Lay charge, cops tell ANC official

POLICE will investigate an alleged attempt to assassinate a senior official of the African National Congress when an official complaint is lodged, police spokesman Colonel Tinny Hulgryn said yesterday.

Mr Penuell Maduna (38), a member of the ANC’s joint working committee, escaped death after assailants allegedly fired shots at him in Soweto on Sunday night.

Maduna has charged that he suspected the attack was orchestrated by the police and therefore saw no point in reporting the matter.

ANC spokeswoman Gill Marcus said yesterday “the use of police methods to eliminate opponents was unacceptable”.

She said the ANC would discuss the issue with Maduna.

Maduna was struck with a panga on the head before six shots were fired at him. He told reporters on Monday that he had seen two white policemen in a car near the scene.

The alleged policemen and the attackers drove off after a neighbour apparently shouted to a “Mr Cox” to stop killing the ANC official. - Sapa.
Covert CCB: a blistering indictment

Top military men and other key figures linked to the Co-Operation Bureau (CCB) were given a legal roasting yesterday in the most comprehensive and damning attack yet launched against the shadowy SA Defence Force unit.

The blistering indictment of the men behind the CCB and critical analysis of its covert operations came from Mr. Eberhard Bertelsmann, SC, representing the David Webster Trust and other parties at the Ramaphosa Commission.

Mr Bertelsmann was presenting the closing argument to commission chairman Mr Justice Ramaphosa, who is investigating politically-inspired murders.

In his legal summary, Mr Bertelsmann said:

- The CCB was “practically impossible” to believe.
- Former police colonel Staal Burger was a critical figure in the operations of the CCB's Region 8, which undertook covert work made in South Africa.
- The CCB “street operative” code-named “Peaches” gave the commission the most accurate and comprehensive testimony.
- Mr Bertelsmann said CCB “managing director” Joe Verster had made it clear that the organisation could have murdered Dr Webster.
- Verster made the claim the CCB’s only real interest lay in people in groups to the left of the commission, suggesting that he could not guarantee that it was a member of the CCB who was responsible for Dr Webster’s murder.

He said that the given type of person employed by the unit, it was “not unreasonable” that a CCB member could have murdered Dr Webster, nor that they could have done so without Verster’s knowledge.

He said Mr Verster, identified during evidence as a colonel in the SADF, but whose face was covered throughout his testimony by a large beard and false wig, had been worried about the murder.

Mr Verster was also said to have been hesitant about the fact that the CCB viewed the situation of deep suspicion.

The CCB’s decision-making, and this fact is emphasised by Verster.

Referring to missing files on the CCB, Mr Bertelsmann claimed the clandestine unit had a great deal to hide.

On the 1986 Ribeiro murders in Mamelodi, Mr Bertelsmann said he had to conclude that the CCB or one of its predecessors was implicated.

This was because the CCB operative Willie van Der Wester had been involved in the murders and had never been challenged at the commission and the case had been refused to answer questions because he had feared he might incriminate himself.

Mr Bertelsmann went on to accuse General Webb of lying to the commission. The advocate said the general had made every effort to shield himself and the SADF from responsibility.

- Webb has made every effort to shield himself and the SADF from responsibility.
- The CCB’s actions can only be concluded that Webb has lied to the commission about his own involvement in the actions of the CCB, the culpability of the SADF, and the nature of the activities of the CCB.

Not frank

In contrast, the evidence given by former policeman and CCB operative, Abraham Stang, was said to be false.

It is submitted that there is a difference between the evidence of Van Zyl and other members of the CCB, then Van Zyl is to be believed.

However, Mr van Zyl retracted, along with other police men from the Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad to join Region 8 of the CCB in Johannes- burg, was also said to have been “not frank” in numerous respects.

Mr van Zyl’s inability to say how much money he spent on projects indicated an “abuse of finances” and he was also accused of attempting to mislead the commission by stating that the CCB would have acted against right-wing activists.

He had not been able to offer evidence of such actions.

Other former policemen were also attacked by Mr Bertelsmann.

He said “Ferdi” Barnard was a “glib liar” who had misled the commission in many aspects.

The advocate then engaged in a “damage control” exercise.

Turning to advocate General Badenhorst, Mr Bertelsmann said the general’s claim that he did not know about the CCB was almost impossible to accept.

Report

Mr Bertelsmann said General Badenhorst had been Chief of Staff Operations before his promotion to Chief of Staff Intelligence, the position he holds now.

The advocate said General Webb had told the commission he had to report all CCB activities relating to attacks or activities involving targets other than the African National Congress to the Chief of Staff Operations.

One must deduce that General Badenhorst cannot possibly be correct when he says that he only became aware of the CCB during the last week of November 1985.

Mr Bertelsmann said it appeared very unlikely that senior officers and, in particular, Military Intelligence could have been unaware of the CCB.

Referring to former policeman Mr Burger, Mr Bertelsmann said his decision not to provide substantial evidence to the commission turned it into a “critical figure” in the operations of Sector 6.

Mr Burger had refused to testify about the most important issues concerning himself and mostly denied all knowledge of projects.

But Mr Bertelsmann had praise for testimony given by a Cape Town CCB operative, code-named “Peaches.”

“Peaches” was later identified, initially to The Star, as Edward James Gordon, a colourised man who had allegedly assisted CCB agent Mr van Zyl on missions in the Cape and who had also allegedly been involved with the National Party in other operations in the Transvaal.
Harms interviews murder witness

Pretoria Bureau

The mystery of who killed left-wing activist David Webster took a dramatic turn yesterday when the Harms Commission into unsolved political murders was told that the chairman, Mr Justice Louis Harms, had himself interviewed a new witness to the killing.

It was the first positive move in a bid to unravel the mystery since evidence was led earlier this year by Brigadier Floris Mostert, Commander, Special Investigations, Witswatersrand SAP, that no major new information had been obtained about the May 1 1989 killing in Troyeville, Johannesburg.

Mr Justice Harms, who was yesterday hearing final legal argument on evidence submitted to him regarding the activities of the now-disbanded Civil Co-operation Bureau said the commission had not concluded its investigation.

He also said that last week he had sent a diary used by the CCB to police forensic laboratories for analysis.

The diary is alleged to have contained entries which could have a bearing on whether or not unnamed persons had been "deceived" for various "assignments". The diary was said to have had several pages removed in earlier evidence.

Reconvene

"Officers of the commission are, and have been, busy with certain other issues and I will deal with those in due course," he added.

Mr Justice Harms said that he had had consultations with a possible witness on Tuesday.

"This indicates we are still seeing what we can do about the Webster matter," he said.

Eberhard Bertelsmann, SC, who presented legal argument on behalf of the David Webster Trust and other parties, told the judge that he and members of the legal team involved "really want you to succeed" and promised to co-operate wherever possible.

In written argument with Mr Bertelsmann's general line of contention on the CCB's role in alleged left-wing harassment - including attempted assassinations and bombings - PA "Flip" Nettingh, SC, for the CCB, said the unit could not be accountable for the murder of Dr Webster.

This had been alleged in testimony by some witnesses during the 50-day hearings of the commission and also during hearings of the Hiemstra Commission into alleged irregularities within the security department of the City Council.
Malan, responsible for CCB - Claim
Attorney takes minister to court

By RONNIE MORRIS
Supreme Court Reporter

ATLANTIS attorney Mr Charles MacDonald is suing the Minister of Law and Order for R100 000 for defamation because a security policeman allegedly told advice office workers that the lawyer stole their money.

This was yesterday's evidence in the Supreme Court, where Mr MacDonald is claiming R20 000 for the impairment of his dignity and R20 000 as damages in respect of the impairment to his good name, reputation, social relationships and his office or occupation as an attorney.

Mr Isaac Phooko, an advice office worker, testified that when two security policemen searched the Atlantis Advice Office on April 21, 1988, he asked if he could telephone Mr MacDonald and was told by Constable W Abels: "You would be surprised to learn that MacDonald steals your money."

He had then instructed Miss Bedrika Daniels to write the words down. Miss Daniels, said in evidence that she had written the words down on an envelope.

The hearing continues today.
Gunmen fire on Bop patrol: 4 die

Johannesburg.—Four Bophuthatswana policemen were shot and killed on Tuesday by unknown gunmen in Braaklaagte township near Zeerust.

The homeland government’s news agency, Bopana, said a Bophuthatswana police patrol on Tuesday spotted and cut off a white Toyota, believed to be a stolen car. The car’s occupants then fired on the patrol, killing four policemen and injuring the driver and the co-driver.

The gunmen then fled the scene, leaving behind explosives and equipment. Bophuthatswana police said they did not return the gunmen’s fire during the shooting.

Police also said they believed the car’s occupants were connected with several daring robberies in the area. No arrests have been made.

• Braaklaagte community, facing incorporation into Bophuthatswana, has lodged an appeal against incorporation since the community lost a court interdict on the matter last year — Sapa
DAC probes Welverdiend police methods

By Shehnaaz Bulbulia

The Detainees Aid Centre (DAC) yesterday announced it was independently investigating police methods used at Welverdiend police station near Carletonville, after receiving evidence of alleged police brutality.

This followed reports that Potchefstroom police were investigating members of its own force at Welverdiend, after the death of two detainees and several other charges of alleged police brutality.

The allegations against a police call for an investigation headed by independent people rather than investigations conducted by the police themselves.

The DAC spokesman said a report of the evidence against a number of police at Welverdiend will be given to President FW de Klerk, the Minister of Law and Order, Adriaan Vlok and foreign diplomats.

Nixon Mayihule Pihi (16) died in January and Gaddafi Squad member Eugene Mbulwana (18), in July. Both teenagers were allegedly tortured while in police custody at Welverdiend.
Vlok denies 'Red plot' sabotage

MINISTER of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok yesterday rejected allegations that the police were trying to sabotage the negotiation process by misrepresenting the facts about an alleged SACP plot to seize power.

Vlok said in a statement in Pretoria that perception was "devoid of all truth". He had personally studied documents and other evidence and was satisfied that the information the police had conveyed to President FW de Klerk and the Cabinet was "correct in all respects".

Vlok said it was not of utmost importance whether SACP general secretary Mr Joe Slovo had attended the Tongaat meeting.

"The fact is that the meeting had, beyond any question, been attended by key figures within the SACP. There is no doubt about that."
Sources said it was significant that, while Mr P A “Flip” Hat-tingh SC, for the CCB, said during argument to the commission this week that there was no evi-
dence that implicated the CCB

At the time, he claimed the CCB was also involved in the training of 200 Inkatha warriors on the SA Defence Force pay-
roll. Later, however, Mr van De-

WEBSTER WATCH

IT has been 460 days since the assassination of university lecturer
and human rights activist Dr David Webster outside his Troyeville
home. This week in legal argument, the Harris Commission was given
 guidelines on the winding down of the Civil Co-operation Bureau,
allegedly responsible for Dr Webster’s assassination. The David
Webster Trust and other interested parties recommended that the
CCB should be publicly disbanded and that the CCB list all per-
soneel. It also recommended that all its assets be liquidated.
A reward of R20 000 still stands for information leading to the
conviction of Dr Webster’s killers.
THE wave of violence can be contained if police worked hand-in-hand with the community to eliminate crime, says Lloyd Vogelman, director of Wits University's Project for the Study of Violence.

Nearly every major city in South Africa has experienced turmoil since the beginning of the month. Victims included everyone from township councillors and policemen to trade unionists and ordinary residents.

A police spokesman said they were perturbed by the escalating violence and were doing everything in their power to stop it.

**Retribution**

Mr Vogelman said if South Africans were to contain the violence police had to show that they are unbiased, not only in statements but in practice.

"People are reluctant to report crime to the police and this has resulted in informal retribution, an extreme type of violence."

Mr Vogelman said to overcome this problem, police needed to work with community structures. "You cannot have an effective police force unless the community is involved."

"What we definitely need is a long term anti-crime programme through which police, welfare and community organisations can attempt to control crime."

Anti-crime programmes required not only long-term planning but also short-term solutions such as policing, therapeutic and legal assistance for the victims and prison rehabilitation for the offenders.

The level of violence could also be reduced if a negotiated settlement was introduced sooner.

A lot of violence in South Africa is perpetrated by the youth who have found themselves out of school or have been part of school boycotts, according to Mr Vogelman.

He said the youth had very little education and therefore nothing to offer for the country's growing economy.

"They're facing the prospect of long periods of unemployment. They've little purpose and are not planning their future as they have no real investment in the future."

"We're living in a society that is less tolerant, a society where people feel deprived. This violence was also built on a legacy of apartheid and long-term unemployment."

These are some of the recent violent incidents that have come to mind:

- Last weekend two cousins, Prudence Mashigo and Thabo Mashigo were shot dead while sitting in a car outside their home in Mofolo.
- On Tuesday three people died when gunmen opened fire at a party in Malamodi, outside Pretoria.
- In Soweto, on the same day, two youths — Phillip Tshabalala and Wessman Tenza — were shot dead in cold blood in a suspected gang war.
- On Wednesday night, a National Union of Mineworkers (Num) organiser was shot dead in an apparently well-planned and politically-motivated assassination.

**Women wounded**

Two women, Susan Masuku (47) and Meta Mvubelo (49) were also shot and wounded during the same incident in Doornfontein, Johannesburg.

- In Sebokeng, 22 died in an alleged feud between township comrades and members of the Natal-based Inkatha.
- Two weeks ago at the Inhlanzane Railway Station one woman died and three other people were injured in an alleged attack by Inkatha members.

**Watched helplessly**

In an interview with Saturday Star, Mr Mataboge's fiancée, Irene Dntwe claimed she watched helpless as her fiancé and husband-to-be was punched and bundled into a police van.

"We were on our way back from church when a dries stopped to relieve himself. A car stopped and a white man called Andries over to the car. The white man then used a car phone to call the police. A police van arrived, and uniformed police held him while punching him in the stomach." She said after the police took Mr Mataboge away she followed them on foot to the Venterdorp police station. She claimed that on arrival she found Mataboge lying on his side, bleeding from his mouth.

"A white, uniformed policeman was spraying dries with water from a hose pipe. After that a black prisoner brought a wheelbarrow and took body to the cells," Irene alleged.

When she left her fiancé appeared to be alive though very weak. "He said: 'Irene, I'm dying.'" The next day Irene traced Mr Mataboge to a hospital in the Klerksdorp mortuary.

A spokesman for the Western Transvaal division of the SAP confirmed Mr Mataboge's death. He said all police officers had been suspended from duty.
Assault: Top cop appears

BISHER. — A senior police officer, Brigg Serlek Sikile Zidi, 43, has pleaded not guilty to charges of assault, defeating the ends of justice and malicious damage to property. Brigg Zidi was one of the senior officers who investigated the death of the border region co-director of the Institute for a Democratic Alternative for SA, Mr Eric Mntonga, three years ago. That investigation led to the conviction of six security policemen and Brigg Zidi will stand trial in the Zwelitsha Regional Court on September 3. No evidence has been led and Brigg Zidi was released on bail of R500. — Sapa
Role of ‘hit squad’ under the spotlight

By Norman Chandler, Pretoria Bureau

The role played by the South African Police in alleged hit squad activities is to be argued before the Harms Commission in Pretoria today.

Six teams of lawyers are to present 664 pages of argument and annexures to Judge Louise Harms, the commission chairman, following claims made by former police sergeant Butana Almond Nofemela of the existence of the squads.

He was supported by runaway former police captain Dirk Coetzee.

They claimed the squads were based at Vlakplaas police farm, outside Pretoria. The claims have been denied by the police, whose lawyers have called Mr Nofemela a liar.

Three days have been set aside for Mr Justice Harms to hear argument.

Mr Nofemela, who provided an affidavit to the Lawyers for Human Rights organisation on October 19 last year — the day before he was to be hanged for an unrelated murder — claimed police had carried out the murder of attorney and left-wing activist Griffiths Mxenge in Durban in 1981.

Ambushed

In the affidavit and in five days of testimony to the commission, he named various policemen as having been part of the squad.

He also named members of squads who had allegedly murdered, abducted, ambushed or assaulted activists, stole motor vehicles and burnt property. He claimed the police had undertaken cross-border raids into Botswana, Swaziland and Lesotho.

Mr Coetzee gave similar information to an Afrikaans weekly newspaper and later testified before the commission in London.

Brian Mgqulunga, one of the policemen named by Mr Nofemela and who denied his involvement in testimony to the commission, was found murdered near Pretoria 10 days ago. He had been shot several times with an AK-47 assault rifle.
FATAL SHOOTING, RAPE: 2 CONSTABLES ARRESTED

By Anna Louw, East Rand Bureau

East Rand Murder and Robbery Squad detectives are still hunting the killers of a night duty matron at the Kosmos Centre for the Aged in Boksburg who was shot dead early on Friday morning.

Veronica van der Merwe (39) of Brakpan died when she was shot twice in the neck.

Mrs van der Merwe, who worked at the centre in Van Dyk Park, apparently heard a noise at the door at 3 am. She went to investigate and is assumed to have caught the intruders breaking in.

A police spokesman said Beauty Malla, an employee at the centre, was behind her.

Before she could get to the door, Mrs Malla heard the matron shout: "What are you doing here?"

Mrs Malla heard two shots and ran to assist Mrs van der Merwe, who had collapsed in a pool of blood, but she was already dead.

Mrs van der Merwe is survived by her husband, Eben, and their son, Renier (17).

She will be buried from the Apostolic Faith Mission Church in central Brakpan tomorrow.
Vehicle gutted, constable hurt

By Micky McDougall

A police vehicle was set alight at Houtkraal station on Saturday night after a special constable was wounded in the shoulder when he was attacked by residents of Sebokeng hostel.

The policeman, identified only as Constable Makoena, was not seriously injured and is recovering in Sebokeng Hospital.

A police spokesman said the incident occurred after the constable and a colleague were ordered by the local unrest unit to guard a police vehicle. They were apparently attacked by a group of about 30 residents of the hostel.

Constable Makoena was wounded in the shoulder before he and his colleague fled. The vehicle was set alight by the group and gutted.

Two men were shot and wounded by unknown gunmen at a hostel in Sebokeng at 10 on Saturday night, police said.

The shots were fired through a window. One man was hit in the arm and the other in the chest. Both are in a satisfactory condition in hospital.

No arrests have been made and the motive behind the attempted murders has not emerged, said the spokesman.
Harms to hear of SB truthfulness

A LAST-MINUTE attempt to cheat the hangman led to the establishment of one of South Africa's most controversial commissions of inquiry which sits in Pretoria today to hear argument concerning alleged police involvement in politically-motivated murder.

The Harms Commission of Inquiry, sitting in the NG Church's Synodal Centre in Pretoria, last week heard argument about the involvement of the SADF's Civil Cooperation Bureau in some of the 71 unsolved political crimes being examined by the commission.

When the one-man commission, under the chairmanship of Mr Justice Louis Harms, reconvenes this morning, argument concerning the truthfulness of Security Branch members and disaffected policeman Capt Dirk Coetze, death row prisoner Almond Butana Nofemela and David "Spyker" Tshikalange is to be presented.

Serving and retired SB members have all indicated the evidence given to the commission by the three former members of the police counter-insurgency unit at Vlakplaas near Pretoria is a fabrication to bring the force into discredit.

Nofemela, on Death Row for the murder of a Brits farmer not connected with the allegations of a police hit squad, on October 19 last year - hours before he was due to be hanged - made a statement alleging the existence of a police hit squad and detailing its involvement in the death of Durban anti-apartheid lawyer Griffiths Mxenge.

He gave details of his and other members of the Vlakplaas unit's implication in the November 1981 stabbing of Mxenge.

Much of his story was later corroborated by former Vlakplaas commander Dirk Coetzee.
Govt must tame police – ANC

Hiko Political Staff

At the news conference President de Klerk and Nelson Mandela clashed over alleged police violence.

"Until the Government has tamed the police, we will continue to be dissatisfied," Mr Mandela said.

Mr de Klerk responded that the Government and ANC had had long discussions on the police.

"He said the Government's view was that police should act even-handedly. The Government would take firm steps, as it had in the past, against transgressors of this policy if evidence or proof was submitted.

"We are not satisfied with the reply just given by the State President," Mr Mandela retorted.

"Actions of the police indicate to us that the Government has not succeeded in restraining police activity. The Government has either lost control of the police, or the police are doing what the Government wants."
commission told

By Norman Chandler, Pretoria Bureau

The Vaalplass police farm anti-insurgency unit should be closed, the Commission heard in Pretoria yesterday.

The Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression (IBHIR) also recommended to Mr Justice Louis Harms that six incidents involving the SA Police and the SA Defence Force's Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB) be investigated by the Attorney-General.

The commission was told that "in the present political context there seems to be no good reason for the continued use of untrained persons in tracking down insurgents."

Six incidents

The demands were made by Paul Pretorius, who was presenting legal argument to the Commission on behalf of the IBHIR.

He said the six incidents which should be referred to the Attorney-General were the murder of Japie Maponya, a police raid on Botswana, the abduction of Ernest Moabi Dipale, the abduction and assault on Bengans Paris Mikhi, the theft and burning of a car belonging to Hoffman Galeng and the theft of a mamba.

He told Mr Justice Harms the police had a duty to investigate but as "so very little progress has been made by the SAP it is reasonable to expect the appointment of an independent investigative body." The body could also investigate all acts of a violent and unlawful nature "to have been performed by members of the SAP."

Meanwhile, the poisoning of top churchman the Rev Frank Chikane was still a major puzzle.

According to yesterday's argument, former policeman and CCB operative Ferdi Barnard had allegedly told Brigadier Floris Mostert, Commander, Witwatersrand, SAP Special Investigations, that he had placed poison on Mr Chikane's toilet seat and according to Brigadier Mostert the information had not been given under duress.

Mr Pretorius called for further investigation of the matter.
No excuse
for failure to
probe claims
against SAP.

By Norman Chandler
Pretoria Bureau.

Harms Commission investiga-
tors were yesterday accused of
dragging their heels in pursuing
investigations into alleged South
African police “hit squads”.

Paul Pretorius, presenting
legal argument on behalf of the
Independent Board of Inquiry
into Informal Repression
(IBIR) and other parties, made
this claim before the commis-
sion. He said there had been a
“vigorous and objective failure”
to investigate activities alleged-
ly perpetrated by members of
the South African Police and
which had been raised during
testimony.

“It is both disturbing and sig-
nificant that little or no docu-
mentary evidence of any signifi-
cance adverse to the SAP has
been produced by the investiga-
tion team. While this may be
predictable and understandable,
it is certainly not excusable,”
Mr Pretorius said.

He claimed the IBIR and
other groups had produced more
information, particularly in re-
gard to the SAP, and on Botswana
in 1981.
Recital of denials over Mxenge

By Norman Chandler,
Pretoria Bureau

Shakespeare's "Macbeth" was yesterday quoted to the Harms Commission to describe how police officers had apparently embarked in a "ritualistic recital of denials" to distance themselves from the murder of Durban attorney Griffiths Mxenge.

They had, it was claimed, also resorted to amnesia whenever questioned on sensitive areas.

Mr Mxenge was found dead in Durban on November 20, 1981. He had been stabbed at least 45 times and his throat had been slit.

Senior Counsel T.L. Skweyiya told Mr Justice Louis Harms, the commission chairman, in argument that the only conclusion to be reached was that the police were certainly involved.

Mr Skweyiya named Brigadiers J van der Hoven and Willem Schoon and policemen Paul van Dyk, Braam du Preez, Frederick (Fine) Piennar, Koos Vermeulen and Koos Schutte as being friends of former police captain Dirk Coetsee.

They were either directly or indirectly involved in the murder, Mr Skweyiya said. He later also named Sergeant Joe Mamasela as being involved.

Mr Coetsee, who has fled the country, provided the commission with an affidavit supporting claims by convicted murderer Butana Almond Nofemela that Mr Mxenge had been killed by members of the Vlakplaas anti-insurgency unit.

The police denied the claims.

Mr Skweyiya said there was the common thread in evidence from the policemen of a bare denial as well as a distancing themselves from the murder.

Durban attorney Griffiths Mxenge, who was found dead last year with multiple stab wounds.

He also argued that claims that Brigadier van der Hoven, then head of security in Durban, had heard about Mr Mxenge's murder only from press reports was not true because he had been telephoned by Victoria Mxenge earlier in the day and had also sent a telex mentioning the death to Pretoria security branch headquarters at 2:42 pm on November 20, 1981.

Brigadier van der Hoven had, however, told the commission he had read about the killing.
Expressions

General expressions of sympathy and support for the families of the victims of the accident have been extended throughout the country. The government has announced that a full investigation will be conducted to determine the cause of the accident.

Luqawati Minister

Minister Luqawati has announced that steps will be taken to ensure the safety and security of all workers involved in the production and distribution of ammonia. The minister has also called for the immediate implementation of safety measures and the establishment of a permanent monitoring system to prevent similar incidents in the future.

Agasim SAP

The Agasim SAP has been accused of using illegal means to manipulate election results. The opposition has called for an immediate investigation into the allegations and has demanded the suspension of the SAP's activities until the matter is resolved.

No excuse

The government has been criticized for its failure to take effective action against the SAP. The opposition has called for the immediate expulsion of the SAP from the country and the establishment of a commission to investigate the allegations.

Harms sees new List

The Harm's new list has been announced, with several high-profile figures joining the campaign. The party has stated that it will focus on issues such as education, healthcare, and economic development.

Mystery deaths

Several people have been found dead under suspicious circumstances. The police have launched a full investigation into the matter.

The Times (UK)

The Times has published an article on the recent attacks in the Middle East, highlighting the need for international cooperation to prevent further violence.

Preliminary meeting

A preliminary meeting has been held to discuss the future of the country. The meeting was attended by representatives from various political parties and civil society organizations.

The Times commission

The Times commission has published a report on the state of the media in the country. The report highlights concerns over freedom of speech and calls for greater accountability among media organizations.

Field survey

A field survey has been conducted to assess the impact of the recent floods on the local economy. The survey found that many businesses have been severely affected by the natural disaster.
Promote the democratic process, not frustrate it!

ANC plea to police

IT WAS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT

EMANUE VLAD MEREVE, Political Reporter

process, not frustrate it.
By Norman Chandler
 Pretoria Bureau

The Ministers of Defence and of Law and Order should have testified to the Harms Commission on the roles played by the Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB) and the South African Police in unsolved politically-motivated murders.

Thus was said in Pretoria yesterday by Paul Pretorius, for the Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression (IBIIR), and other parties, when presenting legal argument to Mr Justice Louis Harms.

Accountable

He said Defence Minister General Magnus Malan and the Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok were accountable.

He wanted to know what precise orders were given to subordinates in both departments in regard to investigation of matters concerning the commission, whether the orders were carried out, and what knowledge General Malan and Mr Vlok may have had in regard to activities in their departments.

"If they had no such knowledge, an explanation (would be necessary)," Mr Pretorius said.

General Malan should also explain why orders given by the State President and by himself that CCB documentation should be provided had not been carried out.

Mr Pretorius said the IBIIR was concerned that there had been no investigation into the role of the CCB and the activities of the SAP in regard to what had been heard at the Harms Commission. There was public concern about this.

"To investigate only the acts of murder and violence without investigating the context and causes which gave rise to these acts, is a symptomatic and superficial investigation. Without it, the commission will find it extremely difficult to make recommendations in order to prevent the recurrence of the acts complained of," he said.

Mr Justice Harms heard that as investigations were "incomplete", there could be little hope that adequate measures would be adopted to prevent a repetition or recurrence of murders and acts of violence.

The continuation of politically-motivated acts of violence is some indication of the importance of the commission's findings in this regard," Mr Pretorius argued.
Ex-ANC man was ‘shot to pieces’

By Norman Chandler, Pretoria Bureau

Dramatic evidence about how Harms Commission witness and "turned" former African National Congress member Brian Ngqulunga was murdered two weeks ago was given to the commission in Pretoria yesterday.

He was literally shot to pieces, according to an affidavit handed to Mr Justice Louis Harms.

Security Police Sergeant Daniel Wolmersam -- who said he had known Constable Ngqulunga for many years -- said 42 AK-47 rifle cartridges were found around and under the body. The murder took place on the night of July 20.

"He had been shot high in the back, and most of the bullets had gone clean through the body. Many had left the body via his face, which was totally unrecognisable," Sergeant Wolmersam said.

None of Constable Ngqulunga's personal effects had been removed from the body. These included his watch and police accreditation card.

**Shots**

The affidavit added that people in the Madibha area near Pretoria, who had heard shots the previous night and at daybreak, had searched the area and found his body in a ditch.

It was also disclosed that eight years ago a pamphlet containing Constable Ngqulunga's photograph had been distributed in various townships.

He was one of a number of former ANC insurgents who returned to South Africa to work for the SAP and who gave evidence before the Harms Commission in early June after initially refusing to do so if they were identified by photographs and their addresses divulged.

Constable Ngqulunga was stationed initially at Vlakplaas police farm, near Pretoria, where his function was to identify and trace ANC insurgents.

Police confirmed yesterday that he was buried secretly after Soshanguve youths prevented a public burial.

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New list of mystery deaths: [Read More]
JOHANNESBURG. — A 55-year-old police sergeant was stabbed nine times while travelling on the train from Johannesburg to Randfontein at midnight on Sunday.

A West Rand police spokesman said Sgt Mofasi Matabatha was attacked by seven men, some of whom attacked the policeman while others apparently blocked the passage, preventing anyone else from entering.

In the ensuing scuffle, Sgt Matabatha was stabbed once in the chest and eight times in the back. When he tried to retaliate with his pistol, his assailants grabbed the gun from him.

Sgt Matabatha managed to get out of the train at Randfontein and was found by two special constables. He is in a satisfactory condition in Leratong Hospital.

Sapa
1 591 unrest deaths in 1990

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — More people died in political violence in the first half of 1990 than in the whole of last year.

The South African Institute of Race Relations yesterday released figures showing that 1,591 died in political violence between January and June this year as opposed to 1,453 deaths during the whole of 1989. Three-quarters of the deaths this year occurred in Natal. However, the Institute said the levels of violence were lower in April, May and June when there were a third fewer politically-related deaths than in the first three months of the year.

26 percent drop

In Natal alone the number of deaths dropped by 26 percent in the second quarter of the year compared with the first.

The Institute said that deaths in Natal peaked at 291 in March, but then dropped steadily to 118 in June.

Outside Natal politically-related deaths peaked at 187 in March and later dropped to 31 in June. However, by July the figure had almost tripled to 92.

While the causes of the deaths were often difficult to determine, "a substantial number of deaths" had occurred as a result of police action in the first three months of the year.

Deaths involving police "had more than halved" in the second quarter of the year.

"There has, however, been a very large increase in the number of security forces killed, most such fatalities being municipal policemen," said the Institute.

The total number of deaths in political violence between September 1984 and June 1990 was 7,130. The number of "necklace" murders over the same period totalled 454.

Most of these murders took place in the Eastern Cape (one third), followed by the far Northern Transvaal.

In the first half of this year 48 people, most of them in Natal, had been murdered by the "necklace" method.

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Claims against SAP ‘probable’ Harms told

ALLEGATIONS implicating SAP members in murder, abduction and cross-border raids were probably true, three advocates told the Harms Commission of Inquiry into Politically Motivated Crimes yesterday.

The claims were made by former Vlakplaas base commander Capt Dick Coetzee and former Vlakplaas members Butana Almond Nofemela and David “Spyker” Tshikalaanga.

Adv Dens Kuni, SC, representing Lawyers for Human Rights, said there was a strong suspicion of a “conspiracy of silence” in the SAP regarding the 1981 murder of Durban attorney Griffith Mxenge, and other acts of violence allegedly committed by them between 1981 and 1986.

Other than that it was the truth, no explanation could be given as to why Nofemela made the claims in his confession last year.

Nofemela was not in contact with former colleagues and had no idea they would support his claims although their versions of the same allegations might have differed in minute detail, they corroborated each other in the broad sense, Kuni said.

The discrepancies arose from the almost eight-year lapse between events such as the Mxenge murder and those events being reconstructed for the commission.

“One should not look at the morality of the act, but at the probability of these acts occurring,” Kuni said.

He submitted that the SAP had tried to present itself as “knights in shining armour” through its “none of this is true” attitude, when it had the opportunity to claim privilege and accept that some things had occurred.

“In this respect the witnesses for the CCB were more honest with the commission than the SAP.”

Kuni and Adv Paul Pretorius, for the Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression (IBIRIR), who also said the allegations were probably true, criticised the SAP’s role in assisting the commission.

Adv Louis Skweyiya, SC, for the Mxenge family, said there were major discrepancies in SAP testimony on Mxenge’s murder and the detention and disappearance of several people in the Eastern Cape.

“I have never heard of three people making the same false statement, admitting ‘we killed so-and-so’”.

Pretorius said police had failed to “vigorously and objectively investigate activities allegedly perpetrated by SAP members.”
Supreme Court Reporter

JUDGMENT was reserved in the Supreme Court yesterday in the R100,000 damages action by Atlantis lawyer Mr. Charles MacDonald against the Minister of Law and Order and a security policeman. The action was brought after a security policeman, during a raid on the Atlantis Residents' Association Office on April 21, 1988, allegedly told one of the workers that Mr. MacDonald stole their money which he held in trust.

Evidence was led that Constable W. Abels had said these words to Mr. Isaac Phoko, who then told a co-worker, Miss Bedrika Daniels, to write down the statement and show it to Mr. MacDonald.

Mr. MacDonald said he felt that his professional integrity had been attacked.

Mr. Justice D.G. Scott presided. Mr. M.A. Alberts appeared for Mr. MacDonald. Mr. Anton Whitehouse, instructed by the state attorney, appeared for the minister and Constable Abels.
Police evict protesters at US mission

Police last night, at the request of officials, evicted three men staging a sit-in at the United States Consulate in Johannesburg.

The three former prison warders, members of the Police, Prisons and Civil Rights Union (Popcrus), occupied the consulate on Monday, demanding the reinstatement of 62 dismissed policemen and warders.

They were evicted after being on the premises for 30 hours. The sit-in was the second at the consulate in three weeks.

A consulate spokesman told The Star that sit-ins were becoming a trend. The consulate could not allow a diplomatic mission to be used as a public platform for individuals and organisations.

After due consideration the consulate asked the police to help remove the "trespassers", he said.

Earlier last night, Popcrus said the three were being denied food, water and ablution facilities.

The consulate spokesman had no comment on this.
Neethling denies ‘poisons’ claim

The Deputy Commissioner of the SA Police, General Lothar Neethling, yesterday objected strongly to evidence given to the Harms Commission by former police officer Dirk Coetsee. Mr Coetsee had claimed in testimony before Judge Louis Harms that General Neethling, the SAP’s top forensic expert, provided him with poison and a truth serum for use against alleged ANC members.

In written argument handed to the commission today, M Witz, appearing for General Neethling, said Mr Coetsee had been shown by his own admission to be nothing less than “a liar, perjurer, car thief, burglar and murderer”.

Mr Witz added: “The evidence regarding the poison that he allegedly received from General Neethling is totally unfounded and, in fact, it appears that his evidence is completely untrue.”

Inconsistencies had been pointed out in other evidence Mr Coetsee had given to the commission; and that, said Mr Witz, should convince the judge to totally reject such evidence.
No hit squads, Harms told

Pretoria Bureau

Claims that the South African Police had special hit squads were totally wrong and Bantu Almond Nofemela, the former policeman had made the allegation because he was facing the gallows.

This was submitted to Justice Louis Harms yesterday by police lawyer Louis Vasser in rebuttal to arguments from Lawyers for Human Rights and the Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression that the claims were true.

Mr Vasser, who was also representing the Minister of Law and Order, asked Judge Harms, chairman of the commission of inquiry into certain alleged murders, to report to the State President that there had been no evidence to suggest any such hit squads existed in the SAP.

Mr Vasser said Nofemela, who had been sentenced to death for an unrelated murder and was to have been hanged on October 26 last year, as well as fellow-claimants such as runaway former police captain Dirk Coetzee and policeman Brian Tshukulungu, were wrong in their allegations.

Nofemela in particular had made "a weak impression" and had shown during evidence that he was "a man who would not flinch from telling lies".

At the close of Mr Vasser's argument, the commission adjourned until August 20, when testimony is due to be taken on alleged African National Congress participation in murders.

General Herman Stadler, SAP's top expert on the ANC, has prepared hundreds of pages of testimony and annexures for inclusion in the record.
ALLEGATIONS by former security branch members Capt Dirk Coetzee, Almond Butana, Nofemela and David "Spyker" Tahikalanga were devoid of truth, the Harms Commission of Inquiry into Politically Motivated Violent Crimes heard yesterday.

Adv Sam Maritz SC, for SAP members, told commission chairman Mr Justice Louis Harms the recommendation that the SAP be found to be liars was based on evidence which was not credible.

He was referring to argument submitted on Monday by Adv Denis Kuny SC for Lawyers for Human Rights (LHR), Adv Paul Pretorius for the Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression (IBIRIP) and Adv Louis Skwetya SC for the Mxenge family.

Kuny had thrown all the basics of the law of evidence overboard in an attempt to convince the commission to accept the allegations as truth, despite discrepancies in the evidence given by the three key witnesses, said Maritz.

Adv Louis Visser SC, for Law and Order Minister Adrian Vlok and the SAP, agreed with Maritz's submission that there was no evidence that a situation had arisen necessitating a "total war" strategy, where the SAP had acted unconstitutionally and unlawfully.

Visser disputed Kuny's submission that Nofemela had told the truth as he confessed without knowing he would be supported by Coetzee and Tahikalanga, and that therefore all three were telling the truth, leading to the assumption they were acting on SAP orders.

Nofemela made the allegations to buy himself a stay of execution, which ran any argument of probability into the ground.

Linden Barns

Maritz acknowledged unlawful acts had occurred, but said they were probably committed for private reasons.

Adv Mannie Witz, acting for SAP forensic research unit chief Lt Gen Lothar Neethling, said Mr Justice Harms had to accept Neethling as a credible and honest witness in the light that Coetzee was a self-confessed liar, perjurer, murderer and vehicle thief.

Witz said Coetzee's allegations that Neethling supplied "knockout drops", "truth serum" and "polson" to Vlakplaa members were untrue, and called on Mr Justice Harms to disregard Coetzee's evidence on the basis of discrepancies between the stories he had told reporters and the commission.

Visser said Vlok had no reason to account for unlawful SAP actions as none had taken place.

The commission reconvenes on August 20.
DP calls for body to probe police violence

Political Correspondent

THE Democratic Party yesterday called on the government to appoint an independent tribunal to investigate allegations of abuse of police power.

The government would also have to purge "rogue policemen" from the force if the latest peace initiatives between the government and the ANC were to succeed, DP Unrest Monitoring and Action Group (UMAC) member Mr Jan van Eck said.

"Unless certain elements in the SAP are removed, the ANC will have great difficulty in convincing residents in black townships, who are targets of police violence, to suspend the armed struggle."

Mr Van Eck said it was imperative that an independent body probe allegations of police misbehaviour as "90%" of police investigations had resulted in neither prosecutions nor disciplinary action.

"This was vividly illustrated by the Robertson situation where police action in early April resulted in 154 people being injured.

"But the Attorney-General of the Cape, Mr Niel Rossouw, announced recently that he was unable to prosecute anybody because none of the complainants was willing to cooperate with the police investigating team."

Mr Van Eck said "Only an independent body that has the confidence of all interested parties can successfully investigate complaints about the police."
Police, troops seal township

By Therese Anders, Highveld Bureau

ERMELO — Police and the army sealed off Wesselton township last night during a major swoop after three weeks of serious unrest.

At least four people have been killed, scores injured and many homes and businesses damaged during continued fighting between ANC supporters and supposed Inkatha sympathisers.

Police report that five people were arrested during last night’s swoop and a large number of weapons, including firearms, was confiscated.

Eastern Transvaal police liaison officer, Captain Opies van Straaten, said the police were searching only for identified criminals and suspects for whom warrants of arrest had been issued.

He said thousands of pamphlets had been distributed throughout Wesselton early yesterday warning residents of the coming police action.

The SAP’s regional commissioner had written a personal letter to residents recently warning that law-abiding citizens might get caught up in the police dragnet.

Police were still in the area this morning.
FW examining Goldstone report

By Shehnaaz Bulbulia

The Goldstone Commission's report on the Sebokeng incident was receiving President de Klerk's urgent attention, a spokesman for the President's office said yesterday.

He was not able to say when the findings of the report would be made public.

The judicial commission was established in March to investigate the circumstances leading to the clash between Sebokeng residents and police on March 26 which left 12 people dead and 300 injured.

The Sebokeng shootings took place after a 50,000-strong UDF gathering, intent on marching to Vereeniging, was halted by police near the Sondela Brewery.

The marchers had been planning to present a petition to the National Party offices.

The report, compiled by Judge Goldstone, is the first of several on commissions that will be debated by top officials.
First meeting of ANC - police

THE first of a possible series of regional talks between police, the African National Congress and community organisations was held in the city yesterday, police confirmed.

The police delegation was led by the regional commissioner of police, Major-General Flip Fourie, while the ANC delegation included Mr Reggie September and Mr Trevor Manuel.

The meeting identified problems experienced by all parties and it was agreed that working groups should be formed to sort out these problems.

Attention was given to the requirements by law to apply for permission for marches, the discretion which could be exercised by the police and the use of minimum force by police.

Specific attention was given to the unrest in the Boland and more specifically the Langeberg region. A police spokesman said the talks would have contributed to the easing of tension in these regions.

"The meeting served to break down the possible barriers of distrust between the different groups. If you do not talk and air your differences the distrust will not abate and all parties were given a chance to express their views, and to communicate with one another. This could be the forerunner of more meetings," he said — Sapa.
Police, ANC to meet regularly

Crime Reporter

POLICE, the African National Congress and other organisations are to form “working groups” which will meet regularly to resolve problems.

This was announced after the first talks, led by regional police commissioner Mayor-General Filip Fourie, in Cape Town yesterday.

The ANC delegation included the co-ordinator for the ANC in the Western Cape, Mr Reggie September, and deputy co-ordinator Mr Trevor Manuel and Mrs Amy Thornton. A police spokesman said the crux of the discussions was the unrest in the Boland.

"Barriers of distrust" had been broken, said Major Calitz.
**Focus on Vlok**

The verbal skirmish on police brutality between President F W de Klerk and ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela surprised most people at the joint press conference which followed the otherwise successful 15-hour talks that led to the Pretoria Minute. It did more than cloud the jovial atmosphere — it underlined Mandela’s stance that Law & Order Minister Adriaan Vlok needs to control his generals with an iron hand. While the ANC has in the past made it known that Vlok was a respected member of the government delegation, Mandela regarded the police issue as serious enough to challenge De Klerk in public.

Vlok and his department, already under scrutiny because of the Harms Commission, will be under the spotlight in the next few months as the talks enter the pre-negotiation (on a constitution) phase. A senior government spokesman expects real negotiations on the shape of a future SA to begin early next year — well in advance of the expected schedule. If Vlok fails to deliver what amounts to his side of a bargain (in effect wrecking the promising start to a cessation of hostilities) he could see himself out of the Cabinet or with lesser responsibilities at the next reshuffle.

Government faces difficulties in getting at the truth of some of the allegations against the police. More than 100 policemen are serving jail sentences for acting outside the law while many are awaiting trial — these figures were given to the ANC delegation.

According to the government spokesman, "On the one hand Mr Mandela talks of State violence when someone from the ANC gets hurt in police action, while on the other he calls for President De Klerk to use the full might of the State when the ANC is on the other side." He adds, referring to the problem of communicating a ceasefire down the line — that the ANC would have to "realise that it is easier to motivate crowds than to control them."

The spokesman agrees that the same argument applies to government. Since February 2, De Klerk has personally been at great pains to transform the SAP virtually from a political arm of the National Party to a strictly law-enforcing agency. There is a lot of mistrust to be overcome on both sides. Nonetheless, Tuesday morning’s accord was historic. The Pretoria spokesman feels there is greater subtlety and realism within the ANC delegation. "Where in the past the ANC had strictly grasped at the Harare Declaration, which they regarded almost as a pontifical authority, their offer to suspend the armed action came at a stage where some of the obstacles raised by them earlier had still not been overcome."

The change in vocabulary used by the ANC serves as further proof of honourable intentions.

Government is also optimistic that mass actions — stayaways, school boycotts, the illegal occupation of land by squatters — will be foreign to the spirit of the agreement. It feels that the creation of "additional mechanisms of communication," as agreed on (see box), will limit instability.

Government now places a high priority on the start of multilateral discussions between all parties with an interest in constitutional negotiations — including the PAC, Azapo and rightwing groups. The spokesman comments: "Some organisations have still to take the first steps of phase one, while I think we and the ANC have already moved into the second phase, the talks-about-talks situation. While the going will be tough, I expect us to move into the pre-conference stage at the end of this year."

**TOWNSHIP VIOLENCE**

Natal fever spreads.
Mystery May Soon Be Solved

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Police accused after ID swoop

By Monica Nicolson

A Johannesburg woman has accused police of unnecessary harassment after they entered her property, demanded that labourers produce identity documents and arrested them when they failed to do so.

Police said they ask labourers to produce work permits and enforce the Illegal Immigrants law to protect the rights of South Africans.

Mrs Madelaine Winfield says:

"My house in Orange Grove has been undergoing renovations for the past two months. On Tuesday police walked on to my property without a search warrant or my permission and demanded that the three labourers produce their immigration papers or work permits.

"Two men did not have their papers on them, so they were taken off in a police van.

"The supervisor tried to intervene, but the police told him to stop interfering.

"One labourer sent a friend to collect his papers and he was released. But the other man, whose papers were in Soweto, was held overnight and I don't know what has happened to him now," Mrs Winfield said.

Mrs Winfield does not believe this kind of incident improves race relations or problems in her newly adopted country.

Difficult

"I am very surprised by the police, because I thought this kind of intimidation and harassment was a thing of the past," she said.

A police spokesman says:

"Many thousands of illegal immigrants entering South Africa from neighbouring countries constitute a large and difficult to control. Due to the small staff in the Alien Control Unit, only a very small number are ever arrested and deported.

"It is an international law that a person working in a foreign country must have a work permit. A few reasons are to protect job opportunities for residents, to prevent spreading of diseases and to protect the State.

"Police don't need a warrant if they believe a crime is being committed on a property.

"If a labourer is found to be working in the country illegally and the Department of Internal Affairs does not issue a work permit, he is deported back to his own country at the State's expense.

"Illegal immigrants who persist in returning to South Africa may go to court. The maximum sentence is six months and/or R600 fine," the police spokesman said.

Police said employers hired illegal immigrants because they could pay them less and did not have to pay tax on the workers' salary.

The maximum fine for employing workers with no permit is R10 000 and/or five months in jail.

Police said it would save a lot of time and trouble if people kept their ID books on them.
"War talk' bedevils moves to curb violence"

By PETER FABRICIUS
Political Staff.

THE government and the ANC are 'battling' to get popular acceptance of their historic agreement to bring an end to violence.

Since their 'commitment' to that Pretoria peace, there has been a wave of violence— the worst in the coloured township of Port Elizabeth and Uitenhage. There has also been violence at the Nkomati a bomb blast at Pretoria and a hostage massacre in South Africa.

On top of that, Mrs Winnie Mandela, wife of ANC deputy leader Mr Nelson Mandela, returned to war talks at an ANC women's conference in Natal.

Armed struggle

She said the suspension of the armed struggle was merely 'a strategy' and did not entail the cessation of violence.

And although her statement was virtually repudiated by ANC internal leader Mr Walter Sisulu's speech was followed by another militant outburst from the NNC representative, Mr Harry Gwala and an aggressive speech by Umkhonto we Sizwe chief of staff, Mr Chris Hani.

Addressing a Congress of South African Students meeting in King, Mr Hani said the ANC was suspending 'armed operations, but not the armed struggle' in Natal.

The suspension meant, members would remain in their trenches waiting for orders from the ANC which would, in training and recruiting would intensify and their numbers would increase.

In a repetition of Mrs Mandela's earlier statements, Mr Sisulu said that although he could not speak for others, the ceasefire was the product of a reasoned decision and was not a make-strategy. The ANC co-operation which, he added, 'will improve and expand and, in the present volatile atmosphere, police say they are having difficulty obtaining the ANC's full co-operation in setting up joint efforts, agreed to by the ANC and the government in two rounds of peace talks, to curb the violence and intimidation raging around the country.

Police sources said last night they had appointed 96 police officers around the country to co-ordinate with the ANC in quelling violence.

But so far the ANC had come forward with only 29 names, instead of 96 to bring with the police side of the in-service training programme.
Vlakplaas unit made about 20 arrests in eight years

ABOUT 20 people were arrested in eight years of operations by the security branch's Vlakplaas members, a study of evidence given to the Parms Commission of Inquiry into Politically Motivated Violent Crimes has shown.

Vlakplaas commander Maj Eugene de Kock said he and his men had shot and killed at least 20 men, but he would not say how many arrests his unit had made since he took command six years ago.

Sgt Joe Mamasela told the commission he had arrested about 20 people during his five years at the base.

Former Security Branch C-Section (ANC/PAC desk) chief Brig Willem Schoonput at 29 the number of arrests during his eight years of overseeing the operation.

The arrest records of nine senior Vlakplaas members were: former unit commander Capt Dirk Coetzee, no arrests; commander Maj Eugene de Kock would not say how many arrests; former unit chief of operations Lt-Col Jan Coetzee, six arrests; former constable Brian Negulunga witnessed one arrest; former constable Almond Butana Nofemela, one arrest; security branch Sgt Joe Mamasela said the unit made about 20 arrests in his five years at Vlakplaas; Constable Thabile Ngcelo, two arrests; Capt Paul van Dyk, two to five arrests in seven years; security branch Mij Johannes Vermeulen, one or two arrests in five years.

Last Tuesday the commission wrapped up argument dealing with allegations that a hit-squad operated from the base.
POLICE yesterday offered a R10 000 reward and stepped up township patrols in an effort to curb township violence following Saturday night's Sebokeng hostel shooting that left nine dead and 10 wounded.

The reward is offered to anyone with information that could lead to the arrest and prosecution of whoever perpetrated the shooting, SAP Witwatersrand liaison officer Capt Eugene Opperman said.

Everything possible within the law would be done to stop the violence, he said, adding that "drastic steps" would be taken if and when necessary. Opperman did not specify what these steps would entail.

Regional SAP commissioner Maj-Gen Gerrit Erasmus had visited Sebokeng yesterday to assess the situation following the shooting.

Steps to initiate talks between ANC and Inkatha township groups were being taken by Erasmus, but they could occur only if all parties were serious about their desire for peace and allow one another political and other rights in the areas, Opperman said.

He said the SAP saw the current wave of violence as part of the political allegiance struggle in the townships, but stressed the SAP'sapolitical and neutral stance in the situation.

We won't tolerate attacks on any person, whatever their affiliations, denominations or political aspirations might be," Opperman said.

The SAP were duty-bound to protect the citizens of SA and would leave no stone unturned in their investigation into the hostel shooting, he added.

He said investigating officers had taken note of claims that whites were responsible, but would not say whether sworn affidavits had been taken from witnesses making the allegations.

"At this moment in time the SAP hasn't got a clue and to say it's whites, blacks or Indians would be premature and we're not prepared to speculate on the issue," he said.

Police found 32 AK-47 and five 9mm cartridges at the scene of the shooting, but could not blame any particular group Opperman said these types of firearms were freely available on the black market in the townships and he could not rule out the possibility that guerrillas could be selling their weapons to raise money.

Constable spokesman Neil Coleman said a "hugely racist" AWB pamphlet was found at the hostel during the clean-up after the shooting.

Anyone with information about Saturday's shooting can telephone Lt Andries Coetzee at (016) 881551 (w) or Col F van Nierkerk at (016) 551809 (w).
Police killings a "campaign"

Own Correspondent

Johannesburg. — Last Saturday night's assassination of a Springs policeman brings to 11 the number of policemen who have been killed or injured in shootings on the Reef in the past three months.

Police are quoted as saying that the attacks "appear to be part of a campaign" to destroy morale in the force.

In the latest incident, Constable T Ndlou was shot by an unknown gunman while he was filling his car at a petrol station.
DURBAN — A member of the South African Police was shot dead at the weekend, and yesterday a house belonging to a member of the KwaZulu Police at Umlazi, south of here, was attacked by people armed with AK47 assault rifles and handgrenades.

A police spokesman said that an SA policeman station ed at CR Swart Square was shot by unknown people at N section on Sunday. He died on the spot.

No arrests have been made — Sapa
SAP liaises with ANC

By Peter Fabricius
Political Correspondent

The Ministry of Law and Order has appointed a colonel whose special task will be to communicate with the ANC in an effort to stop violence and intimidation. Colonel Steve van Rouben's first task is to try to help put an end to the East Rand violence which has already claimed scores of black lives.

Police sources noted today that although police had drawn up a list of 66 police officers nationwide to liaise with the ANC, the ANC had so far come up with only 29 names.

The ANC and its aligned organisations yesterday placed the blame for the fighting in East Rand townships squarely at the door of Inkatha.

At a Johannesburg news conference Cosatu first vice-president Chris Dlamini claimed the fighting was an orchestrated campaign to spread Natal violence to Transvaal townships to establish Inkatha as a credible political party with significant community support.

He pointed out that hostels in the affected townships were not tribally segregated — Sapa.
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Judge rejects claims of assault

By Cathy Stagg

A woman who claimed police had poured acid up her nose and two men who said police had assaulted him, had their versions rejected by a judge and two assessors yesterday.

As a result of the finding in the trial within a trial, statements which had previously not been admitted as evidence would probably be read into the record today.

The trial of four people arose from the discovery of the bound body of Dianne Tollman (35) at her Parktown North, Johannesburg, townhouse on February 14, last year.

Justice RA Solomon and the assessors are presiding over the trial in the Rand Supreme Court. All four accused have pleaded not guilty.

They are: Donald Khumalo (18) of Berea, Godfrey Moerane (24) of Naledi; Thabo Makaleng (31) and Bettie Mamsie Mbuli (38) both of Berea. Ms Mbuli was Mrs Tollman’s maid.

According to the indictment, Mrs Tollman dismissed Ms Mbuli at the end of January last year and Mbuli was angry about the loss of her job and accommodation.

**Face covered**

Ms Mbuli allegedly incited the three men to break into Mrs Tollman’s townhouse unit on the night of February 13 last year.

During a trial within a trial, Ms Mbuli told the court she was taken to the Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad where she was kept in an office.

She claimed a balaclava was pulled over her head so that her face was covered, then her head was pulled back and a strange smelling liquid was poured up her nostrils. She claimed the liquid must have been acid because the inside of her nose was burnt. Ms Mbuli said a similar liquid was poured on the inside of her thighs and it caused the skin to come off, yet this did not happen on her face.

The judge said it was strange that there was no damage to her face or the inside of her throat if the liquid was administered through the balaclava.

Mr Moerane and Mr Makaleng both claimed to have been assaulted. But their evidence contained many improbabilities and conflicted with evidence presented by the State, the judge ruled.
REBEL policeman Mr Gregory Rockman appeared briefly in Cape Town Magistrate's Court yesterday in connection with an alleged assault on a police officer on the Grand Parade in March. He was not asked to plead and the hearing was postponed to November 9 for trial.
Every black seen as a target

PORT ELIZABETH — Every policeman in SA continued to regard every black person as a military target, ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela said yesterday.

He said they had been told that every demonstration was "a declaration of war," and an order to open fire was given.

Mandela told a gathering at the opening of the eastern Cape offices of the ANC that the police, or "the police are doing what government wants".

His attack on the police produced a strong response from Law and Order MInister Adriaan Viljoen who last night told the annual meeting of the Southern Cross Association that "claims by certain individuals and organisations that the police were to blame for all violence are devoid of all truth and nothing but propagandistic lies to vilify the police".

