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Police move to avert violence

Kriel shrugs off ANC calls for him to resign

By ANTHONY JOHNSON
Political Correspondent

Police would do everything possible to prevent "a bloodbath" at the World Trade Centre today, when rival protests by the AWB and the ANC are planned, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Hermus 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 Kempton Park magisterial district.

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.

The ANC has called for a day of mass action today to protest against the police's handling of the AWB actions.
Eight people shot dead in East Rand attacks

Sowetan Correspondent

EIGHT people were shot dead in separate incidents of violence in Tembisa and Katlehong yesterday, bringing 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 Lerosa 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.

Another body

A body was found at the Kwesta Station and another at a nearby shopping centre. An unidentified man was shot dead at Ramakanopa Section.

In Tokozzi, Mr A Makalitsini (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 Hermus Kriel’s home turf. 

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.

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?

The Weekly Mail: May 20, 1999
'Moving miners just shifts the violence'

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

The mining house transferred about 700 Mozambican miners to its Stehba 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 Matjalandi of the National Union of Mineworkers. Fighting could easily break out between the 700 dismissed Stehba 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.

Matjalandi 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 ethic".

One of the biggest gripes the NUM has with Anglo-Vaal is the allegation that they foster ethnically based hostels and still practice the Indiana system on their mines. Steyn says miners elect to stay with their countrymen and clansmen and he says a survey conducted at the mine to back this up.
The secret to peace isn’t accords and commissions

The peace structures and accords and the Goldstone Commission have not stopped violence. Does this mean they have failed?

asks STEPHEN LAUFER

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 fulfill the dual purpose of giving young people a focus and improving their understanding of society and the attitudes.

“Many projects will allow 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.”
**Soweto 21/93**

**Burnt to death**

The charred body of a man was found by police in the Ezibeleni 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.

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Terror in Tembisa

NEWS FEATURE

V�jumuzi Hostel dwellers accused of harbouring notorious Tootser gang.

10 daily murders! people killed every week.

By Joe Mbhele

are killed every week.
"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 Ndlovu'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 Ndlovu 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 rebuff 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 Metleng Stadium.

The death this week of ten people is another indicator that the ANC and IFP will need to redouble their...
The right's ten plagues
Protest a 'mobilising success'

By JAN TALJAARD
THE stage may have been hogged by Afrikaner Weerstands beweging 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 Eddie von Malitz and Andrew Ford ... Boere Weerstands beweging 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 Malitz 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 Weerstands beweging was represented by Andrew Ford.

Controversial former kwaNdebele police commissioner Brigadier Herzog Lern, 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 Groesewald 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 distributed 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

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 preplanning should have foreseen how attractive a high-profile venue such as the WTC would be to rightwing protesters. It should have been assumed that they presented a threat, and preparations should have been made accordingly."

Crew 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, as well as with a strong force of riot policemen from the Internal Stability Unit."

"The ISU would have been better placed to fend off the demonstrators and to take full responsibility for the security of the arena, in this case the WTC, as well as to clear the immediate area of the police force."

"We have been waiting for the police to keep their promises," said a rightwing activist.

The number and firepower of the arms carried by the rightwing at the WTC would have created a problem, said the police officer. "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 solved 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.
Three dead, one injured, in Johannesburp battle
ANC member guilty of murdering 21

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 28 last year.

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

The case was postponed to July 28.

— 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.

Over 100 residents of Sebokeng and Bolehla have become victims of massacres in attacks by assassins in the last three years.
Curfew best solution—cops

By DAN DULAMINI

All hell seems to be breaking loose in Khutsong, the traditionally sleepy township in the western Transvaal. 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. In recent months numerous unsuspecting people who were enjoying themselves at stokvel parties have been brutally slaughtered by the killers.

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
- Eight people – five of them at a stokvel – were shot dead by gunmen in Evaton and Sebokeng on April 2 and 3.

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.
Johannesburg.

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

It claimed that insecurity 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 “people brigades”.

— Sapo
A man was killed and four others were seriously wounded after gunmen ambushed and shot at their van during a funeral procession in Katementh on the East Rand yesterday. The unidentified man died at Natalpruit Hospital and hospital authorities said the four were in a critical condition.

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The body of an assistant constable was found with stab wounds at his home at Khayelitsha in Cape Town.
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 Elinhweni Section. He had been shot in the head. (2-78)

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 Kwesini 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

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**the nation in brief**

**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 Solty 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 Funks Centre in Diepkloof, Soweto.

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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 AECT'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.

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**BBC crew shot at**

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

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He said six BBC staff were interviewed while they were fired at in the street.

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**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.

He said the SACC was looking for the ZCC's national council to call a meeting with the SACC in the interest of the Zionist Church.

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Shots fired at BBC crews

JOHANNESBURG. BBC television and radio crews, said they were shot at with automatic weapons yesterday in Katlehong.

"It was quite frightening," said news producer Mr. Milton Nkosi. "We were digging in the ground with our noses."

Mr. Nkosi said six BBC staff were interviewing peace monitors in Katlehong township east of Johannesburg, scene of sporadic violence over the weekend, when a fusillade of shots was fired.

No one was wounded by the gunfire, Mr. Nkosi said. - Sapa-Reuters.
And the trumpets blew as the sound of a mighty army filled the air, the light of day was shining brightly over the land. The soldiers marched forward in unison, their swords gleaming in the sunlight. The enemy's forces were arrayed against them, their armor shining in the morning light. The battle was about to begin.

The soldiers charged forward, their spears piercing the enemy's shields. The sound of metal clashing against metal was deafening. The enemy's forces retreated, their numbers削减ed by the advancing army. The sound of victory filled the air as the soldiers pursued their foes. The battle was won, and they returned to their home.<br>

The king was overjoyed at the news of the victory. He rewarded his soldiers with gold and jewels, and they feasted together in celebration of their victory. The king was proud of his army, and he knew that they would continue to protect his kingdom and its people.
Between ANC, IFP on East Rand

Madness

Blooody

29 Killed overnight in violence
Township battles rage on

Minibus attack adds to grim toll

By Bronwyn Wilkinson
and Happy Nhoma

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 last night and today, bringing the number of people killed in the townships since Friday to 83.

SAP spokesman Captain Wilna Valee 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 6.45 pm, five people were killed in a women's hostel after it was set on fire.

The attack occurred on Black Reef Road near the Lenasia bridge.

Five people were killed and two injured in a hostel near Kyalami.

The police said the offenders had shot dead the hostel residents in their sleep.

In Mamelodi, police said they were still investigating an attack on a hostel yesterday, in which a woman was killed and two others were injured.

Residents said the attack occurred when an off-duty police officer opened fire, killing the woman and injuring the two men.

The attacker then fled on a motorbike.

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According to monitoring group Peace Action, at least 14 houses were burned in Kyalami yesterday.

Police said more than 15 vehicles were gutted.

As the sound of gunfire cracked around Kyalami yesterday, journalists were left scrambling to escape crossfire and flying rocks.

Outside the Tokozla hostel, which was attacked last night on Sunday, hostel-dwellers armed with stones and sharpened weapons stopped cars and vehicles from entering and leaving the area.
Township battles rage on

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Jacked and their occupants abducted into the hostels.

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

The organisation demanded that the security forces search the Kwezine, Buyaluthi 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." (2-76)

SAP spokesman Lieutenant Janine Smith said police believed the violence was mainly between supporters of the ANC and IFP.

"But beyond the political violence is the criminal element taking the opportunity to cause mayhem," he said.

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
Minutes after the shooting ... a South African Medical Services orderly goes to the a
yesterday. Police last night warned motorists to avoid all roads near Katlehong and T

Political organisations and
the police, under the auspices of the Witte-Vaal Peace
Secretariat (WVPS), met ur-
egently last night to address
the situation.

WVPS chairman Peter
Harris said afterwards that
the "possibility of setting up
an urgent joint operation
centre, involving the politi-
cal parties and the SAP";
would be pursued today.

Police warned motorists
to avoid all roads near Kat-
lehong and Tokoza, declaring
the place a no-go area.
Policemen and the SA Defence
Force have called extra
troops into the area and are
concentrating their efforts
around the hostels.

All train services were
stopped to Katlehong and
Kwesine yesterday morning
because of sabotage and the
threat of continued attacks
on trains. Township streets
er were littered with burning
cars and barricades.

Women, children take refuge at hospital

By Abdul Milazi

Hundreds of East Rand resi-
dents, mostly women and
children, last night took re-

A place to take refuge at the Natalspruit Hospi-

Neria Malinga (38) said
could have been worse.

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
Franks Makgopho (38), who
was also among the refu-
gees, said the situation had
become so dangerous that
even walking in the streets
was a life risk.

He was coming from work
when he was stopped by peo-
ple 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 mi-

Siphiwe Dlangamandla
(25) and Dumisile Khumalo
(25) said they had nowhere to

Some said most of the peo-

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

"I am glad I decided to

The attack occurred on
Black Reef Road near the
Leondale bridge in Vosloorus,
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 car-
trides at scene.
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 SADE 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 En 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 grassroots organisations, try to calm the situation," Mr Harris said (278).

Nation-wide

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 18 in the Western Cape.

Both the ANC and the IFP blamed each other for the violence, but called for a meeting of their leaders 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
Close brush with death at hostel

By Musa Zondi

Sowetan photographer Mbuseni 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 Kwezine 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.

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SPY CLAIM
Photographer Mbuseni Zulu

held hostage by angry IFP supporters:

"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".

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?

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

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 an attempt to commit violence by the ANC against IFP on the East Rand that is a continuation of the (May) Tokoza massacre.

SAP public relations spokesman Colonel Johannes 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 Umkholo we Sizwe people who have been pulled into the area, but not enough discipline to control them. We cannot say exactly who is responsible for this weekend's outburst, but violence at this time is expected."

Lilyd Vogelman, director of the Centre for Study of Violence and Reconciliation in Witwatersrand:

"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 time of reduced power-sharing. 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 Mkhando

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 Isinja, Sizitholile," 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.

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 Tokozo. 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-Reuters
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.

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

IFP and ANC in combined operation

By Bronwyn Wilkison

War and violence continue
Photographer held by hostel dwellers

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

Sowetan acting news editor Mathata Tseu 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.

Tseu said Zulu, with reporter, Joe Mdhlala, and their driver, were on assignment in the East Rand township when the photographer was overpowered by hostel residents.

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

The kidnappers had left a message with the driver saying Mdhlala was to go into the hostel as well. He declined. The incident was reported to IFP officials and the police, Tseu said.

The Media Workers Association of SA said it deplored the kidnapping and called for an end to assaults on press freedom. — Sapa
Reef killings test ANC-IFP accord

Staff Reporters

The meeting 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 Miss 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.

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 personnel, 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 fundraising 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 Bishopscourt spokesman said Archbishop Tutu was on holiday in Norway and could not be reached for comment.
A township at war with itself

By Isaac Moloi

When the Soweto police were out on patrol, they found themselves in a war zone. The police were on duty, looking for suspects and trying to maintain order. But what they found instead was a township at war with itself.

BATTLE ZONE

Black smoke from burning cars and houses:

Two police cars were set on fire, and officers were attacked by residents who accused them of being too harsh.

Police taking away the body of one of the victims of the violence in Soweto.

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

Savagery of Totoke

By Rich Mkhondo

This smell of burning human flesh hung in the air. A group of 20 police were on patrol, and they came across three burning buildings lying behind a fence.

"We found the dogs and we are burning them," one officer said.

"Vote ANC, Vote ANC," sang a group of ANC supporters.

Residents have reported violent incidents in the area, and there have been reports of looting and arson.

Police say they have arrested several people.

Violence exploded in the township near Johannesburg following last Friday's announcement of an election date. Soweto has been the scene of violence for more than 30 years.

The immediate cause appears to be the death of a teenager who was shot dead by police in Soweto.

The political tensions building up to next April's elections are such that it needs only a spark to ignite a conflagration.

Black leaders like the ANC's Nkosana Makolako have been blamed for much of the violence that has claimed lives since the white minority government began dismantling apartheid in 1990.

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

They say the township is dark and they are afraid to leave their homes.
Police hunt for instigators

More die as Inkatha and ANC wrangle

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 weekend to 131.

Police and SANDF 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 Khosa said.

Khosa 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.

Khosa 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 shutdown and attack on hostel dwellers, and the withdrawal of taxis from the townships, which had left commuters stranded.

The ANC publicity department claimed the 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." "Khosa, however, said the violence was a continuation of the conflict that began last May.

Police, meanwhile, announced the deployment of SAPS and SANDF 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 constables were attacked yesterday morning by a group of people in Katlehong.

"The men said they were doing their best to separate the warring groups where and when possible," East Rand police spokesman Capt Wickus Weber said.

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

Khosa said yesterday two of his leaders in Tembisa had died in the violence. Endulweni branch chairman Boy Maseya and

More deaths

Emanweli 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 238 since 1985.

Sowetan news photographer Mzonde Zulu had a narrow escape after being abducted and held near the Kwestini hostel for more than two hours by Inkatha support-
Joint move to end Reef violence

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 Ntunzani Mzanyana.

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 AR 47 fire yesterday.

Acting police commissioner Lieutenent-General L F 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-
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.

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 Seths 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 matches and pickets prior to permission being granted.

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 SAPC leader Chris Hani and a 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.

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 were 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 of a chairperson of the accord's secretariat by government on the basis that the background of the man 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 government and its homeland structures to the same accountability," said the monitoring programme report.

SACC general secretary the Rev Frank Chikane suggested that the National Assembly 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 just by a local structure. Internal monitors are expected to be accredited by an envisaged independent electoral commission.

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 of the structure, 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

The ANC, Inkatha, union federations, security forces and business organizations last night agreed on initial steps to end the violence that has claimed 99 lives in six days in East Rand townships.

In terms of the agreement, a central operations room has been established at the Natalspruit Hospital in Katlehong, managed by the Wits University peace secretariat, which brokered the arrangement, and police.

Delegates to yesterday's meeting in Johannesburg agreed to the opening of community centres 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 leadership 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.

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

The police were very quick to collapse the units into the ANC which is a direct reflection of the situation," Niehaus said.

There 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." he said.

Inkatha Transvaal leader Thembaphile Khoza said an attempt would be made today to find joint methods of addressing the situation.

Violence

and burn wounds.

Ten bodies were found by police on Tuesday night, and another 12 by family members after 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, ungakubalule," 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, squallid township.

**Hostel inmates**

The courtesy accorded us by these boys was missing from the hostel inmates who had gathered for a meeting near the Kwaitane 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 KwaMthetho. 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 Klei they should be fighting and not us. We, like them, are suffering. We don't 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 "impumzi", a sell-out.

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

Mrs Bolle Mbaphatho 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 Kwaitane Station, no taxi service should be operational in the area.

**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 Kwaitane and Mazibuko have fled their homes. They say they fear attacks by the hostel dwellers.
Two Townships of Terror

By Joe Mokhela

Two faces of Inconnu: We go inside a town where kids control the roads.
Relief hopes as East Rand death toll rises

By Isaac Mokol and Lulama Lili

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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.

A Tokoz 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 30 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.
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 conspired patients in Katlehong’s Natalpruit 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, 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 Natalpruit Hospital in Katlehong, manned by the Wits/Vaal peace secretariat, which brokered the arrangement, and police.

The ANC and IFP said their regional leaders 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 220 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 Ntambamkhube 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

The Argus Correspondent and Sapa

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 Tokozan and Krielkoppie.

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 Ntabamahlapha, Bonginkosi Sithole, 45, had been shot at his home outside Wembezi township by men armed with AK-47 rifles.
ANC and Inkatha regional leaders begin a series of meetings in Johannesburg yesterday in an attempt to resolve the conflict in East Rand townships, where 26 people have died since Friday.

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.

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.

"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.

Inkatha Transvaal leader Thembha 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 separate development, a delegation of senior ANC officials led by Matthew Phosa met senior police officers in Pretoria to discuss violence countrywide.

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 issues would be dealt with on a regional level between the ANC and the SAP as a matter of urgency.

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

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

By STEPHEN LAUFER and RICHARD MAIL REPORTERS

THOKOSIKA, Katlehong, At midday yesterday, a shot was fired into a dusty yard of a township kindergarten, one street away from Thokoza's Inkatho-controlled hostel. The dark red of his arterial blood mixed with turpentine poured from the open windows.

The scene jars incongruously with the smiling and easygoing children at the yard, the kindergartens run by volunteers who have decided to carry on, in spite of the killings.

The event marks the third time this year that a dead man's right foot is a length of rubber tube, used by the attacker to drag him here. It seems that he has pulled it from the truck that burst out several meters down the street, then shot in the kindergarten.

He is just one of the 90 victims of this latest outbreak counted by the police. At least two more were killed yesterday when Thokoza hostel was attacked on Sunday night, the usually peaceful hostel next door, the rest of the hostel in flames.

Monday, and two have been killed. Thokoza has attacked the hostel the night before, the police say. Some residents say there have been battles for three days, right up to Thursday night.

The police have arrested 50 people. However, the hostel champions have been granted bail.

In his apartment on the Allied Mills military base, the Internal Stability Unit's Captain Herman Posthumus is full of the story. He is tired, he says, and wants to do something about the violence.

One of the problems is that there is no single event that has sparked the latest round. For instance, it is not the first time the police have been targeted.

"Maybe it's criminal elements," he says. "I did try to contact them, but they all seem to be going off to a meeting."

But the police have no evidence, and many of them have no word of what is going on. They ask: will it be tomorrow? Next week? Next month?

"They're people from their own house, then they're going to be afraid of them. It's like taking the man's bread, which will be a court. They are, I mean, the slums.

The police have been told not to show up, they won't entertain any requests. They will not go beyond the grounds."

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

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BY LAMBERI LITHE, MAHIKANE

The peace hopes are high, but the reality is that the situation is still volatile. The government is working hard to stabilize the situation, but it is a complex issue that requires a multi-faceted approach. The international community is also involved, providing assistance and support.

In happier times... (right) The local

IN HAPPY TIMES... (right) The locals

The local community is facing challenges, but there is hope for the future. The government is implementing programmes to improve infrastructure and provide basic services. The international community is also supporting the local community.
Policeman beaten to death

JOHANNESBURG. — In continuing violence on the strife-torn East Rand, two bodies were found by peace monitors in KwaMhlanga 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 Sall 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 KwaMhlanga police sergeant was beaten to death while handcuffed to his nephew yesterday.

Police said Sergeant Lesebana Makhe, 32, 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 critical 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

JOE LOUW

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.

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 Matshepi, a resident of Selby and co-chairman of the HRPI. "We speak as brothers, as people concerned for life. We say people must remember 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 Xhosa, Zulu, PEDIS, ANC, Inkathas and Inkathas swarm all over Jeppe Hostel greeting old friends. Some of them had not entered there for years."
Elenhof case: Court adjourns

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

No evidence was led against Mr Boy Ndweni, 19, of Sebokeng, and Mr Sphiwe 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.
JOHANNESBURG.—The Wit/Visa Regional Peace Secretariat and representatives of the SAP, Inkatha and the ANC yesterday agreed to form a Joint Operation Communication Centre (JOCC) at Natalspruit 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 30 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, 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 Albertone 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. 07/10/93

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 for calm

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.

Representatives of the Wilts Vaal Regional Peace Secretariat, police, Inkatha and the ANC alliance also settled on a series of guidelines to operate a multi-party communication centre set up at Natalspruit Hospital to monitor violence, mainly in KwaTshele 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 observers 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 communications 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 action. The ANC alliance and the IFP should make representatives available for duty.

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Armed men hold three hostage in Wits drama

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 Ndlovu 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.

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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 R80-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.
KwaMadala refugees must go

By STAN MHLONGA

IllegaIl 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 erected 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 Slowo Camp residents in Boipatong on June 17, 1993.

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.
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Workplace. Cape Town: The Graduate
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. (2-18)

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.

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

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.
When death leads to joy

By BRIAN SOKUTU

ONLY a pair of yellow socks, blue underwear and a wristwatch remained intact on the partially burnt corpse that lay on the ground, face-up.

No one from the rejoicing group of youths standing next to the body could identify the victim, except to say he was "an Inkatha sellout", killed "because he was attacking us with an AK-47 assault rifle."

We were at Khathatisf Section, one of Katlehong's most volatile areas.

From where we stood, we could smell the unpleasant odour of burnt human flesh.

But for the chanting youths, there was nothing sinister — it was time to celebrate the death of the "enemy."

Life went on as usual, with some youngsters in the dusty playground across the road, near a primary school, playing soccer.

We later saw youths picking up half a loaf of brown bread under the dead man's arm and a cigarette into his mouth. They placed his body on some old barbed wire before carrying it to the middle of the road, where it was to be doused with petrol and burnt to ashes.

This was averted when policemen in an armoured vehicle arrived at the scene to remove the body, minutes after SAP members in vans had driven past apparently unconcerned about what was happening.

I have seen bodies of dead people in the townships before — but nothing resembled what I saw in Khathatisf Section.

The scene summed up the rage in Katlehong and Thokoza. Youths, some as young as 15, have been seen beating, stoning, friends and relatives, being brutally killed in the fighting.

Hardened by the situation, they now see themselves as cadres fighting in defence of their communities.

And it takes being addressed by a firebrand leader for them to listen.

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 Setiologelo, 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 bloodstream 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.
Six bodies found

SIX people were found dead in Katlehong and Tokozan 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 407 in the two townships. Three more people were reportedly killed in nearby Voskoppies on Saturday night [2.1993].
Eikenhof Killings: Car 'Hijacked'
JOHANNESBURG: Mrs Winnie Mandela and the PAC yesterday called on people in Soweto to arm themselves against "faceless" attackers responsible for mass killings in Vaal Triangle townships.

Mrs Mandela, an executive member of the SA National Civic Organisation in the PWV region, was speaking at the funeral of 11 people shot dead by unidentified attackers in Soweto'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.

PAC secretary-general Mr Benny Alexander told the crowd liberation movements should make no further concessions at multi-party negotiations.
‘Arm yourselves,’ Winnie tells mourners

WINNIE Mandela and the PAC yesterday called on people in Sebokeng to arm themselves against “faceless” attackers responsible for mass slayings in Vaal Triangle townships.

Mandela, an executive member of the SA National Civic Organisation in the FWV region, was speaking at the funeral of 11 people shot dead by unidentified attackers in Sebokeng’s Zone B on June 28.

“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”.

PAC secretary-general Benny Alexander told the crowd liberation movements should make no further concessions at multiparty negotiations.

“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, 23, a KwaMadalage 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 Snelburg 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 Katlehong townships.
Toll rises after township killings

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 Piek 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 killings were calm yesterday. WO Piek 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 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. — Saps, Own Correspondent
Rocket grenade attack on police

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG A RPG-7 missile fired at a police patrol in Tokozzi early today missed their vehicle before smashing into a wall of a Tokozzi hostel.

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.

Six people were found stoned to death, stabbed or shot in Katlehong and Tokozzi yesterday, bringing the toll since Friday to 18.

Three people were killed in nearby Yeoville 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.
Rocket fire blasts violence into new era

Staff Reporter

A LIMPET mine exploded in Thokoza yesterday seconds after and three metres away from the impact of an RPG-7 missile which slammed into a hostel wall after narrowly missing a police patrol vehicle.

The MPM magnetic mine was detonated almost simultaneously as the lethal missile smashed harmlessly into the wall of No 2 Hostel, police spokeswoman Lieutenant Janine Smith said.

The appearance of heavy weaponry on the streets of East Rand townships has changed the dynamics of the violence usually limited to stones, pangas and bullets. Inkatha Freedom Party PWV organiser Mr Humphrey Nhloovu condemned the attack saying it violated the peace agreement between the IFP and the ANC.

No one has claimed responsibility for the attacks. Internal stability unit spokesman Major Andre Venter said police were “defenceless” against the shoulder-launched RPG-7 armour-piercing rocket.

An RPG-7 rocket would tear through any of their vehicles “like a hot knife through butter”.

The last time an RPG-7 was used in South Africa was “some years ago” in an attack on the Booyens police station, he said.

Police were investigating charges of terrorism.

Jane’s Defence correspondent Mr Helmoep-Romer Helman said the only vehicle “relatively immune” to an RPG-7 was a “full blown battle tank”.

The hollow cone projectile impacts on the target sending molten metal inside the vehicle and then relies on secondary explosions to destroy the vehicle.

The RPG-7 was easy to use and lethal, but big, he said.

The ANC’s MK, the PAC’s Apia cadres and SADF personnel were all trained in its use, he said, and it was used extensively in the Angolan and Mozambican wars.

Mercer tried bribe — claim

NEW YORK — Heavyweight boxer Ray Mercer appeared in court here yesterday in connection with accusations he offered and accepted $100,000 (about £250,000) 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

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First against Western Australia in Perth tomorrow.

Kick-off is at noon, with bilingual commentary on Radio 2 000. Meanwhile, Ian Gaunt 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, handed off potential hostile questions about drugs, soul 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 23. It will be a composite team of Springboks and All Blacks and will play an Australian Barbarians XV.

Stals sees 1 percent growth rise in SA

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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Nine die in
gunmen’s
death spree

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.

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 resi-
dents the SAP would do
everything in its power to
find and charge the culprits.

According to Van De-
venter, 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 — ap-
parently by the occupants of
a white Cressida — during
the killing spree. The vehicle
was later found abandoned
in neighbouring Sharpeville.

Van Deventer said prelimi-
inary investigations indicat-
ed 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.
Demonstrators ransack shop

By Glen Klasa
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 R800,000, 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 Police 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.

West Rand police said permission to hold a march and a rally at Jan du Toit 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 Hermus Kriel, said yesterday there was no truth in the speculation that Van der Merwe was about to retire at his suggestion.

"I can state 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.

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

A LIMPET mine exploded almost at the same time and near the spot where an RPG-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.
Youths on rampage in Kagiso after march

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.

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 25 protesters to proceed to the Krugersdorp Town Council to present a memorandum.

