFP



# Three die in attack on taxi rank

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Three commuters were killed and another five were seriously injured when a gunman opened fire on them with an AK-47 rifle as they alighted from a taxi in Daveyton on the East Rand at dawn today.

And in another attack in Daveyton this morning, a man was killed and another injured when they were shot in an alley in the township.

The injured man was taken to Boksburg/Benoni Hospital.

Police spokesman Sergeant Michelle Erasmus said the taxi was attacked when it stopped at Daveyton station shortly after 5am and its passengers got out.

"As the people alighted from the taxi a man opened fire on them with an AK-47," said Sergeant Erasmus.

Three commuters were killed. Four of the wounded were taken to Boksburg/Benoni Hospital and the fifth to Johannesburg Hospital.

The names of the dead and injured have not yet been released.

Police found 45 spent AK-47 cartridges at the scene.

Although ANC PWV spokesman Vusi Gunene claimed 27 people were killed in the shooting, Sergeant Erasmus was adamant the toll was three.

Mr Gunene also said another six people had been killed in an attack on Wattville station this morning, but police and the Defence Force had no knowledge of this attack.

East Rand commuters have come under heavy attack this month.



# 6 more killings on E Rand

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JOHANNESBURG. — An electrician and municipal policeman were shot dead in Thokoza as police reported that the bodies of six more victims of violence had been found in the township and in Katlehong.

The electrician, Mr Hans Taylor's body and car were set on fire.

The municipal policeman had been escorting him. A second municipal policeman, who was

with them, was wounded.

Of the people who were killed overnight, police said three had been shot, two appeared to have been burned and the sixth had been stabbed.

Police shot and killed a man who disobeyed orders to stop and fled a patrol in Elsburg.

And a motorist had his car hijacked when he pulled off the road next to Etwatwa squatter camp, Daveyton, to allow a

funeral procession to pass.

Policemen shot and wounded a man during a car chase in Daveyton yesterday after he ignored warnings to stop. He was armed, police said.

● A tusk of ivory surfaced among loads of rifles, pistols, rounds of ammunition, petrol bombs, stolen goods and drugs seized at three Thokoza hostels during a pre-dawn police raid yesterday. — Sapa



# Gunman kills 3

Sowetan 17/9/92

By Mzimasi Ngudle and  
Sowetan Correspondent

THREE commuters were killed and another five seriously injured when a gunman opened fire on them with an AK-47 rifle as they alighted from a taxi in Daveyton on the East Rand at dawn yesterday.

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The injured man was taken to Boksburg/Benoni Hospital.

## Taxi attack

Police spokesman Sergeant Michelle Erasmus said the taxi was attacked when it stopped at Daveyton Station shortly after 5am and its passengers alighted.

The names of the dead have not yet been released.

Mr Thomas Baloyi (52) sustained minor injuries and was later discharged.

Mr Steven Mohapi (20) sustained gunshots in his buttocks while Mr Gabriel Msiza and the taxi driver Mr Peter Mtshali (38) were shot in their

arms.

Police found 45 spent AK-47 rifle cartridges at the scene.

Meanwhile in Soweto, knife-wielding men attacked six commuters and flung them from a train at Dube station on Wednesday night.

## Head injuries

Three of the injured, who suffered head injuries, were identified as Miss Victoria Zungu of Zone 2, Meadowlands, Mr Soso Nkokenono and Mr Fana Nkomo, both of Zone 10, Meadowlands.

Police spokesman Major Joseph Ngobeni said Mr Pudumo Mithembu of Naledi was stabbed in the back and Mr Isaac Mthombeni of Zondi was stabbed in several parts of his body. Another man with head injuries was not identified.

At Inanda, north of Durban, five people were killed and two injured early yesterday.

The dead have been identified as Mr Khani Twala, (56), Mr Wandile Mhlongo (27), Mr Phumelele Mchunu (25), Mr Armstrong Dube (23) and Mr Nkosinathi Makathini (30).



## Peace prayers planned for Tuesday

THE national peace campaign yesterday called on religious communities, schools and workers' organisations to hold peace services commemorating international peace day on Tuesday.

Campaign co-ordinator Elspeth Graham said yesterday the call on religious communities to pray for peace was part of the continuing efforts since national peace day on September 2.

The religious meetings would be part of local peace initiatives, but another national function was planned for October. No date has yet been set, she said.

International peace day coincided with the opening of the UN General Assembly this year and by observing this day, SA would be part of a community of nations, a campaign statement said yesterday.

MARIANNE MERTEN

The services were not be limited to a particular religion. Communities should organise the events with the religious leaders of their choice.

South Africans had taken up the peace cause wholeheartedly. The campaign offices received a great number of telephone calls and various peace functions were still taking place, she said.

Sapa reports that a western Cape peace summit to be held next week has been rescheduled for October 11 to 17 "due to a tight September schedule".

Activities at the peace summit would include a week-long exhibition, concerts, discussions, workshops, speeches, presentations, peace pledges and a music festival.

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## East Rand killings bring toll to 1 200

By 17/9/93

LLOYD COUTTS and  
JOHANNES MCGOBO

THREE people were shot dead and five wounded in an attack on a minibus taxi in Daveyton on the East Rand yesterday, police said.

The victims were shot as they alighted from a taxi near the township station. Police said the gunmen used AK-47s but said the motive was not known.

ANC PWV deputy secretary Obed Bapela said the attack brought to 1 200 the number of people killed since January on the East Rand.

A man was shot dead in Hlathane Street, near the station, earlier in the day.

ANC, Inkatha Freedom Party and police officials are to meet today to discuss the alleged occupation of East Rand homes by Inkatha members.

The ANC said yesterday that the occupants of at least 800 houses in Thokoza and Katlehong had been forced to abandon their homes.

The organisation said residents had alleged they had been forced out of their houses by Inkatha members and supporters, who demanded money or forced them to take up Inkatha membership.

Police spokesman Brig Zirk Gous said yesterday the SAP hoped the meeting would resolve the problem, Sapa reports. The ANC said residents had also claimed that security force members had charged them up to R250 to remove furniture.

"The ANC will instruct lawyers to look into the possibility of bringing civil and criminal cases against all those policemen and hostel dwellers occupying houses ille-

gally," the ANC said.

ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa said yesterday that the organisation would take the issue to the highest level.

And regional commissioner of police Lt-Gen Koos Calitz said he was giving his personal attention to the matter.

Inkatha central committee member Themba Khoza said Inkatha members who had fled township violence had sought refuge in Inkatha strongholds. ANC supporters had fled the areas, abandoning their homes, which had then been occupied.

Some Inkatha supporters had threatened to burn down the houses if they were evicted. "Therefore we cannot allow the situation to deteriorate. The problem must be addressed," Khoza said.

Meanwhile, the removal of "right-wing police" from townships was one of the items on the agenda of a meeting between the ANC Youth League and senior police officers in Pretoria yesterday.

The youth league said the discussions centred on the SAP's strategic plan for the 1990s, organisational structures, recruitment and training, transparency and community policing.

The meeting also discussed the effect on township policing of the transitional executive council's subcouncil on law and order, the role of the internal stability unit and communities' demands for resident policing.

Civ chat dead two hurt in Natal violence





# ANC claims residents thrown out of homes

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The African National Congress has accused the police of a "pathetic" response to the plight of people allegedly evicted from 800 houses in the East Rand townships by hostel dwellers and Inkatha Freedom Party supporters.

ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa said yesterday some Tokoza and Katlehong residents alleged that members of the Internal Stability Unit had moved into their homes.

Others claimed that security force members had charged them between R50 and R250 to remove their furniture, saying they did not have the personnel to protect them from hostel dwellers.

Police spokesman Dirk Gous said a meeting of all interested parties was planned for today.

Mr Ramaphosa said the ANC was considering court action against policemen and hostel residents allegedly occupying houses.

Brigadier Gous said the allegations were "simply not true". It was completely against departmental policy for the police to charge for their services and any policeman doing so would be severely disciplined.

Brigadier Gous added: "The reality is that there is a war going on in the East Rand, which is why we are calling for the meeting."

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# Commuters gunned down

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Three commuters were killed and another five seriously injured when a gunman opened fire with an AK-47 rifle in Daveyton on the East Rand. (278)

The attack happened at dawn yesterday. ARG 17/9/93

And in Natal, five commuters were shot dead while waiting for a bus at Shembe's kraal in Inanda, near Durban.

Police said they were gunned down by men with AK-47s. Several spent cartridges were found nearby.

Describing the Daveyton incident, police spokesman Michelle Erasmus said the taxi was attacked when it stopped at Daveyton station shortly after 5am and its passengers got out.

As the people alighted from the

taxi, a gunman opened fire on them with an AK-47," said Sergeant Erasmus.

The names of the dead and injured have not yet been released.

Police found 45 spent AK-47 cartridges at the scene.

East Rand commuters have come under heavy attack this month. In the worst attack, 21 commuters were killed when gunmen opened fire at a taxi rank in Wadeville last Wednesday.

Earlier yesterday a man was shot dead and another wounded in an alley, also in Daveyton.

Another man was killed in Katilehong yesterday morning. Sergeant Erasmus said the victim was found in the township's Shongwene section. A 9mm cartridge and 14 AK-47 cartridges were found near his body.



# Peace a shattered dream on East Rand

By EZRA MANTINI

THERE seems to be no end to the killings and violence in East Rand townships.

Katlehong, one of the flashpoints, is still bordered by no-go areas, and there is an unofficial dusk-to-dawn curfew.

Despite several attempts at reconciliation, there is still no interaction between township residents and hostel dwellers.

More than 500 homes near Kwesine hostel have been vacated by residents who have fled the area.

The Katlehong Civic Association sees few signs of hope.

"There can be no peace until the hostels are destroyed and their bricks used to build family units," said civic leader Mr Zakhele Mabuza.

"We had huge festivities on Peace Day, but I think leaders in both camps have failed to address bread-and-butter issues. They have failed to talk to people on the ground."

Mr Mabuza remembers times when township residents had "good relations" with hostel dwellers.

However, relations became strained when bodies were found near the hostel during a taxi war in the area.

## Gangsters

Mr Mabuza said: "At first, hostel people informed us about their concern; they suspected that whoever was behind the killing spree was dumping the bodies near the hostel. They wanted us to help them."

"But when they took sides on the taxi issue and accommodated gangsters at Kwesine hostel — especially the notorious Khumalo gang — knives were drawn."

"We want community policing," said Mr Mabuza. "We want the local police to be headed by local family men who are members of the police force."

In some sections of the township there are no signs of life — just rows of empty houses.

While township residents point fingers at hostel dwellers, families in Thokoza and Kwesine hostels complain that they are being intimidated by locals.

Hostel dweller Thokoza Mkhondo said: "There can be no peace as long as we are trapped here and are refused access to the township's shops."

"As long as the residents demand the destruction of the hostels, I do not think we can discuss peace with them."

"Our children cannot go to school or play in the street like other township children."

Most hostel dwellers who worked late in the evenings ended up sleeping at their places of employment for fear of returning to the township after dark.

Mr Mkhondo said there was constant gunfire after dark; only the brave or those who were armed dared to walk in Katlehong and Thokoza at night.

"Even the dogs are quiet at night," said one woman. "I guess they are scared, just like their owners. Daybreak means a lot to us — it brings us hope."

IFP official Getrude Mzizi, who lives opposite Thokoza hostel, said: "Tensions have risen and there is no peace in this area. The killings have not stopped, and township residents are determined to destroy the hostels."

"This war has gone too far, and there are deep wounds and hatred. Our children are no longer scared of death."



# SAP to increase patrols on East Rand

By VICTOR KHUPISO  
and GILLIAN BESTER

POLICE are to step up patrols near hostels in Katlehong and Thokoza on the East Rand where hostel dwellers have taken over the homes of township residents.

It was agreed on Friday at a meeting between police, Inkatha, the ANC, the SA National Civic Organisation and the Wits-Vaal Peace Secretariat, that police should intensify patrols and that political organisations should urge their supporters to help the SAP.

In the past two months the occupants of more than 800 houses in Katlehong and Thokoza have been forced to abandon their homes, and 160 people have taken refuge at the Palm Ridge Community Centre. (278)

Every night, they have to bed down in a big sports hall with nothing but a blanket between them and the hard, cold floor. Although they have regular meals, there are no showers or baths.

But the centre is safe and none of the refugees intends to return home. Instead, they hope to be resettled at Orange Farm or to return to family homes in rural areas.

## Shots

"I can't go back. I don't want that place anymore," said Priscilla Deliwe, 33, of her four-bedroomed home in Katlehong.

Priscilla was seven months pregnant when she fled with her children after a gang of men broke her windows and opened fire. She has no money or means of support because her husband is in jail.

"I can't even go and look for work because I have a tiny baby," she said.