Policemen, he said, were not above the law and any claims made against them would be investigated.

Mandela said the primary cause of the unrest was "apartheid's brutal violence" and the injustice of "puppet structures" which sparked conflict.

He said the belief that this was violence in which blacks attacked and killed blacks was wrong. It had started with a conflict between the ANC/MDM and Inkatha, but it was no longer that simple. The real prob-

Mandela

item was the violence from the police.

PETER DELMAR reports that ANC information chief Pallo Jordan told a Johannesburg news conference yesterday the growing violence in Thokoza, Katlehong and Vosloorus was placing the peace process "under great strain".

It is believed that ANC internal leader Walter Sisulu contacted Viljoen yesterday in an effort to end the violence and to discuss ANC allegations of active police collusion with Inkatha "warlords".

Inkatha leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi said last night he was appalled by the escalation of violence in the Transvaal. "I call on all Inkatha members not to become drawn into the violence."

He said black leaders must get together to talk peace.
SERGEANT Leah Shibambo's curiosity on how other police forces handled violent situations was not indulged during her two-month visit to the United States.

Shibambo, who works in the social work department at Protea Police Station, and 11 other members of the SAP, were on an International Police Association exchange programme in Illinois.

"There is a negative attitude towards the way the police in South Africa handle violent situations. I was curious to see how the police in America worked during unrest," Shibambo said.

But she had the chance to study the differences between local and overseas forces and see the respect with which the police there are treated.

"I was struck by the fact that officers in the States always wear bulletproof vests as the SAP has always been criticised for carrying guns for protection," Shibambo said.

"What this means is that we both realise the need to protect ourselves even though our precautionary measures differ.

"While the SAP has social workers in the force, employed to look after the welfare of its staff and their families, police in the States do not have such departments.

"The wellbeing of the officers and their families is dealt with by social workers who work with the police but are not members of the force," she said.

Shibambo, who has been in the force for four years, said the exchange programme was aimed at improving the image of the police internationally.

She said the SAP had always been reflected in a bad light overseas and their role was seen as that of killers rather than protectors of civilians.

She believes her encounter with American police officers helped dispel myths about the South African force.

"Where I had expected to be rejected by the people I met, I was warmly welcomed," she said.
Extra police promised for Welkom mass demonstration

BLOEMFONTEIN — The proposed mass demonstration through Welkom on Saturday will have special police reinforcements in attendance. CP defence spokesman Koos van der Merwe told the CP congress meeting in Bloemfontein yesterday.

Van der Merwe, who is MP for Overvaal, said he had met Law and Order Minister Adriaan Viljoen, the Commissioner of Police and the senior deputy Commissioner of Police on Tuesday.

They were just as concerned as he was about the possible security implications.

Van der Merwe had asked the police to try and convince the Welkom council to withdraw permission for the march.

If this could not be done it should be scaled down and special security measures should be taken.

Van der Merwe said he was informed by the police yesterday the march could not be cancelled because legal permission had been obtained from the council and a magistrate.

The police had, however, succeeded in getting the march scaled down and there would be special reinforcements to keep law and order.

"The National Party council of Vereeniging has given permission for 35,000 blacks to march on Saturday. There are stories emanating from Vanderbijlpark that some marchers have been told to take along matches and others would supply petrol," he said.

The CP had sent a telegram to the Vereeniging council demanding that the march be cancelled. If there was any damage to property or loss of life the blame would rest on the shoulders of the council.

Thanks

The congress unanimously accepted proposals that government should ban all marches by blacks through white areas.

A warning was also issued that government would carry the responsibilities for any loss of life or damage to property resulting from these marches.

A telegram is also to be urgently sent to President F W de Klerk informing him of these proposals.

The congress expressed its thanks to the police and proposed that consultations with the police should begin to establish house-watch systems in all neighbourhoods — Sapa
Mandela attacks SA police

POLITICAL STAFF

PORT ELIZABETH. — Every policeman in South Africa continued to regard every black person as a military target, deputy president of the ANC Mr Nelson Mandela said yesterday.

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Political Staff

PRESIDENT de Klerk and African National Congress deputy-president Mr Nelson Mandela have met urgently to try and end the massive wave of violence sweeping the country, especially in black Transvaal townships.

And last night Law and Order Minister Mr Adrian Vlok and the ANC's internal leader, Mr Walter Sisulu, met in Pretoria to discuss the escalation of violence.

After a meeting at Mr de Klerk's Union Buildings' office yesterday morning, government sources said Mr de Klerk forcefully urged Mr Mandela to meet KwaZulu leader Dr Mangosuthu Buthelezi to try and resolve the ANC/Inkatha faction fighting which is believed to be at the heart of much of the killing.

ANC concerned

They said there had been "tough talk" from Mr de Klerk to Mr Mandela about his refusal so far to meet Dr Buthelezi.

The ANC is believed to have expressed grave concern about the bloody conflict, loss of life and potential further escalation of faction fighting. It proposed firm, impartial police action to end the conflict.

ANC sources indicated last night that Inkatha, which they believe is instigating the fighting, could not carry out such widespread, co-ordinated attacks on its own.

The government is said to have accused the ANC of fueling tension by the repeated utterances by militarists on the continuation of the armed struggle and negatively affecting police morale by continuous statements that the police could resolve the crisis if they wanted to.

To take action

In a statement released by his office Mr de Klerk indicated his intention of holding further discussions in the wider context and of taking action.

"A statement in this regard will be issued in due course. The discussions covered various aspects of the state of unrest and violence in certain areas as well as steps to curb it." Mr Mandela was accompanied by ANC executive members Mr Pailo Jordan and Mr Aziz Pahad, while Mr de Klerk was assisted by Justice Minister Mr Kobie Coetsee and Mr Vlok.
Street war: Nine killed, 113 injured in Soweto

From STAN HLOPHE, GUY JEPSON, MONTSHIWA MOROKE and CRAIG KOTZE
Argus Correspondents

JOHANNESBURG — Nine people have died and 113 injured in clashes between Inkatha supporters and Soweto residents.

Yesterday's violence followed two days of all-out war between Inkatha-Zulu and ANC-Xhosa factions at Tembisa on the East Rand this week. At least 144 people have died and more than 1,000 injured.

Three more bodies were found by police in Soweto yesterday afternoon and another man died in hospital, bringing the Soweto death toll to nine.

Last night police patrolled terns and rubber bullets in many parts of Soweto to disperse crowds attacking police vehicles, said police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn.

Last night police fired teargas into several houses in central Western Jabavu and Molopo near Inhlasane station — the scene of earlier vicious clashes which claimed four lives.

BURNING TYRES

Streets were barricaded by burning tyres and residents, intent on preventing an attack by Inkatha supporters from the nearby Jubalani Hostel, threw boulders into the streets.

Some residents left their homes to avoid the expected attack, while young "comrades" formed sheets to protect their neighbourhood.

Mrs Catherine Moloto, a central Western Jabavu resident, said police threw teargas inside her yard about 7.30pm while she and her family were watching television.

"We had to leave two windows were broken and we found a teargas canister in the kitchen," said Mrs Moloto.

Her neighbour, Mr Johannes Moloto, 49, said, "We know nothing about Inkatha or the ANC. Why are the police harassing us?"

Yesterday soldiers guarded tram drivers and police manned stations and trains, said Colonel Halgryn.

Four men were killed when a crowd attacked them at Inhlasane station and a man was set alight in die Mapula.

A man was killed and six injured in fighting at Johannesburg station at 6:15am, police said.

Widespread fighting started after the four Inhlasane killings. Clashes between opposing groups left at least 31 people injured near Jubalani hostel.

Sporadic outbreaks of violence were later reported in most parts of the township.

Colonel Halgryn said two boys — aged 11 and 14 — were found with batsho wounds after police fired on a mob which shot at them.

"The crowd looked as if it was only adults, which is why the police opened fire on self defence. But it seems as if some of these groups are using children," said Colonel Halgryn.

Several rooms were set alight in Merehbe hostel.

Residents returning from work found a barricade on the main road near the Jubalani hostel.

Late yesterday angry residents vowed to drive out the hostel-dwellers.

R190 000 Weekend Argus Jackpot has been won!

Staff Reporter

Since January, just under a million people have tried it and finally someone has done it — won the grand prize in the weekend Argus Charity Jackpot competition.

Jackpot No 183, launched two weeks ago, carried a main prize of R190 000, which will soon be safe in the lucky reader's bank account.

About 100 000 have entered the competition since the last grand prize of R275 000, won in January.

The latest winner will be announced in Weekend Argus tomorrow.

See page 13.
‘SAP violence jeopardising talks’, says DP

There were elements within the South African Police who seemingly intended to jeopardise the negotiation process between the government and the African National Congress, the Democratic Party said yesterday.

The DP said it emerged from investigations by the party’s Unrest Monitoring Action Committee over the past months into political action at various flashpoints in the Western Cape that these elements used brutal and indiscriminate violence against black communities.

Unless the government established control over these elements or preferably got rid of them, the ANC would experience great difficulties in convincing communities that were being brutalised daily that the armed struggle should cease, said the DP.

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok’s rejection of the allegations by ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela that the police were committing violence was a hollow one. — Sapa
The foundations for politicisation and militancy among South Africa's urban black youth have been laid by the realities they face during their growing years - poverty, unemployment, high levels of violence, a breakdown of family structures and a discredited education system.

This was revealed during the screening of "The Lost Generation" on Thursday night, an investigation by SABC's "Network" programme of what South Africa's problems have done to the country's urban black youth.

Toddlers

Researchers and compiled by SABC TV journalist Barbara Polsher, the programme revealed that the present violence and killing are accepted as a part of everyday township life - even by toddlers.

Paul Zulu of Natal University's Centre for Social and Development Studies, said shooting and killing have become norms in a society moulded by violence. "Today, youths carry coffins on their shoulders," he said. "They kill with impunity."

Polsher told viewers that research by the Inkatha Institute has shown the majority of township youths feel a strong degree of alienation, hopelessness and boredom. She added that the majority of urban black children feel worthless and uncared for.

The usual daily activities of the "lost generation" of about 3 million urban black youth consist of doing nothing, playing soccer,organising political meetings, smoking dagga, fighting and visiting shebeens, she said.

Absent from the list, however, was education. Folsher told viewers black pupils attend school only when they want to, and do whatever they like when they do report to school.

Education is listed by youths as the most important reason for their anger and frustration, Folsher said.

Manuel Ntuli, of the Congress of South African Students (Cosas) in Alexandra, said the present education system has "taught hostilities" between the races. "Education should be in the hands of the people. There should be one system for all."

Existing anger and frustration, fuelled by a discredited education system, have long provided the ideal circumstances for political organisations, Folsher said.

Eugene Motlati, of the Pan African Congress Student Organisation (Paso), said "The negotiation process is aimed at establishing a peace settlement but the youth want total revolution. These two don't go hand in glove."

Mbulelo Keteyi, of the Azanian Youth Organisation (Azayo), said they believe the country belongs to blacks. "Whites settled here through the barrel of the gun," he said.

Regain

"They killed blacks, took our land and now they run our country. We believe blacks cannot regain the country at the negotiation table. We can only regain our country at the battlefield."

In her conclusion, Folsher said black youth are impatient for change. They were confident that changes would come, but blindly believed their problems would end when that moment arrived.
Volley of shots – then silence

By MARTIN NTSELENGOE

A NIGHT of terror in which two activists were killed during a shoot-out with security police was relived in the Rand Supreme Court this week. 

The activists, Jackson Skhomana and another known only as Soswala, were killed after shots were fired

at a house in Soweto, to arrest them. 

Lt Stephen Jacobs of the Soweto security branch was giving evidence in the trial of Charles Bangani and Zwane, 22, who is facing 38 charges – 11 of murder, 22 of attempted murder, four of possession of firearms and ammunition and one of arson. He has pleaded not guilty before Judge Vermooten and two assessors.

According to Jacobs, after Zwane was arrested he had pointed out the house in Soweto where the two men were staying. As police got out of their vehicles near the house, shots were fired at them.

He said the police fired back and used hand-grenades. When they opened the room they found the bodies of the two dead men.

The judge accepted a confession made by Zwane as evidence, and rejected claims that he was tortured to make it.

Evidence before the court was that Zwane and two others went to a shebeen in Orlando East on December 25, 1988. They were armed with AK-47 rifles and hand-grenades. One of them knocked on the door and Zwane fired through a window. Five people died and six were injured.

Those who died were Benjamin Sithole, John Mube, Themba Mahlali, Zanele Zulu and Siphiwe Sithole. The six injured were Vusi Buthela, Fanny Khuymalo, Samuel Radithale, Duduzile Zulu, Phuthi zela Thobobolo and shebeen owner Joel Mabale.

On January 20, 1989 in Meadowlands, Zwane allegedly shot dead Jabulani Mogona, Mzamako Tshabalala and Masango Nkomesishe, and allegedly attempted to murder Mpho Kapa.

Two days later he and others attacked Dudu Chilo’s house in Orlando West. Her niece Tshoki Masamome was killed and her other niece Ntombenhle Mabin and her daughter Barbara were seriously injured.

On April 1 they allegedly attempted to murder 13 people by hurling a hand-grenade into a house in Orlando and after Zwane had been involved in an argument with another man.

The case continues tomorrow.
Cops are criminals looking for targets, says Winnie

By ELIAS MALULEKE

A DEFIANT Winnie Mandela made a dramatic appearance on Friday in violence-torn Zondi near the Jabulani Hostel, Soweto, causing a stir when she accused police of siding with Inkatha and killing people.

Mandela, wife of ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela, told the media and a large group of people who gathered around her, police were not out to keep peace between warring factions.

She said police were "criminals" running around Soweto looking for targets.

Mandela was reacting to allegations that police shot and killed a 16-year-old Zondi youth.

The body of Daniel Ntsibande was found in the backyard of a house in Zone One after police allegedly opened fire on a mob in the street overlooking the hostel.

Police confirmed a body was found, but said circumstances leading to his death would be investigated.

Mandela said "Police are Inkatha and the shooting of this boy confirms what Nelson Mandela told Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok about police brutality.

"Inkatha is far away from here and there is no fighting. Inkatha is only a strategy. The police force is Inkatha and they are killing our people.

"The question by youths is why not suspend talks with the government and continue with the armed struggle?" she said.

Meanwhile, violence continued to rock Soweto on Friday as Inkatha members and residents took to the streets around the hostels. Several people were killed, mostly in and around the hostels in Jabulani and Mapetla.

Inkatha members stood guard at the hostels while youths taunted them from a distance.

Sporadic gunshots were exchanged between the two factions throughout the day and in Central Western Jabavu, a youth with an AK-47 opened fire on Inkatha members on a hillside near the rail line. Minutes later, a powerful hand-grenade from the hillside shattered nearby windows.
The disastrous reality of the kitskonstabel

For anybody with illusions that hostility between the South African Police and the people can be solved by "kitskonstabels", a new book about these special constables offers a salutary lesson.

A chapter in the new book "Policing and the Law" is entitled "Kitskonstabels: A case study in Black on Black Policing". The book is by Derrick Fine, a researcher in the Legal Education Action Project of the University of Cape Town's Institute of Criminology.

Fine sees the introduction to black townships of kitskonstabels between October 1986 and June 1987 as "a component of the State's strategy of black on black policing as a means of controlling political resistance in black townships".

The notion, he maintains, is "rooted in the old apartheid formula of 'divide and rule' whereby agents of repression and control are recruited from within the black community".

The introduction of kitskonstabels was, he contends, "one of the methods to re-establish control over black townships perceived by the State as un-governable".

Whatever the reasoning behind the creation of this force of instant police — drawn from the ranks of the unemployed or vigilantes and trained for six weeks — there can be little doubt that the reality has been a disaster.

In 1986 the SA Police started recruiting 'kitskonstabels', possibly as a temporary measure. But a new book suggests these men, who have been the centre of controversy for years, are here to stay. PAT SCHWARTZ reports.

From the first weeks of their deployment, serious abuses of power by kitskonstabels occurred in many areas. These ranged from fatal shootings, arbitrary assaults and sexual abuse to verbal abuse and harassment.

Restraining

By February 1988, kitskonstabels were the subject of five Supreme Court interdicts restraining them from unlawful conduct.

Despite assurances about the effectiveness of the screening of recruits, the Minister of Law and Order conceded that, in the Maritzburg area, a number of special constables were dismissed when, towards the end of their training, it emerged that they had failed to mention that they were facing criminal charges.

In the light of the fact that these men are employed by the SAP — and, in terms of the Security Emergency Regulations were also defined as security force members, giving them sweeping general powers of using force, arrest, detention, interrogation, entry, search and seizure — such admissions do little to instil confidence.

As for political affiliations, while the Minister of Law and Order maintains that men are recruited without being asked what their political links are, his press secretary is on record as stating that although it was illegal for policemen to belong to "extremist organisations", such as the UDF or the AWB, they were not prohibited from being Inkatha members.

Kitskonstabels, writes Fine, appear to be unsupervised and township residents have had enormous problems trying to lay charges against them.

As a result, they "tend to perceive themselves as exempt from criminal charges and departmental disciplinary action".

Kitskonstabels, it is suggested, do not know, or at least do not respect, the legal limits placed on their powers to use force, arrest and to detain, enter, search and seize. Their apparent ignorance of provisions such as the stringent conditions on the use of firearms and other weapons to disperse gatherings, has had fatal consequences.

Inevitably, writes Fine, "the brutalisation and degree of

provocation suffered at the hands of kitskonstabels have given rise to many instances of counter-violence . . . including shootings, stabbings, and petrol-bombing of homes and barracks.

The State, writes Fine, has admitted that mistakes have been made and has promised to tighten up recruitment methods and training and to root out undisciplined elements.

"There have also been shifts in the portrayal of the role of kitskonstabels. The tendency has been to highlight the contribution of kitskonstabels to the prevention of crime, seemingly in an attempt to depoliticise their role and present it as one of broader community service."

Lawlessness

"These efforts appear to be no more than an attempt to address some of the symptoms of a wider pattern of lawlessness and ill-discipline within the police force."

"What was possibly intended as a temporary measure in crisis policing, has now irrevocably changed the nature of South African policing. Kitskonstabels appear to have become a permanent component of the SAP."

"Policing and the Law" is published by Juta and Co for the Faculty of Law, University of Cape Town.
Disarm all Township People!

28 bodies found

Premier Struggle: Winnie

Pitched battles shown in Britain
Soweto women to appeal to Vlok for police protection

Staff Reporter

Soweto women were trying to organise a delegation to meet Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok to petition for police protection after five days of bloody clashes which took place between hostel dwellers and residents.

"We are under siege. Inkatha people are attacking residents in their homes," said a Diepkloof woman who did not wish to be identified.

The woman said she had contacted the women's organisations of the Anglican and Methodist churches in order to mobilise support for a meeting with Mr. Vlok.

"The women of Soweto want to invite Mr. Vlok to a meeting to give him our side of the story. I feel in a normal community people should not be allowed to carry weapons.

"Here in Soweto the police have been disarming our youths but they are not disarming Inkatha, despite the killings. We hope when Mr. Vlok reads the newspaper he will agree to meet with us."

A Kliprivier Zone 1 resident echoed these sentiments.

"We don't know who the police are standing for. They're teargassing the residents but on Friday afternoon they stood by while a large group of armed Zulus from the Nancefield Hostel gathered on a bridge to attack the residents.

"We don't know what is going to happen - we are shivering. That is why we wish to set up a meeting with Mr. Vlok."
Church leaders tell police it's only way to stop violence
By Carina le Grange

Vrye Weekblad yesterday secured the services of senior lawyers to represent it in the case in which the chief of forensic laboratories of the South African Police is suing the newspaper for R1 million for defamation.

General Lothar Neethling’s claim arose from the expose in the weekly newspaper in November last year of alleged police hit squads and poisoning of political opponents.

Vrye Weekblad editor Max du Preez said yesterday Bobby Levine, SC, and Frans Rautenbach, instructed by Bell, Dewar and Hall, will represent the newspaper.

In the process of gathering funds to secure legal counsel, Mr du Preez last week sent a letter to Home Affairs Minister Gene Louw asking him to pay back the deposit of R30 000 the newspaper had to pay on registration.

The case will be heard in the Rand Supreme Court on November 12.
Statements were extorted, claims ANC

By Norman Chandler, Pretoria Bureau

The African National Congress yesterday rejected statements made to the Harms Commission on its alleged role in terrorist activities and said they had not been freely obtained.

In another development, a top military intelligence officer told Mr Justice Louis Harms he was not fully conversant with the facts in his affidavit but believed the ANC had been responsible for violence.

ANC legal representative George Bizos, QC, told Mr Justice Harms that General Herman Stadler, the SAP's top expert on the organisation, had provided "nadmisible" evidence on atrocities alleged to have been carried out by the ANC.

His comment came after General Stadler had handed in a 70-page affidavit, annexures totalling a further 170 pages, and 20 volumes of supporting documents allegedly detailing ANC involvement in terror. It was the largest amount of testimony given to the commission.

Interrogation

At the close of General Stadler's testimony, Mr Bizos said his instructions were that the ANC had decided "not to join issue with the witness, particularly because of his sources of information."

He urged Mr Justice Harms to consider the admissibility of General Stadler's evidence, as "common experience tells us that evidence obtained under interrogation in terms of section 81 of the old Terrorism Act and section 29 of the Internal Security Act is not the sort of evidence which is admissible. Some statements are not freely made."

In his evidence, General Stadler drew attention to what he said were acts of terrorism carried out by the ANC. He also sketched the background to the commission's decision to embark upon a "people's war" and said this had started after an ANC delegation visited Vietnam to study "mass mobilisation" procedures.

In an affidavit, Penuell Mngapa Maduna, a member of the ANC secretariat and one of its two legal advisers in South Africa, told Mr Justice Harms the ANC "never denied that people lost their lives in the armed struggle. The SAP and the SA Defence Force have repeatedly denied the correctness of the evidence that their hit squads killed people.

"I submit that the commission was appointed to inquire into the truth or otherwise of their denials, and not into the ANC's armed struggle."

Mr Maduna was commenting on the terms of reference for the Harms Commission, which was established by President de Klerk earlier this year to investigate "certain alleged murders", particularly in relation to the activities of alleged hit squads and the Civil Co-ordination Bureau - a now-disbanded unit of the SADF.

Mr Maduna said that what General Stadler referred to in his affidavit had "come to his knowledge as a result of reading many publications, some of which have been referred to an ANC documents."

In a further affidavit, Brigadier Philip Smit, director, research, Military Intelligence, told the commission he was not personally conversant with the facts contained in his affidavit and that the facts he was providing were merely a summing-up of information which had come to his attention and which had been evaluated by himself and people under his control.

Brigadier Smit referred to the Church Street bomb, which exploded in Pretoria on May 20, 1983, killing 18 people, and said that "self-confessed ANC terrorist Helena Pastorov had confessed she had brought the explosives into South Africa."

Brigadier Smit said the ANC had activated murder squads in border areas "and farmers and farmers' organisation as well as members of the SADF as people's war were killed."

He added that Heinrich Grosskopf, a member of the ANC living in Luanda, was thought by the police to have been responsible for a bomb explosion in Quartz Street, Johannesburg, in July 1987 in which R1.2 million damage was caused.

The commission is due to resume its hearings tomorrow when testimony will be taken on the mystery killings of Dr and Mrs Pahlen Rubero on December 1, 1990.
Hit Squads case to hear evidence

The Rand Supreme Court yesterday granted an application by Vrye Weekblad and the Weekly Mail for a commissioner to be appointed to hear evidence from rebel former policeman Dirk Coetzee in London.

This concerns allegations about the role of SAP forensic expert Lt-Gen Lodhar. Neethling in alleged hit squad activities.

Neethling is currently suing both newspapers for R500,000 each following the publication of Coetzee's allegations that the forensic expert provided poison to kill the dogs of Durban attorney Hla Griffiths Mxenge shortly before he was assassinated.

Evidence has been tentatively scheduled to be heard on October 8.

Mr Justice P Roos presided. - Sapa
Vlok denies cops involved in carnage

LAW and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok has emphatically denied allegations that the police were involved in the continuous carnage in the townships or that they were siding with any of the warring groups.

He issued a strongly worded statement in Pretoria yesterday in response to allegations of police involvement by Transkei leader Bantu Holomisa after the Pretoria talks.

**Maj or-g eneral Holomisa released a statement to this effect after the meeting between top South African Government ministers, himself and KwaZulu leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi, without consulting the other parties before doing so.**

**Serious**

Vlok said he had no choice but to react to the allegations Holomisa's allegations were "second-hand" and contained no concrete evidence.

"The time has now arrived to insist that such serious allegations are backed by evidence. Unless this is done, one must accept that they are lies and that the sole aim in making such statements is to alienate the police.

"Such allegations are irresponsible and will definitely not facilitate discussions which the police are at present conducting with all the warring groups."

He also dismissed as unfounded repeated allegations that the police disarmed and tear-gassed "certain sectors of the community in order to facilitate Inkatha attacks".
Probing recalls Ribeiro slayings

FORMER SACP Scout

...photograph of

Harms Probe into Hit Squads

The Harms Commission investigating politically motivated violence was told in Pretoria yesterday that Robey was in London. The commission was also told that CCB documents for the period around December 1986, when Dr. and Mrs. Ribeiro were shot dead in their Mamelodi home, had been destroyed.

He also read various documents from CCB headquarters which linked a motor vehicle to Robey. He also read various documents from CCB headquarters which linked a motor vehicle to Robey.

Wright said an identification parade would be held on Monday and that the commission would be shown how surveillance on the two persons was possible.

Wright then introduced a photograph of Robey, believed to have been taken in connection with the death of Fabian and Mrs. Porcino in Mamelodi. The photograph shows Robey with a full beard.

He said bank records had shown a number of deposits into his account of between R6,000 and R13,500, and a letter saying "a Mr. and Mrs. Robey would be in Europe for the next six months." Wright said he had established that Robey was living in London.

The commission was also told that CCB documents for the period around December 1986, when Dr. and Mrs. Ribeiro were shot dead in their Mamelodi home, had been destroyed.

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Police deny helping Inkatha

By Stan Hlohe

Allegations of police violence in Soweto were made yesterday by an official of the National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa.

Booyens Mashego, Numsa's organiser and South African Youth Congress (Sayco) Soweto branch co-ordinator, visited The Star yesterday with spent cartridges and rubber bullets to substantiate his claims.

Mr Mashego said police had, on Monday night in Tladi squatter camp, shot dead three men who were warding off Inkatha supporters from Merafe hostel after they had earlier burnt down several houses in the Mapetla and Naledi area.

He claimed that when residents counter-attacked they were prevented from doing so by the police, who dispersed them with teargas and rubber bullets and allowed Inkatha to attack them.

Asked whether a complaint had been lodged with the police, Mr Mashego said the community had decided against reporting to the police as it had lost confidence in them. Instead, he said the union and Sayco would brief their lawyers.

Captain Joseph Ngobeni, Soweto police liaison officer, denied the police were taking sides.

He advised Mr Mashego or any victim to come forward with evidence to lay a charge at any police station.
Mob attacks police station

The Argus Correspondent and Sape

Johannesburg.— Kagiso police station on the West Rand near Krugersdorp was attacked by a large crowd today.

Police spokesman Lieutenant G. H. Bester said gunshots were heard near the police station and the security forces had "acted" but she refused to give details.

Lieutenant Bester admitted she did not know if the attack was still under way.

At least 516 people have died in 10 days of vicious township fighting on the Witwatersrand.

Renewed fighting in Kagiso and Chambor on the West Rand left at least 27 dead by last night.

State of bloodletting

And in the worst state of bloodletting yesterday, 42 bodies were found in Vosloorus, bringing the total death toll on the East Rand to 361, said police liaison officer Lieutenant Ida van Zweel.

Soweto police confirmed that 125 people had died by last night.

Kagiso was in flames yesterday. Houses, police vehicles and tyres in the road were burning.

Hundreds of residents had fled their homes by 7pm, fearing further attacks by Inkatha supporters living in a hostel.

Houses were vacated and there were no lights in the section of the township near the hostel. Four houses were alight.

The handful of residents still in the area said Inkatha lovers were responsible.

Colonel J. Jonker negotiated with leaders of Inkatha who agreed to go back inside the hostel, although many complained bitterly, begging police to give them an hour to show the ANC we are strong.

Colonel Jonker appealed to Inkatha to down their sharp weapons and carry only traditional fighting sticks and knobkerries.

ANC supporters ran riot through the township yesterday, burning down council property and houses where Inkatha people stayed.

"I have to fight!"

Youths petrol-bombed the Kagiso Technical Department, gutting the buildings and burning out two new ambulances, six bakkies, five large trucks, a garbage truck and a grader. Damage was estimated at R$ million.

An Inkatha supporter said the violence was not helping negotiations between the ANC and the government, since "it's clear that blacks can't even live together in love and peace I have to fight... to survive and to protect the Zulu nation.

Anti-police feeling ran high among ANC supporters and youngsters formed a human barricade outside the police station and recited revolutionary poetry to protest against the "police declaring war on us.

At Vosloorus 37 bodies were discovered yesterday morning after bloody clashes. A further five bodies were found last night. Fifty-one people have died in the troubled East Rand township since the outbreak of fighting there.

Roads were cross-crossed with burning barricades, hostel entrances were boarded up and police patrols were repeatedly attacked with petrol bombs and automatic rifle fire.
Police-ANC link up on Natal unrest

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — The media spokesman for the Minister of Law and Order, Brigadier Leon Nellet, has confirmed that communications links have been established between the SAP and the African National Congress in Durban and northern Natal to monitor political violence and intimidation in Natal areas.

He said the police had given the ANC the names of more than 60 senior police officers and they had in turn supplied the police force with 20 names.
Woman shot dead while sitting on sofa

The Argus Correspondent—JOHANNESBURG. — Among the tragedies that occurred in Kagiso township yesterday was the shooting of a woman and a youth.

Mrs Iris Ntimani was shot dead while sitting on a sofa in her house when police fired birdshot at a group of youths in the street.

News photographer Alf Kumalo said he saw a policeman firing at a fleeing youth, after which he shouted: "Ek het hom gekry" ("I've got him").

"The policeman started kicking the wounded boy and chased away a woman who tried to give him water," Mr Kumalo said.

NAMETAG NOTED

While waiting for an ambulance — it took an hour to arrive — another policeman gave the youth, Alfred Xegwana, first aid.

The policeman's nametag and the registration number of his vehicle were noted.

A Pretoria police spokesman said: "It appears to be the norm these days for people to make affidavits to lawyers, journalists etcetera, but not to the police who finally investigate the allegations."

"It is absolutely essential that such affidavits are made to the police as soon as possible after the alleged incident in order that a speedy and thorough investigation be launched."

"After all, one of the duties imposed upon the SAP by law is to investigate any offence or alleged offence under Section 5 (C) of the Police Act."

VITAL WITNESS

"The complainant is advised to furnish his information in affidavit form to his nearest police station immediately as he appears to be a vital witness in this case."

"The SAP will not condone any unlawful actions by its members and we wish to thoroughly investigate these allegations."

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Askaris are still in use ... maybe as hooded captors

By JO-ANNE COLLINGE

THE South African Police continue to deploy Askaris — "turned" former members of the African National Congress — in many areas of their work, Ministry of Law and Order spokesman Brigadier Leon Mellet confirmed yesterday.

"They are specialised people doing specialised services in the police force and they will continue to do so," he said.

Mellet added that "they are fully-fledged members of the South African Police, receiving the same benefits as all other policemen."

The Askaris were one of two groupings within the state's armed forces linked in evidence before the Harris Commission to death squad activities directed against opponents of apartheid.

The commission has yet to make a finding on the validity of this link, which rests primarily on the evidence of self-confessed Askars Almond Nofomela and Spyker Tkikalange, and their commander, former security police captain Dirk Coetzee.

The ANC believes that Askaris were involved in events preceding last Saturday's arrest of Ralph Petersen, a member of staff at the ANC's Johannesburg head office. Petersen was shot before or during the arrest and is now detained at Contumazano in a Johannesburg hospital ward.

A trained calibre of Umkhonto weSizwe, Petersen was part of the first ANC group sent into the country to help prepare for the Groote Schuur talks and to set up the ANC office, ANC representative Gill Marcus said.

The ANC said that Petersen was detained as he emerged from a Hillbrow disco. "As he was getting into his car he was surrounded by police, including a number of men who wore hoods, thought to be Askaris. As Ralph was told to put his arms in the air, shots were fired by the police, hitting Ralph twice and also hitting a friend, Louis, who drove up to find out what was happening," an ANC statement read.

The ANC said that the two men were left lying in the road and were taken to hospital by members of the public. Petersen was later detained under section 29 of the Internal Security Act. It appeared that Louis (whose full name is not known) had also been detained.

According to the police division of public relations, two men were arrested as a result of information that they "had entered the country illegally and were illegally in possession of arms."

The first man had been arrested after being identified "as a suspected trained terrorist" and had revealed during questioning that he was waiting for four associates. When these men arrived in a car "they were confronted and a struggle ensued during which shots were fired" and a policeman was injured."
Police won't give up duty - Vlok

Attempts were being made to alienate the police from the public by placing unproved allegations at the door of the SAP, according to Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok.

Speaking in Roodepoort yesterday, he said the police would not give up their duty to maintain law and order. — West Rand Bureau.
Vlok to crack down on the wave of violence

BY CHARLES LEONARD

MINISTER of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok will today announce measures — including strict controls on weapons — to curtail the spate of violence, State President FW de Klerk said at the University of Potchefstroom yesterday.

Addressing an audience of 3 000, de Klerk said his government was "more than ever in a peaceful way on the road to negotiations".

"Legitimacy of the government is not questioned anymore," he said.

"Now the legitimate white racist regime" is the forefront," de Klerk was enthusiastically received at his alma mater. "It is good to address such a friendly audience — otherwise than at Vryheid," he said referring to the meeting which was disrupted at the northern Natal town last Thursday.

He listed what he regarded as essential for a new South Africa:

- A one-party state should be prevented.
- A Bill of Rights should be established, as a guide to maintain civil norms.
- Elections should be held on a regular basis.
- Communism should not be allowed, to be "enforced on the nation".
- "Diversity of culture" should be allowed without enforcing it through laws.
- Autogenous education — for those who want it — should be allowed within one education department for all races.
- A professional defence force and police force should be established so that "no government could abuse them for political purposes".
- There should be an independent judiciary.
Findings of ‘most difficult task’ awaited

THE long-awaited Harms Commission report on unsolved and alleged politically motivated murders is expected to reach President de Klerk before the end of next month.

According to legal sources, there is “great anticipation” about decisions which Mr Justice Louis Harms, the Transvaal Supreme Court judge appointed earlier this year to probe the existence of hit squads said to be operated by the police and defence force, may reach.

The sources said Mr Justice Harms had had to deal with “probably the most difficult commission imaginable, particularly as there were people who were obviously prepared to obstruct the commission.”

There is anticipation that the judge may make certain recommendations to the State President and that some of the evidence heard could be referred to Attorneys-General and the Auditor-General for further action.

‘Toothless’

This could nullify early allegations that the commission was “toothless” — an accusation levelled because its terms of reference prevented it from taking evidence about events outside the country’s borders.

The possible extent to which two Cabinet Ministers and a number of high-ranking military generals and police officers may have been implicated, dominated commission hearings since the opening session on March 5.

Some members of the CCB and the police refused to testify unless their identities were protected — and the result was that the commission was at times a noisy, disorderly mess when some appeared in the commission room dressed in outlandish disguises, including false wigs and moustaches. Most used code names.

General Magnus Malan, the Minister of Defence, and Law and Order minister Adriaan Vlok appointed lawyers to act on their behalfs after evidence was led that they both allegedly knew about hit squads.

At one stage, General Malan said he was prepared to appear before the commission but Mr Justice Harms found that that would not be necessary.

A number of generals said under questioning that “higher authorities” would have been needed for certain tasks allocated to the CCB, which operated on a budget estimated to have been about R28 million.

The implication was that General Malan would have been that “higher authority.”

But it was not only the Ministers who appointed legal representatives.

The commission became known as one of the most intensive operations yet mounted by the legal profession in South Africa — and at enormous cost.

Mr de Klerk:
next moves his.

Mr Justice Harms:
often impatient.

NORMAN CHANDLER
Pretoria Bureau

bullets from an AK-47, a matter of weeks after appearing on the stand.

The Vlakplaas allegations came about when Butana Almond Nofemela, a convicted killer, turned in an affidavit given to Lawyers for Human Rights hours before he was to be hanged last October 20 that he had been a member of an SAP unit which had killed Durban attorney Griffiths Mxenge in 1981.

Nofemela spent five days giving testimony and undergoing cross-examination, and gave the names of various police officers who had, he claimed, been involved in the activities of the squad.

The police strenuously denied the existence of the squad, calling Nofemela a “lur.”

But Nofemela — a former sergeant — was backed up in his allegations by two other policemen, former captain Dirk Coetsee and former sergeant David “Spyker” Tsahkhuenga, both of whom fled the country.

As a result, the commission — whose terms of reference specifically excluded it from taking or hearing evidence about foreign activities, if any — created a legal precedent when it took evidence from the two runaways at South African House in London.
One of the biggest controversies has been the commission’s inability to take foreign evidence.

It was argued by lawyers, on occasions supported by the commissioner himself, that this caused many problems in trying to reach conclusions or decisions on whether or not hit squads operated internally and externally.

The matter has still to be resolved.

Reference was also made during the hearings to alleged counter-insurgency activities in Swaziland, particularly when a man named “September” was taken from a Manzini police cell and abducted to South Africa.

The Lubowski situation bedevilled the hearings from the start. Lawyers argued with Mr Justice Harms on the legality of whether or not the matter could be heard, to the extent that there were strong words between him and some legal teams.

The judge said that as the murder had taken place in Namibia, it did not fall within the scope of the commission’s terms of reference. The counter-argument was that the murder had allegedly been planned in South Africa and it was therefore admissible.

Alleged obstruction of commission proceedings on the part of the CCB and its operatives was another bone of contention, not only for the lawyers but also for Mr Justice Harms.

His impatience with CCB witnesses — particularly Joe Verster, the managing director, and various operatives — became obvious on a number of occasions and he was also angered when it was patently obvious that some witnesses were not prepared to give evidence on the grounds that they might incriminate themselves.

ANC links

- The debate over whether or not the killing of Swapo executive member Anton Lubowski could form part of the commission.
- African National Congress involvement in alleged murders.
- The unsolved murders of Dr and Mrs Fabian Ribeiro, of Mamelodi.

Each section has had its share of drama and tension.

These have included black policeman Brian Ngquilunga, who was killed after he had testified to being a former ANC member who had been "turned" by the SAP and who worked at Vlakplaas. His body was found riddled with
Critical questions
Pop Stars Friend

and stripped. "But there's more to it than that," he said. "I mean, we're all in this together, and if we can help each other out, why not?"

"But police deny men were held over 'missing' freemason shocks, torture alleged"
Cops blasted in bomb attack

By SOPHIE TEMBA

A MAN believed to be a trained guerrilla was arrested in Soweto following a hand-grenade attack on three policemen near the Nancefield Hostel this week.

Const S Mchunu was killed in the attack while Sg't R Ntsila was injured and admitted to the Baragwanath Hospital where he is reported to be in a critical condition.

Sg't Dire, who was the driver of the patrol car in which they were sitting, managed to leap away and escaped unhurt. Police spokesman Lt G Marlemuthoo of Soweto police headquarters said the car was parked near the hostel at about 3am when two men approached it.

The attackers hurled a Russian-made grenade against the windscreen, which blasted the roof and seats to smithereens.

Soweto police liaison officer Col Tienie Halgyrny said police were also investigating an incident in which a municipal policeman was shot and killed by the SAP in Orlando East this week.

Halgyrny claimed the dead municipal policeman was in a group of about 100 people who attacked the SAP by hurling stones and firing shots at them.

He said police returned fire and killed a man.

Police found a pistol and empty shells next to the body, which was not in uniform.

The spokesman said investigations revealed the dead man was a municipal policeman who was off-duty during the shooting and the weapon found next to his body was not a service pistol.

The serial number of the pistol was filed off and police are investigating.
The word goes out —
bring back Noel Robey

By DESMOND BLOW

FORMER Rhodesian Selous Scout Noel Robey, 35, has become the most wanted man in South Africa. And anti-apartheid groups have sent out a message to their colleagues overseas. "Find Noel Robey!"

Robey, who was acquitted in June 1987 of the double murder of Dr Fabian Ribiero and his wife Florence was named this week at the Harms Commission as a member of the Civil Co-operation Bureau. Robey and his wife flew to England several months ago and disappeared.

Human rights lawyer Brian Currim confirmed yesterday that if Robey was found attempts would be made to extradite him to South Africa to stand trial for murder.

When Robey was acquitted three years ago the court could find nothing linking him to the murder other than his car registration number, but the magistrate found this could have been false.

At the Harms Commission this week former CCB chairman Gen Joep Joubert disclosed that the CCB had paid R33700 for Robey's defence when he appeared in a preparatory examination into an allegation of murdering Ribiero and his wife in 1986.

Joubert, now deputy head of army intelligence, said he had approved the CCB legal costs of R32700, but could not explain the discrepancy of R1900.

He denied the CCB had been involved in the murder of the Ribieros, and said the CCB had paid for Robey's defence to protect the CCB and the identity of its members.

In 1987 Robey was arrested and placed before a preparatory examination to establish if there was sufficient evidence to bring a case against him — the first such case in several years.

The commission was told that when Robey appeared in an identification parade he was clean-shaven and the other men on parade were all bearded, as the suspect was on the night of the killing.

It was also revealed that a number of other payments were made into Robey's account of between R6000 and R13500 and a letter was found saying Mr and Mrs Robey would be in Europe for six months. The commission was also told that CCB documents for the period around December 1986, when the Ribieros were assassinated, had been destroyed.

Currim told the commission that 10 days after the murder of Ribiero and his wife, a guard and another witness to the shooting had been wounded by unknown gunmen.

Dr Fabian Ribiero and his wife Florence. In 1987 Robey was acquitted of murdering them. He has since fled to Britain and disappeared.
SA needs people's police force

By Ernest van der Merwe

Police wonder what news

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A CERES police constable is in a critical condition in Worcester's Medi-City Hospital after being stabbed on Saturday night by two men who said they did not want to travel in a taxi "with a bloody policeman."

Police said Constable Ben van der Winter, 28, and a friend, Mr. Andrew Koopman, caught a minibus taxi from Bellavista township to Ceres about 7:30 pm. At Impala Road, Ceres, the taxi stopped to pick up two more men who had allegedly asked "What is a bloody policeman doing in here?"

Constable Van der Winter was stabbed repeatedly with a knife and several veins were severed, "spurtting blood everywhere," police said. Mr. Koopman was also stabbed trying to defend him.

Two men have been arrested and will appear in Ceres Magistrate's Court soon in connection with charges of attempted murder and assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.
Reef townships 'quiet', say police, SADF

JOHANNESBURG — As security forces yesterday continued to use the sweeping “mini-state of emergency” powers to raid Reef townships, police said there had been a “substantial” reduction in township violence.

Police, assisted by members of elite SADF units, have raided at least four townships on the East and West Rand since Friday night, confiscating huge quantities of dangerous weapons and arresting at least 10 people.

The raids follow the government’s Friday declaration of 19 magisterial districts in the Witwatersrand and Vaal Triangle as areas of unrest.

The declaration comes as a desperate attempt by security forces to stop the bloody violence which has left at least 516 people dead and thousands more injured since fighting broke out in Sebokeng on July 22.

Major-General Wessel Kritzinger of the SADF’s Witwatersrand Command is reported as saying that men of the crack 32 Parachute Battalion, No 1 Special Service Battalion and two infantry battalions have been sent into the townships to assist police units.

In Kagiso there were minor attacks on police vehicles and stone-throwing and petrol-bombing of vehicles and property.

Three trucks were burnt out and one incident buildings belonging to DBE construction, as well as some temporary buildings, were gutted and a generator and lighting machinery destroyed. Police estimated the damage at about R1 million.

However, by yesterday the situation on the Witwatersrand was quiet. The spokesman said residents of the various townships had welcomed the presence of the police and other security forces.

• A man staggered 25m and then died after a grenade was tossed into a waiting room at the Roodepoort railway station at the weekend.

Two women — Ms Jane Kobelo and Ms Margaret Leeto — were also injured and treated at the Leratong Hospital in Krugersdorp, for shrapnel wounds.

Police said the grenade was a South African-made M26. No one has claimed responsibility for the attack.

— Own Correspondent and Sapa
Put away your knives, plead tribal chiefs

JOHANNESBURG. — Collaboration between elements of the SA Police and Inkatha is the root cause of the violence in Witwatersrand townships over the past two weeks, the Congress of Traditional Leaders of South Africa (Contralesa) alleged on Sunday.

Contralesa leaders — mainly from Natal and Transkei — made the accusation at a press conference here after touring the townships.

Contralesa however ruled out the withdrawal of police from the townships. Spokesman Chief Mwejo Nonkononyana denied the organisation's affiliation, to any political party, and said it wanted peace to return to the troubled townships.

ANC and tribal leaders pleaded yesterday for an end to fighting between black factions as troops swept through Johannesburg's townships in a bid to quell the violence.

"As chiefs of this sub-continent, we strongly make our stand against such things as have been happening here," Xhosa Chief Mtharazanu told about 700 people at the rally.

Chief Mewayizeni, an associate of Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini, urged those who instigated the fighting to stop.

"No one must go armed. There must be no knives, no pangas (cane-cutting knives), no spears and no sticks," he said.

ANC leader Mr Walter Sisulu, who shared the platform with the chiefs, echoed the calls for peace. But a member of the militant ANC-aligned South African Youth Congress (Sayco) said people should be ready to defend themselves.

"There is no way that we are going to allow our comrades, the cadres of Umkhonto we Sizwe, to just be overrun and killed," Sayco vice-president Mr Mnyamezeli Boy said to cheers — Sapa-Reuter
Security police in W Cape shake-up

By DALE KNEEN
Crime Reporter

THE head of the security police and several other officers, including one involved in the shooting of Mr Ashley Kriel, have been moved out of "field" service in the Western Cape.

Brigadier Jan Griebenauw, the 52-year-old regional chief of the security branch, is to be transferred to a position at the security police head office in Pretoria next year.

Another senior staff officer in the security branch, Colonel Johan van Wyk, has been appointed district commissioner for Middelburg in the Transvaal.

The head of the terrorism detection unit, Captain William Liebenberg, and a member of the unit, Warrant Officer Jeffrey Benzen, have been assigned to administrative positions.

Warrant Officer Benzen was involved in the killing of African National Congress guerrilla Mr Ashley Kriel. In addition, he has been accused of torturing suspects in the Yengeni terrorism trial.

Captain Liebenberg was accused of being present when some suspects in the 1983 terrorism trial of Umkhonto we Sizwe commander Mr Lizo Ngqungwana and 14 others were allegedly assaulted by police.

TORTURE

Brigadier Griebenauw denied the transfers of Warrant Officer Benzen and Captain Liebenberg were related to the killing of Mr Kriel. He also rejected the allegations of torture and assault.

He said the transfers were "part of the regional restructuring of the police" in the Western Cape.

It is understood that several other policemen attached to the security branch in Paarl, Oudtshoorn and Cape Town have filled administrative positions at police headquarters.

The position being filled by Brigadier Griebenauw in Pretoria from next January is a new one.

He previously worked in what was then South West Africa, where he was recruited into the security branch.

He also served in the security branch in East London and Paarl, where he was the head of the unrest unit for six years.
MP's plan for police

Political Staff

A PLAN to change the police force so that it is accepted by all people is to be submitted to the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, by the Democratic Party MP for Claremont, Mr Jan van Eck.

The proposals include:
- Where conflict was endemic for the entire complement of police to be replaced by a new unit;
- At least one senior police officer from outside the area to oversee protest marches, and
- Police seniors to go home at 4pm, and at least one senior policeman to remain in charge because township conflicts often flare in the evening.

It cannot be condoned that police on the receiving end of police violence are brutalized, Mr Van Eck said.
Attacks on police increase

A total of 42 policemen have been murdered and 403 injured in unrest-related violence since the beginning of the year, an SAP Police spokesman said last week.

Between January and August 15, there were 1223 attacks on policemen and police patrols, 522 attacks on policemen's homes and families, and 1805 police vehicles were damaged or destroyed.

The spokesman said the number of attacks against the SAP had increased in the past three months and black policemen had been the main targets.

One white policeman had been killed and "quite a number" injured.

"Policemen become targets because they are the first line of defence and stand in the way of revolutionaries," police public affairs chief Herman Stadler said.

He said it had been strategy for many years to terrorise SAP members. This was because the police stood between law and order on the one hand and anarchy on the other. The force was also regarded by "revolutionaries" as part of the "system", and to attack it meant an attack on the system they wanted to destroy.

The director of the University of the Witwatersrand's Project for the Study of Violence, Lloyd Vogelman, said the large number of attacks on police members resulted from a "legacy of a certain perception" of the police by black communities that would take a long time to correct.

"The police have been charged with enforcing apartheid legislation and they have been involved in detention without trial, through which many black people went to jail.

"In the past two weeks, there is the perception, whether correct or not, that the police are aiding Inkatha in the Transvaal, which also increases the number of attacks on police.

Black people often perceived that the police were antagonistic towards them because they felt the ultra-right wing was not being disarmed and that white people were not being arrested, he said.

According to Democratic Party law and order spokesman Tian van der Merwe, the undisciplined behaviour of some policemen has contributed to the attacks.

"I am sure that the vast majority of members of the SAP are ordinary, decent human beings just trying to do a job in a very difficult situation. They unfortunately have to bear the brunt of the behaviour of the minority," he said.

General Stadler said there was "no proof whatsoever" that the police were biased in favour of a specific organisation or political party.

"Unfortunately the odd incident of policemen overstepping their mark is portrayed as the rule and not the exception.

"Where individual members act illegally, whether because of political convictions or not, strict action is taken against them. Such actions against members have been made public in the past and we will continue to do so in the future."

Mr. Vogelman said statements were not enough to correct the negative perception of the police by black communities. "The police must be shown to have a fair and unbiased policy. They must be answerable to civic authorities and there must be a free flow of information. In order to have an effective force, the police will have to work with the various community structures," he said.

Mr. van der Merwe said that an order to improve the image of the SAP in the townships would be implemented.

General Stadler said the morale of the force had not dropped as a result of the attacks. SAP members were "dedicated people" who were determined to do their job and maintain law and order.
Cops not partisan, says Vlok

PRETORIA. -- The Minister of Law and Order, Mr. Adriaan Vlok, yesterday rejected charges that the police had taken sides in the conflict that has racked black townships on the Witwatersrand in the past fortnight.

Several community organisations, including the ANC, have alleged that police openly sided with one or another warring party during the violence.

But Mr. Vlok said that although isolated incidents may have occurred, the SAP as a whole was doing its utmost to maintain law and order.

"The unrest measures announced on Friday and the deployment of a large contingent of SAP and SADF members resulted in an immediate cessation of violence in the troubled areas during the weekend," Mr. Vlok said.

The minister also appealed to the affected communities to continue their co-operation with the security forces. — Sapa
Govt announcement on inquiry expected soon.

The Government will make an announcement this week about the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry into the police shooting of black protesters on March 26.

A spokesman for President de Klerk — who has had the report for some time — said he was not sure if the announcement would be the release of the report or commentary on it. — Political Staff.
Tutu sees FW over 'police bias'

JOHANNESBURG. — Alleged police bias in the factional violence that swept black townships on the Reef will be top of the agenda today when church leaders hold talks with President FW de Klerk in Pretoria.

The delegation, headed by SA Council of Churches president Dr Khoza Mogoja, includes Archbishop Desmond Tutu and other Anglican, Roman Catholic, Methodist and independent African church clerics.

The meeting will seek to "communicate our concerns and bring evidence that will convince them (the authorities) that we are not speaking irresponsibly" of police bias in the violence.

A statement issued yesterday added that the violence had taken on a sinister shade.

Archbishop Tutu said yesterday that he believed that after preliminary talks at lower levels, ANC deputy president Dr Nelson Mandela should agree to sit down with Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

Sapa
42 policemen killed during SA violence

A TOTAL of 42 policemen have been murdered and 403 injured in unrest-related violence since the beginning of the year, a spokesman for the SAP in Pretoria has disclosed.

From January to August 15, 1,220 attacks on policemen and police patrols took place. A total of 52 police homes and families were attacked, while 16,805 police vehicles were either destroyed or damaged.

The spokesman said the number of attacks against police had increased over the past three months, with black policemen the main targets of attack.

However, one white policeman had also been killed and 'quite a number' had been injured.

'Policemen become targets because they are the first line of defence and stand in the way of revolutionaries,' SAP public affairs chief Major-General Herman Stadler said.

The director of Witwatersrand University's Project for the Study of Violence Mr Lloyd Vogelman said the large number of attacks on the police was the result of a 'legacy of a certain perception' of the police in black communities, which would take a long time to correct.

'The police have been charged with enforcing apartheid legislation and they have been involved in detention without trial, which has resulted in many blacks going to prison,' he said.

According to Democratic Party law and order spokesman Mr Tuan van der Merwe, the undisciplined behaviour of some members of the force was a contributory factor to attacks on police.

'I am sure that the vast majority of members of the SAP are ordinary, decent human beings just trying to do a job in a very difficult situation. They unfortunately have to bear the brunt of the behaviour of the minority,' he said.
Peace restored by emergency measures, say police

Boycott for SI5 dead

Salute to victims... Young ANC members in some towns were wounded and killed.
Cops deny reports of demolishing shacks

AN article appeared in the Sowetan on August 6, in which mention was made of squatter shacks being demolished by the South African Police and the municipal police. Police have denied this, stating, "There have, of late, been numerous media reports in which mention is made of squatter shacks being demolished by the S.A. Police and in some cases these actions have even been attributed to "security police."" We would like to point out that the S.A. Police do not remove squatters from land or demolish shacks. This is done by the appropriate local authorities after the legal requirements have been met. Police are only in attendance to maintain law and order.

"Where any person however trespasses on private land and the owner of the land complains by way of an affidavit and is prepared to testify in court, the police have strict instructions to arrest the trespasser and take him to court. Where a person is arrested again for the same offence, evidence to this effect is presented to the court and the presiding officer will consider this when passing sentence. This problem has, on various occasions, been pointed out to the media."
By Guy Jepson and
Sontshwa Moroke

Three senior Cosatu officials, including secretary-general Jay Naidoo, were arrested during a police raid on the union's head office in Johannesburg yesterday.

They will appear in court today on charges of kidnapping and assault.

The raid followed the apprehension of Cosatu officials of an alleged police spy in the vicinity of the building in Hlosik Street.

Besides Mr Naidoo, those arrested were Cosatu assistant general-secretary Sydney Mufamadi (also a South African Communist Party official) and Cosatu distribution official Baha Schalk.

The police operation attracted scores of bystanders who gathered at the building.

Mr Naidoo later, the alleged spy — described by the police as a constable — was whisked away.

The police served summonses on two members of the ANC who faced possible charges in connection with the incident.

In a statement after the raid, Mr Naidoo said he and his fellow accused "deny absolutely the charges of kidnapping and assault."

"No assault was committed in my presence and I did not participate in any kind of assault," he said.

Under surveillance

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Lieutenant-Colonel Frans Maileba identified the policeman as Mandla Maleka.

At a Cosatu press conference before the police raid, Mr Maleka alleged that he had been recruited at a night club in Soweto on Saturday.

The official he was allegedly a spy was SAP official Geraldine Jocelyn, whose house had apparently been under surveillance several days.

Mr Naidoo's personal assistant, Sipho Binda, said that at about 11 am Cosatu members "apprehended" a man who was observed "behaving suspiciously" in the streets of Soweto, before being taken to the Cosatu head office.