Most protesters dispersed peacefully, but a group of youths went on the rampage in Kagiso, causing about R200 000 damage 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 Civic Organisation had planned a march through Krugersdorp yesterday to protest against the town council's failure to provide electricity, land and houses for all.

By 1pm more than 500 ANC and Sanco supporters started marching. They were then stopped by police.

West Rand peace committee member Dr B van Graan "brokered" an agreement that allowed only 36 protesters to proceed to the Krugersdorp Town Council. — Sapa
670 unrest deaths in 70 days

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.
Rocket fire blasts
violence into new era

Staff Reporter

A LMPET mine exploded in Thokoza yesterday seconds after and three metres away from the impact of an RPG-7 missile which slammed into a hostel wall after narrowly missing a police patrol vehicle.

The MPM magnetic mine was detonated almost simultaneously as the lethal missile smashed harmlessly into the wall of No 2 Hostel, police spokeswoman Lieutenamt Janine Smith said.

The appearance of heavy weaponry on the streets of East Rand townships has changed the dynamics of the violence 'usually' limited to stones, pangas and bullets.

Inkatha Freedom Party PWV organiser Mr Humphrey Ndhlovu condemned the attack saying it violated the peace agreement between the IFP and the ANC.

No one has claimed responsibility for the attacks.

Internal stability unit spokesman Major Andre Venter said police were 'defenceless' against the shoulder-launched RPG-7 armour-piercing rocket.

An RPG-7 rocket would tear through any of their vehicles "like a hot knife through butter."

The last time an RPG-7 was used in South Africa was 'some years ago' in an attack on the Booyens police station, he said.

Police were investigating charges of terrorism.

Jane's Defence correspondent Mr Helmoed-Romer Heitman said the only vehicle "relatively immune" to an RPG-7 was a "full blown battle tank."

The hollow cone projectile impacts on the target sending molten metal inside the vehicle and then relying on secondary explosions to destroy the vehicle.

The RPG-7 was easy to use and lethal, but big, he said.

The ANC's MK, the PAC's Apia cadres and SADF personnel were all trained in its use, he said, and it was used extensively in the Angolan and Mozambican wars.
Alleged killer linked to rightists

Massacres: Boycott call

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 the SAPD 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 Soweto to ensure that an autopeny 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 from 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.
40 arrested in pre-dawn raid

By Mzwandile Jacks

FORTY people were arrested during a pre-dawn raid in Tshiamelo, Soweto, yesterday morning.

Residents said police arrived at 2am 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 Ramasela and Mr George Mabungu, were arrested on April 26 and charged with murder. They have since been released on R800 bail. Residents who were picking up loot at the gate of the Moroka police station said yesterday that their homes 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.

The police station told Soweto yesterday that eight of the 40 people who were arrested had been released.
East Rand death toll up to 120

By Anna Low
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 Mokuleki 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.

The two parties recommitted themselves to their July 9 peace pact relating to the control of their 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.
ANC to protest killings

THE ANC alliance has called a consumer boycott in Vanderbijlpark, Meyerton and Vereeniging to protest against continued massacres in Vaal township.

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 Wilbank 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.
In Vaal to die

BY Bongani Mazeng and Sapa

Soweto 14/18

In Vaal to die
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 Ebotse 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.

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/SACTU/Cisata 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 Theokozzi 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'

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 18 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 the 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

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 Mpinge of Orange Farm, Vereeniging, told the Heldelberg 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. Mpinge alleged that Mr. Siphiwe 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. Mpinge.

The accused face three charges of murder, five counts of attempted murder and two of kidnapping among others.

Mr. Mpinge said the other two men in the car were wearing balaclavas 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. Mpinge 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.
Reef deaths
SHOCK SOUTH
African authorities have greeted the death of 14 people at the hands of unknown gunmen in the second Vaal Triangle massacre in two weeks.

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ANC hints at link between ‘Monster’ and massacre

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The ANC’s PWV region said it was concerned to note that the latest “barbaric” slayings followed so soon after the death in custody of “Vaal Monster” Victor “Khetisi” Kheswa.

The ANC said its organisation would investigate all possible links between the killings and those for which Kheswa was believed to have been responsible.

“Was his death part of a broader cover-up to prevent information on the source of violence in the Vaal becoming known?” the organisation’s head office asked.

The ANC yesterday called for a consumer boycott of white businesses in the Vaal Triangle in protest at the latest spate of township killings.

Three policemen were suspended after Kheswa’s death and murder charges against them are being investigated.

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.

Henk Ndlou, 30, 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 Ndlou 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 hostel-dwellers arrested with Mr Ndlou 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 SAPC 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, Apia, 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.

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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.
Copy-cat killing claims 2 more lives

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 "Khariit" Kheswa died in police custody.
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Rightwingers 'hire locals to wreak havoc in townships'

**Sowetan Correspondent**

THE spate of massacres in the Vaal Triangle township of Sehokeng appear to have been carried out by groups of local people allegedly hired by the rightwingers, an investigation by The Star, Sowetan's sister paper, has found.

Many residents say they are convinced that white rightwingers are behind the killings, either directly or by paying certain people to perform the deeds.

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Some of Monday's attacks took place at Sehokeng's Zone 14, an area which has not previously witnessed random shootings from moving vehicles, residents said yesterday.

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It was also learnt that police visited the scene where the white Toyota Corolla driven by the attackers was burnt out only on Tuesday morning, more than 36 hours after the crimes were committed.

**Hamper the Investigation**

Vaal Triangle police spokesman Major Piet van Devenster said the fact that police had gone to the scene after more than 36 hours would not hamper the investigation.

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Drive-by killers strike again

ANOTHER "drive-by" shooting on the East Rand has claimed the lives of two Thokoza women.

Police spokesman W/O Andy Pieke said a four-gunner 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 were hoping for more leads from the two survivors.

Meanwhile, the Law and Order Ministry demanded yesterday that the SAP had launched an urgent special investigation into the death of Victor Kheswa 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.

The Ministry said the investigation would probe Kheswa's reported membership of the ultra-right World Peace Movement (WPM) and claims that he had been murdered by policemen to prevent the disclosure of information about alleged "third force" activities.

The investigation will be headed by Maj-Gen Piet du Toit and Brig Floris Mostert. The ANC yesterday alleged that WPM leader Kees Vermeulen was a former commander of the WPM's police force and this latest attempt to associate the name of the party to such a regrettable organisation, which we have never heard of, is nothing more than a vicious anti-Inkatha propaganda.

Meanwhile Wits/Vaal peace secretariat director Peter Harris said yesterday security forces assistance would be enlisted when refugees from Thokoza and Katlehong were returned to their homes in terms of the 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.

Killers strike

commander of the Viaklase police base near Pretoria.

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 Apart ridad Movement with Viaklase, Askari 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's 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 regrettable organisation, which we have never heard of, is nothing more than a vicious anti-Inkatha propaganda."

Meanwhile Wits/Vaal peace secretariat director Peter Harris said yesterday security forces assistance would be enlisted when refugees from Thokoza and Katlehong were returned to their homes in terms of the 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.
Many questions, no answers in Dayton
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.
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

THE spate of massacres in the Vaal Triangle township of Sebokeng appear to have been carried out by groups of local people allegedly hired by the right-wing, an investigation by The Star has found.

Many residents say they are convinced that white right-wingers are behind the killings, either directly or by paying people to perform the deeds.

A survivor of the massacre on Monday night, in which 14 people were killed and 16 injured, said that one of the killers knew her.

Relatives of some of this week's victims also said they recognised at least one of the attackers, who spoke Sotho. They said the killers seemed to know the area well.

Two of the victims were still in a critical condition in Sebokeng Hospital while the other had been moved to the intensive care unit.

Some of Monday's attacks took place in Sebokeng's Zone 14, an area which had not previously seen random shootings from moving vehicles, residents said.

According to residents, indiscriminate shooting incidents similar to the one on Monday night were prevalent in the township's Zones 7 and 12 and in Evaton.

The Star also learnt the police visited the scene where the white Toyota Cressida driven by the attackers was burnt out only on Tuesday morning, more than 26 hours after the crimes were committed. But Vaal Triangle police spokesman Major Piet van Deventer said this would not hamper the investigation.

"The only thing that hampers our investigations is people making allegations but not coming to us to report what they saw," he said.

Residents also claimed the attackers had pistols and one was carrying "a long gun, probably an AK-47."

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, in the aftermath of the latest killings, a man was shot dead and two buses and a house were set alight and gutted.

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A group of unidentified men stoned and petrol bombed a house in Sebokeng's Zone 14 on Tuesday. The house was also gutted. Two buses were set alight in Evaton on Tuesday night.
Hani 'call to kill' claim 'outright lie' — SACP

JOHANNESBURG. — The SA Communist Party has refuted a police informer's evidence to the Goldestone Commission that murdered communist leader Mr Chris Hani had called for the killing of policemen.

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
Monster Probe deigns.
confirmed he was a member of our organisation," Vermeulen said although he distanced himself and the WPM from township violence, the allegations that Kheswa had been involved in murders would not have prevented him becoming a member of the WPM.

He said The Star's revelation that Kheswa had been a WPM member had severely damaged his organisation. "Some white members have said they are leaving because we had not told all of them we had decided to go multi-racial and they had to read about it in the newspaper," he said.

The IFP, of which both Kheswa and Ndlovu were members, yesterday distanced itself from the WPM, describing the organisation as "obscene" and denying it and the WPM had links.

The WPM was a "front organisation with close links to the SA intelligence community" and was involved in a smear campaign against the IFP, said IFP spokesman Ed Tillet last night.

Mrs Vermeulen last night denied the WPM had links with SA's intelligence community.
Residents blame 15/11/93 killings on Right

By Justice Malaia

Many residents of Sebokeng are convinced that massacres in the Vaal Triangle township have been carried out by groups of local people hired by the right wing, an investigation by The Star has found.

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Black Nat with a chequered past

A<br>lleged 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.<br><br>Patrick Hlongwane is now the information officer of the NP's Soweto branch and member of its ANC detachment, claims to have been involved in the murder and abduction of ANC activists in the 1960s.<br><br>FAKROY CHOTHA reports within its ranks because "it's an open party" and the NP "thought we could salvage someone like him".<br><br>Chunyaane says he had warned Hlongwane not to make controversial statements and the NP would consider "disciplinary action" against him for his comments to The Weekly Mail.<br><br>According to The Star newspaper, Hlongwane was present at the commission hearing where the video was shown. When Morumanyane asked him whether he had anything to say, he replied that the killings were carried out by "professionals".<br><br>Hlongwane later complained to The Star about the report, saying "he was forced to go to court in Johannesburg, far enough from the truth".<br><br>The writing on the wall ... Political graffiti is ubiquitous in the townships.<br><br>BY DESMOND PITTOY

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.<br><br>Some of the messages are crude and fiery: "If you throw a rock, catch it"; "One bullet, one gun". Others reject violence, such as: "Forward to peace". Yet others spread awareness about AIDS: "Don't womanise, condom and one man, one condom". Supporters of political organisations use spray cans to spread their messages, but the Pan Africanist Congress seems to be winning the war of the walls, with "One bullet, one bullet" mushrooming everywhere. The African National Congress slogans are more sedate: "Viva MK" and "Long live the spirit of Chris Hani".<br><br>Some of the calls on walls and street corners that read: "Paint your walls with bright murals. It's a therapeutic as well."<br><br>Mabasa firmly believes that graffiti is an art form. "It's always attuned to the pulse of time; it's part of culture."
The mothers and warriors

If ‘war is only for men,’
why are women fighting?

MARK GEVISSE
spoke to mothers and Amazons of the
townships

FAITH MASIBLANO’s grandmother,
most of her daughters and she,
in the slightest bit interested in girls’
games any more. “Dolls are dull,”
they tell her gone, an African National
Congress activist from Kalkotsh, when
she tries to dissuade them from shooting
either with pointed fingers and playing
dart. Gaining a point, she is playing an
endgame between the remnants of barricades in
the streets across the road from Thokozas’s hotels.
With other kids from the neighbourhood, they
can make card castles of men with shields and
policecom, and spend much of their leisure-time
imitating their elders.

Making South Africa Freedom Party organis-
er the township, isn’t particularly worried by this:
“Tell me, I’d rather have them playing these games
and coming in terms with the violence than shield-
cling from it and traumatised. It’s a relief to see them
getting used to it. This is the life here now, so it’s a
lot better than violence.”

What role do women really play in war sit-
uations? According to the classic model, men pro-
tect their own women and violate the enemy’s
women, as some historians accentuate the mass rapes
of Bosnia. This presupposes, however, that all
women are passive and peace-loving. In the town-
ships of Thokozas and Kalkotsh, many women are
certainly victims, juggling the traumas of vio-
ence and displacement with the obligations of housekeeping. But there are also women who
play also more active roles, both as peace-makers
and peace-breakers.

Cutting short this notion that women are bet-
ter at peace-making than men, David Storey of
the Wits/Vaal peace secretariat notes, for example,
that they are more likely to control the calm near
pairs of peace monitors, because we find that this
cuts down on the John Wayne action.

Moreover, the gender co-ordinates the
East Rand local dispute resolution committee,
supports this view: “As a woman, you’re a moth-
er; you’re in the spotlight, so you’re more likely
to be the mother of the situation. What do I do as a peace-keeper in an exten-
sion of my mothering? There’s something inside
me that wants to protect, to step two men from
fighting and lead them back to calm.”

In Aristophanes’ Lysistrata, women forced the
warring cities of Sparta and Athens to make peace by
taking their husbands away from the battlefield.
In traditional Zulu culture, women would stop wars
by simply placing themselves in the middle of a
battle. This is what Thokozas resident Ntshungu,
an IVP refugee from Thokozas now living inside the
Mkhanyakulu hotel (which means “beat him till he
dies”), was “because you could never kill a woman,
That would be the greatest crime of all.”

Shitting on a stool inside the squatter’s yard
of the hostel’s Nkanyana Wing, the woman is
beating of a rural market holding outside her
husband. Her bare feet seem comfortably in a bur-
ing stream of sewage, her simple becom
plumed with badges adorning Inkatha and Chief
Malangana Buthelezi. She conceals that there are
ways Zulu carry off the heads of their men in battle.
They turn their clothes inside-out, for example, and
knit their scarves in the front rather than the back, as a way of signifying natalility, and thus contempt for the enemy.

And in Thokozas, as in rural areas, they also par-
ticipate in the main ceremonies that precede war.
In the battles that raged in the township last week,
observers noted within the hostel a variation of a ritual
death song, an older woman dips her broum in lard—“a mourning ceremony
is meant to ward off bullets—and warriers jump over
the broom before going into battle.

In South Africa, not only men but women also play a
cheerleading role once the battle begins, standing
on the sidelines, whipping warriors into a frenzy
with ululation and chanting the military de
chants: “Wherever there’s fighting at the
hostel,” says Mzazi, “you always hear the women
gong ‘Lile’—it’s a way of calling up the power
of the men.”

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AGREEMENT has been reached between the ANC and the IPP 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.

The chairman of the Katlehong branch of the ANC, Mr. Johnson Monjoka, 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 Phokol, Section, Katlehong, tomorrow, at 10am.
Gertrude Mzizi
Thokoza’s living target
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

While Inkatha warriors wait... Gertrude Mzizi clears the barricades

PHOTO: KEVIN CARTER

Gertrude Mzizi’s home is easy to find, on the main road into Thokoza township. The front gate is grated and twisted and the yellow brick, front wall is peck-marked, all by the impact of AK47 bullets.

The house itself is riddled with bullet holes, including one that has split the mock-leather cover of her sofa. The lamp above the side door is missing—it was stliced off by another bullet and lauded 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 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-tanned 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 an 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 charts the stories of how she built an underground cell 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 Masstone High School in Lenasia.

How she avoid getting expelled is difficult to fathom although, no doubt, it had something to do with the fact that she is a cousin of King Moshoeshoe II.

Not that she looks much like royalty, stumping around her three-bedroom house in red and white stripey, a blue towel wrapped around her head, shooting 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, however far 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 you is to call the largest-ever seen police contingent with helicopters to go into the hotels. 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 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 rampages after someone fired an RPG 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 she says, “There’s not a count of the number of times that they have tried to kill me, 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 rope around my neck.”

The only thing I remember is then shouting at one another for matches: “Go to that house and get matches, we want to burn this dog.” And I heard the Cuspir approaching the corner. That is all I remember, because I woke up in hospital the following morning.”

The Cuspir had beaten the matches to the draw, she was unharmed, was shocked. 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 hostel,” she adds as an after-thought, getting 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.”

It is an ignorance she does not share as she delivers inclusive, if extreme, judgments on the major political players and the situation in South Africa.

Her own leader, Mangosuthu Buthelezi, “grew up as a man’s baby. He is good, but he is not tough. He cannot resist pressure. Has never been exposed to criticism. The head is the piece 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典型典型的typical典型的typical典型典型典型典型典型典型典型典型典型典型典型典型典型典型典型典型典型典型典型典型典型典型典型典型典型典型典型典型典型典型典型典型典型典型典型典型典型典型典型典型典型典型典型典型典型典型典型典型典型典型典型典型典型典型 typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical typical 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2 die in violence

Two more people have died in violent attacks in Katlehong and Tokozan. Police said the charred body of an unidentified man was found at Kwe- sini hostel in Katlehong on Wednesday. The vic- tim was set on fire. In Tokozan, gunmen killed an unknown man on Tuesday. — Staff Report
JOHANNESBURG.—A police captain was shot in the face and Beeld crime reporter Johannes Waal in both legs when a gunman opened fire on a patroling Katlehong last night. Police believe one of the attackers was.
Violence:
140 dead
unclaimed

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 Kathlehong.

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 Kathlehong just over two weeks ago.

A Soweto staff 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 Mocrani of the ERCC said a meeting had been called for Monday at the AME Church in Kathlehong 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 Silhuna View in Kathlehong 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 Kwetane Hostel in Kathlehong.
Policeman tells of Sebokeng attack

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 prison custody — was present when the gang "harassed residents" earlier that day.

Fire

Constable Chaka said he and the other policemen went to Zone 3 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" Ntlapa, a member of a "self defence unit" and the ANC's umkhonto we-siwe, 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 realized 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, couldn't say whether the 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 Tsakane Section.

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 9mm 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 officer’s 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 Berendsehout 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 department regional commissioner Maj-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 Col. 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.

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‘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
THE SMILING MONSTER

Township residents celebrate as the Khewra mystery grows...
A young boy who is old with hatred

Thabo Moepodi (pictured right) is only 17 years old. A Standard 9 pupil at Potegge 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 strife-torn Katlehong and Tokozan.

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.

"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 Tokozan 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 during birthday celebration.
ANC fury over

Sisulu incident

By Esther Waugh
Political Correspondent

Relations between the ANC and the SAP have been plunged into a fresh crisis after the shootout on the Soweto highway yesterday between police and bodyguards of ANC deputy president Walter Sisulu, which left one guard dead and three injured.

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AK-47 gunmen
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By Anna Louw
East Rand Bureau

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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 yesterday.

People died for cover out two men, Mr Mbabi Ngkazi, 20, and Mr Hudson Solani, 46, 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, Knife, 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 Knife at 251 6668.

Pears and running high in Roodepoort following an explosion at the GF 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.

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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 the back" and was waiting to be operated on, he said. The driver died in hospital.

Sisulu yesterday asked:

- Why were they the police travelling in an unmarked car?
- Why were they not wearing uniforms?
- Why were they forcing the convoy off the road?

The SAP says:

In a statement, SAP media relations officer Major Eugene Opfermann said: "Members of the Johannesburg Flying Squad saw three vehicles, a Mercedes, a BMW and a Toyota Corolla travelling at high speed near Booyens Reserve at approximately 9:30 am yesterday. Police gave chase, sometimes travelling at more than 100km/h.

"The occupants of the Corolla then fired shots at the police. Police returned fire and the Corolla overturned. The Mercedes and BMW sped off into the bush.

"Two of the occupants of the Corolla were arrested in the bush and the third was arrested after he walked to the police station and surrendered himself. The occupants of the Corolla were black males aged 21 and 23. The names of the occupants were not yet known."

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Six die on East Rand

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 Kriel 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

By Lulama Lutfi 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 Sisulu's 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 Jalueni Cebo Ntlh and Mr Ishmael Mologane.

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 Mamoepa 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.
Revulsion at execution of six on E Rand

IFP fears an ‘ethnic war’

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The “execution-style” slaying of six IFP supporters in Wadville 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 violent acts jeopardised the possibility of an election. It asked the Goldstone Commission to investigate the murders.

The Wit/Val 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.

Terrorists” 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 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 hand 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 Sporreet 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 Khosa 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.”

Khosa said the IFP had established that some victims were permanent residents of Vosloorus and Katlehong while others were immigrant workers originally from Mutare in Natal.

Killing field... the six men shot dead near Germiston yesterday.

Revulsion over slayings

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north coast, who lived in neighbouring hostels.

Khosa said yesterday that the IFP had received information on Friday that ANC members were seen offloading weapons at Mandalas squatter camp, allegedly for use in attacks on hostels and bases carrying IFP supporters. He informed the Wit/Val 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 yesterday also denied the claims.

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus yesterday condemned the killing of people on racial or ethnic grounds, saying it was wanton violence. He added that people should be free to support organisations of their choice.

Police have also offered a R20 000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrators in the spate of murders reported in Katlehong and Tokozo recently.

Investigating officers: Major Robbie Robbertse can be contacted at (011) 966-7060 during office hours or his pager at 804-3777 code 10133.
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 Umjini, 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.
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Man tells of horror ambush

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 Iam 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 SANDF 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.

IFP Transvaal regional organiser Mr Themba Khoza said some of the victims were residents of Vosloorus and Kriel, 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.
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.

**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 Wadewille, Germiston, yesterday morning, in which six men were shot dead.

Police are offering a reward of R50,000 for information leading to the arrest of the killers. They said the men were hauled from the taxi, returning from Natal and executed after being interrogated by 12 Xhosa-speaking men about their ethnicity and political affiliation.

The victims were all Zulus and Inkatha members.

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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**Ambush**

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Sapa
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 shootout with the police early on Sunday.

The shootout occurred on the Soweto Highway as the Sisulu convoy was returning from ANC president Mr. Nelson Mandela's birthday party. One guard died soon afterwards.

Last night, the ANC named the dead bodyguards as Messrs Moitsane Ntlh and Ishmael Moloane.

The discoveries were made in the presence of ANC NEC member Mr. Matthew Phosa and lawyer Mr. Fink Hayson.

The ANC expressed concern yesterday at a possible link between a previous incident of "police aggression" against Mr. Sisulu and Sunday's incident.

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Second bodyguard dies after highway shootout

A SECOND bodyguard of ANC deputy president Walter Sisulu died in hospital yesterday and the two surviving bodyguards will be charged in court today following their shootout with the police early on Sunday.

The shootout took place on the Soweto Highway as the Sisulu convoy was returning from ANC president Nelson Mandela's birthday party. One guard died soon after.

Last night the ANC named the dead bodyguards as Moloane Jabulane Cebekhati, 20, and Ismael Molotoane, 21.

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.

The discoveries were made in the presence of ANC NEC member Mathews Phosa and lawyer Fikile Haysom, who have been appointed by ANC president Nelson Mandela to monitor investigations.

The ANC was 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 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," it said.

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 Herman Kriel must take full responsibility for ensuring his police force ceases its acts of aggression against Sisulu and other ANC officials," it said.

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"These threats, following the attempt on the life of Sisulu, strengthen 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.

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.

In the past the fund had concentrated on fostering exchange programmes for postgraduate university students specialising in certain areas.

It recently completed a legal exchange programme.

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.
Massacre survivor tells of 30 terror-filled minutes

"We were told to stand," a survivor said. "They asked us for money. 'Don't let them beat you,' they shouted."
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Probe into ‘attempt to kill Sisulu’

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The ANC and police yesterday agreed to co-operate in the investigation of the incident, during which a bodyguard was killed and two were injured.

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 names of a forensic expert appointed by the ANC.

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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 Ismail Molowane, died when police and ANC bodyguards exchanged fire.

“Mr Jabulani Cebo Ntuli was shot, but is stable and recovering in hospital. Mr Thembu 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

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 Odlamin near Wartburg this week.

The dead have been identified as Mrs Rhendukhile 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, 800 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 Wembeni 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 Tanti Mhembu, 2, in the township on Monday. Mr Mhembu was allegedly shot while trying to escape from police custody.

Own Correspondent, Sapa
Attempted murder probe into shootout

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Referendum advised for SA

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 Runyanzov said yesterday.

Runyanzov is the president of the Russian Association 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.

Runyanzov warned SA negotiators not to rush the transition but rather to make sure all parties agreed on the principles of the transition.

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 that would lead to inter-ethnic clashes.

SA should have more than the proposed seven to nine states. More states would increase the power for the government and insure SA remained a single state, he said.

These states should have maximum self-determination, provided regional policies were subject to the constitutional principles and a Bill of Human Rights.

Runyanzov 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 said.

He was in favour of a mixed economy for Russia and advised the same for SA.

Runyanzov said he did not have a mandate to represent his government, but he hoped it would make a closer link.

Runyanzov also welcomed attempts to establish closer economic ties.
Police agree to Sisulu murder attempt probe

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 Lieutenan t-General Koos Calitz and ANC representatives Mathew Phosa and Billy Maschela.

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, Thembu Makhubo and Cebo Ntuli.

The hearing was postponed to August 10.

A statement last night by Witwatersrand public relations director Zirk Gosse 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 independent 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 Mo loane, 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 Thembu 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 his head.

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 was refused comment on the shootout, reflected 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

By Charmeela Bhagwot
Crime Reporter

Violence has flared on the East Rand again, with at least 17 people killed and two journalists robbed at gunpoint in the troubled Tokoza, Katlehong and Daveyton townships since Tuesday, police said last night.

According to police reports, at least 14 of those killed in the violence-torn region were slain yesterday.