Most of the people at the centre have only the clothes they were wearing when they had to flee.

Although the centre belongs to the Germiston city council, the refugees are fed and clothed by donations from the public.

Said Palm Ridge resident Cecil Moeng, who volunteered to help the refugees: "We know there are people belonging to the IFP and the ANC here, but we are one big family."

"We want to be an example to political organisations that we can tolerate each other, irrespective of our politics."

● Sapa reports that two people were shot dead and nine others wounded when gunmen in a car opened fire on pedestrians in front of Natalspuit Hospital in Katlehong on Friday.



# Group plan to help East Rand

By XOLILE NQATA

CIPress 19/9/93

THE SAP Internal Stability Unit (ISU), ANC and Inkatha are seeking speedy solutions to protect East Rand families who have been intimidated into abandoning their homes.

This promise follows this week's meetings between the interested parties.

The SAP's Brig Zirk Gous said they decided to call the meeting as they viewed the plight of the East Rand residents in a "very" serious light and in a bid to avoid further violence in the strife-torn East Rand townships.

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The ANC, IFP and Sanco confirmed that the meeting had taken place, but further discussions would be held on Friday.

Gous added that allegations against the SAP by political parties must be tested against the observation by Peace Accord chairman John Hall that "a deliberate propaganda campaign is being conducted against the police".

Gous added that more police would be deployed in the townships, "but at the request of the people who need our protection".

Inkatha spokesman Humphrey Ndlovu said his organisation vehemently denied allegations that homes that have been abandoned were occupied by Inkatha members.

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## Pretoria taxi drivers halt action

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CONFRONTATION was averted in Pretoria on Thursday when the South African Taxi Drivers' Union suspended a blockade of the town ~~(353)~~

A heated meeting held at the Bloed street taxi rank finally resolved to end the blockade, pending the outcome of a meeting with the Pretoria United Taxi Association. (278)



# Attackers stone man to death

JOHANNESBURG. — A man was stoned to death and two others wounded yesterday afternoon when a group of men clashed with hostel dwellers in Alexandra, north of Johannesburg, Witwatersrand police spokesman Maj Eugene Opperman said.

The dead man was doused with a flammable liquid and then set alight by angry hostel dwellers.

According to the police statement, a group of men entered the hostel just before 6pm and shots were fired at hostel dwellers. One of the hostel dwellers was wounded. (278) CT 20/9/93

The attackers fled the scene, followed by a large group of hostel dwellers. One of the attackers was apparently stoned to death near Roosevelt Street and First Avenue. His body was set alight.

When police arrived hostel dwellers pointed out a wounded man, whom they said was one of the attackers. Police said they found a loaded Tokarev pistol on the man and he was arrested.

The body of a man burnt beyond recognition and bound hands and feet was found next to the N3 highway near Alberton, on the East Rand, yesterday.

The motive for the murder was unknown. — Sapa



## 'Let's go back to humanity'

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — Let us go back to ubuntu botho (humanity) (278)

This was the message the six Wits/Vaal peace walkers had for hundreds of ANC and IFP supporters who welcomed them here yesterday at the end of their 700km walk, which started in Katlehong on national Peace Day.

ANC-supporting walker Mr Victor Mpahleni said: "The people should understand that we are members of the human race before we are members of any political organisation."

This was echoed by fellow walker and IFP member Mr Bonginkosi Dlamini. CT 20/9/93



# 23 killed on East Rand: Alex man stoned and burnt

Star 20/9/93  
■ BY ANNA LOUW AND  
CHARMEELA BHAGOWAT

At least 23 people died in violent attacks in East Rand townships at the weekend.

A police spokesman said most of the violence occurred in Katlehong and Tokoza, but attacks were also reported in Daveyton and Tembisa.

Most of the victims died of gunshot wounds, the spokesman said.

In what appeared to be the first unrest death in Alexandra for many months, a man was stoned and his body set alight by hostel dwellers.

However, the security task group of Alexandra's Interim Crisis Committee (ICC) said last night's killing did not appear to be politically motivated. The killing came after a march by hostel dwellers through the township.

Police liaison officer, Captain Eugene Opperman said that minutes after the attack police had arrested an injured man near the hostel and confiscated a loaded Tokarev pistol. (278)

According to the ICC, the incident began as a quarrel inside the M2 (Nobuhle) hostel.

On the East Rand, three people were arrested when police found two AK-47s and a pistol in Daveyton. Two men were arrested after police recovered an AK-47 in Tembisa.

A house was set on fire in Twala Section in Katlehong.

A Tokoza resident said he saw two men shot dead by a group of gunmen while he was travelling to work in a taxi on Saturday.

Katlehong residents had to return to the township before sunset on Saturday because of the violence.



# Death count increases to 56 as violence continues

B/Day 21/9/93

NATAL and the East Rand had an equally bloody weekend, with the violence death toll rising to 56 yesterday afternoon.

The number of weekend deaths reported in Natal rose to 28 yesterday afternoon when the Human Rights Commission presented its tally.

The incident claiming the most lives was at Ndwedwe near Umhlanga where eight members of a family were slain.

At Wembezi near Estcourt, residents' fears of violence sparked by ANC and Inkatha funerals were realised when two adults and three children were killed in an attack.

In southern Natal's Ixopo district, Inkatha Emazabekweni vice-chairman JJ Ngubane, 55, was killed while travelling home on Friday.

Inkatha spokesmen have claimed that Transkei, 12km from Ixopo, is being used by the ANC as a springboard for attacks on Inkatha in Natal. Transkei leader Maj-Gen Bantu Holomisa and the ANC have rejected the claims.

On Sunday, Ixopo farmer Dudley Honeysett was shot and killed by gunmen believed to have been stealing oranges. His manager shot and killed one of the attackers.

Three deaths at Bhambhayi squatter camp, north of Durban, did not put off peace talks between warring Inkatha and ANC delegations.

At Umkomaas on the South Coast, three people died when a hand grenade was thrown into a house.

Six more people were killed in isolated incidents throughout Natal.

The East Rand's weekend death roll also continued to rise yesterday with the discovery by police of a further three bodies in Thokoza. They had all been burnt (278)

Most of the weekend's dead in Thokoza and in adjacent Katlehong were killed by gunfire. (278)

A military ambulance driver and a patient were wounded early yesterday when gunmen opened fire on the vehicle near Thokoza.

"The ambulance was clearly marked with red crosses and emergency lights," the SA Medical Services said.

The wounded driver and patient were taken to hospital.

In Germiston's industrial area of Wadeville two men were killed and four were injured in a gun attack on Sunday.

Yesterday a policeman was shot and another injured as they gave chase to a suspected stolen vehicle in

Vosloorus. The car's occupants opened fire on the police.

In the Vaal Triangle a taxi driver was killed and a passenger was injured before daybreak yesterday when gunmen hijacked the taxi.

Meanwhile, clergymen have forced police to identify 71 victims of East Rand violence through fingerprints, the Rev Peter Moerane of the SA Council of Churches said yesterday.

The SACC official posted at the Far East Rand branch said there were 111 unidentified bodies, but 40 of them were too charred to identify through fingerprints.

"The council continues to reject the reason given by police earlier that these people who are supposed to be SA citizens could not be identified," he said.

The 40 charred bodies could not be buried last week as planned because there was a lack of land.

"Thokoza graveyard is almost full," said Moerane.

Burial arrangements would be made at a meeting with community organisations tomorrow, he said.

In the Cape, a hand grenade was lobbed into Khayelitsha police station on Sunday. Police said nobody was hurt. Yesterday morning, a bus driver was killed in the area. — Sapa.

Witness admits 'mistake'

Time to go



## 6 die in taxi attack

The Argus Correspondent

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JOHANNESBURG. — Six people were killed and nine wounded today when men armed with AK-47s fired on a minibus taxi near Phola Park squatter camp in Alberton.

A witness said the men continued to fire at the passengers trapped inside, according to police.

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Hundreds of angry residents from the area converged on the scene and began chanting and shouting at police. They claimed that the Internal Stability Unit was the cause of their problems.

● Police said they were expecting to make arrests soon after an attack by AK-47 gunmen on two members of the East Rand police dog unit in Vosloorus in which a constable died and a sergeant was critically wounded.



# East Rand attacks kill 24

INTERNATIONAL peace day was marked in SA yesterday by continued slaughter when attacks on taxis and pedestrians left 24 people dead, bringing the number of violence-related deaths in the area since the weekend to 54. **B/DAY**

Eighteen pedestrians were shot dead by men in a minibus taxi who opened fire on them while travelling along the Old Vereeniging road at Klip River shortly after 6pm, SAP spokesman Lt-Col Ray Harrauld said. Fourteen people were injured.

Police chased the minibus to Phola Park squatter camp. Police officers on the scene last night were still taking a decision about whether to pursue the minibus into Phola Park, Harrauld said. **22/9/93**

Earlier, an ambush on the East Rand claimed the lives of six taxi passengers while nine were injured.

While police yesterday said incidents of violence in the country were becoming increasingly brutal and callous, UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali said

**STEPHANE BOTHMA**

in his peace day statement there was hope that calm would return to SA.

"There are signs that peace is possible. There is hope today in the Middle East, where before there seemed no hope. I am convinced that the list will grow to include the former Yugoslavia, Liberia, Somalia, SA, central Asia and elsewhere."

Minutes after the East Rand taxi ambush, a man was critically injured when he was shot near the ambush scene, police said, adding that the shots came from the direction of the Thokoza hostel.

Angry residents marched on the hostel, but policemen and soldiers formed a human chain between the two sides. **(2-78)**

Police said the East Rand ambush occurred in the morning on the Old Vereeniging Road near Phola Park squatter camp, by men who lay in wait next to the road.

After the first bullet hit the vehicle, the

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driver lost control and the taxi overturned. Witnesses said the gunmen then closed in to finish off trapped passengers.

East Rand police spokesman Capt Wikus Weber strongly denied allegations that internal stability unit members were involved in yesterday's ambush. Witnesses alleged an SAP Hippo had forced the minibus off the road to allow the gunmen to escape. **(2-78)**

"We regard the allegations in a serious light. Forensic tests for, among other things, paint samples of both vehicles, are already being performed," he said.

He said only Nyala vehicles were on the

scene of the ambush. All the vehicles arrived after the shooting incident.

Sapa reports Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel yesterday reiterated his call on all political leaders to urgently address violence. He condemned the ambush.

Inkatha Transvaal deputy chairman Humphrey Ndhlovu appealed to South Africans to stop killing one another, and the ANC expressed its outrage at the killings.

The CP said the taxi killings were part of an effort to cripple the country by aiming at its transport arteries.

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# Camp sealed off after massacre

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Security forces sealed off Phola Park on the East Rand today to search for gunmen who, police said, fled into the squatter camp after killing 19 commuters and injuring 16 south of here last night. (278) ARG 22/9/83

But the search failed to yield any trace of the killers who, travelling in two vehicles, shot pedestrians and motorists on a six-kilometre stretch of the Old Klip River/Heidelberg Road about 6.30pm.

Earlier, African National Congress spokesman Vusi Gunene criticised the police for launching the Phola Park operation.

"I was at the scene last night and all the witnesses I spoke to said the attackers had fled in the direction of Alberton, and not to Phola Park," he said.

Police said gunmen in a bakkie and a minibus had opened fire on pedestrians and motorists along an unlit stretch of the road.

Police spokesman Piet van Deventer said police had chased the vehicles for "some distance". Shots were fired but the occupants escaped.

Speaking from the murder scene last night, Major Van Deventer said it was "utter chaos". Dead and injured people were lying strewn along the road. Other victims had been shot in their cars.

Police offered a R250 000 reward for information leading to arrests and convictions.

● At least 40 people have died since yesterday morning in attacks on the East and West Rand.





East Rand taxi boss Paul Ngobeni was abducted by "comrades" yesterday, assaulted, shot dead and his burnt body dumped in Phola Park near Tokoza. See story on page 2.

# 25 die

# in taxi

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# attacks

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## Mzimasi Ngudle, Bongani Mavuso and Sapa

**A**T LEAST 25 PEOPLE were killed in two separate attacks on the Witwatersrand yesterday when gunmen opened fire on pedestrians, motorists and taxi passengers.

In another violent incident, nine people were shot and stabbed to death and more than 20 injured when a group of men armed with guns, spears and knives, attacked residents at the Durban Deep Mine, near Roodepoort, last night.

Police in Roodepoort confirmed late last night that policemen had been sent to the hostel to investigate reports of violence.

Eighteen people were killed and 14 injured when gunmen travelling in a minibus opened fire on pedestrians and motorists on the old Klip River/Heidelberg Road, south of Johannesburg, last night.

Police spokesman Major Eugene Opperman said the attack occurred about 6.30pm. He said the attackers fired randomly at pedestrians walking alongside the road and at vehicles.