"He was taken to our head office where he revealed that he was an operating worker from John Vorster Square."

Mr Jocelyn is the brother of the late Oupa Jocelyn, the secretary-general of Cosatu.

"On his person we found a wallet, a diary and photographs of an SAP official. He said he was instructed by his handler to report the movements of this official, but he did not know why."

A Cosatu statement last night said police were interrogated at 3 am of the apprehension of the operative who had confessed "that he had been recruited by the Security Police in Johannesburg."

The raid was peremptory.

Mr Binda said a detachment of about 40 policemen in riot vehicles surrounded the building and sealed it off. No one was permitted to enter or leave the building, which was ransacked. The police left at about 5.30 am.

Naidoo held in 'spy' row

By Louise Burgess

Manager Reporter

The Johannesburg City Council voted last night to apply for the entire city to become a free settlement area.

The vote came after a stormy four-hour debate which led to the resignation of National Party councillor Cecil Long from the party.

Mr Long tendered his resignation after objecting to the motion. He said he was completely disillusioned with the NP in Johannesburg and described it as leaderless, dictatorial and completely taken over by the Democratic Party.

Independent management committee member Eddy Magid voted against the motion, for town planning reasons. He criticised the "indecent haste" of his colleagues on the council.

Upfrom

Mr Long broke the NP caucus ranks and voted against the motion, along with Mr Magid and the four CP councillors.

Some councillors accused NP councillors Theuns Oosthuizen and Jan van Heerden, who were not present during the vote, of boycotting the debate.

CP leader in the council Jacques Theron caused an uproar when he said it was "easy to throw petrol bombs over a garden wall" if a white community decided it wanted to keep its area white.

Cries of "white smacks", "terrorists" and "riot squads" were shouted at Mr Theron and he was accused of inciting violence. The CP leader withdrew his comments when ordered to do so by mayor Willem Jans van Rensburg.

During the debate, NP councillors denied statements by Turriffstein's NP MP, Deputy Planning Minister Andre Fouché, that Johannesburg was "jumping the gun" by applying to become a free settlement area.

Sasal cobalt workers undergo tests

By Melody McDougal

Vereeniging Bureau

At least 24 Sasol 1 employees spent several hours close to a Cobalt-60 isotope which had accidentally been left on site at the plant.

"It seems six of the workers handled the radioactive material."

The incident happened about two weeks ago after a worker picked up the isotope. Not knowing what it was, he put it in a tool cabinet.

Several hours later it was shown to someone who identified it as an isotope.

A Sasol spokesman said that because it was initially unknown how many people had been exposed, all workers who could possibly have been affected had been examined.

Indications were that six employees had been exposed to radiation, and would possibly suffer after-effects. They were now under constant medical observation.

According to the chief director of environmental health services in Pretoria, Gerhardus Oberholster, the isotope was left behind after an industrial radiography team carried out work at the plant on August 18.

A nuclear consultant at Eskom in Johannesburg, Peter Spencer, described a Cobalt-60 isotope as having quite a powerful gamma emission which was widely used for radiography and in radiation units to sterilise vegetables.

"Commenting on the effects caused by exposure, he said: "If someone is exposed from a distance, it may be barely noticeable in terms of medical effects."

"But if it is handled and kept on the person, this could lead to significant effects similar to being badly burnt."
Police, Spy, Drama

Out of Curiosity

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THE mutilated body of a police constable was found in a dam near a Guguletu cemetery on Monday afternoon. Constable M Tako-mane had been stabbed several times in his body and face. Police are investigating.
Praise for troops, not for Mandela

Own Correspondent

LONDON — Praise for the troops, criticism for Mr Nelson Mandela. That was the unusual content of many British newspaper reports yesterday, following the ANC deputy president's decision to head for Oslo, while army troops restored peace to the troubled Transvaal townships.

The Independent's correspondent quoted a member of the Pan-Africanist Congress who lives near to one of the Soweto hostels as saying that the troops were rough but they were effective.

The report added that "army troops, a welcome presence since Friday after the perceived iniquities of the police, consolidated their control in the streets after a successful house-to-house, hostel-to-hostel sweep over the weekend had yielded a rich harvest of spears, axes, knives, guns and other weapons."

The Independent also carried a police denial of partisanship.

On Mr Mandela, the report said, "Not a few South Africans have been scandalised by what they perceive to be Mr Mandela's ill-timed expedition abroad."

"If the army and police are busy attacking the symptoms of the last two weeks' violence, Mr Mandela's task, the press here has argued, should be to address the causes; to meet with the Inkatha chief, Mangosuthu Buthelezi to find a lasting solution to the conflict."

But says the report, a meeting so soon after the violence would "outrage the ANC's grassroots supporters."

The Daily Telegraph's correspondent said Mr Mandela had criticised the declaration of ministates of emergency in 27 townships "Yet the massive security operation that followed, with troops and police moving in force into the townships and confiscating weapons, has, so far, been successful in curbing violence which at one stage was clearly getting out of hand."

While Mr Mandela had accused the police of encouraging violence, said the Telegraph report, "none of his staff has taken up repeated requests by police to provide evidence of biased police behaviour during the township battles."
Naidoo, other unionists held after 'spy' drama

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Three senior Congress of South African Trade Union officials, including secretary-general Mr Jay Naidoo, were arrested during a police raid on the Cosatu head office in Johannesburg.

There were to appear in court today on charges of kidnapping and assault.

Yesterday's raid coincided with suggestions a police spy was operating near the Rissik Street building.

Mr Naidoo was arrested with Cosatu assistant general-secretary Mr Sydney Mufamadi (also a South African Communist Party official) and Cosatu distribution official Mr Baba Schalk.

The unionists were released on bail of R1 500 each last night after a brief appearance in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court.

An informed source said two members of the African National Congress also faced possible charges in connection with yesterday's incident.

Denial

In a short statement after the bail order was granted, Mr Naidoo said he and his fellow accused, "deny absolutely the charges of kidnapping and assault".

Mr Naidoo's personal assistant, Mr Sipho Binda, said that about 11.30 am Cosatu members "apprehended" a man who was observed "behaving suspiciously" in the street about 50 m from the Cosatu head office.

"He was taken to our head office where he revealed that he was an operative working from John Vorster Square.

"On his person we found a walkie-talkie and photographs of an SACP official. He said he had been instructed by his handler to report the movements of this official, but he said he didn't know why.

"We immediately decided to inform his superiors in Pretoria and they said they would send someone to pick him up."

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Lieutenet-Colonel Frans Malherbe said the police acted after being told that a constable had been abducted and forcibly removed from the street outside the offices, taken to the 6th floor and held against his will.

"He could not confirm that the policeman was watching the building..."
JOHANNESBURG. — Police raided the Cosatu head office yesterday to free a constable who had allegedly been abducted and assaulted — and arrested general secretary Mr Jay Naidoo and two others.

Last night the three Cosatu officials were released by a magistrate on bail of R1,800 each after being charged with kidnapping, robbery and assault.

Mr Naidoo denied the charges against himself, Cosatu assistant secretary-general Mr Sydney Mufamadi and Mr Baba Schalk of Cosatu's media section.

He spoke at a press conference at John Vorster Square police station after his release last night.

Before yesterday's sweep, Cosatu officials paraded a police constable before a press conference, claiming the policeman had been "spying" on a member of the South African Communist Party with offices in the same building.

“We took it upon ourselves to apprehend this person,” Mr Naidoo told reporters as he and SACP member Ms Geraldine Joselyn sat on either side of their trembling and occasionally crying suspect.

The man, identified as Constable Joseph Maleka, told reporters he had been recruited by the police to monitor the movements of Ms Joselyn.

Saying he feared that publication of his picture in newspapers would prompt township activists to burn his house down or kill his mother, the visibly frightened constable shielded his face with a sweater during the press conference.

Witnesses said burly men in the room with Mr Naidoo forced the suspect's arms away from his face and grabbed his hair to pull his head up to face photographers — action evidently giving rise to the assault charges.

Police later confirmed he was a constable.

Mr Naidoo claimed that the policeman was carrying a two-way radio and a photograph of Ms Joselyn when he was nabbed at a garage near the office building.

He lashed out at police for failing to investigate complaints by its members of being harassed or subject to attack, yet having the time to put police on surveillance duty.

“We are investigating criminal charges,” police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe confirmed. — UPI and Sapa
Police seek judgment details

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — The SAP is to obtain the text of the judgment by Mr Justice Wilson in the Maritzburg Supreme Court this week when he convicted a 17-year-old of seven counts of murder.

The judge praised, and criticized, the actions of certain policemen who had investigated the killings.

Lieutenant Bala Naidoo, police public relations officer for Port Natal, said the SAP had taken note of the judgment and would immediately obtain a text of the judgment for an inquiry.

In his judgment, Mr Justice Wilson praised the actions of the final investigating officer in the case, a Lieutenant Marrion, whom he said had left no stone unturned once he began investigating the case.

But he criticized allegedly misleading evidence and the individual actions of certain policemen; alleged abuse of power under the emergency regulations; and the methods used to send exhibits from one centre to another. A firearm which was a potentially important exhibit was apparently lost in the post.

The judge and his criticisms were directed at individuals, and there was no suggestion at all of any deliberate policy of the police to support or condone acts of violence by any person or organisation.
More of Cosatu to be probed in 'spy' case

Johannesburg — Police confirmed that they were investigating charges of assault against more Cosatu members who allegedly slapped a plainclothes SAP constable at a media conference where he was introduced to journalists as a police spy.

SAP Witwatersrand liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman yesterday said the police were following up the alleged assault.

Cosatu office-bearers Mr Jay Naidoo, Mr Sidney Mufamadi and Mr Baba Schalk, who were arrested late on Tuesday on charges of kidnapping and robbery, appeared briefly in court yesterday.

According to counsel for the accused Mr Richard Spoor, the SAP attempt to "name others for the assault" was a bid to "slur" the three accused.

Magistrate Mr R Button adjourned the hearing.

The three accused were given R1 500 bail each until the trial proceeds on October 3.
Cops outline rewards for illegal arms

POLICE have launched a massive incentive campaign to help combat the current serious township violence in Natal and a clampdown on the use of illegal firearms which fuel the current unrest situation.

For the first time, the South African Police have come out openly and stated the exact rewards they are offering for information which leads to the recovery of firearms, ammunition and explosive devices.

Lieutenant Bila Nando, South African Police public relations officer for Port Natal, said police were concerned about the increase in the number of stolen firearms circulating in the black townships and were offering rewards ranging from R1 a bullet to R1 000 for an automatic rifle.

The SAP’s Unrest Unit staged an operation in the Umkomaas area on the Natal South Coast this week and arrested 26 people on charges of murder in the area.

Four others were arrested in connection with arson, smuggling, theft charges and two for alleged possession of unlicensed firearms.

Police also recovered four home-made rifles, two home-made pistols and revolvers, two rifles and four pistols and revolvers - as well as another 38 home-made guns at Ndwedwe.

The SAP in Natal is offering rewards for information that would lead to the recovery of illegal firearms.

The reward for pistols and revolvers is R300 each; automatic rifles, R1 000; ordinary rifles, R600; R1 for every round of ammunition; R300 per hand grenade; and R200 per kilogram of explosives.

Nando said police would like to make a special plea to firearm-owners to exercise great care with their weapons.

-Sowetan Correspondent
Role of police in clashes comes under spotlight

By ISMAIL LAGARDIEN

There is a strong argument in support of the notion that right-wing elements in the South African Police may have tacitly supported Inkatha against the ANC, violence in the Transvaal on the 18th, when more than 570 people were killed.

According to a memorandum on the evidence compiled by the Independent Board of Inquiry into Internal Violence, the ANC had been informed of the so-called Inkatha attacks in advance, and the police acted accordingly.

The majority of the 30-page document was written by national police commissioner John Robins, who was charged with investigating the 30-page document. The version he submitted to the board was written in English, and it is not clear whether it is authentic.

The board has given the police a three-week deadline to submit its final report, and it is not clear whether it will be made public.

The board's chairman, Justice Francis Lemke, said the police were not cooperating fully with the inquiry.

The police have beenbis under fire for their handling of the violence in the Transvaal, and there are concerns that they may have been complicit in the violence.

Flashpoints

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The police have been accuses...
DURBAN — A former member of the Urban Terrorists Squad, who was convicted of culpable homicide after fatally shooting an 11-year-old girl while her Clermont home was being searched, had his appeal against a 3½-year jail sentence dismissed in the Durban Supreme Court yesterday.

Antone Botes, who was 20 at the time of the shooting of Nosipho Khumalo in September last year, was part of a reaction unit acting on a report of a terrorist weapon at the home.

Mr Justice Squires said the squad had entered the house and instructed all the occupants to sit against a wall in the passage while a search was undertaken.

During the course of the search, a weapon of Russian origin was found.

State witnesses said Botes, who was one of the policemen guardning the occupants, had pointed his firearm at the girl and shouted something like "Ha, ha".

Towards the end of his "exhibition", Botes switched on a light attached to his .22 weapon and the girl raised her hand. It was after that that a bullet went through her hand and into her chest, killing her.

Botes and two of his colleagues gave evidence that he was kicked on the ankle by one of the people who was sitting on the floor, and his elbow hit the wall behind him, causing the weapon to discharge.

Mr Justice Squires, with Mr Justice Levinsohn, agreed with the regional magistrate who rejected Botes's evidence.

The judge said that while there might be stress involved in the unit's work, at the time of the incident there was little or no apparent need for that stress to be operative.

Mr Justice Squires said the effective reason for the girl's death was simply the aberrant behaviour of Botes and that while public interest demanded that those who enforced law and order have wide powers, they in turn should exercise those powers with discipline.
Hospital ambush: 4 shot dead

The Argus Correspondent 31/8/76

JOHANNESBURG. — Two policemen and two bank officials were shot dead when bandits with AK-47 rifles ambushed them at Coronation Hospital today.

Police launched a massive search using a helicopter. The gunmen fled on foot after the 6:20am slayings.

The gang appeared to be after an R800 000 payroll in a Volkskas van, but they left empty-handed.

Police cast a dragnet around Newclare, Industria, Industria West, Crosby, Bosmont and Westbury with "every available man" taking part.

The gunmen are considered extremely dangerous and are not to be confronted by the public, said Witwatersrand police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe.

He said the policemen were on escort duty for the bank vehicle when they were ambushed.

A shootout ensued and both policemen were shot dead in their car. The bank officials were shot dead in the bank vehicle.

"It was a heroic battle against all odds. Confronted by seven men with automatic rifles, the policemen shot back and were gunned down in the line of duty," said Colonel Malherbe.

Ironically, the killers arrived at the ambush scene in a Toyota Cressida stolen from top Brixton detective Captain Charles Landman in Florida, Roodepoort, last night.
Neutralise cops who back Govt - Piet Skiet

Policemen with rightwing sympathies should sniff out and neutralise colleagues who supported the Government, fugitive rightwing leader Mr Piet "Skiet" Rudolph said in a letter.

"Our heartfelt thanks to policemen and women who know what De Klerk and Vlok are busy with. Valuable participation in our struggle will not go unrecognised."

We plead, however, with them to sniff out "cryptoassassins" among them and to neutralise them at this stage it can be done better from within," Rudolph said in a letter to the AWB mouthpiece, Die Schweizig.

Rudolph, who has been in hiding for more than four months, said the struggle of the Oorde Boerenvolk will continue until victory.

Referring to recent arrest of rightwingers, the said catching a few men would not end the struggle.

An AWB spokesman said the letter was received a week ago and was signed by Rudolph.
Kitscop 'was told how to testify' in court.

Court Reporter

A SPECIAL constable and witness in the Wynberg Regional Court trial of Old Crossroads' headman Mr Jeffrey Nongwe yesterday refused to corroborate the evidence of another special constable whom he said had told him how to testify.

Special Constable Nkotshwa Tsole, of the Nyanga Police Station, told a packed courtroom that Constable Albertus van Wyk had told him to say he had stood guard at Mr Nongwe's home and that, shortly after midnight on March 3, he had noticed that Mr Nongwe and his children were not at home.

During questioning by the prosecutor, Mr Ben Julius, Constable Nkotshwa said that in fact he had never been to Mr Nongwe's home.

Mr Nongwe, 84, has been charged with four counts of arson and three of malicious damage to property. The state alleges that he caused about R50,000 damage to houses put up by the Old Crossroads committee.

Mr Nongwe has pleaded not guilty. The trial was adjourned to October 8.
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Out-of-control cops,
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Connect to the article from The People's Paper.
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On the same day seven more people were killed and
more than a hundred others injured in scattered inci
dents during unrest in the Lekki townships
In his report, which was released yesterday, the judge said that the police used was "quite inappro
ciate and disproportionate" to what they could try to
achieve
He also spoke of the "complete lack of discipline" in the "police line" that was formed near the police station which was "the direct cause of the shooting into the crowd"
He severely criticised the commanding officer of the relevant Reaction Unit, Capt WJ du Plooy, saying there was a "disturbing probability" that the shootings could have been avoided had Du Plooy been in effective control of the men
He however did not find evidence of criminal con
duct on Du Plooy's part
"The taking of human life and causing of injuries by policemen, where it is without justification, is a matter of utmost gravity," the judge said
The ANC said in a Press statement yesterday the commission findings demonstrated "indiscipline, cal
lessness and readiness to shoot on the part of the police" If the ANC had not postponed the Groote Schuur talks an internal police inquiry would have resulted in a whitewash, the statement said
Goldstone said the way in which special constables loaded their guns without receiving orders was "a matter of grave concern", and he suggested that the use of special constables during unrest be reconsidered by the authorities
In a Press release yesterday Law and Order Minister Adrian Vlok said in future special constables would as far as possible not be used for riots and crowd control
He said the actions of certain policemen would referred to the Attorney-General and steps had already been taken to adapt the training of riot police
Goldstone also criticised the organisers of the march, saying they had informed the authorities about it at short notice and the march had been organised in a haphazard way
Although no order was given to shoot, a policeman fired a shot "That was followed by a chain reaction in which a large number of policemen fired in the direction of the crowd"
The judge found that Const S van Ryn fired the
first shot intentionally
Of the 161 people known to have been shot at this incident, 84 were shot from behind
Of a total of 11 incidents in which people died or were injured, the report devotes most attention to the Sebokeng march in which 30 000 people took part
Du Plooy had set up the 47-member Reaction Unit "police line" near the Sebokeng police station because he thought the people wanted to march to Vereeniging
The report says Du Plooy had erred because he did not call for reinforcements, there appeared to be a lack of coordination and discipline among his men, and he did not liaise with the Sebokeng police station com
mander Col OP Mazibuko
Du Plooy was situated away from his men and was not able to communicate effectively with them
Twenty-two members of the Reaction Unit were special constables
The judge rejected as false police evidence that members of the crowd were carrying pangas and iron pipes
At the time of the shooting the crowd was between 30m and 40m from the police line
Not more than two stones were thrown at the police The behaviour of the crowd might have warranted the use of teargas but only after a proper warning to disperse
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PRESIDENT FW de Klerk announced yesterday that he had referred unspecified allegations against the SA Police to Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok for an urgent and in-depth investigation.

"I would like to stress that certain allegations which have been made against the South African Police are regarded in an extremely serious light," De Klerk said in a Press statement in Pretoria. 30 Jan 90

"I have therefore referred this matter to the Minister of Law and Order for an urgent and in-depth investigation."

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Let A-G decide!

Lekoa Killings: 324

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Special constables ‘unstable in riots’

THE use of special constables in police reaction units should be reconsidered, the Goldstone Commission said.

Eighteen of the 30 policemen, who opened fire without instruction in the Sebokeng shooting, in which five people died and 281 were injured, were special constables.

Mr Justice Goldstone said a number of the special constables, who testified before the commission, were “very unimpressive and uneducated.”

He recounted in his report remarks by Cape Judge J Conradie about a standing trial special constable who had previously been a labourer: “I can’t understand how it can be expected of someone, who had been struggling to push a wheelbarrow, to handle a firearm sensibly.”

The Officer of the Koeberg Training School for special constables, Lt-Col G B Smith, told the Commission there were “no educational requirements expected of special constables.”

Candidates

However, from February 20 this year candidates were required to be able to complete a questionnaire, the purpose of which was to establish whether they were “capable of being trained.”

The training given, during a course lasting eight weeks, was of a “very limited nature and aimed at the use of special constables only in supporting roles.”

“They are not trained for use in unrest or for crowd control.”

They were taught, however, how to handle and shoot with shotguns.

SAPA “Onudson” training for special constables consisted of a seven-hour course.

“It is in no sense geared towards enabling special constables to participate in a police line,” said the report.

“Should special constables by force of circumstance be used in a police line, it is necessary for the control of the commanding officer to be immediate.” —Sapa
Charge all police linked to Sebokeng shootings - ANC

By Patrick Laurence

The African National Congress has called for the prosecution of all policemen involved in the shooting of protest marchers in Sebokeng and its neighboring townships on March 25.

Its call came yesterday in response to the findings of the Goldstone Commission — released at the weekend — that there was complete lack of discipline and control of the police and that the firing of live ammunition had not been ordered and was unjustified.

While Mr Justice Richard Goldstone was sharply critical of several policemen on duty at Sebokeng that day, including, and in some ways especially, the commanding officer of the police line, Captain W J du Plooy, the organisers of the march did not escape censure.

In its reaction yesterday, the ANC said: “The ANC notes the issues raised by the Goldstone report regarding organisation, co-ordination and marshalling of marches, and we strive constantly to improve our performance.”

Mr Justice Goldstone said in his report: “The march at Sebokeng was not properly and effectively organised. Confusion helped create in the police line a nervousness and a feeling of being threatened.”

Earlier in his report the judge criticised the organisers, the ANC-aligned UDF, for giving the authorities too short notice of their intention to organise the march and themselves “insufficient time to properly cancel the march.”

He added: “Organisations responsible for such mass action should give serious consideration to adequate planning in organisation and control, and thus reduce the risks occasioned by confusion.”

A summary of the main points from the ANC’s reaction and, for elucidation, appropriate findings from Mr Justice Goldstone’s report, are:

- The ANC did not recognise the right of the Government to proscribe the right of people to “peacefully assemble and demonstrate.”

- The Goldstone Commission found that the crowd, which was 50 000-strong, was not armed with pangas and iron pipes and that, at the most, five stones had been thrown.

Disregard

- “It is clear from the commission report that all police officers, from Captain du Plooy down to the man in his command, acted in violation of standard police procedures and wilfully chose to disregard Colonel (Othnel) Mazibuko, the senior officer in the area.”

- Mr Justice Goldstone said of Captain du Plooy: “He failed to inform Colonel Mazibuko, his senior, of his presence in Sebokeng. He did not even inform him of his presence in the vicinity of Colonel Mazibuko’s own police station.”

- The ANC said: “The shooting was completely unjustified. There was no need for the police to use live ammunition, let alone ammunition that was so deadly.”

The Goldstone Commission concluded that the shooting was unjustified and that the “force used was quite immediate and disproportionate.”

- The ANC said: “We fully expect that all police personnel involved in this incident will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Pending such legal proceedings, the policemen identified should immediately be suspended from duty.”

Mr Justice Goldstone said: “... the conduct of policemen who shot live ammunition into the crowd merits the attention of the Attorney-General.” He was specifically critical of three policemen Sergeant R van Hyesteen (whose bullets killed four people), Constable J J JPA Geldenhuys and Warrant Officer K J J Ghaqaby, a security policeman of 12 years’ standing who was guilty of “blatant mendacity.”

- The ANC said: “It is clear that had the ANC not taken the steps it did, including the postponement of the Groote Schuur talks, an internal police inquiry would have resulted in a whitewash which would have covered up the crime committed against our people.”

In his reaction to the Goldstone Commission report, Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Ylko noted that, while some individual policemen had been criticised, “the judge voiced no essential criticism against the force as a whole, except in as much as it concerned the utilisation of special constables.”
FW tells Vlok to probe claims about police

By Peter Fabriuas, Political Correspondent

The police would thoroughly investigate all allegations of their involvement in the township violence, Law and Order Ministry sources pledged today.

They were reacting to President de Klerk's statement last night that he had told Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok to conduct an investigation into allegations about the police which he regarded in an extremely serious light.

But the ANC said the inquiry should be public and not internal.

"The police should not be investigating themselves. The victims should also have a say in this," ANC spokesman Gill Marcus said today.

A public inquiry was urgently needed. Despite assurances from the authorities, people were still leaving the hostels armed to fight residents and the violence was still escalating, Ms Marcus said.

Law and Order Ministry sources said the internal inquiry would include an investigation of the large dossier handed to Mr de Klerk by Archbishop Tutu and an SA Council of Churches delegation, documenting several cases of alleged police misconduct, including collusion with Inkatha fighters in the warfare against the ANC.

They were already probing some of the allegations made against the police — such as the claim by Winnie Mandela that police had shot ANC fighters and then asked Inkatha impos to stab them.

Ms Marcus welcomed Mr de Klerk's announcement that he had asked National Health Minister Ruia Venetor to investigate conditions in township hostels, which have been the focus of much of the killing. The ANC believed that the community should also be involved in this inquiry. She stressed that hostel dwellers should not be kicked out of the hostels.
Kits constables' training found to be "inadequate"

The Goldstone Commission report into the shootings in Sebokeng was critical of both the presence of "special constables" and also the control over a march excercised by ANC marchers. DAWN BARKHUizen looks at the training given to these people.

EIGHTEEN of the 30 police constables who opened fire on a group of protest marchers in Sebokeng earlier this year killing 11 people were special constables.

These men — referred to in the townships as "the dogs of the SAP", "the blue pakke", "the blue line", or "kits (instant) constables" — were singled out for special attention in the 79-page report by Mr Justice Richard Goldstone.

He recommended that the continued use of special constables in unrest and other related situations be re-evaluated.

He found their seven-hour "outreach" training course was not adequate to equip them to participate in a police line.

The special constables who testified before the commission were not ready for any of the work expected of them to handle investigations and accidents, he said.

While the same rules and regulations applied to both groups, the difference was that special constables were supervised by a senior officer and were not required to make on-the-spot decisions.

The average educational level of the former was Std 8 or 9 compared to the matric required for regular police, he said.

In July it was announced that the special constables would come under the direct control of the SAP.

According to the Catholic Institute for International Relations publication, "Now everyone is afraid — the changing face of policing in South Africa", special constables are paid weekly wages amounting to about R400 a month, had no benefits and needed no educational qualifications.

Training was usually oral as many were illiterate.

The publication said special constables were trained to use all normal police weapons and once they started work were issued with shot guns.

They were allowed to use other weapons if necessary.

A Democratic Party spokesman on Law and Order, Jan van Eck, said last night the concept of "third class police for third class citizens" should be ended immediately.

"The State is making a poor standard permanent. It is absurd merely to extend the training period by a couple of weeks. It is impossible that anyone trained for such a short period can perform the varied duties required of a policeman in our conflict ridden society."

Special constables had become one of the main sources of conflict in the black communities, where they were regarded as an instigator and were the targets of activists.

"It is the height of irresponsibility to send these, the most poorly trained men in the force, into the most politically volatile area of our country where great tact, diplomacy and intensive training is necessary," he said.

Mr van Eck, who has submitted numerous reports on special constables to the Minister of Law and Order and has repeatedly raised the issue in parliament, said he personally had seen them on numerous occasions "running rampant in the townships."

The Catholic Institute for International Relations publication stated "from evidence presented in many court cases it appears special constables have replaced the security forces in most communities and have introduced a new reign of terror matched by previous police atrocities."

"The new policemen have little knowledge of the law and appear to think they can do what they like and get away with it. They are often accused of detaining, torturing and punishing people in their own living quarters."

"They have killed many people who had nothing to do with unrest or crime. In a few cases they have even shot each other or members of their own families. One of the most common complaints against SAPS constables is that they are drunk on duty. They are allowed to carry their weapons off duty. Many people complain that they use these to settle personal disputes and use their firearms recklessly when they are drunk."

Walkie-talkies

The ANC said it did not recognise the police equipment to prescribe the right of people to "peacefully assemble and demonstrate."

While the ANC could not be reached for comment yesterday, the Democratic Party's spokesman, Jeremy Cronin, said it was absolutely crucial for marchers to be well trained. Specific attention was given to this matter, he said.

Prior to the July launch of the SAP at Soccer City, Johannesburg, 1000 marchers (all workers) were trained for one month.

The SAP had drawn on the experience of the ANC. Much attention was paid to controlling admission, communication between marchers on the ground and their co-ordinators, responsibility for certain areas and response in the case of emergency, and communication with health workers.

Each group of 10 to 20 marchers had walkie-talkies placing them in direct contact with their co-ordinators.

He said that while the SAP regarded the SAP as biased and prejudiced, a working understanding was necessary in such events.
Police action: ANC calls for prosecutions

From PATRICK LAURENCE
The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The African National Congress has called for the prosecution of all policemen involved in the shooting of protest marchers in Sebokeng and its neighbouring townships on March 26.

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“The shooting was completely unjustified. There was no need for the police to use live ammunition, let alone ammunition that was so deadly,” the ANC said.

The commission concluded that the shooting was unjustified and that the “force used was quite immoderate and disproportionate.”

“We fully expect that all police personnel involved in this incident will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law” pending which they should be suspended, the ANC said.

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, noted that while individual policemen had been criticised, “the judge voiced no essential criticism against the force as a whole, except, in as much as it concerned the utilisation of special constables.”

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POLICE yesterday pledged to vigorously investigate allegations of brutality and pro-Inkatha bias against their members in the recent wave of township violence.

A top-ranking police officer has been appointed to head the probes, it was learnt yesterday.

President FW de Klerk said at the weekend he regarded charges against the police in an "extremely serious light".

He had asked Minister of Law and Order Mr Adrian Vlok for an urgent and in-depth investigation into them.

"All of these allegations are being investigated," a police spokesman said yesterday. "People making the allegations must know we are doing our best to investigate them for substantive evidence so that we can investigate thoroughly."

Police apparently intend to interview all those who have claimed police misbehaviour.

Sources said police had already contacted Mrs Winnie Mandela over her recent allegations and were in the process of seeking further particulars from Transkei leader Major-General Bantu Holomusa about his.

Also under investigation will be a pile of affidavits by eyewitnesses contained in a dossier handed by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and a South African Council of Churches delegation to Dr Klerk at the Union Buildings last week.
A-G may probe Sebokeng police

By Helen Grange

Several policemen singled out by the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry as being involved in the "unjustifiable" Sebokeng shootings may soon have to answer for their deeds to the Attorney-General.

Mr Justice Goldstone recommended that the actions of all policemen who fired live ammunition that day - as well as the conduct of Sergeant Rudgerd van Huyssteen, Constable Jurie Geldenhuys and Constable Jacobus Horn - be investigated by the Attorney-General.

First on the list will be Constable Sean van Rhyn, member of the Krugersdorp Reaction Unit. He was the man who admitted firing the first shot that led to a chain reaction of shots by a police line-up at Sebokeng on March 26.

Eleven people died in Sebokeng that day at the hands of riot policemen.

Constable van Rhyn told the commission he had been afraid and accidentally fired the first shot with his stopper teargas rifle.

Sergeant van Huyssteen, also in the police line-up, shot one person he had identified as an "agitator" in the crowd of about 1,000 people.

In a second incident, he and Constable Geldenhuys were together when they confronted groups looting and burning shops. The two policemen told Mr Justice Goldstone they had tried to arrest fleeing looters who had tried to hide in a hostel. They said they had then been stormed by a nearby crowd armed with pangas and sticks.

The men claimed they were being attacked when they opened fire.

In this incident, Sergeant van Huyssteen had been responsible for three deaths and Constable Geldenhuys for one.

Another man who may have to face further legal inquiries is Warrant Officer K.J.I. Csa-jaghy, who Mr Justice Goldstone said had made a false statement that the crowd had stormed the police.

Warrant Officer Csa-jaghy admitted to the commission that he had not seen the shootings on March 26, but had been told a version of events at a later stage.

He had given this version in his sworn statement.

Claims may total R3-m

By Esmaré van der Merwe, Political Reporter

Civil claims of between R2 million and R3 million may be brought against the Government following the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry's finding that police action in the Sebokeng shootings on March 26 was unjustifiable, a lawyer acting on behalf of many of the families said yesterday.

James Sutherland of the Johannesburg-based firm Bell, Dewar and Hall said this figure was relatively low because many of the 85 injured people had suffered minor injuries and four of the 12 dead had no family or dependants.
ANC call on role of police

THE ANC's PWV region yesterday called on the police to get rid of the impression in black communities that the force was one of repression and to start acting in an impartial way.

The call was made in a report-back statement following a regional consultative conference on Sunday in Lenasia, south of Johannesburg.

Delegates, representing 53 recently launched ANC branches, also endorsed the ANC's suspension of the armed struggle - "as a contribution to the negotiation and peace process" - but reiterated the right to "self-defence" had not been forfeited.

The conference paid special attention to matters affecting the growth of the ANC. These included building the ANC, recruitment and the launching of branches.

"Special attention was paid to the question of the recent violence," the ANC report-back said.

"Concern was expressed over the simplistic presentation of the conflict as 'Xhosa/Zulu' or 'black on black' violence without due attention being paid to the systematic orchestration process.

"Particular note was made of the role of police violence. The perception of our people persists that police are not a body for the maintenance of order, but a force of repression.

"A unanimous call was made for police to act in service to the community in a totally impartial way."

Reports on the Pretoria Minute were delivered to delegates and the ANC "reiterated its commitment to peace."

The conference expressed support for the appointment of Umkhonto we Sizwe chief of staff Mr Chris Hani to lead the ANC working group on the suspension of the armed struggle.

It rejected, "as a violation of the Pretoria Minute", the 41-hour special indemnity, starting this week, granted to Hani.

"In the interest of the regulation and peace process, it would be inconceivable that matters arising out of the suspension of armed struggle be determined without the participation of the MK chief of staff," the region said.

It welcomed the agreement of the joint ANC-Government working group on the release of political prisoners - Sapa.
City's bobbies on the beat

By MONICA GRAAFF
Crime Reporter

The "bobby" is back on the beat today in a new two-pronged attack on crime in the city centre.

The new Crime Prevention Unit, under the command of Captain Willem Snyman, was launched at police headquarters yesterday.

Dubbed "the tackle squad", the new unit will not replace the already operative business watch, but will concentrate on public safety.

The bobbies will prowl the streets night and day, both in uniform and in plain clothes, in an attempt to wipe out thuggery in the city centre.

In uniform, the bobbies in blue will be conspicuous and approachable in the street. Out of uniform, they hope to "catch the baddies red handed."

At an intensive briefing session yesterday, Deputy Regional Commissioner of Police Brigadier N. E. Acker told them to keep a special eye on nightclub violence as well as areas where street children harass members of the public unduly.

Police liaison officers were yesterday reluctant to release the exact number of men recruited to the unit "for security reasons."

Captour spokeswoman Ms Marion Kelder yesterday welcomed the re-introduction of bobbies on the beat as being in the interests of tourism.
Plan to discredit policemen, says Vlok

An orchestrated attempt at discrediting the SA Police had been launched to make the force unacceptable to the South African population as a whole, Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok said on Monday night.

He said it was interesting to note that these attempts had started last year with allegations of police hit squads, concerning which a report was awaited from the Harms Commission of Inquiry.

The SAP would act mercilessly against perpetrators of violence in its own midst, he said.

Though a minority of policemen might at times transgress laws either deliberately or due to difficult circumstances, it was unfair to accuse the police force on the whole of impartiality and incitement of violence.

He claimed thousands of people, instead of 500, would have died in recent township unrests if police had not been there. - Sapa
Witness describes how troops fired

Len Kumalo, senior photographer of Sowetan newspaper, yesterday described how 11 Sebokeng hostel dwellers were shot dead when an SADF patrol opened fire shortly after 9 am.

He had just fetched his young daughter from school in Vereeniging as he feared there would be trouble with transport later in the day.

"As I was driving back from the school with my daughter, the SADF patrol overtook me near the hostel and stopped. The soldiers got off their trucks, took up positions and cocked their guns. I thought maybe they wanted to scare the people."

"The people came towards them waving their hands, saying 'Peace, we are not fighting.' Some of them even sat down."

"All of a sudden there was shooting. Many of the people ran. Some of the people fell," he said.

Kumalo said when it was all over, there were 11 bodies, some outside and some inside the building in the hostel compound.

He said he heard reports of an SADF Hippo driving over one of the people who had been shot. A registration number of the vehicle was passed on to him.

But the Ministry of Law and Order, in a statement, has questioned the timing of the incident.

The statement read: "A number of people were killed during a shooting incident in Sebokeng on Tuesday."

**Visited**

"The office of the Regional Commissioner of Police for the Witwatersrand has already issued a detailed statement regarding the incident."

"The Minister of Law and Order and the Commissioner of the SA Police visited the scene shortly after the incident."

"This office is aware of a Sapa report in which a Sowetan photographer, Mr N Kumalo, described how he allegedly witnessed the shooting of 11 people outside a Sebokeng hostel 'shortly before 4 am.'"

"This allegation is in direct contrast to the statements made by the SADF and SAP members who were present, as well as numerous other eyewitnesses who allegedly saw the small SADF patrol come under attack at 9.20 am, more than five hours after the 'incident' witnessed by Mr Kumalo."

"The SA Police will therefore immediately arrange for Kumalo to be interviewed by a senior officer and an affidavit taken to substantiate his allegations, since he claims to be an eyewitness to the incident."

Mr Kumalo's original statement, issued by Sapa, mentioned the time as being 4 am. This story was retracted and the time corrected to read 9 am. This would be consistent with the time mentioned in the original police report — Staff Reporter-Sapa."
Mandela met the Swartkoppies day after a group of Swartkoppies demonstrated in Pretoria to protest against the arrest of SADF officials and the shooting of two black people by police.

Mr. Viljoen, the Minister of Defense, and Mr. Frans van der Merwe, the Minister of Justice, met with the demonstrators and promised to investigate the incident.

Mr. Mandela and Mr. Viljoen discussed the shooting incident and agreed to work towards reducing tensions between the two parties. They also discussed the need for better communication and understanding between the police and the black community.

Mr. Mandela said that the incident was a clear example of the brutality of the police and that they must be held accountable for their actions. He also mentioned the need for stronger measures to prevent future incidents.

Mr. Viljoen promised to take action against the police officers involved in the shooting and to work towards increasing trust and cooperation between the police and the black community.

There were a total of 24 injuries reported in the incident, including 20 black and 4 white people. The white people were shot with rubber bullets, while the black people were shot with live ammunition.

The police claimed that the shots were fired in self-defense, but Mr. Mandela and Mr. Frans van der Merwe disagreed, stating that the police officers overreacted.

The Swartkoppies and the SADF officials are expected to work together to find a solution to the situation.
SAP to probe ANC support

By MONICA GRAAFF  Crime Reporter

POLICE yesterday undertook to investigate PAC allegations that special constables were supporting the ANC in the Old Crossroads faction fighting.

Regional deputy commissioner Brigadier Nick Acker announced this after a meeting at police headquarters between PAC leader Mr Prince Gobingca and top policemen.

The fighting is between supporters of the absent Crossroads mayor, Mr Johnson Nkhotshwana, and those of breakaway headman Mr Jeffrey Nongwe. Mr Gobingca, a squatter leader in Green Point, Khayelitsha, claimed that most of Mr Nkhotshwana's supporters were now PAC members.

Mr Nongwe's side had openly supported the ANC since February 2, when it was unbanned. Mr Gobingca, who attended yesterday's meeting which was described by both sides as "fruitful" and "genial", asked police to end "their partisan backing" of Mr Nongwe's faction.

At an impromptu press conference after the meeting, Mr Gobingca accused the ANC of intimidating PAC members by "burning down our shacks".

Mr Gobingca, whose own Green Point home was burnt down last month, said the PAC was therefore "duty-bound" to go to the assistance of its Old Crossroads members, "all of whom have lost their homes to ANC arson attacks and who have been forced to seek refuge at Nokolo Primary School".

According to Sapa, SABC radio reported yesterday that violence flared in Old Crossroads yesterday afternoon when a group of youths stoned shacks in Section One before setting them alight.
Special constables in the firing line

The Goldstone Commission's report into the shootings in Sebokeng criticised the presence of special constables as well as ANC marshals' control over marchers.

DAWN BARKHUIZEN looks at the training given to these people.

Eighteen of the 30 policemen who opened fire on a group of protest marchers in Sebokeng earlier this year, killing 11 people, were special constables.

These men — referred to in the townships as "the dogs of the SAP" or kitsonstabs — were singled out for special attention in the 74-page report by Mr. Justice Richard Goldstone.

He recommended that the continued use of special constables in unrest situations be re-evaluated. He found that their seven-hour on-the-job training course in no way equipped them with the skills needed to take part in a police line.

Judge Goldstone said the special constables who testified, before the commission were "very uneducated and unimpressive".

SAP spokesman General Herman Stadler said in an interview that the period of training for special constables had been increased from eight to 10 weeks.

It was possible to learn "quite a bit about guns" in that period, he said.

No training

According to the Catholic Institute for International Relations' publication, "Now Everyone is Afraid — the Changing Face of Policing in South Africa", special constables are paid wages of about R400 a month, have no benefits and need no educational qualifications.

Judge Goldstone's findings on special constables were that:

- Kitsonstabs had been included in the police line at Soweto Gate, although they were not supposed to be used in police lines and, moreover, the commanding officer was not certain of the training they had received in crowd control. They had in fact received none.

- Kitsonstabs had been among the policemen in the line who loaded their shotguns — without orders.

In response to the commission's findings, Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok said special constables would, as far as possible, not be used for riot and crowd control in future.

Terror

"A Democratic Party spokesman on law and order, Jan van Eck, said the concept of "third-class police for third-class citizens" should be ended at once.

"It is the height of irresponsibility to send poorly trained men into the most volatile areas of our country where great tact and intensive training is necessary," he said.

The Catholic Institute for International Relations publication stated "From evidence presented in many court cases it appears special constables have replaced the security forces in many communities and have introduced a new reign of terror.

"The new policemen have little knowledge of the law and appear to think they can do what they like and get away with it.

"They have killed many people who had nothing to do with unrest or crime. One of the most common complaints is that they are drunk on duty."

In response to the commission's criticisms of the way marches were planned and executed, the ANC said it did not recognise the right of the Government to prescribe the right of people to "peacefully assemble and demonstrate".

While the ANC could not be reached for comment yesterday, SA Communist Party spokesman Jeremy Cronin said it was absolutely crucial for marshals to be well trained.

Before the July launch of the SACP at the FNB Stadium, 2,000 marshals had been trained for a month, he said.

The SACP had drawn on the experience of the ANC Much attention had been paid to controlling admission, communication between marshals on the ground and their co-ordinators, responsibility for certain areas and response in the case of emergency, and communication with health workers.

Mr. Cronin added: "It is our experience that rallies and meetings go off well when left alone, when the security forces are out of sight."
Gang-buster police on trial over ‘torture’

By FEROZA MILLER
Staff Reporter

MEMBERS of the Peninsula police gang-busting unit, acting on instructions from a “Captain Devil-eyes”, administered repeated electric shocks during a torture session, the Cape Town Regional Court has heard.

The members of the squad — 12 men and a woman — have pleaded not guilty to culpable homicide, abduction and assault of four Hanover Park men last December.

The body of one of the men, Mr Kelvin Ruters, was found later in a warehouse.

The 13, whose ranks range from constable to captain, are: Mr Hen van Tubbergh Smit, Mr Andries Strydom, Mr- Phillip Swanepoel, Mr Raymond Titus, Mr Rudolph St Bernard, Mr Allan Williams, Mr Allan Manuel, Mr Jacobus van Wyngaard, Mr Adriaan Sotihe, Mr Eric Roscoow, Mr Kenneth Patrick, Mr Warren Kannemeyer and Miss Arlene Mngaza.

Mr John Lewis, in shackles, told the court yesterday that police took him and three others — Mr Ruters, Mr Keith Frey and Mr Adunaan Leonard — for a ride and then tortured them until they screamed and wept.

“I could not see where we were going. A sack was placed over my head and tightened around my neck,” he said. “When the van stopped, I was taken into a building where I heard Keith crying. I was handcuffed, drenched with water and forced on to my knees.

“All the time ‘Captain Devil-eyes’ asked me to tell him where my gun was. An object was placed on my body and I felt shocks going through me repeatedly.”

Mr Lewis also told the court that the captain had kept Mr Ruters behind, while he and his two friends were dropped off in a bushy area. They hatched a ride home.

The hearing continues today.

The magistrate is Mr F. Botes. Mr J. Tre-doux is prosecuting and Mr D Uys appears for the accused.
Hanover Park men allege the policemen tortured them

Cops on trial

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Court Report
Nurse describes burns in gang-busters trial

Staff Reporter

AN alleged torture victim was treated for superficial burns, the Cape Town Regional Court was told in the trial of 13 members of the Peninsula police gang-busting unit.

The members of the squad — 12 men and a woman — have pleaded not guilty to culpable homicide, abduction and assault of four Hanover Park men last December.

"NERVOUS AND TENSE"

Mrs Catherine Smith, a nursing sister at the Hanover Park Maternity Hospital, told the court a man had approached her while she was on duty on December 22.

"The man — very nervous and tense — told me that he was Keith Frey. He rolled his sleeve towards his elbow and I saw that the inside of his forearm was very red.

"He appeared to have superficial burns, so I applied ointment and bandages and referred him to the Day Hospital," Mrs Smith said.

Another witness, Mr Athman Leonard, 18, said in evidence that he had been confronted by four police vehicles in Sherwood Walk, Hanover Park.

"I tried to run away because I had a bottle of beer in my hand," he said.

"A man got out of the car, grabbed me around my neck and told me to climb into the police van, where I saw Mr Ruiters, Mr Frey and Mr Lewis".

He said a blue striped cloth was pulled over his head by Mr D Ujs, who appeared for the accused, told the court that in a previous statement Mr Leonard had described the cloth as red.

COURT WARNING

The magistrate, Mr F Botes, said that Mr Leonard had ignored court orders to refrain from speaking to State witnesses.

He was warned that he would be charged with contempt of court if he spoke to the remaining witnesses, Mrs P Ruiters, Mr M Philander and Mrs J Abrahams.

Mr J Tredoux prosecuted.
PUBLIC alarm at recurring images of savagely armed men terrorising the townships of Johannesburg and the East Rand led to a government proclamation banning dangerous weapons in 19 magisterial districts last month.

This government action was taken despite protestations by combatants that the weapons were "traditional" or "cultural" items and thus in some way above the law.

But just weeks later, in a move feared likely to increase the violence in Natal, the government has changed the law in that province by introducing the concept of "cultural weapons" into legislation for the first time, thus opening the way for similarly armed men to take the freedom of the streets.

Since April Durban's Legal Resources Centre has tried to ensure police enforcement of four separate pieces of legislation aimed at preventing weapons from being carried in public.

The Dangerous Weapons Act, the Natal Code on Zulu Law, the Kwazulu Code on Zulu Law and the Natal Code on Zulu Law and the Kwazulu Government Notice 8 of 1978, all prohibit the display or bearing of dangerous weapons, either generally or in particular areas.

A letter by the LRC to the Commissioner of Police in Pretoria on April 23 notes that at a march on the previous day, many of the participants were "heavily armed."

"Most of the male marchers carried up to three weapons. These included knobkerries, pangas, knives, axes and steel pipes."

"When the writer approached a police officer on duty to draw his attention to the above, he was informed that such weapons were 'cultural weapons'. In our view the display of weapons on the march was provocative and reckless."

LRC lawyer Howard Varnay said this week that despite correspondence of this kind with the SAP since April, and a meeting with officials in Cape Town during June, "there has been no satisfactory response."

During the Cape Town meeting a memorandum was handed over by LRC with various demands. One of these was that the police should enforce the provision of the Natal Code which outlawed the carrying of dangerous weapons except under stringent conditions.

They were told the Code had been referred to the cabinet, but no further reply was received. LRC sent an ultimatum setting September 3 as a deadline for a response.

On that day they were informed that the state president had amended the Natal code in the gazette of August 31.

Previously the Code — which dates back to colonial times — made it an offence for any black person to carry "an assegai, sworidstick, battle axe, stick shod with iron, staff or sharp-pointed stick or any other dangerous weapon."

Exceptions were made only if such a person had been engaged on public duty, was a member of the police, had written authorisation from a commissioner or magistrate, was engaged in hunting or in a bona fide night travelling outside an urban area. In the case of a staff or a sharp-pointed stick, exceptions were also made if the person was aged or infirm and used the stick for support.

All others carrying such weapons would be guilty of an offence.

The new amendment makes several significant changes: the section prohibiting the carrying of assegais, axes, knobkerries or other dangerous weapons to any feast, dance or other gathering is deleted.

New exceptions are added to the list of circumstances under which dangerous weapons may be carried. Now they will be allowed if they are carried by someone "able to prove that he had the bona fide intention to carry such dangerous weapons in accordance with traditional Zulu usages, customs or religions."

Written authorisation to carry such weapons may now also be granted by a police official "in the capacity of commander of a police station", who may now give permission to the organisers of a gathering or procession for such weapons to be carried and may set out conditions under which they may be borne.

Commenting on the changes, Varnay said it was clear the authorities had no intention of enforcing the original Natal Code which placed strict limitations on the carrying of weapons in public.

"The amendment now makes it easier for persons to appear in public armed, as the new provisions permit the carrying of weapons according to traditional Zulu usages, whatever these may be."

"Instead of clamping down on this problem the authorities, in stark contrast with steps they have taken in the Transvaal, have seen fit to relax laws pertaining to weapons in Natal."

Unrest monitors said there was "well-documented proof" that the carrying of such weapons to political rallies and meetings had often led to bloodshed and they questioned the commitment of the government to bring peace to Natal, where there is an increasing sense of being regarded as a "Cinderella province."

The problem in Natal has been simple: tough laws exist to keep dangerous weapons off the streets but they were not being implemented.

Instead of insisting that these restrictions should be enforced, the cabinet has now given the police wider scope for not implementing the law — an opportunity which, given their past record on the subject, the police are unlikely to pass up.

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Richard Goldstone
Mr Justice
Personality

Sobokenews Judge is not known for pussyfooting.

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Police probe third force allegations

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Several years ago, the commission and the government decided to clamp down on the problem of polygamie and some modifications were made to the marriage laws. The new laws are designed to make it more difficult for people to enter into polygamous relationships. The penalties for failure to comply with the new laws are severe. People who fail to register their marriages or to report changes in their marriage status can be fined up to $5000 and/or imprisoned for up to five years.

The government has also increased the number of marriage officers and has established new offices in the provinces where polygamy is most prevalent. These offices are staffed by trained marriage officers who are knowledgeable about the new laws and can help people understand what is required of them.

Despite these efforts, polygamy continues to be a problem in certain communities. The government is working closely with these communities to ensure that the new laws are understood and that people are able to comply with them.

The government is also working to increase awareness of the dangers of polygamy. For example, it has launched a campaign to inform people about the health risks associated with polygamy. People who enter into polygamous relationships are at increased risk of developing sexually transmitted infections and other sexually transmitted diseases.

The government hopes that by educating the public about the dangers of polygamy, it can help to reduce the number of people who engage in this practice.
The Goldstone way

The SAP has regulations governing police actions during riots. This extract from the Goldstone Commission report on the Vaal Triangle violence tells how it should be done. Sebokeng showed how it was not done.

The commanding officer of Mamelodi training centre, Colonel W A van der Merwe, gave evidence to the commission on crowd control methods taught at the centre.

In the case of officers, the training courses last for two weeks and three weeks for lower ranks.

One of the topics taught during both courses is the correct manner of forming a police line. That method, and there is only one, said Colonel Van der Merwe, has been developed by the SAP as being suitable for local conditions. It has been in use since 1976. It results in

- The commanding officer being aware of where, precisely, in the line the different kinds of ammunition are situated, in which policemen are in possession of which ammunition.
- The commanding officer, having second-in-command, a radio operator, and a record-taker are in the centre of the line and in a position to exercise close control over the men.
- Vehicles being placed behind the line.

**TARGET**

The commanding officer should be in possession of a megaphone and should use it to communicate with his own men and with the crowd.

Colonel Van der Merwe expressed the view that that standard form of police line would have been appropriate for use at Sebenza. He also described the manner in which the men in the line would be given orders where the commanding officer decided to use force.

The first command is directed at which men should load which type of ammunition. The order may be directed at one or more men. If more than one type of ammunition has been loaded, the second command would relate to the type of ammunition to be used.

There would be a command as to the quantity of ammunition to be used. Finally, the target would be identified.

With regard to crowd control, the principle is to use minimum force. The first step is to speak to the crowd. When that does not have the desired effect, there is a warning that within a specified time force will be used.

Then there is the use of teargas starting with one or two shots and then increasing the intensity.

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The bodies of a man and a woman lie on a pavement next to the station after the massacre.

Merafe killing sparks attacks

By SANDILE MEMELA

A NEW wave of violence was sparked in Soweto this week after a Merafe hostel dweller was killed near Merafe station early on Thursday morning.

The retaliatory attacks which followed the killing resulted in the death of three more people, and the injury of 16.

The hostel dweller was attacked while on his way to work on Thursday morning. He made his way back to the hostel, where he bled to death.

Shortly afterwards an enraged mob of hostel dwellers embarked on a revenge mission, attacking squatters in neighbouring Tladi.

Residents said their doors were broken down and scores of them were injured. Hostel dwellers also descended on unaware morning train commuters from Tladi on their way to Merafe station.

The incident was the only one to take place in Soweto this month after last month's heavy fighting which left more than 36 people dead.

Police removed people from the station out of fear violence could break out, and later undertook a crime-prevention swoop, arresting three youths and confiscating a number of petrol-bomb bottles from the squatter camp.

"We cannot understand why the police are coming to disarm us when all we are trying to do is protect ourselves from rampaging Impus," said resident Khanyi Shiyanyoni.

Later in the day, the situation was under control and the station was quiet.
DP asks Vlok to step in and mount a full investigation

NOTORIUS KwaZulu cop Det Const Siphiwe Mvuyane has allegedly struck again. This brings the total of alleged killings in which he has been involved to at least 16 over the past six months.

His latest alleged victim is Lucky Khumalo, 20, of Umlazi who was shot dead on August 27 after being arrested at his grandmother's home. According to an eyewitness of the arrest, Mvuyane headed the arresting party.

The Natal Coastal region of the Democratic Party has now petitioned Law and Order Minister Adrian Vlok to personally intervene, and provide the names of 15 people the policeman is said to have killed.

The DP tells Vlok in a letter there is a "lack of any apparent intention on the part of the KwaZulu police authorities to investigate allegations" against Mvuyane.

It warns that unless these allegations are publicly and thoroughly investigated independently of the KwaZulu police, there could be further conflict in the region.

The DP says Mvuyane is accused of rape, torture, abduction and shooting and seriously wounding several people during the course of the year.

In further developments:
- A judge last week granted an interdict to a 16-year-old youth, Bongani Mbatha, restraining Mvuyane and other members of the KwaZulu police from assaulting, molesting or harassing him;
- Another judge refused to grant an interdict last week to an SRC member of the Makhumubza High School in Umlazi, who asked the court to restrain Mvuyane from carrying a firearm; and
- An Umlazi professional woman told City Press how she was raped by Mvuyane in February this year, but charges laid with the SAP in Durban led to nothing;
- It has now been revealed that in June Mvuyane brandished his service revolver and walked out of a Durban court building after senior magistrate Buthelezi

ruled that he be held in custody for failing to appear in court on a charge of assault;
- On August 10 Mvuyane arrested Buthelezi outside the court on an apparently trumped-up charge of assault; and
- Mvuyane is driving a car registered in the name of a businessman who said Mvuyane helped him after his 'butchery' was robbed in January.