The Benoni-Boksburg Peace Committee has convened an urgent meeting for today between all major organisations to address the incessant violence in Daveyton and try to find cumulative 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.

Police spokesman Major Eugene Opperman said the bodies of seven men over the age of 18 were discovered at the Zulu hostel in Tuld Street, Daveyton, at about 4 am yesterday.

At least 18 houses in Katlehong, Tokoza and Daveyton were burnt down becoming.

On alert - a squatter with an AK-47 stalks the Daveyton camp east of Johannesburg following clashes between residents and squatters. Picture: Len Kumalo

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Police yesterday arrested 18 men for looting in Daveyton. Sixty residential 1993/1994

In Daveyton yesterday, about 100 men attacked six residential dwellings adjacent to Daveyton's Zonzele squatter camp with petrol bombs and stones.

Also in the township youths threatened two Reuters Television journalists with guns and seized their bullet-proof jackets.

Police discovered several unidentified bodies in Tokoza, Katlehong and Daveyton and several spent 9 mm cartridges.

At least two people were killed and about 18 shack dwellers burnt to the ground in Daveyton when unknown attackers made the homes of Zulu-speaking residents their target, police said.

One man was burnt in his shack and his wife escaped with serious burns.

Police said five people had been arrested following the attacks which began in the late afternoon.

Police yesterday confiscated eight AK-47 rifles, 12 AK-47 magazines, 500 rounds of ammunition and a Makarov pistol from an arms cache at the Nyuni Hotel in Vosloorus.
'War' in Daveyton

By Bongani Mavuso and Sapa

Violence 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 the number of people killed in violence in the East Rand townships of Daveyton, Katlehong and Tsepoza since Tuesday (2-7-88) to 16.

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 Head Street, Daveyton.

About 100 men rampaged through the township yesterday, burning down a house and setting a vehicle ablaze. petrol bombs were also used.

At least 16 shacks were burnt down at the Mangothi 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 stopped 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 police in every township on the East Rand. The area is too big.

Residents are quick to blame the police. They cannot think of how to make 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, 80 rounds of AK-47 ammunition and a Glock pistol at a hostel in Vosloorus.

A police spokesmen 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 uniden-
tified groups of men went on the rampage in Katlehong and Daveyton.

In two days, about 45 shots 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.

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.

Seven bodies were discovered outside the Zulu hostel in Raad Street, Daveyton, early yesterday. Police said the men had been hacked, shot and stabbed to death.

Several people were injured in petrol bomb attacks.

SAF 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," he said.

Opperman said police acting on a tip-off confiscated eight AK-47 rifles, two Makarov pistols, 800 AK-47 rounds and 12 AK-47 magazines at the Nguni hostel in Volkorsus.

Sources said yesterday that the renewed violence might be linked to the assassinations of six Inkatha Freedom Party members in the district.

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East Rand 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 Zenezele settlement.

Roux said he feared retaliatory attacks for the latest killings.

Two Reuters Television journalists were threatened by youths who seized their bulletproof 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 vic-
tims, were being admitted to the hospital.

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Another 17 die in fresh violence on East Rand

Youths seize TV newsmen's bullet-proof jackets

The Argus Correspondent

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He called on all organisations to cooperate with the peace committee and urge their members to act with restraint and discipline.

Police spokesman Major Eugene Opperman said the bodies of seven men older than 18 were found at the Zulu hostel in Field Street, Daveyton, about 4am yesterday.

They had bullet, stab and hacked wounds but police found no cartridges at the scene.

At least 18 houses in Katlehong, Thokoza and Daveyton were burnt down between Tuesday and yesterday and an F1 hand-grenade was thrown at a house in Thokoza. It did not explode.

Several people, including two women, were seriously injured in the arson attacks.

In Daveyton yesterday about 100 men attacked six houses beside the Zemzile squatter camp with petrol bombs and stones.

East Rand police said the crowd set fire to one house but nobody was injured.

In another incident in the township, youths threatened two Reuters television journalists with guns and seized their bullet-proof jackets, police said.

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 Townsend residents sign, breakthrough peace agreement
The National Congress of Australia (ANC) is a political party in Australia, devoted to the cause of national liberation and the defense of the interests of workers, farmers, and all those who suffer under the capitalist system. The ANC is a member of the Workers' International, a world-wide federation of socialist and communist parties. The ANC is committed to the principles of internationalism, solidarity, and democracy. It is a party of the working class, fighting for a better world for all.
Peace hopes rise on East Rand

By Brendan Templeton
and Charmeeka Bhagowrat

Hopes for peace rose in Davetown 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 Thembu Khosa for peace in the tense Davetown squatter enclave of Mangosuthu Park.

Although the atmosphere was still tense, Benoni-Boksburg 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.

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 they went about it in a manner which gives me great respect.

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hope, he said, adding that the cooperation between the police and the community appeared to be "excellent".

Earlier, Khosa told residents that even though relations between the community and police were "terrific", IFP supporters should ensure their eyes were "open and their ears to the ground" and inform the police, peace structures and the IFP of activities which could create violence in the area.

Shortly after he spoke, lookouts 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.

Khosa said residents told him the violence had begun with attacks on Zulus and spread 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 Zenzile (Do it yourself) to Mangosuthu.

The ANC yesterday alleged that a "senior police officer" and "officials of a certain political organisation" had told hostel dwellers to attack Davetown residents.

Police headquarters spokesman Lieutenant Johan Leota said the ANC's allegations did not make sense, especially when the police have adopted community policing styles.

He said police would investigate if they received concrete evidence.
ANC, IFP leaders talk of the immense acrimony that leads to fighting on the East Rand

Pointing fingers at each other

Soweto, 23/11/93

The heartbeat that violence leaves behind.

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Elements of a Third Force

The ANC is concerned about the way elements of a Third Force are able to use the ANC-IFP conflict to start a general mini-war.

Attempts to resolve the conflict between the two organizations remain so far blocked because the IFP rejects the existence of a Third Force starting up trouble, saying instead that MK is the third force, he says.

The IFP has also refused to co-operate in ridding its ranks of so-called MK members. Mr Mzimela said: "I must refute the statements that the IFP is trying to disband MK members from its own ranks.

Asked about alleged attacks by "commanders" aligned to the ANC on "Zulus", Gungubele says the IFP is responsible for the perception that all Zulus are IFP.

"The IFP always explains every attack on itself by whoever as an attack on Zulus, thereby creating the impression that all Zulus are IFP members. But we have warned our members strongly about this, Gungubele said it is possible that people who have infiltrated MK and renegades are operating from within ANC structures, on orders of other forces, to create mayhem.

The ANC has struck an agreement with the IFP on the need for refugees to return to their homes in safety to create a climate in which elections could be held.

Also, there is a need for freedom of movement and the right to belong to any organization without regard to the section of township in which people resided.

Mandla Mzimela, an IFP official who serves on its peace desk for the Transvaal with special responsibility for the East Rand, said the declaration of areas within the townships as pro-ANC or pro-IFP had led to killings, with organizations claiming those killed as their members to create the impression that they were being attacked.

Dropped to civic meetings

She said residents were being dropped to civic meetings dominated by ANC people, who turn out en-masse to bask in the propaganda of the ANC.

"At these meetings, it is "Viva Mandela!" said "Viva ANC!" with flags. After that they pass resolutions against the IFP and hospitals. Pumulani call for the demolition of huts."

She said hostel residents had been attacked daily since the assassination of Chris Hani. Police carrying hostel residents were set aight. The media did not play these events up, she alleged.

"But when these people resorted to defending themselves, the media have come in and said hostel dwellers - that..."
NO GO ZONE ...
A police detective interviews Mr Romeo Khumalo, holding his grandson Jabe, 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 Khubanyane, who was allegedly gunned down by police while fleeing from them at Ramokonapal Section, Kutlehong, yesterday afternoon.

PIC: PAT SEBOKO

Name sparks off war

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 squatting camp in the area.

Sowetan in the area claimed yesterday that the renaming of Zoncle to Mangogatha squatting 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 Kathlehong 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 Wicus Weber said.

Boksburg peace committee chairman, Mr Con Roux, met police and other relevant parties in Daveyton yesterday morning. Another peace meeting is to try and defuse the volatile situation which was planned for later in the day.

A source in Daveyton said yesterday: “For years the area was called Zoncle, which means ‘do it for yourself’. We think the name Zoncle as opposed to Mangogatha, 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 Zoncle 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 cabin 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 Thabahata 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 wildly 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.

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 Kotte replied by saying "police-bashing" would not solve the problems of violence on the East Rand.
When friend turns against friend...

"We are being killed because we are Zulus. All along we lived well. There was nothing about being a Zula 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 Kwestini 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 Kwestini, 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 Dinweli 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 Zula and therefore a member of the Inkatha Freedom Party.

Mrs Jane NkosI

Investigations Editor Mathatha TseDu visited the East Rand following the recent widespread killings and discovered a community on the run from itself:

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"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.
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 burnt" was found in Krielbong 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 Zonkizwane 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 Sundumblil has reportedly claimed the lives of 18 people. — Saps
Plot to murder Sisulu?

By MOSÉS MAMAILA

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.”

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 insisted 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.

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.
HUNDREDS of strange hostel inmates — claimed by township organisations to be shock troops in an anti-government 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, was facing public outrage over mass killings in the townships. Iscor evicted the group, mostly men, 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 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 KwaMada people being allocated properties in Orange Farm.

However, TPA spokesman 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."

Isocr 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 had 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 Njombela's house being riddled with more than 100 sub-machine gun bullets on Thursday morning.

Njombela lives in the Inkatha-dominated Phenduka section of Thokoza that borders the violence-torn Nkia 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 Njombela home. The house was razed, but the occupants were not hurt.

Later in the night, while sitting up unable to sleep, Njombela 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.
Police Casspir burnt after peace meeting

POLICE ran into an ambush of AK-47 fire and homemade 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 Daceston on Friday night. (2-18)

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

APRIL 2: A barrage of words earlier this week, the SAP and the ANC have clamoured up over the shootout between police and members of deputy president Walter Sisulu’s convoy last Sunday.

But this 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.
Letsele march

SOME 200 ANC Youth League supporters from Mariveni village marched peacefully on the conservative town of Letsele, 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 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 Daventry 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 8.30 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.

Last night's attacks bring the death toll in East Rand townships to 92 at the week's end. Thirty-three people were killed in Katlehong and Tokozan in the three-week attack in Daventry 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 rescuers were operating around the clock from a South African Defence Force base in Alrod, Alberton.

Men used an armoured ambulance to protect them from automatic gunfire and petrol bomb attacks while they attended to the wounded in Katlehong and Tokozan.

Two of the victims burnt to death when their homes were petrol-bombed in Twala section in Katlehong.

A man burnt to death when his home was set alight in Tokozan.

Gunmen rampage in East Rand township

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A policeman and six people were killed in Daventry and two people burnt to death in the Chris Hani squatter camp. Police came under continuous fire in Daventry 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 Sekhukhun hostel.
Violence claims 38 on East Rand

By Abbey Makoe and Bongani Mavuso

VIOLENCE continued in the East Rand townships of Tokozan and Katlehong yesterday with the death toll rising to 38 between Sunday and early yesterday.

East Rand police spokesman Captain Wickus Wehber 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 Jolene Smith said police had come under constant attack 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".

Cospicuous were still patrolling the streets and some exit points that were last week labelled "no-go zones".

Scores of residents have suffered serious injuries and countless others have had their homes gutted, increasing the "victims population".

The casualty figures were by date 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

By Anna Louw
East Rand Bureau

Violence claimed at least 17 more lives in strife-torn Katlehong, Tokozza and Daveyton yesterday, bringing the death toll in East Rand townships to 57 since the weekend.

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.

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 Natahspruit 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.
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.
New turn in murder trial

THE Boipatong massacre trial, in which 32 KwaMashu 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 in Pretoria.

The accused are charged with murder, attempted murder, public violence and malicious damage to property arising from an attack on Boipatong residents on Diep (17 Oct).
7 die in Soweto attack

By Abbey Makoe

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 (27/17).

One of those who died was a Nancefield Hostel dweller. He was killed when residents retaliated during the lam attack.

Two other hostel dwellers were arrested and another was injured and admitted to Baragwanath Hospital.

Among those killed were three children - Cynthi, 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 Zovisile 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 Halgyn dismissed the allegations, 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.

Halgyn said the two men were arrested at about 5am 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 Mphubuone Mafa, whose attack was among those guilty, 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 Janice Smith said 22 homes were also razed in the violence, mostly in Tokoza's Ncaka 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 Buyafuli Hostel and Everest Section in Tokoza.

Among those killed was 54-year-old Mr Mukobeni Zulu, who was shot in the head. Janine said one of the bodies found in Malimbola 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 Association 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.

Bookkeeping will put cash in your pocket.
20 killed on Reef in two days

JOHANNESBURG. — Twenty-three people have been killed in countrywide unrest over the past two days — 20 of them on the Reef.

The magisterial district of Benoni — including Daveyton and Waterville — 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 Khumwano 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.
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
Shot Comrades, shot

By Gunay Mavuso and Sapa

Somehow 24hila"
Three bodies found, more attacks on police

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 Redman 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 Dr 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

PRETORIA—The Goldstone Commission has found that "Vaal Monster" Khetti Kheswa, who died in police custody several weeks ago, had not been a member of the ultra-right wing World Preservationist Movement (WPM).

Mr Kheswa was allegedly linked to massacres in the Vaal Triangle. WPM leader Koos Vermeulen said Kheswa 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.
House-to-house searches in Davyton after five days of carjage

Security swoop on East Rand

The Argus Correspondent

[Image]
Security clamp on riot-torn Daveyton

Staff Reporters

Security forces swarmed into riot-torn Daveyton on the East Rand today in a pre-dawn sweep described as a "stabilisation operation" after the carnage of the past five days.

Police supported by members of the SADF conducted house-to-house searches in a bid to flush out those responsible for the scores of deaths on the East Rand.

Supporting by helicopters, police sealed off the Curtis Hani squatter camp. The settlement is a flashpoint from where crimes and violence have been perpetrated, especially against the SAP, police said.

Attacks on police continued in Daveyton yesterday, and the bodies of three people were found in the East Rand.

A member of the Internal Stability Unit was shot and wounded in Daveyton's Khoza section last night.

Police said a Vosloorus woman was shot dead on Tuesday night when gunmen burst into her home. Another body was found in Twala Section in nearby Katlehong.

A body with stab wounds was found in Pollak Park, Springs, yesterday morning.

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.

And yesterday, the Human Rights Commission said more than 300 people had been killed in townships so far this month, the highest monthly toll in three years.

The HRC said most of the violence took place in townships east of Johannesburg, where at least 300 people have been killed since the July 2 announcement of an election date.

In Natal, initial reports showed at least 160 people had been killed since the beginning of the month.
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 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 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 gunfire 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 Budham.

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 Budham.

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," said Budham.

Budham said the names of those involved would not be released before a police investigation had been completed.
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
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
PHOTO: KEVIN CARTER

DUSK: It's counting down to the killing hour.

A week after returning to the ship in the very same spot that is support
'Outsiders' turn Daveyton into killing fields

By Mduduzi Harvey and Desmond Pitoiy

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 Wandle Makhubu, a principal at Daveyton Unity school and secretary of the Daveyton Education Coordination Committee.

In the past week, 21 people have died and many have been rendered homeless in a series of tit-for-tat attacks centreing on two of the township's squatter camps, Chris Hani and Zenzele.

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 inspector 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 nonexistent. "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.

Emarentia Mokocho, 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 Machet 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. Police 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 Mabelo.

-- 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
RIOTS & DISTURBANCES — T. V. L.
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.

Ndelo Sihlumiza (35) died instantly.

Bongani Dlamini (27), and a man known only as Boki 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 Stuff.
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 had been shot in the neck and was admitted to Natalpruit 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 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.

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He said residents sought temporary refuge at three Tokozola hostels.

SADF complicity in yesterday's attack was reported to a Captain Noda 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.

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An East Rand police spokesman confirmed five houses were burned down in an attack. — Sapa.
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Shootings on Soweto trains

Six people were killed in train shootings in Soweto this week. It appears to be a continuation of the recent violence. Some observers fear the renewed attacks by a group of the dreaded train massacres of last year.

Recently, a group of men attached at the Dube station were card-carrying members of the Black Consciousness Movement (BCM). They said the two men attached at Dube station were killed in another attack on commuters. Two men were killed in another attack on commuters, two people were wounded in the first attack, and two others were wounded in the second. The police spokesperson confirmed that both attacks were发生在 on the same day.

In the first attack, a well-dressed man was shot in the head. The man worked for the men who were killed. The police spokesperson confirmed that both attacks were connected.

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AK KILLERS' WIVES CATCH ME, I'M SICK, SICK...:

CANDID photos of AK killers' wives show clearly the grisly scene of murder. The wives were seen crying and smoking cigarettes while holding their blood-stained knives. One of the wives was seen sitting on the floor next to a bag of money, with a note saying, "Please take care of the children." The police have confirmed that the wives were involved in the killings and are currently being questioned by investigators. The AK killers were known for their brutality and were suspected of being involved in several high-profile gang killings in the city. The police are increasing their efforts to catch the killers and bring them to justice. #AKKILLERS #GANGCRIME #CRIMEFAMILY
By ELIAS MALULEKE

AN UNARMED bystander yesterday overpowered one of eight killers armed with AK-47s as they sprayed death on commuters at a busy taxi rank in Mamelodi killing three people and wounding at least a score more.

"I don't know what came over me," said middle-aged, mild-mannered ZCC member Solly Setlau, "but when I saw the unblinking cold eyes of the killer who was spewing death from an AK-47 I hurled myself at him.

"He had just cold-bloodedly shot a taxi driver to death at close range and as we struggled we fell across the dead man's body.

"He was strong and appeared to be fit but I was in such a frenzy that it gave me superhuman strength and I quickly disarmed him," said the stockily-built 45-year-old Setlau.

His face was red and his eyes did not blink as he shot his victims one by one.

"A second killer armed with a 9mm handgun rushed at me but fled when I pointed the AK-47 at him.

"He dropped his gun and members of the public pursued him and overpowered him," Setlau said.

The other six gunmen escaped in two cars, a white Cressida and a Honda Ballade.

Setlau and other witnesses claimed the white Cressida was driven by a woman.

Both captured men were turned over to the police.

The arrests 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 6km-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...
Gunmen wreak havoc at Mamelodi taxi rank

By Pat Seboko

Helter Skelter: Pandemonium ensues as commuters dash for cover.

A taxi rank shooting took place in Mamelodi township 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 in a taxi rank.

I grabbed my camera and went towards the station where I heard gunfire. People were running, shouting and screaming; "They are shooting there!"

I saw a man who was trying to drive away from the gunfire. 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. Juma Marivate of CS Mamelodi.

After running to the taxi rank, I saw scenes of bodies lying on the ground. The killers had left the scene.

A bystander told me that some of the killers drove away in a green taxi. Sergeant Sebora is in possession of the registration number.

An unnamed man is being credited with the capture of two of the gunmen. Sullivan Sethla (45) said he pointed at one of the fugitives and distracted him.

When he pointed the gun at another gunman, the suspect dropped his firearm.

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 gunman 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.

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.

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 Piek 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

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 Andile Fiebe 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 Pholsong 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 Zonkizizwe 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, Oct. 6, 1993.

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 burned 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

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 Tokora and a Duduzza constable, P A Kgoma, 26, died in the Pholosong Hospital in Brakpan of multiple stab wounds after he was attacked in Tshakane.

Police arrested a suspect in the Tshakane 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 BM Goli 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 Mamoja said yesterday.

The ANC hailed the decision as a "major breakthrough towards exposing the real perpetrators of violence." -- Sapa
7 more killed in E Rand townships

JOHANNESBURG — Seven people have been killed in Thokoza and Kwa Thema 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 Kwa Thema, 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 Kwa Thema, 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 KwaNdengeni 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 hand grenade on Monday.

A statement from the ANC said Mr Wellington Mhili, 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 Mhili's body was later found "in pieces".

In its statement, the SAP said the suspect had produced a hand grenade and pulled the pin, and that one policeman had fired a shot. An investigation was underway, the statement said. — Sapa report.

Three men were shot and killed in separate incidents in Stanger's Nshaweni 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 residents after it had become clear that taxi operators living in hostels were colluding with “warlords”.

He claimed these taxi drivers had driven scores of township residents into the hostels where they were either harassed or killed.

“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.

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 pedestrians 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 it was 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. F.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 35.

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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 office.

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.
Reef clashes claim 5 lives

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 Makgalewe 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 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

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 Kaledon.

Another man had been shot dead in Tokoza.

Police also found the bullet-riddled body of another man at Hostel 2 in Tokoza.

A teenage girl was stabbed to death in Moleleke section in Kaledon and a woman was beaten to death in Ngatla section in the township.

In Daveyton, two men pulled the driver of a furniture delivery van out of his vehicle and set it alight yesterday.

Police followed up information and arrested a man hiding under a bed in a room at Hostel 1 in Tokoza after they found a 9mm pistol and a Tokarev pistol with 16 rounds of ammunition hidden in the room.

Another man was arrested in Tokoza for unlawful possession of a CZ pistol.

Shots were fired at the police in Ngadi section in Kaledon. Police returned the fire but nobody was hit. — East Rand Bureau.
A weekend of violence on the East Rand

Soweto 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 Molekane Street and a man and a woman were shot dead at Hostel 2.

At Zonekezwe squatter settlement a man was shot and burnt to death. Police reported a further 11 deaths.

Sowetan Correspondent.
Five deaths overnight bring E Rand toll to 34

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Police followed up information and arrested a man hiding under a bed in a room at Hostel 1 in Tokozal after they found a 9mm pistol and a Tokarev pistol with 16 rounds of ammunition, hidden in the room.
Bloody weekend for East Rand

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 Krielhong.

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 Krielhong and an eight 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.
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Three held after four train commuters shot dead

BY LEE-ANN ALFRED

Four people were killed and three injured when gunmen opened fire on commuters on a Soweto-bound train at Grose-venor 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 "Xhosas" 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

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.

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 spokesman said the bodies of two men were found in Katlehong on Wednesday. One was killed to death in Ramakonopi West and the other shot dead with an AK-47 in Mannaheng Section.

Also on Wednesday, the body of a woman with bullet wounds was found at Ababostel in Thokoza and that of a man with multiple injuries was found at Boksburg station. — Sapa.
Township violence claims 16

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 Tembisa on Saturday night 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 was shot dead behind a hostel in Tokoza last night.

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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 Thembisa 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 performance 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.
Killings ‘without motive’, claim 31

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 Diamond Nqobane. 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 AK-47s.

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 a 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.
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 organiser 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 LifeSavers 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 yesterday: "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 on."

The Human Rights Commission said more than 3,000 people died and 3,000 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 58. 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 at 16 times.

The British Information Service 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

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, 250 municipal policemen and 25 permanent members—a total of 346 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 (Popcru) 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 KwaMnakati yesterday, Popcru members decided that striking members would march from KwaMnakati to the Kwanakhele 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. Louise Vrieseman said yesterday 65 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 Popcru members at five township police stations.

Slight damage was caused when a police constable's home in Swartkopps Valley was petrol-bombed about 1am yesterday. Although Constable Phakalimile 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.
Taxi disputes blamed for violence

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 police officials 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 IFP members, 24 IFP members, four from the PAC, four illegal immigrants, seven special constables, one policeman, and 24 other people with known political affiliations.

Of these, 51 ANC/SDU members and a special constable had been charged with criminal charges ranging from murder to the illegal possession of firearms.

The briefing heard that so-called no-go areas had been established, which 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 16. Since September 1, 97 people had been arrested in connection with train violence.
Another 12 killed on East Rand

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 Naledi 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 Lindestad Station.

Two men were set alight and burnt to death in the township's Tshwane and Mnsi sections.

A man was shot dead in Letshogo Street in Tokoza and the body of a woman who had been shot dead was found in Nhlabatsi Street.

A man burnt to death in Katlehong's Mnsi 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.

Natal police said 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.
Taxi massacre: Two in court

PRETORIA

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 18 were injured.

Mr. Sela Hlela and Mr. Peter Nkomo 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 AR-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. (278) CT 20/10/93

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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 Tokozoa yesterday.

The bodies of four men were found on Wednesday. Two were found in Tokozoa, 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 Bayafuti Hostel in Katlehong on Wednesday night. A Defence Force spokesman said Z Nel of 1 Parachute Battalion, was hit by the side.

Men with hand-made guns started shooting at the patrol, who returned the fire. A shoot-out followed during which Ri

fieman 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.

East Rand violence has been putting a strain on the resources of the Natalepruit 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.
11 killed in 1973
Reef violence

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Two
people were shot dead at a taxi
rank bordering Vosloorus and
Kathlehe, 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 con-
trolled 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 wom-
en killed in Kathlehong.

Police shot a man dead in
Kathlehong yesterday after he
fiired at a patrol with an AK-47.
A community living in fear of life itself

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Life, or an altered version of it, continues in the war-ravaged townships of the East Rand. CHARMAIN NAIDOO reports

EVERY morning Bongani Ramokgopa rises triumphantly: 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 a new能让 salva inside 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 been death-obsessed for so long, his own life 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 Natalaspruit hospital: “Welcome to the war zones”.

Most of us are immune to headlines that announce "Three killed in Sebokeng" and "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 Witvaal 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 shooting incident was reported in Ramokgopi.

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 bazaar lights as we wove through the boulder barries. It 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, Kwestine, and blames the “amazambani” (a township word for shooting, meaning “pain, p****es”) for bringing in arms. But he has no proof.

There is a barren piece of earth on the corner of Petersen and R 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 placed slow-pump-action shotguns nervously keep watch.

For the past few months, since the trouble on the East Rand has peaked, these delivery trucks have not dared to enter the townships.

So shopkeepers and residents have to go 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 bakkies and cars dwindles as plastic crates of fresh bread, cartons of cigarettes and boxes of fresh produce from truck to boot, and money exchanges hands.