An ambulance services spokesman said the attackers opened fire on people standing at a taxi rank and a nearby shopping centre.

Ambulances from Meyerton and Alberton took the injured to Natalspruit and Vereeniging hospitals.

Earlier yesterday, seven people were shot dead and nine others injured when gunmen ambushed a minibus taxi near Alrode in Alberton on the East Rand.

The situation was tense in Tokoza, near Alberton, as angry residents who wanted to attack a hostel engaged in running battles with security forces.

Burning tyres and other objects barricaded the township's streets and there was sporadic shooting as residents vowed to avenge the deaths of the seven.

They blamed the Inkatha Freedom Party and the SAP's Internal Stability Unit for the attack.

IFP spokesman Mr Humphrey Ndlovu denied the allegations that his organisation was colluding with the security forces in fomenting violence in East Rand townships.

After a meeting at Tokoza Stadium, residents marched towards Tokoza Hostel, saying they wanted it pulled down. They also demanded police should leave the township, alleging they were involved in the attack on the taxi passengers and pledged to intensify the consumer boycott of East Rand businesses until the ISU pulled out.

Police have denied claims that they were involved in the minibus taxi killings. They also denied that an armoured police vehicle had forced the taxi out of the road moments after the attack as the attackers sped off in their car.

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East Rand taxi boss Paul Ngobeni was abducted by "comrades" yesterday, assaulted, shot dead and his burnt body dumped in Phola Park near Tokoza. See story on page 2.

# 25 die

# in taxi

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# attacks

## Mzimasi Ngudle, Bongani Mavuso and Sapa

**A**T LEAST 25 PEOPLE were killed in two separate attacks on the Witwatersrand yesterday when gunmen opened fire on pedestrians, motorists and taxi passengers.

In another violent incident, nine people were shot and stabbed to death and more than 20 injured when a group of men armed with guns, spears and knives, attacked residents at the Durban Deep Mine, near Roodepoort, last night.

Police in Roodepoort confirmed late last night that policemen had been sent to the hostel to investigate reports of violence.

Eighteen people were killed and 14 injured when gunmen travelling in a minibus opened fire on pedestrians and motorists on the old Klip River/Heidelberg Road, south of Johannesburg, last night.

Police spokesman Major Eugene Opperman said the attack occurred about 6.30pm. He said the attackers fired randomly at pedestrians walking alongside the road and at vehicles.

An ambulance services spokesman said the attackers opened fire on people standing at a taxi rank and a nearby shopping centre.

Ambulances from Meyerton and Alberton took the injured to Natalspruit and Vereeniging hospitals.

Earlier yesterday, seven people were shot dead and nine others injured when gunmen ambushed a minibus taxi near Alrode in Alberton on the East Rand.

The situation was tense in Tokoza, near Alberton, as angry residents who wanted to attack a hostel engaged in running battles with security forces.

Burning tyres and other objects barricaded the township's streets and there was sporadic shooting as residents vowed to avenge the deaths of the seven.

They blamed the Inkatha Freedom Party and the SAP's Internal Stability Unit for the attack.

IFP spokesman Mr Humphrey Ndlovu denied the allegations that his organisation was colluding with the security forces in fomenting violence in East Rand townships.

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# 18 killed in drive-by raid

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JOHANNESBURG. — Gunmen firing from a minibus yesterday evening killed 18 people and wounded 14 others in a drive-by attack on pedestrians and motorists on the old Klip River/Heidelberg Road, south of Johannesburg, police said.

Police have offered a R250 000 reward for information on the Klip River massacre.

They said the attackers, apparently in a minibus and a bakkie, fired at pedestrians over a distance of six kilometres along the old Heidelberg Road between Klip River and Natalspruit.

The injured were admitted to the Natalspruit and Vereeniging hospitals.

At least three vehicles were hit during the attack and a large number of the injured included passengers in a minibus taxi.

Vaal Triangle police said they pursued the killers and shots

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were fired during the chase. The attackers evaded the police by fleeing into the Phola Park squatter camp.

The area was surrounded and a helicopter was called to assist in the search.

Police said the motive for the attack was not known but it appeared that the killers had fired randomly at "anything and anyone" in their path.

The shooting was the third of its kind yesterday. In a similar incident earlier in Thokoza, passen-

gers were trapped inside an overturned minibus as gunmen ambushed the vehicle and closed in, continuing to fire at them with AK-47 rifles.

Six people were killed and nine were wounded in the attack.

One witness alleged two Caspirs had pushed the taxi off the road. Hundreds of angry residents from the area converged on the scene and began shouting at the police, who issued warnings to the crowd.

Hours after the shooting, occupants of two other minibuses exchanged fire in the same suburb.

Police said nobody was injured in the third shooting in Bosworth Street, but roadside buildings were damaged.

In an apparently unrelated attack, still to be confirmed by police, nine people were shot and stabbed to death and more than 20 injured in an attack on the Durban Deep hostel on the West Rand. — Sapa



□ 'Casspir drove into minibus'

# Police deny gun attack charges

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JOHANNESBURG. — The police have rejected "with contempt" claims that police were involved in a daybreak gun attack on East Rand taxi commuters which left six people dead and nine wounded.

Regional police commissioner Lieutenant-General Koos Calitz ordered immediate forensic tests to determine the validity of the claims, a police statement said — but it made no mention of the test results or why police were dismissing the claims if the results were not yet available.

Earlier reports said militant youths at the scene of the morning AK-47 rifle attack accused the police Internal Stability Unit (ISU) and a police armoured vehicle of involvement.

The African National Congress, quoting "witnesses", said a police Casspir carrying ISU members drove into the ill-fated minibus after the shooting, overturning it.

The ANC said its "witnesses" claimed two vehicles involved in the shooting were seen last Saturday in the company of the ISU at a garage in Alrode South, about 400m from yesterday's attack.

East Rand police spokesman Captain Wikus Weber said earlier that the claims against the SAP were being taken seriously, but that much of the evidence at the scene had been destroyed by the 300-strong crowd which gathered there.

The police statement said the ANC claims were another racist attempt to force ISU members — and in particular white policemen — out of the townships, and to justify the deployment of an international peacekeeping force.

Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel, in a separate statement, gave his assurance that "all aspects and allegations pertaining to this incident will be thoroughly investigated". — Sapa.



# Abrupt end to IFP leaders' hostel tour

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## ■ VISITING HOSTELS Township

residents demonstrate against Inkatha

presence in Katlehong and Tokoza hostels:

**I**NKATHA leaders had to abruptly end a tour of hostels in Katlehong and Tokoza on the East Rand yesterday afternoon after township residents staged a violent demonstration against their presence.

African National Congress officials Mr Joe Modise and Mr Ronnie Kasrils also visited the area yesterday to investigate the massacre of 18 people on the old Heidelberg/Klip River road on Tuesday night.

Inkatha Freedom Party officials, including national chairman Dr Frank Mdlalose, peace monitors and journalists, were warned by police to leave Katlehong where scores of youths barricaded the main street of the township.

### Attack

Two cars ferrying SABC staff and a Sapa journalist came under attack in the township's Penduka section.

One of the youths tried to hack the vehicle with an axe, and another group tried to drag a woman journalist from the car.

The youths fled when a South African Defence Force Buffel armoured vehicle

moved into the area.

Residents there were also baying for the blood of Mr Themba Khoza, an IFP central committee member.

### Four-hour-long police search

Modise denied his visit, under the auspices of the ANC's armed wing Umkhonto we Sizwe, had anything to do with the earlier IFP tour.

Meanwhile, a four-hour-long police search for murderers and firearms in the nearby Phola Park squatter camp yielded just two arrests, and the confiscation of one firearm and some ammunition.

Police earlier said that the attackers responsible for Tuesday night's massacre had fled into the squatter camp.

President F W de Klerk added his voice to the condemnation of the attack,

saying police were doing everything possible to apprehend the killers.

A R250 000 reward has been offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible.

Forty-three people have been killed in Reef violence since Tuesday morning: 24 died in two attacks near Tokoza on Tuesday; 18 on the old Heidelberg/Klip River road shooting; six in an attack on a minibus taxi in the morning, and four people were found hacked, burnt or shot dead in Katlehong on Wednesday.

Lieutenant Deon Peens said the bodies were found soon after a militant group of youths disbanded ahead of the scheduled IFP tour, but did not link them to the killings. — Sapa.

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# Nine people killed in renewed East Rand violence

LARGE-scale violence erupted in Thokoza and Katlehong yesterday with nine people injured in shooting incidents, houses torched and roads in the two East Rand townships being barricaded by burning tyres and vehicles.

Reef violence has claimed 79 lives since Friday night and 48 since Monday.

Inkatha Freedom Party leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi said yesterday he was prepared to meet ANC president Nelson Mandela in "view of the hideous conflicts, ongoing deaths and intense suffering in the Transvaal and in KwaZulu/Natal".

He was responding to Mandela's readiness to meet him, expressed in a meeting

## STEPHANE BOTHMA

with the Rev Stanley Mogoba and Bishop Michael Nuttall. "It is my view that Mr Mandela and I should prioritise visiting these areas together without delay," Buthelezi said.

Yesterday Inkatha officials, peace monitors and journalists visiting East Rand hostels were warned by police to leave the area for their own safety.

Township residents demonstrated violently against the presence of the Inkatha contingent, while Umkhonto we Sizwe chief Joe Modise told about 200 supporters at the Thokoza stadium that white police-

men should get out of the townships because they were conviving with Inkatha.

Modise and SACP executive Ronnie Kasrils arrived in the area to investigate the massacre of 18 people on the old Heidelberg/Klip River road on Tuesday night.

Sapa reports the Inkatha delegation led by national chairman Frank Mdlalose, peace monitors and journalists had visited two hostels before being advised to leave.

By noon youths in mainly ANC territory had set up barricades and armed themselves. In Katlehong's Penduka Section — a known ANC stronghold — cars were stormed and journalists were ordered to get out.

A small group approached one of the vehicles and tried to steal a television camera, while another youth brandishing a large rock tried to haul a woman journalist from the car. Another car was attacked by a youth with an axe.

Police in a helicopter circling overhead saw the incident and alerted an SADF patrol. The youths then fled.

JOHANNES NGCOBO reports Mdlalose said the visit was arranged in an attempt to focus attention on the plight of many residents and refugees in the hostels who were living in conditions that were "a national disgrace".

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"All the shops surrounding these hostels have been burned, the railway line to Kwe-sine is continuously sabotaged, the taxi ranks are death traps. When residents and refugees try to leave here they are shot at."

He said Inkatha leaders in Thokoza and Katlehong were being systematically assassinated while its representatives on local peace committees had been murdered and assaulted. "This is a war zone and I am calling for the ANC alliance leadership to work with the IFP to seriously address this situation," he said.

Meanwhile it was alleged that during a police raid in Phola Park squatter camp yesterday, police broke down doors and a number of people were assaulted.

A four-hour police search in the camp

yielded just two arrests, one firearm and ammunition.

During the operation, shots were fired at policemen, Witwatersrand police spokesman Lt-Col Dave Bruce said. "Fortunately, no policemen were injured."

Police earlier said criminals saw Phola Park as a safe haven and continuously fled into the area. The murderers of 18 people on the nearby Old Heidelberg/Klip River road had sought refuge there, they said.

President F W de Klerk added his voice to the condemnation of Tuesday night's massacre, saying police were doing everything possible to apprehend the killers. A R250 000 reward has been offered for information leading to the arrests and convictions of those responsible.

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## Train violence declines

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JOHANNESBURG. — The establishment of close links with community organisations and the speedy implementation of the Goldstone Commission's recommendations on violence are key reasons for the decline in violence on Reef trains, says the South African Rail Commuter Corporation.



# Thokoza tense after IFP tour

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JOHANNESBURG. — Thokoza and Katlehong were tense yesterday after Inkatha leaders abruptly ended a tour of East Rand hostels as the townships' residents protested against their presence.

The ANC's Mr Joe Modise and Mr Ronnie Kasrils visited the area yesterday to investigate the massacre of 18 people on the old Heidelberg/Klip River road on Tuesday night.

Mr Modise told about 200 people at the Thokoza Stadium that white policemen should get out of the townships as they were conniving with Inkatha.

His visit came just hours after

## Buthelezi backs peace tour

DURBAN. — IFP leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi says he and ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela must finalise details for joint rallies in violent areas as a matter of urgency.

Mr Mandela endorsed the church-brokered plan earlier this week.

"In view of the hideous conflicts, ongoing deaths and intense suffering in the Transvaal and in KwaZulu/Natal in particular, it is my view that Mr Mandela and I should prioritise visiting these areas together without delay," Chief Buthelezi said yesterday.

He said they should visit the East Rand and then Estcourt and Ixopo in Natal. — Sapa

the IFP tour was ended when township youths threatened violence.