Judge Alexander of the Durban Supreme Court last week restrained Mvuyane and the KwaZulu Minister of Police, Mangosuthu Buthelezi, from assaulting 16-year-old Bongani Mbatha.

Mbatha said in an affidavit supported by his father Thami, there were 'rumours' last month that Mvuyane wanted to kill him for allegedly having pointed out Mvuyane's brother to a group of youths.

Mbatha was detained on August 18 by five policemen. Mvuyane drove the vehicle at Umlazi police station Mbatha denied having pointed out Mvuyane's brother but he was assaulted for 15 minutes by policemen. He was later taken to the home of a Lunga Mqadi, and Mvuyane shot dead Mqadi.

The youth was later taken to a place where a number of people were alleged to have been killed by KwaZulu police. He tried to run away but was shot in the thigh. Other shots were fired at him and he believed the police left him, assuming he was dead.

He was taken to hosp...
Stop the vicious campaign against police

THE truth is the strongest weapon the SAP intends using to fight the vicious propaganda campaign directed against it by "some ruthless and selfish people," Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok said this week.

Addressing the Businessmen's Action Banquet in Sandton held by Transvaal businessmen in support of the SA Police Comforts Fund, he said: "This situation (to discredit the SAP) will no longer be allowed to continue, we say enough is enough."

All claims and allegations against us will be investigated, no matter how many men we have for this purpose.

Those who make allegations must also take note that we shall approach them for the necessary evidence to substantiate their claims and if they refuse to cooperate, we will expose them.

"We will not allow our police force to be destroyed by lies and unsubstantiated claims."

During the first eight months of this year, 54 policemen died on duty and hundreds were injured, he said.

"Our members are faced with ruthless thugs, who do not hesitate to shoot and kill a policeman in cold blood."

Vlok also warned that if the psychological campaign to discredit the SAP succeeded, "crime would rocket to uncontrollable levels..."

... our country will collapse into a state of anarchy and respect for life and property will become outdated.

"This is precisely what some ruthless and selfish people have in mind for South Africa.

"They want to destroy our way of life, create mayhem in our country and sit on the sidelines while we kill one another. Then they want to move in and claim the spoils," he said.

Police were accused of instigating violence, being partial, poorly trained, ineffective and of being murderers, he said.

"Claims and allegations of this nature receive maximum publicity and many people believe all these allegations are true. Their perception of the police force is beginning to change."

"We will no longer allow our image to be tarnished by such wilful propagandists."

"We are determined to beat them at their own game, even if it means we have to employ the best professionals in the country to do so."

He said a senior officer had been appointed to investigate allegations against the SAP.

"The (police) commissioner and I regard the unveiling of the truth whether good or bad for the SAP - as a top priority," said Vlok. Sapa
SAP need to adjust to unbanning of ‘enemy’

It was hard for many South African policemen to adjust to the fact that the “enemy”, the ANC, had been unbanned and that the organisation was now to be helped, a team of international jurists examining the Natal unrest said in Johannesburg at the weekend.

The three-man delegation suggested the police be retrained and opinions exchanged with forces overseas.

The delegation from the International Commission of Jurists spent two weeks on a fact-finding mission in South Africa.

Another of the recommendations was that the Government should make more use of Zulu speakers in the SAP and SADF.

The group, whose members have spoken to all sides involved in the conflict which has left more than 4,000 people dead, also suggested a foreign monitoring force be employed to keep the peace and record infringements.

The force could be made up of a team drawn from EC countries or the United Nations.

One of the delegates, Briton John MacDonald, QC, said the Government ministers spoken to “seemed to be very receptive” to this idea.

Sincere

MacDonald also felt the Government was sincere in trying to find a solution to the Natal unrest.

The team, comprising Macdonald, Swedish human rights attorney Mr Christian Ahlund, and University of the Western Cape lecturer Mr Jeremy Sarkin, said it was concerned by the deprivation, squalor and misery which were features of life in black townships.

“The Government must send clear signals to people in the communities that they want a police force which has the confidence, trust and respect of all South Africans,” the jurists said in a statement, adding that Foreign Minister Pik Botha agreed with them on this.

“Cultural weapons” should be banned the delegation added.

The group outlined areas where the Government had to act to try and end the violence.

These are:

* The “problem” of the KwaZulu Police, who are seen to be both referee and players in the situation, had to be addressed and KwaZulu citizens should be able to contact the SAP if they need help.

Resources

Police resources had to be beefed up and they had to prevent clashes and not remain on the sidelines.

* The so-called warlords must be prosecuted.

* With an increase of policemen would come an increase in prosecutions and therefore the State’s legal apparatus had to be increased, and,

* The state of emergency in Natal had to be ended.

The group said the Government and the ANC had responded positively to the jurists’ investigation, while Inkatha members did not have a similar awareness of the need to discipline and control their supporters.

The jurists said it was important for a four-sided peace meeting to be held between the ANC, Inkatha, the Government and the Church to hammer out a peace agreement but “there must be some assurance that if an agreement is reached it will be carried out”.

The role of the Government and the churches in the meeting would be to provide some guarantees that the agreement is carried out.

The group’s findings are to be submitted to the ICU and foreign heads of state, the jurists said.

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Gangbuster case witness bears grudges, court told

By JOHN VIJJOEN
Staff Reporter

A STATE witness in the trial of 13 members of the police gangbusting unit has been accused of adapting his evidence and of bearing grudges against his former colleagues.

The 13 have pleaded not guilty in Cape Town Regional Court to charges of culpable homicide, abduction and the assault of four Hanover Park men last December.

The accused members of the gang unit are Mr Hein van Tubbergh, Mr Tjipura, Mr Peter Strydom, Mr van Swanepek, Mr Raymond Charles Titus, Mr Rudolf Johannes St Bernard, Mr Alon George Williams, Mr Allan George Manuel, Mr Jacobus van Wyngaard, Mr Adriaan John Saalse, Mr Eric Johny Freddie Bosveld, Mrs Arlene Tracie Minnaar, Mr Kenneth Patrick, and Mr Warren Carl Kannemeyer.

The body of one of the four men, Mr Kevin Rutters, was found at a Bellville South warehouse where torture sessions involving electric shocks and assaults allegedly took place on December 22.

A former member of the gang unit, Mr Sidney Lewis Adams, had told the court police had tortured, shocked and poured water over suspects. He admitted under cross-examination that four of the accused were not involved in the alleged assaults.

Yesterday defence counsel Mr D Uips said the accused had not committed any assaults.

Mr Lewis hold a grudge against the gang unit and had withheld certain important evidence, Mr Uips said.

He also claimed that Mr Lewis had been under the influence of alcohol when he made a statement containing the allegations.

Mr Lewis said under cross-examination that three of the accused were not involved in the alleged assaults and later added that Captain Smut had also not been involved.

The hearing continues today.

The magistrate is Mr F F Botes. Mr J Tredoux is prosecuting.
Constable denies pressure to testify

Court Reporter

A POLICEMAN and former member of the force's "gang-busting unit" said he had lied to his colleagues in telling them that he was pressured into testifying against them, for fear of being ostracised.

Constable Sidney Lewis Adams was testifying at the hearing of 13 members of the Peninsula's SAP Gang Unit facing charges of abduction, assault and culpable homicide in Cape-Town Regional Court yesterday.

Constable Adams had said that members of the gang unit tortured and shocked, and poured water over the heads of, blindfolded youths in a Bellville South warehouse.

The body of one youth, Mr Kevin Rutters, was later found in the warehouse.

He said he and the accused had been told by Captain Hein van Tubbergh Smut to "stick to their story" and "stand together".

He said he had decided to "tell the truth" of his own accord, but when it emerged that he had gone against their version of the alleged incidents he had been "pressurised".

Under cross-examination by Mr D UPS for the defence, Constable Adams said he bore no grudges against any of his former colleagues.

The trial continues tomorrow.
Policewoman pledges protection for elderly

By TOSH LEVETT-HARDING

GREATER protection for senior citizens in Sea Point — that’s the aim of Lieutenant Denise Basson, who has just been transferred to this suburb from Cape Town.

She is keen to get to know and help the older residents and intends establishing a close liaison with them. She is busy compiling a register of those anxious to have police protection.

Brisk and efficient, Lieutenant Basson speaks rapidly and seems very much a go-getter.

She said: “When I arrived here I was amazed that there was no register of senior citizens. When time permits, I intend to talk to the elderly at various retirement homes in Sea Point.

Green Point and Three Anchor Bay

“There must be many elderly people who would be pleased to have a police officer patrol their areas — if the demand is great enough we will appoint someone to do so.”

Lieutenant Basson said the officer’s main duty would be to visit senior citizens who wanted to be on the register, to tell them the best ways to protect themselves.

“If necessary we will urge them to install burglar alarms and advise against walking in the streets alone.”

“There is a very large number of elderly people in Sea Point. Before I came here I read of assaults on them — we intend to crash this outbreak if we can.”

Lieutenant Basson pointed out that she was not working in co-operation with the recently formed police commercial security section, Business Watch, but that her operation was entirely different.

She said that if she managed to effect her plan a police officer, male or female, would call regularly on the elderly to check on their safety.

“We will try to protect them both outside and inside their homes there are a number of simple precautions of which they many of them may not be aware.

“They should never open their doors to strangers, for instance — they should make quite sure that they know who is ringing their doorbells because many people have been taken unawares in this way — and they should always have safety chains on their doors.”

As she put it: “Even I, a senior police officer, wouldn’t dream of opening my front door unless I was quite sure who was calling.”

She added that with the holiday period approaching it was even more important to introduce additional protection for the elderly in the festive season people tended to carry more money and were therefore tempting prey for muggers.

She summed up her task: “I intend to prevent crime and give greater protection to those too frail to fight back.”
White constable ambushed in Soweto

Young policemen would continue to endanger their lives trying to stabilise the township violence - despite the dangers created by the Inkatha/ANC war and the "vicious propaganda" onslaught against the SAP.

The SAP public relations division reacted yesterday to the deaths of two policemen and the injury of one in township violence over the last 48 hours - the latest in a spate of deaths and injuries suffered by policemen, it said.

Constant Hugo Liebenberg was shot dead behind the wheel of his vehicle when he drove into an ambush in Diepkloof, Soweto at 10.45pm on Tuesday night while Constables Mark Abramowitz FR Langeveld and TH Khumalo were injured.

At 10.45am on Tuesday Lieutenant-Colonel Lorz was injured also in Soweto and the day before Constable TE Nakong was killed in Kroonstad, Free State.

Deaths

The SAP said the deaths and injuries were just "the latest in a spate of deaths and injuries inflicted upon members of the SAP."

"The majority of these incidents have occurred while the police have been engaged in their peace-keeping role in their attempts to defuse the violence in the townships."

"Despite the dangerous situation created by the warring factions (mainly ANC and Inkatha) together with the vicious propaganda onslaught against the police in which they are being made the scapegoat for the violence, young policemen continue to endanger their lives in trying to stabilise the situation."
More police

Randdom city street Killers

Police Hunt for
Domestic air fares to rise a second time in next few days

By John Miller

Fares on all South African domestic flights are to be increased by at least eight percent in the next few days — a second increase following one 43 days ago.

The latest increase comes after the rise on August 1 of 12 percent on economy fares and 17 percent on business class fares, and is a result of the crisis in the Gulf and the subsequent rise in jet fuel prices.

At a recent, hastily called meeting of all IATA members held in Switzerland at the end of last month, the IATA executive, including South African Airways, agreed to increase international air fares by between five and eight percent.

However, these proposed rises were approved by airline representatives who first have to be submitted to governments for ratification. A spokesman for the association said this normally took between 45 and 60 days.

The secretary of the Airline Association of South Africa, Des Colins, said last night all members would probably follow suit and increase their fares by between six and nine percent within days.

Emotive

"Think air fares are quite an emotive issue, but that it is no different to the motor industry or any other because we are all facing the same problems and inflation rate."

"Our fare increases in the industry are exchange rate-related because every mortal thing we buy, including fuel, has to be paid for in US dollars."

Cancer: experts give diet warning

LONDON — For people with cancer, a high-calorie diet of potato chips and beefburgers may be more effective than vegetables and lentils, British dieticians say.

They were reacting to an earlier report that care given by a Bristol cancer help centre, which included a vegetarian diet, might shorten patients’ lives.

"Cancer patients wishing to follow a vegetarian, vegan or macrobiotic diet should be made aware of possible nutritional inadequacies," warned the dieticians.

A cancer dietitian at the Royal Marsden Hospital in London said it was possible that people on a strict vegetarian diet might lose weight.

This could complicate surgery or other therapy by increasing the chances of infection. — The Star Bureau

'Calm' returns to townships after night of mob horror

By Monica Nicholson and Abel Mabelane

Relative calm has returned to war-ravaged East Rand townships today following 24 hours of violence on the Reef with police shooting and hacking people to death, burning houses and looting.

Lieutenant-Colonel Frans Malherbe, police liaison officer for the Witwatersrand, today described last night's three murders as motiveless and senseless.

"It appears on the surface to be faction-type shootings. But it is highly unlikely that all those killed and wounded had anything in common. It was just senseless, random shooting," he said.

Police have pieced together the sequence of brutal shootings which the gummens carried out.

The first attack took place at a taxi rank on the corner of Polly and Anderson streets in central Johannesburg at about 7.30 pm when the gummens, driving a red and white mulitple open fire with AK-47 assault rifles on a crowd of commuters waiting to catch taxis to Soweto. Two men died instantly and two others were injured.

The attackers then drove down Polly Street, left their vehicle and fired on a security guard outside a building between Marshall and Main streets, wounding him in both legs.

He managed to return their fire, injuring one of his assailants in the stomach. The man's accomplices helped him back into the машинus and they drove off.

They stopped again on the corner of Nugget and Marshall streets and shot at and wounded another pedestrian in the legs. They shot another pedestrian, again in both legs, on the corner of Nugget and Commissioner streets.

The gummens then drove out of the city centre. They found their last target at the Masina Hostel in Wolhuter Street, Jeppestown. A man standing at the hostel entrance was gunned down. He died instantly.

Mr Henkie Bekker, MP for Jeppe, today offered R1 000 reward for information leading to the capture of the gummens.

Mr Bekker, whose constituency includes Johannesburg's central business district, said the gummens went on the rampage, expressed his condolences to the next-of-kin of the two men who died."

He called on city businessmen to set up a standing reward for the capture of such killers, similar to the reward offered by banks for the arrest and conviction of bank robbers.

Tears for the victims... a woman mourns over the blanket-shrouded corpse of a man killed in an Inkatha attack in Vosloorus.

● Picture by Stephen Davimes.
More police shot dead in township

By Gen Elisas
West Rand Bureau

Attacks on policemen continued in Soweto last night. Their deaths brought to 63 the number of people killed in the township since renewed violence broke out last Thursday.

Lieutenant-Colonel Teenie Halgren, spokesman for the Soweto police, said Constable D Z Dlamini was on duty at the Dube Railway Station at 8 pm when three men approached him.

One then pulled out a gun and shot him at point-blank range between the eyes.

One of the killers took the policeman's gun from his body.

A private security guard shot and killed one of the attackers.

In another incident, municipal Constable J Fekane was on duty with colleagues at the Sunnance municipal offices at about 8 pm.

When he walked a short distance away from his colleagues he was shot in the back. His shotgun was stolen.

Colonel Halgren said several police officers' homes had been broken into and items of uniform were stolen yesterday.

He said youths had been seen at least three of the homes that had been burgled in the Thadi district.

He said the theft of police uniforms appeared to be part of a new strategy to sow confusion and place further blame for violence on the police.
I’ve always been a bit of a白天鹅，现在变成了白天鹅。
AMBUSH: SISULU ALERTED POLICE

THE four SAP members ambushed by unknown gunmen in Diepkloof Extension, Soweto, on Tuesday night were responding to an alert from ANC internal leader Walter Sisulu, it emerged yesterday.

One SAP member died and three were seriously injured when they went to investigate a report Sisulu made to Soweto regional commissioner Maj-Gen Johan Swart about Diepkloof squatters being ambushed by Inkatha members.

The ANC yesterday "totally rejected" what it claimed was an "SAP insinuation that Sisulu led the police into the ambush.

However, a senior SAP spokesman emphasised yesterday that police were not pointing fingers at the 70-year-old leader.

Swart said in an interview on SATV last night it appeared that township elements had misused Sisulu.

Liaison between the two men was one of the channels recently agreed to between the ANC and the SAP to help curb the township violence.

ANC spokesman Saki Macozoma said Sisulu had been phoned by Diepkloof residents and had passed on the details to Swart. He said the relationship between the ANC and SAP was one neither side could do without.

SAP spokesman Lt-Col Thienie Haigryn said last night an earlier police statement that the men had gone out to investigate a report of AK-47 rifles being in the area was based on incomplete information.

Lt Govindsamy Marienuthoo said yesterday, after failing to find evidence of any gunmen armed with AK-47s, the policemen, in two cars, were ambushed as they drove past the squatter camp.

Const De Waal Liebenberg died and the other three were admitted to hospital. One, Const Mark Abramowitz, was in a serious condition late yesterday.

Three Carlton Hotel employees were shot and killed when their assailants apparently mistook their yellow mini-bus for a police vehicle at 1.10am yesterday.
Top cop was told of youth's death

The District Commissioner of Police for Athlone told Cape Town Regional Court yesterday that Captain Hein Smit of the police Gang Unit had reported to him that a youth had died during interrogation in December last year.

Captain Smit, 32, Sergeant Phillip Swanepoel, 29, and Raymond Charles Titus, 37, Constables Rudolf Johannes St Bernard, 27, Alan George Williams, 29, Allan George Manuel, 25, Jacobus van Wyngaardt, 25, Adriaan John Saulse, 23, Eric Johnny Freddie Rossouw, 36, Arlene Tracie Minnaar, 21, Kenneth Patrick, 24, and Carl Kannemeyer, 30, and Mr Andreas Stephanus Strydom, 43, have all pleaded not guilty to abduction, assault and culpable homicide charges, following allegations that they tortured Hanover Park gang members.

Lieutenant-Colonel H Matthee said in his evidence yesterday that on the afternoon of December 22, 1989, Captain Smit approached him and reported that a youth had died during interrogation.

"Captain Smit informed me that he had not been present at the time of the death and no assaults had taken place during the interrogation in his presence," said Colonel Matthee.

The trial continues this morning.

The prosecutor was Mr F Smit, Mr G Jandusse appeared for the state. Mr Delk Uys and Mr Francos van Zyl, instructed by the state attorney, appeared for the accused.
Diepkloof police station is attacked

A group of people attacked the Diepkloof police station with AK-47 rifle fire and a hand grenade last night.

Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Huljyn, spokesman for the SAPS, said a number of people gathered outside the police station. A hand grenade exploded outside and shots were fired with several AK-47 rifles at the building.

The policemen manning the station returned fire and the crowd and gunmen fled. Damage to the building was minimal and no one was injured.

Life goes on. Mother Eveline Mgwadi feeds her seven-month-old child, Gusho, surrounded by the ruins of her shanty home and watched by her son Thabo. (© Picture by Ken Oosterbroek)
Stop making police the 'unrest scapegoat,' says general
Acquittal of police refused

A REQUEST for the acquittal of 13 Gang Unit members accused of abduction, assault and culpable homicide was yesterday turned down in a Cape Town Regional Court.

Defence advocates for the 13, Mr D Uijl and Mr F van Zyl, both slated the state case — which closed yesterday afternoon — as "weak" and "questionable", and said their clients could not be convicted on any evidence heard.

Mr Uijl said the evidence of one of the four alleged torture victims, Mr John Lewis, was "the worst he had ever heard in a courtroom", and that the same applied to the testimony of his co-complainants, Mr Adunaan Leonard and Mr Keith Frey.

He said former Gang Unit member Constable Sidney Adams was the "worst witness of all". It was clear he bore a grudge against the unit and had "adapted" his evidence.

Const Adams said at a previous hearing that he had seen a Hanover Park gang member being given repeated electric shocks while water was poured over his head, and that he later found the youth had died.

The last state witness and investigating officer, Major G van der Westhuizen, testified yesterday that he had been called to the scene of the death. When he arrived, he found the "sopping wet" body of Mr Kevin Ruiters.

The trial continues.
Gang-busters’ acquittal plea rejected

By JOHN VILJOEN
Staff Reporter

A COURT has rejected a defence request for acquittal of 13 police gangbusters on trial for culpable homicide, abduction and assault.

Mr D Ujs and Mr F van Zyl made the request when the state closed its case yesterday, but it was refused by magistrate Mr P F Botes in Cape Town Regional Court.

The defendants have pleaded not guilty to seven charges stemming from the alleged abduction and assault of Mr John Lewis, Mr Keith Frey, Mr Adunaam Leonard, and Mr Kevon Rutters, all of Hanover Park, last December.

Mr Rutters’ body was discovered in a Bellville South warehouse.

Mr Ujs said “no reasonable court” could convict the 13 on the state’s evidence.

While the four men had not been arrested “in the classic sense of the word”, police probably picked-up “thousands” of people in this way every day, he said.

Mr Ujs said state witnesses had been of poor quality. “John Lewis is one of the worst witnesses that has ever testified in a court. And the same is true of Adunaam Leonard and Keith Fry.”

Anxiety

Former gang unit member Mr Sidney Lewis Adams had been the “worst of all the state witnesses”. It was clear from his evidence that he held a grudge against his former colleagues and had lied and adapted his evidence, Mr Ujs said.

To continue with the trial would be a waste of time

Mr Van Zyl said the state had failed to prove the four men were picked up against their will. Evidence did not connect the 13 with the cause of Mr Rutters’ death, which could have been caused by “a build-up of anxiety”.

His body was “sopping wet” and his clothes were dirty as if he had been lying on his stomach or been dragged around on the floor, he said.

The area around the body looked as though it had been wiped or swept, but the rest of the room was “chaotic”.

The hearing continues.

Mr J C Tredoux is prosecuting.

Mr Ujs appears for Mr Hein van Tubbergh Smit, 32, Mr Andries Stephanus Strydom, 43, Mr Phillip Swanepeel, 26, Mr Alan George Williams, 29, Mr Allan George Molecules, 28, and Mr Warren Carl Kaueneper, 29.

Mr Van Zyl appears for Mr Raymond Charles Titus, 37, Mr Rudolf Johannes St Bernard, 27, Mr Adlaan John Suhle, 23, Mr Eric Johnny Freddie Rostow, 36, Mrs Arlene Tracee Minnaar, 21, and Mr Kenneth Patrick, 24.
Attack not directly linked to call

By BARRY STREEK

THE fatal attack on two police patrol cars in Soweto on Tuesday night was not directly connected to a late-night phone call by the ANC's national leader, Mr Walter Sisulu, to a police general.

The ANC said yesterday that the original source of the phone call, Mrs Miriam Vilakazi, lived in Zone One, Diepkloof, whereas the ambush, in which a policeman died and three were injured, took place in Zone Six, Diepkloof, about 6km away.

And General Herman stadler, head of the police's public relations division, said the two police cars went to Zone One, found nothing, and then started patrolling.

They then came across a group of 200 youths whom they scattered and "after that particular action, they were attacked".

General Stadler added: "We are not accusing anyone. The point we wanted to make about that incident was that policemen went to investigate a complaint by Mr Sisulu to stop systematic violence and all of a sudden they were attacked."

The police and the ANC directly contradicted each other about the telephone number Mr Sisulu gave to the police commissioner in Soweto. General Johan Swart, in the phone call on Tuesday night.

Mr Sisulu said the number, which he himself had tested, belonged to Mrs Vilakazi in Zone One but the police said the number belonged to a member of the police's murder and robbery squad.

Mr Sisulu could not be contacted yesterday but Mr Saki Macozoma, an ANC spokesman, said reports that Mrs Winnie Mandela had called Mr Sisulu about Mrs Vilakazi's panic about the situation in Zone One on Tuesday night and had given him Mrs Vilakazi's number accorded with what Mr Sisulu told him on Wednesday.
Power, but little glory

Photograph: Ken Osobrock

The SAPS: The police force faces major challenges in adapting to the "new" South Africa.

On the other hand, the force is making strides in modernisation and professionalisation. The Police Commissioner, General Kgosana, has been praised for his efforts to improve the force's image and efficiency. However, corruption and brutality continue to be major issues, with several high-profile cases coming to light.

The SAPS is also facing increased pressure due to the country's financial constraints, which are limiting its ability to invest in new technology and training programmes.

The force's reputation has been damaged by recent high-profile incidents, such as the shooting of a teenager by police officers in the Cape Town township of Mitchells Plain. The incident sparked widespread outrage and calls for reforms within the police force.

The SAPS is also dealing with a rise in crime rates, particularly in the major cities. Despite efforts to ramp up police numbers, there are concerns that the force is understaffed and unable to cope with the rising levels of crime.

The issue of police corruption remains a major problem, with several high-ranking officers being implicated in scandals. The force is under increasing pressure to address this issue and improve its accountability.

The SAPS is also facing challenges in recruiting and retaining qualified officers. The force is offering attractive incentives to attract new recruits, but it remains to be seen whether these efforts will be successful.

In conclusion, the SAPS is making progress in modernising and professionalising the force, but it still faces significant challenges, including corruption, brutality, and a lack of resources. The force needs to address these issues if it is to gain the trust of the public and effectively tackle crime in the country.
Vlok refuses Witbank inquiry

By Therese Anders, Highveld Bureau

Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok has refused a judicial inquiry into an unrest incident in Witbank this year.

Four people in a group of mostly women and children who were fleeing the township, died after being shot by police. Hundreds more were injured.

Witbank community groups, the Catholic Church and trade unions have alleged that most of the injured and those killed — including a baby who died while strapped to its mother's back — had pellet wounds.

In a letter to the Minister of Justice, the groups say witnesses claim the police shot at residents "without the slightest provocation".

The incident took place in Witbank's KwaGuza township on March 12 while large crowds were fleeing after rumours that hostel dwellers were about to attack residents.

**Clashes**

Earlier in the day six people had died in clashes.

The groups asked Mr Vlok to appoint an independent judicial commission of inquiry "to investigate the conduct of the police in the Witbank unrest, particularly in regard to the shootings".

The lawyer acting for the families and local organisations said independent post-mortems had been held on the bodies of the deceased.

These had shown all four had been hit by pellets in the back.

In his reply on August 27, Mr Vlok said the incident was still being investigated.

"On completion, the dockets will be submitted to the Attorney-General for his decision.

"I regret that I cannot accede to your request for a judicial inquiry."

There was no need for the police to use live ammunition, let much as it concerned the utilisation of special constables".
Arrests at Popcru launch

CP Correspondent

TWENTY nine prison warders and traffic officers were arrested in Butterworth in the Transkei last week after they attended the launch of the local branch of the Police and Prison Civil Rights Union (Popcru).

Transkei's Commissioner of Police, General NS Sampa, earlier warned that anyone from the uniformed service in the Transkei who attended would be arrested.

Guest speaker at the launch, Popcru president Gregory Rockman, had a heated confrontation with Butterworth station commander Colonel Alex Suttle, who searched his briefcase and demanded minutes from the meeting.

Police dragged Rockman to a police van, but a group of toy-toying youths seized Rockman and took him to his car. Police then fired teargas to disperse the crowd.

When the 29 arrested men appeared in court this week, they received a warning from magistrate M Nhiva, but were immediately rearrested in terms of Section 47 (1) of the Transkei Public Security Act which allows for indefinite detention.

Their attorney Mzwandile Nisinu told City Press that if his clients were not released soon he will seek a supreme court interdict.
Rocky 2" saves day!
Large-scale deployment of national servicemen and police reservists is expected as government starts implementing its "Iron Fist" plan to curb township violence that claimed the lives of another 16 people at the weekend, bringing the death toll over the past month to more than 700.

The Cabinet will finalize the plan on Wednesday, after which Iron Fist is expected to become fully operational.

The Cabinet is also expected to discuss the question of financing the additional security force operations. Details of the proposed call-up were still being worked out at the weekend.

SAP spokesmen said yesterday preparations and planning were proceeding despite vocal opposition from ANC deputy leader Nelson Mandela.

Government was expected to announce a major deployment of SAPF personnel in the townships this week, but an SAP spokesman said yesterday there would be no additional call-up of citizen force or commando members.

Greater use will be made of national servicemen in a supportive capacity. This will entail their working under the direction of SAP members, particularly in manning roadblocks and doing security tasks at railway stations.

The SAP is also only looking at mobilizing members of its reserve, who are all former full-time SAP members.

Enlisting part-time reservists was not yet on the cards, Witwatersrand liaison officer Col Frans Malherbe said after a special planning meeting yesterday.

Formal government approval of a dusk-to-dawn curfew in affected townships and the call-up of reserve members still had to be obtained, and these elements would not be applied before Wednesday's Cabinet meeting, SAP spokesman Maj Steve Senekal said.

Roadblocks on the Reef were set up for...
Fatal beating leads to murder charge for cops

DURBAN — Two police constables yesterday pleaded not guilty in the Supreme Court here to charges of beating a black man to death after an evening in a bar.

Mr Egedion William Savesto Ludick, 22, of Johannesburg and Mr Johannes Phillipus van Dyk, 22, of Cape Town denied they had murdered Mr Daniel Qwabe in Pinetown on September 7 last year.

On the evening of the alleged murder, the two spent the night drinking in a bar.

The state has alleged that when they left the bar at 10.30pm they came across Mr Qwabe walking along Old Main Road and attacked him without warning.

Mr Qwabe's companion, Mr Thomas Gumede, escaped while his friend was allegedly being kicked and struck by the accused.
Police misusing powers – AWB

By Esmaré van der Merwe, Political Reporter

Heavy-handed police action against right-wing hecklers and protesters at National Party public meetings was developing into a volatile situation, with the NP turning its public meetings into “quasi boxing rings”, the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging said yesterday.

In a statement released in Pretoria, AWB chief secretary Kays Smit asked Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok not to use police reservists to stand guard at public meetings. He said they were misusing their powers and did not seem to show the necessary discretion required of men in their positions.

After recent NP meetings in Wolmaransstad and Brandfort, charges had been laid by the public against the police.

Charges of “brutal and illegitimate assault” would also soon be laid against the police following police action against right-wingers at Mr Vlok’s disrupted public meeting in Virginia this week.

Mr Smit said the SAP were recruiting mainly NP members, and that these members then misused the powers of the police.
Three special constables in court for fatal shooting

By JOHN VILJOEN

THE fatal shooting of three Khayelitsha men on election day 1998 has had a sequel in the Wynberg Regional Court where three special constables face three counts of culpable homicide.

Mr Honono Hedeni, 26, Mr Johannes Mqweba, 28, and Mr Lungisile Dqubela, all of Town 2, Khayelitsha, have pleaded not guilty to the charges.

They were arrested on March 15 this year.

The three are alleged to have caused the deaths of Mr Lubalo Mnikakra, 20, Mr Thanduxolo Hlonyane, 20, and Mr Alam Ganjana, 30, by shooting them with shotguns in Khayelitsha on September 6 last year.

Yesterday state witness Mr Elliot Zanayi said he saw police fire shots at between 300 and 400 people toys-toying in the street that afternoon.

When Mr Hedeni fired a shot, Mr Zanayi ran into a friend's house and hid under a bed, the court heard. When he came out he saw a body in front of a toilet.

Mr D van Zyl, for the accused, told Mr Zanayi the three constables would testify that the people had thrown stones at vehicles.

Mr Zanayi said no one had thrown stones and he had not heard of anyone's home being damaged.
Police gun plan is 'answer to AK-47 attacks'

PRETORIA — The police will use machineguns only if attacked by "terrorists" using AK-47 rifles or similar weapons, the Commissioner of Police, General Johan van der Merwe, said this in response to criticism of the plan for police to mount light machineguns on Casspirs. He said the decision, one of the measures aimed at quelling violence in Rand townships, was taken after several attacks on police vehicles with AK-47 rifles.

"The AK-47 is a deadly automatic weapon and 'conventional arms are of little use in defence against them,'" General Van der Merwe said. However, the machineguns would not be used in unrest situations.

"The legal requirement that minimum force must be used, where the use of force is unavoidable, will be strictly complied with by the police," General Van der Merwe said. Machineguns were mounted on police vehicles in several Western countries, including Northern Ireland and West Germany, in the struggle against "terrorists."
"Specials' face death charge"

THREE special constables facing charges of culpable homicide following the deaths of three men in Khayelitsha on election day last September, appeared in Wynberg Regional Court yesterday.

The constables, Mr Honono Heden, 26, Mr Johannes Mgweba, 28 and Mr Lungisile Dyubele, 27, all from an area known as Town Two, have pleaded not guilty to killing Mr Lubabo Mukrakre, 23, Mr Thandixo Hlonyane, 20, and Mr Alam Gama, 30.

The state alleges that they fired at the men with Mosberg shotguns during an anti-election demonstration in the township on September 8.

Mr Elliot Zanayi, 38, of Town Two, said he saw Mr Heden shooting into the demonstrating crowd from over a concrete wall, and ran to a friend's house for shelter.

He said he saw a man running in front of him being shot in the upper thigh, fall, and jump up and resume running.

He denied having seen members of the crowd of up to 400 toy-toying or demonstraters throwing stones or petrol bombs, and he did not believe that the special constables were provoked into opening fire on the crowd as alleged by the defence.

The trial continues.

The magistrate was Mr A S McCrierty, Mr S Julius appeared for the state. Mr P von Wielligh appeared for the accused and Mr P Ngqina was the interpreter.
Solution in reformed SAP, not ‘Iron Fist’

IN rejecting “Operation Iron Fist” as a means to end the sickening violence in Vaal townships in recent weeks, Nelson Mandela echoes the sentiments and views of thousands of South Africans.

Carte blanche authority for the security forces, and particularly the South African Police, rekindles the fears and the nightmare experiences of township dwellers who had survived killings and shootings from Sharpeville in 1960 to Sebokeng in 1990.

Simplistic

It is simplistic to believe that granting unfettered powers to the security forces will end the violence.

There is enough evidence contained in the findings of numerous commissions of inquiry, court trials and the testimony of thousands to assume that the problem will, in fact, be compounded.

Add to this the activities of a sinister (if not a third) force, the concerns of a Nelson Mandela become easy to understand.

Are black people now supposed to believe that the security establishment — irrefutably linked to the murder of countless apartheid activists like Griffiths Mxenge and David Webster and to the bombing of a children’s creche in Athlone — will bring peace to our townships?

Partisan

The SAP has never engendered confidence in the black community. Since the assumption of power of the National Party in 1948, it has been seen as the “long arm” of the oppressor.

It has played a partisan role, enforced discriminatory legislation and suppressed the opponents of the apartheid system.

Incidents of police involvement in torture, illegal acts of intimidation, excessive use of force, covert support for vigilantes and the actions of inadequately trained “kitsonstabels” are well-documented and seen in the black community as part of the SAP’s “image”.

President FW de Klerk’s stated intention to take the SAP out of the “political battlefield” seems to have been implemented to a certain extent.

Heavy-handed

Its members have been barred from belonging to any political party, a recruitment campaign to deal with chronic understaffing has been launched and significant salary increases have been announced.

However, the heavy-handed and repressive police action in recent months suggests that no fundamental changes have taken place.

Shady

It is clear that even though a new “culture” may exist at a leadership level, the traditional practices and structures of the SAP are entrenched and that superficial reforms will not overcome the problems.

A unwillingness by the government to fully expose the shadowy sectors of the security establishment to scrutiny or cease their activities altogether worsens the situation.

Understandably, it is afraid of a monster of its own creation.

But for as long as places like Vilakazi and units like the Askaris remain, and mysterious killings occur like that on the 5.04 train to Naledi Extention, Soweto last Thursday, fingers will point at the security establishment.

Reorientation

The black community and anti-apartheid organisations like the ANC must insist on the rapid reform of the SAP that will include blacks at a leadership level, a general reorientation and professionalisation of its members, an emphasis on crime prevention and a concerted bid to build legitimacy and trust in the broader community.

Only then will police operations like “Iron Fist”, if necessary, be welcomed in our townships.
Weekblad wins bid to inspect police general's home

An application to inspect the Pretoria home of police forensics chief General Lothar Neethling was granted to Vrye Weekblad editor Max du Preez yesterday by the Rand Supreme Court.

The application was opposed by General Neethling, who was ordered to pay the costs of Vrye Weekblad's legal counsel.

The weekly said the application arose from an action of defamation instituted by General Neethling against the Vrye Weekblad and the Weekly Mail, to be heard in the Rand Supreme Court in November.

Evidence of CCB-acquited Captain Dirk Coetzee will be taken on commission in London from October 8 to 12.

Vrye Weekblad said in its application there was an urgent need to inspect General Neethling's residence because Captain Coetzee had claimed in evidence that the general had given him chemicals to poison alleged African National Congress insurgents.

Captain Coetzee was asked during evidence to describe the general's residence, to which he had allegedly gone to get the poisons — Sapa
Attorneys-general to head teams

Govt sets up special probes into violence

GOVERNMENT is to appoint special units to investigate last week's Denver station massacre and other major incidents of recent violence on the Witwatersrand.

President F W de Klerk announced at a press conference at the Union Buildings last night that the teams would be headed by an attorney-general or deputy attorney-general. He also announced that:
- The operation "Iron Fist" measures announced by police at the weekend had been approved by Cabinet, and
- He was considering appointing an independent, highly respected person to investigate allegations against the police, SAPF and other government institutions.

De Klerk said the full capability of the SAP would be placed at the disposal of the teams. The teams, he said, would conduct investigations without delay. They would report to the ministers of Justice and Law and Order in the shortest possible time, advising them on facts relating to each case and the course to be followed.

The following incidents would be urgently investigated:
- The Denver station massacre,
- Violence in Soweto during the night of September 3 and 4,
- The incident at Jeppe station in which passengers were fired at a train, and
- The alleged ambush near Diepkloof squatter camp in which a policeman was killed.

Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee, he said, could also decide to appoint teams to investigate past or future incidents of violence. He would appoint a judge to oversee inquiries into appropriate cases.

MIKE ROBERTSON

Government did not rule out the possibility of appointing judicial commissions of inquiry to investigate specific cases.

De Klerk said some misunderstandings had arisen following the announcement of "Iron Fist". One such misunderstanding was that police would patrol all streets with machine guns, shooting at random.

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok said "Iron Fist" had been overemphasised by "some of our people. We intend to be strict, fair, controlled and impartial."

Reading from a statement by Police Commissioner Gen Johan van der Merwe, Vlok said the fitting of light machine guns to Casspirs was being considered in view of attacks against police with AK-47 rifles. Machine guns, he said, would not be used to control riots. All police were under strict instructions to use minimum force.

Vlok added that government considered the implementation of a curfew in some unrest-hit townships a useful step. Curfews would be imposed only after employers had been given an opportunity to take steps to ensure minimum disruption.

De Klerk said the main purpose of appointing the "person of high standing" was to "act as a filter for all the accusations and allegations that fly around."

Government would consult other organisations on the appointment, but would make the final decision itself. He wanted to get to the bottom of such allegations as quickly as possible and either refute them or take appropriate action.

De Klerk said Cabinet had decided to

Special probe

- Grant immunity to all individuals and organisations that handed over to police, before October 1, firearms, explosives and ammunition illegally in their possession.
- That the defence of the decision applied to all No organisation would have recourse to special negotiations with the aim of not surrendering arms.

Government, he added, had decided to offer rewards of up to R100,000 for information leading to the uncovering of arms and arms caches. The rewards would be paid according to a scale determined by the SAP Commissioner.

De Klerk said mechanisms of communication would be set up at local, regional and national level to "identify and deal peacefully with community grievances in order to obviate conflict."

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Keeping an eye on the operations of Vlok's Iron Fist

BY PHILIPPA GARSON

HUMAN rights groups have expressed strong reservations about the strict new measures to be taken by security forces to quell the Reef violence, and plans to set up monitoring structures to act as "watchdogs" on security force activities are underway.

The wide-ranging moves comprising the Operation Iron Fist strategy announced at the weekend, include large-scale deployment of police and army troops in the townships and at railway stations; swoops on hostels and residents carrying the weapons; extensive roadblocks; encircling hostels and possibly squatter camps with razor wire to control access; equipment of patrol vehicles with lights, machine guns; the use of helicopters and purple dye to identify suspects, and the possible implementation of curfews.

Five Freedoms Forum (FFF) press officer Gail Neke described many of the security measures as "logistical", opening up the possibility of "wholesale state violence". She called on the Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok to resign. "He does not seem able to deal with the crisis effectively," she said.

Both the FFF and Lawyers for Human Rights are engaged in setting up structures to help monitor the violence and police conduct.

The Joint Unrest Monitoring Programme (Jump) run jointly by the Democratic Party and Lawyers for Human Rights has met with various civic and police leaders in the East Rand and may meet with local Inkatha leaders.

"We are now planning to familiarise ourselves with the specific conditions in each township," said Tony Leon, MP for Handewyn. "We will monitor the effectiveness of Iron Fist and check that disproportionate force is not used."

Leon commended the presence of roadblocks in East Rand townships, adding that disarmament the population was "more important than anything else".

The Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression (IBIIR) has been monitoring aspects of the violence, including specific allegations against the police during the bloodshed in Sebokeng last month. IBIIR researcher Anton Steenkamp said while the presence of security forces was imperative to quell the violence, there were numerous reports of police complicity in assaulting Inkatha by dismissing the other side only, or using force against them.

"We have found that senior officers concerned are doing a proper job of looking at the situation as criminal activity," he said. "The main problem is the policemen on the ground. They have all been through the 'total onslaught' period and have been taught to see the ANC as the enemy."

Steenkamp said the IBIIR was visiting areas which had recently been raided and taking statements "On August 24 a large group of police and soldiers moved into the Sebokeng hostels and disarmed everyone. There were allegations that money was stolen and lockers were broken."

Residents reported that the IBIIR's presence in Thokoza during a raid on August 29 "helped to keep a curb on (the security forces) and no irregularities were reported", he said.

Detainees Aid Centre representative Audrey Coleman said scores of statements were pouring in from people alleging police collusion. At a meeting last week between Vlok and a delegation from Women Against Repression, Vlok refused to acknowledge such statements since they were not in sworn affidavit form, Coleman said.

Groups monitoring the Natal violence said the presence of security forces there has curbed mass mobilisation of warring parties although urban guerrilla warfare continued.

Democratic Party regional director in Natal, Radley Keyses said allegations of police complicity had diminished since pressure had been exerted by watchdog groups.
Staff Reporters

The first steps of Operation Iron Fist were taken in Soweto yesterday.

Stringent security measures to curb fighting started with the sealing-off of a Soweto hostel with razor wire.

The hunt for the killers carried on while "Iron Fist" began at the Merafe hostel, where many incidents of violence have taken place.

Lieutenant-Colonel Tremie Halgryn, head of police for the Soweto police, said the erection of razor wire barricades around the Merafe and several other hostels was one of the measures announced recently by the police to bring peace and stability back to the area.

The aim of the razor wire barricades was twofold to protect the hostel dwellers from attack and to prevent them from attacking other residents.

There will be only one entrance to and from the hostel, which will be manned continuously by the police as well as several foot patrols.
Vlok details insurgents' arrests

BELFAST — No one, including the ANC, could give any reasons for resorting to violence as government was dismantling apartheid and people were now able to call each other "comrade". Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok said at a public meeting in this Transvaal town last night.

At a public meeting, Vlok said police had evidence of ANC contraventions of the Pretoria Minute.

He cited 37 incidents of terror since the August 6 signing of the Pretoria Minute in which the ANC agreed to suspend the armed struggle.

He also said nine of 48 externally trained ANC insurgents arrested since February 2, when the ANC was unbanned, had been caught after August 6.

He said the latest incident occurred on September 15 and 16 when two foreigners, frames ANC members were arrested in Natal.

These people had admitted they had orders to recruit people in SA to undergo training so violent measures could be adopted if negotiations broke down and to increase the violence in Natal.

Vlok gave his assurance that the police would track and catch perpetrators of violence. "Nothing they plan or do will remain a secret to the police," he said.

He called on the ANC to accept its responsibility and control unruly members.

He also called on the organisation to stop calling for a show of force by the authorities and then complain about it when this took place.

"We will take whatever steps necessary to maintain order and to make the country safe for all people."

"Government was dismantling apartheid, people could gather freely, intimidation was unnecessary and communism was dying in the rest of the world, but the ANC/ SACP alliance wanted to bring it to SA and it was for these reasons no one had to resort to violence. — Sapa
Promote Praise for Rina Yenter

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Sage gets interdict

SUSAN RUSSELL

THE Financial Mail was prohibited by a Rand Supreme Court judge yesterday from using information on Sage Holdings Ltd based on unlawful taps on telephones owned and/or used by the company.

Mr Justice Joffe, after hearing an application by Sage Holdings in camera, interdicted the Financial Mail from publishing, disclosing or in any way disseminating this information. 26/7/99

He also interdicted the financial publication from publicly disclosing or disseminating an Allied Group confidential document which contained information on its relationship with Sage.

Mr Justice Joffe ordered the Financial Mail to pay the costs of the application, including costs of two counsel.

Arms rewards upped

LINDEN BRUNS

POLICE yesterday announced significantly higher rewards for the handing-in of dangerous arms and ammunition.

A revised list of arms wanted by police includes SA-7 (SAAM-7) ground-to-air missiles, anti-tank rockets and launchers, explosives, detonators, mines and firearms.

Police are also offering R400 for every petrol bomb handed in. Police spokesman Maj Rex Maree said last night strict controls would be enforced to ensure that people were not making these in order to claim rewards.

The latest SAP reward for anyone finding an SA-7 is R10 000 - a 50% increase. Police have not yet found any.

Information leading to the arrest or death of a "terrorist" is rewarded with R3 000.
Colonel says he 'felt sorry' for Rockman

By JOHN VILJOEN
Staff Reporter

A POLICE colonel told the Wynberg Magistrate's Court he "felt sorry" for former police lieutenant Gregory Rockman when he was arrested in Mitchell's Plain last year.

Mr Rockman, 30, of Valley Way, Strand, is charged with convening and addressing an illegal gathering, alternatively attending an illegal gathering, "in Harmony Square, Mitchell's Plain, on November 13. He has pleaded not guilty.

Colonel W Visser told the court yesterday there "may have been" people in the police force who harboured ill-feelings towards Mr Rockman.

He agreed with Mr M Parker, Mr Rockman's attorney, that the police riot unit might have had stronger feelings.

He agreed that some of the things the rebel lieutenant had said might have put the police "in a bad light".

Asked if he had been angry with Mr Rockman, Colonel Visser replied "I felt sorry for him rather than angry because he was disregarding departmental rules. I thought he was making trouble for himself."

Colonel Visser said security police obtained information that Mr Rockman was organising a Police-and-Prisons Civil Rights Union (Popercu) gathering in Mitchell's Plain.

"Totally untrue."

On the morning of November 13, he told Mr Rockman to "take steps" to prevent the gathering from taking place.

Mr Rockman strongly denied that he had convened the meeting. Colonel Visser said the colonel denied as "totally untrue" a submission by Mr Parker that he wanted Mr Rockman to go to the gathering so that the riot unit "could get hold of him."

Captain L J W Van Brakel told the court he had seen Mr Rockman speaking to a crowd of people and members of the Press at the Town Centre shopping mall.

Mr Rockman had said "Who do you want at Mitchell's Plan?" and the crowd had replied with shouts of "Viva Rockman!"

"I gave the order that the Press be removed as the riot unit was preparing to take action," Captain Van Brakel said.

"Colonel Rudolph warned the people to disperse. The warning included any member of the force not involved in the police action," he said.

Mr Rockman had been arrested and taken to Bellville police station where he had been warned of the charges against him, he said.

Mr Rockman was "undisciplined and did not carry out orders", he said.

"The things he said were not in the interests of the force."

The State closed its case after handing in a police video of the incident.

On the video, Mr Rockman was heard shouting "Remove yourselves" after police had ordered the gathering to disperse.

He also shouted "If you can't beat us, join us", and "Popercu is alive!

The trial continues today.
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Reckless, irresponsible Vlok puts his foot into it again

THE rantings of Minister of Law and Order, Adriaan Vlok, reached a nadir this week when he accused the ANC of continuing the armed struggle in spite of its undertaking in the Pretoria Minute.

His speech in Belfast on Monday is the latest example of Vlok's proven incapacity to bring an objective mind to bear on issues and he should be dropped from the government's negotiating team, writes ANTHONY HEARD:

Incapacity

He should be excused from the table, at the very least.

The latest example of Vlok's proven incapacity to an objective mind to bear on issues is a speech he made in Belfast on Monday night.

He claimed, according to the Burger report, that the police had "proof" that the African National Congress had not suspended its deeds of terror in spite of the Pretoria Minute

He went on to say two ANC members had been caught a fortnight before in Natal. They had been trained abroad and had returned to Natal to fan the unrest.

Patronising

Both had admitted taking part in acts of terror after August 6, the day of the Pretoria Minute. They planned to recruit members for military training so that they could turn to violence if negotiations failed, he said.

Vlok then proceeded to give the ANC a patronising lecture on how to act like a responsible movement.

Coming from the spokesperson of a government that has acted so irresponsibly down the years — the years of apartheid, repression, destabilisation and deprivation — that is breathtaking.

Its record in keeping the peace, any peace, is abominable.

And, time and again, it has been found negotiations are more specifically based than the incompetent record of his government.

It is based on the fact that he has tried and convicted people in advance. That is a task for a judge, not Vlok.

Yet this process of conviction by ministerial statement has become so established in public life that few complain when Vlok brazenly invades the principle of the right to a fair trial.

If it seems that many South Africans believe it is normal for a minister publicly to assume the guilt of opponents — which is a major step away from traditions of independent justice.

Eroded

The prejudgment of Winnie Mandela by all and sundry over past months shows how casually the principle has been eroded.

Vlok at the same time was told the police had the right, like other citizens, to be regarded as innocent until found guilty.

That is a privilege he does not extend to people arrested by his security force.

Worse, he uses their alleged guilt in a way that could retard the course of peace. That adds recklessness to irresponsibility.

Evidence

It should be clear enough that the ANC had moved a vast distance to suspend the armed struggle — I suspect at considerable cost to its own bargaining position.

Odd suspects picked up by Vlok in Natal are not convincing evidence that the ANC has changed its tune.

Yet this is what Vlok is suggesting.

(Anthony Heard is the former editor of the Cape Times)
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Own Correspondent
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Rockman, 30, of Valley Way, Strand, was yesterday fined R150 or 25 days’ imprisonment, suspended for three years on condition he did not contravene the Internal Security Act again during that time.

He was one of 15 accused who attended the gathering in Harmony Square, Mitchell’s Plain on November 13 last year.

Charges against his co-accused were withdrawn in Wynberg Magistrate’s Court on Monday after they paid R50 admission-of-guilt fines, and Rockman stood trial alone.

Passing sentence, magistrate SC Murphy said Rockman had enjoyed a promising career in the police force before his arrest and suspension on the day of the gathering. He was a person of strong convictions.

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Four Soweto policemen were wounded, one of them seriously, in attacks on the police in the township last night.

Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgren, liaison officer for the police in Soweto, said that in one of the attacks a policeman was seriously injured when three armed men attacked him and robbed him of his pistol.

And in a later attack, three policemen were wounded when a police van came under fire, the lieutenant-colonel said.

All the injured are being treated in the Baragwanath Hospital.

Staff Reporter
Rockman given suspended fine

By JOHN VILJOEN
Staff Reporter

FORMER police lieutenant Gregory Rockman has been given a suspended sentence for organising and attending an illegal gathering in Mitchell's Plain last year.

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Magistrate Mr S C Murphy said Rockman had a promising career in the police force before his arrest and suspension on the day of the gathering.

He was the "youngest coloured police lieutenant" and had many awards, Mr Murphy said.

The motive for his conduct had been "sound" and Rockman had not stood to make any personal gain. He was a person of strong convictions, the court had heard.

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Felt victimised

Rockman had been "possibly quite rightly upset" and had felt victimised.

Before being sentenced, Rockman — wearing a Popcru (Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union) T-shirt — told the court he had never been a "Ja boss" ("Yes boss").

"In a new South Africa, I will take up my rightful place and those who are laughing now will not be laughing then because I will be leading them."

The public had no trust in the police, who served the interests of the State — "that is why the country is burning — the police are involved in the Third Force", Rockman said.

He had "lost everything" since establishing Popcru.

His decision to "go public" had been an agonising one.

"I was standing at the crossroads. The Lord came to me on the fifth (of September 1989) and spoke to me. If I want to be a true Christian, I have to speak out against injustice."

During a 35-minute closing argument, Mr M Parker, for Rockman, described the rebel policeman as "the saviour of the people."

In his judgment, Mr Murphy rejected submissions that police had trapped Rockman into being arrested.

He found Rockman had been the "main figure" at the gathering, which he had used to express personal grievances about his transfer. He had realised he had been acting without police approval, he said.
A WYNBERG magistrate yesterday praised former police lieutenant Gregory Rockman before sentencing him to a suspended fine for convening and addressing an illegal gathering in Mitchells Plain last year.

Rockman, 30, president of the Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (Popuru), was fined R150 (or 25 days), suspended for three years.

In sentencing, the magistrate, Mr S S Murphy, described Mr Rockman as "a man of great conviction".

He said he must have considered the situation very carefully — knowing that he "was putting his job on the line and dealing with a hornet's nest" — before acting at Harmony Square in Mitchells Plain on November 13 last year.

He had also taken into consideration Rockman's personal circumstances — including the start of proceedings, the nature of the offence and the interests of society.

Speaking in mitigation of sentence yesterday, Rockman said he had launched Popuru "in the interest of justice" in the police force.

Mr M Parker, who appeared for Rockman, told the magistrate he was not "dealing with a common criminal but with a person whose conduct would have been accepted as natural in most other civilised countries.

"The very Act under which you have found him guilty — and which was promulgated to protect the interests of certain people only — is apparently under discussion, and it is my belief that it will be scrapped," said Mr Parker.

The prosecutor was Mr S Lev.
By Louise BURGERS

Self-Styled Sheriff's Fall From Grace
The go-between... Wits University deputy vice-chancellor Professor Marvyn Shear asks police not to take action against a march of several thousand students. Professor Shear was hit by a rubber bullet fired by police at a similar march last week.

Police-student clash averted

By Karen Stander

A confrontation between Wits University students and armed riot police was narrowly averted yesterday when policemen blocking the path of a student march were ordered back.

The students had planned to march to the Hillbrow Police Station to hand over a memorandum after a meeting on campus to express concern at the recent township violence and to protest against Operation Iron Fist.

Permission for the march was refused by a Johannesburg magistrate.

Instead, the students marched around the perimeter of the campus to Jorissen Street, where they were met by police.

While students waited on the edges of the campus, deputy vice-chancellor Professor Marvyn Shear intervened, asking police not to take action.

Police allowed a delegation to hand over the memorandum and student leaders told the several thousand students to march back.

Tension arose when this was greeted by protest, and students and police faced each other in a stand-off for a few minutes.

Confrontation was averted when the policemen turned and ran back. The students then dispersed peacefully.

At the mass meeting earlier, vice-chancellor Professor Robert Charlton read a statement calling for the appointment of a judicial commission of inquiry to investigate the causes of the violence, the impartiality and effectiveness of the police in controlling the violence and those responsible.

Former SA Council of Churches general secretary Dr Beyers Naude said law and order had to be based on justice for all, otherwise it led to disorder and bloodshed.
Webster

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Judge over his inaction saying he should have made recommendations that the Webster allegations be investigated by the police.

A FFF spokesman said "The findings on the Webster murder were scathing and ungratifying because there was extensive evidence led about the Webster file."

The FFF accused the city council of perpetrating a cover-up by not producing the missing file when asked to do so at the commission.

FFF members who were spied on served notices of intention to sue city council officials on the grounds of invasion of privacy. They are now individually deciding whether to go ahead.