On Thursday, a bread delivery truck driver and his crew of four were attacked, their vehicle with its freshly baked consignment taken.

About 20 minutes after his ordeal, his eyes glazed, he was 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. They said I only sale two customers,” he said.

His friends chuckled sympathetically. Tomorrow could be their turn.

At Kwestine hostel, two women weighed down with market produce on their heads walked across a piece of veld, talking and laughing loudly. Some 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 the backs and tilt their heads.

Life goes on. Teenage boys plant flowers and mow lawns with electric mowers to脱贫 shacks to build fresh, 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.
Mob necklaces 6 at camp

IYI. MEN AND A WOMAN were 'necklaced' by a mob at Ivory Park squatter camp near Tembisa at the weekend.

The couple, with three colleagues, were investigating 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 Pettee 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 Lemno, and two security guards employed by DSI Security, Mr Sello Mashishi and Mr Jim Thame, went to Tembisa police station to report the robbery.

Two more security guards, Mr Peter Ludada (38) and Mr Lasie Khoza (30), and a Bokomo manager, Mr Rufil Mogetu (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. Pettee said the six men were still in the car when a man 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.

Thame escaped after he had fired at his attackers.

Mashishi and Lemno also escaped unhurt.

On Saturday afternoon, Bokomo hired a helicopter to search for the missing men, the truck and the missing car. Only the truck and the three unhurt employees were found.

Meanwhile, 22 people, including two men who attacked police with AK-47 rifles, were killed in Katlehong and Tokozzla at the weekend.

Police said 16 other people were killed in Tokozzla and neighbouring Katlehong on Saturday.

On Sunday, the bodies of two men were found in the area. 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.
SADF urges SAP unit to leave

Chaos in Tokoza during police raid

**BY HAPPY NKHOMA**

Chaos broke out in Tokoza on the East Rand at about midday yesterday when an Internal Stability Unit members fired shots as youths tried to escape 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 Umlalazi 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 SAPD 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.

"Waf ste kaf? (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 Dorn 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 Kaledon and Tokoza last 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.

Police said 16 other people were killed in Tokoza and neigbouring Kaledon 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 a gunman fired on commuters at a taxi rank between Kaledon and Vosloorus. Two men were arrested.

Yesterday, police found an SPM time bomb which they detonated in Tokoza.
Violent weekend claims 34 lives

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 Voedsours 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 RichardsBay.

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 and burnt to death were found in the East Rand, south of Durban, at the weekend. Thokoza and Katlehong, two suspects were arrested in connection with the death and an afterday, police reported. Janda, a man who had been stab in Umtata, has died from stab wounds suffered in the attack on a hostel, police said. The Association yesterday threatened to take action. The ZSP said a 17-year-old youth was arrested for the fatal stabbing of a man in a hostel. Spoornet property for Mr Mlongo, 45, at his home in Umtata. Security guards not deployed at all stations of the township on Saturday. It was strongly opposed to Spoornet. Mboro, a man, 53, were injured when they were shot near a bus stop. A body close to the hostel, leaving others injured. A suspect was arrested. — Sapa.
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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 her home. She was one of five children in the family. They died in the fire at the Power Park squatter camp in Soweto this week.

Siyabulela said goodbye to her three friends on Monday evening. On Tuesday morning she went looking for them as usual.

But there was no sign of Cynthia, Loyiso and Luthando. The children, together with their father, Zonilele Mningoza, were among seven people burnt to death after being attacked by armed men.

The children's mother, Nokwanele, 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. Nokwanele, her son always played with the Mningoza 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."
Ten die in chaos
Thembisa
18/09

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.

"We are busy sending in reinforcements," Weber said.

— Elias Maluleke

(Reprinted)
Gunmen grab IFP man’s corpse

By Ludama 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 Shozi and took it away in a kombi.

The incident took place at Soweto Funeral Undertakers in Katlehong around 9am, a few minutes before Shozi’s coffin was to be taken to a funeral service in its township.

East Rand police spokesman Captain Wikus Weber confirmed the incident, and said the gunmen drove to the Zonk’izwwe 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, Shozi was shot, stabbed and burnt to death in the township on July 25.

His body was picked up in the street in Katlehong and identified through pieces of paper that survived the fire that torched his lifeless body.

Shozi was a regular contact for reporters who went into the area. He always went out of his way to help them.

His distraught daughter Nomusa 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 men threatened to kill them and the workers handed the coffin to them.”

Nomusa 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.

Nomusa 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.”

Shozi is survived by his wife Phyllis (60), nine children and 12 grandchildren.
Leaders call for action to stem violence

By Kaizer Nyatumba
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Like De Klerk, the ANC yesterday extended its sympathies to all the residents of Tembisa and those families who had lost loved ones in the violence.
44 slain in Reef carnage

By Mzimasi Ngudle and Sapa

At least 44 people were killed yesterday in one of the worst outbreaks of violence in Johannesburg's townships on the East Rand.

In Tembisa, at least 30 people were killed - 11 of them burnt to death - when a group of hostel residents allegedly attacked minibus taxis and private cars on the main road from Kempton Park.

And at troubled Tokozan and adjacent Phola Park squatter camp, a further 14 people were killed.

Police spokesman Major Eugene Opperman said last night it was known how many people were injured.

He said police had established that there was an attack on a "Zulu host" in Tokozan earlier in the day. "The Zulus retaliated by carrying out attacks on minibus taxis and private cars. 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 18-month-old survivor of a minibus attack stood beside the charred remains of his parents.

Mandla Makwero was in the vehicle coming from the Transkei to the township when a group of men attacked it near the BP garage. Constable Joseph Makwelo 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 tossing the kombi aside.

An alleged eyewitness to the attack, who said he hid in a house where the shooting began, claimed he saw eight policeConstanays forcing the attackers into the township. They were later fetched by Patco buses which drove in the direction of a nearby hostel.

Police spokesman Captain Wilkes Weber denied allegations that police assisted or feared the attackers.

Around midnight yesterday shards of glass, congealed blood, broken bottles and bullet-riddled vehicles, damaged houses in Mthembu section were testimony to the gruesome attack.

Survivors at Tembisa Hospital recalled the attack by the marauders saying they remained riotous throughout the attack.

The Tembisa tragedy hit the Ngubanya family hard - father, mother and their five-month-old baby were butchered. Mr Mzolisi Ngubanya was dragged outside and shot dead in the street while his wife, Nokwamile, and baby Bathandwa were shot dead in the house.

ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela, speaking from Pretoria, 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 condemnations 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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The South African Footplate Staff Association, which represents drivers countrywide, said in a statement yesterday that one of its members had been relieved of his usual duties at the weekend because he refused to drive to Kwesi, on the violence-troubled East Rand.

Association general-secretary Chris de Vos said the call for stepped-up security was even more urgent after violence on the East Rand claimed more lives on Saturday night.

De Vos said the position had become untenable and crews were under increased stress.

Metro manager Andre Fryer denied that a driver had been relieved of his normal duties for refusing to drive to Kwezi on Friday night.

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E Rand toll still rising

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 Tijuma, Katlehong and Pionita 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 N3 instead.

Horror

News of yesterday's Tokoza killings filtered through last night 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 Stadium Section, gunfire continued through the night and many residents in the area were unable to get to work today.

Police have offered a R25,000 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 members of the "Toaster Gang" who live in 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 democratic and nonracial society.

The organisation demanded that the Government investigate claims that the attackers travelled from the scene in police cars, an allegation which has been strongly denied by the police.

A survivor of a chilling incident, five-year-old Mzolisi Mashobane from Tembisa, told the press how he watched his parents die from a distance.

Mashobane and the driver were the only survivors. All 12 passengers in the minibus are half-killed or dead. The driver escaped when his mother threw him out of the window.
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 67 people killed in the area since Saturday night.

According to police statistics 668 people have been killed in East Rand townships since July 3.

Katlehong and Tokoza were undeclared war zones yesterday afternoon, with police monitors and police patrolling the two adjoining towns, no-go areas.

Women and children picked their way through barricaded streets to head for refuge centres.

Snipers took to rooftops, youths took to the streets and an army helicopter circled above.

Weary volunteers manning the joint communications centre at Natalzenith 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 stabbed, 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 helping the attackers into their areas.

Other residents told The Star that city workers had gathered with guns.

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Katlehong and Tokoza undeclared war zones

"When we come out to defend ourselves, the police arrive pretending to defuse the conflict, and shoot us with teargas and R-5 rifles," one resident said.

The SAP denied the allegations.

Gunsfire 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 thrown by 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 the 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 spraying 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.

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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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US deplores Reef violence

WASHINGTON. — The United States has deplored the latest violence in South Africa and said all sides must work urgently to secure a peace agreement.

"We deplore in the strongest possible terms this latest in a series of horrible crimes and acts of violence in South Africa," State Department spokeswoman Sondra McCarty told reporters.

"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-Reuters.
Four attacked on trains

TWO people were killed and another two — including a policemen — were injured when a group of men attacked them on a train travelling between Soweto and Johannesburg early yesterday. 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 Croyden Station. He was seriously injured.
Battle for control of townships

By Mzimasi Ngudle

Fierce gunfights erupted yesterday in the embattled townships of Tokoza and Katlehong as bands of armed youths and local hostelmates 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 gunfire 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 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.

Residents were armed to the teeth, saying police had virtually failed to protect them. They claimed police shielded IFP supporters whenever residents defended themselves instead.

Residents claimed they were always attacked by mystery gunmen soon after police ordered them to stay indoors.

"When we came out to defend ourselves, the police arrived,bwelsheto, define the conflict and shoot us with teargas and R4 rifles," one resident said.

Both townships were under siege and virtually under the rule of gun-toting local resident and angry youths.

We fled for our lives when once youth ran in our direction as gunshots rang out loudly in his wake, from what residents said was an IFP stronghold.

Self-defence units manned heavily barricaded streets and searched all vehicles driving into the townships.

We came across residents who chased a vehicle which took a U-turn and sped off—a few metres away from the search point manned by defence units.

Spreading vehicle

Many patrolled the speeding vehicle with stones which they allegedly threw at it with shotguns and AK-47 rifles.

The body of a victim lay next to a Katlehong church which had allegedly become a base of IFP supporters.

Three bodies—one charred and one riddled with bullets—were taken away by police as we arrived in the township yesterday morning.

Homes in Kadibe section, Katlehong, were reportedly set as residents fled to seek refuge at the Natalspruit Hospital.

Twala and Nccla 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 follow," an ANC official Mr Oupa Molungela 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 PW 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 the 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 "appalling inactive". The ANC said in the first four hours of fighting in Tembisa on Saturday afternoon there was no "tangible police action".

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IFP appeal for return of body

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. Abassou Shozzi was shot, stabbed and burnt to death on July 25.

His body was removed from a Kholoeng 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 Shozzi's body.

East Rand IFP regional organiser Mr. Thembani Dlamini said yesterday: "The police, Department of Justice, Police 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 enraged IFP supporters and Dlamini expressed concern that this anger could spill over into yet more political violence. (27-8)

"We demand that Shozzi's body should be treated in this manner," said Dlamini.
Safety assurances sought by drivers

TRAIN drivers have warned they will refuse to drive in "no man's land" unless Spoonet takes drastic steps to ensure their safety.

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The association's general secretary, Mr. Christ de Vos, said the call for stepped-up security was even more urgent after violence in Treuburg, north of Johannesburg, claimed the lives of 30 people on Saturday night.

Spoonet's senior supervisor, Mr. Johan Harmse, would meet with members of the Footplate Staff Association today to discuss their concerns, he said. - Sapa
ANC, NP agree on peace force

JOHANNESBURG — ANC Secretary General Joe Wolwe and National Party leader NP agreed yesterday on a joint peace agreement. The agreement was brokered by a neutral third party. The peace agreement calls for a cease-fire in the region to allow for the establishment of a joint security force to help end the violence. The two parties also agreed to hold further discussions on matters of national importance.

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Boycott has
Springs 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 reinsta-
tlement of about 800 dismissed
municipal workers.

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 organi-
sers of the boycott said yester-
day that the action had been
98 percent effective.

A spokesman for a shopping
centre said at least 95 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.

All goods known to have been
bought in Springs are being con-
fiscated and destroyed.
Where are the cops?

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

Police 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 waiting that police arrived at the scene of the massacre only to collect bodies.

At least 15 people were killed at the weekend in violence which erupted after police arrived at the scene of the massacre only to collect bodies.

According to a Congolese spokesman in Tembisa Mr Isaac Mahlaula said he tried on several occasions to contact the local police station when chaos started.

Referring to the motorists attack in which 12 people were killed, Mahlaula said if police had arrived at the scene shortly after the attack, the "killers would have been "burnt to ashes."

"Police claim they arrived immediately but they made no attempt to arrest the attackers. They conducted a thorough search at the hostel and arrested the suspects immediately."

Police spokesman Lieutenant Janine Smith dismissed the allegations yesterday. She said the would consult the National 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 township.

The ANC also condemned what it said were "incendiary statements" by Law and Order Minister Mr Home 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 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 Mncwanga yesterday.

Meanwhile, the South African Rail Com- company 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 commuters to possible violence," he said.

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We will be moving to bigger and most modern premises.

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Watch the Sowetan for complete details on our move in the near future.
2 wounded in
Ivory Park
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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 2.45am 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 Mpelikweni Stations in Katerhong at the weekend.

Police said the victim had presumably been thrown off a train.

In another attack an unidentified man died of gunshot wounds in Tokozas 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 Ngadi Street in Tokozas early yesterday.

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train city’s hawkers

As in Eloff, Jeppe, Bree, Hoek, Dein, Klein and Wanderers streets. The city’s “hawker quad” will distribute brochures in English, Zulu and Sotho while aiming informal traders.

Trading will not be allowed in certain areas, such as pavements outside residential premises, 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.

picture: Peter Mogaki
ANC in call for joint force

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 PW 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 Mogale district’s secretary-general, Cyril Ramaphosa, in Johannesburg early today for a briefing.

The violence topped the agenda of 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 FWV chairperson Tobie Sexwale said last night such a "peace corps" would hopefully be trained and ready by January.

Townships are no-go areas as toll soars

"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 the 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 repeated his demand for joint peacekeeping forces led by the IFP.

IFP MPennie 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 685 people had died in unrest-related attacks in the East Rand townships since July 3.

Most of the deaths (over 400) occurred in Katlehong. In Totoza, 170 people were killed in the past two weeks. In Daveyton, 45 in Tembisa and one in Watville.

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 patrolling from a police Caspar in Phola Park was killed by a mob of rioters who had identified him as Constable Steven Lubbe.

Any 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 trained 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.

He said the strife on the East Rand "demonstrates beyond doubt that we are incapable of restoring law and order ourselves".

Saps reports Law and Order Minister Herman 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.

The agony ... ambulance workers offload yet another casualty at Katlehong's Ntatsalupr Hotel Hospital.

Picture: George Mashinini
Refugee toll soars to 665 in 'war zone crisis'
Township war zone

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Supreme test for a peace claim

ANC spokesman Rankoa Molafe said an invitation had been extended to the town clerk and the mayor for the 11am ceremony.

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More killings on East Rand

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.
Two men were wounded when gunmen fired on them with AK-47s in Tokoza's Everest section.
A grenade exploded in Tshabhalala 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 Sall section, also in Katlehong, police arrested a man for possession of a 22 revolver.
Nurse tells of terror shootings in Tokoza

By Happy Nkholana

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 that 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 Nataliepruit 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 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 in shock.

"I can't believe I'm still alive and I'm too scared to go home," she said.
Boycott has Springs 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.

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 organizers of the boycott said yesterday that the action had been 98 percent effective.

A spokesman for a shopping centre said at least 85 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.

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 reaches 93

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 programme, Kriel said the idea of a joint security force was being discussed and government’s only requirement was that it be well planned.

SAPA reports that ANC secretary-general 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 piecemeal statements. It 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,” he said.

Delegates instructed the council’s planning committee to formulate “appropriate action on effective measures to reduce statements made by government spokes- men, including Kriel, that the violence could be solved only by the ANC and the In- katha Freedom Party.

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Tiny Vaal town an unrest area

The Argus Correspondent
JOHANNESBURG — The tiny western Transvaal town of Schweizer-Reneke 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, Herman Kriel, has announced.

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-Reneke 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-Reneke area during this period.”
Joint peace force likely

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: “I 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 de-limitation 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 Mohamad, 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 $30 million (R53 million) for its election campaign from the Taiwanese government, ANC sources said.

Cocktail hour: Miss South Africa finalists MRI rehearse for Saturday night’s event at Sun City.
Horror as many die by fire

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 Kaltehong 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. (2-78)

He said the number of security force members in the area had been stepped up considerably to try to stem the violence.

Policemen 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 unidentifiable 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 Sma 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 "out 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 Mthambeke Section.

East Rand police spokesman Captain Wickus 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 Mthambeke Section.

He said other attackers were delivered in Casspirs in the nearby open veld that separates the Eshlanzini and Kwezinc hostels from Mthambeke Section.

"They then ran down, crossing the veld to Mthambeke 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

By Charmeel Bhagwat
Crime Reporter

The ANC yesterday laid charges of murder against certain policemen following the death of ANC leader Walter Sisulu's bodyguard, Ismael Molana, during a shootout between policemen and Sisulu's bodyguards last month.

Molana died in the shootout on the Soweto Highway and his two colleagues were seriously wounded.

ANC spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said yesterday the charges were laid against the policemen involved during a "fruitful" meeting between ANC legal advisers on the investigation team, Matthew Phosa and Billy Masethla, and SAP regional commissioner, Lieutenant General Koos Calitz.

He said they had made several agreements including the decision to reconvene their meeting to make a joint statement on the events, and to appoint an international police investigator to the team.

However, a police statement released last night said the agreements could be jeopardised because the ANC had released a statement on its own, breaching an earlier commitment to make a joint statement.
Freedom of town for Modise and ET

By Biswes 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 Wemkommando parade is set for the same time outside the municipal offices, followed by a flypast of the AWB's new "airforce." (2-78)

Molefe said he did not believe the ANC was asking for 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.

But a spokesman for the National Peace Secretariat was alarmed to hear of the arrangements.

"If this can be pulled off peacefully, then well, 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.

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.

"Since the fighting on Saturday, people have been wary of speaking to strangers. The people in the hostel can see this sector 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 the shooting started, all the residents, except those on duty in self-defence units, locked themselves in their homes "and prayed for morning to come.""

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 Tembisa police station in Thembeka Section at 3:30 p.m. 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

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 R1000.

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

four Putco buses in Tembisa yesterday.

In Natal, two suspects were shot dead and a policeman seriously wounded.

In Maritzburg, four IFP members were shot and killed in AK-47 fire on Sunday. — Own Correspondent, Sapa
Guard — ANC acts

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.

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 Callitz 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 Callitz 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 Molane’s widow.
Barricades up: E Rand carnage continues

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 Katerwong were to be buried today.

Mourners gathered in the tense township for the funeral of five from Ramakamopi Section. Living less than a kilometre from the IPP-oriented Kwsenini hostel, most Ramakanopi residents are PAC or ANC supporters.

The worst fighting was in Katerwong and in some sections many people have been unable to leave for work. Deaths were also reported in Tokozla and Tembisa.

Tembisa residents were greeted by heavily barricaded streets and clouds of tear gas 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 Wilks 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.
Thousands of angry residents poured into the Huntersfield Stadium in Katlehong to attend a rally at which Mr. Mandela 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-toyi.

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 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.

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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.

BED BARRICADE: Barricades were put up with everything residents in the East Rand township of Katlehong could lay their hands on — including this bed.
A day in the hell that's Tokozas

By Abbey Makoe

A GRAFFITO on the wall of a Tokozas shop in the strife-torn East Rand township paid it all: "Viva war to stop the war!"

Tuesday (August 3) I am walking along Khumalo Road, 500m from the notorious Melshy'azale Hostel. (Beat him till he die.) It's 8pm. Men armed with sticks and heavy coats stand in groups. I machete men in tightly linked shoes and a few shopkeepers were sitting by the road.

The sound of AK-47 gunfire is the air, stopping about two minutes. One of the men gets into a car in the direction of the hostel.

"He's right, maybe 'Mashia' is coming this way," my contact tells me. Notice it the town Tokozas residents use in reference to the Inkatha Freedom Party sympathizers living in the hostel.

Local residents claimed at a later night meeting last Monday that the IFP-aligned Melshy'azale inmates were being used by police to fire a "black-on-black violence."

At another meeting later that night, residents unanimously agreed that "monsters" in the hostel had to be caught. The residents were not to waste bullets on "targets" inside the hostel.

It was also reiterated that the conflict perceived as a referendum was not between Inkatha hostel dwellers and the police, but "black-on-black violence.

Explain my position, "Viva war to stop the war," the residents said they had to calm it down after it became clear that both the police and the hostel dwellers had launched an attack against them.

I am in this town all day, one resident said. Meanwhile, motorists driving past the Melshy'azale Hostel along Khumalo Road did it in their own risk. Hostel inmates stone pelted motorists and even fire shots at them.

A resident who is actively in the defence unit of the hostel inmates.

"They stop passing cars and force them (the occupants) into the hostel. We are lucky they make us to pay sum 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 SAPF armored vehicles driving past a host of snipers.

Latter several residents and I dived for cover when gunfire, driving through Basocho Street, sprayed AK-47 gunfire at crowds gathering on street corners.

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This violent conflict in the East Rand, especially in Tembisa, has led to increasing attacks on the police.

The list was revealed by East Rand police spokesperson, Mr. Leonce Smith, who said police had received scores of complaints from residents who reported incidents.

There were also 21 petrol bombs thrown at the police station. And one house was destroyed by petrol bombs.

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. Stone, broken bottles and concrete blocks were being used to block the roads, making it difficult for police to patrol these areas, especially at night.

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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 Mziwakhe Ngcule

It's Tuesday morning and Katlehong is still silent. A small thing like an earlobe can carry so much weight.

The mood is somber in this East Rand town where at the same time mass looting is taking place. People have lost trust in violence and are no longer afraid.

No sense of imprisonment evident on the faces of residents as they move around quietly.

Neither shock nor horror is evident on the faces of the families of some of the victims of violence, which has so far claimed more than 13 people in Katlehong, Tembisa and Tembisa since last Saturday.

You enter a house to find a family with a family. They are simply not impressed.

"They only want to know what you want. They want you to come and go and get out of the picture. No more leaking and dripping. The mood is somber and respectful. There is a way of going on and people are angry."

This is how the communities of the East Rand have become desensitized to violence.

A day later, however...

One indigenous resident went to the offices of the Witwatersrand Police Commissioner to complain bitterly about a crime that had been ongoing in the town.

The incident involved two people who were allegedly stabbed to death.

Residents have been demanding to know where he came from.

The man apparently ran away with the boy in his back pocket. He was later arrested and taken to hospital.

Residents generally associate such activities with the ANC, whose supporters have been accused of looting.

At Nestucca, Katlehong, the situation is no less gloomy. A group of residents has been haranguing the deserted police station and complaining bitterly about the collapse of crime in the area.

The corpse of a man was covered in a blanket, but nobody noticed.

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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 Weerstandsbeweging leader Mr. Eugene Terre Blanche and the 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. Herman Kriel yesterday 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."

The SAP will be to impartially and politically 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."

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KATlehong 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 Sibejane Section where the shooting took place, was strewn with bodies of the dead and injured who were on 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 Wilton 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 rate of the commandeered 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.

Three buried yesterday included local leader Artwell Khathiyoane shot dead by the police about two weeks ago. The other were Charles Moloi, his brother Meesameng and Kumbaleng Diaa.

The police apparently started shooting without provocation. No warning was given.

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 police to better protect themselves.

"We are fed up with the order of policemen. We will not hesitate to respond with full force against anyone who fires at police," he said.

By Bongani Mavuso

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 shoot out.

PIC: MBUZENI ZULU
Bid to avert
AWB-ANC
collision

Staff Reporter 5/8/83

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Police in Rand battle — 3 die

Four gunmen fire on Estcourt pedestrians

DURBAN. — The death toll from violence and crime in Natal over the past six days rose to 21 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 3mm cartridges at the scene.

Other incidents reported by police since Sunday included:  
- A 47-year-old man was arrested for the murder of Mr. Mbekiseni Mbatha, who was allegedly shot when he tried to rob the man in Umlazi.  
- 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 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 Inkatha-led 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 Esikhaweni 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

Meanwhile the embattled township was plunged into further crisis yesterday with the announcement that maintenance services to Khayelitsha had been cut off in retaliation against a lengthy rent and services boycott.

East Rand townships continued to burn yesterday as youthsmanning barricades fought running battles with police and unknown attackers rampaged through township streets setting houses alight.

The joint operations centre at Natalspruit Hospital reported Khayelitsha in a state of upheaval with refugees streaming into the hospital.

It said corpses with hash, stab, burn and gunshot wounds were littered across the townships.

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 the driver 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. Jim Mathews, 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.

Reactions to the killings, the police said: light machineguns were to be mounted on police vehicles patrolling East Rand townships.

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," he said.

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 Khayelitsha and Tembisa after a night of violence.

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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. 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.
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'I felt like I was in hell'

By Abbey Makeke

I WAS walking in one of violence-riddled Tokota's many barricaded streets with an old colleague, Mr Desmond Sabi, this week.

Suddenly there was an burst of automatic gunfire.

I immediately ducked for cover as people do in a war zone. Sabi, however, did not.

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 ran into Tokota. 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 Tokota, view the violent situation as normal. They have grown 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 to a school when I heard elderly people openly shooting at each other with police.

Residents laughed and joked every time they heard shots about a slain or torched hostel dweller.

"This is one war we cannot afford to lose," said a youngster.

Another youth, holding a pistol, was "official guard duty".

At night, as I pondered the justifiability or wisdom of taking on such assignments in the middle of war torn Tokota, my hosts, six people including two children, went to sleep. It was unbelievable.

During my stay there, I managed to speak to one of the leaders 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 Tokota police station," he said.