Earlier Inkatha officials, peace monitors and journalists were warned by police to leave Katle-

hong, where scores of youths barricaded the main street.

Also, a police search of the nearby Phola Park squatter camp yielded just two arrests, one firearm and ammunition. Police claimed those responsible for Tuesday night's massacre had fled to the camp.

At least 40 people have been killed in Reef violence since Tuesday morning: 24 died in two attacks near Thokoza on Tuesday, 18 died in the old Heidelberg/Klip

River Road massacre and six died in an attack on a minibus

● In Natal, a man was shot dead and three others were wounded in an ambush at Eshowe in Zululand on Tuesday.



## Driver, patient hurt in attack on ambulance

**The Argus Correspondent**

PRETORIA. — A military medic and his patient were wounded in an AK-47 attack on an ambulance early today.

The driver of the South African Medical Service (Sams) ambulance and his patient were both wounded when gunmen opened fire on the ambulance near the Alrode Military Base about 3.30am today. The ambulance was transporting the injured man to 1 Military Hospital.

A Sams spokesman said three men stepped into the road and pulled AK-47s from under their coats. They then opened fire hitting the ambulance several times.

Sams condemned the attack of the clearly marked emergency vehicle as a "despicable act" in which members fulfilling humanitarian aid were brutally attacked.

The Sams spokesman said mobile medical units were protected at all times under the Geneva Convention.

Both men are being treated at 1 Military Hospital in Voortrekkerhoogte.



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**SQUATTER SEARCH:** Armed soldiers stand at the ready yesterday as a huge search operation was conducted in the Phola Park squatter camp in Tokoza. The shack-to-shack search was conducted after gunmen allegedly sought refuge after Tuesday night's massacre nearby in which 18 people were killed along a 5 km stretch of road. **APG 23/9/93**

## White police 'must leave' <sup>(278)</sup>

JOHANNESBURG. — White policemen should get out of townships because they are conniving with the Inkatha Freedom Party, says Umkhonto we Sizwe leader Joe Modise.

Mr Modise, head of the ANC's military wing, was addressing about 200 people at Tokoza Stadium on the East Rand, where 38 people have died in the past two days.

His visit took place just hours

after an IFP tour of the area ended abruptly with township youths threatening violence and police warning of danger.

Speaking to journalists, Mr Modise blamed the violence on hostel residents who, he claimed, were IFP members bussed in from outside the area.

The only solution was for the transitional executive council to establish a national multiparty peace-keeping force. — Sapa.



# Taxi driver shot, 'commuter' flees

JOHANNESBURG. — A minibus taxi driver was shot dead by a man posing as a commuter in the Gallo Manor area of Sandton here yesterday.

He fired several shots at the driver with a pistol before fleeing in a car. (278)CT24/9/93

The passengers in the minibus were uninjured.

The attacker was believed to be a member of a rival taxi association involved in a war over disputed taxi routes.

● Four people were injured when they were thrown off a train near Germiston, on the East Rand, early yesterday.

● Seven bodies were found by police on Wednesday in the East Rand Katlehong/Thokoza/Vosloorus township maze, where at least 70 people have been killed in political violence in the past week.

Police said the latest victims were burnt, hacked or shot to death.

● The funeral of 40 violence victims was disrupted by about 20 youths at the East Rand's Thokoza cemetery yesterday, threatening to force out clerics and undertakers.

One of the youths said they believed the dead had been hostel-dwellers "who just kill people", adding, "burning is how residents kill hostel-dwellers".

● In Natal, a fragile two-week peace pact shattered in Inanda's Bhambayi settlement near Durban yesterday evening when opposing factions clashed, leaving two people dead and at least two others injured.

The violence came just hours after what appeared to be a successful peace meeting in Durban between leaders of the opposing factions. — Sapa



# NEWS FEATURE

*Mystery attackers apparently waited in ambush for their victims*

# Link in East Rand attacks

*Sowetan 24/19/93*

**■ ATTACK CARS Tinted windows**

*and with number-plates removed.*

**By Isaac Moledi**

**T**UESDAY'S TWO ATTACKS ON East Rand residents could have been systematically planned and linked, according to the victims.

Twenty-five people died and several were injured when mysterious gunmen armed with AK-47s attacked a minibus taxi, pedestrians and vehicles in two separate incidents in Alberton and on the old Klip River/Heidelberg Road.

Mr Mtukabani Shange (51) of Kallabong, was still lying in his Natalspruit Hospital bed yesterday. The minibus taxi in which he was travelling was ambushed by mystery gunmen at 5.25am near Alrode, Alberton.

## Serious bruises

The incident left seven people dead and several injured.

Shange said he was going to work when the packed 15-seater minibus overturned after the driver was shot by the hitmen on Tuesday morning.

He suffered serious bruises to the head and body but he could still manage to mumble words to explain how he was injured.

In the same ward, Mr Jacob

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Mokubung (31) of Zonke squatter camp near Vosloorus was recovering from a stomach operation.

Mokubung survived an attack which left 18 people dead and 14 injured when gunmen travelling in minibuses randomly opened fire on motorists and pedestrians on the old Klip River/Heidelberg Road on Tuesday at 6.30pm.

## Immediately overturned

Mokubung said he was on his way home from work when the van he and other workers were using was attacked.

"We were on our way home when we



**IN PAIN ... Mr Jacob Mokubung (31) of Zonke squatter camp near Vosloorus recovers in his Natalspruit Hospital bed yesterday. Mokubung underwent a stomach operation after he was shot in the abdomen on the old Klip River/Heidelberg Road on Tuesday night.**

came across two minibuses at old Klip River/Heidelberg freeway on Tuesday about 6.30pm.

"When the occupants in the vehicles saw our van, they immediately turned in our direction and followed us at high speed," he said.

## Volley of fire

"Our driver tried to give the approaching vehicles space to pass. Immediately after the first minibus had passed us, a volley of fire poured on our van as everybody tried to duck for cover."

Mokubung said he could not remember how long the attack took. He also did

not know how many attackers there were.

"The vehicles had tinted windows," he said.

The number-plates of the minibuses had also been removed, Mokubung said. He said the two minibuses seemed to have been waiting for them.

Shange, injured in another ambush at Alrode that morning, also mentioned seeing two cars waiting for the minibus taxi he was travelling in.

"We were approaching the robots at Alrode near Alberton when we recognised the two private cars with each facing a different direction.

"As we passed the two cars, one of them flashed its headlights.

"We realised that the two cars were following us when we approached the Angus railway station.

"Then our taxi overturned several times. I realised that the driver had been hit."

"All I remember is that the driver of the first car tried to overtake. Then I lost consciousness. When I woke up there were many people who had gathered from the nearby shopping complex," he said.

Police said there was "obviously similar characteristics in both attacks".

PIC: PAT SEBOKO



# Looking beyond the statistics in Tokoza

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By Glenn McKenzie

■ **NATURAL TRAGEDY** *A tiny community*

*unites to douse a burning house on the East Rand:*

**F**OR SOME, WEDNESDAY WAS JUST another day in the East Rand. But for others it was a time to express fear and hope.

The numbers of dead were anything but unusual. According to police, four people were killed and at least 10 others were admitted to Natalspruit Hospital with gunshot wounds.

But in Katlehong and Tokoza the day went beyond the statistics.

Leaders from the Inkatha Freedom Party and African National Congress dealt out blame and sympathy for the shooting massacres that have plagued the region. Yet at the end of the day, a small community drew together to stop a natural tragedy.

At Tokoza Hostel Mrs Eunice Mokoena, a mother of eight children, explained how she had been forced to take refuge in the hostel.

Mokoena claimed she had been driven out of her home in July because she is a member of the IFP. Her family now shares a couple of hostel rooms with dozens of other residents. Her children sleep on the floor or on twisted beds made of sheet metal.

Inkatha national chairman Dr Frank Mdlalose, who was visiting the area, pleaded with the international community for support.

"These are families and children that are being victimised. They are hemmed in, they are prisoners. They can't even go to the hospital when they are sick. They are trapped by youths in the township," said Mdlalose.

"There is a campaign by the ANC to cleanse

this area of Zulus," he added.

Only a few hours later, that message of sadness and blame was echoed by Mdlalose's rival, Umkhonto we Sizwe chief Mr Joe Modise. The leader of the ANC's military wing said his people were increasingly becoming victims of organised forces in the Government and in the homelands.

"It is not possible for this kind of violence to happen in a country with the security forces of South Africa. These horrible acts are an attempt to prevent elections and prevent change by those who do not want democracy," Modise said as he visited victims of violence at Natalspruit Hospital.

"This is a different type of violence from what we've seen before. The fellows who are carrying it out are now doing it with impunity. They have no worry of being punished," he said.

For at least two of Wednesday's victims in the East Rand townships, there was no meaning in the shootings. Mr Steve Nsimbini and Mr Gilbert Buthelezi could see no political reason for a shooting that wounded them both as they sat in Nsimbini's tailor shop in the Twala section of Katlehong.

"Things were normal today. We were just

sitting in my store when we heard loud guns from outside, and I felt I was hit," said the 51-year-old Nsimbini.

He was shot in the abdomen. His longtime friend Buthelezi received wounds in his left arm and right leg. Neither had a chance to see their attackers.

While for some people violence dominated the day, an innocent tragedy seemed to pull a small community together. At around 5pm, a small home burned furiously on Fani Street in Tokoza. The flames were believed to have been started by a pressure stove.

Water had been cut off from the area since the early morning, so dozens of township residents attacked the blaze with wheelbarrows and dirt.

For half an hour the flames seemed to be spreading. But residents kept pouring dirt over the blaze. Several soldiers who surveyed the scene picked up wheelbarrows and shovels and pitched in. At around 6pm the fire brigade still hadn't arrived, but the fire had been contained by the small army of volunteers.

"This community is like this," said local resident Mr John Majona, clasping his hands together. When people come from the outside, they can see that."



# No official war, but people are dying on the East Rand

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Amid Thokoza's seemingly unending carnage, the ANC and Inkatha inspected their troops. **Stephen Laufer reports**

**W**HAT is the difference between Bosnia and the East Rand? The answer, in a week in which more people have died there than at Sharpeville, is simple: in Bosnia, the war has been officially declared.

Like the Balkans, the war here is punctuated by peace talks, promises, summit meetings and high-minded declarations. As in Bosnia, everyone regularly abhors the violence. All sides explain why they, under attack from the other side, have a moral right to defend themselves and their communities.

And like the Serbs, who claim to represent a greater good, the local security forces cannot escape being part of the conflict. On a merry-go-round of undermined indifference, incompetence, gung-ho attitudes and fear for their own safety, many are surprised they are mistrusted, despised, targeted.

But on the ground, things are as simple in Thokoza and Katlehong as in Bosnia. People are dying. Every day. Mostly in twos and threes. Civilians. Ordinary people going about their business.

When the toll becomes noticeable — because of a particularly atrocious attack, or two attacks, like those which cost 24 taxi commuters their lives this Tuesday — the generals arrive to strengthen the resolve of their troops.

But this is not the Balkans. It is South Africa, which, in another universe called parliament, is fashioning a treacly-sweet transition incorporating all corners. Which is why the generals talk to their people in code.

"We are just here to see what has happened," Umkhonto weSizwe chief Joe Modise told a small, angry crowd in Thokoza on Wednesday, "and to protest that the SADF has failed you."