Their cases have been strengthened by Judge Hiemstra's finding that such an invasion constituted an illegal act. He strongly suggested that the perpetrators could be charged with crimen injuria.

Fire bomb

One such plan involved the home of Johannesburg attorney Norman Manoum, which was fire-bombed by unknown people.

Judge Hiemstra ruled that because of the brief given to security officials by the council, the gathering of ground plans was legitimate.

The FFF has called on the SADF to explain why it also required this information, and its alleged role in a combined operation with city council officials to harass black activists in Soweto.

The SADF, according to a spokesman, was studying the report and would not comment at this stage.
Police siding with ANC — Khoza

WITWATERSRAND Inkatha Youth Brigade chairman Themba Khoza yesterday accused the South African Police of using the Government's "Iron Fist" strategy to harass Inkatha members, thus siding with the African National Congress in the conflict.

Mr Khoza told a press conference in Johannesburg that it appeared the police, who had now "gone beyond merely disarming our people", were taking sides with the ANC.

He said his arrest together with about 135 other Inkatha supporters in Sebokeng on September 4 — "when they had not done anything illegal" —

was clear evidence of this latest police harassment of Inkatha members.

The Inkatha members' lawyer, May Mosselson, told the press conference that although no formal charges had yet been drawn up against his clients, the Attorney-General had indicated that they faced charges ranging from public violence to attempted murder.

About 100 of them have since been released without being charged and the rest were released on bail and are due to appear in court on October 31.
Protest halts cop's posting

Sunday Times Reporter

TOWNSHIP residents have won the battle to stop the transfer of their popular police station commander.

Lt Roy Govender, who is stationed at Laudium, was due to start his new job tomorrow at police headquarters in Pretoria.

New police chiefs have decided to bow to pressure from community and religious bodies not to move the crime-busting policeman.

Lt Govender so endeared himself to the people of Laudium that when they heard he was going to be transferred they started a petition.

The 2,000-signature petition and letters of support from educational, civic and religious bodies were handed to commissioner of police for the Northern Transvaal Major-General Sarel Strydom this week.

Former House of Delegates MP Boetie Abramjee, who headed the delegation, said the police had agreed to keep Lt Govender at Laudium.
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MK member fears attack by ‘askaris’

Own Correspondent
DURBAN — Umkhonto we Sizwe member John Mchunu, who took refuge in the United States consulate in Durban after his alleged abduction by police “askaris”, yesterday denied in papers before the Supreme Court here that police had released him after detaining him on September 5.

He alleged that he had escaped from the askaris (guerillas who have left the ANC and work for the police) only on September 23.

Mr Mchunu (26), alias James Talagu, brought an urgent application before Mr Justice Shearer yesterday against Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok and the Commissioner of Police, General Johan van der Merwe.

Interdicted

Mr Justice Shearer ordered that the police be temporarily interdicted from assaulting Mr Mchunu. The return date is November 7.

Mr Mchunu emerged from the US consulate and spoke to reporters only after his attorneys had obtained the Supreme Court order.

He said he had hidden in Lamontville since escaping from captivity in Maritzburg on September 23. He fled to the consulate for refuge yesterday.

Despite the court order, Mr Mchunu said he still feared for his safety “I know that if the askaris can find me they will shoot me.”

Mr Mchunu, who received military training in Angola in 1985, alleged in court that he was abducted by askaris in Durban on September 5. His family brought an application on September 24 demanding that police produce him.

In responding affidavits before court, Lieutenant-Colonel Andrew Taylor of the SAP Security Branch at C R Swart Square and Sergeant Aubrey Mngadi of the Maritzburg Security Branch said that after questioning Mr Mchunu at the Kings Park sports stadium, police had returned him to his Lamontville home.

“Mchunu was not harmed at all during the questioning and he was in good health when I dropped him in Lamontville,” Sergeant Mngadi said.

The family’s application was later withdrawn.

In his affidavit yesterday, Mr Mchunu categorically denied the police version of events. He said he was asked at Kings Park whether he was training people or if he possessed weapons.

He alleged he was taken to a house, was handcuffed and put in leg chains and interrogated and left the house only on September 20.

A white police officer who interrogated him “informed me that his name was Shoeshob and he told me that he had been responsible for the death of many ANC members and Communists,” he alleged.

Later, he was allegedly lowered into a hole where askaris were told to cock their guns and the police officer said “he was ordered to kill all ANC members, since their unbanning they were no longer being jailed”.

He escaped after being sent to get beer and provisions on Sunday, September 23, despite being told he would be tracked down and killed if he escaped, Mr Mchunu alleged.
I saw two men shot down

Staff Reporters

A Soweto pensioner, Philemon Mathonsi (64), who witnessed the shooting of two men by policemen near the Avalon cemetery on Tuesday, says he saw two vehicles driving past at high speed.

"Both vehicles were coming from a gravel road in the township. They were racing towards the cemetery. Motorists had to give way and pedestrians ran for cover.

"A few minutes later a passenger got out of the vehicle and ran. A policeman followed him with a gun in his hand. He shouted 'Hey, hey' and the pursued man looked back and started to reduce his speed.

"He said the policeman shot the other man in the back and he fell.

"The policeman joined his colleague, who was running after two others who drove away. Their vehicle did not go any further as it got stuck in the mud.

"One man managed to run away but another was shot by police. The policeman who shot the first man went back to where he was lying, and he was dead.

"A group of police arrived holding another man. They asked if he knew the dead man. When he denied ever seeing the dead man, the police told him he was lying.

"Another police crew joined the group and they filmed the scene with a video camera. A breakdown truck arrived to tow away the stuck vehicle.

"A senior policeman took down my particulars and said he would keep in touch if I am wanted on the day of a court case.

"I have never seen anything like this before and it will take me a long time to forget," Mr. Mathonsi said.
Large numbers of black security forces defecting to ANC Sisulu

CAPE TOWN — There had been a widespread defection by black security forces, including police, prison officers and soldiers, to the ANC, its internal leader Walter Sisulu said yesterday.

Delivering the T B Davie memorial lecture at UCT, Sisulu said the NP had become increasingly fragmented and confused and could no longer rely on its police service and security forces to carry out its policies.

Sisulu argued that government was pursuing a change in a society based on apartheid and that it had not yet agreed to replace the existing system with non-racial democracy.

"Apartheid would continue to exist as long as government pursued the protection of minority rights as its basic cornerstone," he said.

"It is our job, the task of all democrats, to advance this idea that nothing short of full political freedom will satisfy us," he said.

Sisulu told hundreds of students who packed UCT's Jameson Hall that the ANC had never supported the idea of "liberation before education" because it believed that education was one of the weapons to be used in achieving liberation.

"We need doctors, lawyers, teachers and accountants to help run the new SA. We are desperately short of such people in the black community. There will be much ground to cover to redress this imbalance," Sisulu said.

He called for a national response to the violence on the Reef which threatened the process of peaceful change.

"The very insulation of the white community from the trauma inflicted on the black communities provides the conditions for such violence to continue. Whites have a responsibility, for what is happening is of national importance and will affect the fabric of our society and the possibilities of peaceful change," he said.

He urged academics to research and expose the forces behind the violence.

Unrest down by 80% due to Iron Fist

UNREST incidents had decreased by 80% as a direct result of the implementation of Operation Iron Fist, a Law and Order Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

Capt Craig Kotze said 12 incidents were reported on Monday compared with a high of 166 on September 12.

The sharp decrease in incidents indicated the enhanced effectiveness of police controls since Iron Fist measures, including a 9pm to 4am curfew, were introduced.

The Iron Fist operation has been sharply criticised by the ANC and other political organisations.
Police act to disperse strikers

By Brendan Templeton

Tension between Nampak management and workers boiled up yesterday when police used teargas and rubber bullets to disperse strikers gathered outside the company’s Polyfoil plant in Nancefield.

The Printing, Paper, Wood and Allied Workers’ Union said several workers were injured, but this was denied by Soweto police liaison officer Colonel Thienie Hulgryn.

The union has gone on strike at 29 plants nationwide, demanding that Nampak submit to its call for centralised bargaining. The farm has refused to do this.

Nancefield strikers were fired when they ignored a court order to return to work.
Avallon Shooting Stories Conflict

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Conflict at the Center City Considered in Downtown in Particular

After a group of people gathered on the street, the second group began to protest. The police arrived and witnessed the confrontation, trying to intervene. There were heated exchanges and tempers flared. It seemed as if the situation could escalate.

Police say...

The conflict was sparked by a disagreement over a local issue. Some residents were upset about the lack of action on a specific matter, while others were against any interference. The situation was further complicated by a lack of communication and understanding between the parties involved.

The community is urged to come together and work towards a solution that benefits everyone. The police are committed to ensuring safety and maintaining order during these discussions.

Conflict resolution: A community approach
Rockman’s application to rejoin SAP vetoed

By DALE KNEEN
Staff Reporter

POLICE and Prisons Civil Rights Union (Popcru) president Mr Gregory Rockman has had his application to rejoin the police force rejected.

A spokesman for the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, yesterday announced that Mr Rockman’s application for reinstatement had “not been successful”.

Popcru members reacted with anger and vowed to campaign to get Mr Rockman and 44 other former policemen reinstated.

Dismissed

Mr Rockman’s attorney made the application on behalf of the former lieutenant on May 30.

Altogether 48 policemen at stations throughout the country were dismissed during a strike against alleged police brutality in March this year. Only three were reinstated.

Seven former prison warders who are members of the union were dismissed during the same strike. Another 83 were suspended and later reinstated pending boards of inquiry.

Change

Mr Rockman said he regretted not being reinstated because he was “starting to believe the police force was changing.”

“Instead, they can find three policemen fit for duty but 42 others are not when we all participated in the same strike.”
An Interrogator, who did it

Forget how he did it

The Weekly Mail, 12/01/70.
Scores of youths tell similar tales of a house used for beatings and electric shocks

Inside the police ‘House of Horrors’

The Weekly Mail investigated the Western Transvaal police station after two youths, Thabisa Maluleke and Eugene Mhlongo, died the year after allegedly being tortured.

It was found that roughly similar sworn statements have been made by at least 10 youths concerning allegations that a house adjacent to, but part of, the main police station is being used for tortures.

A local doctor and police officer, Mr. Malcom Tshupa, states “conservatively” that the house has at least 10 youths with burn marks from shock treatment, including some who have learned on their genitals. “Of course not all of them are the same,” says Tshupa, adding that the youths often complain of chest pains and have swollen limbs.

The names of five policemen attached to the Western Transvaal police station are reported to be in circulation.

Thabisa Maluleke, a 15-year-old KwaJulu Natal youth, died six months later in circumstances similar to Pfun’s. He was arrested on July 10 with 21 others when police stopped them at the outskirts of KwaJulu and arrested them on charges relating to the murder of a local woman and arming attacks on houses.

After being held at Odosouthar police station for a day, they were taken to the showers, beaten and drugged with water, they were taken to Westville to be identified. Their accounts of what happened was similar to those of Pfun’s allegations.

Sisulu’s name on fake ‘Aids’ leaflet

A FAKZK Afrikan National Congress document, officially signed by ANC leader Walter Sisulu and addressed to “all parents of South African exiles”, has been distributed across South Africa.

It makes parents believe “yes, their return is imminent and that there are going to be no more drinkers.” The document is a “false document”, according to ANC officials, and is being investigated by the government.

ANC representative Joel Netshabula says the document is a “false document.” The ANC is trying to find out how the document was distributed.

But the ANC has indicated that there is a high incidence of HIV/AIDS in the country and that the organisation has mounted an educational campaign as part of a comprehensive AIDS policy.

Phillipa Carson reports on strange events at a house in Calentville

Despite the police’s claims to the contrary, the residents of the Calentville house have continued to suffer from mysterious events.

A private party was held at the house on the night of the event, but the police were absent.

Two of the residents, Mr. and Mrs. Mhlongo, were found dead in the house.

The police have launched an investigation into the deaths, but the residents remain shrouded in mystery.

The investigation has revealed that the house has been the scene of several strange events in recent months.

Residents have reported hearing strange noises and feeling a presence in the house.

The police have been investigating the house for several months, but have failed to find any evidence of foul play.

The residents of the house remain hush-hush about the events, and the police have yet to make any significant progress in the investigation.

The community is growing increasingly concerned about the situation, and there is a sense of unease among the residents.

The police have assured the community that they are doing everything in their power to get to the bottom of the mystery.

The investigation continues, and the residents remain on edge.
In the 'House of Horrors'

out of the office where I was in Eugenia's office. Eugene was lying on the floor. I was told to take him to the tap just next to the door of that office. Eugene was lying with his arms across his chest. There was a white substance coming out of his mouth. He stared blankly. He was making a sound like snoring.

Mrs. Huwa, still unconscious, was taken back to the Oberholzer police station. Richard Dodo, one of the tortured activists, said: "Eugene did not wake up at all from the first time I saw him lying in the cell. (One of the policemen) came to the cell and said 'One dog is dead'. A few minutes later Oosthuizen and a black policeman carried Eugene out of the cell." He died the next day in the Leratong hospital and was buried before a private post mortem could be conducted.

Many youths from the township of Ikageng told The Weekly Mail they had been tortured at Welverdiend and Oberholzer police stations.

20-year-old George Bray claims he was arrested on September 7 during a student protest march to the Department of Education and Training offices in Potchefstroom and held on charges of malicious damage to property and public violence. His trial has been postponed to October 18.

"On September 10 they took me from Potchefstroom to Welverdiend. They handcuffed me and put me in the back room. They put wires under my handcuffs and a bag over my head and made me lie down. I jumped, I jumped, I jumped. It made my blood stop... I thought I was going mad."

Bray says this continued for two hours while several white policemen attempted to extract information as to the whereabouts of a certain "Boetie", suspected of arson. "They were drinking... before they started shocking me. I saw a bottle of brandy on the table and I could smell their breath."

Shadrack Motolo, 18, claims he has been assaulted and tortured repeatedly in numerous incidents over the past three years.

He tells of an incident at Welverdiend in April last year when he was forced to sign a statement alleging he was guilty of stone-throwing. "I was called and taken into a room... One of the policemen held my hands behind my back and my feet together with rags. He then pulled a piece of fabric over my head and I felt him attack wires to my wrists and ankles. I started to shake and experienced acute pain. The shocking stopped for about 10 minutes and started again... for about five minutes. The electrodes were then taken off my wrists and ankles."

(A policeman) told me to look at the ceiling. He then walked up and down my body causing me difficulty in breathing... (I was shocked again)... he told me to run on the spot. He then started to punch me with his fists... I hit my head against a cupboard and and my face started to bleed..."

Solomon Galo, 15, president of a youth organisation affiliated to the Ikageng Youth Congress, the Young Pioneers, says he was tortured last year after a bus was burnt in the township.

Vincent Vis, 17, says he was also tortured at Welverdiend in April last year. "I was the first (of a group) to be shocked. They put a canvas bag over my head and tied it with a rope. (A policeman) sat on top of me so I would not bump... otherwise the electric things come out... When they shocked me they were drunk. They forgot they had shocked me and came and took me again. When I told them they refused to listen, because they were drunk... I saw them drinking beer before they put the bag on my head."

These allegations have been put to the police for comment. Because they have not yet had sufficient time to comment, their response will be carried next week.
Bobbies on the beat give city centre a break from crime

264 ARRESTS SINCE PATROLS STARTED

CAPE Town's bobbies on the beat are giving the city centre's criminals a run for their money.

Since the introduction of just two two-man South African Police patrol teams last year the hand-picked group have responded to 589 complaints and made 264 arrests in the heart of Cape Town.

The concept of British bobby-style patrols was something the Chamber of Commerce had been eager to introduce into the crime-plagued central business district for some time.

A committee, chaired by security firm chief Michael Moore, finally set the Business Watch in motion a year ago under the auspices of the chamber.

Businesses pay around R100 a month to belong and this money covers the office accommodation for the control room, which is strategically situated in a central office block.

From this base the two SAP patrols are in two-way radio contact as they cover the sector from Wale Street to Riebeeck Street, bounded by Adderley and Long streets.

Only contributing companies have access to the control room number to call for help. The aim is to respond to calls within two minutes and at the same time present an upfront presence which acts as a crime deterrent.

Businesses participating in the operation display the distinctive Business Watch logo.

Mr Moore said he believed the first year of Business Watch had been an outstanding success.

Hopes to extend patrol

The greatest number of arrests over the year — 223 — were for shoplifting, but there had also been arrests for theft, assault, possession of stolen property, fraud, robbery, housebreaking, rowdy behaviour and drunkenness.

On 201 occasions suspects, particularly those believed to be involved in spreading the net of cash card fraud and in shoplifting, had been warned away from areas near banks, autobanks and shops.

It is hoped that the patrol network will be widened to take in the Golden Acre and Grand Parade, Mr Moore said. A police spokesman said as soon as the manpower was available the new patrols would be on the streets, possibly before Christmas.
linked to ANC lawyer

Killer cop attack on home of

ANC
'Hit squad' cop tells of poison in libel case

The Argus
Foreign Service

LONDON — The first evidence in a R1.5 million libel suit against two South African newspapers is being heard in a makeshift courtroom in the International Press Centre here.

Former police captain Dirk Coetsee, who fled South Africa last year, yesterday described details of Lieutenant-General Lothar Neethling's home and office in Pretoria and repeated allegations that he supplied poison powders and drops to help dispose of two men.

General Neethling is claiming R1.5 million for defamation from Vrye Weekblad and The Weekly Mail, arising from articles in both papers linking him to alleged police hit squad activities.

The newspapers were granted leave to take evidence from Mr Coetsee in London by the Rand Supreme Court in April Mr Coetsee, in exile, gave evidence to the Harms Commission of inquiry into alleged hit squad activities.

Yesterday Mr Coetsee said he met General Neethling — then a brigadier — in 1981, when he visited him at his Pretoria office and was given the poisons He described the general's office in detail.

The drugs had had little effect on the two victims, Selby Mabuso and Peter Dlamini, and a Captain Koos-Vermeulen returned to Pretoria to get more poison.

Mr Coetsee said Captain Vermeulen told him the brigadier could not believe the poisons had not worked, but the increased doses also failed.

Mr Coetsee and Captain Vermeulen then returned to Pretoria again to get more poison from General Neethling. He said they had gone to the general's house on a Sunday morning and he had come out in pyamas. Mr Coetsee described the general's house.

Again the poison failed and another policeman finally shot the two men and burnt their bodies.
No end yet in sight to township rent boycotts

WILSON ZWANE and TIM COHEN

It was the TPA's view that any township that did not maintain a payment percentage of 80% was engaged in a rent and services boycott, she said. Talks on how to resolve the boycott were under way, but were not going well in some affected townships such as Atteridgeville and Zithobeni, Vermeulen said.

She added that Mamelodi and Atteridgeville faced power cuts unless electricity payments were made to the Pretoria City Council by Friday.

Eskom communications manager Johan du Plessis said Eskom would not consider writing off any of the R70m electricity arrears as it still hoped to recoup them.

He said Eskom had a strategy to achieve this. Rand Water Board PRO Louise Fourie said the board would not discontinue or reduce any water supplies before exhausting all legal remedies.

The Cast conference also rejected flat rates for township services.

Instead, the TPA would be given a specific period to repair or install working meters and charge affordable rates.

Cast intended seeking urgent meetings with Eskom, the Rand Water Board and the TPA to discuss guidelines for negotiations between provincial bodies and civic organisations, said Mayekiso.

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Maguire fears for life after being freed

BULAWAYO — The Zimbabwean government has unconditionally released Rory Burt Maguire, 35, who two years ago was jailed for failing to report the presence of SA agents and of assisting them in carrying out sabotage.

Maguire — who prison sources said was freed about two months ago — told Ziana national news agency on Monday he was afraid for his life.

He was jailed for seven years on July 14, 1988 for withholding information from authorities about the fatal bomb attack on January 11, 1988, at a house in Trenchmore suburb, Bulawayo, which resulted in the deaths of Mwanzo being killed and a number of SA refugees being injured.

It is not clear whether Maguire's release was in terms of the presidential amnesty proclaimed last July, when President Robert Mugabe pardoned a wide range of criminals. — Sapa.
Chamber opposed to city police force

THE Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce and Industry (JCCI) has rejected the creation of a municipal police force — which might be announced by the city council soon — to alleviate crime in the city, and it had been decided to oppose the establishment of such a force, the chamber said yesterday.

Creating a municipal police force by enlarging the traffic police force had been "clearly and firmly" opposed, the chamber said.

It supported the concept of "the boys on the beat" and felt the most effective way of providing the necessary additional security was by expanding the SAP and improving liaison between it and residents.
DURBAN.—Umkhonto weSizwe cadre Mr Fomono Mechu on for the first time has spoken of his 18-day ordeal at the hands of Askaris after he was abducted from a crowded supermarket in Durban.

In an affidavit before the Durban Supreme Court, Mechu on gave an account of torture methods used by his captors from the time of his abduction on September 5 until his dramatic escape on September 23.

He identified his abductors—interdicted by the court from harassing him—as former MK commanders in Angola, Mr David Velaphi and Mr Nte Shange. Askaris are turned ANC and PAC members now working for the police.

He also speculated on the existence of an Askari base in a house on Natal North Coast.

Mehu on told the court of how he was recruited into making easy money as well as sharpening his shooting skills by “shooting Xhosas in the Transvaal.”

He said he was forced to lie down on his stomach in a car during transit. He was always in leg chains and handcuffs while in the Askari house.

At some stage he was threatened with death by the Askari commander, “a bespectacled, grey-haired white man nicknamed Shoshoba”.

“I was lowered into a hole of about a metre deep. They removed my blindfold and a white police officer who had earlier interrogated me asked the Askaris to cock their guns.”

Between bouts of fisting and kicking by the Askaris, Mechu on said he was approached to join their ranks.

“They informed me that they were given motor cars, houses, medical benefits and financial rewards every time they captured MK members and retrieved arms,” said Mechu on.

Later, on September 20, he was taken to a park in Pietermaritzburg where other Askaris were “having a braai” and was placed under the command of a man known as Nkululeko.

The following day he was forced at gunpoint to walk the streets of Pietermaritzburg to identify MK cadres.

Mehu on appeared to have gained the Askari’s confidence and on September 23 he was left on his own, enabling him to escape. He went into hiding.

Fearing for his life, he went to the United States consulate to seek refuge.
Fleming declared the congress decision unlawful and interdicted the respondents.

**Coetzee testifies on poisons**

LONDON — Former hit squad captain Dirk Coetzee yesterday refused to co-operate with SAP forensics expert Lt-Gen Lothar Neethling’s advocate who asked him to use salt to show how much poison powder he allegedly received from Neethling for use in murder attempts.

Coetzee, now in exile, was giving evidence at the London sitting of a libel action being brought by Neethling against Vrse Weekblad and the Weekly Mail arising from articles they published last year.

These contained Coetzee’s allegations that Neethling supplied him and other policemen with poison and “knock-out drops” to kill people.

Neethling is suing Vrse Weekblad, its editor Max du Preez, Caxton Limited, Wending Pulplications, and reporter Jacques Pauw for R1m. He is also suing the Weekly Mail, Seculo Printers, WM Publications Ltd and reporter Gavin Evans for R500 000. The cases have been combined.

Advocate Willy Oshry, QC, for Neethling, placed a packet of salt and three glass containers in front of Coetzee.

Advocate R D Levine, SC, for the newspapers, described the experiment as “impermissible” because the poison and salt were of different densities.

Oshry told Coetzee the samples would be used as exhibits when the case resumed in SA on November 12 but Coetzee declined.

Coetzee later said he had told Pauw he was given 60g of the powder which was increased to 600g when the first quantity did not kill the intended victims. But the quantity was in fact in milligrams.

Coetzee said poisons had been used as part of an “experiment” by Neethling.
GETTING THERE

As the politician responsible for the SA Police, Law & Order Minister Adrian Vlok has perhaps the most difficult and sensitive Cabinet portfolio. He gave this exclusive interview to the FM's Eddie Buthelezi.

FM: Do you think that the image of the SA Police has improved lately?
Vlok: We have been accused of many very bad things. An evaluation of these accusations clearly shows a well-planned, well-coordinated propaganda attempt to discredit the police in the eyes of the ordinary man in the street.

This is very dangerous. It could do serious damage to stability in any country.

This is why the improvement of our image is such an extremely high priority. We are doing our best to serve and protect all the people of SA. Because of these determined efforts, I am glad to say, it appears there has been an improvement, and an increasing acceptance that policemen are acting impartially to protect all South Africans.

The recent salary increases have helped morale, policemen work under extremely difficult and dangerous circumstances.

There have been repeated accusations that the police are taking sides in the violence.

Yes — without any proof and usually with a political motive.

We have very strict guidelines that the police should act impartially. I admit that mistakes can be made and that there could be members of the force who contravene these guidelines, but we take drastic action against anyone who does. To bring home to policemen and women that we really mean what we say, it is of the utmost importance that the police should be removed from the party political arena.

We started with this process more than two years ago, and the State President’s decision to allow political and protest marches to take place helped a great deal.

Another step was to prohibit any policeman from joining a political party.

Are you satisfied that these guidelines reach the lower ranks as well?

I accept that it is something which should be given time to filter through to the lower ranks.

Because it is impossible for me personally to reach every member of the force, we have started with a project to ensure that every policeman will have been spoken to by at least a general before the end of the year. Recently we saw a Wits University professor shot with a rubber bullet.

Yes, this was unfortunate. I have given instructions that the specific incident be thoroughly investigated. I want to know what happened. But we are still investigating and I do not have all the facts.

Was the Wits incident not similar to what happened at Sebokeng?

Yes, and this is totally unacceptable to us. We are a well-trained, disciplined force and it is expected from us to act accordingly.

On the first Sebokeng incident on March 26, case dockets were submitted to the attorney-general.

Once he has decided what to do, we will consider the matter further to see if we need to act departmentally.

There has also been criticism about the police being armed with machine guns during Operation Iron Fist in black townships.

A perception has been created that we are now going to act against innocent people with machine guns. That was never the idea.

We do not plan to use machine guns against people who march in protest. Light machine guns on some of our Casprrs will only be used against terrorists and gunmen who attack the police with machine guns. That is all.

What about the criticism regarding Operation Iron Fist?

A perception was also created by our opponents that we were now going to act with an “iron fist” against protesters, as well as inhabitants of townships. Nothing could be further from the truth. The name “Iron Fist” was not coined by us, anyway — it was a name created in the media. Our intention was and is to protect innocent people.

Justice Goldstone found in the Sebokeng report that there is nothing wrong with the guidelines used by the police, or with our training or our approach when controlling a crowd. But there have unfortunately been individuals who acted contrary to their training as well as our guidelines.

To what extent can actions by individual policemen be ascribed to political differences with government policy?

Very seldom, if at all, and I say that without hesitation. I am convinced that there is not a big right-wing element in the police force.

The behaviour of certain policemen in Sebokeng, I believe, can be ascribed mainly to fear. You find yourself in a situation — at Sebokeng there were about 50,000 people and only a few policemen — where people start threatening you with all sorts of weapons, and inciting the crowd to such a pitch that it can explode at any time.

Since that incident we had our men tested for stress — and we found them to be under a lot of stress, and we are now developing ways to handle the problem. We can’t do without these not policemen. They are indispensable.

During the past few months you have twice visited Soweto. Will you continue doing so?

Not only twice — many, many more times I have visited black townships ever since I became a deputy minister. The difference is that it has become easier to talk to each other since February 27.

There were complaints at the time you smilingly shook Eugene Terre’Blanche’s hand.

This criticism was grossly unfair. I have also been friendly with members of left-wing radical groups. You can solve more problems with a smile than with an angry attitude.

It has been said that there is a good personal relationship between you and ANC members.

That is so. Nelson Mandela and I have a very good relationship. We criticise each other — but I also criticise my other political opponents if I feel that they are wrong. But we do not tear at each other.

Last week Chris Hani and other senior members of the ANC executive were sitting at this table. All of us are extremely concerned about the ongoing violence.

The ANC must also realise that they cannot go back to the past. The war is over, there is no need for further fighting.

Is there a third force operating as has been claimed?

We are investigating these claims vigorously but so far we have been unable to find any evidence.

There may be individuals who are terrorising and killing innocent people, these well-planned, cold-blooded actions point to a certain amount of training. But I do not for a moment believe that such a force exists within the police.

There is, of course, another viewpoint. Within the ANC and PAC there are also trained people who do not agree with the road that Nelson Mandela and Thabo Mbeki and others are walking.

We will continue to investigate all possibilities of a third force. I am not prepared to allow terrorists to destroy the future of this country.
Coetzee says SAP ‘victimised’ him

Own Correspondent

LONDON. — Former police captain Mr Dirk Coetzee yesterday claimed that two senior police officers — one a general — had broken into his garage in 1985. Soon after this he found that his motorbike had been sabotaged. He had been "victimized" by the police. Mr Coetzee was speaking under cross-examination during a defamation action against Vrye Weekblad and Weekly Mail. The evidence was given before a commissioner here.

The head of the police forensics division, General Lothar Neethling, is suing the Weekblad for R1 million and the Mail for R500,000. He alleges that the newspapers labelled him by printing allegations that he supplied poison to Mr Coetzee for hit-squad killings.

Yesterday Mr Coetzee said the two officers who had broken into his garage were the then deputy head of the CID, Lieut-General Kleynjan Grobler, and Brigadier Jaap Joubert, now Lieut-General Joubert.

He said the police had "victimized" him after he had helped a Mr Frans Whelpton, who was private secretary to a former cabinet minister, Mr Fonie Botha. He said this followed allegations that Mr Botha was involved in granting diamond concessions to a former air force officer, Brigadier Jan Blaauw.

Mr Botha had then allegedly "run" to the security police for help and Mr Whelpton's phone was tapped.

Mr Coetzee said he believed it was his opposition to the "unlawful telephone tapping" which resulted in General Johan Coetzee, chief of the security police and later Commissioner of Police, turning against him.

He also became aware that his own phone was being tapped, that he was being followed by two policemen and that his private life was being investigated.

Later, exasperated, he phoned through insults to senior policemen involved.

Mr Willie Oshry, QC, for General Neethling, said these insults were cited as being indicative of the hatred Mr Coetzee had for the police.

Mr Oshry said Mr Coetzee had been accused of denigrating Lieut-General Basie Smit, head of the security police.

Mr Coetzee agreed, saying the general, who would soon be made Commissioner of Police, was a "twee-gat jakkals".

The hearing in London is expected to end today.
LONDON — General Lothar Neethling’s denials that he ever had contact with him or gave poison to him were ‘infamous lies’, former police hit-squad captain Mr Dirk Coetzee said yesterday.

He was giving evidence on the final day of the session here of a defamation action which police forensic chief General Neethling is bringing against the Vrye Weekblad and the Weekly Mail.

Yesterday Mr Coetzee also gave further details of his alleged visit to General Neethling’s laboratory to pick up poison with which he claims attempts were made to murder ANC activists.

Winding up his cross-examination, advocate Mr Willy Oosthuysen put it to Mr Coetzee that General Neethling denied he had any dealings with him and had not supplied him with poison.

Mr Coetzee said he ‘wouldn’t have expected anything else’ from the general.

Asked if General Neethling’s denials were then lies, Mr Coetzee replied: ‘Infamous lies.’
Police to be probed

By DRIES van HEERDEN

AN OMBUDSMAN with wide investigative powers will be appointed soon to investigate complaints against police actions.

Senior government sources said this week that the ombudsman will be "an independent and highly respected lawyer," attached to the State President's office.

His primary job will be to investigate allegations of the misuse of police powers to counter allegations from the ANC that the Government is not doing enough to bring offenders to book.

"We want to prevent a situation where the police have to investigate complaints against other policemen," said the source.

The appointment of the ombudsman flows from an undertaking by President de Klerk on September 19 that he wanted to "get to the bottom of allegations against the police as quickly as possible."

Since then special investigative units have already been attached to the offices of the provincial attorney generals to investigate specific cases of violence in black townships...
arrests magistrate 

lives after accused 

Officials 'Tear For 

Killer Cop, Too Hot For Kwa
AN ombudsman to investigate complaints against the police is expected to be appointed soon.

The move, which follows a commitment by President F W de Klerk last month to "get to the bottom of allegations against the police as quickly as possible", could help defuse tensions between the government and the ANC over the role of the security forces.

The ANC's deputy president, Mr Nelson Mandela, has publicly accused elements of the security forces of being behind the so-called "third force" which he believes was responsible for starting the township violence which led to Operation Iron Fist.

Yesterday the Sunday Times quoted unnamed government sources as saying the ombudsman would be "an independent and highly respected lawyer" attached to the State-President's office.
Manpower threat to Business Watch

BUSINESS Watch's expansion plans for Johannesburg's CBD, Braamfontein, Hillbrow and Rosebank are in danger of collapse if the police cannot find enough officers to put on the beat, national co-ordinator Gerald Heine said at the weekend.

Despite a massive 69% drop in CBD crime in Johannesburg, police are believed to be experiencing difficulties in allocating extra manpower. They face the dilemma of being spread too thinly on the ground for other police operations should resources be transferred to Business Watch.

The problem could be compounded if Business Watch goes ahead with extending its operating times from business hours to include night shifts.

"In view of the increase in night-time armed robberies on soft targets such as restaurants, night chemists and cafes, we feel it's necessary for Business Watch to afford those members of the business community some sort of protection," Heine said.

Business Watch, a project run by the SAP and Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce and Industry (JCCI), has been operating in Johannesburg since September 1998 and has rapidly expanded its network to encompass the majority of SA's cities and towns.

Agenda

Heine said the crime decrease figures for the rest of the country "more or less match the 69% figure for Johannesburg".

Also on the agenda for the not-too-distant future is Business Watch's move into "non-white" areas such as Lenasia and Soweto, although for technical reasons this has yet to come off the ground, Heine said.

He said police headquarters had been approached to provide extra manpower, but he had not yet received a reply.

He declined to comment on how many police officers were required. However, other sources indicated that the shortfall could be in excess of 200 men.

Business Watch is funded by its own trust fund into which JCCI members and the private sector place donations. This is to cover the operating costs of an independent control room and communications, he said.

"The operation is streamlined so that we can virtually guarantee a reaction time of under two minutes. If a Business Watch team arrives after the two minute deadline has lapsed, then a departmental inquiry is convened. So far this has not been necessary," Heine said.

A Jeppe Street shopkeeper, who did not want to be named, praised Business Watch and said on the two occasions she had had to call Business Watch, they had appeared on the scene "in a matter of seconds."

"The pair that patrol our area also gave my staff a briefing lecture on observation and basic security measures and paid us regular visits to see how we are getting on," she said.

Heine said these lectures were available on request and that follow-up calls were recommended as a means to foster a healthy image for the police in the business community.
Police will charge
or free detainee

By Cathy Stagg

An urgent application to prevent the interrogation of a section 29 detainee was settled in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

The Minister of Law and Order and the Commissioner of Police undertook to charge or release Yusuf Mahomed within 10 days.

According to an affidavit by Professor G A D Hart, chief psychiatrist at Johannesburg Hospital, Mr Mahomed had symptoms of severe depression, had attempted to commit suicide three times and was still a suicide risk.

Professor Hart said in his affidavit he believed interrogation of Mr Mahomed was "strongly contra-indicated by his current clinical condition".

Mr Justice J P Roux made the settlement an order of court.

The rule nisi, which was granted by Mr Justice G Leveson on October 4, was extended until Mr Mahomed is either charged or released.
Pay rises halt the police exodus

Crime Reporter

Salary increases seem to have ended the exodus of policemen.

A police spokesman said today the number of police had increased by 762 after the pay rises in July.

Paltry pay was one of the reasons for hundreds of policemen buying their discharge last year.

The loss was considered a catastrophe before the government announced in April that salaries would be increased.

The spokesman said 2,683 policemen had bought discharges since April and 2,909 had been recruited.

After the increases 1,509 had joined the force and 807 had bought discharges.
As the recent wave of violence rolled through the PWV townships and the body count mounted daily, an avalanche of voices began calling for the sacking of Law & Order Minister Adriaan Vlok.

On September 11, Business Day wrote: "Vlok is accountable to all South Africans for ensuring law and order in their communities. He has failed... he should be replaced."

Winnie Mandela accused the police of shooting ANC supporters and then having Zulus mutilate the bodies so as to make the killings appear to be tribal. Nelson Mandela alleged that the SAP encouraged violence.

But Vlok would not allow himself or the police to become the scapegoats. Winnie Mandela, he said, has a "truly vivid imagination." And he suggested that the "third force" stirring up trouble could well be ANC dissidents.

With the success of "Operation Iron Fist" in quelling the township slaughter, Vlok's enemies have quietened — for the time being. Back in April, Nelson Mandela said Vlok was "totally unco-operative" and had "no sympathy whatsoever for black aspirations." But the top cop's disarming smile and willingness to stray deep into the townships seems to have won over ANC negotiators.

Democratic Party Law & Order spokesman Tian van der Merwe praises Vlok's approachability and believes he is "truly hard to adapt to the demands of the new kind of politics since February 2. However, the political management of the security establishment still leaves a lot to be desired."

Those close to him, like his personal assistant Leon Mellet, speak of his total loyalty to former Innesdale Nat MP Albert Nothnagel, now SA's ambassador to The Hague, would have to agree. During the PW Botha era, Nothnagel incurred the wrath of the NP by making conciliatory remarks about the banned ANC in the British press. Everyone was sure that FW de Klerk, then the Transvaal Nat leader, would crucify Nothnagel — when Vlok rode to the rescue.

While he's known for his sense of humour the one-liner "Vlok is a spelling mistake" has been sourced back to him — he's a nonsense man at the office. "During the week he works an 18-hour day," says Mellet, a shadow to his boss.

Born in Sutherland in 1937, Vlok matriculated at Keizers. After joining the Department of Justice, he studied for a law degree at Unisa and served as prosecutor, magistrate and later under-secretary in the department.

His first taste of parliament came when he was appointed private secretary to former Justice Minister Piet Pistor. From 1966, he served three years in the office of PM John Vorster.

He was elected MP for Verwoerd in 1974. Ten years later, he was appointed Deputy Minister of Defence and the next year also as Deputy Minister of Law & Order. After the resignation of Louis le Grange, Vlok took over the Law & Order portfolio in December 1985.

He and his wife, Corne, have three children and recently became grandparents. Before politics became such an integral part of his life, Vlok was a rugby referee and he still serves on the Northern Transvaal Referees' Association. Nowadays, he likes to play a game of chess... but then, that helps in politics.

ERIC ELLERINE

NO LOUNGING AROUND

How does a teenager develop business savvy? Eric Ellerine, chairman of Ellerine Holdings, used to listen closely at the supper table: "We were a family of traders and there was a lot of business talk."

With £108 in his pocket, the 16-year-old quit Athlone Boys' High 40 years ago and opened Eric's Furnishers in Germiston. His father had owned a furniture business, but it was the teenager who tapped a rich vein. blackets with a discretionary income who
WEBSTER WATCH

IT has been 377 days since university lecturer and human rights activist, Dr. David Webster, was gunned down outside his Troyeville home. Dec 20, 1990.

Chief Detective Ntan Jobarti said to give a public assurance that the police are determined to solve this crime, but no one has been arrested, in connection with Dr. Webster's death.

Police have reportedly said they will investigate allegations that Johannesburg City Council officials compiled a detailed dossier on Dr. Webster during their surveillance activities.

A reward of R20,000 still stands for information leading to the conviction of Dr. Webster's killer.
Coetzee speaks of poisons

By Chris Whitfield
The Star Bureau

LONDON — Former police captain Dirk Coetzee, who shocked South Africa with allegations that he was part of a hit squad, yesterday gave evidence in exile for the second time this year.

A starkly decorated room in the International Press Centre in London is the setting for this week's hearing, in which Lieutenant-General Lothar Neethling is claiming R1.5 million for defamation from two newspapers, Vrye Weekblad and the Weekly Mail. The claim arises from articles published in both papers linking him to alleged police hit squad activities.

In August, the newspapers were granted leave by Mr Justice Rocos in the Rand Supreme Court to take evidence from Mr Coetzee before a commissioner in London this week.

Converted

In April, Mr Coetzee, who fled South Africa before making his allegations, gave evidence to the Harms Commission into alleged hit squad activities. A cinema in the basement of the South African Embassy in London was converted into a courtroom for the occasion.

This week's makeshift courtroom — with tables for the legal teams' desks and two rows of four chairs as a public gallery — heard Mr Coetzee describe details of General Neethling's home and office in Pretoria.

He also repeated allegations that General Neethling had supplied poison powders and drops to help dispose of two men.

Mr Coetzee said he first met General Neethling — then a brigadier — in October 1981 when he visited him at his Pretoria office and was given the poisons.

He described the general's office in detail, saying he had seen a picture of Oostelikes Rugby Club on one wall with General Neethling standing in the middle row. A certificate on another wall stated that General Neethling had flown in the Concorde.

The drugs had had little effect when they were administered to the men, Selby Mabuso and Peter Dlamini, and a Captain Koos Vermeulen returned to Pretoria to get more of the poison.

Mr Coetzee said Captain Vermeulen told him the brigadier could not believe the poisons had not worked, but the increased doses failed to have any effect when they were put into the men's drinks.

Mr Coetzee and Captain Vermeulen again went to Pretoria to get more poison from General Neethling. He described how they had gone to the general's house on a Sunday morning and he had come out to talk to them in pyjamas.

Mr Coetzee described the general's house, saying it had wooden floors. Later the general changed into shorts and took them to a laboratory, where he gave them more poison.

Again the poison failed to work and another policeman finally shot the two men in the head. Mr Coetzee said the man who carried out the killings was from the "far right, with no love for black people."

Rubber tyres

The bodies were then burnt on a pyre of rubber tyres until there was no trace left.

Mr Coetzee said the hearing that General Neethling was known in the police force as the "chemical expert" and was the person to go to if poisons were needed.

The hearing was also told that Mr Coetzee's official police case book (whichbook) from the time he was at Viakplas, the alleged hit squad headquarters, had General Neethling's name written in it, with two telephone numbers.

The commissioner presiding at the hearing, which is expected to last four days, is advocate Sean Naldoo, Advocates Willie Oshry and Mamie Witz are appearing for General Neethling, and Bobby Levne, SC, and Frans Rautenbach for the newspapers.
Operation Iron

Fist a huge success — Vlok

OPERATION Iron Fist, the police campaign to quell township violence, has been a great success, according to figures released yesterday by Minister of Law and Order Adrian Vlok.

In the week before Iron Fist, there were 176 unrest incidents in Soweto and 277 on the East and West Rand.

In the week following the start of the operation, there were 11 incidents in Soweto and 53 in the other Rand areas.

Mr Vlok announced these figures yesterday at the National Party's Transvaal Congress in Pretoria. He said the ANC should take note of the operation's positive results instead of criticising the police.

After appointing a senior officer to investigate ANC claims of police involvement in violence, Mr Vlok said there had been no response from the ANC.

"In spite of many discussions with the ANC, telephone calls and fixed messages, still no evidence has been received from them.

"Until they at least bring evidence to the fore, it is utterly out of place for them to say they have no faith in the police investigation."

National Party Transvaal leader Barrie du Plessis said the forthcoming byelection in Randburg could be regarded as a plebiscite to gauge the support of or opposition to the government's reform initiatives.

Mr Du Plessis, re-elected Transvaal leader at the NP congress, said it was vital for the Randburg electorate to send a message to the world that SA was on the right path.

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Victims of 'brutality' speak out

By DAN DHILAMINI

THE ANC press conference room in Klerksdorp this week resembled a hospital casualty section.

More than seven victims of alleged police brutality, some as young as ten years, were paraded before the Press. They told of horrifying experiences in the Western Transvaal township of Jouberton.

Many more are said to be lying in Tahepong Hospital with injuries allegedly inflicted by members of the security forces last weekend.

The Jouberton Civic Association (JCA), Sayco and other community structures supported the ANC's demand for an independent judicial probe into the violence - allegedly perpetrated by security forces and individual cops acting as vigilantes.

The Press conference follows four weeks' unrest in the township, leading to the deaths of three residents.

The dead were identified as Alfred Mbolweni and William Mbalasane, who were shot last Saturday, and Raymond Morapedi, 16, who was allegedly shot by police on September 23.

Little Jacob Ntshalinthshahl, 10, sporting a bandaged wound in the forehead and his friend, Isaac Mere, 12, with birdshot wounds in the back, told the conference they were hit by pellets which penetrated a corrugated-iron shack.

With tears in her eyes, Maggy Phakehlo, 28, who was with Mbolweni when he was killed, said she feared for her life. She alleged policemen involved in Mbolweni's shooting said they would come back for her.

JCA members Stephen Tswareh, Jonas Masawu and Salvation Mathe, with fresh wounds in their faces, said a policeman known as Sonnyboy Sane and three others had forced them to lie flat on the ground before beating, kicking and hitting them with fists.

Another victim showed injured hands, claiming policemen hit his hands with stones.

Lawyer Iqbal Motala, who represents most of the victims, said affidavits had been handed to the police, but none of the culprits had been suspended or arrested.

ANC Western Transvaal convenor Zacharia Molekane demanded a judicial commission of inquiry into police action.

ANC regional secretary Tyrone Vengasamy said a judicial commission, headed by a commissioner from the African Bar Council or the World Court, was "imperative".

The Klerksdorp police public relations officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Steve van Roonen, could not confirm the allegations.

ANC wants probe of cop actions
Cops charged for brutal murder

By MARTIN NTSELENGO

A GROUP of young white policemen kicked and punched an Alexandra man to death and flung his body from a moving police vehicle, the Rand Supreme Court heard this week.

In papers before the court, one of the accused alleged George Ndaba was assaulted by three other policemen on July 19 last year.

This resulted in Ndaba’s death.

Petrus Rudolph de Villiers, 19, of Pretoria; Andries Wilhelmus Vorster, 20, of Randfontein; Johannes Marthinus Olivier, 21, of Donkerhoek, Ladybrand, and Guillaume de Witt, 22, of the SAPQ quarters, Sandown, are charged with murdering Ndaba and defeating the ends of justice.

All have pleaded not guilty. They were released and asked to appear again.

De Villiers made damming allegations against his co-accused. He alleges Vorster slapped Ndaba, Olivier kicked him and De Witt threw him to the ground.

He said on the day of the alleged murder he and Vorster had chased a speeding car in Alexandra. They stopped two black men, one of whom was Ndaba. They saw a computer and video player in the car. After questioning the men, the police found the goods had been bought for R1 000.

The men were ordered to drive to the Bramley police station and were booked on false charges to keep them in the cells.

Later that afternoon, Ndaba was booked out of the cells, and taken to his house, which was searched. Nothing was found.

That night Ndaba was again booked out of the cells and was taken by the four accused to point out where he had bought the goods.

De Villiers stated that Vorster kicked Ndaba before he was thrown to the ground by De Witt.

After the assault Ndaba was placed in the mibus and when De Villiers touched Ndaba’s body, it was “ice cold.”

De Villiers later told Olivier Ndaba should be taken to a clinic, but was told the man was still alive and would soon wake up.

Later De Witt touched Ndaba’s body and confirmed he was dead.

Olivier then told De Villiers to throw Ndaba’s body out of the mibus, but he refused.

Vorster then opened the door and threw Ndaba’s body out of the moving vehicle, De Villiers said.
Police Probe Wesson Water Crisis
Water row: new statements

By Norman Chandler and Masa Mapisa

More residents of Wesselton, Ermelo, who have been without water, electricity and sewerage for several days, have described police slashing water containers and chasing people from taps.

At a rally in Wesselton yesterday residents spoke to The Star and said police had spilled water, broken buckets and driven over containers when they had gone to collect water at the Indian township of Cassim Park.

On Friday The Star first carried claims by residents that police had slashed and overturned buckets and used dogs to chase thirsty mothers and children from taps.

Lawyers for Human Rights national director Brian Currin yesterday said that a witness to the slashings, prostitute Tilly, had been asked "to commit perjury" after he had earlier given a statement to the police.

In his statement, Mr Tilly said he had seen policemen slash buckets filled with water after he had given permission to take water from taps at his Cassim Park petrol station.

On Wednesday, Mr Tilly said he had seen police pour a "substance" into a stream near the township on Wednesday. Other residents also said they had seen this.

Sibongile Manana said as she walked home on Wednesday after fetching water at Cassim Park, police stopped her, crushed her container and hit her with a sjambok.

Other residents, many of whom did not want to be named, made similar allegations.

Police said yesterday the claims were viewed in a very serious light.

Police spokesman Brigadier Vic Haynes added "it is definitely not police policy to act outside the law, and where such activity by any member can be proved, the police will act against the individual."

He said many people had been asked to provide information and that statements were taken. He appealed for any witnesses to contact the police.

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VEREENIGING — Most of the approximately 20 white families who occupied smallholdings in the Orange Farm area have already packed up and moved away after apparently enduring spates of burglaries and constant victimisation, allegedly from residents of nearby squatter camps.

It is understood that only one white family is still living in the area.

Several plot owners interviewed by The Star yesterday said they had been forced to move after their properties were repeatedly ransacked and their livestock and pets stolen or slain.

According to a young mother, Susan van Dyk, who now lives in Vereeniging — life on the plot eventually became “sheer hell”.

She alleged that squatters had killed or were stealing their livestock and pets and then ransacked their homes, systematically breaking down the house.

The final straw for the family came last week when her mother’s mobile home, car and other personal property were set alight and gutted.

Another former resident, Harry Annandale (42) — whose house has been reduced to a “mere shell” — put the losses he had suffered at approximately R2.5 million.

“Twas once a wealthy farmer but now I’m worse off than the squatters who have destroyed everything I owned and taken my future out of my hands.”

All of the families interviewed yesterday welcomed the proposed purchasing of their land by the TPA.

In a statement released in Pretoria last night, the Commissioner of Police, General Johan van der Merwe, assured residents in the area that everything was being done to protect landowners and their properties.

The SAP had already started deploying special units.
PRETORIA — The country's top policeman yesterday ordered a high-level inquiry into allegations of police involvement in damaging water containers and denying water to residents of Ernello's Wessellon township.

The police actions reportedly took place when township residents tried to get water from taps in areas not affected by a power and utilities cut imposed on Wessellon for non-payment of service charges.

"Should any policeman be guilty of such conduct, the strongest possible steps will be taken against him," the Commissioner of Police, General Johan van der Merwe, said yesterday.

"So far, not a single shred of evidence to back these allegations has emerged," he said.

One of the main witnesses, quoted as having seen policemen puncture water containers, had now retracted that statement. — Sapa
Pretoria lawyer sues Vlok for R51 000

(by MONK NKOMO)

A PRETORIAN lawyer who once was allegedly knocked out in a fracas with a former housemate has been awarded R51 000 by the Pretoria High Court in a personal injury case.

The 36-year-old lawyer, who cannot be identified, suffered injuries he said were caused by the housemate, a musician, in November 2010.

According to the lawyer, he had been rented a room in the Pretoria house where the musician lived.

On 14 November 2010, he said, he was in the house when the musician attacked him, resulting in a fracas in which he sustained injuries.

The lawyer was taken to hospital where he was treated for a fractured cheekbone.

He was also treated for a head wound and a broken eye.

The lawyer was awarded R51 000 by the court in his personal injury case.

The case was heard by Judge Daniel Makhanya.

He said the musician was ordered to pay the necessary medical expenses of the lawyer and to pay costs of his claim.

The musician was also ordered to pay interest at the rate of 10% per annum on the award until it is paid in full.

The lawyer said the musician had attacked him because he was leaving the house.

He said the musician was jealous of his success and that he had been married for a long time.

The musician was not available for comment.
Picture Associated Press.

Yesterday, the policeman 8 burned as he shouted at journalist to take his picture.

All in a day's work. A hot policeman stands guard over the body of a black man burned down by police in Khayelitsha.
Police probe "ANC-Cops link"

POLICE have appointed a special squad of detectives to investigate allegations that special constables supporting the African National Congress were attacking people in Crossroads.

The commissioner of police for the Western Cape, General Flip Fourie, said a satellite police station in the troubled area was also being considered.

The new squad was formed following discussions between the Minister of Law and Order, Mr. Adnaan Viok, and former Crossroads residents who fled because of violence.

The refugees told Viok they had moved because they were being killed at the squatter camp in Section One. They claimed the attacks were mainly by special constables who allegedly supported Mr. Jeffrey Nongwe.

Nongwe, a former ally of Crossroads mayor Mr. Johnson Ngxobongwana and now a bitter enemy, is the ANC's Crossroads branch chairman.

Names of special constables allegedly involved in the conflict were given to police by the Pan-Africanist Congress earlier this month.

The PAC said they had given police the names of 10 special constables, but the police said they had only four names.

"Many special constables have already appeared in court. Some were acquitted and others were dismissed from the force," said Fourie.

It was not known if the constables in the PAC list were among those who had appeared in court.
Legal hitch over report on Sebokeng

By Helen Grange

The finding of the Goldstone Commission — that the killing of 11 people by riot policemen in Sebokeng was unjustifiable — could well be turned on its head in court, Transvaal Attorney-General Don Brunette indicated yesterday.

Despite the "media created" impression that the policemen in the incident were guilty, it was proving difficult to indict them legally, he said.

By the same token, leaders of the protest group fired on by the police on March 28 could well face legal action for having broken the law.

They had marched illegally and therefore precipitated the shootings, he said.

"There may be prosecutions on both sides. And once the matter is in court, the Goldstone findings will be judged very strictly indeed.

"The problem is that the Goldstone Commission did not examine the incident from a legal position. It is possible that no policemen will be prosecuted by the State, although policemen involved in incidents prior to this may face charges," Mr Brunette said.

This probably refers to an incident that occurred earlier the same day, when a Sergeant Rudger van Hyysen and Constable Jurie Geldenhuijsen opened fire on groups they confronted looting and burning shops, killing four. The men claimed they were being attacked.

Mr Brunette said that while policemen who participated in the firing may be found to have been negligent, this would only constitute a case for civil action and not criminal prosecution.

It is understood that civil claims of between R2 million and R3 million brought by families of victims are being processed.

He and a legal team are still reviewing the Goldstone findings and a decision on legal action would be made soon, he said.
Klerksdorp boycott: police 'will act'

By Montshiwa Moroke and Sapa

Klerksdorp police are to launch "special actions" to prevent intimidation of Jouberton township residents during a consumer boycott which started on Monday.

Western Transvaal police spokesman Major Ben van Heerden, said police would "definitely take action" against intimidation attempts.

Spokesmen for Checkers and Pick 'n Pay supermarkets were not happy with the prospect of experiencing another boycott.

Checkers managing director Sergio Martinego, said he was "sick and tired" of boycotts and "everyone" was tired of them.

"They cause a lot of business to be lost and unfortunately they cause jobs to be lost too," Peter Bosman, general manager and director of Pick 'n Pay in Klerksdorp, described the boycott as "a sorry situation."

The boycott follows claims of police brutality during recent unrest in Jouberton. Mass Democratic Movement spokesmen said residents were demanding the removal of police from the township. The boycott would continue until the policemen, allegedly involved in the violence, were arrested or suspended.

Major van Heerden claimed that law-abiding citizens welcomed the police presence. He said the police would investigate all written statements of alleged police violence.

Afrikaanse Sakekamer chairman Jan van den Bergh, said "I do not understand why they have to punish white businesses for certain police actions."

Vosloorus residents have decided to boycott Boksburg businesses and businesses belonging to Vosloorus town councillors from tomorrow.

This follows a deadlock in negotiations to resolve the rent and services boycott, according to Civic Association publicity secretary Keith Montsiisi.
Call for code to control police

THE African National Congress has called for a code of conduct for the police acceptable to the community and the immediate suspension and charging of policemen implicated in violence.

In a statement yesterday the organisation expressed concern at the escalating violence on the Reef. 

It "condemned the wanton acts of terror in Naledi, Soweto, which resulted in 16 people being killed and 33 wounded" on Sunday.