Residents, according to Sibeko, have identified certain people and the police as major primary causes of violence in Tokota and residents could no longer take it.

A day of death and destruction

By Bongani Mavuso

A PEACE monitors' car noses down a road at high speed, avoiding barricades on the road. A woman with a blood-splattered face sits in the front passenger seat.

Residents of Skhoman, Ncasl, Tshul and Makula sections in Khetsheng on the East Rand are running in all directions from an intense fire open in Coronavirus Road, the scene of shooting between motorists and police.

According to our source, the interasers between residents and police are at the scene towards the intersection where about eight police cars were parked.

A car enters the intersection, gunfire erupts.

"Akoma kelela la avha. Ashphitsho hithe. People are dying here. Let's take out the armed band," says our driver.

We are covered and flash a red Press arm band out of the window. Bullets whine past the car.

Our driver stops the car near the American North Road intersection. The police can be heard shooting.

In the middle of the intersection a man lies motionless and a Red Cross vehicle is seen getting close, standing near the police car.

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 two men lie in a short distance away from the motionless man.

A man with a camera crawls out of the car towards the intersection.

"Kho dasi perrson," screams a police officer as he runs towards the Red Cross vehicle.

Another police officer drives up Khemalo Road. "Dzetw tondi dzeti bole," he shouts. Another police officer cries out as he is cops.

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A policeman in one of the Corrugators near the church throws away metal sticks. Police tell people lying near the fence to stand up and "look about". About six of them walk away and the Corrugators drive up Khemalo Road.

"Kwe vwelela sibulele," a policeman with a loudhailer shouts. Two men emerge with their hands up. Police search them. "Gone up to 300 to 400, we must not be taken for granted," they are told.

Residents still shout aimlessly in Hospital Road. Angry youths threaten to go towards the scene of the shooting and "wipe the boots out".

We drive to the Natalki Hospital and look for our photographer. "We don't know where to look," lamented Red Cross members say.

"We are the area where we came under heavy gunfire," our correspondent, the photographer, our colleagues emerged from a group of photographing people.

There are many people in the hospital premises. It resembles a refugee camp. A man, hailed locally 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 after another car drives past. Four men carry out a bleeding man. He is wheeled away.

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At least two of those killed were shot and then thrown into a burning shack. Some burned to death were Mr Masemola Maseko (50) and a man known only as "Nelvho from Marikana community".

Naidoo also disturbed allegations of "casualty fraud" involvement in the at tacks. 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 waiting to protect them, the police arrested those 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 30-year-old child, Sindi, is left without a guardian. Maseko took charge of the toddler after his mother had abandoned her in February this year. According to residents the mother left for work and never came back.

ANC opportunistic — cop

By Soweto Daily

WITWATERLAND — Regional police commissioner Lieutenant-General Koco Cuclu has accused the African National Congress of political opportunism for its criticism that police took four hours to respond to a shooting in Tembisa massacre.

At least 33 people died when a group numbering about 200 went on the rampage.

At least 12, minibuses taxi passengers were shot dead and the taxi driver.

Reaching out to ANC critics as reported in a Johannesburg newspaper yesterday, Cuclu said the time for firearms witnessed by 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 community to bring the carnage to an end."

"Sowetan" said in an editorial in the minds of the community is merely stoking the fire 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.

Cuclu said that in the wake of the church massacre police were receiving the help of the entire community, including the ANC. In Tembisa, there was no such support.
AWB warning to ANC: Hands off!

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 Hermy Kriel to declare the Western Transvaal town an unrest area to prevent 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.

"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 Secre-
tariat chairman Dr Antonie Gilden-
huys 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
Tranenvaal.

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 under-
lined the accord's potential to work.

He said police and leaders of war-
ning 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 consul-
tation 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 130 local peace com-
mittees 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.

A police spokesman said the assistant constable died shortly after police received a tip-off about weapons in Power Park.
He said when police raided the settlement about 1.30 a.m. yesterday the constable was shot and two men were arrested. No weapons were found.

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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 the East Rand violence, saying he had heard "horrible stories of police killing people in cold blood" from residents in the area.

"Clearly these are signs that the police are involved in this violence," Mr. Mandela said, calling for the police to internalise this violence and to stop it from spreading to other areas.

He accused "top officials" in the SAPD of being "morally implicated in the violence" and said the police had "failed in their duty to protect the community.

But acknowledging that violence was not just the responsibility of the government, Mr. Mandela said: "We all bear responsibility for the violence."

The responsibility to end violence lay on the shoulders of the leadership of black organisations and the ANC, he added.

"We understand the anger and frustration of the people," he said. "We are living in a different world. We must work together to build a new South Africa.

"We are building a nation and the government is not alone."

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Dela: ANC guilty of violence and racism in SA

He said in a statement preliminary investigations had also shown that the weapons — two handgrenades and three firearms — were seized by police during the incident 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 operations centres in important cases.

A reduced number of manpower was available at night. Most violent incidents occurred in the day.

A to Mr Mandela's assertion that policing was done by "white units", Mr Mandela did a body count he would show that all units are integrated.

Gen Mellet said hostels were regularly searched.

PLEA FOR PEACE ... ANC President Mr Nelson Mandela calls for peace at a rally in the strife-torn township of Katlehong yesterday.

Police and political tolerance. Let us build, my friends, build. Let us erect the barriers of hate and mistrust, and drive out the enemy of the world of peace. Let us not allow this to happen. Let us work for peace, let us work for peace...

Peace monitors said only one death was recorded in Katlehong yesterday, but Pretoria Hospital sources said five people were shot and injured.

Meanwhile, Law and Order Minister Mr Hermuo Kriel claimed yesterday that none of the 14 suspects arrested in connection with Wednesday's shooting incident in Katlehong were ANC and ANC Youth League members.
FW and Mandela clash on how to end killings

East Rand calmer

By Bronwyn Wildsman 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 Tokwe Hotel were set alight and thick pall of smoke could be seen for several kilometres.

The ANC said in a statement issued after the meeting that the Government's "military and arbitrary action" in deploying the massive security force task force was severely criticised.

The action had been "counter to the spirit of multi-party negotiation" and the Government's explanations were unsatisfactory, it said.

Sources said de Klerk had expressed his concern that the Cabinet decision to send in the task force was not a consensus decision, which had not allowed time for consultation.

The ANC statement said it was agreed that a joint ANC-Government delegation should visit the area, but the Government delegation 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.

East Rand Police and regional police commissioner Lieutenant-General Kees Calitz announced that more than 2,000 extra policemen had been deployed in the region yesterday afternoon.

An SADF spokesman confirmed that armoured units from Lohatla and the Army Battle School in Bloemfontein had left their bases and were expected on the East Rand today.

Batts and footops - 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 180 people have been killed since Saturday.

Yesterday residents of Kallebong remained highly antagonistic towards the police, and in one instance a petrol bomb was thrown.

The army moved in on earth-moving machines and tore down barricades erected by residents. The rocks, band-aids and mangled pieces of steel that had formed the barricades were carried away.

SADF members were not attacked.

Although some of the violence were reported yesterday, police took the grisly task of raking the bodies of four men out of a woman's house in an SADF-controlled area near the Tokwe Hotel. All five had been shot during the night.

Mandela visited Kallebong and used a plea for peace yesterday. Addressing about 500 people at the Somlole Stadium, he urged his supporters to work for reconciliation and peace.

He told reporters that plans were shortly to see a joint tour of East Rand townships by himself and IFP leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

On the school desk from which Mandela addressed the crowd, someone had written: "We can't afford to be afraid. We have heard enough of peace. Please, Mr Mandela, no peace. Give us weapons."

Mandela urged Kallebong residents to make friends with hostel dwellers and win them over to the ANC, giving IFP 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 thanked those who saw the violence as a 'call to arms' between Zulus and Xhosas, adding that the ANC had more Zulus supporters than the IFP.

Picture: The Star with hostel dwellers and win them over to the ANC, giving IFP supporters "a shoulder to lean on". The crowd booed the suggestion.
By Ruth Bhengu

MORE THAN 1,000 troops were deployed in the strife-torn East Rand yesterday in a desperate attempt to quell the violence that has claimed at least 40 lives since the weekend.

Racial and political - armed - were equipped with large-calibre machine-guns and rifles. The troops have been ordered to prevent any attempts to attack the townships.

ANC president Nelson Mandela yesterday announced that any attempts to attack the townships would result in severe punishment. He said a meeting of all political leaders had been called to discuss the situation.

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The total number of reported casualties is now at least 40, with at least 1,000 people injured. The violence has been sparked by ethnic and political tensions in the area.

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Within earshot of township gunfire, these two different portraits of people whose daily life is to bring relief to the

Natal'spruit Hospital
Heartbreak and optimism in the rehabilitation unit
Stephen Lauffer

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HUMELLO CHAPATKO'S wheelchair has been rotated on its axis so that he can see the backrest on a bed for his twin sister, who is not sitting. 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 paralyzed him.

Chapatto cannot move himself in his wheelchair, which is why it must be lifted. What's left after the damage to his speech centre is the loss of his voice and the rotation of his head. And he can gaze right through the way teams players do after a long rally to ease the tension.

The 16-year-old Standard 10 pupil is one of the victims of the violence who did not die. Standing in 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. He fired a single shot that rang out. The bullet wound was clean. In the one side of his neck, out the other.

Chapatto mixs are being given on an experimental basis, it's so alarming that an overwhelming 95% of those who are visited by the Social Work Service and occupational therapists say their lives are improved. But it's steady, and they're returning to school to study community subjects.

Optimism. It seems, is central to Natal'spruit Hospital's rehabilitation unit. There, within earshot of the gunfire from Thokoza and Khatleseng, occupational therapists and physiotherapists work with social workers, nurses and other medical services to help 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. Dresssed in brite green for occupational therapy and dark blue for physiotherapy, they quote statistics. Unlike other doctors, there are constraints on their prescription of the list of the causes of spuinal cord injuries, here it is gunshot wounds. They are from up to 35 to 60 percent in 1992. Young men in the 15 to 30 age group make up 67 percent of the patients. There is a waiting list of 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 cases the use of a spoon, wheelchair, and maintenance of, or the insertion of catheters. Necessary skills if the victims are to return to their communities, to a life beyond institutions. Survival skills.

In Chapatto's case, the atms are likely to remain modest: keeping 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 Nala'spruit, learning how to help him before he is discharged into their care.

A practical minded as these health care professionals are, there is another 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

What can be done to end the violence? Increasingly, all sides seem to be saying: bring in the troops
saints labour quietly to bring hope
suffering victims of East Rand violence

ABOVE: Bodily-burned Ntoml Frau Motala was found in the smoldering ruins of Katlehong shack, her mother lying on top of her, dead. Ntoml plays out her trauma by pretending to be a mother to other patients in the hospital.

Photography: Ouy Adams

That it is from Katlehong. A single bullet rippled through her body and ended a year ago. She lies on the col in the corner position. limited contracted in a pregnancy. She is either rapidly getting bigger or smaller. She can hear what is going on around her. But she cannot see.

It's unclear what caused Thuto's brain damage. Perhaps an environment. 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 battle, needing intensive care for the rest of their lives.

Two years away from Thuto lies Lerato Mashupapa. She is too young for her father. His father and sisters were killed in an attack by pangas-wielding men, her mother on being killed by a child. A pangas blow to the head severely damaged Lerato's brain, putting her into a terminal state.

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 back to school, one can only marvel. It is a statement which astounds because of its tenacious optimism.

The Red Cross

Drinking high-risk
dare not tread
Paul Stober

The list 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 scrutinised by an application for 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 body, hacked and burned, of 16 people.

The Red Cross personnel delivered whatever aid their clients asked of them. But the correct order of those left homeless or destitute after attacks—alleged by criminals and some hostel dwellers—on residents of Tokelo, Rietfontein, the Ficks 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 thevrybt.com, are losing family members in the attack on the Red Cross, in the townships, we lose family members in the attack on the Red Cross. In the townships, we lose family members in the attack on the Red Cross. 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 Kielbarg—the site of some of the worst fighting on the East Rand. When 304 people have died since the start of the week. 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 ISRC 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 miming the barricades, which have made the township inaccessible to all but residents, wave the convoy through and give directions to the houses of injured and threat-han.

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

After visiting the houses, the convoy turns towards Natalsepur 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 Natalsepur, the hospital staff were expressing concern about the approaching night. It has been a bad night 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 are short-lived.

Suddenly, there is an explosion at the end 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 moved over 30 people from the scene of the fighting and taken them to hospital.

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 SANDF will only be possible if the government does one of two things, according to Defence Policy director Alick Mbalula: "They must either engage in a comprehensive deal with the other parties for drastic action, or be prepared to act unilaterally and face the consequences."

The repressions could be dire: force levels capable of making a difference to the township situation would require a huge column of police, and they 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 Giliis. "To be effective, they would need to double or triple that force." Giliis, 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 any time, he says.

But order will not be restored without "coercive and hard-handed action," argues Giliis.

"There must be a clear political message behind the use of force," says Giliis. "The government cannot possibly countenance the collapse of the state, if that is what we go to war with, that is what we go to war with."

Soldiers must man roadblocks at major intersections. Casspirs should be posted outside host-
gel gates; says Giliis. 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," concludes Giliis. "But this week has changed the situation. We can't have any 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 PW 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 to stem the bloodshed must begin there. The hostels have become military bases for Inkatha," says Kasiru. "They must be fumigated 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 Kasiru. "We would still have hit-and-run killings, but even they would be hampered."

Ultimately, comments Storey, echoing many experts, nobody in the township is in a position to tell a resident whether he is a bona fide resident or not.
Thirty-three people were butchered in Tembisa but the police failed to halt the mayhem or arrest the killers

Just another bloody Sunday

The 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 bodies 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 splattered with blood. Someone's brains lay on the front seat, in the sun, next to a packet of Renshaw 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 reporters to the scene.

The newspapers on Monday morning were filled with routine cliches like The Times' "E Rund 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 comes from the police station, where probably people were being returned from town in the late afternoon. A mother, perhaps, and her daughter with Checkors shopping packets.

And look at those two — they were black to start with. And now they were dead. And by nightfall there would be dozens more. And there is only a certain amount of all of 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 previous week's attacks, 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 pledges the perpetrators would be brought to justice. Frankly, the new policing measures announced by Law and Order Minister Hermus 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.

To 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 civilian, was unable to explain how the attack from the hostels could have continued for more than 40 minutes, not three and a half hours from when police were first called, without the security forces intervening to stop it. A police radio early on Sunday on the two hostels from which hundreds of armed men had swarmed a few hours earlier, instead, just three arrests for possession of illegal firearms, two AK-47s and a .38 pistol.

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 befriended the ANC.

Even though she could identify some of the assailants, 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 Cosaspiers, the police inability to halt the mayhem, to apprehend the murderers or to start a proper investigation, was breathtakingly inadequate.

Was it another example of incompetent policing as the Waddington report claimed after Bophelong 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 peacekeeping 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 its critics. 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 killings were in Tembisa was just the latest in hundreds of shootings that have followed the decision to set April 27 next year as the date for the country's first democratic elections.

Ramaphosa's sentiments are shared by township people and dozens of freed residents from their hospital beds in Tembisa on Sunday. Why do these people come and do these things? Joseph Nhuluzi, 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 Zulus, speaking man, 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.

But the joint peace-keeping force to have engaged the IFP might would have amounted to a de facto confrontation between Whites inside and outside the negotiations. That impasse 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', or the 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 absorb or reduce the duties 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 Kothe's famous rhetoric about a professional, non-political force.

Amid the body counts there was no sense conveyed of life being lost, that this pile of bones had been people returning from town.
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.

East Rand police liaison officer Lieutenant Janine Smith said the attack happened on the corner of Bekama Road and James Street.

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

By Peter Davies

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 in spasms 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.

Gord, 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."

A disturbing new aspect to Gord'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.
JOHANNESBURG. — Written in large, block
letters on the table, Mr. Nelson Mandela
approached to make his
speech in embattled
Kathlehong 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 tow-
ship residents last year
when he visited Boipa-
tong after the massacre.
IFP healer’s killing a fatal spark

The death of Katlehong businessman and local chairman of the Inkatha Freedom Party, Absolom Shozhzi, 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 MABASO SIBUSISO

For more than 40 years, Absolom Shozhzi practised his traditional healing and was regarded as a sage with supernatural powers who helped Zulu umuntu with muti when carrying out attacks on township residents.

A source very close to Mr Shozhzi 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 Shozhzi’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 Shozhzi’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 Shozhzi, some ran away and others shouted, “Gwazani umuthukathi nimshibe” (use your knives and axes to kill the witch, then burn him).

“If they, the attackers, had kept on firing at Mr Shozhzi 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 Shozhzi’s daughters strongly denied allegations this week that their father had ever helped hostel dwellers with his muti. Township youths allege Mr Shozhzi used his powers to turn bullets fired by residents at rampaging Zulus into harmless water.

But his children admitted that as an inyanga Mr Shozhzi was capable of performing miracles.

Mr Shozhzi’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 Shozhzi family alleged that the IFP supporters might be behind the snatching of Mr Shozhzi’s body.

They alleged that two days before Mr Shozhzi’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 Shozhzi’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 Shozhzi 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.”
Shaky peace under the iron fist

NOW 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 whistling 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 Hadel, 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 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 have been sent to 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 Shouzi.

On Friday residents were donating R80 a household toward buying AK-47’s, 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 reports from back 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.
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.

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 inquiry into the cause of his death.

The independent pathology report, commissioned by Mr. Kheswa’s family and the Inkatha Freedom 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 Staayman 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 cut into 26 pieces.

In his findings, Dr. Staayman 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 IIP organiser William Nhlapo said would probably take place in Evaton next weekend.
unexpected

Night patrol in Tembisa
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 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.

Toaster Dudi Mkhize, of the township’s Mthembeka 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 Kopenang section, said some of the attackers did not speak local languages. 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 families that bond 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’s 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 Mthetha, 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, said: “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 Umhluli.”

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.
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 burned the grass.

Doused

A van belonging to the DP was doused with petrol but was not set alight.

Jack Bloem, 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 intercepted 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.
Schweizer-Reneke's residents salute two different heroes

The Old SA: The AW's, Wernkampf

The New SA: The AW's, Schweizer-Reneke

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Stories by Moses Mamaila

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UGLY ... The sight of a corpse does not bother township youths anymore.  ■ Pict TLADI KHUELE

They live under appaling 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 Mapholoe, said some of
the children affected by violence tended to imitate the violent acts in their play.
"For example, they try to stab each other with pencils. When required to draw, the only things they draw are knives, guns and dead bodies.
"Some of them have nightmares and refuse to sleep during the night."
How it Started

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"My cousin is out to kill me"

THEY now say politics is thicker than blood. Cousins Nkos'ene Nyakane 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'ene and his nephew Mhlabyefana were accommodated at the Vusumuzi Hostel in Thembisa. Nkos'ene and Mhlabyefana, who are known to be members of Inkatha, accused Milfred of treachery. It is said they had lost to this conclusion when Milfred joined the ANC last year.

On Sunday morning, Nkos'ene and Mhlabyefana were allegedly in a mob of hostel inmates which went to Milfred's township house.

According to Milfred's wife, Deliswe, the two relatives 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'ene and Mhlabyefana, 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.

Mhlabyefana 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 be 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.

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**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, Witwatersrand. Police spokesman Maj Eugene Opperman said two taxi drivers 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.

The men are being held under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act.
Thousands trapped in E Rand hostel

By MONWARISI NOMADOLO

THOUSANDS of people including Inkatha supporters and hostel dwellers were trapped inside the much-feared Kwenini 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.

Last Sunday, an attempt was made to derail a train carrying hundreds of Inkatha supporters returning from an imbizvo 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 deliveries 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.
Ulundi sends top man while ANC pleads for peace

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 Ndlou confirmed the visit.

Ndlou 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. They told City Press they were not fighting hostel dwellers but police, adding that hostel dwellers were being used by security forces.
First the driver thrown from a shot at in an am burning. JAMES

GREY smoke hung in pockets over the East Rand as Daniel Mofokane hurried on 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, 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 Smit, looking down the line from his green-covered 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 Kwezane, 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 staggering and with huge holes in his trousers. Grey stone chips that lay between the tracks were embedded in his knees, which had torn open as he fell. His face was cut and his hair was full of yellow reed grass that grows in the marshes. We helped him into the cab, but he could not climb up alone.

He was too shocked to speak straight away, but I kept asking him if he was hurt. Herman kept telling him he was lucky to be alive.

"We could have been travelling at 60 km/h. We would have hit him. We would have killed him or at least injured him. I was so lucky to be able to talk to him."

Mr Mofokane, a 59-year-old man from Katlehong, was travelling to work in Wadewill on Friday. He had been among a group of "young men" who threw him off 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 on the head. They would not let me pass. Then they grabbed me here (pointing to his ears) 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 Kwezane.

On this shuttle service, a short three stops to the heart of South Africa's largest residential area, 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 rumbled 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 Kwezane, which had also been torched, its corrugated iron roof blackened and splintered.

A few kilometres further down the line we saw Kwezane 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 Kwezane, black and white. They had been trapped for more than two weeks.

One man, Mr Alison, 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, "We have not been allowed to come out of the train because he had been in the wrong car."

There were different platforms and carriages for different political parties, they said.

Mr Mofokane had lived in the centre of Katlehong, where he had been thrown off.

I left Willem standing in his cab. He was going back to Kwezane.

Only hours later, gunmen opened fire on a police station, adds Saps. 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 others were found dead yesterday in Katlehong and Thokoza.
E Rand death toll rises despite troops

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURY: 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 Kwekwe'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 Lerato station last night. The victim also had back and stab wounds.

Two men were shot, hacked and stabbed to death at Yusufi Hostel in Tembisa last night.

In Tokozini, two men died and a third was seriously wounded after they were attacked in Tshabalala Street.

Police said seven bodies were found in Tokozini and Kwekwe 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 Natalkruft 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 peace programme.
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 Dukake 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 Katlehong 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 Leader President Lénox 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 trains, 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 peacekeepers to monitor the police and SANDF.
Calm 'deceptive' as killings continue

STEPHANE BOTHMA

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. On Friday night, twenty bodies were discovered by SAP and SADF patrols on Saturday and yesterday, bringing the East Rand death toll over the past 19 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.

The chief of staff of the SADF, Maj-Gen Vos Benade, said the violence brought about by a political power struggle, high unemployment, civil disobedience and a torrent 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 fire power, but for self-protection and to help navigate barricaded roads. He could not say how long "Operation Pikadele" 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," one soldier said. "They're not a policeman," a soldier said.

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 co-ordinate 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 wagging war. Saps reported they pledged to form a joint committee to ensure that peace agreements were not breached.

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 URL council decisions leading to "unnecessary expenditure and the squandering of council funds".

TPA MEC for local government Burger Lategwa described as "extremely disturbing" the published findings of a commission of inquiry into the town's affairs.

The commission, appointed in May 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 D Mallinson.

A decision that the council would only buy petrol from certain garages was also referred to the attorney-general.

The commission's report identified actions of wilful illegality, maladministration, squandering of council funds 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 unqualified.

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 council's management committee and the determination by the auditor-general of funds unreasonably spent, a statement said.
Freedom
division
A story of 2 km separates 2 worlds
Many die in volatile E Rand

BY BRONWYN WILKINSON
and ANNA LOUM

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 4am today, the SADF and SAP launched a joint operation to search houses for illegal weapons in Katlehong's Mavimbele section.

Some residents supported the search, but others demanded to know why hostels were not being searched.

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A man, believed to be a resident of the Sebokeng Hostel, was found shot dead.
Troops—but the toll rises

By Bongani Mavuso

Thirty 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 Kwaesi 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 taxi men 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 Liusa Vilakazi, said: “As long 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.”
Soweto stays on sidelines

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 Halgren 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 would contribute 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," he said. 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.
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. (CT101893)

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 Mvimbela section yesterday yielded one homemade gun and a teargas grenade, East Rand police said.

Police and soldiers also arrested seven people. — Own Correspondent, Sapa
Cops accused of bias

By Ike Motsapi and Isaac Moledi

Residents of Soweto yesterday accused police forces engaged in a raid on the hostel of being biased for not raiding the hostels at the same time.

The accusations came as hundreds of heavily armed police and SADF troops swarmed on the violence-torn Mayfield Section in a pre-dawn move.

The forces said the aim of the raid was to stamp out the violence which has claimed the lives of 185 people in Katlehong, Tembisa, Vosloorus, Daveyton and Tembisa in the last nine days of this month. (2-78)

Altogether 466 people have been killed in East Rand townships since July.

Media reports have suggested links between the walkouts 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 C-1600 troops in the area.

Residents in the area and various organisations condemned the raid on 300 hostel dwellers as biased.

They questioned the police's alleged unwillingness to raid the hostel.

The African National Congress said the raid on Mayfield Section showed that police were not interested in working hard to normalise the situation.

Police commissioner Lieutenant-Jenine Smit 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

By KAIIZZ NYATSUMA

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 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 — a state now increasingly becoming a possibility.

"We can declare a state of emergency with very strict limits. I still recall from that moment, but I will not allow the whole country to disintegrate into anarchy," he said.

Remote

Saps reports that 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 patches."

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Tokozis, Vosloorus, Daveyton and Tembisa since the 2,000 extra troops were deployed on Friday, compared with 250 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 that a total of 581 people died in political violence in South Africa in July — the highest monthly toll since August 1990.

Police said 43 bodies were recovered on Sunday alone.

The ANC and the Police Prisons Civil Rights Union (UPF) yesterday said the security force personnel deployed to the townshipships 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.

Popotla Tshwane regional chairman Moonehali Motso said the violence could be better contained if black officers who had a better understanding of the townships and their residents were in charge of township forces.

However, Inkatha Freedom Party Transvaal leader Thomas 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 organizations to move around more easily. — Back Page

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.