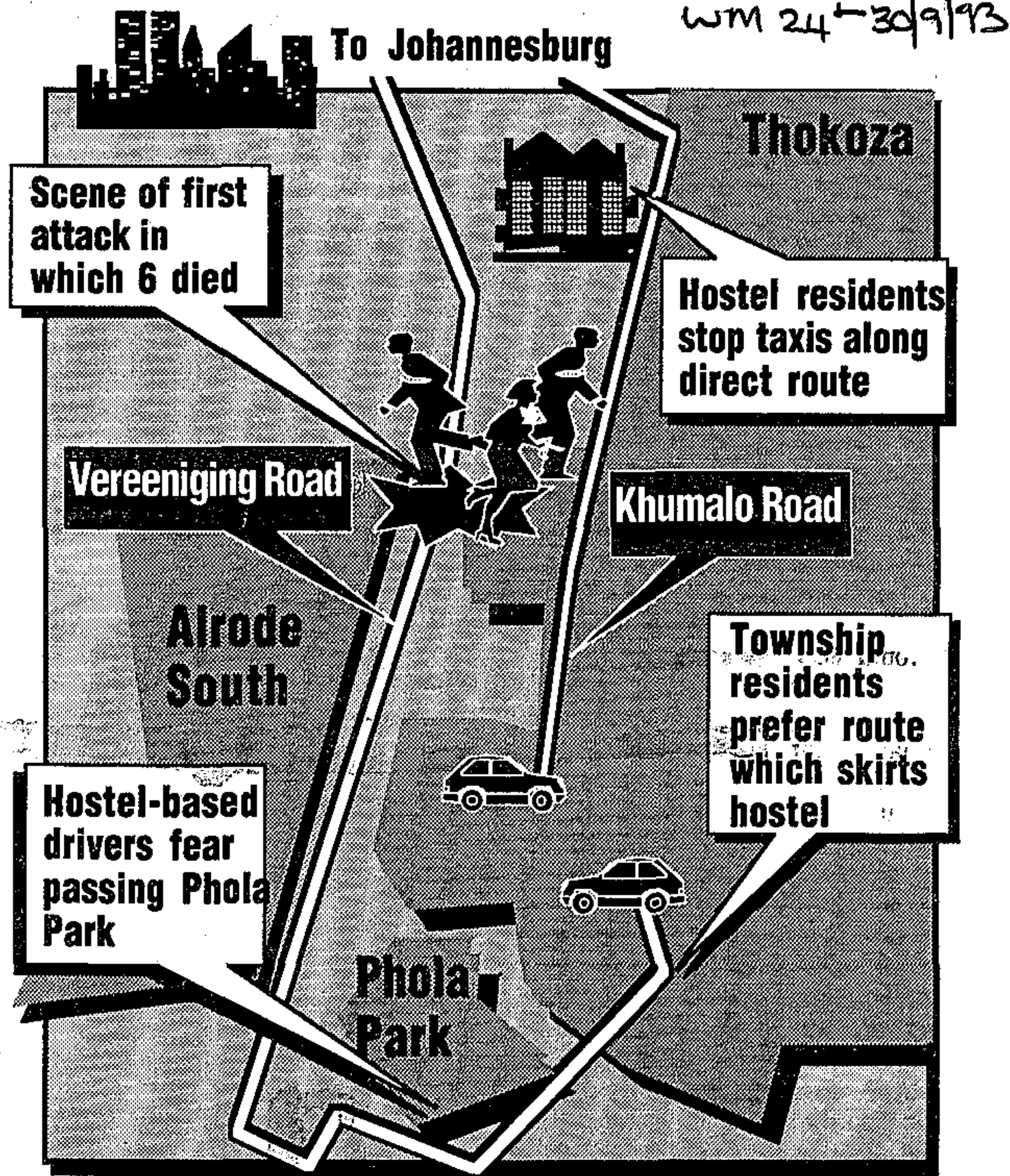
Asked why the African National Congress' army command had turned out, and not the politicians, Modise's chief of staff Siphwe Nyanda points to Albertina Sisulu and other stalwarts of the organisation's social welfare department and Women's League.

Neither Nyanda nor Ronnie Kasrils nor Robert McBride want to talk about operational issues. As Nyanda says, they "are here to make an assessment". MK, after all, is not running a war here.

"We are not involved," insists Kasrils. "The local communities are under attack, they are organising their defence themselves."

But at his stadium meeting, Modise can see that people are hurting. Under pressure from the crowd to go beyond fact-finding, the MK chief lifts the veil, slipping from deep cover into semi-legible code.

He promises his audience — men of all ages with home-made weapons, children and women in hand-me-down frocks — that "we will find ways of defending ourselves and come back to talk to you about how to do so".



There are only two routes out of Thokoza, and each is dangerous to either township residents or hostel dwellers

Then, making clear that this is an army matter and not for public consumption when war has not been officially declared, he adds "we'll do that when the TV is not here".

Later, on a drive past endless barricades, Modise inspects charred houses. McBride mounts a car's running board and peers long and hard through binoculars. "They're not carrying weapons," he says, referring to a group of men in the middle distance. This street is just two blocks down from Khumalo Road and the Inkatha-held hostel.

Whatever the spark which ignites it, each battle here is about taking territory, holding ground.

It is a war without Bosnia's artillery or armour (despite claims to the contrary, it seems the police and army use theirs to defend themselves), but with enough hardware to keep the chess game going.

In the ANC-held sections, every lamp post and every transformer box has been freshly painted black, gold and green. There is good reason for each side to feel the need for taking and holding territory. Trust is good, control is better.

Which is why the peace is so fragile.

Take the current round of killing: there are only two routes out of Thokoza/Katlehong, one up Khumalo Road, past the Inkatha-held hostel, the other via Phola Park, an ANC stronghold.

Khumalo Road has been a no-go area for several weeks, because taxi passengers have been forced into the hostel or had to pay a toll. Other drivers, who live in and serve the hostels, are afraid of the Phola Park route. They've been shot at often enough.

A meeting last month between the drivers and township and Phola Park residents agreed a ceasefire on the slip road past the squatter camp. The route has been in daily use, and calm has prevailed. But unrest has been growing among the hostel drivers.

They want taxi traffic to use Khumalo Road again. It's not clear why — perhaps because Inkatha is pressing them to break the siege of the other hostels, cut off from food and work since the sabotage of the Kwesini rail line. The break has affected 40 000 commuters, who cannot use the trains or pass through ANC-held areas to "their" taxis. But perhaps it is just a commercial issue: taxi association against taxi association. Payments on a vehicle are high, and if you're not getting enough fares, your minibus could be repossessed.

Whatever the background, on Tuesday morning six more died in a hail of bullets just after their taxi left the Phola Park slip road. In the evening, a shooting which the police say has all the hallmarks of a revenge attack. Eighteen dead.

Suzanne Vos, of Inkatha, says on Wednesday: "I'd be lying if I said I knew what had happened yesterday." She has arranged an Inkatha delegation to tour the hostels, their group as nicely balanced between the welfare and the war departments as the ANC's. There is the bluff and grandfatherly Frank Mdlalose and the urbane Vos herself, their genuine concern for the besieged hostel dwellers coloured only slightly by the vocabulary of the elections campaign trail — and of the Balkans war.

"The hostel dwellers have no water and are dependent on relief aid. The hostels resemble Bosnian ethnic cleansing camps."

But others too, are on inspection: Inkatha Youth Brigade supremo Themba Khoza and Thokoza eminence grise Gertrude Mzizi, neither of them renowned as doves.

It's not Bosnia, so no one can admit they are involved in a war. Yes, they are its victims. No, they are not conducting operations themselves, those come from the other side.

But there are front lines. There are disciplined units. There are the dead.

## Being a dutiful daughter can be fatal

Stephen Laufer

**DESMOND PITOI** is a *Mail & Guardian* trainee, a quiet, diligent young man. On Wednesday, he told us his aunt had been killed in the Kliprivier taxi attack the night before. She was one of 18 victims.

Like Desmond, Thembisile Mavis Xaba was a Zulu. A woman of 36, with five children and a sixth on the way. She was born and grew up on the Rand; her ties to Zululand were tenuous at best. She never got involved in politics, she was not a member of Inkatha or of the ANC.

For more than a decade, Thembisile worked as a domestic in Alberton, washing, ironing, cleaning floors, making beds, shining shoes, smiling pleasantly at her employer's kids. Then home to Zonke, near Thokoza, to care for her own children

and see to her husband's needs after a day on the factory floor.

On Tuesday, Thembisile planned to fulfil another duty. After work, she was going to visit her mother, Priscilla Mputhi, Desmond's grandmother.

Mputhi is 72 and lives in the heart of Katlehong. Things have been tough in the last couple of years, with the violence and the demands for contributions to the self defence units and inflation eating away at her meagre pension. It was good to have a grandson like Desmond, who has moved in despite the dangers. And a daughter like Thembisile, who will make the effort to visit.

This time, she didn't make it. Another victim. A woman who will be missed by her children, by her husband and her mother. And by Desmond.



# Two train killings as East Rand simmers

JOHANNESBURG. — Two people died in train attacks on the Reef on Thursday and yesterday, police said.

As security forces and peace monitors struggled to cool tension in East Rand townships, five more people were killed in Katlehong, Thokoza and Daveyton on Thursday night.

Seventy-seven people have been killed in the area this week.

Police found the corpse of an unidentified man with gunshot wounds on a train travelling from Soweto to Braamfontein at 1am yesterday.

Early on Friday, a badly injured man was found next to the tracks be-

tween Wadeville and Katlehong stations, also on the East Rand.

On Thursday the body of a man was found at Langlaagte station.

Four people were injured when thrown off a train near Germiston.

At least 102 people have died in train violence this year.

● Natal police said three people died yesterday in clashes in Bham-bayi, north of Durban.

Ten men were shot and wounded when gunmen stormed the KwaZulu transport depot in Newcastle yesterday in an attack police linked to feuds between bus and taxi operators. — Sapa

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# Peace in the Vaal

By STAN MHLONGO

HOPES were expressed this week that the fragile peace in Sebokeng's Zone 7 would become a permanent feature.

This expression of hope – counterbalanced by the expression of fear and distrust – follows the resettlement of most of the 600 former KwaMadala Hostel inmates in Sebokeng's Zone 7 four weeks ago.

The former inmates are all Inkatha members who were evicted from KwaMadala Hostel in Vanderbijlpark by giant steel company Iscor on July 9, although the evictions were stayed for a month following an intervention by the Vaal Peace Committee.

Vaal Inkatha regional secretary William Nhlapho has lauded the reconciliatory attitude taken by Sebokeng residents towards the Inkatha members.

"It is a wonderful, reconciliatory gesture of a peaceful process which everybody wishes will unfold when a future black government takes over," Nhlapho said.

He added that Inkatha had requested its members to restrain themselves from taking provocative actions against local residents.

"But we have not prevented our members from using their God-given right to defend themselves when attacked," Nhlapho added.

Vaal SA National Civic Organisation (Sanco) spokesman Jeffrey Rademeyer slammed Sebokeng administrator Johan Killian for resettling the Inkatha members in Sebokeng without consultation with Sanco or local residents.

## Wounds

"Killian should bear the consequences for anything that happens. Although Sanco recognises the need for reconciliation, the wounds caused by the massacres that occurred have not healed," Rademeyer said.

He further pointed out that reconciliation needed to go hand-in-hand with trust, "but, to think that Inkatha members and Sebokeng residents can trust each other seems a little far-fetched".

However, for some former KwaMadala hostel inmates and Inkatha members like the late Victor Khethisi Kheswa – when he was still alive – Sebokeng Zone 7 had always been home.

Kheswa and some Inkatha members are known to have originally lived in Sebokeng Zone 7 – before their unceremonious departure after crossing swords with township comrades.

Another resident, Joyce Moeketsi, said the fact that Inkatha members have been offered sites there meant

## Is it a change of heart, or just an illusion

it was high time she found herself another home.

It is not hard to understand Moeketsi's tendency to panic at the news that her neighbours are now Inkatha members.

Not so long ago, human life was cheap here.

Residents had to resort to digging trenches to prevent Casspirs and vehicles driven by faceless assassins from moving freely in the area.

Another resident, Norman Molapo, said the sound of AK-47 rifles used to lull residents to sleep during the height of violence, but had since gone away.

"I think we should hold a prayer day for peace here in Sebokeng... attended by all residents, irrespective of political affiliation. Otherwise, I simply do not see peace being a permanent part of this area," said Molapo.

One could not help having a strong suspicion that the peaceful atmosphere sweeping through Sebokeng was artificial.

A walk through the streets of Zone 7, chatting to residents, confirmed the suspicion that permanent peace here was a pipedream.

Several massacres have occurred in this area during the past three years, in which over 100 innocent residents have been killed.

Still, there are those who welcome peace, like Mandla Maduna, who has genuinely adopted a "let bygones be bygones" attitude.

"I have long known that KwaMadala inmates are settled in Sebokeng.

"I guess the ongoing peace here can be attributed to the fact that either locals have not got wind of the information – or really believe in peace and reconciliation," said Maduna.

However, many residents have adopted a wait-and-see attitude, while others directly ask: "How long before peace dissipates into thin air?"

Alternative plans to find the refugees homes in Orange Farm were greeted by a huge outcry from residents of the area.



# Dove One's night

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## flight of peace



FOR hours there was a semblance of silence.

Green rays of hope flickered constantly from Dove One's rooftop light, prompting bewildered dogs to emerge from some dwellings. But there was no other sign of life.

Residents had locked themselves inside their castles — four-roomed municipal houses — and their shacks.

We were patrolling the troubled East Rand townships of Katlehong, Thokoza and Phola Park.

Just hours earlier, killers in two vehicles had shot dead pedestrians and motorists on a six km stretch of the Old Kliprivier/Heidelberg Road, killing 19 people and injuring 16.

Inside Dove One — a white 11-seater armoured vehicle with a dove peace logo — were peace monitors, armed only with peace flags, a loudhailer and a two-way radio.

The sight of barricades, trenches and deserted homes — some burnt out — had little impact on me or colleague Herbert Mabuza. We had seen them all before.