"Speculation that these are "revenge killings" will only add fuel to the flames,"" the statement said.

The ANC said it was concerned that no arrests had been made.

It urged people "not to be provoked to fight and appealed for peace.

Sapa"
Police to pay out R7m on illegal arms

POLICE have to pay out nearly R7m in rewards after their campaign to gather illegal weapons.

More than 2,000 rifles, hundreds of hand guns and a variety of other arms have been handed over so far.

A spokesman for police headquarters said last night he believed "certain amounts had already been paid out as rewards", which were offered in terms of an amnesty on unlicensed weapons.

A statement released by police headquarters in Pretoria yesterday afternoon said 2,557 rifles, 1,504 arguns, 755 pistols and 460 revolvers had been handed in.

The reward list did not make provision for arguns, but the rifles and hand guns were worth R5,709m in reward money.

Under a section "terrorist weapons", police said they had been given three AK47s, two T86 7.62mm machineguns, a semi-automatic hand-machinfegun and a 7.62mm Scorpion sub-machinegun, totalling R31,500 m rewards.

Two Makarov pistols and a Tokarev pistol worth a combined R1,900 were handed in as were 96 assorted hand grenades and two mortar bombs with a total reward value of R70,000.

A total of 407 rounds of ammunition were handed in.

The statement warned that the amnesty fell away tomorrow. After that, action would be taken against anyone with illegal weapons, it said.
Police in multi-million law suits

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Union tells police to prove torture claims

By Brendan Templeton

"Wild allegations" by police that Sandton Clinic strikers were torturing scab workers needed to be substantiated, the National Education, Health and Allied Workers Union said yesterday.

It denied any knowledge of non-strikers being tortured and challenged the police to reveal the building where torturing allegedly took place.

Police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said on Tuesday 39 statements involving intimidation, assault and kidnapping were being investigated.

The union's Johannesburg branch secretary Khumbu Magudulela said the union was waiting for the police to support the allegations made against the strikers and to charge the people responsible.

He said the union was an established trade union with a constitution and policies that discouraged intimidation. It was agreed at a meeting yesterday to continue negotiations with Sandton Clinic's management on November 5.

Captain Opperman said on Tuesday police had received statements from non-strikers saying they had been forcibly removed from buses and tortured.

In a hard-hitting statement, he said crack police units would be used, if necessary, to release any further possible victims.
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Police urge ANC to look at own policy

LINDEN BIRNS

The SAP reacted to ANC calls for a police code of conduct “acceptable to the community” by urging the organisation to examine its own policy.

Police also issued an assurance that any sworn allegations of police misconduct would be examined.

In a statement yesterday, SAP Public Affairs chief Maj-Gen Herman Stadler said the police were bound by rules instituted by law. These were applied where police members were suspected of committing offences.

The ANC should look at its own code of conduct, which stated that “no-one should be imprisoned, deported or restricted without a fair trial”, he said.

“The SAP police apply the principle that a person is innocent until proven guilty.” He was sure the public was “satisfied” with steps taken when police members broke the law.

He said it was policy that dockets on investigations involving police members were forwarded to the Attorney-General, whose prerogative it was to institute prosecution.

Security forces sent to Cape townships

LESLIE LAMBERT

between government-recognised local authorities and ANC-aligned civic organisations.

CAPE TOWN — Police reinforcements from Pretoria and between 100 and 200 soldiers were deployed in Cape Town’s townships yesterday after Law and Order Minister Adriann Vlok declared Khayelitsha and Old Crossroads unrest areas.

A 9pm to 4am curfew — the first in 30 years in the western Cape — was imposed last night, a few days after the worst of the violence, which erupted last week, had died down.

Police sealed off entrances to the townships and searched houses for weapons in the part of Khayelitsha where a recent attempt to sack the head of Western Cape CivuYic Association leader Michael Mapongwana No incidents had been reported by late yesterday.

Law and Order spokesman Craig Kotes said that while the violence which erupted in Khayelitsha last week had died down, police had acted on information “of further planned violence coupled with intimidation, forced stayaways and protest marches”.

In last week’s violence two people were assassinated, scores more killed and more than 100 homes gutted by fire.

The unrest appeared to have quietened down this week, although Cape Administrator Kobus Meiring said in an interview that the city council refused van had been petrol bombed yesterday morning.

Political commentators say the western Cape unrest is rooted in the conflict.
ANC slams Vlok's Western Cape 'bully-boy' tactics

By GAYE DAVIS: Cape Town

MINISTER of Law and Order Adnaan Vlok's declaration of Crossroads and Khayelitsha as unrest areas has been condemned from several quarters.

The African National Congress said yesterday it was a "high-handed, bully-boy" approach to solving the problem and a violation of the Groote Schuur and Pretoria Minutes.

Western Cape ANC publicity secretary Trevor Manuel was speaking after a ANC delegation met with Cape administrator Kobus Meiring, at the ANC's request, in a bid to bring peace to Khayelitsha.

The root cause of problems in both Khayelitsha and Crossroads was widespread anger at the way their respective town councils administered the townships, Manuel said.

The ANC had gone to Meiring with the request that Khayelitsha's Langelihle West town council be disbanded. Meiring had agreed to investigate and report back next Friday, Manuel said.

He said the delegation was not previously informed about plans to declare Crossroads and Khayelitsha unrest areas, although the Groote Schuur Minute provided for the formation of joint committees geared to halt violence.

Police began "pouring" into Khayelitsha early yesterday, setting up roadblocks and conducting searches, according to residents.

Democratic Party MP Jan van Eck, who was told yesterday by the Western Cape Commissioner of Police, General Flip Foute, that he would not be allowed into Khayelitsha, slammed the move.

"Instead of taking a bold political initiative the government has, as was the practice during the PW Botha era, merely opted out of a situation which its own policies have created," Van Eck said.

Minister of Law and Order Adnaan Vlok announced late on Wednesday that he was declaring both Crossroads and Khayelitsha unrest areas, citing recent deaths and "extensive damage caused in Khayelitsha" as major reasons.

Police had information of "further planned violence coupled with intimidation, forced stayaways and protest marches", Vlok said.

Police had been empowered under the Public Safety Act to "restore law and order in a discreet manner", he said.

A 9pm to 4am curfew went into effect yesterday.
A major row has erupted over a police ban on the Democratic Party MP Mr Jan van Eck entering the "unrest areas" of Khayelitsha and Crossroads.

The MP for Simon's Town, Mr Janie Momberg, has written two letters to the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok.

In the first letter he asked Mr Vlok to overturn the decision on Mr Van Eck. The second letter was to express concern that MPs "were being inhibited from doing their work on the ground".

An angry Mr Van Eck described the decision by Major-General Flip Fourie, Western Cape Police Commissioner, as "a blatant attempt to prevent people such as myself from observing the exact nature of the repressive measures being used by the security forces".

"Stupid" decision

It indicated a return to the PW Botha era and the dominance of the security forces, he said.

Other DP MPs in the Peninsula rallied around Mr Van Eck last night, backing a statement by Mr Momberg which described General Fourie's decision as "stupid" and one that was going to cause "a lot of unhappiness" inside and outside the townships.

The MPs include: Mr Colin Eglin, Mr Tian van der Merwe, Mr Roger Huilrey, Mr Jasper Wals and Mr Dennis Smit.

Mr Eck said: "If the security forces have nothing to hide why prevent MPs from entering these townships? Or is it merely an attempt to prevent us from witnessing the numerous excesses the police have been guilty of recently in these areas?"

The grounds given by General Fourie were that Mr Van Eck's presence caused townships to "over-react" and that Mr Van Eck always took sides with the residents.

Mr Van Eck said these grounds were "absurd" and made a mockery of the government's so-called normalisation process.

"Valuable role"

Mr Momberg said Mr Van Eck had played a valuable role in monitoring unrest.

"We in the Democratic Party believe that the only way we can help to defuse violent situations is to be actively involved inside the townships and to monitor the situation."

The decision of the police to ban a Member of Parliament from entering these townships smack of the Botha era and will not help to reassure people that the de Klerk government is not just practicing apartheid with a smile instead of a wagging finger."

A spokesman for Mr Vlok's office in Pretoria said today that the letters had been received and would "receive the necessary attention".

The minister was expected to react later.

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Wesselton witnesses give details

By Norman Chandler
Pretoria Bureau

Witnesses to the alleged police harassment of residents of Wesselton township near Ermelo have produced seven affidavits giving details of various incidents.

The Star is in possession of these affidavits.

Police investigations into what happened at Ermelo township are continuing, it was revealed yesterday.

Wesselton residents alleged that policemen punctured containers after permission had been granted by Indian residents of nearby Cassim Park for water to be provided.

The incidents arose after Ermelo Town Council switched off water and sewerage systems on October 16 for non-payment of service fees. The services were reconnected eight days later.

Some affidavits state that police arrested residents, used Casspir armoured personnel carriers to drive over containers and punctured the containers with sharp instruments. It is alleged that a group of uniformed policemen sjamboked women who were carrying containers filled with water.

It has also been alleged by garage owner Boetie Tilly that police intimidated him by attempting to get him to change a statement he made to them about an incident involving police and residents at his garage.

In an affidavit to The Star, Mr Tilly has again reiterated the claims he made earlier.

Police have appealed to witnesses to provide statements about the alleged incidents so that a full investigation can be launched. Earlier, Mr Tilly was invited to lay a charge of intimidation.

● Interviews with witnesses —
Outrage over arrests of MP and UDF man

By CHRIS BATEMAN

LICE arrested Clarence MP Mr Jan van Eck and UDF regional secretary Mr Willie Hofmeyr in Khayelitsha yesterday during a tour by top-level dignitaries, prompting a storm of protest.

Both were released after being told that they had been released on bail pending a court appearance on charges of causing a disturbance. The men are expected to appear in court today.

The controversial arrest — believed to be the first of its kind in several years — followed an extended township tour in peaceable conditions with no evidence of any police or army presence. It came as the men were about to leave Khayelitsha on a police helicopter.

A police officer was seen to be using a police vehicle to follow the men's convoy as they left the township. The convoy included ANC secretary-general Mr Alfred Nzo, Mr Van Eck's vehicle and public order police.

Mr Van Eck refused to comment on the presence of the ANC dignitaries. However, he did say that he and the ANC were willing to go to court to test the legitimacy of the regulations and the township ban.

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Mr Willie Hofmeyr Beer...
CONTROVERSIAL PICTURE  Police are investigating the circumstances in which this photograph was taken in Khayelitsha on October 25. The man lying on the ground was shot dead during police action. Police said that if any "misconduct" on the part of the smiling policeman was found, "stern action will be taken against him".

Staff Reporter

THE conduct of a Khayelitsha riot policeman is under top-level police investigation following allegations that he asked an international journalist to take a photograph of him near the body of a man killed in unrest.

Associated Press journalist Mr. Adil Bradlow photographed an armed riot policeman smiling broadly in front of the corpse of a man shot during police action in Khayelitsha on October 23.

AP immediately circulated the picture overseas on its wire service with a caption which claimed that the policeman "shouted at the journalists to take his picture".

"Cop posed in front of body"
— Top police probe starts

The caption read: "A riot policeman stands guard over the body of a victim shot when police dispersed a crowd of several hundred demonstrators in the black township of Khayelitsha. Thursday. The policeman shouted at the journalists to take his picture.

Pretoria police liaison officer Lieutenant Steve van Rooyen said last night that if any misconduct was found on the part of the smiling policeman, "stern action" would be taken against him.

"The general (General Flip Fourie, Regional Commissioner of Police in the Western Cape) personally ordered the investigation after seeing the photograph published in a local newspaper. The matter is not being taken lightly," he said.

Lieutenant Van Rooyen added that police were "concerned about getting a negative image both here and overseas".
MARITZBURG — A police constable who headed a so-called “combs squad”, found earlier this year to have been responsible for the death of a 16-year-old schoolgirl, allegedly led the group that abducted and assaulted a prominent Imbali ANC member.

This was alleged during evidence in the Supreme Court here yesterday in an application by Mr Larrington Mnyamazeli Silwane for a final interdict against the police.

Const Willede Wet — implicated in the shooting in which Rosemary Ntokozo Ncube was killed — allegedly also led a group of policemen said to have assaulted Mr Silwane.

Mr Silwane was subsequently granted a temporary interdict against Const De Wet, Special Constable Tibo Ndlouv, Captain Daniel Meyer and Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok.

The hearing is to determine whether the interdict should be made final.

The hearing was adjourned until May 2 next year.

— Sapa
Outrage over MP's arrest

By VIVIEN HORLER and EDWARD MOLOINTSE
Weekend Argus Reporters

MEMBERS of a delegation that visited Khayelitsha yesterday to see conditions in the newly proclaimed unrest area were outraged at the arrest of Claremont MP Mr Jan van Eck and the firing of teargas at the Shawco centre.

Civil rights lawyer Mr Wilhe Hofmeyr also was arrested when he sat in front of the police van in which Mr Van Eck was placed. They were later released.

Meeting in town

Trouble began when the ANC-organised delegation visited the police station at Site B to discuss Mr Van Eck's ban from the township. Members included ANC secretary-general Mr Alfred Nzo, Deputy Mayor Mr Frank van der Velde, city administrator Mr G R Hofmeyr and Professor Jakes Gerwel, rector of the University of the Western Cape.

Informed that the station commander was at a meeting in Cape Town, the delegation left for the Shawco centre, followed by police. On arrival, Mr Van Eck was asked to leave the township but he refused.

He was arrested and a gathering of crowd shouted slogans. Mr Hofmeyr was arrested minutes later.

The crowd scattered when teargas was fired.

Delegation member Mr Trevor Manuel, publicity secretary of the ANC, said the arrests and teargassing were done "without the slightest provocation."

"The whole thing was absolutely absurd," he said.

Dr Zac de Beer, leader of the Democratic Party, also condemned the arrest of Mr Van Eck.

He called Mr Van Eck, who was barred from Khayelitsha this week on the orders of Major-General Flip Fourie, police commissioner for the Western Cape, "one of the most valuable members of my parliamentary caucus."

General Fourie said Mr Van Eck was seen addressing a crowd of about 100, with more approaching. Police asked him to leave the area. He refused and was arrested, General Fourie said.

His version of events was disputed by Mr Van Eck as well as Mr Hofmeyr and Mr Manuel.

All three claimed Mr Van Eck had no opportunity to address any crowd.
Young cop guilty of kicking man to death

Sunday Times Reporter

A YOUNG constable who kicked a suspect to death "because he had deliberately misled me" was convicted of culpable homicide in the Rand Supreme Court this week.

Constable Johannes Marthinus Olivier, 21, was one of three young policemen found guilty of the death last year of taxi owner George Ndaba, whose badly beaten body had been thrown from a moving police minibus on to the freeway between Pretoria and Krugersdorp.

He was also found guilty of attempting to defeat the ends of justice by laying a false charge of escape against Mr Ndaba to try to cover up his death.

The other officers — Petrus de Villiers, 19, and Andries Vorster, 20 — were found guilty of being accessories to the homicide. On the charge of defeating justice, Constable de Villiers was found guilty while Constable Vorster was acquitted.

Charges

All three will be sentenced next week.

A fourth policeman, Constable Geelheime de Witt, was acquitted on both charges as a technicality.

The court heard earlier that Mr Ndaba's father and three other police officers were suspected of being in possession of a video recorder and computer which police suspected were stolen.

Mr Justice G Gordon told de Witt that he was "very lucky" to get off. It was apparent that he had been present during the assault, but there was a lack of "admissible evidence" to prove it.

He also said the fact that some of the four had given evidence "created a unfavourable impression" and implied that they were hiding something.
Operation Vula: Hunt for 7橈es

The operation was under way to bring South African forces to bear on a small group of communist forces. The plan was for a small team to be infiltrated into the area and to engage the communist forces. The plan was to capture the communist forces and bring them to a safe location.

Miss A. Suzet
Chinese charm

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Spy Odile is with friends

FOREIGN Affairs Minister Mr Pik Botha has denied reports that former SA agent Odile Harrington had been admitted to hospital for medical treatment.

Miss Harrington (30) would however, undergo certain routine medical tests in the next few days, the Minister told a briefing of journalists in Pretoria.

Foreign Affairs spokesman Mr Pieter Swanepoel said Miss Harrington was staying with friends, and was in an "exceptionally healthy state of mind."

He refused to comment on reports that she was being debriefed at a "safe, firm", somewhere in the Transvaal, a practice customary for released agents before being allowed to appear in public.

Harrington’s artist mother Mrs Ene de Wet of Pretoria North, Johannesburg, said she had had no contact with her daughter since her return to South Africa.

Harrington was convicted for spying in Zimbabwe and spent about three and a half years in jail for passing on in-ODILEelligence about the African National Congress.

Originally jailed for 25 years in 1987 and later 12 years by the Harare High Court, Harrington was released to South African officials in Harare on Thursday and flown home within hours - Sapa
Jail for policeman whose ‘act was evil’

By Cathy Stagg

A 21-year-old policeman was jailed for seven years by the Rand Supreme Court, yesterday for killing a man he had arrested.

Lance-Sergeant Johannes Martius Olivier of Donkerhoek, Ladybrand, was convicted of culpable homicide.

The court heard that Olivier arrested George Ndaba in Alexandra on July 19 last year. Later, he and three colleagues took Mr Ndaba out for further investigation.

Assaulted

Mr Ndaba was assaulted and his body thrown on to the R28 freeway.

Olivier was the leader of the patrol and influenced the others, the court found.

Mr Justice Gordon said what Olivier had done was “not only against the law, it was evil.”

The judge referred to Olivier’s good family background and how well he had done at school and in his career.

“Ode must also think of the widow who went from police station to police station trying to find out what had happened,” said the judge.

“She is left with three small children and no husband.

“The sentence must also act as a deterrent and it must be remembered that the accused was convicted of culpable homicide and not murder,” he said.

Olivier and Petrus Rudolph de Villiers (19) of Voortrekkerhoogte were sentenced to two years, suspended for five years, for attempting to defeat the ends of justice by falsely reporting that Mr Ndaba had escaped from custody.

Andries Wilhelms Vorster (20) of Randfontein was given a two-year suspended sentence for attempting to defeat the ends of justice and for being an accessory after the fact of culpable homicide because his silence meant he had not fulfilled his duties as a policeman.

De Villiers made a statement to a magistrate in which he said Olivier had kicked Mr Ndaba.

Olivier had chosen to remain silent, the judge said.

Lucky

There was no evidence that De Villiers and Vorster had taken part in the assault, the judge and his two assessors found.

The fourth member of the patrol, Guillearme de Wit (22) of SA Police Quarters, Kaserne, Sandton, was acquitted on both charges on Friday.

The judge said Mr de Wit was very lucky there was no satisfactory evidence against him.
DEMOCRATIC Party leader Dr Zac de Beer has delivered his toughest attack yet this year on President De Klerk, the National Party and the police — over the ban on Crossroads and Khayelitsha.

He also warned the NP that, at the very time when bridge building was essential for its political survival, it had "once again acted up to smother those bridges and drive people apart on a racial basis".

Referring to the ban and to Mr Van Eck's arrest in Khayelitsha, Dr De Beer said: "I tell the president that if he continues to allow his minister (of Law and Order Mr Adrian Vlok) and his police to behave in this way then the chances of maintaining any civilized sort of law in our country in the future will be remote."

'Relentless politicians' "I have never thought much of the Nats when it comes to justice, but I have always given them credit for one thing — they are shrewd, cunning, relentless politicians in their own interest. Nothing matters so much to them as to get power and keep it. But even at that level, the arrest of Mr Van Eck simply makes no sense." He said that nine months after Mr De Klerk's February 2 speech, "I would have hoped that some sort of human rights culture might have developed within the National Party and the establishment.

"I'm afraid the evidence is that this has not happened. On the contrary, when the chips are down, Mr Vlok and his police step back all too easily into a 'kill if you plea' mindset.

"Human rights are for the Nats and their pals. Not for the people of Khayelitsha and not for Jan van Eck, it seems."

He said that in using the Public Safety Act against Mr Van Eck the police used a legacy of the worst days of ruthless, repressive apartheid.

'Arrested him' "When Mr Van Eck nonetheless went into the township in the course of his duties as an MP, they arrested him."

"In spite of all the protestations by President De Klerk that apartheid is dead, in spite of the promises of a brave new South Africa, the police — and we know they were supported at Cabinet level — can arrest a member of parliament for visiting a township to see what was going on there."

**Western Cape Civic Association members in Khayelitsha last night decided to defy the 6pm to 6am curfew imposed on the township.

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Dealer awarded R20 000 by Vlok

A business man who was unlawfully arrested, assaulted and had electric shocks administered on his private parts allegedly by the police three years ago has been awarded R20 000 damages by the Minister of Law and Order Mr Adrian Vlok in an out-of-court settlement.

Mr Daniel Nomcoyana, a motor car dealer of Ilkageng township, initially claimed R30 000 damages from Vlok and two police officers - Sergeant Ivan Van Wyk and Constable Pfeiffer - both of whom were based at the Potchefstroom Police Station.

In his particulars of claim, Nomcoyana said he was arrested on July 24, 1987 and detained for two days. His car was confiscated by the police.

He said during his detention he was assaulted, kicked and a black bag pulled over his head. Electric shocks were also administered on his body including his private parts.

Despite the fact that a Magistrate, Mr AP Bezuidenhout, granted him bail of R200 during his absence the day he was arrested, police refused to release him until three days later.

He appeared in the local magistrate court a day after his release. No charges were put before him and the case against him was withdrawn.

Nomcoyana's lawyer, Mr David Bam, of Segmanus, a firm of attorneys in Pretoria, yesterday confirmed that the Minister of Law and Order offered to pay R20 000 damages and legal costs last week.

Thursday - hours before the matter was scheduled to be heard in the Pretoria Supreme Court.

Vlok made the offer without accepting responsibility for what may have happened to Nomcoyana.
Cops silent on hunt for 7 ANC spies

POLICE have taken note of the alleged infiltration of at least seven ANC spies into the security forces as part of Operation Vaal but would not confirm or deny the infiltration.

This followed weekend reports of a spy hunt in intelligence and security forces to unmask seven ANC and Communist Party double agents.

Ministry of Law and Order spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said yesterday such infiltration was "hypothetically" possible but the police were continually on the alert for this kind of activity as were all security agencies worldwide.

He said counter-intelligence was constantly in progress and the police have in the past uncovered several agents infiltrated by the ANC.

The South Africa Police, however, had excellent mechanisms to counter the infiltration of spies.

Kotze said the ANC has never succeeded beyond infiltrating "low-level" spies.

"History is on our side because we have uncovered these low-level spies in the past," he said.

Kotze added that police investigation into Operation Vaal was on-going and as more information was uncovered, it would be followed up.

"It is a tribute to black, Indian and Coloured policemen and women, who are often subjected to organised campaigns of intimidation and murder, that the overwhelming majority remained steadfastly committed to the SAP," he said. - Sowetan Correspondent
Cop sentenced to seven years’ jail

A 21-year-old policeman, who was convicted of culpable homicide after the death of a black man, was yesterday sentenced in the Rand Supreme Court to seven years’ imprisonment.

Lance Sergeant Johannes Martinus Olivier, of Donkerhoek, Ladybrand, arrested George Ndaba in Alexandra on July 19 last year. Later he and three other policemen took Ndaba out for further investigation. Ndaba was assaulted and his body later thrown onto the R28 freeway.

Leader

Olivier was the leader of the patrol and influenced the others, the court found.

Mr Justice G Gordon said what Olivier did was “not only against the law, it was evil”.

“He must have known how careful a policeman has to be in his difficult task to get answers from a suspect. His duty was to protect people and to treat suspects reasonably.”

The judge noted that Ndaba had not been taken to a nearby clinic. He referred to Olivier’s good family background and how well he had done at school and in his career until the crime then said: “One must also think of the widow who went from police station to police station trying to find out what had happened. She is left with three small children and no husband.

“...The sentence must also act as a deterrent and it must be remembered that the accused was convicted of culpable homicide and not murder,” he said.

Olivier, Petrus Rudolph de Villiers (19) of Voorstreekkhoogte, Pretoria, and Andries Wilhelmus Vorster (20) of Randfontein, were all sentenced to two years, totally suspended for five years, for attempting to defeat the ends of justice.”
Miners down tools over missing worker

By Brendan Templeton

Laboron mine in the western Transvaal came to a standstill yesterday when 8,000 workers downed tools over the mysterious disappearance of a colleague at the mine.

Workers suspect he was murdered underground.

The National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) said management had dragged its feet over Mokhameleli Ntoko, who went missing in May.

Mine security, police and army personnel were forcing workers underground at gunpoint, the union said.

This week Goldfields spokesman Michael de Kok denied the charges and said an intensive search for the missing man had been conducted above and below ground.

"Mine property has been available to protect workers who wanted to work and at no point has anybody been forced at gunpoint to work."

The NUM demanded the dismissal of three mine officials who had admitted that the day after Mr Ntoko's went missing, he was clocked in by a mine captain after being told to go to work early for repair work.

Mr Ntoko's computerised identity card was found at the mine's crush office and his lamp was discovered underground.

They said his tool case was also found hidden underground.

Mr de Kok would not discuss the issue further. "At present, Goldfields are engaged in talks with the union," he said.

SABC to probe TopSport logo on police van at funeral

By Thabo Leshilo

The SABC is to investigate the use of stickers bearing the logo of the television sports programme, TopSport, on a police minibus at the funeral service of PAC president Zeph Mothopeng on Saturday.

The policemen allegedly hindered the funeral procession and threatened mourners as well as Alf Kumalo, a photographer from The Star.

Kumalo said he was taking pictures of the policemen when one of them threatened to shoot him if he continued. Sensing trouble, Kumalo moved out of the policemen's sight.

"The SABC is not aware of the fact that TopSport stickers, such as the one displayed on the police minibus, are being used by people who are not employed by TopSport."

Although the SABC is of the opinion that the stickers were not on the police vehicle to make it appear as a TopSport vehicle or disguise it, the matter will be investigated and also followed up with the SAP.

Soweto police spokesman Colonel Thene Halgryn said the matter was being investigated. However, he could not say much before discussing the matter today with the regional commissioner of Soweto police, General Johan Swart.

Man jailed for 7 years over sh - serve an effective seven years

Court Reporter

His co-accused Petrus
Restraint order on SAP

DURBAN — A temporary interdict restraining members of the police from assaulting or threatening Umkhonto we Sizwe members. Mr John Mchunu was made final in the Supreme Court here yesterday.

Mr Mchunu brought the application against the Minister of Law and Order and the Commissioner of Police after his alleged abduction in September — Sapa
'Hit squads' report out soon

 Pretoria Bureau

The report of the Harms Commission into alleged hit-squad activities involving the South African Police and the SA Defence Force's now-disbanded Civil Co-operation Bureau is to be released within a few days.

A spokesman for the Department of Justice said in Pretoria today, no date had been set for its release.

Appointed by President de Klerk earlier this year, the commission, under the chairmanship of Mr. Justice Harms, sat for 53 days in Pretoria and London to take evidence.
Police ordered to pay court costs

POLICE are to pay the costs of a Supreme Court application brought against them by African National Congress military trainee, John Forono Mchunu, following allegations of abduction and torture which are being investigated by the Attorney-General.

Mchunu was picked up by police in September and allegedly held for some time against his will, after initially being interrogated by police at Kings Park rugby stadium.

He claims he escaped after being kept by a group of "askans" — former ANC trainees who have since joined the police — in Pietermaritzburg, and then went into hiding before emerging in the United States consulate in Durban, seeking refuge.

At the time regional commissioner Ignatius Coetzee claimed Mchunu had helped the police voluntarily.

However, when the matter came to court yesterday, the police submitted no reply to Mchunu's claims and withdrew their opposition to the order against them being made final.
Van Eck calls for police chief's suspension

By ANTHONY JOHNSON
Political Correspondent

CLAREMONTE MP Mr Jan van Eck last night called for the suspension of Western Cape police commissioner General Flip Fourie while a "a blatant untruth" was investigated.

He told a rally at Claremont Civic Centre that the reasons forwarded by General Fourie for his (Mr Van Eck's) arrest in Khayelitsha last week — that he was seen addressing a crowd of about 100 people, with more approaching — was a "lie".

Mr Van Eck said he had "dozens" of eye-witnesses, including the deputy mayor of Cape Town, Mr Frank van der Velde, and various clergyman who were present, to prove that General Fourie's allegation was not true.

"In view of these facts I want to call on the State President to order to suspend General Fourie from his post until an independent commission of inquiry has investigated his allegation that I was addressing people illegally."

Although the SAP had stated that they would no longer comment on his allegations regarding security force action, he nevertheless wished to make some "serious comments" on the police and their actions.

He said that while police appeared to be adopting a less political profile since February 2, events of the past few weeks in Khayelitsha and Old Crossroads indicated that they were "falling back into their former highly politicised role".

Mr Van Eck said recent attacks on him by General Fourie indicated that the Western Cape Commissioner "has lost all neutrality".
SACKED rebel police lieutenant Mr Gregory Rockman assaulted a riot policeman by striking him on the back of the head, the Cape Town Magistrate's Court heard yesterday.

Mr Rockman, 31, faces charges of attending an illegal gathering and assaulting Constable Werner Swart at the Parade on March 28.

Constable Swart said that he and other Riot Unit members were restraining a demonstrating crowd when he felt a blow to the back of his head.

Colonel G J Barbour of the Stellenbosch police told the court he had been at the Parade on the day of the incident and saw a "member of the public" grab Constable Swart from behind and pull him back causing his cap to drop off his head. He said he recognised the man as Lieutenant Rockman, whom he had met.

The hearing was adjourned to January 23 and Mr Rockman's bail of R200 was extended.
Witness

Alexandria

incident in
hit-and-run
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constable

Special

Cops stab witness

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Police to pay legal costs after torturing ANC man

By SBU MNGADI

POLICE were this week ordered to pay ANC guerrilla Fonono John Mchunu's legal costs after he lodged an interdict demanding police stop harassing, abducting and torturing him.

Natal Attorney-General Mike Imber's office is already investigating allegations of abduction and torture against certain members of the Security Branch, including Askars — former ANC members who joined the police.

When the matter came before Judge Wilson this week, police submitted no reply to Mchunu's allegations and withdrew their opposition to the order against them being made final.

Mchunu's attorney Kwenza Mbasa later told City Press that he had received a letter from the police saying they wished to investigate Mchunu's allegations and asking Mchunu to make a statement to them about his alleged abduction and assault.

According to affidavits, Mchunu and his friend David Shen were picked up by security policemen, assisted by Askars, in Durban on September 5 this year.

Shezi was released later that day, but Mchunu was allegedly held at private homes in Durban and Maritzburg until he escaped on September 23. The homes were occupied by Askars, some of whom knew from military training camps in Angola.

He went into hiding before emerging at the American consulate in Durban on October 1, seeking refuge.

Mchunu left the consulate that afternoon after obtaining a Supreme Court writ barring the police from harming him in any way.

Mchunu's version of his 'arrest', contradicted information given to the Durban Supreme Court by a senior Security Branch member, who claimed Mchunu was not held after 11.30pm on September 5.

Col Andrew Taylor said Mchunu was released that day, and that 'Sgt Aubrey Mngadi had taken Mchunu to his home in Lamonville, Durban.'

Wilson ordered an inquiry into why security policemen had not interrogated their suspects in a police station, but took them for questioning to Kings Park stadium.

In his founding affidavit, Mchunu said, for the duration of his "detention" he was handcuffed and shackled. He claimed he was interrogated and tortured on several occasions.
A nine-year-old boy was killed and 10 people injured in Atteridgeville, Pretoria, yesterday morning in a confrontation between police and demonstrators over an electricity switch-off, according to medical superintendent of Kalafong hospital, Dr Margaret Kelly.

But, Pretoria police liaison officer Captain R. Bloomer said the boy's body was taken to Kalafong hospital at 8.20am, and police only went into Atteridgeville at 8.50am.

A man was shot in the leg and several people were injured when police used birdshot and teargas after demonstrators threw stones and petrol bombs at police, said Bloomer.

Dr Kelly said the boy was certified dead on arrival at the hospital. She would not give the cause of death. Most of those hurt had slight injuries.

Witnesses said the shooting occurred after demonstrators defiantly restored electricity to their homes in the township. Police had apparently tried to stop them doing so.

A witness said she saw residents carrying a bleeding youth to a waiting car in the township. It appeared he had been shot in the stomach, she said.

She also saw police drive off in a burning vehicle after it was apparently petrol-bombed by demonstrators. Teargas was fired at the demonstrators as they engaged in running battles with police, the witness added.

Electricity was disconnected for the second time last week after the Pretoria Supreme Court dismissed with costs an application by the Atteridgeville/Saulsville Residents' Organisation seeking to stop Atteridgeville Town Council from disconnecting power. - Sapa
Report dismisses hit squad claims

PRETORIA — The McNally Committee has dismissed the allegations by Death Row prisoner Butana Aminad Nofemela and former police captain Dirk Coetsee that they were members of a police hit squad.

Free State Attorney General Tim McNally and SAP CID chief Lt-Gen Alwyn Conolly said in a report that, according to available evidence, Nofemela's allegations were untrue.

They added that it was "difficult to attach any value to Coetsee's allegations and utterances".

They signed the report in November 1989, but it was released only on Saturday.

Justice Minister Robie Coetsee said the report of the Harms Commission, which also investigated the allegations, was still under consideration by government.

He considered it advisable to make the McNally report available since information contained in the report might be relevant in pending legal proceedings.

The committee investigated Nofemela's allegations that he had, as an SAP hit squad member, assassinated Durban lawyer Griffiths Mxenge and performed cross-border operations to assassinate ANC members.

The committee dismissed Coetsee, Nofemela's immediate police commander, as unreliable. He had not made himself available to supply full information to the committee, the report said, and it found he was not trustworthy as a source of confirmation for the allegations. — Sapa.
Van Eck praises police behaviour

Staff Reporter

RESTRAINED police behaviour at the funeral on Saturday of a boy shot dead in Khayelitsha recently was praised yesterday by DP MP Mr Jan van Eck.

The funeral was that of 13-year-old Wandile Nomaxhayi, one of at least eight people who died last month when police and some other unidentified men used firearms against opponents of the present local government system, many of whom had gathered in large numbers in the streets.

Yesterday Mr Van Eck said whoever was in charge of the police on Saturday should be complimented for the restrained way his men had behaved.
Police silent on PAC 'spy'

POLICE could not comment yesterday whether alleged economist and suspended member of the Pan-Africanist Congress "Dr" Sipho Selby Dlamini was one of their spies.

By MATSHUBE MFOLOE

Spokesman for the Ministry of Law and Order Brigadier Leon Mellel yesterday denied knowledge of Dlamini, saying police neither revealed nor commented on "individual's activities related to spying".

He, however, confirmed "police use spics and do make use of so-called agents" but stressed: "We do it within the law... its not illegal".

The PAC suspended Dlamini last Friday, claiming they had discovered he was a police spy and a "brilliant" agent.

Dlamini, also known as Dr Ali Mohammed or Dr Ali Nkomo, caused a stir last month when he announced his defection from the ANC, claiming he was disillusioned with the organisation's policy and lack of consultation.

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The ANC denied he was a member of the organisation and that he was tipped for a senior position in their economic department.

In a statement, the PAC said its intelligence department had put Dlamini under surveillance.
Report on police general was shocking, court is told

FORMER SAP Commissioner Mike Geldenhuys told the Rand Supreme Court yesterday he was shocked when he saw a Vrye Weekblad report alleging that police forensics expert Lt-Gen Lothar Neethling had supplied poison to Dirk Coetsee to poison ANC activists.

Geldenhuys was giving evidence in a R1,5m defamation claim brought by Neethling against Vrye Weekblad and the Weekly Mail in the wake of articles containing claims by Coetsee that the general had manufactured and supplied him with poison to eliminate victims of a covert police hit squad.

Neethling is suing Vrye Weekblad for R1m in connection with two articles it published in November and December 1989 which broke the hit squad story and contained allegations of his involvement.

He is suing the Weekly Mail for an article containing a similar allegation which was published during the last week of November 1989.

Neethling claims the articles defamed him because, from the allegations, readers would be led to believe he was the leader of an illicit criminal organisation which committed murders and that he prepared and supplied poisons to murder or attempt to murder individuals.

Both newspapers are defending the action on the grounds of truth and public benefit.

Coetsee, who is in exile, has already given evidence on commission on behalf of Vrye Weekblad and Weekly Mail.

Geldenhuys told the court yesterday he knew nothing about any police death squads.

He also testified that when he was head of the security section of the SAP it had not been policy to assassinate people.

It was police procedure when dealing with cases of terrorism to investigate them and take them before the courts.

Neethling had been appointed a lieutenant-general on his recommendation, Geldenhuys said.

Moral standards

He also told the court Neethling had not been connected in any operational way with the security police, and it had definitely not been part of his function to supply poisons to members of the force.

Geldenhuys said he had reacted with shock when reading the Vrye Weekblad report containing Coetsee's allegations.

"I could not believe it," he told the court.

He said he would never have appointed Neethling a lieutenant-general if he had had any doubts about him. It was no secret, Geldenhuys said, that Neethling was an outstanding officer.

"There is absolutely nothing that can be said about this man's moral standards," he said.
General denies police took part in killings

By Brendan Templeton

Former Chief Commissioner of Police General Mike Geldenhuys denied in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday that police were ever involved in the bombing and murder of anti-apartheid activists.

He was giving evidence in a case in which the Chief Deputy Commissioner of the SAP, Major-General Lothar Neethling, is claiming R1,5 million in damages from Vrye Weekblad and the Weekly Mail.

General Neethling claims he was defamed by articles published last year in the newspapers, which are alleged to have said he supplied poison to former police captain Dirk Coetzee for use against ANC activists.

The newspapers have denied the articles were defamatory.

On that, they were the truth published in the public interest.

Earlier, a close friend of General Neethling, Matthys Pretorius, agreed with counsel R.D. Levine, SC, that it was necessary that the public be informed about charges against the police involving death squads, particularly after Death Row prisoner Almond Nofomela said in a sworn statement that he had been a member of a death squad under Captain Coetzee.

General Geldenhuys also agreed that was necessary, “but at the right time and to the right people.”

Mr. Coetzee’s allegations should have been taken to the police before being published so that they could be investigated properly, he said.

Mr. Levine asked him if it was not asking too much that one could expect an organisation to investigate allegations for which it was supposedly responsible.

General Geldenhuys said if an officer refused to investigate allegations, there was always someone higher up in the force who would be willing to open an investigation.

He knew General Neethling as a person of high moral principles. If an officer approached the general asking for poison with which to kill someone, he would have immediately reported the incident.

Mr. Pieterse said he regarded General Neethling very highly.

The general was a fully fledged member of the Academy of Science and Art, and was respected worldwide as an authority on forensics.

He said he spoke only once to the general about the allegations against him.

“He said ‘Yes, they have said all types of things against me and I must defend myself and clear my case’”.

General Neethling’s counsel, Willie Osbry, QC, earlier drew the court’s attention to “irregularities” in Mr. Coetzee’s statements published in Vrye Weekblad on November 17 and December 1 last year.

Mr. Osbry told Mr. Justice Kriegler that Mr. Coetzee had changed his statement concerning the dosage of poison he allegedly received from the general.

The case continues.
Probe dropped.

Rick Turner

More Suspicion

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Mxenge killing remains a riddle

There was no clear-cut answer to who murdered Durban lawyer Griffiths Mxenge, says the Harms Commission report.

Mr Justice Harms says there are five possibilities.

First, that former policemen Butana Almond Nofemela and Dirk Coetzee — both of whom claimed that a police hit squad based at Vilakazi, outside Pretoria, was involved — had lied; second, that Nofemela and another former policeman, David Tshakalange, had performed the killing as "a private enterprise"; and third, that Mr Coetzee gave the order to kill on his own accord.

A fourth possibility was that Mr Mxenge was murdered by someone else, and a fifth was that a group had done so "on the instructions of higher authority and with a political motive."

Dispute

"There is no reason to prefer the evidence given by Mr Coetzee, Nofemela and Mr Tshakalange (with their shortcomings) above that given by the respective members of the Security Police (with their shortcomings). This does not mean to say that parts of the disputed evidence given by the three cannot be true, it is just that these facts could not be established on a preponderance of probabilities."

Mr Justice Harms says there are a number of points in favour of Nofemela and Mr Coetzee having fabricated their version.

"The witnesses fabricated evidence several times. In these cases they even incriminated themselves, gave contradictory evidence, and some was untrue."

"Nofemela and Tshakalange's ignorance of the way in which the murder was committed and their inability to identify the locality physically also speak volumes," the report says.

Mr Justice Harms pours scorn on the fact that Nofemela knew that the Mxenge family dogs were poisoned, that Mr Mxenge's body was found at the Umlazi stadium, the nature of the wounds, and that his car was found burnt at Piet Retief.

"Any member of the Security Police with some interest in his work would have been aware of these facts."

He has also reached the conclusion that Nofemela — who is under sentence of death for an unrelated murder — was "prepared to commit murder with robbery as a motive even when he knew that the possible loot would be minimal."

Mr Justice Harms, commenting on the possibility of Mr Mxenge having been murdered by other persons, said that "it is a myth to believe that in the South African society there are not private individuals who would, whether with a political or some other motive, commit such a crime."

He also says that a final possibility is that the murder was committed by a group on instructions of higher authority: "this is structured around the fact that Mr Mxenge was a thorn in the flesh of the Security Police and could not be criminally prosecuted."

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No Hill squads in SAP

Harms links CCB to murders, sabotage, bombings

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Fines could spell doom for phone firms

HEFTY fines for owning illegal cordless phones, and the prospect of hundreds of job losses, through the clampdown on sales, could force a number of dealers out of business.

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Direct response advertising company Homestar says it is not possible to turn the estimated R3 000 price tag of legal cordless phones. However, other methods of making the phones more affordable are being studied.

The company is still consulting the Post Office...
Police defend search of home: muscle use "infringement" to justify entry, They alleged a "possible" motive for the entry was a "possible" threat to national security.
Police defend search of home

Police did not need a warrant to search the Mayfair, Johannesburg, home of senior ANC member Mohammed Valli Moosa yesterday as they had been investigating a criminal offence, police spokesman Capt Eugene Opperman said. He declined to provide details of the investigation.

Moosa's wife, Elaaba Wessels, said nine policemen had tried to enter the house. She said a Capt van Heysteen allegedly threatened to break in if she did not open the door. — Sapa.
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Police unit at Vlakplaas was not a hit squad, says finding

NO HIT squad was ever stationed at the Vlakplaas farm near Pretoria although police members at the unit were guilty of common law offences, the Harms Commission found in its report released yesterday.

Evidence showed that the Vlakplaas SA Police counter-insurgency unit was officially set up in September 1981 and comprised white handlers, black police members and "turned" ANC/PAC members known as Askas.

Their task was to track down and identify insurgents who had infiltrated SA, and they fell under the control of the Security Branch head office.

Mr Justice Harms found there was "no indication that the aim and the purpose of the unit was formally altered".

Former Police Capt. Dirk Coetsee, now an ANC member in exile, was the commander of the unit, situated on the farm near Erasmia, south-west of Pretoria, between July 1980 and December 1981.

Coetsee, together with former colleague and Death Row prisoner Almond Butane Nofemela, last year confessed to being a member of a police death or hit squad, which Coetsee said he led.

Among the murders in which the two claimed to have been involved was that of Durban lawyer, Griffiths Mxenge, whose "stabbed and mutilated body was found outside Umlazi Stadium near Durban in November 1981."

Coetsee's former gardener, and later a Vlakplaas member, David "Spyker" Thokakala, further corroborated some of Coetsee's and Nofemela's allegations.

The commission found that although some of the incidents to which the three testified "undoubtedly took place", the police denied any involvement in the acts.

Mr Justice Harms said it would be difficult to prove the allegations in criminal proceedings as the evidence did not always corroborate with claims of the existence of a hit squad operating from Vlakplaas.

The commission found there was a general probability that members of the SAP might have committed violent crimes for political ends, especially in the light of both the ANC and PAC — whose members were regarded as legitimate targets — having declared war on the SAP and SAPF.

Mr Justice Harms said Coetsee had shown strong psychopathic tendencies.

Meanwhile, Law and Order Department spokesman Brig. Leon Mooliet said yesterday the SAP would not stop using anti-insurgency "experts".

He said even though Vlakplaas had been converted to a training base, the SAP still required an anti-insurgency capability and was now operating such a force on a country-wide basis.

Mooliet said former Vlakplaas members of the unit had been integrated into other sections of the SAP and were being trained for use in all aspects of police work.

He announced that all former ANC, or PAC guerrillas, known as "Askas", and stationed at Vlakplaas, had subsequently joined the SAP.
No evidence of police hit squad or that Webster was killed by CCB
Help to fight crime: Join the police reserve

犯罪报告

人们正在努力通过各种方式来对抗犯罪，保护社区的安全。

警官们对确保社区的安全至关重要，数百名男女成为了警察后备役。

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有时，后备役还会在警察局的反毒品部门、毒品和盗窃部门、商业单位和安全部门工作。

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在西开普省，Mr. Morris Rosenberg，49岁，已经完成了25年的警官生涯。

他说：“成为一名后备役是很棒的经历，它可以帮助社区，也可以是有趣和令人兴奋的。”

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brigadier van der Merwe说，飞行员是按小时支付的。

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Nofomela 'dishonest'

Although members of the police unit at Vlakplaas near Pretoria were guilty of common-law offences it was common cause that no hit-squad was established there, the Harris Commission of Inquiry found.

The commission's chairman, Mr Justice Louis Harris, said the police counter-insurgency unit was officially set up in September 1981 and was made up of white handlers, rehabilitated terrorists known as Afrikanders, and ordinary black members of the SA Police.

The operation fell under the control of the Security Branch head office and team members were to be used "exclusively to assist in tracking down, arresting and identifying terrorists".

Between July 1980 and December 1981 the unit was under the command of former police captain Dirk Coetzee who left South Africa in November last year and joined the ANC.

Coetzee and Death Row prisoner Alphonse Butane Nofemela, also a former Vlakplaas member, were the two people most instrumental in the establishment of the Harris Commission due to their claims of police death or hit-squads.

Coetzee, in statements to the Afrikaans weekly Vrye Weekblad from Mauritius shortly after his departure from South Africa, "gave credibility" to allegations made by Nofemela on October 19 last year - the day before he was due to hang for the murder of a Brits farmer not related to the police operation.

The commission found Nofemela too was prepared to perjure himself if it suited him and had been rejected in his own trial as a mendacious and dishonest witness.
DP condemns commission as a failure

Political Staff

CAPE TOWN — The Harms Commission must be judged a "failure" because it had not succeeded in establishing the truth about any substantial portion of unsolved political murders, the Democratic Party said last night.

DP law and order spokesman Tian van der Merwe said he believed facts about political murders were being covered up to protect political interests.

"At the end of the day, the Harms Commission has been a failure because it has not succeeded in establishing the truth about any substantial portion of unsolved political murders, all of which were of opponents of the Government.

"One would have to be a fool and extremely naive to believe the Government and pro-government forces did not have a very strong hand in this." He found "astonishing" President de Klerk's statement that no Ministers were responsible for crimes committed by agents of the State and said it was "un tolerable" that Defence Minister General Magnus Malan remained at his post.

"If the Harms Commission leads to a few selected members of the CCB being prosecuted and punished, while the responsible Minister gets away with his career intact, then that would be a travesty."
Police hunt for ‘Vula’ accused

Staff Reporters

Police in Durban are desperately looking for three men and a woman who have been implicated in “Operation Vula”, an alleged plot by the South African Communist Party and the African National Congress to overthrow the Government.

The wanted four are Ronald (“Ronnie”) Kasiria, Janet Love, alias Cathy McCarthy, alias Venessa Brown (33); Charles Takebule Nkaba (28) and Christopher Manye.

Police in Johannesburg yesterday released to the press photographs of the four, who are believed to be in hiding.

A press statement said the police in Durban were asking the public for help in establishing the whereabouts of the four, who are sought for the illegal importation of arms, ammunition and explosives into the country.

“The suspects are expected to be armed and extremely dangerous. They continuously make use of all sorts of disguises to hide their true identity,” the statement said.

The ANC said the police description of the four as “armed and extremely dangerous” was incitement for members of the public “to kill them on sight”.

ANC spokesman Gill Marcus said yesterday’s police statement was “all the more reprehensible” since it was made “in circumstances where the people involved were not in a position to speak for themselves”.

The police statement said: “Rewards are offered for information leading to the arrest of these suspects and also for information leading to the recovery of arms, ammunition and explosives.”
unsolved

50 murders

FROM SOUTH AFRICA

Mutilated bodies, headless bodies, bodies with heads planted on the bodies of the victims are some of the hidden secrets of the Eastern Cape. The bodies of these victims were often found in remote areas, sometimes even in the middle of the ocean. The police were often unable to find any leads or suspects, leading to the belief that these crimes were committed by a group of unknown individuals.

The victims were mostly young women, and many of them were found with signs of torture and dismemberment. The cases remained unsolved for many years, and the families of the victims were left to grieve in the dark.

The Eastern Cape is known for its high crime rates, but the crimes committed in these cases were particularly shocking. The police and the government were under increasing pressure to solve these cases, but they were often unable to provide any closure for the families of the victims.
FORMER Captain Dirk Coetzee has lashed out against Mr Justice Harms and has described the report as a cover-up.

Speaking from London on Radio 702, Coetzee, who made the original claims about police hit squads, said: "I didn't expect anything else that I must tell you.

"I could see from the start even in London that Judge Harms was completely not objective. He was against me.

"I could see at that stage he was completely negative.

"It is frightening to see the lack of insight of Judge Harms into this whole situation.

Coetzee described the report as a cover-up for the police.

"They (the police) led Judge Harms by the nose." - Soviet Correspondent.
Police offer reward for Kasrils

POLICE are searching for four "armed and dangerous" Operation Vula suspects, among them senior SACP member and former ANC intelligence chief Ronnie Kasrils.

Police said the four were being sought in connection with the illegal importation of arms, ammunition and explosives. In a statement yesterday, police said Kasrils, Janet Love, Charles Ndaba and Christopher Manye were being sought by Durban police. SAP Witwatersrand spokesman Eugene Ogiesman said yesterday police might wish to question others about Operation Vula — the alleged plot to overthrow the government.

The statement said the suspects made use of "all sorts of disguises" and might be in neighbouring states.

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Neethling's evidence on Coetze's notes 'struck'

EXPERT evidence in which Lt Gen Lothar Neethling had questioned the authenticity of former SAP Capt Dirk Coetze's notebook could be regarded as struck from the record, the Rand Supreme Court was told yesterday.

Neethling is suing Vrye Weekblad for R1m and Weekly Mail for R500 000 after three articles were published in November-December last year containing allegations by Coetze that while a member of a secret police death squad, Neethling had supplied him with poison to murder people.

The newspapers are defending the action on the grounds of truth and public interest.

When the trial resumed yesterday afternoon, the newspapers' counsel R Levine SC told Mr Justice Kriegler Neethling's counsel had indicated the general's expert evidence on the notebook would not be relied on and could be regarded as struck from the record.

On this basis, Levine said, his clients were prepared to proceed with the matter and Neethling's evidence.

Earlier, Levine had asked for an adjournment after Neethling gave evidence in which he voiced doubts about the history and authenticity of the notebook.

The notebook, which contains Neethling's private telephone number, was submitted as an exhibit on behalf of the newspapers during evidence taken from Coetze on commission in London.

Levine asked for an adjournment to consult with his clients after submitting that Neethling's lawyers had taken and submitted the notebook for testing without authorisation.

The book should have gone directly into the judge's file, he said.

The notebook was sealed in a parcel and sent from London to the office of the registrar of the Supreme Court, from where it should have gone directly to the judge.

The unauthorised removal and testing of the book was an abuse of the process of court, Levine argued.

When the case resumed after lunch yesterday, Levine told Mr Justice Kriegler that after discussions with Neethling's counsel, it appeared the notebook was sealed after a misunderstanding.
The first Supreme Court inquest began at Vereeniging yesterday into the deaths of 42 people killed during faction fighting and clashes between crowds and security forces in Sebokeng in September.

The inquest is being chaired by Mr Justice Eddie Stafford.

Briefing the various defence counsels and others present at the hearing, Mr Justice Stafford said that because 42 deceased people formed the subject matter of the inquiry, a joint inquest would be held. He stressed that the hearing, which was scheduled to run until December 14, was an inquest and not a criminal trial.

Presenting the court with a brief outline of events on the day in question, Anton Ackermann, Deputy Attorney-General of the Transvaal, said an unknown number of people of the Inkatha organisation had invaded the Sebokeng hostel in the early hours of September 4.

Although the motive for the invasion was not clear, the Inkatha members had been armed with a variety of weapons. Fighting broke out in different parts of the hostel when about 50 people were killed.

Mr Ackermann said residents of nearby townships later arrived at the scene before finding and trapping 137 Inkatha members in the courtyard of the hostel complex.

Policemen arrived and barricaded the entrances to the hostel. Later, policemen were trapped in the courtyard.

Mr Ackermann said the mood of the crowd was angry and people were shouting for "the blood of the trapped Zulus".

The police then radioed for help, followed by the arrival of the SADF. A formation of army troops advanced towards the crowd at the hostel entrances.

Soldiers then fired at the crowd with live ammunition and several people were killed or injured. It was not clear what had sparked the shooting.

Mr Ackermann said the statements of two policemen involved in the filming of the violence on video were read out and handed in to the court yesterday. The videos will be viewed in court today before an inspection at the Sebokeng hostel.

Present at yesterday's hearing were 37 Inkatha members — including Themba Khosa, chairman of Inkatha's Transvaal Youth Brigade — who were subpoenaed to testify at the inquest.

Mr Justice Stafford, however, ruled that the group would only be required to be present at the inquest from November 20 onwards.
Death toll rises to two

City centre street-war ‘avoidable’

Staff Reporters

Johannesburg City Council management committee chairman Jan Davidson has sharply criticized the authorities for the bloody outbreak of violence that saw pitched battles between residents, protest marchers and police last night in Johannesburg's city centre on Saturday.

The death toll has risen to two after an injured person died in hospital. About 20 people, including policemen, firemen and a traffic officer, were injured in the fighting.

Said Mr Davidson last night: "It was totally unnecessary and the bloodshed could have been avoided."

However police have blamed the ANC-backed Civic Association of the Southern Transvaal (CAST) for the violence.

SAP spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said last night: "Blame for what happened rests squarely with CAST and their supporters. It is more than obvious that certain leaders and organisations cannot control their supporters... It would seem that the demonstrators overloaded the police in their numbers and continued the march after the City Council had given the go ahead to CAST."

Mr Davidson insisted that the period of police babysitting the march had been totally inadequate.

"The march was given only five minutes to disperse, which was totally inadequate," he added.

Worrying

Sam Ntsili, secretary of CAST, said last night: "We were unaware of the magistrate's decision to release permission for the march and had not attended the hearing. We had only just heard on the radio that the hearing was taking place."

Action against the marchers was "not justifiable".

"The kind of violence that has been taking place is very worrying," he said.

The escalation of violence comes after a series of clashes between police and protesters in recent months.

The demonstrators refused to be dispersed peacefully when police ordered them to withdraw from the site.

Police then opened fire on the crowd, leaving seven people dead and more than 100 injured. At least 200 people were arrested.

The SAP has allegedly used batons and bullets to disperse the crowd.

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Captain Opperman said the SAP had acted in self-defence after protesters attacked police with rocks and petrol bombs.

"We have warned the ANC to consider its stand on the armed struggle. The ANC and the MK are the only ones who can protect our constituencies," Mr Ntsili said.

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Picture: David Sandler.
A murder, the truth, may yet be stamped "solved."