As fighting continued yesterday, despite the presence of SADF reinforcements and armoured vehicles mobilized under Operation Flodet on Friday, President F.W.de Klerk disclosed that he was contemplating declaring a state of emergency. 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.

LLOYD CONNUTS

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-Reuters 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 recall from that moment, But I will not allow the whole country to disintegrate into anarchy," he said.

 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 weekend 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, Tokozan, Vosloorus, Daveyton and Tembisa since Friday. In Natal, the weekend toll was eight.

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 and 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.

"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.

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.
DESTRUCTION ... Shocked neighbours Mrs Francina Msibi and Mrs Jumalima Magubane inspect a bullet-riddled minibus taxi after its owner, Mr Bheli 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

By Abbey Makoe

Our commuters were murdered in renewed attacks on Reef trains yesterday after a full of about a month, intensifying 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 Ruidebe Section in Katlehong yesterday.

"The body was missing and by late last night police attempts to trace the body had failed," the police said.

The unidentified head was among the 11 dead found in Katlehong, Tokozola and Tembisa yesterday, police said.

Meanwhile, Tokozola Civic Association spokesman Mr Louis Sibeko criticized 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 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 Sam and Sam.

The fourth victim, a security guard, was killed in the second attack at the, Driefontein Station near Germiston.

A Soweto 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," the spokesman said.

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 Moshe Motshwane (24), Elizabeth Maphala (29), Tryphena Tselelisi (16), Muzikayise Manana (17) and William Mosiueti (25).
ANC ‘appalled’ by FW’s threat of emergency rule

THE ANC yesterday condemned as irresponsible President PW 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 attacks the good government attitude of unilateralism and baserask 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 Leons 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 field near Katlehong’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 413 the number of people killed in the area since July 3. Police spokesman Lt Janine Smith said most of yesterday’s victims had gunshot, stab and burn wounds, and were found near the Thokozan, Byafati and Kwestini 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 head, police said.

The SA Red Cross Society said yesterday it had called in psychiatrists to counsel its southern Transvaal branch staffs who had been doing relief work in the East Rand and Vaal regions.

SAPA reports the society said its staffs in conflict areas had been working non-stop since the April 10 assassination of SAPC leader Chris Hani and had been “traumatized by the gruesome killings, especially in recent fighting in Thokozan, Katlehong, Daveyton and Tembisa”.

In northern Natal police reported five people had died since the 10-day in renewed violence in the township of Sundumbili.

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 KwaZulu 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, the HRC said.

The HRC said yesterday that violence on the East Rand accounted for 50% of the deaths.

So far this year, political violence had claimed 1,983 lives and caused 2,100 injuries.

ANC asked to address police rally

THE ANC has been approached by PWV-based police to address a rally similar to one held in Port Elizabeth at the weekend at which 300 policemen and prison wardens dedicated themselves to impartial community policing in a new SA.

ANC PWV chairman Tokyo Sexwale, who addressed Sunday’s rally, said yesterday the Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (Popcru) intended “activating” police in the PWV region, and had requested the

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 mislead 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 political 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.
Woman's severed head found

BY CHARMEELA BHAGOWAT

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.

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, Tembisa 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.

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 Daveyton shebeen on Sunday.
TBoma haunts relief workers

Eerie quiet settles on East Rand

BY CHARMEEA BHAGWAT

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 Ramokone Section, a group of residents chat behind a barricade.

They chose to stay in spite of the violence that turned their neighborhood into a place of terror. But they are suspicious and scared.

Few police patrols and none of the SADF's newly deployed Rakets 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-defense unit in Katlehong's Padi

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 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 coun

sellors 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**

*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 hull of several months.

In this morning’s attack, paramedics found the dead and injured after receiving a call at 7.30 am. The injured were taken to Willem Snoewagen 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.

**Assassins**

This morning a reader told The Star that four men were seen tampering with the railway line near Mowbray 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 Steenhuisen 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.”

IPF 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 230 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 strongest 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 andennie 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

JOHANNESBURG — Thirteen more people have been killed on the East Rand.

An SAP spokeswoman said two bodies were found at the Kwezhe 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 Tucson 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 cooperation between the community and police, said Stanger Police Community Liaison Forum chairman Mr Tobias Bhadumuthi. — Sapa


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 killings 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 Molopo section. He apparently died when a hand grenade in his pocket exploded. Another corpse was found on Sunday night at the Bwayafhi hostel, Katlehong. In Katlehong and Tshukudu 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 F.W. 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 cause 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, everyone 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 vitify 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 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 accept. 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, Jacckie Pilliers, 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 lieutenant 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
Labour of Hercules

The hoped-for return to the negotiating council in 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 Congress group: regional powers and the question of regional administrative continuity in the transition.

An indication of whether Inkatha will re-
EAST RAND CARNAGE: A look inside the shabby citadel

The hostel dwellers

Amy Waldman speaks to wary inmates living under siege.

Approval of Katlehong Infection Free

Party youth organiser Jeffrey Shibya, who arranged and

coordinated the convoy, and none would
give their names. Only a few members of the

Internal Stability Unit, who were

frequently familiar to the hostel inmates,

were warmly received.

The state of siege experienced by

the inmates is both physical and psy-

chological. The houses across the

adjacent field seem to look omin-

ously at the hostel; rooks were sur-

rounds the compound; most win-

dows have been shot out. The stench

of urine and uncollected refuse per-

meates the shabby building; its cor-

ridors are dark and oppressive.

What is the use of the United

Nations (observer mission) if people
cannot leave the hostel for three
days?" Shibya asked.

Shibya lives in Boksbult hostel,

where the morale, food supplies and standard of living are stably higher than at Matzbuka. A peace monitor, he has decorated his room with Wit-

ness 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 complexity."

Shibya needs a police escort to
deal with the situation, and for many

inmates transport remains a hazard.

"Tell them then they must let the trains

run," said one Matzbuka 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 locally 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 hand

the work, 'We would be shot,' they

said matter of factly.

A Matzbuka police station guard

who the food convoy was quickly

unloaded. The men said they would

share the food among all the

inmates, even the ones unem-

ploved, 'We circulate it so we

can't get transport to get food, and we

have lost work because of the vi-

olence,' one said.

The hostel's spaza shop, trad-

tional biltong and head-dresses

on the wall next to signs with "Long live the ANC" and pictures of

president Mandela (Budhilph).

One inmate estimated that 80 per-

cent of the hostel dwellers are sup-

porters. Shibya was not sure, but

joked that "if they were ANC, we

couldn't tell us. This is an ANC

stronghold.

The inmates are of Zulu, Tsonga

and Sotho descent, but there are no

Khoisans.

An inmate who called himself "Rob," joked with a policeman "Give us guns so we can go and shoot the ANC. Give us machine guns, the

inmates take over. Why does he want to kill us?"

As usual, when people were hearing

the inquest continued and it was sur-

prised, Shibya refused to comment.

Will the Palmerston

option work for army?

The SADF

Stephen Laufer on

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the army's show of strength

in the townships.

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government in 1989, as the end of the SADF's experience in Angola, Northern Ireland, South Africa's own 'frontline' and Angola, the" "frontline" fight, has been anything but a success.

Others, watching the death toll rise again towards mid-week, are sceptical.

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roadblocks, two armoured cars kept a watchful eye on an initial group of

bullet proofed vans flagged down

minibus taxis, bakkies and private

cars.

Vehicle searches and docu-

ments checked. Satisfied that a

man was not running contraband, the

troop commander asked the driver to

sign a form confirming that no con-

traband had been done during the search.

The calm on the edge of the squar-

ter camp — its self-defence units

regarded as the arch-rivals of the

Thohola hostel dwellers — seemed

perfectly reflected in the daily battle

beat-like thrashing of the massed

roadblock engines.

It was an almost peaceful scene

in the winter sun, supporting the

theory that the Palmerston option

would be best left to a temporary base

on the East Rand. Or did one of the

calm be elsewhere?

In the cynicism expressed by

bomber singles spotted by a military

taxi stopped at the Roodepoort Check-

point. Their task was to catch the

precursors of the hostiles on the black belt.

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of Katlehong

"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 into town. No job, no nothing. I can't eat. I'm walking for food." At night, Shilya said, the hostels fill up with Zulus refugees from the neighbouring townships—a fact confirmed by other refugee centre members. Those leaving the hostel vicinity.

"It's a propaganda that people from the hostels are burning houses," said Shilya. "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 people leave. They want to burn the hostels because they want to control everything. People said saying they didn't want Zulus in the township." Shilya 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 flying pan to the fire," he said.

There are fewer men in the hostel block than might be expected—perhaps 75. According to Shilya, 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 Marabuka, Block D, has women and children, some related to the male inmates and others refugees. To reach it from the men's complex involves a dangerous 200m 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 bashed 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 starting. 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," Shilya said. "Let's just say we are using traditional weapons." After making the crossing to Block D, Shilya said, "I want the refugees not to use the reefed stagnant water, broken windows and scarce food supplies. "How can you expect people to act humanly when they are living in these inhuman conditions?"

Township residents find a helping hand amid crisis

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 meals. "We have been waiting for this meal for two months," says one refugee, "we came with our veterans." said Cecil Moon of the Palm Ridge Crisis Committee. Others are newer; two weeks, three months.

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 opposite is true. As many as 200 people work by a crisis committee largely comprising local African National Congress and conservative activists.

Committee members say many Palm Ridge residents are suspicious and resentful, and the Germiston City Council unhelpful. Some residents blame refugees for the 123 burglaries in the Palm Ridge/Eden Park area. The centre's clinic has received phone calls accusing it of being a "whip clinic.

Palm Ridge residents and the local management committee also complain about the loss of the community hall, which houses refugees. One Germiston city councilor has been spreading rumours of imminent "safety" 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," said the crisis committee's Ona Sherk.

Thokoza, Katlehong, Flora Park are all less than a kilometre away but, as Sherk comments, "they may as well be on Mars. Few people from Palm Ridge have ever been in the black townships."

Outsiders, Moorg says, see panic by spreading rumors: "They say holocaust is coming to attack, and it sends shocks through the group. We're not even trained as counselors, and we have to deal with this. We don't have any training..."
Price of protection – R20

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," 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-Thokoza, 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 Matambo, 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 Tokozu 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.

Detective Inspector Janine Smith said an unidentified woman was necklaced in Main Street in Tokozu at about 10 p.m.

In Katlehong, a man armed with an AK-47 fired shots at a police patrol through a window of a house.

He missed the policemen but wounded an unidentified girl in the back. Police took her to Nalzpruit Hospital.

In retaliation, someone threw two petrol bombs at the house, causing minimal damage.

Five men were arrested in Tokozu 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.

A police spokesman could not immediately say if the same attackers were suspected in the five attacks.

A 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)
Wrecked homes and shattered lives

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 Uhlundi 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.

"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 Khetleng 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.

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.

Two suspects were later apprehended and they will make their second court appearance 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 off a moving train between Johannesburg and Soweto. A security guard was killed on the same day at Driebergen 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 redeployment of police in large numbers.
Day of Madness

Eviction of Strikers Ends in a Bloodbath As Fighting Leaves 10 Dead

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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 Botbijl 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.

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 provided by police to hostel dwellers for use against residents.

Brigadier Zach Gobere, 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

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.

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
Police accused of East Rand atrocities

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 of security forces were said to be playing in the ongoing 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 P Dell," he said.

East Rand police spokesman Captain Wilma Weber denied the SAP had embarked on a "harassment spree" against residents.
ANC Youth League president Peter Mokaba last night retracted his call 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 Vuismuz 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 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 three hours after Sapa 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 Marinus 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 Mabaso, Ms Tandi and Mr Aubrey Mgomesulu were found in Thokoza after gunmen opened fire on a house.

Dawetton municipal policeman Const Nkosinathi Alpheus Ntombela's body was found next to the tracks near Delmore Station, Boksburg, with a bullet wound on Monday.

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
Townships on the East Rand have seen some of the worst violence in the country since 1990. Jo-Anne Collinge, Cyril Madlala and Happy Nkhoa visited Katlehong and Tokoza to see how residents are coping in their battle to live.

If you survive, there’s still tomorrow

At the entrance to the neighbouring townships of Katlehong and Tokoza, a stranger is struck by the sight of hawker 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 bullet lines have been drawn.

Some sections, like Ranceham, Mhlangeni, Mogodi and Likhanda — situated amid to Boyefuli, Essen专区 and Marikane 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, breadwinnerphone 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 Nokwazi Ndlovu’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, burnt buildings.

Pass fee

Now as she leaves home to work nearby Katlehong she worries if she will ever return, or whether she will find her house burned 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 Boksburg Street, and every time the com- panies must pay or into the hostel you go," she said. Her voice was getting louder and she jabbed her finger in the direction of Rockville hostel.

Nokwazi, 40, who lives near Plenty Park and walks about a kilometre to Nancefield Hospital where she catches a taxi to the shopping centre in Katlehong. The journey to work, which used to be 15 minutes, takes two hours or more.

She fears attacks by hostel dwellers if she takes the nearest direct route past the Madlala hostel.

Almost shaking, 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 NICOLAU
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 Tokozela.

For two monitoring bodies—the local group, Peace Action, and the international Ecumenical Monitoring Programme in South Africa (Empasa)—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 mortars and other large祖父 were being fired into the area.

Empasa and Peace Action were agitated; what they had seen left them with no doubt that the police had already employed excessive force.

The South African Police do not concede the point. Captain Wilna Weber argues it is “totally out of place” to suggest police use excessive force when they return fire with fire.

And he contends: “The deployment of 2000 more police, men and other security force members in the area shows distinctly that they are serious about restoring peace.”

Peace Action and Empasa monitored the police/fire 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.

The SAP's Weber says: “There was a substantial amount of shooting between the police and the families.”

In a follow-up operation, police confiscated a further two AK-47s, a pistol and a crossbow.

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 Phendukudzika Section who said they were Zulu and under threat from comrades.

Monitors went to the Tokozela police station and were redirected to the Internal Stability Unit (ISU) 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. Makhe Binsale was killed in front of Mahazanele hostel on July 6. His brother tried to intervene to secure the help of the police and SADF.

The board then approached the SADF. “The help came too late,” one resident said. “They offered to accompany us to the hostel. They were a week late, and we could have done nothing.”

In Katlehong last month gunfire and arson were the order of the day. They occur in the presence of the police who seem powerless to intervene,” the board observes.

“On a number of days the sound of burning flesh permeated the air of Katlehong and yet there was not a police vehicle in sight.”

Peace Action suggests that a wide range of peace monitors—not only those from the statutory Wits Vetal Peace Secretariat—could help the police with 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

Tokozela 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 Empasa and Katlehong.

“‘No-go’ zones for township residents are areas of IFP supporters (as people labeled as such) and areas surrounding the five hostels.

“‘No-go’ areas for IFP and hostel dwellers lie in the Phola Park, Mandela Park, and Holomelane 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 Tokozela. In front of the Khumalo Madala hostel the street is a no man's land.

“Twala, Ncaca and Simhunye are sites of simmering conflict.”
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 8 pm.

Another man was shot dead in Tsalu section at about noon yesterday.

An unidentified man was burnt to death in Letshopo 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 Ambrey Mqongzenthu and Tina Mabaso were killed.

Johannes and Ouma Mbaso and Tembo Mlambo were wounded, police said.

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Two more bodies found on tracks

Two more bodies found on tracks at Longdale station, between New Canada and Langa stations. (2718) He said it seemed the body found at Longdale had been thrown off a moving train.

Train violence on the Reef has claimed the lives of two more people... (2618) Witwatersrand SAP mobile unit operations officer Colonel Frank Snyman said initial information indicated the man killed in Braamfontein was a security guard who had been robbed, but police were still investigating.

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 Langa stations. He said it seemed the body found at Longdale had been thrown off a moving train.

More than 10 people have died in train violence since it restarted about three weeks ago.
ANC: Lift unrest curbs

JOHANNESBURG. —

The ANC called yesterday for the lifting of unrest regulations in East Rand townships where violence has claimed the lives of nearly 50 people since July.

ANC PWV secretary-general Mr. Paul Mashatile told journalists in Katielhong that the ANC "condemned the behaviour of police under cover of these regulations."
Rifles ring prayer group

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 unidentified 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
**Goldstone says greed central to taxi violence**

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 building.

Among the commercial failures 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 operating; 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.

"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.

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**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.

He referred to a commitment made in Sebenza last year that the police, the ANC and the civics would patrol "to identify the enemy", but nobody had come forward from those organisations.

Cross-examining ANC Vaal subregion chairman Klaar, 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."

Klaar said it was the police who were trying to discredit the ANC by releasing thugs turned over by the organisation.

Hattingh said: "Often you bring the person but not the evidence. The police need evidence."
Man burnt, woman shot

Two people died violently on the East Rand yesterday, police said.

In Katlehong's Tshepisong section, a man was set alight and burnt to death.

A woman was fatally shot in the head with an AK47 rifle in Tokozane. Police later arrested two men.

An arms cache, including seven AK47 rifles and more than 140 AK47 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 patroops were attacked in Phalan Park and the Chris Hani Park in Soweto.

Two people were injured.
Funeral clash sets off more violence

AT LEAST one person died as violence erupted anew in the troubled East Rand township of Tembisa late yesterday afternoon.

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 Uhambi sections were preparing for battle.

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 petrol bombs through her kitchen window in the presence of SAPS soldiers who did nothing to stop them.

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, taxi drivers 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.

According to Phola Park ANC official Thembu Dlidlu, 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.

Dlidlu 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.

“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 accused 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 this 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 taxi men and commuters who have been caught in the crossfire but pupils too. Pupils from Phenduka section cannot go to school 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” Mpiseleli Mthethwa said he was able to control his followers but was sometimes powerless when life 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,” he said.

“We must emphasise that we do not transport people to their deaths,” he said.
From E Rand Townships
Black cops, blocked
Killing Zone

By Moses Mamba

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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 Thekoza 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.

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

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 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 Nauwew, near Greytown, and a man was shot dead in a 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
Safe homes for violence victims

JOHANNESBURG — The FWV 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.

An executive member said yesterday victims of the St. James Church massacre had received counselling from police never given to victims in townships. — Sapa
AK-47 Fire
12 die in massacre

MASSACRE VICTIM

Zagreb, Apr 12: Victims of the massacre were wounded at the scene.
12 are Killed in Rand Attack

Barbarism comparable to church killings - ANC

Police have offered a reward of R500 000 for information.
people had been injured in the attack.

**VEREENIGING BUREAU**

Staff members of a Vanderbiltpark supermarket were locked inside a walk-in fridge by two gunmen who robbed the store of about R80 000 in cash.

The 45-year-old owner of the store, Eleftherios Savvas, was also injured and his employees were threatened with violence when he surrendered the money from inside the fridge.

Police are investigating.

No arrests have been made.

**SUNDAY PAPERS: Saturday's march on SAP headquarters by disgruntled black policemen was the main story in the Sunday Times, while Rapport treated its readers to an in-depth examination of why SA lost the third rugby test.**

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Shootout re-enacted

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.

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.

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 R30,000 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, KwaZulu and New Brighton townships were attacked. — Sapa
Retaliation fears after massacre

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 Gort Myburgh, he said yesterday.

"The thing that I personally fear at this stage is that this may 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 Thomo 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 Walter Sisulu's bodyguards and two police officers.
The July 18 shootout, in which bodyguard Mr. Ismail Molombe 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

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 killed at the Scaw Metals hostel in Germiston on Sunday.

In total, 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 Bannie 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.

He said he believed that the attack was carried by outsiders who wanted to "stir trouble at this normally peaceful hostel".

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Erasmus said 14 bodies — 13 of them in the troubled Katlehong-Tokoza area — were found since Friday.
New party discussed

THE creation of a new broad-based party consisting of groups that supported federalism was under discussion, Afrikaner Volks- menie 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 federalism.

The second option would be to create a party out of the Afrikaner 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

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 28 over this period.

On Sunday a gunman fired at members of the Transvaal Bureaucracy 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 Ndluvu said the victims were all Inkatha members.

Meanwhile, the NP has condemned ANC president Nelson Mandela's statement that the 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 Martinus 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 in a vehicle in Mbeni, Estcourt. A man was shot dead in Umhlazi'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

A TIGHTLY knit group in the Inkatha Freedom Party central committee is opposed to the formal strategy of boycotting talks and has sought out senior negotiator Walter Pelgate 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 Pelgate has the ear of party leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi, and together the two are running the party along the lines of a feudal system.

The group has set up an Inkatha information centre to wrest control from Pelgate over public statements.

In an interview yesterday, Pelgate 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 meetings, 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.
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 Diets 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

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 is home to at least 2,000 workers, mostly migrants, as well as several hundred refugees from the violence in nearby Katlehong," commented.

Six of the nine named so far were Numsa members, as are four of the 15 who have been injured. Among the other dead named was a member of the United Workers' Union of South Africa, while another Ucosa 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' is a tactic to stir up trouble in a hostel where workers of different political persuasions have co-existed peacefully," Paparoof

ANC president Nelson Mandela said the Government had neither the will nor the desire to end the violence.

NP spokesman Mattheus 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 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.
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.

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.

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 peacekeeping force.

Meanwhile, a trade unionist said yesterday’s massacre of 14 people outside Scaw Metals’ Waderville hostel on Sunday could be attributed to “third force” action.

Taxi conference well attended

This 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 Waelgemoed 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 Humelele Mosa and national peace secretariat chairman Antonie Gledenhuys addressing a full house of delegates.

Before he spoke to delegates, Waelgemoed said he had been urged by certain parties not toaddress 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 Makewu failed to turn up at the conference. The organisation’s transport secretary, Mark Shimer, said the PAC decided to stay away because “significant players in the industry were not taking part”.

This was a reference to Saba, which had decided to distance itself from the “unrepresentative” conference.

Sabita spokesman Mike Ntlathleng said his organisation had nothing to do with asking Waelgemoed not to attend.

Ntlathleng said Sabita was not taking a position on taxi violence, that should come from the “grassroots” of the industry — “the taxi people”.

Sabita 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.
ANOTHER DEATH

Two policemen carry the body of three-year-old Nomkhulayo Ollant towards a police van waiting to take it to a mortuary. The girl was among three people shot dead, allegedly by members of the South African Defence Force, at the East Rand squatter camp of Phola Park yesterday.

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By Ike Motapi

A three-year-old girl was 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, Nomkhulayo Ollant, was asleep when she was shot through the head and died. The others are Khubeka Ngwasa (26) and Andile Twenge (53) (21) who was killed after being shot through the body.

A family dog was also killed when it attacked a police officer. The police officer was injured in the attack.

The attack occurred in the early hours of Sunday morning and 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.
SADF patrol kills three in camp

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, Nomhlele Ojie, was sleeping when she was shot through the head. The other dead are Khingeni Ncapali (36) and Andile Zwangwane (33).

Residents said the girl’s pet dog was also killed.

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, Dr Nkosyana, 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 Mlambo Street was shot dead by police. The SAP could not confirm the shooting.
Six more die in Reef violence

By Anna Louw

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 Mphailele 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.

In the second attack Constable M Mphailele 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 Kattlehong's Radibe section.

The body of a man was found at Klettes' station in Kattlehong and another man died of gunshot wounds in Molelek' section.

Police found the body of a man who died of gunshot wounds in Motlalg Street in Tshwane.
Man killed, 7 hurt in attack on home

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 Mithethwa 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 injuries after being shot a number of times with an AK-47 rifle.

Six bodies were found with gunshot and burn wounds in the Killehong/Thokoza/Vosloorus area, and the burnt body of a man was found in Tembisa.

A police patrol was attacked in Killehong 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 Katlehong, 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 killed. — Sapa

Women in joint initiative for peace

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”.
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 (2-12).

A man burnt to death when a shack was set on fire in Ivory Park quarter settlement in Tembisa. Another was shot dead in Motau section, also in Tembisa.

■ Rifles

Police raided Seaw 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 handgrenades 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.
JOHANNESBURG. - Four policemen were attacked in Johannesburg within 36 hours, with one dead, two seriously wounded and another less seriously injured. (CT218173)

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 — The railway company in the Transvaal declared an immediate end to hostilities at the "taxi indaba" here yesterday.
Four die in ongoing violence on the ER

FOUR people were killed in township violence on the East Rand on Wednesday, police spokesman 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 an on-site hostel complex early yesterday.

Fifteen residents in possession of weapons were arrested.

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 Putoo but fired at a taxi. Erasmus said the motive and attackers were unknown.

A man was found dead in a burnt-out shack in Tembisa's Ivory Park squatter camp after a crowd set the homestead alight, and two men with gunshot wounds were found at Kablelong. 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 Bramfontein Station in Johannesburg yesterday 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 Kuit 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.
RESIDENTS of Vosloorus on the East Rand have declared a consumer boycott of white businesses in nearby Boksburg.

The Vosloorus Campaign Committee said the campaign, which started on Monday, would continue until certain demands were met. These include the release of people detained under 'inquest 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.

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.

Azapo deputy national organiser Mr Montwatsi Duna has invited the Soweto, Lenasia, Eldorado Park, Alexandra and Dobsonville branches to attend.

Meanwhile, the Jabulani and Moletsane branches of Azapo will on Sunday hold a memorial service at Entokosweni Community Centre in Soweto for former South African Students' Organisation permanent secretary Mr Mapetla Mohapi, former secretary Mr Muntu Myeza and 1976 student leader Mr Tsitsi Mashinini.
Fears of more factory violence

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 organizational 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 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 (Iwusa).

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 not address 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 Molo and Solly Crosser in July and August, while the union charges that workers at Arlee 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. 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

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, Bokburg, 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 Berlus Moller 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 Mgumumobho and Gcuka 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 IPP expressed shock yesterday at Thursday’s killing of the party’s Kwakatetwa branch chairman, Mr Elías Diadia, who had previously survived five attempts on his life.

Mr Diadia was shot dead by a youth while travelling on a bus in the Eswaneni area near Empangeni, Inkatha spokesman Mr Ed Tillet said.

Mr Tillet said the youth went up to Mr Diadia, 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 Ezonza, Mr Tillet said.