As we patrolled, monitors informed the Joint Operation Control Centre at the Natalspuit Hospital premises what they were encountering on the streets.

Unknown to us, a fleet of armoured vehicles had assembled at the internal stability unit base at 4.15am in preparation for a major raid on Phola Park.

At 5.40am, the centre reported hearing "something like an explosion" in Alrode. We immediately headed off in that direction and found an overturned police armoured vehicle.

"Go away!" was the immediate response from members of the internal stability unit.

We continued patrolling Phola Park where SADF soldiers were steadily advancing into the area, sealing it off.

No one was allowed to leave the camp. Workers were given police-authorised pamphlets to hand to their employers.

Residents were angered by the raid police said was carried out in search of the Heidelberg Road killers.

We too had experienced problems with the police. Earlier ISU members turned on us in Phola Park, ordering us out of Dove One and searching it.

Asked if this was standard practice, ISU spokesman Colonel Ray Harrauld replied: "If police feel it is necessary, they can search anyone's car. We've even had police cars searched."

Said Wits-Vaal Peace Secretariat director Peter Harris: "We have experienced problems with certain SAP elements. These are the subject of a joint meeting which will take place between us, political organisations and the SAP before the end of the month."

BRIAN SOKUTU and photographer HERBERT MABUZA accompanied peace monitors on the first night patrol of Dove One, their new armoured vehicle



INSIDERS... peace monitors on their first East Rand night patrol



# Vampires out to play

## Signing your death warrant at night

Clare 26/9/93

By MOSES MAMALA

WHEN night falls terror grips East Rand townships.

This is the time when the war-machines carry out the task they perform best — shooting to kill.

These vampires, who are activated in the dark of night, have claimed more than 300 lives in less than two months.

Walking in Thokoza and Katlehong after 6pm is like walking in a lion's den. It is tantamount to signing a death warrant. Anything can happen to you," said a taximan who has been forced to flee his home in Thokoza's Everest section.

"As you see me now, I have no place where I can sleep. I am like a soldier in a war situation. I do not know whether my children have had their meal or whether they are sleeping but I am on the run to save my skin.

"By 6pm I should be out of this place," said the taximan, who maintained that he was not a member of any of the warring factions of Inkatha and ANC followers.

He told City Press that what bothered him most was that the freelance executioners were apparently not briefed about their targets.

"It seems as if everything that moves and that resembles a human being should be shot dead," said the taximan, adding that most victims were shot on

their way from work.

When City Press went to Thokoza just before sunset on Wednesday, residents were vacating the streets, particularly those near the hostels.

All strangers entering the township are looked at with suspicion and they are cleared after identification at the endless barricades set up by township youths.

Residents said they were scared to venture into the dark because of the sporadic attacks by unknown gunmen.

Their fear is not far-fetched as most people are killed during the night.

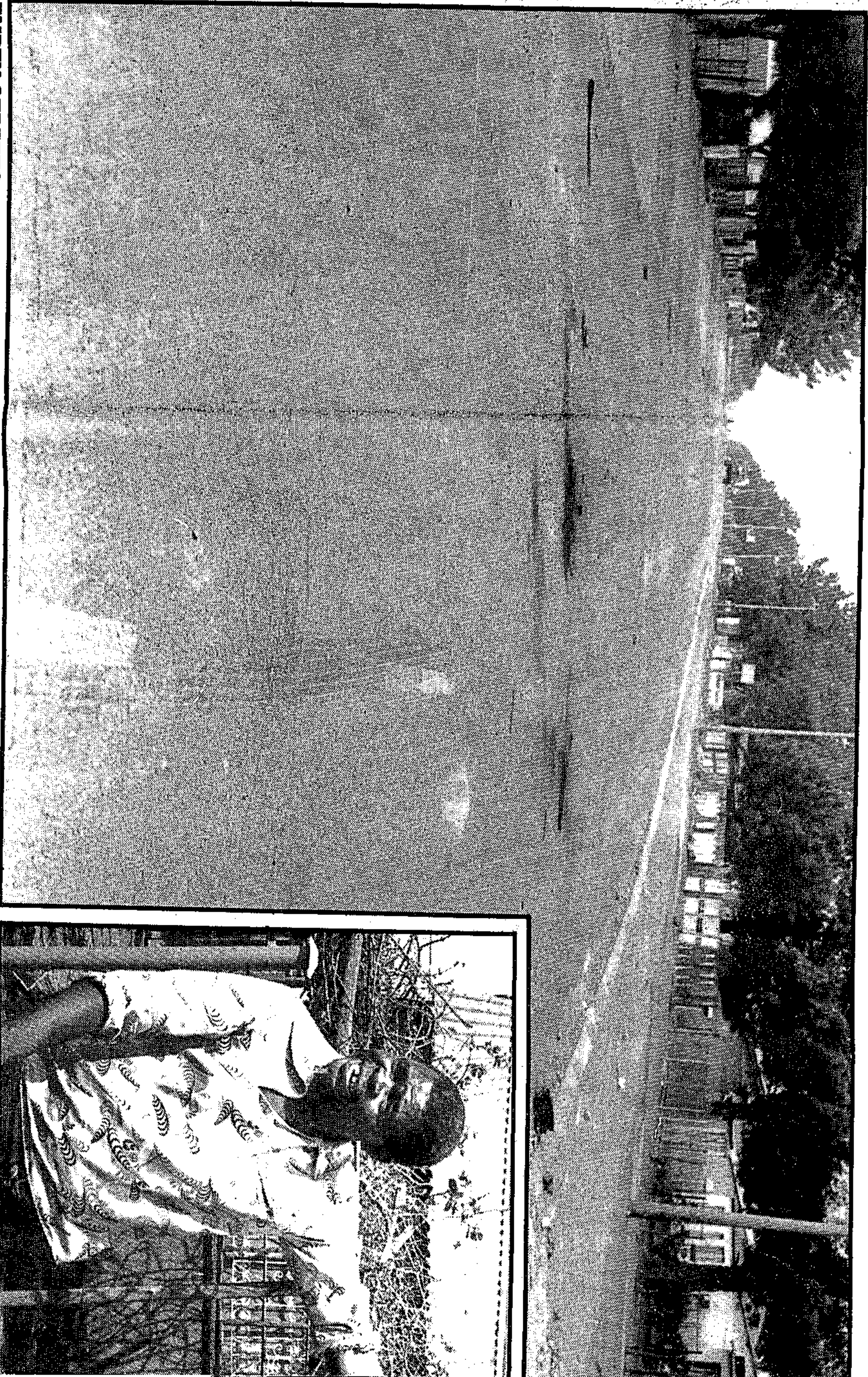
It has become an everyday thing for the police to report that burnt bodies, some with gunshot wounds, were found in Thokoza, Katlehong or Phola Park.

According to the Human Rights Commission, 63 people died in less than a week on the East Rand.

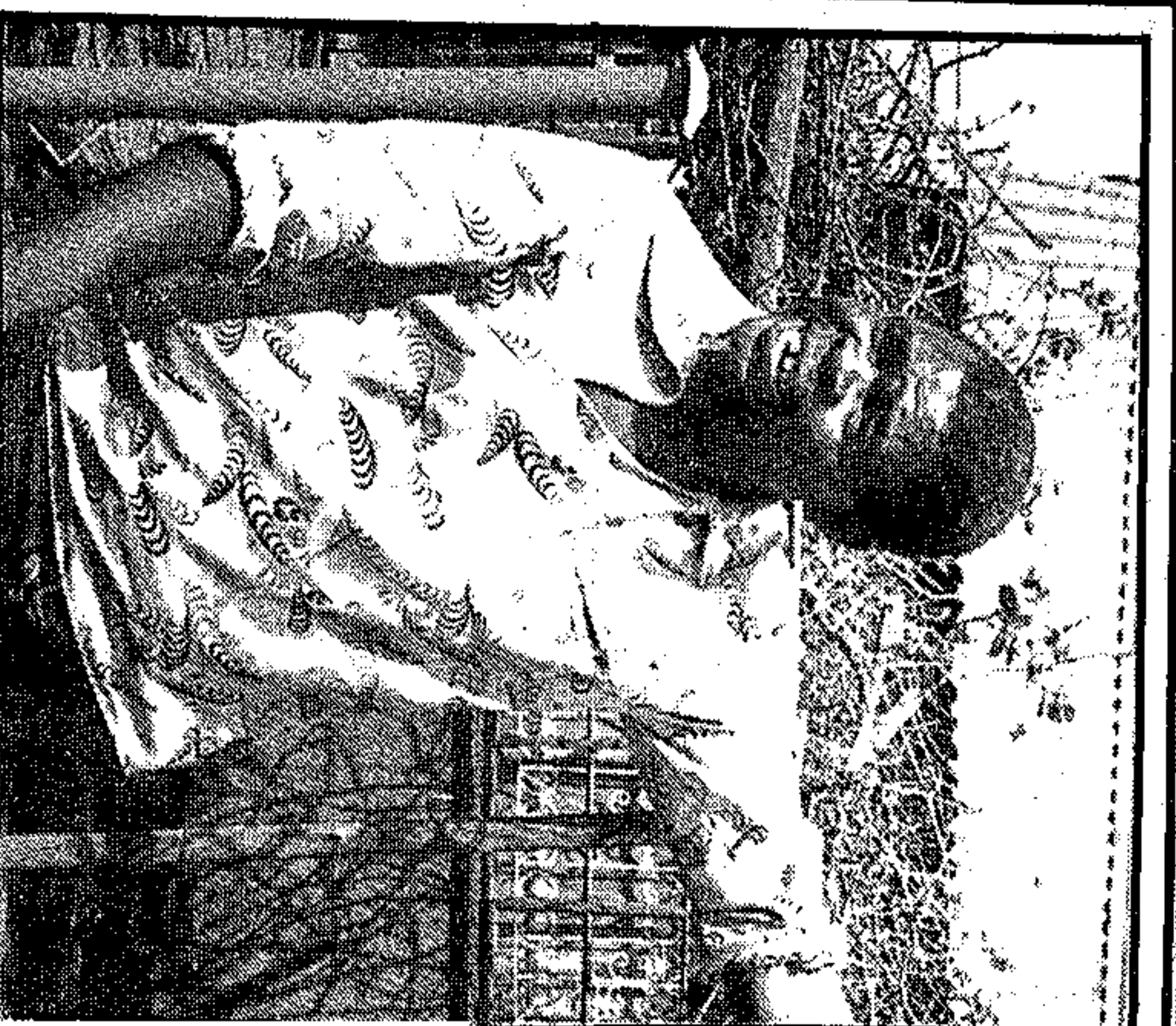
On Wednesday, a day after 34 people were brutally killed in intense violence, police said seven bodies were found in Katlehong and Thokoza.

Although residents blame police collusion with pro-Inkatha hostel dwellers for most attacks on unsuspecting people, they cannot explain how hostel dwellers are able to distinguish targets in a taxi rank.

In a counter accusation, hostel dwellers blame ANC-supporting youths for violence.



**EMPTY STREETS . . . Khumalo street in Thokoza is deserted shortly before dark. "We do not even see the people who kill us," says Katlehong resident Jeremiah Nhlapo, right.**



■ PICS: ANDRIES MCINENKA



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## Man's body was eaten by dogs

By ZANELE VUTELE

A HUMAN skeleton lay almost unrecognisable in the corner of a field used by Radebe residents as a rubbish dump.

By Thursday the body had been picked clean by a pack of scavenging dogs. Only a foot remained intact.

According to Katlehong residents, the man had been lying there since the previous night. At 2.00 pm the next day City Press was alerted by youths that the body of a man was being mauled by dogs.

On the street corner nearby two elderly women stood looking nostalgically at the homes in Mgadi section across the street. The section has become a no-go area for the residents. All the houses have been stripped clean of furniture and some of them are allegedly occupied by former hostel inmates.

This happens despite heavy police and army presence.

"The Internal Stability Unit must get out," cries Anna Khumalo, 68. "They have finished our children, they might as well finish us off."

"We don't sleep at night," echoes Ethel Cgungwa. "They just come into our homes, kicking doors, shouting, 'Staan op kaffir!' Now, I can't even sleep in my house. I come during the day just to look at it."

"We are just hit, we never see the enemy. It is just like dying with your hands tied," said one resident. "When the ISU shoots a person they clean up very quickly. They remove the body and the empty cartridges. You will never find the cartridges."

"We don't care whether they are white or black, the SAP and the ISU must get out of the township. Only the SADE is helping us," said another resident.

The ANC has called for the removal of the ISU from the township. The ANC's Matthew Phosa said: "The ISU is not a police force. It does not follow policing principles and practices. It is not accountable to the local police."



# New E Rand forum?

A SINGLE local government forum for Alberton, Eden Park, Thokoza and Phola Park is in the pipeline.