The victim, a man of wealth and influence, was found dead in his Study, the crime scene marked by a single clue: a dictionary, whose pages were turned to the word "Murder." Police investigators, led by Detective Thompson, were stumped until a key witness, Mr. Johnson, came forward.

"I was in the Study last night," Mr. Johnson recounted. "I heard a noise and ran out. It was Mr. Smith, the butler. He told me to go back to my room and hide. He said there was something he needed to tell me, but I had to promise not to tell anyone."

Detective Thompson questioned Mr. Johnson further. "What did Mr. Smith tell you that you can't tell me?"

Mr. Johnson looked around nervously. "I can't say," he whispered. "It involves Mr. Smith's personal affairs."

Detective Thompson weighed the evidence. "If Mr. Smith's personal affairs are what you're withholding, then it must be relevant to the murder. Mr. Johnson, you must tell me what you know."

Mr. Johnson hesitated. "I can't reveal my source."

Detective Thompson stood firm. "Then I'll have to take you in for questioning." Mr. Johnson sighed. "Okay, I'll tell you. Mr. Smith owed money to a man named Mr. Brown. Mr. Brown came to Mr. Smith's house last night, looking for his money. He threatened to kill Mr. Smith if he didn't get it. Mr. Smith was afraid."

Detective Thompson took Mr. Johnson to the police station for further questioning. He believed Mr. Johnson's story and acted upon it. He tracked Mr. Brown down and arrested him.

The case was solved: Mr. Brown had killed Mr. Smith for the money owed. The end. The end of the story of the investigation.
What Adamson Vokes men have cost the nation

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Poison claim

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general. Weekly Mail is being sued for
R250,000 for an article based on similar
allegations. Both newspapers are defend-
ing the action on the grounds of truth and
public benefit.

Under cross-examination by Vrye
Weekblad counsel R Lerm SC, Neethling
said since his discharge from the police
force in 1984/85, Coetze made a decision
to do something to prove himself.

Coetze, he said, had wanted to make a
name for himself, write a book or two and
had fabricated his story.

By reading the three versions given by
Coetzeo, two in Mauritius and a third in
London, one could see major differences,
the general said.

He told the court that for the past year
he (Neethling) had been walking, sleeping,
eating and dreaming the present case.

No knowledge

Yesterday Mr Justice Krugler was in-
formed that Neethling had withdrawn his
action against Weekly Mail printers Seculo
Printers and that the matter had been
settled between them.

Counsel told the court that it had been
settled between the two on the bases that
the printers had no knowledge of the con-
tents of the Weekly Mail article and had
had no intention of causing injury.

The printers withdrew the article and
apologised, the court was told. No settle-
ment amount was given.

The judge noted the settlement.
Sebokeng: ‘I did not see police stormed’

THABO LESHILO

FRIENDS and relatives of victims of the Sebokeng Hostel shooting, which left 42 dead, recently, packed the Vereeniging Magistrate's Court yesterday to hear a Supreme Court inquest into the incident.

The incident occurred on September 24 after Inkatha members allegedly clashed with hostel residents, leaving 39 people dead. Police later arrested 137 Inkatha members, including Themba Khoza, leader of the Inkatha Youth Brigade, for illegal possession of arms.

Among those present at the inquest were Mathuto Ntseana, whose husband Joseph died in the shooting. She was accompanied by her sister-in-law, Christina Ntseana. Mrs Mathuto Ntseana told Saturday Star they had travelled from Matatiele in the Transkei, "to get the truth about what happened to our husband and brother".

The two women, however, said that they could not follow the proceedings because they did not understand Afrikaans.

Constable Marius van Huylstien, who presented a police video film of the incident, which showed the army shooting at a crowd, told the court that he did not understand Afrikaans.

He said that he did not see the crowd "storm" at the army or hurl stones at them.

In a running commentary on the video, Constable van Huylstien, of the Krugersdorp Criminal Section's video unit, could be heard saying: "The defence force members are starting to act. They are using sharp (skerp) ammunition."

Panic-stricken people were shown running away. Some fell and were trampled on.

The inquest was adjourned to 10 am on Monday to give the defence counsel the opportunity to study the film.

The inquest chairman is Mr Justice Eddie Stafford. Advocates M Bassilien, L Lapidos and M Miller appear for Inkatha. ‘Advocate’ Gys Rautenbach appears for the victims.
SAP call angers SACP

The South African Communist Party reacted angrily yesterday to a police appeal to the public for help in locating four "extremely dangerous" African National Congress and SACP fugitives.

The four — Ronnie Kasrils, a member of the SACP's central committee, Janet Love, Charles Ndaba and Christephore Manye — are wanted by police for their suspected role in Operation Vula, the alleged ANC-SACP plot to overthrow the government.

By describing them as "armed and extremely dangerous," the police were "setting them up for attack," Mr. Essop Pahad, of the SACP, told The Star.

He wanted to know why the police had only made their appeal for help now.
Harms’s view on suspects divided

PATRICK LAURENCE

A STRIKING dichotomy runs through Mr Justice Louis Harms’s 200-page report on politically-motivated murder and violence.

It relates to the two prime suspects, the SAP’s counter-insurgency unit at Vilakwane near Pretoria, and the SADF’s shadow Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB).

The SAP is cleared, the CCB is in a bad sense, found culpable.

The division between the two, however, is not absolute. The boundary is porous. There is movement of men and ideas between the two.

As the judge puts it in his controversial report released this week, “Owing to the security situation, the dividing line between the functions of the Defence Force and those of the police have become blurred and hard to identify.”

Dr Fabian Ribeiro and his wife, Florence, were killed four years ago, their murderer remains unsolved.

There is a nexus between the police and the CCB. Thus a key CCB cell, the region 6 cell headed by Staal Burger, consisted entirely of ex-police.

Mr Burger, a former commander of the notorious Buxton Murder and Robbery Squad, recruited three policemen to serve with him in the cell.

Dr Chappie Maree, Slang van Zyl and Callie Botha.

At least one more former policeman served in a region 6 cell. Ferdi Barnard, who was in the police narcotics division in 1977, was killed for murder.

Closer link?

He was recruited into the CCB after completing part of his prison sentence.

The connections may have run deeper. The CCB network may have been connected to many others in the apartheid police force.

The men who gave evidence in disguise and under code names to the Harms Commission may have been ex-police.

The secret nature of the CCB, most of whose members functioned incognito and who remain anonymous, makes it impossible to trace the full extent of the SAP-CCB connection.

The Harms report does not help.

Pivotal questions arise from the police-CCB link.

What drew the policemen and ex-police to the CCB?

Was it merely a facet of the norms of the security force or was there a deep con"vergence of cultural ethos?”

The core of the Harms Report is that the CCB was contained in section 13 of his report entitled “Critical Evaluation of the CCB.”

A summary of the report’s findings follows:

CCB actions “corroborated to itself the powers to try, to sentence and to punish persons without those persons knowing of the allegations against their having had the opportunity to defend themselves.”

The CCB’s verdict was based on “inherently suspect information and untested information and its penalty was ‘out of all proportion to what would have been imposed in a civil court.”

CCB staff policy was suspect. “Persons with serious previous convictions (such as murder) or personality defects were employed... because of, and not in spite of, their previous convictions or defects.”

CCB actions “corroborated the whole security arm of the State” and its conduct created suspicion that it “may have been involved in more crimes of violence than the evidence shows.”

The overall thrust of the Harms report — exonerating the police and condemning the CCB — raises questions about the role in its proceedings of Tim McNally, Attorney General of the Free State.

Mr McNally was one of two authors of the McNally Report into the allegations of three ex-police men — Almond Nofemela, Dirk Coetzee and David Tabaka-linga — that a police “death squad” or squads operated from Vilakwane.

The McNally Report, completed a year ago but only released for publication last weekend, rejects the evidence of the trio of ex-police as “unreliable” and “untruthful”.

Yet, after dismissing their allegations, Mr McNally accepted an admission to lead evidence to the Harms Commission.

In the circumstances, Mr McNally should have recused himself, reckons John Dugard, director of the Centre for Applied Legal Studies and a member of the Independent Board of Inquiry into Informal Repression.

Mr Justice Louis Harms: questions remain.

Mr McNally’s role raises the question of whether his belief that the triad of ex-police were mendacious witnesses prejudiced the final outcome of the Harms Inquiry. At the least, to quote Professor Dugard, it casts a shadow over its findings.

As Mr Justice Harms notes in his report, one of the key reasons why he was appointed to inquire into politically motivated killings were allegations that political activist David Webster was murdered by a right-wing organisation or death squad.

The organisa"tion suspected of responsibility for the murder was later identified by the investigating police officer in the Webster case, Floris Mostert, as the CCB.

Conclusion

Mr Justice Harms concludes: “There is no evidence that the CCB murdered Dr Webster.”

His conclusion, however, should be juxtaposed with earlier comments in the issue in his report.

“One cannot be blamed for suspecting the CCB of the (Webster) murder, particularly since the CCB has done nothing to allay such a suspicion,” the judge says.

He adds that the CCB might have murdered Dr Webster.

In summary the possibility that the CCB murdered Dr Webster cannot be excluded, the available evidence, however, does not justify the conclusion that it did.

Reading through the report and cogitating on its shortcomings leaves one with a sense of dissatisfaction with the exception of the killing of Dr Fabian Ribeiro and his wife, little or no advances seem to have been made.

The trail is still littered with unsolved murders. To mention a few of the vcs, the Xhong, Sifhatsh and Victoria, Mathew Gornwe and his three companions, and Rick Turner. Questions and a disquiet still remain.

Anton Lubowski’s murder in Windhoek falls into a special category.

President F.W. de Klerk excluded his murder from the commission’s terms of reference by restricting its investigation to murders in South Africa. He did, however, mandate the commission to establish whether or not Lubowski was an SADF agent, as alleged by Defence Minister Magnus Malan.

The judge offers no explanation for the Lubowski killing. He refers to the finding that Mr Lubowski was a paid SADF agent but “does not show that the CCB was not responsible for the act.”

He states: “In the nature of things politically motivated offences are usually well planned and difficult to solve.” Lawyers for the Independent Board of Inquiry offer another reason: “Failure by the commission’s investigative team to vigorously and objectively investigate activists allegedly penetrated by the SAP (and the CCB)”.

The author is a special writer on The Star and is author of the newly-published Penguin book “Death Squads. Apartheid’s Secret Weapon.”
So what was uncovered?

E SCHEL. Rhodie of Info scandal notoriety once said about official commissions of inquiry "What is being investigated is not the truth of the matter, but any person who may dare to publish information which could prove that the government was involved."

For many people this week's finding by the Harms Commission that police hit squads have never existed, confirmed Rhodie's statement.

Lists of the names of hundreds of victims of alleged hit squads were submitted to the commission. It was not the commission's task to investigate all the individual cases, it was rather to find a pattern or patterns that the authorities should investigate.

One question was clear: are there people in the government or certain government sections who follow a secret murder policy?

Early in his report Harms complains that his work was politicised and that "parties" tried to score political points. What a strange complaint! After all, political murders are about politics and murder.

And the one who proves that a political or political party or institution is involved in murder, is going to score political points.

Just as strange is the commissioner's statement that it was not his assignment to investigate "the security arm of the State and the so-called Civil Co-operation Bureau or the PAC and ANC."

What did he have to investigate? There were serious allegations, with evidence, which implicated both the "security arm", of the State and the ANC in political murders.

The public and the State already know a lot about the activities of the ANC.

But the opposite is true concerning the murder of opponents of the government. Therefore the "security arm of the State" and the CCB - the commission maintains a false distinction between the two - should have been investigated by the commission, in depth and in detail. The commissioner concedes it in a footnote.

Under the probably absurd assumption that the State would expose itself to a conviction of murder, there were expectations of judicial independence.

It was hoped that the commission would create greater opportunities for the collection of evidence and how it would be presented.

It did not happen. Harms says he was given private access "to all classified material in possession of the police and the army" but, repeating the pattern of failed police investigations into unsolved murders, key documents had disappeared.

There were numerous examples of missing diaries and documents which would show where specific security policemen were at specific times.

Harms says he did not have the power to subpoena witnesses or to question witnesses "unless the evidence was strictly related to the brief of the commission."

He strictly defined his brief not to include the "security arm" of the government or the CCB. Therefore Defence Minister Magnus Malan, Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok and several generals allegedly involved were not asked to testify.

Former security policeman Captain Dirk Coetzee, who made serious allegations about police hit squad activities, this week wrote a letter to Harms in response to Harms' statement that Coetzee was a liar with psychopathic tendencies.

"Look, an angel I have never been, but a psychopath! I don't know where and how long and for what you have studied, but I do not believe you are a qualified psychologist able to make such statements."

He asks why the commission did not have him examined psychologically. He was willing to have it done.

He says Harms had been led up the garden path by other security policemen who testified. It was part of a security policeman's job to be a skilled liar.

He says he regards Harms as a naive person who could not believe what he heard when he listened to Coetzee's evidence.

He assured Harms that he had told the truth "That you will still learn." - Vrye Weekblad
IT is now official: the South African police do not have units who murder political opponents of the government, Vrye Weekblad said this week.

In a strong criticism of the report by Judge Louis Harms, the weekly asked whether clandestine units who murdered political activists should rather be described as picnickers.

The Harms report was not only a slap in the face of the families of murdered people, the paper said; it was also a setback for our judicial system.

The weekly called for a fight against insensitivity about the lives of citizens. "Otherwise no one will point a finger if such happenings appear again in a new regime under a new form of government," it cautioned.

"ALL people in the country who respect facts and the truth know from general information that exactly the opposite is true. The police do not play on the political playground," the paper said.

So writes Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok in Vrye Weekblad in reply to the DP MP for Claremont, Jan van Eck, who wrote last week that "the police are again busy becoming the main players on the political terrain."

PROGRESS made since February 2 would be wiped out in a week if every party in South Africa followed the ANC's example in falling back on political battle methods which worked in the past, Beeld said this week.

"The NP harnessed swart gevaar tactics to great advantage in the past," the paper said, asking whether anyone in his right mind would suggest shouting swart gevaar today.

"The ANC's renewed campaign of mass action and public resistance is little different to such a retreat to the hackneyed practices of the old South Africa," it said, calling on the organisation to abandon the "futile effort"
Students hurt in college raid

BY SOPHIE TEMA

A MIDNIGHT raid by police and South African soldiers on a teachers' college in Lebowa has left several students injured.

The raid was carried out on the CN Phatudi Teachers' College after lecturers had asked chief minister Nelson Ramotlou for protection from students after talks between them about examinations had ended in deadlock.

A lecturer confirmed that he and his colleagues had appealed to the Minister for protection because of threats against their lives by certain students.

A spokesman for Ramotlou said, "We know about the incident but we cannot comment because the matter is being investigated."

Seven women -- all students -- who appeared in a Pretoria court this week have been allowed R100 bail and their cases have been postponed to November 24.

When City Press visited the college this week police were still milling around the campus.

The Students' Representative Council is planning a meeting at the college next week between parents, students, lecturers and other bodies.

Students have consulted an attorney and are planning legal action against Ramotlou, the police and the SADF.

Those injured are Staff Manoke, Siandy Masemola, Margaret Rakganya, Simon Magabane, Cecilia Monosawai, John Malefale, Mmamolodi, Fathim Chego, Cornelia Mphahlele, Constance Majato, Michael Seleka and Esther Masemola.

Manoke, Masemola and Rakganya bear thick sjambok welts on their bodies, mostly on their backs, arms and thighs.

Rakganya spoke with difficulty as she had her lower and upper lips stitched for an injury resulting from blows with a mob-stick.

Staff Manoke shows the sjambok welts after the raid on the college.

The women students claim they were kicked and hit with gun-butts on their ribs, buttocks and thighs.

Manoke told City Press the police and army arrived on campus at midnight and knocked on all the doors and windows demanding the students let them in.

"We were scared because they were arrogant and used vulgar words so we decided to run to other dormitories for cover. But by then some of the police had jumped in through some of the windows they had forced open.

"As soon as they had entered our rooms they started to assault us. We were hit with sjamboks, batons, gun-butts, kicked and punched with fists and some of them threatened to shoot us.

"After the assaults we were ordered into police vans and driven to the police station. Most of us were in our night clothes.

"At the police station we were made to sign statements that we were students, some of whom had been assaulted and injured."
Clashes in city as police halt protest march

RUNNING battles broke out in the Johannesburg city centre yesterday between protesters and police after permission for a planned march protesting against black local authorities was refused.

By late yesterday it was not known how many people had been injured, although eyewitnesses said at least 10 people had been injured by rubber bullets.

As early as 9.30am hundreds of placard-waving protesters gathered at Plein and Wanderers streets to march to the local TPA offices. Traffic ground to a halt and businesses closed early.

Police ordered the crowd to disperse within two minutes. Leaders of the Cane Associations of Southern Transvaal (Cas) told their supporters to sit down while their president Moses Mayekiso tried to plead with police to allow the enraged crowds to continue.

When police refused, attempts by Cas leaders to urge the protesters to leave the area were booed.

People fled in all directions as a strong contingent of police moved in on them, firing rubber bullets and chasing protesters with batons in Wanderers Street.

Flat tenants and protesters hurled stones and beer bottles at the police and SADF personnel.

Two police vans were petrol-bombed, a policeman stabbed and all the windows of a senior police officer's car smashed, according to eyewitnesses.

As the battles raged, riot cops were seen shooting rubber bullets from rooftops and balconies.

The march was aimed at demanding the immediate resignation of councillors, the reconnection of lights and water and the creation of "one city" town councils.

Similar marches took place in Germiston, Potchefstroom, Vereeniging and Randfontein.

Meanwhile, about 2,500 banner-waving marchers brought traffic to a halt in central Cape Town on Saturday morning in an ANC-organised protest against the black local authority system – CP Reporters, Sapa.
‘Trojan horse nonsense, says SAP

THE SAP has refuted allegations in a City Press report last week headlined “Trojan horse deaths”.

SAP public relations officer Maj RM Harraill said: “The picture of ‘shocked residents’ showing gunshot wounds after an ‘attack by police’ creates the perception that the police attacked the residents.

“This is so far from the truth that it is absolutely absurd.

“Any person in his right mind will know that the SAP does not attack people.”

There were many incidents of petrol-bombs and stones hurled at the police. “The fact that a member of the police was injured when he was hit on the head by a stone thrown by those attacking the police is conveniently ignored.

“The SAP emphatically denies the allegations of the ‘Trojan horse’. Police vehicles used in Atteridgeville are either Casspirs or easily identifiable police vehicles.

“The term ‘Trojan horse’ would imply that police made use of other vehicles to hide their identity until the last moment.”

Witnesses told City Press that youths were re-connecting electricity in Ghost Town when police sneaked up on them and used shotguns, rubber and live bullets without warning.

The article painted a biased picture, said Harraill.

Political comment and rewrite by K Sklyna, headline and sub-editing by K Naidoo, both of 2 Herd Street, New Deutschland, Johannesburg.
Lawyers reject Harms report, call for international probe

CAPE TOWN — An association of lawyers has called for an international probe into politically motivated crime in South Africa, rejecting the Harms Commission report and alleging a cover-up backed by the Government.

"We believe that the people of South Africa are entitled to know the truth," the National Association of Democratic Lawyers said at the weekend.

"Nadel rejects the whole process as a sham and huge cover-up of SADF and SAP covert activities by the De Klerk Government and the security forces."

In calling for an international commission, Nadel placed blame for the alleged cover-up on President de Klerk. It said the Government's handling of the matter had ensured "that the truth is suppressed."

"We stress that the person primarily responsible for this cover-up is the State President himself, who refused to extend the commission's terms of reference."

"The State President only conceded to a commission after severe pressure from all quarters. It appears that the delay afforded elements in the SADF and SAP sufficient scope to suppress the truth."

The Harms report, made public last week, found no trace of hit squads in the SAP. "Nadel," as therefore of the view that there has been no adequate and impartial investigation into the existence and the activities of hit squads within the SADF and SAP," the statement said.

It called for the resignation of Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok and Defence Minister General Magnus Malan.

"They should be called upon to resign forthwith. We refuse to accept that (the) Ministers should be allowed to escape responsibility," the association said — Sapa.
R15 000 reward for PE police killers

From PAT CANDIDO
Argus Bureau
PORT ELIZABETH. — A reward of R15 000 has been offered for information about the murder of two young members of the police riot squad and a third man who were gunned down with AK 47 rifles in Zwide yesterday.

Police have launched a hunt for the killers of Sergeant John Gerber, 21, Constable Cornelius De Wet, 22, and their unidentified companion.

The policemen’s bodies were found sprawled half out of their police van. The third body was on the seat of the cab.

Sergeant Gerber’s brother, Constable Hein Gerber, 20, also a member of the riot unit, was manning the radio when the report came through that his brother’s patrol van had been attacked.

He later counted 37 bullet holes in the vehicle.

Major Bill Dennis, police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, said it appeared that the gunmen ran alongside the vehicle, firing from point-blank range, until it struck a wall.
Sebokeng video shocks courtroom

By Thabo Leshilo

Shocked spectators at the Sebokeng inquest gasped in awe, others cursed and several left the courtroom when a video of soldiers shooting at a crowd at the Sebokeng hostel on September 4 was shown yesterday during an inquest into the deaths of 42 people.

The video, which shows the army firing at people as they ran away, was handed in as evidence by the police to the inquest in the Vereeniging Magistrate's Court.

Firearms

A number of the victims were left injured, dead or dying from their wounds.

The inquest into events at the hostel, where 42 people died after clashes involving Inkhatha, ANC-supporting hostel residents and the SADF, is chaired by Mr Justice Eddie Stafford.

Police later arrested 137 Inkatha members, including Themba Khoza, leader of the Inkatha Youth Brigade.

Police found several firearms and a homemade bomb in the youth leader's car.

Police cameraman Warrant Officer Piet Nienaber said the army had opened fire just after firing a teargas grenade.

The grenade had exploded near him, and he had just turned around to escape the gas when the firing started, Warrant Officer Nienaber said.

He, however, could not film the shooting incident because his camera battery was flat at the time.

Warrant Officer Nienaber said he did not see anyone from the huge crowd attack soldiers before the shooting.

He said a large group had been sitting near to where security forces were standing when the shooting started.

Another member of the police video team, Constable Marius Huyssteen, told the court on Friday that he did not understand why soldiers had shot at the crowd because the crowd had not stormed the soldiers or hurled stones at them.

The shooting apparently started moments after someone in the crowd had hurled a missile near the soldiers and the huge crowd.

Constable Huyssteen said it was not clear from the video whether the missile had landed in the crowd or among the SADF members.

In the courtroom, the widow of one of the victims, Mathuto Niseana, who was wearing mourning garb, had her head in shock when a scene from the video showed people lying injured and others dead or dying on the ground.

Mrs Niseana's husband Joseph was killed during events at the hostel.

Withdraw

Warrant Officer Nienaber and Constable Huyssteen denied seeing anyone throwing a petrol bomb at security forces.

Anton Ackerman appears for the State, and M Basilius, L Lapidos and M Miller appear for Inkatha.

The victims are represented by Gys Houtenbusch, K van Vuuren, who initially represented the SADF and the SAP, withdrew his representation for the police yesterday.
Coetzee told his story in 1984

FORMER police captain Dirk Coetzee told his story of political murder to a senior investigative reporter in 1984 but the political climate at the time prevented its publication, the Rand Supreme Court heard yesterday.

Martin Welz — a former political correspondent on the Sunday Express and head investigative reporter for Rapport — was testifying in the R1.5m defamation suit brought by SA Police forensics chief Gen Lothar Neethling against the Vrye Weekblad and Weekly Mail for publishing Coetzee's allegation that he had supplied poison for political murders.

Welz said he met Coetzee in 1984 and was told on an absolutely confidential basis of alleged police operations.

Coetzee had told him of obtaining poison from police laboratories, and had named Neethling.

Welz said he had not kept notes of the discussions, and had met Coetzee privately.

Counsel for Neethling, Willie Osry QC, asked Welz in cross-examination whether he would have published the allegations about Neethling.

Welz said he would not have done so at the time due to the political climate, but if he had written Coetzee's story at all allegations about Neethling would have been included. He believed Coetzee's story, he said. — Sapa
Coetzee's claims were credible despite lies

JOHANNESBURG. — A witness called by the defence in the $1.5-million defamation suit brought by police forensics chief General Lothar Neethling yesterday conceded that former police captain Mr Dirk Coetzee was prepared to lie and cheat, but that a liar could still be a credible witness.

General Neethling brought the action following allegations published in the Vrye Weekblad and Weekly Mail newspapers by Mr Coetzee that he had obtained poison from him to murder political opponents.

Former senior investigative reporter and freelance journalist Mr Martin Welz testified that Mr Coetzee had in 1984 told him in confidence of his involvement in politically motivated murders.

Senior counsel for General Neethling, Mr Willie Oshry QC, said Mr Coetzee had been known to submit false affidavits and confess involvement in murders.

Asked if that was compatible with a credible witness, Mr Welz said it was consistent with Mr Coetzee's other behaviour. — Sapa
SAP 'had dirty tricks department'

The Argus Correspondent

Johannesburg. — A journalist, Martin Welz, has testified that Dirk Coetzee had told him about a police "dirty tricks department" in 1984 — long before Captain Coetzee became embittered against the police — but he had not given the editor of Rapport the opportunity to print the story.

Mr Welz gave evidence in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday during the civil trial in which General Lothar Neethling, head of the police forensic division, is claiming R1.5 million from Vrye Weekblad and the Weekly Mail.

In published interviews, Captain Coetzee claimed General Neethling supplied poison to be used on "inconvenient" African National Congress members — which General Neethling says has defamed him.

Mr Welz said he heard Captain Coetzee's story early in 1984 over a number of weeks in a private, social "off-the-record" situation.

Captain Coetzee told him "with some hilarity" how a new-fangled method using poison had not worked to get rid of two men. In the end the two "recalcitrant informers" were shot because the old methods were more reliable.

Mr Welz said Captain Coetzee's bravado came from a belief that the loyalty of his group superseded the law. He seemed proud of what he had done, regarding it as an achievement.

At that stage Mr Welz headed an investigation team at Rapport. He did not tell the editor, Dr Wimpie de Klerk, about the story because he said Dr De Klerk, as part of a political structure, might have considered it his duty to tell the police. That would have discharged De Klerk's onus but put Mr Welz and his informant at risk.

"If you have a dirty tricks department, which appears to have no holde barred, with access to the highest authority, there must be some approval and protection. Any individual who sticks his neck out is taking his life into his own hands.

"I still believe it was a responsible decision," Mr Welz said. "The more people you told, the more people were saddled with the risk."

When Vrye Weekblad published the first report in November last year, there was the additional fact of Almond Nofemela's statement, Mr Welz said Nofemela's affidavit, given on death row, spoke of a police hit squad.

Once the decision was taken to publish, Mr Welz agreed with the newspaper's decision to print everything at once.

"It was important for the newspaper to tell the story as Coetzee told it," he said.

He disagreed that General Neethling's name should have been kept out of the article.
Policeman dies in AK 47 city ambush

By JOHAN SCHRONEN
Staff Reporter

A YOUNG constable was shot dead and a sergeant seriously injured when their patrol van was ambushed in Khayelitsha today.

It was the second attack on police in the Cape this week. Two policemen were shot dead while on patrol in Port Elizabeth on Monday.

A "substantial" reward has been offered by police for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible.

Constable Frans van der Merwe, 23, and Sergeant N A van Niekerk Laten, 27, of the Pinelands Dog Unit were driving along Zola Budd Drive on the outskirts of Khayelitsha about 4.30 am today when shots from an AK 47 were fired from shacks.

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Police liaison officer Major Gys Boonzaier said the men had been on duty at a roadblock. They had taken a prisoner to Mitchell's Plain and were ambushed on their way back.

At least 10 bullet holes were visible in the blood-smeared patrol van, which stopped at the intersection of Lansdowne Road Extension and New Street, more than a kilometre from the shooting.

The street was covered with blood and broken glass. Police cordoned off the area while detectives looked for clues. Spent AK 47 cartridge cases were found near the scene of the shooting.

Sergeant Later of Vissers Street, Kraitfontein, who is married, was admitted to Tygerberg Hospital in a serious condition.

**Cowardly**

Constable van der Merwe, who was unmarried, lived in police barracks at Parow.

Regional Commissioner of Police General Flip Fourie said: "We condemn this kind of cowardly attack on policemen who are just doing their duty. We will do everything in our power to solve this murder.

No country could tolerate the slaying of its policemen and the police force would do everything in its power not only to apprehend those responsible for their murders but to prevent "such callous deeds in future," said Brigadier Vic Heyns of the directorate of public relations in Pretoria.

He said that police were there to protect and serve all and a police force was essential for any country, to prevent anarchy and chaos.

**The weather**

Fine and mild.

(Details — page 2)

Win a R38 000 Cressida in The Argus-Atkinson's Toyota Stick-
DURBAN — Lawyers acting for the family of Mr. Gains & Dyer of this city are preparing to file a civil action in the Magistrate's Court here, asking for a court order to make a man named Mr. Black, one of the accused, appear. An order nisi, the lawyer for the Black family, was asked for a court order to appear. He said of the attorney for the Black family, that the man was "nominated" for the position of solicitor for the Black family.

The claim was made that the Black family held a position in the family of Mr. Gains & Dyer, and that the man was the"nominated" for the position of solicitor for the Black family. He said the claim was "nominated" and that the man was the "nominated" for the position of solicitor for the Black family.

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Constable (23) shot dead

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Constable Frans van der Merwe (23) was shot in the head and Sergeant N A van Niekerk Latten (27) was hit in the chest and side.

• Four people were wounded last night when a group of about 100 people attacked Dobsonville Hostel residents in Soweto and then shot at police who were called to the scene. — Own Correspondent and West Rand Bureau.
2 more policemen ambushed in Cape

Own Correspondent

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Attack

It was the second attack on police in the Cape this week.

Two policemen were shot dead in Port Elizabeth on Monday.

The two members of the Pinelands dog unit, Constable Frans van der Merwe (23) and Sergeant N A Laten (37) were driving along the outskirts of the township at about 4.30 am when they came under fire from nearby shacks.

Constable van der Merwe was hit in the head. Sergeant Laten, the driver, was hit in the chest and abdomen but managed to drive away.

The police have offered a reward of R10 000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the murderers of the two constables.
Demo against death squads

CAPE Town residents who support the ideal of an accountable government have been invited to a protest march on Saturday to voice their dissatisfaction with the Harms Commission Report.

The march, organised by the Campaign for a Judicial Inquiry into Hit Squads, will leave from the Grand Parade at 11 am and proceed to St George's Cathedral.

The Campaign said at a press conference this week they were "disappointed and dismayed" at the Harms report.

"The hit squads have not been uncovered to the bone as the State President promised," said spokesperson Mr Barney Jordaan.

"The State President said in his response to the report that we should let bygones be bygones but the principle of accountability which is at stake here is too important to sweep under the carpet."

They said they would do their utmost to prevent a "witch hunt" which was an inevitable backlash from disappointed relatives of victims of the hit squads.
New SA Police Force?

General Committee

General Committee's letter of resignation

SA Police Commissioner:

On 15 February 1975, I resigned from the position of SA Police Commissioner. This letter is to formally tender my resignation with immediate effect. I have decided to leave the service for personal reasons.

Yours sincerely,

[Name]
EX-Spy: I was sent to kill ANC officials with poisons and a TV

Poison, Plot

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Johannesburg: A man claiming to be a former South African security official has revealed details of a plot to murder ANC leaders with poisons. The source, who preferred not to be named, said he was assigned the task in the 1990s by a former intelligence agency. The source claimed that the poisons were to be delivered via food or beverages. The plot, the source said, was aimed at destabilizing the ANC and creating a power真空 for the opposition. The source added that the plan was later abandoned due to a lack of funds and resources. The source also revealed that he was given access to a TV to show the ANC leaders a video of the poisons being used. He said the ANC leaders were shocked and terrified by the video. The source said he was paid for his services but was later arrested and imprisoned for 10 years. He said he was released in 2015 and has been living in exile ever since. The source claimed that he has evidence to back up his claims and is willing to provide it to the authorities.
By DAN SIMON and CHRIS BATEMAN

POLICE heard a whistle seconds before a gunman opened fire on two policemen in Khayelitsha early yesterday, killing one and injuring the other.

This was said to investigating officers by Sergeant H A Van Niekerk Laten, 27, of Kraaifontein, who was wounded in the 4.20am attack.

He is in a stable condition in Tygerberg Hospital after undergoing an emergency operation.

His colleague, Constable Frans van der Merwe, 23, of Prow, died instantly from a bullet wound to the head. He was due to be married in about three months. Both policemen were from the Finetlands Dog Unit.

Senior police experts agree that the attack was carefully planned and executed.

Police/ liaison officer Major Gys Bozzazer said police would now increasingly use armoured vehicles to patrol townships at night.

"It is the second ambush of a police patrol this week and brings the death toll to three. Two policemen were shot dead in the Port Elizabeth township of Zwarte on Monday.

In yesterday's attack, the policemen were returning to a roadblock when a hidden gunman opened fire with an R4 rifle from the side of a small trading store.

Before they drove into the ambush they heard a whistle — believed to have been a signal to the attacker.

Major Leonard Knipe, head of the Peninsula's Murder and Robbery Unit, said the attack was "obviously carefully planned".

A police ballistics expert said the van was sprayed from three sides with one R4 semi-automatic rifle, from which at least 24 rounds were fired.

"It appears the attacker changed his position three times," Major Knipe said.

Major Knipe said the ballistics expert believed the gunman had hidden himself in a vegetable kiosk near a cafe, awaiting a flip-off from an accomplice that the van was approaching.

Major Bozzazer said the policemen had just dropped off a prisoner at the Mitchells Plain police station.

A security policeman on his way to work noticed Sergeant Laten flicking the van's headlights on and off about 4.20am to attract attention.

Also badly injured was Constable Van der Merwe's Alsatian Duke, which
Policemen shot: Casspirs may be used for patrols

Staff Reporter 22/11/90

POLICE are considering the use, of Casspir and Nongquai armoured vehicles for night patrols in Khayelitsha and other troubled areas after yesterday's ambush of two policemen in the township.

Police liaison officer Major Gys Boonzaaer said armoured vehicles were already being used but there were still a number of soft-skin vehicles making patrols. The vehicle which was ambushed was one of these.

Constable Frans van der Merwe was killed and Sergeant H A van Niekerk Latten was seriously wounded when a man opened fire on their vehicle with a semi-automatic rifle in Khayelitsha yesterday.

Forensic experts identified the murder weapon as an R-4 rifle — standard issue to Defence Force troops.

Major Boonzaaer said it was an established fact that a number of these rifles were in illegal circulation in the townships as a result of theft and soldiers swapping them for drugs.
No orders to shoot, Sebokeng inquest told

By Thabo Lethilo

SADF members who allegedly unleashed a volley of automatic gunfire at a crowd at the Sebokeng hostel in September apparently did so without an order from their commanding officer, the Sebokeng inquest into the deaths of 42 people heard yesterday.

"Commandant Cloutie told me that he had only ordered tear gas to be fired," he said. The commandant told him that one soldier had said one of the wounded people was holding a petrol bomb.

"I did not see a petrol bomb near the corpse at that stage," Colonel Fourie said.

He said that after the shooting, he had seen three bodies and several injured persons on the scene. There were also sharp weapons, petrol bombs, fighting sticks and articles of clothing.

There were, as usual, two different command structures for the SAP and SADF. Problems arose because of this, Colonel Fourie said.

The shooting had occurred a minute after he had told police not to shoot or hit the people but rather to disperse them gradually.

Asked what he would have done to disperse the mob, he said he would have used tear gas and rubber bullets before using live ammunition.

Another witness, Warrant Officer Anthony Slinger, said the army arrived in a convoy at 8.35 am. There was a 10,000-strong aggressive crowd outside the hostel. They threw stones and petrol bombs at Inkatha members trapped inside.

"I could see the defence force kneel down tear gas (three canisters) was fired. The defence force immediately started firing R-4 weapons. I heard no order given to shoot."

The crowd started running, W/O Slinger said. He saw 11 wounded people on the ground. He later collected 78 spent R-4 cartridges at the scene.

Constable Joseph Lethoba said he had removed two bodies from the scene at about 10 am, about 15 minutes after the shooting.

The hearing continues.
WOUNDED POLICEMAN

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the almost award-winning plot of a military coup is made in the form of a ‘mystery’ witness. 5-year-old Leslie Lesa was called by the publication’s defence.

Nechling is using the two newspapers to pull the general public into the elimination of activists. The allegations were made by self-appointed police, the squad member and former police captain Dirk Coetzee, whose confession have been largely discredited by the Harrington-McKnelly reports.

Lesa testified that he was recruited by South African military intelligence (M1) in October 1986 and provided with poison, including a poison that was supplied to the general public.

ANC member Gibson Ncohe died after he allegedly drank a can of Castle lager laced with poison smuggled into Mozambique by Lesa. The wife of an ANC member, one Tasia Chirza, died in Zimbabwe when her bootlegged tequila, allegedly supplied by Lesa, exploded in May 1987.

Lesa, who was as far as he knew was not employed by the Civil Operation Bureau, told how he had on one occasion presented the Russian Embassy with a box of poison bombs and a "gift" box containing poison. He also said he had visited the SAP forensic laboratories in early 1987 with his "handler" to fetch poison incisor and that he had been told by his handler that South African Police was "Nechling helped with the poison.

The atmosphere in the packed court room, which was lit by electricity as Lesa related his story, Nechling looked composed throughout, grinning constantly, but taking great care.

Lesa, resident in Bloemfontein, was imprisoned in Zimbabwe from May 1987 until July 25 of that year for the murder of Coetzee. The charges were dropped in October 1988 but he was re-arrested until the State Emergency was lifted in July 1987.

A bottle of poison, two syringes, a poison ring, 25 pills, a syringe, a plastic and a box containing detonators were found in a secret compartment of his car by the Zimbabwean authorities.

Exhaustive evidence corroborating Lesa's account, including photographs taken by the Zimbabwean authorities of his hidden car compartment and its contents, air tickets, hotel cards, a diary and his passport — was handed in to the court.

During cross-examination, the plaintiff's defence, Wilfrid Oshby QC, revealed that Lesa had been jailed several times for theft and dagga dealing. Lesa said he was recruited a few months after he flew with his sister-in-law to Tanzania for the funeral of his nephew, Tebogo Lesa, an Unichaso weSbone soldier in early September 1986. He said he had informed the Bloemfontein security police of the trip and a certain official said he would assist them with the necessary travel documents.

Lesa said on his return, he was trekked into becoming an agent for MI6 when informed by someone posing as a United States Consulate official that funds would be provided for the art school he had set up in Bloemfontein. Lesa had written to the consulate in April to ask for financial assistance for his art school "Leslie's Performing Arts and Cultural Institute".

Two representatives from the consulate allegedly came to see him in Bloemfontein and a local lawyer, Brian Cooper, was consulted to handle the financial transactions. Lesa was flown to Johannesburg on two occasions and his flights were paid for, he said, by what he thought was the US embassy.

At Jan Smuts Holiday Inn he became acquainted with a dark-haired Mr Ern- est R. Beeker (a friend, according to a former MI6 member quoted in the Sunday Mail and who spoke to the Surprise Mail, is Kobus Potgieter, former member of the special forces) and later a blond Mr Brown, who wore a Porker accent.

On his second visit to Johannesburg, Lesa said he was asked by Brown and Becker how much he knew of the ANC in exile. He said he was reluctant to give information until "Mr Becker sort of threatened me and said if I didn't cooperate they wouldn't let my school have funds". Lesa, who described himself as "confused at the time" said he became suspicious but knew that if he backed out "things would not be easy" for him when he returned home.

From then on he became an agent, supplying his handlers, Becker and Brown, with information when he checked into either the Milpark or Jan Smuts Holiday Inn. He said he made various trips to Mozambique, Swaziland and Botswana to take substance laced with poison for the elimination of activists and to control his own TV set. Evidence of his trips was submitted to the court, but he said some valuable documents — including a diary in which he recorded everything — were destroyed by frightened relatives while he was detained in Zimbabwe.

The self-styled Lesa said his handlers paid R1 600 each month into his Barclays Bank Bloemfontein account and gave him R1 500 to R2 000 travel expenses for each trip he made.

He claims that, after repeated contact with the ANC in exile, he was asked by them to help set up a cell in the rural areas.

Lesa said on one of his trips to Johannesburg, where he stayed at Milpark Holiday Inn, he was given four glass bottles of a yellow-looking syrup, a syringe and a poison ring. "Beeker instructed me that whenever I got the opportunity — I should concentrate on high-ranking officers in the ANC — I could either use the ring to put poison in it and spill it (in their drinks) or, if I had the chance, I could use the syringe to inject them."

He said he saw Nechling after he was given the poison, on one occasion in a bar at the Jan Smuts Holiday Inn. Nechling, who was allegedly seen dealing with two women and a man, was pointed out by Beeker.

Lesa later appeared in court, saying that when he had seen the general in 1986 he had a moustache and looked younger ("Beeker") said that he was the head of the police, the man who was helping us with the staff.

Oshby intimated he may have got the information about Nechling from the "Dispatches" video he saw two days before.

(Proceeding)
Big reward offered for murder information

The Commissioner of the SA Police, General Johan van der Merwe, has announced an increase in the reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the deaths of SAP members in Port Elizabeth, Cape Town and Soweto from R10,000 to R25,000.

He said in Pretoria yesterday that anybody with information was requested to contact the nearest police station.

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok said yesterday that 12 policemen had been killed since the beginning of October and that it was obvious their deaths were part of a sustained murder campaign against the SAP. Two more policemen were reported killed in the Transvaal after Mr Vlok had made his statement.

Mr Vlok said the policemen's deaths came in addition to assassinations and intimidation already being waged against black policemen and their families in the townships.

"This situation is still completely unacceptable," Mr Vlok said. "I once again condemn it in the strongest possible terms," Mr Vlok said.
Ex-major denies Coetzee story

CATHY STAGG

ARRETIED police major, who was yachting just south of the Mozambique border, was located and brought to Johannesburg this week to testify during the R1.5 million defamation trial launched by SAP forensic division chief, General Lothar Neethling.

The claim arose from the publication of interviews with former police captain, Dirk Coetzee, who claimed General Neethling supplied poison to be used on ANC members.

Yesterday, Archibald Michael Flemmington was called to the witness box. He has a tanned face and greying, short hair.

"He told Justice J C Kriegler, who is presiding over the civil trial in the Rand Supreme Court, that he resigned from the police in 1983 because he believed he could better himself financially in the private sector."

He sold a hotel and as a result of a restraint of trade agreement, which expires in April next year, is not working at present.

Mr Flemmington denied Mr Coetzee's allegations, in which Mr Flemmington was claimed to have been present when two men were shot in the back of the head with a Makarov pistol, their bodies burnt and thrown into the Komati River.

He first met Mr Coetzee, Mr Flemmington said, when Mr Coetzee was branch commander of the Oshoek border post, in the uniform branch, and he (Mr Flemmington) was a branch commander of the security police at Komatipoort.

They met at a branch commanders' conference in Middelburg. Later Mr Coetzee was transferred to the security police, based first at Middelburg then in Pretoria.

"He visited me at Komatipoort. It was after I became a major so it must have been after March 1, 1981," Mr Flemmington said.

"He arrived with a European member of his staff and said they had two Askars with them who were going to work the area to find ANC terrorists.

"He asked me to give them accommodation. I agreed to do this.

"My men told me they saw the Askars at the bus ranks for about three weeks or so, then they left. I never saw Dirk Coetzee again," he said.

He said he knew the area described by Mr Coetzee well, it was 100 metres from the national highway, just south of the bridge, near a hotel and some farm houses. It was "wide open, not secluded at all," he said.

"If tyres had been used to burn the body, as suggested by Mr Coetzee, he would have expected farmers who were concerned about protecting their crops to have investigated the thick black smoke.

He said there was "no truth whatsoever" in Mr Coetzee's allegations.

He met General Neethling for the first time this week, he said.

"Counsel for Vrye Weekblad and the Weekly Mail will cross-examine Mr Flemmington on Monday."

The judge told Mr Flemmington it was unfortunate that his evidence could not be completed before the weekend but suggested he might go yachting "on the darn."
Ambush suspect killed during arrest

Cape Times, Saturday, November 24, 1990
Judge orders witness detained for perjury

By Thabo Leshilo

A witness in the Sebokeng inquest being heard by the Supreme Court was detained briefly for committing perjury yesterday after allegedly giving evidence which conflicted with a statement he had made to police about his cousin's death.

Mr Justice Stafford ordered that Wilson Tafeni be detained for perjury while the court adjourned for tea.

The perjury stemmed from a statement made by Mr Tafeni in which he claimed to have personally seen his cousin being shot by a white man at 4 am on September 4.

Mr Tafeni denied having said so to the court.

He said that his cousin had been killed when the SADF shot at people outside the hostel after 9 am.

Mr Justice Stafford told Mr Tafeni he had "committed perjury of the first degree".

In the statement, Mr Tafeni said he and his cousin were patrolling the hostel after rumours that Inkatha would attack the residents.

The statement said that David, his cousin, was shot by a white man — whom he described as being of medium build — at the hostel at 4 am.

Before dying, David had told Mr Tafeni that the killer was a Mr Ferreira or Mr Pelela, his manager at a Vereeniging firm.

Mr Tafeni denied having said so in his statement.

He said his brother had been shot by a member of the SADF.

Mr Tafeni said David was part of a large crowd sitting in front of soldiers, about seven paces in front of him.

He said he had ordered the people to sit down to avoid anybody throwing stones at the troops and he denied they had intended to block the soldiers.

The people had been armed with spears and axes, he said.

The group had started running after soldiers fired tear gas.

The troops also fired live ammunition while the people ran away to escape the gas.

"Only the soldiers fired at the people. No one else fired shots at the time," said Mr Tafeni.
‘It’s a spark that will light fire of violence’

PETER FABRICIUS
Political Correspondent

SOME ANC mass action campaigns — such as the call for black councillors to resign — were “like hiding a gun behind your back and suggesting ‘do this or else’”

That was why the Government regarded these campaigns as part of the “armed actions and related activities” which the ANC had agreed to suspend, said Mr Roelf Meyer, deputy Minister of Constitutional Development, and a member of both joint ANC/Government working groups — on political prisoners and exiles and also on the ANC armed struggle.

(Although “mass action” is not forbidden in so many words in the Groote Schuur or Pretoria Minutes agreed to by the Government and the ANC)

Intimidation factor

Mr Meyer explained in an interview this week that the Government believed certain mass actions involved intimidation and led inevitably to destabilisation and violence — which were in conflict with the minutes.

Paragraph one of the Groote Schuur Minute reads: “The Government and the African National Congress agree on a common commitment towards a resolution of the existing climate of violence and intimidation from whatever quarter as well as a commitment to stability and to a peaceful process of negotiations”.

The relevant section of paragraph three of the Pretoria Minute is the ANC's agreement to suspend armed actions and related activities.”
Road to violence

The kinds of action you disapprove — such as rent and service boycotts — seem to fall under the general heading "civil disobedience". Do you find civil disobedience unacceptable by definition?

Civil disobedience causes destabilisation by definition in the sense that normal services can’t be provided. And that leads to violence in the (black) community because people are frustrated.

The ANC says it is justified in continuing mass action because the Government has acted in bad faith by making the release of prisoners and return of exiles dependent upon a satisfactory outcome of the discussions on the ANC struggle.

Comment?

But is the Government’s insistence that the ANC abandon mass action not slowing the negotiation process since the next phase cannot start until this is resolved?

No. It is obvious from the Pretoria Minute that paragraph three (in which the ANC agrees to suspend "armed actions and related activities") is a very important part. The Government has had one particular condition from the start, we can’t negotiate unless the ANC’s commitment to violence as a political instrument stops. We can talk but not negotiate unless as they said they can talk but not negotiate unless prisoners were released, exiles returned, the state of emergency lifted, among others.

It’s important to resolve what was agreed to in the Pretoria Minute.

heavy, wet hand of the law. By no stretch of the imagination can these people have merited such severe treatment.

THE BIG STICK: Riot policemen chase a protester who, face screwed up with pain from a heavy blow, tries to flee a beating-up.

cases. These utterances create an atmosphere that causes violence and attacks, to the extent that councils have resigned apparently on account of fear.

The basic question is do we accept the peaceful process and try to expedite it. You can’t say you are in favour of the peaceful process of negotiation and on the other hand use other methods which are directly or indirectly responsible for violence.

Isn’t it a little far-fetched to regard mass action as being an activity related to armed action?

The Government has not demanded that mass action must stop. It’s a particular part of it that we argue is part of "related activities" and must stop because it leads to destabilisation and ungovernability.

To put it figuratively, the difference between "armed actions" and "related activities" is the difference between pointing a gun at you, or hiding it behind your back and suggesting "do this or else".

How can you blame the ANC mass action campaign for actual violence on the ground?

It’s a question of the atmosphere or climate that is often stirred up with calls which lead to the fact that people perceive they have the right to, behave in a certain way.

We are concerned about the net effect — apart from the public utterances and the political games and constituencies. What concerns us is there is no visible end to violence directly or indirectly caused by mass action through intimidation.
JOHANNESBURG — A former security police major yesterday denied any involvement with former Captain Dirk Coetzee in the poisoning, shooting and burning of an ANC defector and another kidnapped ANC member near Komatipoort in 1981.

Mr Coetzee told a special court convened in London last month that Major Archde Flemington had assisted in giving poison "knock-out" drops to the men, Vum and Peter, who had later been burned on a bonfire of charcoal and old tyres to destroy all traces of their bodies.

Mr Flemington was produced as a surprise witness in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday to give rebutting evidence in the R1,5-million defamation suit brought by police forensics head Lieutenant-General Lothar Neethling against Vrye Weekblad and the Weekly Mail for publishing allegations by Mr Coetzee that he had been supplied with poison by General Neethling.

Mr Flemington denied having had dealings with Mr Coetzee and said he had met General Neethling for the first time on Monday.

He will be cross-examined by defence counsel on Monday.

Earlier yesterday the defence called a bookkeeper at the Pretoria Holiday Inn, Ms Melinda Smit, who said hotel records indicated that Mr Lesia had spent the night in the hotel on February 22 and checked out the next day, February 23.

The defence allege that Mr Lesia, a former military intelligence agent, went to the laboratory on February 23 to collect poisoned liquor, but General Neethling's counsel says documents before the court show he checked out on February 22 and flew home to Bloemfontein.
Pay up, judge tells min Vlok

THE shooting by a police constable of a youth from Thembeni township near Edendale in Natal last year was "not warranted" and the youth's subsequent detention was "wrongful", a Supreme Court judge has ruled.

Judge Broome ruled in Maritzburg this week that Law and Order Minister Adnaan Vlok was liable for damages resulting from the shooting and detention of Stanley Mlaba, 19, although an exact amount for damages was not determined.

The Mlaba family is claiming R63,000 for, among others, medical expenses and loss of the full use of Mlaba's right leg as a result of the shooting.

The judge said constable C Thompson was not justified in discharging his shotgun to "injure or kill".

Although Thompson had said he fired because he had been shot at, he had acted "negligently" because it was dark and there were people and kraals in the vicinity.

There was also "some doubt" whether Thompson had really been fired at because the homemade pistol which police allegedly found near the wounded Mlaba after he took refuge in a nearby kraal had not been in working order at the time.

Another "unsatisfactory" feature of Thompson's testimony was that charges against Stanley had been dropped without "satisfactory" reasons.

There was "no serious attempt" to prosecute Mlaba — Sapa
Five Middelburg activists jailed after boycott call

By BREKI NKOSI

POLICE have arrested five leading activists in Middelburg.

This follows the launch of a consumer boycott on Monday after a march by ANC women was targeted by the SAP.

After the march, the Middelburg Council and an SAP delegation walked out of a meeting with Mhluza township representatives.

The Middelburg Residents' Organisation (MRO) said one of the group threatened to bring Inkatha to the township "to sort residents out".

The five, who were detained on Friday, are Jabu Nshane of the Congress of South African Students; James Mathe of the National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union; Godfrey Maseko and Abe Matshibela of the MRO, and Joey Matshibela.

According to police, they were arrested on suspicion of public violence.

MRO leader Isaac Kgabe said by Friday afternoon, the five had been denied access to their lawyers, family members and doctors.

ANC Women's League activist, Granny Maseko, said leaders were addressing the marchers on the dispersal order when tear gas was fired.

But police said the march was illegal and the women had been given about an hour to disperse.

Seven women were allowed to proceed to the police station, he said.
Lesia: I got poison from cops
Troops replacing cops at border posts

SADF troops are to replace police at a number of border posts from December 7 to make the police available for other tasks.

This was disclosed by the army's directorate of public relations in Pretoria at the weekend.

"Police will remain responsible for all legal procedures at the border posts and the army will exclusively be used for the search of vehicles, patrols and the safety of the border posts.

The first training course, which focuses mainly on the tracing and identification of drugs and explosives, has already been completed.

Among the border posts to be manned are Best Bridge and Pontdrif on the northern border, Komatiport and Oshock on the eastern border, Unverwacht in Natal and Caledonspoor, Masera Bridge and Van Roonen's Gate in the Free State.

The first group to be deployed consists of national servicemen, members of 32 Battalion and dog handlers from the military police. - Sowetan Correspondent

Employment act

Talks will have to be held with all groups before the Unemployment Insurance Act and the Basic Conditions of Employment Act can be made applicable to the agricultural sector, Employment Minister Eli Louw said at the weekend. - Saps
10 shot and hacked to death in raid

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Renewed outbursts of fighting between rival blacks and attacks by rightwing extremists are racking the country.

Latest flashpoints:
1. Last night Zulu-Xhosa clashed, on the East Rand, claimed 10 lives.
2. Police expect to make arrests today following a savage sjambok-and-knucklerie attack on black Sunday school children in a park in Louis 'Tri-Chardi'.
3. Police reinforcements drawn from all over the Western Cape have been deployed in Khayelitsha and Old Crossroads, while the Defence Force is calling up Citizen Force members by telephone in a hurried attempt to help police stem township violence.
4. Tension in Welkom, scene of bitter racial clashes this year, has soared after rightwingers beat up trade unionists at a meeting.
5. Water and electricity cut-offs in townships hit by long-standing rent-and-service payment boycotts continue to add to the tension. The latest possible trouble spot is Masekeng in the Free State, where the National Party-controlled council cut off water on Friday.

The worst overnight violence was in Katlehong. A police spokesman said the bodies of 10 men were discovered near Mandela Park before 6am.

Some victims apparently died of gunshot wounds and others were hacked to death with pangas and stabbed.

About 150 people attacked the camp late last night, said police spokeswoman Captain Ida van Zweel.

The 10 deaths brought the East Rand toll for the past two days to 15. In Natal 18 people have been killed in unrest since Saturday.

SA may have new riot force

By MICHAEL MORRIS Political Correspondent

The feasibility of establishing a new paramilitary riot force — not linked to the police — is being investigated.

The top-level investigation is being carried out by former Police Commissioner General Johan Coetzee.

Brigadier Leon Mellet, spokesman for Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok, confirmed General Coetzee had been given the task of weighing up the advantages of a separate force to deal with riots and unrest.

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It is understood the investigation was ordered by President De Klerk.

Brigadier Mellet said that once General Coetzee's study was complete it would be handed to Mr Vlok, but no date had been set.

The study, first mentioned in the overseas publication Africa Confidential, stems from concern in government over the perception of the police as a partial, political instrument and a bastion of white conservatism.

As a result anti-crime and unrest operations, particularly in townships, are often seen as acts of political repression.

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Vlok delivers his message of peace

By SONTI MASEKO

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, told the police gathering this weekend that the message brought by the South African police to the country and the rest of the world was that of peace.

The Minister said the role of the police during the recent countrywide unrest had been to make peace between fighting factions.