The SAP were unable to confirm Mr Diadia’s death. — Sapa
Unrest areas

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Police said yesterday two men died and four were injured on the East Rand.
TRAPPED IN A JAIL
KIDS CALL HOME

By MONWABISI NQOLO

THREE babies have been born in a grim, concentration camp-like condition at Kathlong hostel. They were delivered by traditional midwives.

The infants have not been checked by doctors or hospital-trained midwives.

No medical facilities are available to the hostel dwellers and town refugees who live trapped lives inside the fortresses.

The sick monthly on traditional healers leading one sangoma to claim that she was "overworked.

Tshitsi Ngema, 15, birthed a healthy boy, weak, old Philani, inside the hostel, where the mother is still a captive.

"There is nothing we can do," Ngema said.

"The hall was too hot when City Press visited on Thursday. Someone remarked: 'It's like we're in Ethiopia.'"

The atmosphere is tense. No one had any idea what the hostilities between hostel dwellers and township residents were about.

On Tuesday, at 12h30, it was sitting in room 2355, F3 block, when an deafening burst of a semi-automatic rifle exploded outside.

The room belongs to Jeffery Sib唯, chairman of the Inkatha Youth League and a member of the Local Dispute Resolution Committee (LRDC).

The room was rocked by Inkatha members. Everyone kept calm, and photographer Tsidi Kholo panicked.

"The Inkatha members were not here," said one who was there.

"They were not here," said another.

"They were not here," commented another.

On the wall, a front picture of Buthelezi and Ndabezane hung.

The past three weeks have been the worst for three hostels - Buwayu, Khawesi and Mazibuko - all Inkatha strongholds.

Close on 7 000 people stuck it out daily in the hostel buildings. Hostel leadership have given strict instructions - no one to set foot in the township outside.

The hostel residents talk of the death of Kathlong. They looked into, bored. The street is visible on their faces.

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?

Sib唯a complained: "Township people have such a service even though we all pay tax." (2)

"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."

Sib唯a dismissed the myth 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 up Zulus from townships," 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.

Gumunambuthu could be heard, the drums giving 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 etoys facilities for them.

The kids in the hostel grounds play at mock shoot-outs - wargames copied from life around them.

Blind seven-year-old Duwi Dlulini complained that she could not go to the Kathlong school for the deaf and blind because "there is no lighting. They are burning us. We are killing us, but I want to go to school."

Sports, like soccer or traditional dancing on Saturday afternoon, 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 hostel, except for spaza, have been closed. No supplies have reached the hostels as delivery trucks are attacked once they enter the townships.

Some are, vigorously engaged in fighting off clouds of flies were seen sitting on meat which cooked.

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," Sib唯a said.

The KwaZulu 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 Sib唯a.

These goods - mostly furniture - belong to our people who ran away from the township," Sib唯a 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 Mthethwa and Randhebe have been sold by comrade," Sib唯a said.

He confirmed that hostel people had taken control of the "area" in their "own houses in Mthethwa Section I," but denied that owners were forced to move out.

"We've made agreements with the owners that we will look after their houses. They have even given us keys.

Another leader, an induna, Albert Mthethwa, affectionately known by his clan name "Simbila," said they had helped several residents nearby to look after their goods when leaving the area.
Killings: 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.

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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
Ray of hope for peace in Tokoza

TOKOZA 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 perception 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.
Residents claim Casspir delivered violence.

Car thief, cops stoned

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- Sapo
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— Reports by Sapa and Sapa-Reuter (2-18)
RED 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

By Tsaile Makam

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. (2-12)

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 Zikhalo and Bonakele Neibande, 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 2.30pm on Saturday. Mohlala said: "Thabo went out to get some glasses but rushed back saying there were attackers outside."
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, Kriel, late yesterday.

In Tokoza, a man was shot dead at a hostel, and the bodies of two men were found — one in Nkati Street; the other, riddled with bullets, in Khumalo Street.

Also in Tokoza, a child was knocked down by a vehicle. By-standers stoned and stabbed the driver. A police officer also came under attack when they arrived.

The injured driver was arrested.

Police were shot at with an automatic weapon in Moseleke, Ramakanope and Radebe sections of Kriel yesterday.

*A Tokoza squatter camp was petrol-bombed (2-13).

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 an air pistol.
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 Rhayelisha.

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 on Monday.

- 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 Krielhong'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 killed.

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 Krielhong 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.

He said 13 Mozambicans had been arrested in connection with the training.

The SDUs 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 are 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.

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 may withdraw S.Africa from UN

THE government is taking financial administration independent Lebowa hostile today after irregularities proportions emerged.

The move is the first by the government to Lebowa into South Africa.

With irregularities appearing in most if not all of the Taxi war

A SUPREME COURT warned two Codeta members yesterday they should there be "as much whisper" of intimidation of witnesses.

Mr Sandile Nongwana, Patrick Nongwana are charged with two counts of murder, one of attempted murder related to the taxi war.

They were yesterday 1973.
Unrest: seven policemen held

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 Cailitz 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 (Poporul) to demand better working conditions.

Police could not say last night whether the detained men were Poporul members.

The seven comprise one constable and six assistant constables. They live in Katlehong, Tokozla and Vosloorus.

The arrest and detention springs from their alleged involvement together with SDUs in the instigation and perpetration of violence. Their involvement is being investigated urgently," Cailitz said.

At least 450 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.

Law and Order Ministry spokesman Captain Craig Kothe said the arrests emphasised the dangers of politicising the police force, as was being attempted by Poporul and the ANC.

IFP spokesman Ed Tilet 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.

Witvlei 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

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 Kwisini-Germiston line.

In another train incident, police shot dead one man and wounded three others on a train at Johannesburger's Groverneor 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 schoolchildren in Mundini 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 Emasheni 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
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 Groenvoort station in Johannesburg yesterday.

And on the East Rand, the bodies of three men were found in a railway coach between Kwa-

Police said commuters heard shots fired in the carriage near Wadville station.

In the Groenvoort station attack, plainclothes policemen were attacked by a gang.

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.
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 P 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 Prisoners 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 Kriel and Thokoza.

IFP spokesman Mr Ed Tilley 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 told the alliance and other organisations that concerned about peace in the East Rand and called on people to regard September as a “month of peace.”
Seven policemen arrested over E Rand violence

BRONWYN WILKINSON
The Argus Correspondent

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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, Tsepo and nearby Voelvorsus. 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 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.

Popcru spokesman Ed Tillett 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 our country are the police and MK," he said.
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 shooting 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 Nhembu said a member of their organisation had witnessed the incident.

Police killed one commuter and injured two others in the shootout.

The witness – a commuter – told City Press that after the shootout four white police officers – a Capt. Knoops, a Colonel Smythe, a Capt. Dawson and a Lieutenant Thomas – 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 Kloofendal Station with a colleague. They were wearing their uniforms but were not armed.

"Just after arriving at Groenvlei 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 waited after them and alerted them about the attack in the coach where the commuters 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 cards and surrendered."

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 negotiator 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.

Arjent Singh, who flew to Singapore to confirm Jacko'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.
ANC calls mass Rand stayaway

JOHANNESBURG
The ANC has called a mass stayaway today in the East Rand townships of Phokwane, Kablekong and Vosloorus in protest against alleged police brutality.
Town honours AWB

An Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging ceremony at Sannishof in the Western Transvaal—during which the ultra-nationalist group received the freedom of the town from the town council—went off peacefully.

"There were no problems. The AWB said they were going to have a braai after the ceremony," police spokesman Major Hannes Weyermann said yesterday.

Sannishof mayor Mr Sieg Potters 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 conferment. (2/18)
ANC calls for a stayaway

The African National Congress has called for 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 stay away from work and march to the Integral Stability Unit centre in Vosloorus today.

More than 300 people have died in violence in Tokoza, Katlehong and Vosloorus since July. 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 play.

Police spokesman Major Eugene Opperman said police would monitor the stayaway.

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 attacks on people, harassment, rioting, and lootng," Bapela said.

The stayaway would include the "In Defence of Our Lives" campaign during which residents would demand the government's attention to the water crisis, said Bapela.

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 Hunterfield Stadium in Katlehong starting at 10am, Bapela said.

Sapa.
Township violence precedes stayaway

STAFF REPORTERS

Violence flared across the East Rand townships at the weekend and early today, ahead of today's planned mass work stoppage 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 renewed violence which flared up in Katlehong, Tokozan and Daveyton.

A Tokozan 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 shootings.

The resident said houses were burning and people were fleeing their homes.

Residents of East Rand townships are bracing themselves for today's stoppage.

The residents of Tokozan, 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 Villakopitsa, 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 of all people who had been arrested.
- The lifting of unrest regulations in the area.
- The empowerment of all police stations to police the townships.
- The legalisation of self-protection units.

Bapela said yesterday that failure to meet these demands would invite more forms of mass action, such as a prolonged consumer boycott of all towns around the townships.

Local IFP leader Gertrude Mzizi expressed concern about the timing of today's activities in the light of recent steps by the area and national efforts to end violence.

A senior police spokesman today confirmed that 24 people had died in violent attacks in Katlehong and Tokozan.

A woman was also shot dead in Daveyton on Saturday and police recovered a Tokarev cartridge at the scene.

Germiston's fire chief Simon Barkhutzen said 15 homes were burnt in Katlehong and Tokozan 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 operation as a success.

Lieutenant-General 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 June was 33 per cent lower than 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.

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Unrest areas: Whites warned

Crime Reporter

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 Panie 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 Boets 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.
Chaos after ANC stayaway to drive police from townships
1 shot dead in march on E Rand

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 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 resided in pain in the same churchyard as peace monitors rushed to help her.

The march and rally were stage during a mass work stayaway called by the ANC in the strife-torn East Rand townships Tokoza, Kathlehong 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 Kathlehong at midday as police and army patrolled the streets.

In Kathlehong 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 Kathlehong, 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 AR-15 rifle early today after investigating reports of shooting at private vehicles on the Vereeniging Road, about 7am.

A Tokoza resident said today that AR-15 gunfire could be heard near a hostel from about 4am today.

The demand for the withdrawal of white policemen 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 Hercules 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.
Thousands join township protest

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.

Two more deaths were reported off 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 FWV deputy secretary Obed Bapela, who led the march to the internal stability unit's offices, told unit head Brig. AD Huggelt that his members should leave Thokoza, Katlehong and Ysdoorn within 30 days, or they would be physically removed. The ANC, SAPC, 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.

Huggelt told Bapela that the unit's
Peace hopes dashed

AROUND 3am yesterday Mr Samson Kabelli was trapped in his burning shack at Thintwa Section in Tokozo on the East Rand.

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.

Kabelli was shot dead as he tried to escape. The attackers fled to nearby Tokozo Hostel. Residents alleged they were escorted by white policemen travelling in a Casspir.

Police have, however, denied the allegations. Police spokesman Captain Wicus 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 Kautelhong, Vosloorus and Tokozo.

Kabelli was one of four people killed in renewed violence in Tokozo and Kautelhong.

Thousands of residents stayed away from work to attend a mass rally at Huntersfield Stadium in Kautelhong 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 Kautelhong 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

THE latest wave of violence on the East Rand follows the withdrawal of 3000 SADF troops

It said that since Chris Hani's assassination, these townships had experienced an unprecedented escalation of interracial 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 mailing 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 Oosthuizen, 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 Thackeray folds.

Peace monitors intervened to prevent a threatening situation developing into a war between police and residents.

Round 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

By Bongani Mavuso

Thousands 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 killing.

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 barely a week ago.

Since Friday 75 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's base at Vlakplaas in Vosloorus, where a memorandum containing grievances was handed to the commanding officer, Brigadier AG Hugo. 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 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.
Killing on the East Rand since withdrawal of 3,000 troops

69 violent deaths since Friday
Boycott of white shops

LOUIS TRICHAUD

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.

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.
Jo-Anne Collinge reports on a court case which may provide clues to why many residents of East Rand township view "unrest" measures practised by security forces with hostility

Do powers calm or inflame passions?

In areas like the East Rand townships of Katlehong and Tembisa, where political conflict leaves a weekly trail of bodies, the provision of "unrest areas" — or "high-stakes 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 afflicted 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 Boland.

Senior police officers denied the assault allegations, but officers cited as respondents regularly consented to an order restraining police from assaulting, mistreating, or detaining any detainees named in the application for the duration of their detention.

In court papers that could scarcely fail to recall the landmark "Wendy O" assault case of the mid-60s, medical practitioners said what they had found when they examined detainees from the Katlehong-Tembisa/Kathorora ("Kathorora") area and from Davoct in Benoni.

"Sustained injury on the upper part of the left eye following an assault with the butt of an R-4 rifle. This has caused depressed fracture of the left orbit and facial injury and has left her with a palsy of the left eye muscle."

"The left eye muscle is found to be weak with visual impairment."

"In addition to the above injury, she also has a fractured nose and a fractured left ear, which is also alopecia."

In response, the police denied all allegations and submitted affidavits to the contrary.

The police also filed district surgeons' reports in support of their contention that detainees have not been assaulted and had no access to doctors. They relied particularly on district surgeons Dr M Chaplin, etc.

The applicants' evidence pointed out that Dr Chaplin's reports did not always concur with those of his colleagues whereas such comparative reports existed.

In the Voslovon case, for instance, Sparrison and a private practitioner, Dr Mia Meyel, 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 "Kathorora," stated initially that the detainees' allegations "have not been disputed 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 assertions that the majority of detainees were assaulted on a regular basis by members of the force.

But, after the applicants filed additional affidavits, Venter said in a statement: "It is not possible in the available time to get witnesses together and 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 presenting a final interdict, the order was granted on condition that the ANC and the detainees should prepare for the expiration of the police power of arrest of the detainees for a period of one week, thus allowing the ANC to file an affidavit in reply.

Whether Mr Justice Lereson's ruling on outstanding aspects of the case, the court action has provided insight into the ANC's demands for the removal of the Internal Stability Unit from "Kathorora" and the residents' plan to March on Inyoni Farm.

The case also raises serious questions about methods and ends in the control of political conflict. It is clear that unrest arises, with its dedication provisions, has become a bone of contention instead of an instrument of peace.
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 52 AK-47 cartridges.

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 IFP said local police had ignored several requests to increase policing of the routes.

The IFP suggested a security strongpoint be established in the vicinity of the Deep and Long Horns sections of Wembezi.

Police are still investigating Saturday's ambush.

Sapa
UNEASY calm has returned to the violence-torn East Rand townships of Katlehong and Tokoz, where about 26 people have been killed since Friday.

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.

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 Nels 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
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 23.

A meeting to call the boycott was held at the University of Venda on August 23 — 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 (Aug 7) that 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.

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Church JFP to meet

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.
21 killed in Rand attacks

Johannesburg. - Twenty-one people were gunned down and 35 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 9pm, 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. Herman 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. Mnosti Gungabale reiterated the ANC belief of a "third force" at work in the country.

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 23 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 6 pm when about 10 gunmen opened fire on commuters outside the Hokaal restaurant on the corner of De Korna and Lettery Streets.

Police said the attack appeared to have been well planned. AK-47 assault rifles and other firearms were used.

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 Ngobezi.

It was unclear how many gunmen burst into the YMCA hall where about 80 members of the Baragwanath Taxi Association were meeting. The motive for the attack was not known.

In the morning, three people were injured when two taxis travelling from Katlehong to Germiston came under fire at Lonzdale bridge in Alberton.
Four killed at taxi peace meeting

By Abbey Makoe

Our people were shot dead when two groups of taxis exchanged gunfire during a meeting to resolve a dispute at the Orlando Domestic 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 cordons.

Soweto police spokesman Major Joseph Ngobeni said last night that police were told that the shootings took place while members of the Baragwanath Taxi Association were holding a meeting.

He said a group of men burst into the hall and started firing shots at the taxis.

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 Nonza Nhleko (25), Mr Kenneth Nkosi, Mr Jacob Motsa and Mr Hamilton Shiri.

The clash is believed to be associated with the ongoing 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 gunfire hit a taxi driving past Leondale Bridge on Black Reef Road in Alberton on the East Rand yesterday.

Police said the injured were admitted to Natalpruit 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-Bennoni Hospital.

East Rand police said they did not know the motive for either attack.
New attacks on taxi commuters: Death toll rises

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG—Two more taxi commuters were shot dead in Black Reef Road near Lenasia on the East Rand early today.

This follows last night's killing of 28 and the wounding of 25 in Soweto, Germiston, and five near Escom, 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 Herman Kriel immediately condemned the "horrible 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's 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 hard 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 Hokari 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 in decades."

Witnesses said two minibuses were stopped on either side of the rank at 6 am and about 10 men
Survivor: One of the 25 commuters wounded by gunfire last night at a train station in Wadeville, Connecticut.
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 Wadeville, in which 19 people were killed and 22 injured, is now R250 000 (278).

Up to R50 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.
Gummen target commuters in series of attacks

Taxi carnage goes on

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 Pretoria, Tembisa.

The latest attacks, in Black Reef Road near Lenasia, bring the death toll in taxi-related violence to 25.

Earlier yesterday four members of the Bara-City Taxi Association (BCTA) were shot dead during an election meeting in Orlando, Soweto, and a gun was snatched in what was announced in Noord Stads, 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 Holcaust taxi rank was the scene of small shopping centres and three people were killed.

Witnesses said two minibus taxis stopped on either side of the rank at 6 pm and about 10 men started firing on commuters waiting to go home.

Panic broke out as screaming people ran in panic, the man was wounded in the head and leg.

Medical attention... police and ambulance men attend to one of the victims shot at the Black Reef Road intersection last night.

"It is the prevailing culture of violence in places such as the East Rand which provides the seedbed for outbreaks such as those," he said.

ANG spokesman Carl Niehaus said last night he believed the massacre of commuters was linked to Tuesday night’s breakthrough in negotiations regarding the transitional executive council.

The pattern seems to be too well established," he said. "It seems that a very clear pattern of third force activity is being established.

The Inkatha Freedom Party has expressed shock and horror at the latest massacre, adding that there is still time to save the peace process.

Bloodbath last night saw at least 25 people killed, and 18 others were injured in separate incidents across the country.

In KwaZulu-Natal, three people were killed and 10 injured in a shooting incident at a shopping centre.

Tvisikazi said he was shot at and killed by a gangster.

PICTURE: STEPHEN DAVIES

Text driver Davee Tvisikazi said he was shot at and killed by a gangster.
21 die in taxi rank carnage

South African Press Association

Twenty-one people were killed and 25 others wounded in two attacks in the industrial area of Wadewill 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 Deckema 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 Koekemoer, described the attack as "completely senseless." (278)

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 Wadewill, 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 association 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 Hermus Kriel said the "horrible 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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'Iron doves' for peace

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 the townships and at least one of the vehicles would be fitted with water tanks and firefighting equipment.
Probe into ambushes

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.

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**

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 women. Two people were injured.

Two victims of Wednesday night’s taxi rank massacre in Wadeville, near Germiston, died in the Nataliasriit Hospital in KwaZulu yesterday, bringing to 28 the number of people killed in two attacks on commuters in the area.

President F W de Klerk offered a R50 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 investigate 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 Mbona.

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**Violence**

A body was found in northern Natal.

Two bodies were found in Shambayi, near Durban, yesterday morning. Five people were wounded when bullets raked a taxi along a road near KwaZulu on Wednesday night, reports Sapa.

In Vosloorus, one pupil was shot dead at a school and another wounded in a separate incident.

Tensions ran high in KwaZulu yesterday and most of the township’s major roads were barricaded. Stunned survivors of Wednesday’s attack held a prayer meeting at Nataliafitlu 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 measures 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 Helen Kriel with a “more appropriate and enlightened minister who will take the action which is so urgently needed.”
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 Sidney.

HUNDREDS of houses in the violence-wracked townships of the East Rand have been occupied by squatters who have ‘evicted’ the local owners.

In Thokoza, at least 200 houses have been annexed, and in Katleloeng 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 by loungers. Since the last major flare-up in Thokoza six weeks ago, many residents have moved to the local hostels — or, according to Police Action, the nearest hostel — before receiving letters giving them seven days’ notice to move, according to Police Action.

Police are aware of the phenomenon, and have asked residents to move their families to safety. No action has yet been taken against the new occupants.

An apology for peace

The South African Council of Churches is holding a series of meetings with the African National Congress, the Inkatha Freedom Party and the South African Freedom Party on the East Rand aimed at overcoming perceptions of fear and apathy against them.

The principal focus of the meetings is to discuss how the ANC and the Inkatha Freedom Party can cooperate effectively in the interests of peace and unity. The meetings have been held in an atmosphere of goodwill and understanding.

The South African Council of Churches (SACC) has extended an invitation to the Inkatha Freedom Party to a meeting of its executive to discuss the possibility of joint action.

The SACC’s general secretary, Dr. Vincent Ngcukana, has repeatedly approached the local council to register the telephone in his name and restore services.

“Why do the police think we are doing? Don’t they ask us why we are leaving our own homes? Don’t they investigate? People don’t voluntarily leave their own homes,” he said.

In the local offices, the minister had watched the incident but was too afraid to intervene.

Lawyers for Human Rights’ Brian Levinson 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 law into their own hands by executing people to safety without asking questions. The SAP’s East Rand spokesman, Captain Willem Weber, said the police were aware of the problem and believed that the number of incidents was “very low”.

Levinson said that in one example, a written complaint or evidence, such as an eviction order, had not been provided.

Police in Thokoza are known to have a list of people evicted from their homes and sent to safety.

Piers Pigou of Peace Action — which has affidavits from several residents in Palm Ridge Community Centre, where many evicted residents are still living — 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 to improve the situation and don’t want any security forces nearby. Still others 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 the problem and has set up a forum in the area in an attempt to find a solution.
More bodies found in East Rand townships

JOHANNESBURG. — Six more bodies have been found in the East Rand townships of Tokozan 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 Etiwtwa squatter camp. Passengers, to allow a funeral procession to pass.

"The motorists, identified only as Mr. Havenga, was shot and as he ran away but later found his vehicle without the keys," Sapa.
Troops, detectives sent into E-Rand

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 of political 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 breakdowns 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 Tshwane, Germiston, on Wednesday night. Gunmen in two minibuses stopped on both sides of the Hekka taxi rank in Dekema Road at 6 p.m. 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 p.m. in which two people were killed.

At about 6 a.m. 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 Vogelman, director of the Project for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation, said the taxi rank attack was a highly trained hit squad.

"The gunmen had immense control over their weapons and showed they were incredibly highly trained."

Meanwhile, East Rand violence continued yesterday, with seven people killed in Katlehong and Tokoza.
POLICE are investigating possible links between the Wadeville massacre and last Sunday's sabotage of the railway line serving three East Rand hostel complexes.

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 the 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 SAPWitswaterand 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 Katlehong station to Pilottown, Lindefel and Kwestini stations, which serve the Inkatha-held Bayefutti, Kwestini, 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 senior sergeant Meininghaus.

"People in the hostels have 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 Annetmarie 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 Kwestini 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.
JOHANNESBURG — A man has been arrested in connection with Wednesday's attacks which left 23 taxi commuters dead at Wadestown on the East Rand. More than 40 witnesses have been questioned, including two who were injured when gunmen opened fire on commuters at a Heidelberg taxi rank. A R220,000 reward has been offered for information leading to conviction of those responsible for Wednesday's attacks. — Sapa
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 Shinners.

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. Shinners 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 would investigate. — Sapa
Security forces oversee exodus

Flight from East Rand townships

HUNDREDS of homes in Tokoza and Katlehong have been evacuated near hostels controlled by Inkatha members.

Had been brave enough to stay at home overnight to guard their possessions.

The convoy would venture into the townships only after a bluff had arrived as an escort.

The streets surrounding the Tokoza hostel were quiet and most homes 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 soldiers 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 goes out from rally

The Argus Correspondent
PRETORIA. — About 2,000 people took part in the Peace Rally at the New Lautium 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 "called 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 Stoefberg said children should not look to politicians alone to stop 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 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.

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 nonracial elections. — Sapa.
Death toll on the East Rand rises to 28.

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In the Natal Midlands, Wembeni township was tense after two weekend killings. — Sapa (27/8)

Taxi blockade brings townships to a standstill

TOWNS in the Border region came to a standstill yesterday as thousands of taxis blocked petrol stations and depots in protest against the fuel price increase.

Motorists were unable to get petrol in King William's Town, East London, Queenstown, Alwal North and Stutterheim as taxi drivers stopped filling stations and fuel depots from supplying petrol to vehicles.

Shots were fired at a Stutterheim service station in the afternoon. No one was injured but a minibus taxi parked on the premises was damaged, Sapa reports.

Taxi industry sources feared the protest could spread to the big cities.

ANC Border region media officer Mbeki Baha said after a meeting with the ANC, the SA National Civic Organisation (Sanco) and the National Union of Metalworkers of SA (Numsa), the action was reduced to a selective blockade in which petrol stations were allowed to supply fuel to essential services vehicles, such as ambulances.

Bata said taxi organisations in the region took the decision to blockade filling stations on Friday.

Army spokesman Col Herman Bosshard said about 600 minibus taxis blocked access to BP, Engen and Total fuel depots in East London. The army had not taken any action and was still trying to negotiate a settlement.

Hope fades for m
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In the Natal Midlands, Estcourt's Wembeti township was tense after two weekend killings. — Sapa (278)
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 Bambanyati 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. They were doing repair work on an installation.

Another municipal policeman, Constable John Mohanwe Motai, 34, is in a critical condition in Alberton's Union Hospital.

Mr Taylor's body and panel van were set on fire.

On Wednesday night two attacks on taxis in Wadewell in which 25 people were butchered in cold blood. Another occurred the next morning in KwaNdebele, in which two people died.

Thursday and Friday however, saw peace and goodwill in Natal's Bambanyati 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 shacks.

A large group of women, watched by peace monitors, gathered at the Gandhi Clinic in Bambanyati 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 seeing relatives for the first time since this fighting started," said people from the Greens.