This was said at a press conference held by Thokoza Peace Committee and Alberton councillors on Friday.

The forum was one of several proposals decided by 29 organisations including Inkatha, the ANC and police at a weekend conference to bring peace to violence-torn Thokoza. Other initiatives included community policing and housing construction.

The resolution stated: "It is resolved that a local interim government forum with parity of representation between the Alberton and Eden Park communities on the one hand, and the Thokoza and Phola Park communities on the other, be established."

"It is further resolved that an urgent conference with full representation from these communities be convened... to give effect to the local interim government forum and to address other issues raised by the parties, particularly the improve-

ment of services.

The TPC said resources to enable houses to be built would be sought from the Independent Development Trust and the National Housing Forum.

TPC member Duma Nkosi said Thokoza was becoming a slum which made finding criminals more difficult.

He said it was much easier to find criminals in an area like Alberton because it had better infrastructure.

On the issue of relocating residents who had been forced out of their houses, TPC member Duma Nkosi said representatives from adjacent Katlehong would have to be involved in resolving the matter because the townships were essentially one area.

Conference delegates had agreed to saturate Thokoza with joint community and security force patrols in an effort to stabilise no-go areas for an initial period of nine months.

A community peace committee would handle policing complaints.

Sapa



# TEC winnowing police force — ANC

THE Transitional Executive Council subcommittee on law and order has started identifying policemen who should not form part of a police force operating under a new democratic government, the ANC's Obed Bapela disclosed at the weekend.

Bapela, the ANC's PWV secretary-general, said brutal, racist policemen and those police who used the force for their own political ends, would be removed, Sapa reports.

"They will not be part of the new force, which will concentrate on community policing. We're going to transform this police force."

He repeated the call for the withdrawal of the internal stability unit from townships.

Bapela was addressing about 100 marchers from the Hillbrow branch

of the ANC Youth League.

The marchers handed in memorandums at the SA Defence Force's Witwatersrand Command and at the Hillbrow police station.

The memorandums highlighted the youth league's grievances against security force members.

The ANC Youth League accused the SAP and SADF of being reluctant to stop township violence and of harassing peace monitors.

It said SADF bases in townships were used as a springboard by faceless killers to launch attacks on residents.

Other demands were:

- Creation of a truly representative and accountable force.
- The return of all mercenary forces to their countries of origin and

□ The cessation of all covert operations by security forces.

SUSAN RUSSELL reports that representatives of the SA Police, the defence force, the ANC and various local organisations and civic structures held an anti-crime summit in Soweto at the weekend.

Police spokesman Major H Oosthuizen said SAP representatives at the summit had agreed to take up requests that the township be policed by personnel living in the area.

They would also look into the provision of mobile police stations.

Methods of involving the community in policing Soweto and the need for residents to do their share in crime prevention were discussed, Oosthuizen said.

He said further summits and anti-crime workshops would follow.

## MK's thousands to assemble

THOUSANDS of ANC cadres are to be ordered to assembly points throughout SA.

Both the ANC and government will have to disclose full details of their forces and weapons under the Transitional Executive Council Act passed on Thursday.

Defence analyst Jakkie Cilliers said many assembly points would be close to urban areas, with one of the largest likely to be in Soweto.

Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK) chief of staff Sphiwe Nyanda said cadres were registering in large numbers.

Nyanda put MK numbers at about 16 000, but Cilliers and other military analysts said a figure of 12 000 "able-bodied fighters" was more realistic.

About 6 000 are believed to be in SA, with most of the remainder in Uganda. Cilliers said it was not clear whether those abroad would return when the assembly points were set up. — Sapa-Reuter.

## 14 die in East Rand violence

FOURTEEN people died and two were wounded in violent incidents mainly in Thokoza on the East Rand at the weekend, police said.

Spokesman Lt Deon Peens said yesterday most of the victims had been either shot, stabbed, hacked or burned to death on Saturday night or early Sunday.

Of the eight bodies found in Thokoza, four had bullet wounds, two had been burned, one had been stabbed and hacked and one had multiple wounds after the victim had apparently been dragged behind a vehicle.

Most of the bodies were found at hostels in the township. A man with three bullet wounds to the head was found at Thokoza Hostel No 3 and admitted to Natalspuit Hospital in a critical condition.

In Katlehong, the bodies of four men were found. Two had been shot and two burned to death.

The body of a man with stab wounds was found in Duduza and that

of another with assegaï wounds at the Selby hostel near Johannesburg.

A Tembisa man with stab wounds to the head was taken to the local hospital. His condition was described as "serious but stable".

In another East Rand development, 17 political and non-political organisations told a meeting of the Vosloorus peace co-ordinating committee on Saturday to continue with efforts to unite hostel dwellers and township residents.

Among the organisations represented were the ANC, the ANC Youth League, the Inkatha Freedom Party, Cosatu, the Azanian People's Organisation, the Police and Prison Officers' Civil Rights Union, the Congress of SA Students and the SA Police.

The SAP's Maj D J Malan told delegates the police would do everything in their power to help the committee restore peace.

The committee will meet again on Wednesday. — Sapa.



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## 23 weekend deaths in townships

■ BY MELODY McDOUGALL

At least 23 people were killed and five injured in the latest wave of violence in townships on the East Rand at the weekend, police said.

A police spokesman said the majority of the deaths occurred in Tokoza, but attacks were also reported in Katlehong, Tembisa and Duduza.

Police were fired at on several occasions by unidentified gunmen.

In one attack in Tokoza on Saturday, a woman (50) was shot dead and her daughter (18) stabbed and stoned to death.

■ Police found the charred remains of four people at the Tokoza Hostel complex.

■ The body of a man was found with stab and hack wounds in Tokoza and the burnt corpses of two other people were found nearby.

# New hope for Tokoza peace

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■ BY CHARMEELA BHAGOWAT

The Tokoza Peace Committee (TPC), consisting of about 29 parties including Alberton town councillors and the police, has signed a peace agreement which it believes will bring stability to the troubled area.

Unveiling the peace plan, the TPC said one of the major achievements was the plan to establish a joint local government forum for Phola Park, Tokoza, Eden Park and Alberton.

TPC member Duma Nkosi said the improvement of services in violence-hit areas was one way violence and crime could be combated.

"It is much easier to find criminals in an area like Alberton because it has a better infrastructure," he said.

Another priority was to

relocate residents who had been displaced by the violence.

This plan had to include Katlehong as it and Tokoza were virtually one area.

Other resolutions adopted by the TPC included the establishment of a forum to deal with political "no-go" zones, the formation of multi-party operations centres to deal with violence and security force activities, and the declaration that schools not be used for political purposes.

The peace committee also agreed to the establishment of a community police committee to deal with "special complaints". The powers and exact functions of the committee are to be discussed this week.

In addition, Tokoza is to be saturated by joint community and security force patrols.



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Swaziland 27/9/93

# Tokoza toll soars

FOURTEEN people died and two were wounded in violent incidents mainly in Tokoza on the East Rand during the weekend, police reported.

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# Swazi polls a great feat

THE first election by secret ballot in more than 20 years in Swaziland has been hailed an outstanding success by chief electoral officer Mr Robert Thwala.

Candidates elected in the primary election will be allowed to start campaigning immediately for the

secondary elections to be held on October 11. (312)

Campaigning was previously not allowed under Swaziland's non-party election regulations.

Political parties and a Westminster-style constitution were scrapped in 1973 by the late King Sobhuza. — Sapa.



# Bloody toll for E Rand

JOHANNESBURG. — Violence on the East Rand has claimed about 200 lives so far this month, bringing the toll since the beginning of the year to nearly 1 000.

An police spokesman said 126 of the deaths in September occurred in Thokoza and Phola Park, and 56 in Katlehong.

The highest toll so far this year was in Katlehong, with 489 dead.

Telephone and facsimile lines to the Katlehong police station were cut by residents on Sunday, hampering communication between East Rand townships, police said.

Yesterday about 100 ANC sup-

porters marched from Madela Koefe hostel to the Sitoga Hostel in Tembisa. Police said shots were fired from the crowd, but no injuries were reported.

Ten youths set fire to a vehicle in KwaThema, also on the East Rand. They also shot at police, who returned fire. (278)

## Murdered

In Natal, in Sundumbili, north of Durban, an ANC member seconded to the National Peace Accord was injured in an attack by a gang claiming to be IFP supporters. CT28/9/93

Three people were murdered in separate attacks in Greytown's

Nsuse area in the Natal Midlands on Saturday.

In Stanger, police discovered the stabbed bodies of a black man and a white man near the Natal Provincial Administration hostel on Saturday.

In Amanzimtoti on the South Coast, Mr Abraham van Aardt, 36, was dragged from his house and stabbed to death by a man who broke into the house while Mr van Aardt was asleep.

IFP organiser Ms. Elizabeth Ndlovu was killed and her mother was assaulted by gunmen who burst into their homes in Betania, near Port Shepstone, on Saturday. — Sapa



# □ Attackers gain access by breaking wall 4 injured as gunmen open fire at hostel

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Between 15 and 20 gunmen with AK-47s and pistols opened fire on residents at the Scaw Metals hostel in Wadeville, Germiston, wounding three hostel dwellers, police said.

A fourth man was injured when he tried to escape by jumping out of a first-floor window.

Police said the injured men were taken to Willem Cruywagen Hospital in Germiston, where they are reported to be in a satisfactory condition.

The attackers gained access to the building by breaking

through a wall. (278)  
Police took possession of a Browning pistol and ammunition found in one of the rooms.

● Police said three bodies were recovered in Katlehong and Tokoza yesterday.

And in Benoni, police said marchers who attended an ANC rally stoned cars and tried to break through police roadblocks to get to the central business district. Windows at a primary school were smashed and marchers looted a cafe in Liverpool Street.

Police were stoned and protesters pulled down the national flag at the fire station.

Mr W A J Schoeman, superintendent of a police rugby

club in Willowmore Park, was kicked and beaten by looters, who stole all the club's liquor.

In Daveyton, police were stoned in Mocke Street and burning tyres were used to barricade the road.

● Police are investigating the possibility that the white Cressida used in an AK-47 attack on a minibus — in which the driver was killed and nine people wounded near Tokoza yesterday — has been used in other attacks on taxis.

Police spokesman Lieutenant Deon Peens today said a reporter from the Sowetan newspaper gave them the registration of the Cressida.



## Two deny killing 5 in attack on train

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JOHANNESBURG. — Two Orlando East, Soweto, men accused of killing five people and injuring 15 in an attack on a train near Langlaagte station on August 5 pleaded not guilty in the Magistrate's Court here.

Witi Tulo, 22, and Vuyani Kunleni, 21, yesterday pleaded not guilty to five counts of murder, 10 counts of

attempted murder, one count of unlawful possession of arms and one of unlawful possession of ammunition.

Pro deo defence attorney Zuleika Jeenah said allegations of police brutality would be made at a later date.

The case was postponed to November 9. — Sapa.



# Teachers' body to join ANC's voting campaign

JOHANNESBURG. — The South African Democratic Teachers' Union (Sadtu) is to apply for immediate affiliation with Cosatu and throw its weight behind the ANC election campaign.

The union made these announcements in a statement yesterday after a two-day national council meeting here.

Sadtu also suggested five of its office bearers be included in the ANC's election list. — Sapa

- 17.00: The Bold and the Beautiful
- 18.00: Top 20. Hit parade. Presenters Lawrence Dube, Neil Johnson.
- 18.57: Devotion
- 19.00: News
- 19.30: Prospects. Magazine programme with profiles, consumerism, technology, health, the arts.
- 20.00: The Puppet Masters. Xhosa series about a young man forced into a life of crime. English simulcast.
- 20.30: Ezodumo. Traditional music.
- 21.00: News
- 21.12: Cassidy. Becoming more and more involved, Charlie has to think deeply about her future. Final.

- 20.00: 48 Hours. News magazine.
- 21.00: Absolution. A student who forbade him even with the priest who forbade him to have contact with a drifter. Richard Burton, Dominic Guard, Dai Bradley, Andrew Keir, Willoughby Gray.
- 23.00: K-9. A narcotics policeman and his four-legged partner. James Belushi, Kevin Tighe.
- 01.00: Judgment in Berlin. One plane passenger and three defectors. Martin Sheen, Sean Penn.
- 03.00: Deceived. A widow discovers her husband's double life. Goldie Hawn, John Heard.
- 00.05: Transmission ends

## Four killed in station attack

JOHANNESBURG. — Gunmen opened fire on passengers at Soweto's Ikwezi station last night, killing three men and a woman. Police said they were expecting arrests shortly.

And on Tuesday, a commuter was stabbed while travelling to Germiston station. He later died.

Three people were wounded when up to 20 men fired AK-47 rifles and small arms into the Scaw Metals hostel in Wa-

deville, Germiston, this week. They used a sledgehammer to smash a hole in a wall.