"People from the Greens were saying: We are tired of fighting," said local councilor Lenford Mbiyi.

Local Red leader Lenford Mbiyi 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 consistently accused of fanning the violence.

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.
Avoiding the death queue is a tricky business

By Musa Zondi

Blood on the tracks (above) a victim of train violence and (right) home can be dangerous as well.

SAD TIMES No matter which way we turn, death is never far away:


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 color of your skin.

You can die anywhere. You can also die under a hail of machine gunfire as taxi owners flit 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 Sebenekane 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

FOURTY-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 Mazimpilo stations, were all residents of the Marafa 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 claim, 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, 93 incidents left 57 commuters dead and 318 injured.

From January this year to yesterday, 72 commuters had been killed and 78 injured in 33 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 at Kettlekoc, 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, Kettlekoc. The fourth victim was found with burns wounds next to a railway line in Kettlekoc.

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

TRAINS attacked claimed two more lives on the Reef on Monday, police said yesterday. Police spokesman Major Joseph Ngobeni said the bodies of a 30-year-old man and two seriously injured men were found near Mzimkhlophe 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 15/9/13 (209)
Reef killings anger SAP and Inkatha

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 Mzezi Abonane (31) was stabbed and Mthabor 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 23. And KwaZulu police said the murder of three people in the region on Monday had brought the death toll in Natal to 28 since Friday.

The IEF expressed outrage at train attacks in Soweto and on the East Rand yesterday.

In Soweto police found a man's body and two injured men next to the track between MzimbiPhe and New Canada stations. One of the injured men died in hospital.

The IEF said at least 10 people were injured in the attack. The dead and injured were Merafo Hostel residents.

On the East Rand, the railway tracks between KwaSibi and Germiston stations were sabotaged on Monday afternoon.

Thirty-two unidentified people who died in East Rand violence are being buried and given memorial service today by the East Rand council of churches in Tokoza.
Four men killed on East Rand

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 Monia 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 Kwezine stations were loosened again, disrupting services.

In Natal, Mr M Nelki, 56, was shot dead but his family escaped injury when a man opened fire on their home in Harding on Monday, police said.

A suspected bank 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

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 160 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 Gabinde, 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 spokesman Ms Lena Mogobela said the local council's mechanical grave-digger had broken down and other arrangements were being made. — Sapa-AFP
Three die in attack on taxi rank

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 Davyton on the East Rand at dawn today.

And in another attack in Davyton 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 Mitchell Erasmus said the taxi was attacked when it stopped at Davyton 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 six 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 Watville 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.
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 Kaffekop.

The electrician, Mr. Hans Taylor, had been shot in the head. The municipal policeman had been shot in the back.

The municipal policeman was a second 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.

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, pounds of ammunition, petrol bombs, stolen goods and drugs seized at three Thokoza hostels during a pre-dawn police raid yesterday. — Sapa
Gunman kills 3
Soweto, 17/9/93

By Mzimasi Ngulle and
Soweto Correspondent

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Taxi attack

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Inkumus said the taxi was attacked when it
stopped at Daveyton Station shortly
after 8am and its passengers alighted.

The names of the dead have not yet
been released.

Mr Thomas Bello (62) sustained
minor injuries and was later discharged.

Mr Steven Mohapi (20) sustained
gunshots in his buttocks while Mr
Gabriel Mziza and the taxi driver Mr
Peter Mathole (36) 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; Ms Sipho Vakhookonono of
Mr Pana Nkomza, both of Zone 10,
Meadowlands.

Police spokesman Major Joseph
Ngobe said Mr Pilani Mlumbu of
Ndlovu was stabbed in the back and Mr
Isaac Montshane of Zoni 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
Khanji Twala (56), Mr Wandile
Mhlango (27), Mr Phumelele Mtshini
(25), Mr Armstrong Dube (23) and Mr
Nkosinathi Makaliki (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.

By 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.

Saps reports that a western Cape peace meeting is to he 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.

SPRING FEVER!

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East Rand killings bring toll to 1200

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 gunman used an AK-47 but said the motive was not known.

ANC FWU deputy secretary Obed Bapela said the attack brought to 1200 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.

ANC members yesterday that the occupants of at least 600 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 Gouw said yesterday the SAP hoped the meeting would resolve the problem. Saps reports.

The ANC has also said that security forces 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 illegally," 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 issues 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.
ANC claims residents thrown out of homes

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 Tokozana and Katlehong residents alleged that members of the Internal Stability Unit had moved into their homes.

Others claimed that security force members had charged between R20 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."
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.

The attack happened at dawn yesterday.

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 Kriel. The body was found in the township's Shongweni section. A 9mm cartridge and four AK-47 cartridges were found near his body.
By EREAJA MANTINI

THERE seems to be no end to the killings and
violence in East Rand townships.
Katlehong, one of the flashpoints, is still bor-
ted 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 hostelites are
destroyed and their bricks used to build family
units," said civic leader Mr Zakhele Maluza.

"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 Maluza remembers times when township
residents had "good relations" with hostel dwellers.

However, relations became strained when bo-
dies were found near the hostel during a taxi war
in the area.

Gangsters

Mr Maluza said, "At first, hostelites in-
fused 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
accompanied gangsters at Kwesine hostel —
especially the notorious Khumalo gang — knives
were drawn."

"We want community policing," said Mr Ma-
luza. "We want the local police to be backed 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 hos-
tels complain that they are being intimidated by
locals.

Hostel dweller Thokoza Mhondo 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 destruc-
tion 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 Mhondo 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 Mazizi, who lives oppos-
ite to Thokoza hostel, said: "Tensions have risen and
there is no peace in this area. The killings have
not stopped, and township residents are deter-
mined 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 WILLIAM JESTER

Police are to step up patrols near hostels in Katlehong and Thokozani 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 Wit-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 Thokozani have been forced to abandon their homes, and 100 people have taken refuge at the Palm Ridge Community Centre.

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 more of the refugees intend to return home. Instead, they hope to be resettled in Orange Farm to return to family homes in rural areas.

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Shots

'I can't go back. I don't want that place anymore,' said Priscilla Dlile, 23, 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 in 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 Moadi, who volunteered to help the refugees: 'We know there are people belonging to the FET 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 Natalpruit Hospital in Katlehong on Friday.
Group plan to help East Rand

BY XOLILE NQATA

THE SAP Internal Stability Unit (ISU), ANC and Inkatha are seeking speedily solutions to protect East Rand families who have been intimidated into abandoning their homes.

This promise follows this week's meeting 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 township."

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 chairperson 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 Nkosi said his organisation vehemently denied allegations that homes that have been abandoned were occupied by Inkatha members.
Pretoria taxi drivers halt action

CONFRONTATION was averted in Pretoria on
Thursday when the South African Taxi Drivers' Union suspended a blockade of the town.
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 (2/18).
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.

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 his hands and feet were found next to the N3 highway near Alberton, on the East Rand yesterday.

The motive for the murder was unknown. — Sapa
DURBAN. — Let us go back to ubuntu, botho (humanity).

This was the message the six WitsVaalexepe 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 Mphahleli 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.
23 killed on East Rand: Alex man stoned and burnt

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 Kellhong and Tokozza, but attacks were also reported in Daveyton and Tombisa.

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.

According to the ICC, the incident began as a quarrel inside the M2 (Noubhle) 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 Kasteberg.

A Tokozza resident said he saw two men shot dead by a group of gunmen while he was travelling to work in a taxi on Saturday.

Kasteberg residents had to return to the township before sunset on Saturday because of the violence.
Death count increases to 56 as violence continues

NATAL and the East Rand had an equally bloody weekend, with the violence death toll rising to 56 yesterday afternoon.

The number of weekend deaths reported in Natal rose to 23 yesterday afternoon when the Human Rights Commission presented its tally.

The incident claiming the most lives was at Nkwenke near Umbhlanga where eight members of a family were slain.

A military ambulance driver and a patient were wounded early yesterday when a vehicle opened fire on the road 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.

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
6 die in taxi attack

The Argus Correspondent

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.

Hundreds of angry residents from the area converged on the scene and began chanting anti-police, 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.
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.

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 Roy Harrald 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, Harrald said.

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 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 last will grow to include the former Yugoslavia, Liberia, Somalia, SA, central Asia and elsewhere.

Minutes after the East Rand 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.

Police said the East Rand ambush occurred in the morning on the Old Vereening Road near Phola Park squatter camp, by men who lay in wait near to the road.

After the first bullet hit the vehicle, the driver lost control and the taxi overturned. Witnesses said the gunman then closed in to finish off trapped passengers.

East Rand police spokesman Capt Wilks 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 gunman to escape.

"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 Hermus 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.

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 Vumila Gwene said the police had launched the Phola Park operation.

He said: "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 the Yakhts and 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 R700 000 reward for information leading to arrests and convictions."

"At least 10 people have died since yesterday morning in attacks on the East and West Rand."
25 die in taxi attacks

Mzimel Ngodlo, Bongani Muvuso and Sapa

At 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 killed in Pinetown and more than 30 were 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 hospital to investigate reports of violence.

Eighteen people were killed and 14 injured when a minibus opened fire on pedestrians and motorists on the K13 Highway and Alberton/Boksburg 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 told 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 Northern and Verwoerd Hospitals.

Earlier yesterday, seven people were shot dead and nine others injured when gunmen ambushed a minibus taxi near Alberton on the East Rand.

Dawn ambush

Angry East Rand residents have vowed to fight back after seven people were killed in a dawn ambush of a taxi near Alberton. Full report page 2.
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Wilmot Ngulube, Bongani Mavuso and Sapa

Two taxi drivers who were killed in two separate attacks on the Witwatersrand yesterday when gangmen opened fire on pedestrians, motorists and taxi passengers.

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Earlier yesterday, seven people were shot dead and nine others injured when a minibus hit the 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.

Running tyres and other objects hamstrung the township's streets and there was sporadic shooting as residents vowed to avenge the deaths of seven people.

They blamed the Inkatha Freedom Party and the SAP's Internal Stability Unit for the attack.

Two spokesman for the Inkatha Freedom Party said the attack was a result of the organization's war against the police and the security forces.

They were in Colenso, an area of Johannesburg, last night.

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18 killed in drive-by raid

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 Natsalpuit.

The injured were admitted to the Natsalpuit 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 were fired during the chase. The attackers evaded the police by fleeing into the Phoenix 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 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, passengers 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 Conspra 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
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 Alrodie South, about 400m from yesterday's attack.

East Rand police spokesman Capt. 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 Henrie 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 Tokozla hostels.

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 Helielberg/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 carrying 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 buying for the blood of Mr Thembu 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 FW 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 Tokozla on Monday; 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 on Thursday - an attack by a militant group of youths disarmed ahead of the scheduled IFP tour, but did not link them to the killings. — Sapa.
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.

Riot violence has claimed 79 lives since Friday night and 49 since Monday.

Inkatha Freedom Party leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi said yesterday he was prepared to meet ANC president Nelson Mandela in a "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 with the Rev Stanley Mogoba and Bishop Michael Ntutu.

"It is my view that Mr Mandela and I should prioritise visiting these areas together without delay," Buthelezi said.

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Township residents demonstrated violently against the presence of the Inkatha contingent, while Unathi lambasted "...the rangers are death traps, when residents and refugees try to leave they are shot at..."

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A small group of police and the media were attacked yesterday by youths brandishing a large rock to hurl at life-saving vehicles. During the attack, one youth was injured. (248)

JOHANNES NGOBO reports Mdluleko said the visit was arranged in an attempt to focus attention on the plight of many residents and refugees who were "...living in conditions that are ... a national disgrace."

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Train violence declines

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.
JOHANNESBURG.—Thokoza and Katlehong were tense yesterday after Inkatha leaders abruptly ended a tour of East Rand hostels as the township's 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 the IFP tour was ended when township youths threatened violence.

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

River Road massacre

Early Inkatha officials, peace monitors and journalists were warned by police to leave Katlehong, 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 Airdrome 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.
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.

White police 'must leave'

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 36 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 peacekeeping force. — Sapa.
Taxi driver shot, 'commuter' flees

JOHANNESBURG.—A minibus taxi driver was shot dead by a man posing as a commuter in the Galle Manor area of Sandton here yesterday.

He fired several shots at the driver with a pistol before fleeing in a car.

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 KwaZulu/Natal and KwaZulu/Natal townships, 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 49 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 Isandla's Khambhaleni 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
Overtake

In Pain. Pity no one. Even now, no one will
be sorry. Reckless driving...screaming, swerving... have never
seen anything like it. We at the hospital are all
traumatized. A medical disaster. The injuries
are severe. The driver’s condition is critical.
What a terrible day. An accident.

Death

Overtake

The driver of the first
remember is that
been hit. All I
that the driver had
In overlapped
time. Then our taxi

and with number-plates removed.

Attack cars. Tired conditions

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Rand attacks

Link in East news feature.

Mystry attackers apparently caused in ambush for their victims.
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 DEATHS WERE ANYTHING BUT UNUSUAL. ACCORDING TO POLICE, FOUR PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND AT LEAST TEN OTHERS WERE ADMITTED TO NATALSPRUIT HOSPITAL WITH GUNSHOT WOUNDS.

BUT IN KATHEKONG AND TOKOZA THE DAY WENT BEYOND THE STATISTICS.

"LEADERS FROM THE INKATHA FREEDOM PARTY AND AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS DID NOT BLAME AND SYMPATHISE WITH 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 EMILCE 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 twined beds made of sheet metal.

INKATHA NATIONAL CHAIRMAN DR FRANK MDALOZE, 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 NOT FREE TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL WHEN THEY ARE SICK. THEY ARE TRAPPED BY YOUTHS IN THE TOWNSHIP," SAID Mdalooze.

"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 MdALOZE'S RIVAL, UMSHONTONI WE SIZWE CHIEF MR JOE MODISE. THE LEADER OF THE ANC'S MILITARY WING SAID HIS PEOPLE WERE BECOMING VICTIMS OF ORGANISED FORCES IN THE GOVERNMENT AND 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 INGenuity. 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 NJUMBINI AND MR GILBERT BUTHELEZI COULDN'T SEE ANY POLITICAL REASON FOR A SHOOTING THAT WOUNDED THEM BOTH AS THEY SAT IN NJUMBINI'S TAILOR SHOP IN THE TWALA SECTION OF KATHEKONG.

"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 NJUMBINI.

He was shot in the abdomen. His lifelong 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. 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 piling 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, CLAPPING HIS HANDS TOGETHER. WHEN PEOPLE COME FROM THE OUTSIDE, THEY CAN SEE THAT."
No official war, but people are dying on the East Rand

Amid Thokoza's seemingly unending carnage, the ANC and Inkatha inspected their troops.

Stephen Laufer reports

WHAT is the difference between Bonisa and the East Rand? The answer, in a week in which more people have been killed at Sharpeville, is simple: in Bonisa, the war has been officially declared.

Like the Balkans, the war is punctuated by peace talks, promises, summit meetings and high-minded declarations. As in Bonisa, everyone is relieved of all vio-
lence. 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, the Thokoza authorities believe a greater good, the local security forces can-
not escape being part of that conflict. On a
merry-go-round of undermined indifference,
incapacity, 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 Bonisa. People are dying. Every day. Mostly in tens and
thousands. 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 par-
liament, is fast becoming a truly governing country. Reasons for why the generals tell their people in code.

"We are just here to see what has hap-
pened," one leader told a crowd of the masses.

"We don’t know what’s happening,"
An Inkatha leader is heard. "We are told a small, angry crowd in Thokoza on Wednesday, "and to protest that the SAPD has failed us".

Asked why the African National Congress army command had turned out, and not the politicians, Mother’s chief of staff, Stephanie Ngcusa, points to Abertinus Jiluma and other street leaders of the organisation’s social welfare department and Welfare Agency.

"Nelthiwehle Ngcusa nor Retbile Kekula are not here. They are not in the inner circle," McUj, and all-tell, is not running a war here.

"We are not involved," muta Kekula. The Inkatha bureaucrats are under attack, their agenda, their organisation of their defence themselves.

But it’s his stadium meeting, Molise can see that people are coming, as are the crowds from the crowd to go beyond fact-finding, the MK chief lifts the veil, slipping from deep crevices into semi-legitimacy.

He promises his audience — men of all ages with home-made weapons, children and young people in January — we will find ways of defending ourselves and come back to talk to you about how to do so.

Rain, making clear that this is an army matter, never publicised. When war has not been officially declared, he adds, we’ll do what he says in the TV is not here.

Later, on a drive past the endless, endless. Inkatha suspects charred houses. McUj indicates 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 Khama-
lo 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 Bonisa’s artillery or armour (despite claims to the contrary, it seems the police and army use theirs to defend themselves), but with enough hard-
ware to keep the cross guns going.

In the ANC-held sectors, every lump 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 tak-
ing and holding territory. Trust is not in-
cluded.

Whatever the background, on Tuesday morning one died in a hail of bullets just after their taxi left the Phola Park drive.

In the evening, a shooting which the police say has all the hallmarks of a revenge attack.

Eight killed.

Suzanne Vos, of Inkatha, says on Wednesday: ‘’I’d be lying if I said I knew what had happened yesterday." Glue lines on an arm of an Inkatha delegation to tour the hostels, their group an nicely balanced between the welfare and the war departments as the ANC’s.

There is the brawl and grandiously Frank Mthethwa and the urban Vos herself, their genuine concerns for the bemused hostel dwellers coloured only slightly by the vocabulary of the elections campaign trail — and of the Balkans we are.”

“We have dwellers no water and are dependent on relief aid. The hostels resem-
ble homeless ethnic cleansing camps.”

But others too, are on inspection: Inkatha Youth Brigade supreme Thembela Rhuna and Inkatha elites who go through the village, not of been moved as above.

It’s not Bonisa, so no one can admit they are involved in a war. Yes, they are its vic-
tims, No, they are not conducting opera-
tions themselves, those come from the other side.

But there are front lines. There are disci-
plined units. There are the dead...
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 Duvetton 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 Bramfointein at 1am yesterday.

Early on Friday, a badly injured man was found next to the tracks between Waddeville 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 Rhambayi, 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.

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Peace in the Vaal

By STAN MLONGO

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 Jisco on July 9, although the evictions were stayed for a month following an intervention by the Vaal Peace Committee.

Vaal Inkatha regional secretary William Nhlapo 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,” Nhlapo 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,” Nhlapo added.

Vaal SA National Civic Organisation (Sanco) spokesperson 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 Khethis 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 had been offered sites there meant 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 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 Natalspruit 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 Atrode.

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 Harrald 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."
Man's body was eaten by dogs

By ZANELE VUTELA

A HUMAN skeleton lay almost unrecognisable in the corner of a field used by Rakids 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 Kaitleng residents, the man had been lying there since the previous night. At 2.00 pm the next day, City Press was alerted by a youth 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 road. 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," cried Anna Khumalo, 68, "They have finished our children, they might as well finish us off as well.

"We don't sleep at night," echoes Ethel Cengwana. "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."" I saw the ISU shoot a person they cleaned up very quickly. They removed 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," 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 improvement 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 both 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.

Saps
THE Transitional Executive Council subcommittees on law and order have 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.

MK's thousands to assemble

THOUSANDS of ANC cadres are to be ordered to assemble points throughout SA.

Both the ANC and government have to disclose full details of their forces and weapons under the Transitional Executive Council Act on Thursday.

Defence analyst Jakkie Cilliers said the 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 Siphiwe Nyanda said cadres were registering in large numbers.

Nyanda put MK numbers at about 18 000, 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.

of the ANC Youth League.

The marchers handed in memorandums at the SA Defence Force's Waterkruin 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 SANDF of being reluctant to stop township violence and of harassing peace monitors.

It said SANDF 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.
- 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 future summits and anti-crime workshops would follow.

14 die in East Rand violence

FOURTEEN people, including four women and a child, were wounded in a recent incident mainly in Tokozan in the East Rand.

On Saturday, police said a SPD of people had been either shot, stabbed, hacked or burned to death on Saturday night or early Sunday.

Of the nine people killed in Tokozan, 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 Nasrec 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 Duduzane and that another with assegai 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.

Another East Rand development 17 political and non-political organisations told a meeting of the colourful 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 Democratic Front, the Congress of South African 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 communities restore peace.

The committee will meet again on Wednesday. — Sapa.
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 (60) 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 corpse of two other people were found nearby.

New hope for Tokoza peace

BY CHARMEELA BHAGOWAT

The Tokoza Peace Committee (TPC), consisting of about 20 parties including Alberton town councillors and the police, has signed a peace agreement which it believes will bring stability to the troubled area.

On unveiling the peace plan, the TPC said one of the major achievements was the establishment of a joint local government forum for Phola Park, Tokoza, Eden Park and Alberton.

TPC member Duma Nkoski 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 include the establishment of a forum to deal with political "no-go" zones, the formation of multiparty operations centres to deal with violence and security force activities, and the declaration that schools shall 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.
14 killed on East Rand

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.

Spokesman Lieutenant Doon Peens said in a statement yesterday most of the victims had been shot, stabbed, hacked or burnt to death on Saturday night or early yesterday morning.

Most of the bodies were found at hostels in the township.

A man with three bullet wounds to the head was found at Tokoza Hostel No 3 and admitted to Natalspruit Hospital in a critical condition.

In Katlehong, the bodies of four men were found. Two had been shot in the head and two burnt to death.

The body of a man with stab wounds was found in Duduza and that of another with assegai wounds at the Solby hostel near Johannesburg. — Sapa.

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.

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.
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.

A 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 supporters marched from Madela Koele 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.

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.

Three people were murdered in separate attacks in Greytown's Nuse 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, 38, 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 Bethal, near Fort Shepstone, on Saturday. — Sapa
Attackers gain access by breaking wall

4 injured as gunmen open fire at hostel

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.

Police took possession of a Browning pistol and ammunition found in one of the rooms.

Police said three bodies were recovered in Katlehong and Tokozzi 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 Mokee 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 Tokozzi yesterday — has been used in other attacks on taxis.

Police spokesman Lieutenants Deon Peens today said a reporter from the Sowetan newspaper gave them the registration of the Cressida.
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 Kunene, 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 Jeebah 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 Coasa and Jacobs’s 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

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.

Three people were wounded when up to 20 men fired AK-47 rifles and small arms into the Scaw Metals hostel in Wadenville, 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 we Sizwe, had attacked them in a black drive-in-katho 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 on Tuesday morning.

In Natal two men were shot dead and a woman was wounded when gunmen fired on them in their huts near Escomer. The huts were set alight. — Sapa

More than 200 police officers on strike in PE

PORT ELIZABETH. — More than 200 members of the Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (Popuru) 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

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 “Busby” 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 R8 rifles, an EXP sub-machinegun and 75 9mm rounds of ammunition were confiscated from the car in which they were travelling.
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.

His wife Nomusa heard shots, ran outside and found her husband lying dead next to his bicycle.

The IFP expressed outrage over the murder of Inkatha leaders. IFP Transvaal deputy chairman Humphrey Ngqonqo claimed the ANC's military wing was out to kill Inkatha leaders, especially in the Transvaal.

ANC FWV spokesman Vusi Gumede said the ANC had suspended all armed action and no order had been given to kill anybody. He said the ANC would investigate the allegations.

Detective-Sergeant Petrus Malatomba (49) was shot dead on his way to Tembisa police station at 7 am yesterday.

In Tshakane near Brakpan last night, a man and his wife were shot dead in their home by a man with an AK-47.

The 38-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.

Police found five bodies in Tokozo. One of the victims had been burnt and the others shot.

A 46-year-old woman was shot dead in Ramokgopa Section in Kaledocoa. The body of a man with a gunshot wound in the head was found in KwaThema.

A man died after he was thrown off a train in Germiston.

In Juyne Street, Alrode, Alberton, a man died after being shot in the chest.

A passenger was wounded after gunmen opened fire on a taxi in Tokozo yesterday.
3 die in Soweto 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 Jkwezi Station last night. 

Five suspects, including one in possession of a 7.65 pistol, were arrested at the station. Major John Styn of the Soweto Uprising Unit said: 'We arrested five suspects, including one in possession of a 7.65 pistol, at the Jkwezi Station. 

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

The Argus Correspondent, JHANNESBURG — 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 home for work at 5am yesterday.

His wife Nomza said she heard shots being fired and ran outside to investigate. She found her husband lying dead beside his bicycle in the township's Molehoko Street.

The IFP expressed outrage over the slaying of Inkatha leaders. IFP Transvaal deputy-chairman Humphrey Ndlomo claimed the ANC's military wing was out to kill Inkatha leaders, especially in Transvaal.

African National Congress PWV spokesman Veli Gumede said the ANC had suspended all armed action and no order had been given to kill anybody.

He said the ANC would investigate the allegation.

Detective-Sergeant Petrus Matimba, 48, was shot dead on his way to report for duty at Tshwane police station at 7am yesterday.

Police found five bodies in Tokoza. One of the victims was burnt and the others shot.

A 46-year-old woman was shot dead in Ramakanopee, Section in Kalliehong and the body of a man with a gunshot wound in the head was found in KwaThema.

A man died after he was thrown off a train between Kalliehong and Wadleyville in Germiston.

In Joyce 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.
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 vandalized, 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, friction fighting and violence has flared up again. The conflict has always been far more than simple political rivalry.

Now peace workers are recognizing that unless other factors — particularly socio-eOconomic 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 nyangaos 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 “disloyal” comrades, unwilling to listen or offer 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 spontaneous as the outbreak of fighting. The week before, men in traditional gurb, 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 Nkosil 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 Nkosil.

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 in the “red” side.

“ISU must leave the area — they are part and parcel of the fighting,” Bhambayi ANC deputy chair Japhie Nqikwane said.

He pointed to the muti concealing 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

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 Vila-
kazi, 22, had broken an ankle, and Mr Iziqhi Tombeni, 25, and an unnamed, 16-year-old youth had received serious head injuries.

A 13-year-old youth was admitted to Natalpruit 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 Pouche, 42, of Atlantisville, 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.

Saps