Twelve people were killed and 20 injured at the same hostel a month ago.

An IFP spokesman said members of the ANC's military wing uMkhonto weSizwe had attacked them in a bid to drive Inkatha out of the hostel.

In KwaThema an IFP official Mr Samuel Motha, 35, was shot dead early yesterday as he left home for work.

The bodies of seven people, including two policemen, were found in Thokoza, Katlehong and Tsakane on the East Rand on Tuesday and yesterday.

All seven had been shot dead, and two of the bodies had also been burned.

Taxi driver Mr Peter Mapane, was shot dead near Thokoza on Tuesday morning.

In Natal two men were shot dead and a woman was wounded when gunmen fired on them in their huts near Estcourt. The huts were set alight. — Sapa

### Top IFP man hurt on campus

JOHANNESBURG. — IFP central committee member Mr Themba Khoza was slightly injured after Vista University students disrupted a panel debate at the university's Soweto campus yesterday, an IFP statement said. — Sapa

## More than 200 police officers on strike in PE

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — More than 200 members of the Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (Popcu) went on strike yesterday at all police stations and the New Brighton Magistrate's Courts, bringing the administration of justice to a halt.

Senior police officers and a delegation representing the striking police met yesterday. The meeting will continue today.

The strike is in protest against the "sudden and unacceptable" transfer of the strikers' popular leader, Captain Mzingisi Moshara.

## Police in pre-dawn swoop on ANC office

Own Correspondent

EAST LONDON. — Police swooped on the ANC office here in a pre-dawn raid yesterday morning after an MK soldier and two other people were arrested for carrying illegal arms.

The MK member, identified by the Border ANC as Mr Petros "Bushy" Vantyu, is a regional ANC liaison officer.

Mr Vantyu, 30, Mr Luthondo Beza, 30, and an unidentified woman were detained at a roadblock in Cathcart late on Tuesday night.

Two R5 rifles, a BXP sub-machinegun and 75 9mm rounds of ammunition were confiscated from the car in which they were travelling.





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# 14 killed on East Rand

■ BY ANNA LOUW  
EAST RAND BUREAU

Fourteen people were murdered on the East Rand yesterday.

In KwaThema, near Springs, Inkatha Freedom Party branch chairman Samuel Motha (31) was shot four times with an AK-47 shortly after he left his home for work at 5 am yesterday.

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The 33-year-old man and his wife, aged 30, were shot in the head. Their son was wounded in the side and is in a satisfactory condition in Pholosong Hospital.

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In Juyn Street, Alrode, Alberton, a man died after being shot in the chest.

A passenger was wounded after gunmen opened fire on a taxi in Tokoza yesterday.



## 3 die in Soweto 20/9/93 train attack

AT LEAST three people, including a woman, were killed and nine others injured when gunmen opened fire on train commuters at Soweto's Ikwezi Station last night. (278)

Five suspects, including one in possession of a 7.65 pistol, were arrested at the station, Major Johan Steyn of the Soweto Unrest Unit said. *Soweto*

Many spent cartridges from 9mm, Tokarev and 7.65 pistols were found on the platform. Police said the train from Johannesburg stopped at the station about 6.20pm. About five gunmen who were also on the train opened fire with pistols.

A Soweto ANC peace desk official who helped to rush the injured to Baragwanath Hospital, said according to survivors, the attackers waited at the station for the train. Some of them managed to escape in the chaos that ensued.



# IFP branch leader among 14 killed in East Rand violence

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JOHANNESBURG. — Fourteen people, including the leader of the Inkatha Freedom Party branch in Kwathema, Springs, and a policeman, died in violent attacks on the East Rand yesterday.

IFP Kwathema chairman Samuel Motha, 31, was shot four times with an AK-47 shortly after he left his home for work at 5am yesterday.

His wife Nomsa said she heard shots being fired and ran outside to investigate. She found her husband lying dead beside his bicycle in the township's Molebuko Street.

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A man died after he was thrown off a train between Katlehong and Wadeville in Germiston.

In Juyne Street, Alrode, Alberton, a man died after being shot in the chest by a man with an AK-47 yesterday afternoon.

Some of the bullets hit a passing vehicle, killing a passenger and injuring the driver.

The gunman escaped.

In Tsakane, near Brakpan, a couple was shot dead in their home by a man with an AK-47 last night.



# ▼ Bhambayi's rocky road

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In 1903, Mahatma Gandhi established a community just outside Durban that he hoped would give physical embodiment to his ideals.

Today, the printing press built by Gandhi still wears his name, but it is empty, thoroughly vandalised, and coated with MK and "Viva AK-47" graffiti.

As the physical remains testify, the spirit of Gandhi's legacy seems to have fled from Bhambayi.

In 1985, black squatters violently drove Indians out of the area and Gandhi's house was dismantled. For more than eight months warfare has raged in Bhambayi between "red" and "green" ANC factions, and subsequently between the ANC and the Inkatha Freedom Party.

"Before, you could say life in Bhambayi was difficult. Now, it is delicate," one peace monitor commented in the wake of the truce mediated recently by the Regional Dispute Resolution Committee (RDRC).

For a week to 10 days after the truce there were no reported deaths in Bhambayi. When one person was stabbed, "red" and "green" members united to hand the perpetrator over to the police.

But more recently, faction fighting and violence has flared up once again. The conflict has always been far more than simple political rivalry.

Now peace workers are recognising that unless other factors — particularly socio-economic

## AMY WALDMAN reports on a community's rocky struggle for peace in a place Mahatma Gandhi hoped would embody his ideals

conomic conditions and the role of the police — are addressed, the peace may be short-lived. The destruction of peace last December was sudden. A dispute between two *nyangas* over the price of *muti* may have exacerbated the division between the "red" and "green" ANC camps.

Then, in August, the IFP launched a branch in Bhambayi. The big surprise for the community was that the IFP branch members were ... the "greens".

There are explanations, but none make perfect sense. The "reds" viewed the "greens" as "dissident" comrades, unwilling to listen to orders from ANC structures. The "greens" claim that they only approached the IFP when ANC structures wouldn't help them resist an ultimatum from the "reds".

The outbreak of peace a month later seemed as spontaneous as the outbreak of fighting. The week before, men in traditional garb, armed with spears and shields, had been singing war songs around a "red" flag in full view of the "green" camp on the hill above.

Then "reds" and "greens" began approaching monitors to arrange meetings with their counterparts on the other side. There was a prayer meeting. Everyone at least agreed that they were tired of the violence.

Word of the peace spread quickly, and some refugees began moving back.

Several years ago, the Durban City Council, in conjunction with the Urban Foundation and the Phoenix Settlement Trust, which still owns the land, embarked on a R12 million development initiative for Bhambayi. But the project never got off the ground.

The trust's Richard Steele says there was a "lack of cohesion in the community", followed, of course, by full-scale war.

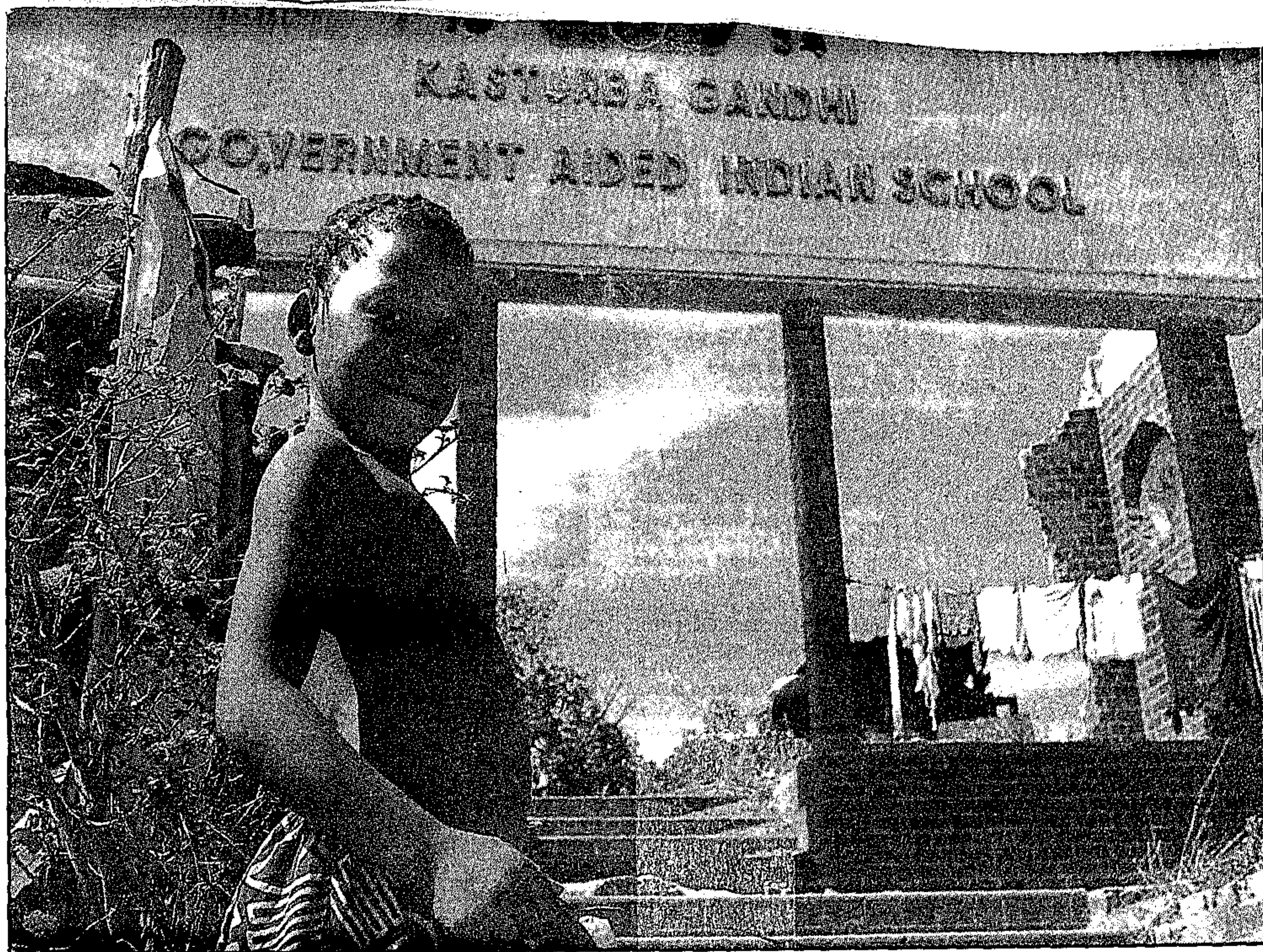
But Dennis Nkosi of the Peace Secretariat says a rescue effort to salvage the monitoring committee is underway.

"We don't want the little progress we've made to fall apart," says Nkosi.

Community members from both sides have implicated the security forces in the renewed fighting. The Internal Stability Unit (ISU) came into Bhambayi in March, and a perception of sometimes murderous bias by the ISU quickly took hold on the "red" side.

"The ISU must leave the area — they are part and parcel of the fighting," Bhambayi ANC deputy chair Japhta Nqukhwe said.

He pointed to the *muti* congealing on a warrior's forehead, and said: "With the ISU and IFP against us, without the *muti* we would have died long ago."



Waiting for peace ... a child plays amidst the ruins of Gandhi's Phoenix Farm settlement in Bhambayi, where peace is threatened by poverty and policing problems.

PICTURE: HENNER FRANKENFELD



# Four commuters flung from train

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JOHANNESBURG. — Four people are seriously ill in hospital after being attacked and flung from a train on Thursday evening between railway stations on the East Rand.

The commuters had been attacked by a number of people at 5.50pm, police said yesterday.

Mr Steven Mkawen, 23, had been stabbed in the chest, Mr Robert Vilakazi, 23, had broken an ankle, and Mr Izikial Tombeni, 25, and an unnamed 16-year-old youth had received serious head injuries.

A 13-year-old youth was admitted to Natalspruit Hospital after he was wounded in a shoot-out between police and a gunman on the old Vereeniging road near Phola Park at 7.10am yesterday.

Gunmen fatally shot a motorist and wounded another on Thursday night

in separate point-blank shootings at a traffic light near Phola Park squatter camp, police said.

In the first incident, two men armed with pistols shot Mr Richard John Fouche, 42, of Atlasville, in the face about 8pm when he stopped at a traffic light near the settlement.

Soon afterwards Mr Tyrone Shipp, 30, of Edenvale, stopped at the same traffic light. Two men pulled open his door and asked for a lift.

One produced a pistol and fired at close range, hitting him in the arm and left hand. He told police the gunmen fled towards Phola Park.

In Natal, at least four people, including an infant, were killed in violence on Natal's lower South Coast on Wednesday, police said yesterday. — Sapa