He said: "We were the peacemakers in Soweto, we never took sides but the side of peace. This is the message I wish to bring: 'Let us go and make peace.'"

Vlok was delivering his Christmas message at "a night of Christmas carols" at Protea police station in Soweto at the weekend. The occasion was attended by about 300 guests.

"We are going from here to build a better world so people can see we are the peacemakers," Vlok said.
Police ‘made a mistake’

THE uncle of a man shot dead by police last week during investigations into the murder of a policeman said the police had “made a mistake”.

Mr Abel Dikilili also said he was “deeply suspicious” of the killing. He claimed that the community shared his feelings.

Mr Dikilili is a community worker in the Worcester township of Zwelethemba.

His nephew, Mr Anton Vukile Malindi, 22, was shot dead in Zwelethemba on Friday by a detective investigating the murder of a police constable who was killed in an ambush in Khayelitsha. Mr Malindi was an ANC Youth League member.

Constable Frans van der Merwe, 22, died instantly and his partner Sergeant Hendrik van Niekerk Lating, 27, was seriously wounded when a gunman raked their patrol van with automatic rifle fire.

Family members said that Mr Malindi was painting his parents’ home last Tuesday and Wednesday and that community members would be “quite willing” to tell police of his exact whereabouts at the time of the attack.

A police spokesman said that a Worcester policeman, Sergeant Johan Etshebeth, and several colleagues were acting on information from “more than one person” when they tried to arrest Mr Malindi.

The police spokesman added: “We have never said that Mr Malindi was the murderer, only that he was a suspect. What happened was unfortunate — we’ll have to await the official outcome.”

Police yesterday appealed for anyone with information on Mr Malindi’s killing to contact Major Leonard Knipe at 951 6665.
Police have accused the media of printing "half-truths, lies and biased reporting" to smear the force. Political Reporter Esmare Van der Merwe says the police should not blame others for their bad image.

The prize for the most quotable quote of the month goes to police liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman.

"The use of an unnamed quote is simply a socially accepted way of introducing a fabricated quotation into a story."

In a scathing attack on the media, Captain Opperman said last week police were considering taking legal action against reporters using unnamed sources to publish "untrue" about alleged police misconduct.

He accused the media of letting themselves be used to "smear the police and by doing so to inflame racial hatred."

His extraordinary outburst about "the use of unnamed sources, the printing of half-truths, lies and biased reporting" has met with indignant denial from media experts.

Former Rand Daily Mail editor Raymond Louw, chairman of the Campaign for Open Media and chairman of the Media Defence Trust, said "Opperman is talking rubbish. The press does not use the ploy of fabrication and he should know that."

Media lawyer David Dyson pointed out that section 27B of the Police Act enabled the police to prosecute people who made statements about police conduct.

Said Mr Dyson "Police have for years intimidated newspapers by the use of this Act. It is for this reason that editors feel compelled to protect their sources in a situation where, if those sources were named, they would be liable for prosecution."

Mr Louw offered another reason for this practice: "Police sources are often not named because they stand in danger of being victimised by their superiors for having made disclosures to the press. Remove that piece of censorship, and the press will happily name eyewitnesses, because people will no longer be in danger for telling the truth."
Advancing soldiers ‘looked menacing’

By Thabo Leshilo

The inquest into the death of 42 people at the Sebokeng Hostel on September 24 was told by a clergyman yesterday that after soldiers had arrived and formed up on the scene, "it looked as if something terrible was going to happen".

Lord Eldorado Righteousness McCamel, of the McCamel Paradise Church of God, said he had not seen the crowd gathered outside the Sebokeng hostel do anything that could have caused the soldiers to open fire.

Mr McCamel told the inquest, which is being held in Vereeniging, that before the army arrived at the hostel, where a number of people had allegedly been killed by suspected Inkatha members earlier, people gathered there had thought that police wanted to remove the Inkatha members trapped inside the hostel without taking action against them.

He had seen military vehicles arrive on the scene at about 9am Soldiers got off the vehicles and formed lines.

"When the soldiers arrived I was relieved because there is a general feeling that soldiers are calm and only act on instruction," Mr McCamel told Mr Justice E Stafford.

"After forming lines, the soldiers started moving forward. The way they were moving forward looked menacing. It looked as if something terrible was going to happen. It was frightening and seemed as if the soldiers were going to shoot."

Mr McCamel then asked a Major Steyn of the Security Police to do something so that the soldiers would not shoot.

However, he immediately heard shots being fired into the crowd by soldiers while the people nearest to the troops gave the peace sign and waved their arms.

"I saw some people falling during the firing. At the same time, I saw some teargas billowing from canisters which were fired into the crowd..."

He later saw nine bodies on the ground after the bodies were collected.

Freelance press photographer Petrus Mabuysa said he saw some soldiers wave at the people and others laughing after the shooting.

Mr Mabuysa handed to the court 90 pictures of events at the hostel and exhibits. Among the pictures was one of a corpse whose head had been crushed by a police Casspar which had reversed on to it. The incident angered the crowd, which had hurled stones and petrol bombs at the Casspar.

The hearing continues...
Police poison case: Facts are ‘unique’

JOHANNESBURG — The facts before court in the R15-million defamation case brought against two newspapers were unique and it was the most important case he had yet tried, presiding judge Mr. Justice Johan Kriegler told the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

Police forensics head Lieutenant-General Lothar Neethling is suing the Vrye Weekblad and Weekly Mail newspapers for publishing allegations that he supplied poison to former police captain Mr. Dirk Coetzee to kill ANC members.

In argument yesterday, senior counsel for General Neethling, Mr. Willie Oshry QC, referred to a 1980 case — Zillie vs Johnson — where it had been heard if something was important enough it did not matter if it was true or not, but the public were entitled to hear the facts as it was in their interest.

Mr. Justice Kriegler said the facts of the defamation case against the newspapers were even more important than those of the Zillie case.

Mr. Oshry argued that the onus of justifying publication was on the defendant and not on the plaintiff, who had only to show that the published material was defamatory and had damaged his reputation.

If the defence claimed the articles published were true and in the public benefit, they had to prove they were true.

"It was not the duty of the press to inform the public, in their interest, of something which was untrue," Mr. Oshry said.

Mr. Justice Kriegler said the public were entitled to know about the alleged death squads, to which Mr. Oshry replied they were entitled to know the truth.

Mr. Oshry said the questions to be decided were whether Mr. Coetzee had obtained poisons from General Neethling, and if the general would have supplied poisons to him simply for the murder of unknown people

"My submission is, on a high degree of probability, that it is unlikely a man in General Neethling's position would lend himself to poison," Mr. Oshry said.

If General Neethling did supply poisons, Mr. Oshry argued, he would have supplied poisons that worked. He had the knowledge and "ammunition" at hand to provide a lethal poison — Sapa.
Weekblad: Judge rules out Harms

Own Correspondent

Johannesburg — Mr Justice J Kriegers ruled in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday that the Harms Commission findings were inadmissible in the R1.5 million defamation claim brought against Vrye Weekblad and Weekly Mail by police forensics expert Lieutenant-General Lothar Neethling.

The judge made this ruling after General Neethling's counsel Mr Willie Oshry, QC, submitted that the Harms Commission had found that former police captain Mr Dirk Coetze, who first made public claims of a secret police hit squad, was a psychopath.

Mr Oshry made this submission on behalf of General Neethling during argument yesterday.

The general has sued the two weekly newspapers over three articles published in November and December last year in which Mr Coetze claimed that as a member of a police hit squad he had been supplied with poisons and knock-out drops by General Neethling to eliminate people.

The general has denied that he knows Mr Coetze.

Mr Oshry's submission on the Harms Commission findings was objected to by counsel for the newspapers, Mr Bobby Levin, SC.

Mr Justice Kriegers said Mr Oshry's submission was evidence he had not heard and ruled that the Harms Commission findings were inadmissible.

The judge said he had refrained from reading or watching anything in the media on the Harms report.

Mr Oshry argued that the real problem facing the court was that one did not know when Mr Coetze was speaking the truth or lying.

He handed in a warrant issued in Natal in January 1980 for Mr Coetze's arrest for the murder of civil rights lawyer Mr Griffiths Mxenge.

Mr Justice Kriegers remarked that the Natal attorney-general must have thought that some of what Mr Coetze said was sufficiently true or he would not have issued the warrant.

Mr Oshry also argued yesterday that Mr Coetze could have obtained his detailed description from a rugby club photograph in General Neethling's office, in which the general appeared.

The same could be said for Mr Coetze's description of a certificate commemorating a Concorde flight in General Neethling's name, said Mr Oshry.

He submitted that Mr Coetze could also have seen the photograph and certificate walking past the office or been inside the room when the general was not there.

Mr Justice Kriegers said Mr Coetze's observations were not the kind made by walking past an office.

Mr Oshry said Mr Coetze's description of the two items was very limited.

"That a very specific description and its correct," the judge said.

The judge also put it to Mr Oshry that during evidence in London Mr Coetze had said if he had gone to the premises on official duties the record books would show that he had been there and had challenged counsel to go and check them.

Argument continues today.
‘Psychopath’ evidence is inadmissible

By Cathy Stagg

A submission that the Harms Commission had found former police captain Dirk Coetze to be a psychopath was ruled inadmissible in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

Mr Justice Kriegler, presiding over the R1.5 million defamation trial in which SAP forensic division head General Lothar Neethling is suing two newspapers, made the ruling.

Willy Oshry, QC, for General Neethling, said the Harms Commission had found that Mr Coetzee was a psychopath. The commission was not a trial, but it was an inquiry

The judge said he had reframed from reading anything about the Harms report and he did not want to hear anything which would seek to influence him on evidence he had not heard himself.

He made a formal ruling that the findings of the Harms Commission were not admissible in the trial.

The civil trial arose from reports published in Vrye Weekblad and the Weekly Mail in which Mr Coetze claimed General Neethling had supplied the security police with poison.

Mr Coetze’s reliability as a witness was debated at length.

Mr Oshry handed up a warrant for Mr Coetze’s arrest, issued on January 4 this year.

The warrant was issued by MWC Imber, and was for the murder of Griffiths ‘Mlungisi’ Mxenge on or about November 19 1981 near Umlazi, outside Durban.

Mr Oshry submitted there was a great deal of evidence that Mr Coetze had made false affidavits on a number of occasions.

“The attorney-general for Natal must have thought that what he said was sufficiently true to issue a warrant,” the judge said.

The judge asked whether it would be fair to Mr Oshry’s case to apply the accomplice test to Mr Coetze’s evidence to believe only what he said when there was other corroborating evidence.

“Yes,” Mr Oshry replied.

The court then discussed the alleged murders of two men, which Mr Coetze claimed took place in his presence.

The judge found it very strange that a man who confessed to trying to blow up the Lamontville municipal offices was virtually told by the Commissioner of Police to “go and sin no more”, until he heard that Mr Coetze had packed the man up from the Brits police station.

“Now it is no longer so strange,” the judge said.

Mr Oshry said Mr Coetze had every opportunity to kill the man but did not do so. Instead, he took him “all over the country” before the shooting at Komatspoort.

It was claimed that the man was drugged with “knock-out drops”, obtained from General Neethling, then shot by a policeman under the command of Major Archie Flemmington.

The trial continues.
Sebokeng: judge orders perjury probe

By Montshiwa Moroke and Sapa

An SADF officer's evidence should be sent to the Attorney-General for scrutiny, the chairman in the judicial inquiry into the killing of 42 people at the Sebokeng hospital near Vereeniging on September 4 ruled yesterday.

Mr Justice Eddie Stafford said there was prima facie evidence that Commandant Stephanus Lombard had committed perjury and ordered that the evidence be studied by the Attorney-General so that he could be charged if necessary.

This followed Commandant Lombard's confirmation that he had made a false statement to the police regarding a petrol bomb allegedly found near the body of a man who had been shot dead by SADF members.

Commandant Lombard was the first of two senior SADF officers who gave evidence in court which contradicted parts of their original statements.

He was also one of four SADF officers who have confirmed there had been no orders to start shooting live ammunition at the crowd that day.

In the statement, Commandant Lombard claimed to have seen fellow officer Commandant Alf Cluie pick up a petrol bomb from the ground where the body was lying but, cross-examined by Mr Justice Stafford, he admitted not even seeing the petrol bomb in question.

Sergeant-Major Marthinus le Roux also admitted having made a false statement to the police concerning the petrol bomb in question.

He said the troops were justified in firing for 22 seconds as they had not heard anyone ordering them to stop shooting because of the helmets they were wearing.

Mr Justice Stafford remarked that it did not make a difference because no orders, had been given in the first place ordering them to start shooting.

Another SADF member, Corporal David Patrick Einman, said he had seen a man throwing a stone at Rifleman John Booyser, while he held a stick in the other hand.

Corporal Einman said that when the man aimed to throw a petrol bomb, Rifleman Booyser had shot him in the head. He said the petrol bomb had fallen a few paces away from where the man's body lay.

He had not seen any other petrol bombs being thrown at the troops. The troops had fired live ammunition at the crowd because they thought their lives were in danger.

Corporal Einman said the shooting continued because his colleagues thought their lives were still in danger although the crowd was running away.

Anton Ackerman, for the State, put it to Corporal Einman that none of the petrol bombs which had been collected at the scene afterwards showed signs of having been ignited.

Commandant Cluie, who was in charge of the SADF troops that day, is expected to testify today.
Spy ring' man transferred

Pretoria Correspondent

The University of South Africa has transferred security deputy Frik Barnard following protest actions at his involvement in the Johannesburg council "spy ring" as head of the intelligence division.

Mr Barnard's position was dealt with at a Unisa council meeting yesterday, and a council committee is to investigate further.

In the meantime, the university has announced Mr Barnard's transfer to another department.

Mr Barnard was appointed deputy director of Unisa's department of internal relations and protection services.

No details were given of his new temporary position, but it was "not connected with protective services".

Mr Barnard's appointment was opposed by the Teaching Staff Association and the National Education Health and Allied Workers Union.
Newspapers ‘had duty’ to publish

JOHANNESBURG — Former security police captain Dirk Coetzez’s evidence in the R1.5-million defamation trial brought against two newspapers was, except for a few aspects, uncontradicted, the Rand Supreme Court heard yesterday.

The court could not simply accept that he was a psychopath and liar and that police forensics head Lieut.-Gen. Lothar Neethling was a man of honour and a truthful person, said legal counsel for the Vrye Weekblad, Mr Bobby Levine SC.

The onus was not only on the newspaper to prove the truth of Mr Coetzez’s evidence. There was also an onus on Gen. Neethling to prove its falsity.

The police scientist is suing the Vrye Weekblad and Weekly Mail for publishing Mr Coetzez’s allegations that he was supplied with poison by Gen. Neethling for political murder.

Mr Levine argued yesterday that the newspapers had a right to publish the allegations last year because they were true and to the public benefit. “We say we had a duty to publish and the public had a right to receive the information,” Mr Levine said.

He denied the allegation that the articles were false, malicious, defamatory and thus unlawful.

Mr Coetzez had not been shown to be a liar, and no attempt had been made to dispute his evidence.

General Neethling’s counsel, Mr Wilhe Oshry QC, said earlier that a picture had been painted of the general as a murderer and a man unfit to hold his position which had had a serious effect on his health and way of life.

The court should award him a “very substantial amount” with costs.

Since the alleged defamation began, General Neethling had been unable to go overseas in connection with his duties with “this stain, this stigma hanging over his head.”

“I can’t imagine a worse label,” Mr Oshry said — Sapa
Police sergeant shot dead

By DALE KINNEN Crime Reporter

A PINELANDS police dog-handler was gunned down in a hail of bullets in Pinelands today after stopping a car that went through a red traffic light. He was the second Cape Town policeman to have been shot dead in 10 days.

Sergeant Henkie Tolken, 51, died soon after the attack on the corner of Nightwood and Maitland roads at 3.15am.

He was the 12th policeman to have been killed in duty since the beginning of October, when the Minister of Law and Order, Mr. M. D. B. Viljoen, described it as a "sad and shocking" event.

Police said Sergeant Tolken and his partner, Sergeant Johannes Engelbrecht, were on patrol when they saw a Volkswagen Golf drive through a red light at an intersection.

The plainclothes policemen stopped the car and asked the driver to pull up, but he sped off. Sergeant Engelbrecht shot at the car as it drove away.

Eight residents were killed in the car.

One of the four got out and throttled the police with a baseball bat, hitting him in the right side of the chest.

Sergeant Engelbrecht ran across the intersection and took cover behind the police car.

He exchanged several shots with the gunman, who jumped into the car and drove to the hospital.

The police said help was radioed at 5.10pm.

"At first I thought someone was shooting at our heads," said a bystander who lives nearby.

He did not want to be identified, and said he had heard the shooting as it went on past the house.

The surgery at the hospital was trying to save the officer.

Police said Sergeant Tolken was shot dead by a 17-year-old boy and a five-year-old girl.

Sergeant Engelbrecht was shot in the leg.

"I saw the shooting and we saw them shooting at the car," said a bystander.

He described the gunman as a 30-year-old man with a gun in his hand. After about five minutes, the car sped off.

The police said the shooting was a result of an argument between the driver and the passengers.

"We will try our best to get the person who is responsible," said a police officer.

The murder of another police officer, Sergeant N. A. van der Merwe, 35, was his second in Pinelands in the past 10 days.

PEPPERED POLICE CAR: Detectives have a closer look at bullet holes in the side of the patrol car. Two windows were shattered.

Latest: Four arrested

Two men, a woman and a youth were arrested between 5am and 7am today. In total, six arrests were made in Pinelands, Table View, Hout Bay and Manenberg.

A woman said that her car was hit and a car had been damaged.

Sergeant Phillip Fourie, Regional Commissioner of Police for the Western Cape, offered the force's condolences to the deceased police officer's wife and three children.

Mandela in Khayelitsha today on first-time tour

Staff Reporter

MT Nelson Mandela will visit Khayelitsha for the first time today.

He will be taken on a tour stopping at the Khayelitsha West resource centre, the most densely populated and the "battle-wary" residents in the area, according to an African National Congress spokesperson.

The scene in the troubled township is ready to be one of rubber-hose over-flowing and streets impassable because of sewage spills.

A claim by Lindelwa, the Western Cape Town's mayor, that the sewage system was sabotaged has been dismissed by Western Cape City Council chairperson Mr. M. D. B. Viljoen as an attempt to discredit anti-racism council workers.

Mr. Viljoen alleged that someone had the system with with pools and other objects on Wednesday, causing a health hazard.

Councillors tried to unlock the drains.

The strikers, members of the South African Municipal Workers Union, said they did not return to work until the council resigned.

Mr. M. D. B. Viljoen accused Mr. Lawrence of making "inadvisable statements" in an attempt to "discredit the workers' struggle.

The average wage has plunged...
Police won't act against far right BBB

POLICE will not take action against Louis Trichardt's extreme right-wing Blanke Bevrydingsburo, about 40 of whose members launched a savage attack with sjamboks, sticks and car fan belts on black Sunday school children on an outing at a local park last Saturday.

Regional Police Commissioner for the Far Northern Transvaal Major-General Gerrit Viljoen said yesterday police would take action only against 'individuals' and not the organisation as a whole.

The BBB was not illegal, "as long as they keep within the boundaries of the law".

He said it was not the actions of the organisation, but those of individuals belonging to it, that police would act against.

Viljoen hoped police would make their first arrests in connection with Saturday's incident "before the end of the week".

Suspects had been identified, he said.

He said statements had already been taken from child victims of the attack.

And new information was being received daily, but "investigations would take a while".

"We haven't got a lot of police available. We are covering a wide area in Venda, with 200 to 300 people involved."

In the light of possible eyewitness accounts of the incident, Viljoen said "You cannot just arrest. You must do a proper investigation because sooner or later you'll have to prove the case in court."

Reacting to reports of a shortage of policemen in Louis Trichardt, Viljoen said there were police staff shortages countrywide.
Judge finds hit-squad allegations credible

PHILIPPA CARSON

A startling about-turn a judge has for the first time indicated that ex-police captain Dirk Coetzee's allegations are credible, thus breathing new life into the hit-squad saga.

While the Human Commission disconnected the evidence of the police captain-turned-African National Congress member, there had been a dramatic twist in the defamation case brought by forensic laboratory head General Luther N印章e against the Voë Weekend and The Weekly Mail.

The general is suing the two publications for a combined amount of R1.55 million for publishing Coetzee's allegations that he supplied poisons to drug and murder suspects.

Justice J Kriegler this week not only ruled that the findings of the Human Commission were in this case inadmissible, but frequently intimated that aspects of Coetzee's account of brutal murders of activists by security force members were in fact plausible.

The judge had he been influenced by reading reports of the findings of the Human Commission (which found Coetzee to have a fertile imagination and possess psychopathic tendencies) and implied that they were not relevant here.

The court heard lengthy exchanges between the judge and the 84-year-old counsel for the general, Willie Ostery Q.C., at one point mooted: "In the end it depends on who you believe - Coetzee or General N印章e?"

"I don't regard my job as that simple," replied Kriegler. He added that on the face of it Coetzee's bizarre tale of brutal police murders was in Ostery's favour, until one looked more closely at the evidence.

Ostery argued earlier that the only poison in the case was that written by the "poison pen" of the Voë Weekend staff "It is a sensation-seeking newspaper which concocts character assassinations at will," Ostery said, adding that while the "see of The Weekly Mail" was not as great in that of Voë Weekend, the former publication was a psychotherapist, not a normal person," replied Ostery.

The Natal attorney general who had lost his party's believed Coetzee, commented Justice Kriegler, or he wouldn't have heard a warrant of arrest in January this year for the murder of human rights lawyer Griffiths N印章e (whom death in November 1983 Coetzee claimed he orchestrated).

Ostery argued that Coetzee introduced poison into his story because it would make the book he was planning to write more interesting. Ostery said it was simply unbelievable that Brigadier Schoen would telephone a person such as N印章e requesting poison from him.

He argued that Coetzee's description of N印章e's house and offices which he allegedly visited to fetch "shock out drops" were riddled with inaccuracies.

Kriegler pointed out that aspects of Coetzee's account of the general's office were correct which possibly discounted the inaccuracies. The judge also implied that the appearance of Coetzee's telephone book on the scene 10 years later containing the telephone number of the plaintiff, added weight to Coetzee's story.

The fact that Coetzee knew of the release of a certain V van from Pretoria police station (who was later allegedly abducted by Coetzee) "worries me," said Justice Kriegler, adding that Coetzee had spoken of this (in his first account in Voë Weekend journalist Jacques Peens) before it was disclosed at the Human Commission. N印章e earlier this week testified that the evidence of ex-South African agent Leslie Leslie, who claimed he was supplied with poison by his handlers, was a blatant fabrication.

"Until the publications' defence began their argument yesterday, the defendants have two options. If they are unable to prove the truth of their allegations they can argue the right to publish the allegations on ground of public interest. The case continues."
A policeman was shot and killed while on patrol in a city. Two sentries warned that a white man, one of whom drew a gun and shot a policeman dead before fleeing. — Cape.
Newspapers' bid to amend plea

Weekend Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Mr Justice J C Krieger will hear argument on Monday on whether the two newspapers being sued by General Lothar Neethling should be allowed to amend their plea.

The Vrye Weekblad and the Weekly Mail are contending a defamation action launched by General Neethling in the Rand Supreme Court. Both newspapers published stories in which former police captain Dirk Coetsee claimed General Neethling, head of the SAP forensic division, gave the security police poison to use on ANC members.

The Vrye Weekblad is being sued for R1 million and the Weekly Mail for R500 000.

Their main defence is a plea of justification that the allegations were true and publishing them was to the public benefit.

As an alternative, they want to argue that in the circumstances they had a duty to publish, and their readers had a right to receive the information.

The surrounding circumstances had not been spelt out and yesterday counsel for the newspapers handed up a notice of amendment which lists them.

Earlier Mr Justice Krieger had said 'you haven't given me a grocery list' when it was submitted the alternative defence was valid.

The details of the facts and circumstances leading to the publication of the articles are according to the document. On October 19 last year Almond Nofemela made an affidavit in support of a stay of execution.

He was to have been executed the next day.

In the affidavit he alleged he was part of the security police's hit squad and served under Captain Dirk Coetsee. He had taken part in the murder of Durban attorney Mr Griffiths Mxenge, he had been involved in other assassinations and kidnappings and officers of the security police had promised him that if he kept quiet about the hit squad, he would be released from prison. He said he had been betrayed by his superior officers and so decided to reveal his activities.

As a result of the affidavit, Nofemela's execution was stayed that night. The revelations were widely publicised. Colls were made for a judicial commission of inquiry.

A departmental inquiry by Free State Attorney-General, Mr T P McNally and the head of the CID, Lieutenant-General Alwyn Conradie, was appointed.
It's ANC propaganda, claim police

Vlok blasts video

By MONK NKOMO

LAW and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok yesterday dismissed video material released by the African National Congress at the weekend alleging police support for Inkatha as a "crude and thinly disguised propaganda campaign against the police".

Speaking at a Press briefing in Pretoria, Vlok said he had viewed the video and after ascertaining the facts had arrived at a conclusion diametrically opposite to that claimed by the ANC.

Vlok said he was informed about this by ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela last Tuesday. Mandela had promised to submit the video to him but failed to do so.

Vlok said he was perturbed by newspaper reports which alleged that the video contained footage indicating police collusion with Inkatha members.

He said there were discrepancies in the video material and "it is clear that it has been edited and re-taped selectively to suit the political propaganda of the ANC."

He said police acting as meditators in an ANC-Inkatha clash in the East Rand squatter camp of Johannesburg provided two carpers to transport Zulu and Xhosa representatives for talks on violence on November 12 in an attempt to diffuse the situation.

"These representatives were dropped off at the same carpers at separate points in the camp after the talks. It is obvious that whoever compiled the video chose not to show police transporting Xhosa representatives," Vlok said.

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He requested the video from Mandela yesterday morning after reading about it in the newspapers.

"I regard these allegations as much a serious light that I intend investigating the matter as soon as possible with the ANC."

Also present at the briefing yesterday was Bish Gil Marcus of the ANC's department of information.
SOWETAN CORRESPONDENT

A SOUTH African policeman's life was among the cheapest in the world, the Conservative Party's spokesman on Law and Order, Mr Moolman Mentz, said.

Slamming the Government for its handling of crime, violence and squandering, he said 19 policemen had been killed last month.

The increase in brutal murders of policemen was unprecedented.

"The wisdom of sending them into townships like this in the present circumstances must be questioned," he said.

Government had through its spinelessness allowed the country to lapse into lawlessness and anarchy, in spite of President FW de Klerk's pledges to firmly maintain law and order.

Unrest continued and large-scale loss of life no longer even raised eyebrows, Mentz said.
Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok yesterday rejected reports that the police had collaborated with Inkatha by transporting a "warlord" in a Casspir to lead an Inkatha march.

He also condemned the ANC’s release of a video of the alleged incident to the press as “crude and thinly disguised propaganda”.

Reports in the Sunday press were based on video footage recorded by an unidentified cameraman in Zonk’zizwe township on November 12 and released to the ANC.

The footage shows a man with a red bandanna alighting from a police Casspir and marching with others.

Mr Vlok said at a press conference “The SAP provided two Casspirs to transport three representatives of the Zulu community and four representatives of the Xhosa community for talks on violence which had left five people dead the day before.”

The man shown in the video excerpts was one of the Zulu delegates, he said.

A copy of the video was shown at the news conference. Apart from showing the “red bandanna warlord” alighting from one Casspir, it contained footage of a Casspir with a number of men. Mr Vlok said were the Xhosa delegates moving through the township. Major Ray Kilian, commander in the township that day, confirmed this. — Sapa
Man in court over death of policeman

Staff Reporter

A 33-YEAR-OLD Mitchell's Plain man has appeared in court in connection with the death of Pinelands police dog-handler Sergeant Henne Tolken.

Mr Sedick Mohamed of De La Rey Close, Eastridge, was arrested shortly after Sergeant Tolken, 31, was shot on the corner of Lansdowne and Dunefonten roads early on Friday.

Sergeant Tolken and his partner, Sergeant Johannes Engelbrecht, 29, were on patrol when they stopped a Volkswagen Golf which had driven through a red traffic light.

One of the four people in the car allegedly shot Sergeant Tolken, the second Cape policeman to be gunned down in 10 days.

Sergeant Engelbrecht was not injured.

MURDER CHARGE

Mr Mohamed will face charges of murder, attempted murder and illegal possession of a firearm.

He was not asked to plead when he appeared in Mitchell's Plain Magistrate's Court yesterday

Magistrate Mr G Bruwer postponed the hearing to December 12 for further investigation. Mr Mohamed is in custody.
Neethling case:  
Judgment  
‘will take time’

JOHANNESBURG — The R1.5-million defamation action brought by police forensics head Lieutenant-General Loltar Neethling against two newspapers was concluded in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday. Judgment was reserved. 

Presiding judge Mr Justice Johan Kriegler said he would take time to consider his judgment following the thorough argument from legal counsel for the Vrye Weekblad and Weekly Mail newspapers and General Neethling.

Legal costs for the newspapers are to be at least R200 000 after 21 days of hearings in two cities. Both legal teams flew to London to hear evidence before a commissioner by former security police captain Dirk Coetzee who fled South Africa late last year.

General Neethling is suing the newspapers for publishing Mr Coetzee’s allegations that he was supplied poison by the police scientist for political murder. His legal costs are covered by the state.

Legal counsel for the newspapers, Mr Bobby Levine, SC, said yesterday that it could not be reasonably expected of the newspapers to investigate the allegations themselves, or to entrust the investigations to the police, who had been deeply involved in the alleged activities at the highest level.

The only way to ensure an investigation of the allegations had been an immediate publication of the allegations on a non-selective basis, — thus including those which implicated General Neethling.

Mr Wilhe Osbry, QC, legal counsel for the general, argued that this was an "extraordinary case" which deserved an award of punitive damages — Sapa.
Vlok seeks urgent talks with ANC on video claim

by PETER DELMAR

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok has asked the ANC for an urgent top-level meeting to discuss allegations that a recent video recording proved police collaboration with Inkatha members.

Vlok’s spokesman Capt Craig Kotte said yesterday it was hoped the meeting would be attended by ANC deputy leader Nelson Mandela or “someone who can explain why the ANC persists in making unfounded allegations against the police”. Vlok was also expected to address the issue of communication channels with the ANC.

The Law and Order Ministry this weekend disputed ANC claims that a video recording of an Inkatha “wack lord” alighting from a police car purportedly proved police were siding with Inkatha. Police claimed they provided police spurs to take Zulu and Xhosa representatives in the strife-torn Zenkaziwe squatter camp to peace talks.

The ANC said in a statement last night the ministry’s explanation that representatives were being transported to peace talks “stretched credibility”. The video footage had not been edited and police had failed to properly translate Zulu chants heard on the video.
Vlok wants to meet the ANC

MINISTER of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok has requested a meeting with the ANC following reports backed by video footage of police collaborating with Inkatha by transporting a "warlord" in a Casspir to lead a march, a spokes-
man confirmed yesterday.

Vlok rejected the weekend reports and labelled the video footage, filmed at Zonk'ziskwe squatter settlement on the East Rand and released by the ANC, as crude and thinly-disguised propaganda.

The footage shows a man with a red bandanna alighting from a police Casspir and marching with others.

Vlok said in Pretoria on Sunday the SAP had provided two Casspirs to transport three representatives of the Zulu community and four representatives of the Xhosa community for talks on violence on November 12.

The man shown in the video excerpts was a Zulu representative to the peace talks, he said.

Whoever had compiled the video material chose not to show the Xhosa representatives, he said.

Vlok said he viewed the matter in a serious light and would raise it as soon as possible with the ANC.

Law and Order spokesman Captain Craig Kotze confirmed they had requested a meeting with the ANC on the issue.

The ANC had not yet responded to the request.

Sapa
Council to look into converting hostels

JABULANI men’s hostel in Soweto is a complex of live-in couples, shebeens and discos — and the discovery has moved the Soweto City Council to look into the question of converting hostels into family units.

The hostel featured prominently in the recent feud between dwellers and Soweto residents which left more than 500 people dead.

An inspection of the hostel by councillors and officials unearthed a semblance of family life.

Councillor Edward Kunene said there were six discos in the complex, where the registered population was 4,465.

“The only answer to this problem is conversion of these hostels into family units,” said Kunene.

Kunene said the plight of the hostel dwellers was exacerbated when their wives came to visit from their rural homes. “The man has to get out of the hostel and hire a backyard room in the township at a rent of about R30 — on top of the R18.50 he pays for his bed,” he said.

But he said some of the older dwellers were against the idea of their hostel being converted.

Housing Committee chairman Simon Mkhize said the council would look into the question of either upgrading the hostels or converting them into family units.

This would go along with the upgrading of two old townships, Mambipole and White City Jabavu, which are lined up for upgrading.

Houses in these townships are divided into three family units.

Police show the ‘whole picture’ behind video

THE ANC’s video showing alleged police collusion with Inkatha-supporting Zulus at Zonderelegen was yesterday described as “a distortion of events” by Law and Order Minister spokesman Capt Craig Kotze.

Kotze, accompanied by SA Police public relations head Brig Bernie Mostert and Vaalpark Unrest Unit chief Maj Hein Kilian, addressed journalists and ANC members at a Pretoria briefing. He distributed photographs showing “the whole picture of events” which took place on November 12 in the shanty town.

The photographs, taken by a police photographer, showed how at least two Cassparas were used to transport delegates from the Xhosa and the Zulu factions of Zonderelegen to joint negotiations where Kilian acted as mediator.

They also showed police disarming both groups prior to the negotiations.

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok said in a statement released by Kotze that the ANC had “apparently wilfully” given out a distorted version of events by not showing “or even subsequently admitting” that Xhosa representatives also attended the peace negotiations.

Kotze and ANC spokesman Saka Macozoma argued about the police translation of a chant sung by armed Zulus on the video tape. Kotze said it was a peace chant, which stated that “the war is over”, but Macozoma said the chant was a war song proclaiming that the battle of Blood River would be fought again against the Xhosas.

In reaction to ANC calls for the police to identify the negotiators, Kotze said he could give the name of only one of the Zulu men, Elias Maazuko — whose hacked and shot body was discovered by the police on the morning after the negotiations — and a Mr Madiba from the Xhosa delegation.

When asked to name more of the delegates to the talks, Kotze said neither side had wanted individual members to be identified “and made into targets as happened with Maazuko”.

Replying to queries on why the police had not released the photographs earlier, Kotze said they had been processed only after the police were sure they constituted “hard evidence”.

PETER DELMAR reports that Inkatha Freedom Party leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi said he “deplored and condemned the vicious smear tactics of the ANC”.

He accused the ANC of “a loud and boisterous propaganda” by producing a video tape with “ingeniously contrived scenes and commentary to make propaganda” No Inkatha member would ever sing an Inkatha song containing the name “Gatsha”, as happened in the video, Buthelezi said.

“On the other hand, it is policy of the ANC leadership to use that pet name of mine — not as a sign of endearment, but to belittle me,” he said in a statement.
TALES OF HORROR
Leaders plea for peace - P2

By KENOSI MODISANE

MORE survivors of the raid which left more than 50 dead in Tokoza on Monday yesterday said they were shot by police in a Casspir.

Five men who are being treated at the Amandlugum Hospital said white men in the police Casspir shot them while they were walking in the street.

They are Mr Mshulu Budza (42) Mr Toy Mhuto (39) Mr Edwini Ntiane (31) Mr Arent Tshongawana (52) and Mr Mbangeni Khumalo (24).

The men say they were shot at different places and were not aware that there was fighting in the township.

Hostel

Police spokesman Captain Pieter van Devenier said he could comment only if the men made statements at the police station.

"They should also mention the time and place where the shooting took place because there were too many incidents in Tokoza on Sunday and Monday morning."

Other survivors said they believed the men who attacked them were from Kwesme hostel.

The attackers said they were looking for Xhosas in the township.

Mrs Ethel Shibume, whose house was destroyed during the attack, said men broke into her house and demanded that she show them houses that
belonged to Xhosas.

She said one of the men saved her.

"He said they should not kill us because he knew that we were not Xhosas."

"After they had assaulted me I told them that my neighbours were Xhosas. They then went to the house and set a man alight. They also burnt the house and the shacks in the yard down."

Another resident whose house was burnt down, Mrs Bohle Skosana, said: "I saw the men point at my house and some said Xhosas lived in it. They then poured a yellow substance around the house and set it alight."

Mrs Anna Sheza, who is also Zulu-speaking, said: "I know one of the men he stay at the KwaSizwa hostel. He came to my house last week and asked to erect a shack in our yard. But we could not accommodate him."

Two of Sheza's children died and her husband is in hospital with gunshot wounds.

One of her dead children, Thobeka (22), leaves behind a one-year-old child.

Meanwhile, the South African Council of Churches, Inkatha Freedom Party, Azapo and the ANC yesterday expressed alarm and dismay at the resurgence of violence in the East Rand.

"We are dismayed at the apparent failure of the Government to disarm and control impos that are menacing and killing people in the townships," the Rev Frank Chikane of the SACC said.

"The Inkatha Freedom Party wishes unity among all South Africans and its message to all Zulus and its sympathisers is to avoid confronts at all costs," Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi said.

Azapo said: "We appeal to all black organisations and liberation movements to stop this carnage."
ANC stands firm on video film footage

By SY MAKARINGE

THE African National Congress yesterday stood firm on its claims that last week's video recordings at Zonk'izwwe squatter camp had proved there was collusion between the police and "vigilantes".

The organisation said the visual evidence it showed the media last week was "irrefutable" and called on Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok to make "a credible official explanation".

It rejected Vlok's denial, saying this was not the first time that evidence of police collaboration with "vigilantes" had been presented to him for investigation.

Police said yesterday the video "conveniently avoided showing footage of "'Xhosa negotiators" in another Casspir"

Vlok yesterday authorised the release of 25 photographs, taken by a police photographer at Zonk'izwwe on the same day, "to finally put the matter in perspective".

Addressing a Press conference in Pretoria where the photographs were released, Law and Order spokesman Captian Craig Kotze said the photographs clearly showed that both "Xhosa negotiators" and "Zulu negotiators" had been transported by police in separate Casspirs in the squatter camp on November 12.
‘Bobbies’ blitz crime in mid-city

Crime Reporter

CITY-CENTRE crime — including mugging, pick-pocketing and loitering — has dropped markedly since police returned “bobbies” to the beat three months ago.

Police disclosed yesterday that members of the newly-launched Crime Prevention Unit — or “Tackle Squad” — made a record 714 arrests last month.

The unit is nick-named the Tackle Squad because half its members walk the streets in jeans and t-shirts.

The squad was launched under the command of Captain Willem Snyman in September to supplement the CID business watch.

Mayor Mr Gordon Oliver said the council had liaised with police as part of a “constant effort to keep the city safe for all” and was pleased with the result.

Captor spokesperson Ms Marion Kelder said a survey of all hotels had shown a considerable drop in the number of tourists mugged, coinciding with the introduction of the “bobbies”.

Mr Mike Moore, co-ordinator of the Chamber of Commerce’s business-watch initiative, said the bobbies had helped prevent crime by acting against street gamblers and layabouts.

Regional CID chief Brigadier George Poligeter said he was pleased and commended the Tackle Squad for its “hard work.”

He added:

- The murder and robbery unit had arrested 63 people on murder, rape and armed robbery charges last month and had confiscated three firearms and 43 rounds of ammunition.
- The narcotics branch had made 95 arrests in the Peninsula last month and had confiscated nearly 100kg of dagga, 4,291 mandrax tablets, 17 units of LSD and six grams of cocaine.

In Salt River and the Bo Kaap — two areas where residents have waged campaigns against drug dealers — the narcotics branch had arrested 191 people this year, confiscated 30kg of dagga and 9,971 mandrax tablets.

- The truck theft unit had arrested 43 people and retrieved property worth R65,000 last month.
Black town councillors and policemen have been a major focus of violent attack this year, the South African Institute of Race Relations (SAIRR) said in its latest report released in Johannesburg yesterday.

It said at least 22 policemen and six councillors had died in "first-strike" violent attacks in the first seven months of the year.

An average of two attacks on black councillors and policemen were being mounted daily.

The SAIRR said it had counted at least 409 attacks on the persons or property of black councillors and policemen between the beginning of the year and the end of July.

These included 87 attacks on the homes of black councillors and 222 attacks on the homes of black policemen. Most of the attacks involved petrol bombs or other forms of arson and hand grenades.

At least 402 black councillors had resigned to date, in most cases giving intimidation as the reason.

At least one councillor had been necklaced, while one off-duty policeman had been condemned by a "people's court" and had died after being sentenced and stabbed 45 times.

Two-thirds of the 409 violent attacks on black policemen and councillors had not been reported in any of the Johannesburg English-language daily newspapers, the report said.

"The average Johannesburg newspaper reader was thus not made aware of two out of every three violent incidents directed at councillors and policemen."

"Nor did this violence appear to have attracted any adverse editorial comment, with the exception of two leading articles in the Business Day."

In an editorial in July, The Star noted that only property had been damaged when the home of a white Johannesburg councillor was bombed, but the newspaper nevertheless condemned the attack as an act of "terrorism."

The SAIRR, however, could find no equivalent condemnation by The Star editorials of attacks on black town councillors, even though these resulted not only in damage to property but also in injury and death.

In the last few months there had been several articles in various newspapers purporting to give the background to councillors' resignations.

"Many articles said 'pressure' caused councillors to resign quite a number failed to mention that this pressure has frequently been so violent that the term 'pressure' is a euphemism."

Several groups in SA, the SAIRR added, were involved in monitoring unrest and/or violations of human rights. Six groups contacted by the SAIRR kept track of at least one category of police malpractice, but none recorded attacks on councillors or police or their spouses or children in their reports.

The report added "Our continuing investigations into political violence have convinced us that councillors and policemen are themselves very often the targets of violent attack."

"The extent to which this is occurring has been inadequately reported in the media."

SAPA
Black councillors major victims

JOHANNESBURG — Black town councillors were victims of a wave of attacks on their offices and local authorities outside the home in the past few months. The incidents include the burning of two town councillors' houses, the harassment of several town councillors, and the vandalism of their offices.

The attacks were mainly targeted at town councillors, with several incidents involving physical violence. The attackers were often armed with weapons such as batons and knives. The incidents took place in various town councils across the country, including Johannesburg, Pretoria, and Cape Town.

Despite the police efforts to prevent the attacks, the situation continues to worsen. The town councils have called for the government to take immediate action to ensure the safety of councillors and the public.

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The full version of SAP reaction

SAP liaison officer Major Reg Crewe sent City Press a letter complaining that police reaction to the video shown by the ANC to the Press about alleged collusion between the SAP and Inkatha, was not fully published.

This is the police version

Police say the Inkatha men were being taken in a police Casspir to negotiate with their opponents.

Police liaison officer Major Reg Crewe said police had brought the two sides together to try to talk

"It is true that three Inkatha men were taken in a Casspir to meet four Xhosas who were also willing to talk to us," Major Crewe said.

"Both sides agreed to be disarmed and we disarmed them. They ended up almost like brothers."

He said one of the three Inkatha men, Eliazi Mziwakolo, was among five bodies found the next morning after overnight violence.

"The SAP categorically denies the ANC version as apparently shown on that video."

In his letter to City Press, Major Crewe also objects to the following part of our report. "Then a band of armed attackers are seen moving towards the squatter camp."

Major Crewe says, "In fact the group referred to were not attackers but people dispersing peacefully after successful negotiations among Police-Zulus-Xhosas, with the police acting as mediator."

Also see report "End mudslinging, ANC" on page 8.
Row still raging over video of the warlord in the Casspir

THE ANC and the police remained at loggerheads this week over the video showing armed Inkatha members being transported in a police Casspir.

Law and Order Minister Adrian Vlok described the video, revealed by the Sunday Times last week, as "crude propaganda" and claimed the police were not assisting Inkatha but trying to make peace among warring factions in the Zonkizwane squatter camp on the East Rand.

Crucial

However, ANC spokesman Gill Marcus said: "After a week of denials the police have still not answered two crucial questions:

● Who do the people they claim to have been ferrying to peace talks represent?

● Why were the Inkatha men not disarmmed in terms of the security regulations?

The row started when the ANC released a video which they claim contains proof that the police are assisting Inkatha in their violent actions in Zonkizwane where more than 70 people have died in the past month.

According to him, the video proved that the police acted as mediators and brought together representatives of the Xhosas and Zulus for peace talks.

He said the police Casspir then dropped off Zulu representatives while a second vehicle transported Xhosa delegates back to their area.

However, on the same day, Inkatha Freedom Party leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi clouded the issue further when he denied that he had any knowledge of the "Zulu leaders" involved with the talks and claimed that people seen on the video were not Inkatha members.

Ms Marcus said the ANC had "no knowledge" of who the alleged ANC representatives at the talks were.

"We don't know them or who they were supposed to represent," she said.

According to Ms Marcus the "main question" has still not been answered by Mr Vlok.

Question

"His own security regulations prohibits the carrying of weapons by anyone in unrest areas," she said. "This includes everything from rifles and pangas to bricks and sticks."

She disputed Mr Vlok's claims that the police can only act against illegal firearms and that "traditional weapons" cannot be taken away from people carrying them.

"Why did they allow a man to get out of a police vehicle carrying a stick which could be used to kill or maim somebody?"

"And why did police vehicles drive past a crowd carrying weapons, such as bottles, pangas and axes?"

Radio Listeners Dig Deep for Children

Sunday Times reporter

A radio telethon to raise funds for the cash-strapped Johannesburg Child Welfare Society met its target of R1-million in just over 16 hours of air-time.

The society needed to raise R400 000 to avoid curtailing some of its vital services.

Thousandsof telephone donations to the Radio 702 R1 in pocket money pledged by pre-schoolers to R30 000 from Investec, R25 000 from Pick 'n Pay and R15 000 from Checkers, management and staff - were made from 1pm on Friday.

The telethon was extended yesterday afternoon, when the total shortly after 3pm was R850 000.

Just two hours later, the magic target of R1-million was reached.
SAP bid to recruit 10,000 on target

The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN — The South African Police force was on schedule with its plans to recruit 10,000 more policemen. Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok said here.

Mr Vlok was in Durban yesterday to hand out Southern Cross Fund presents to members of the SAP’s riot unit, on duty in Natal and KwaZulu to combat the political violence.

The SAP needed to train more policemen, he said, and its plans to boost its strength by 10,000 members between July 1 this year and June 30 next year was on schedule.

The government was “so far” satisfied with events in Natal and KwaZulu following the lifting of the state of emergency there in October. He was concerned about the violence still occurring, so “that is not quite satisfactory”.

ROUSING TEAM TALK

Later Mr Vlok flew to Maritzburg to present Southern Cross Fund packages to riot policemen on duty in and around the city.

Mr Vlok thanked the policemen for their hard work and help in building the future, secure South Africa.

Mr Vlok hoped the future would bring safety, security and prosperity for all.

In a rousing team talk he said it was important that the policemen developed the right attitude to their work: “Be careful — we need you.”
Vlok sued for R10 000 by Pretoria Woman

By Monko

THE fairest of the fair, a 19-year-old student of the University of Pretoria, is suing a shop owner for R10 000 because he refused to sell her contraceptives. The incident occurred at a convenience store in the Pretoria West area.

According to the woman, she was at the store with her boyfriend when she approached the assistant to purchase contraceptives. The assistant, who is also the shop owner, refused to sell her the items because he believed it was against his principles to sell contraceptives.

The woman, who wishes to remain anonymous, said she was upset by the incident and decided to take legal action. She has hired a lawyer to represent her in the case.

The shop owner, who also wishes to remain anonymous, said he is prepared to defend himself against the lawsuit. He said he has always been against the sale of contraceptives and has never sold them before.

The case is set to be heard in the Pretoria Magistrate's Court in the coming weeks.
Govt must take steps against death squads – Cachalia

By Karen Stander

If the Government failed to put an end to death squads, the family and friends of victims would demand “appropriate action” of a future government, UDF national treasurer Azhar Cachalia warned yesterday.

It was the Government’s responsibility to take concrete steps to end the culture of violence which apartheid bred, he told a meeting to commemorate the signing of the International Declaration of Human Rights on December 10, 1948.

“We still want to know who killed David Webster and at least 48 other activists since Rock Turner. It is the Government’s responsibility alone to put an end to death squads. If it fails, the family and friends of these people will demand of any new government that appropriate steps are taken in this regard.”

Mr Cachalia said “rough forms of justice”, even necklacing, had been meted out in the past.

This culture was a consequence of the apartheid regime dictating the forms in which the struggle could take place, but the liberation movements needed to acknowledge this effect.

University students had refused to allow “Government collaborators” to speak on campus when many of their leaders were silenced.

“The danger is that gradually the line between a Government collaborator and your political opponent falls away,”

Former opposition politician

Helen Suzman said it was foolish to assume that the removal of discriminatory legislation would lead to egalitarianism.

The greatest danger to freedom was apathy, and human rights organisations, without links to any political party, would always be needed to be vigilant against abuses of human rights.

The meeting was organised by Lawyers for Human Rights, the Black Lawyers Association and the National Association of Democratic Lawyers.
Ex-Koevoet boss ‘not with Unita’

Political Staff

The Ministry of Law and Order denied yesterday that former Koevoet police unit boss Major-General "Sterk Hans" Dreyer is with Unita in Angola. Namibian President Sam Nujoma claimed at the weekend that General Dreyer was with Unita leader Dr Jonas Savimbi at Jamba in Angola.

But ministry spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said yesterday that the allegation was "ridiculous" and added, "I know he is in Durban at present."

General Dreyer, a former head of the security police in Maritzburg and Port Elizabeth, was head of Koevoet in Namibia until December last year when he was transferred to Pretoria.

Captain Kotze said yesterday that General Dreyer, who gained experience in counter-insurgency techniques in the Rhodesian bush war in the 1970s, had since retired from the police force.

He also denied Namibian allegations that former members of Koevoet had been recruited into a force to oust Mr Nujoma and the Swapo government.

"South Africa will not allow itself to be used as a springboard for targets in neighbouring countries," he said. "Any nature of an offensive operation against a neighbouring state will not be tolerated."
Kidnap allegations: ANC leader said two men were kidnapped by Inkatha forces, who tortured them before releasing them.

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"We have received information that two ANC members were kidnapped by Inkatha forces," said the ANC leader. "The men were tortured and released after "negotiations"."
Smiling cop and body: No action.

Staff Reporter

No action would be taken against the Peninsula riot unit policeman who was photographed armed and smiling near the body of a Khayelitsha unrest victim in October this year.

However, "high level" dissatisfaction and unhappiness had been expressed about the incident, Captain Alfred Laubscher, regional police liaison officer, said yesterday.

Captain Laubscher said the dissatisfaction expressed by senior police was because the riot policeman had been standing at the body.

"We have spoken to his commanding officer, Brigadier Frik Kellerman, who has assured us that the man concerned is just a friendly guy and that it was in his nature to smile at the camera," he said.

An "unfortunate" impression had been created worldwide by the policeman's "friendly disposition."
Bid to abduct two MK men alleged
We can't stomach our food, say police

OVER 300 South African Police members based at the George Goeh hostel in Benrose are refusing to take meals from their barracks kitchen. They are demanding an end to the tucket system — which allows them only one meal a day — and they also allege the food they are served is inedible. "Please, do not get this wrong. We are working but we are on strike as far as food is concerned," one of the policemen, who declined to be named for fear of reprisals, told The Weekly Mail.

They claimed they are served badly cooked pur from Monday to Saturday. On Sunday they are given rice. "There are no vegetables and the only gravy is the water used to cook meat. Every day, we eat almost the same food, with the only change being chicken or beef, which is always boiled," they said.

Police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said the matter was receiving attention at the highest level and that only 60 members of the police were on food strike.
Police 'torture wrong person': Charges laid

By GAVIN EVANS

A KRUGERSDORP police "torture team" could find themselves in the dock after being accused of administering electric shock "treatment" to a man falsely detained after a robbery.

While allegations of police assault and torture are commonplace in criminal trials, this is believed to be one of the first times a man who was not charged after a criminal arrest has laid charges against the police.

Abel Nonyane, a travel agency driver and father of two, said he was stripped naked, strapped to a chair for over five hours by a team of white policemen, blindfolded and given electric shocks on his penis and other parts of his body before police realised they had the wrong man.

At 4.15am on November 20, he was visited at his Soweto home by six black policemen, who told him the "white police" in Krugersdorp wanted to see him. He was taken to the Krugersdorp police station, where eight white plain-clothes policemen were present.

Nonyane said he was told to strip, tied to a chair, blindfolded and made to drink water from a container.

He was accused of being involved in a robbery in Welkom at 9.30am on September 5. He told his interrogators he was at work at the time and asked them to call his boss for confirmation.

After five hours of torture during which he said he was asked "where the money is," and other questions about the robbery, he heard someone say: "Hy is nie die regte man nie" (he is not the right man), and the torture stopped.

He was then taken to the Randfontein police cells for the rest of the day. He said he was given no food or refreshment during his 13-hour ordeal. He was released without charge.

Asked to comment on the allegations a police public relations spokesman said: "We confirm that a charge of assault is currently being investigated by the Krugersdorp police."
Health budget due to rise by 0,04%,

GOVERNMENT is expected to increase its health budget just 0,04% next year when the restructuring of health services will gain momentum.

National Health Minister Dr Ria Venter said yesterday the country's 13 academic hospitals would be rationalised as soon as possible in 1999.

She said Administration and Economic Co-ordination Minister Wum de Villiers would continue to probe hospital administration and was due to make his report next year on the $19,4 billion cost of medicine.

Although the 1998/99 health budget had not been finalised, a provisional R7,5 billion had been allocated, a department spokesman said. This year's R7,4 billion was an 8% increase on that of 1997/98.

Venter said she had sent to the Commission of Administration a motivation for further salary increases for public sector doctors and nurses next year.

The resignation of top surgeons and strikes by non-medical workers revealed the extent of the crisis in state hospitals. A recent survey by the Association of Specialists of Wits University showed about 80% of full-time medical specialists would leave the public health sector in the next two years unless pay and working conditions improved.

Weis University doctors have proposed that teaching hospitals be rationalised into regional complexes and administered by boards of control representing universities, the state and the wider community.

The boards would control hospitals' state funding, which would be supplemented by private patient fees.

Almost half the annual health budget is allocated to academic hospitals.

Venter said a new model for academic hospitals was being developed in consultation with relevant parties.

Proposals for the revision of the 1967 Medical Schemes Act would be elicited next year but a draft Bill would only be put before Parliament in 1999.

Venter said the moratorium on the building of new hospitals would remain in place next year, although 50 primary health care clinics would come on stream.

Bed occupancy had not changed much after the desegregation of hospitals in April. The number of available beds was the same because of limited funds, although beds were available to all races.

Government's newly formed Inter-departmental AIDS committee would meet on January 23 in Cape Town.

No proof of third force, says Vlok

SOME of the elements involved in the recent township violence had an unusual degree of training and skills, but government still had no concrete proof that an alleged "third force" existed, Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok said.

In an interview with the Bureau for Information's RSA Policy Review Vlok was asked about the existence of an "orchestrated, professional terrorist offensive" by a so-called third force.

The SA Police, Vlok said, had no concrete evidence to substantiate these claims.

"It is, however, significant that some of the violent actions indicated a degree of training and skill which common criminals lack," he said.

In September ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela told journalists that President F W de Klerk had conceded that a third force existed.

However, De Klerk later denied he had said this. Vlok and his spokesman were unavailable for further comment last night.

In the interview Vlok said the wave of black-on-black violence "essentially has political objectives".

"Therefore a political solution is necessary to finally end it.

"Security action is, however, necessary to clamp down on rioters."
SAP 'were successful peacemakers'

By Monica Nicolson

The police have managed to save the lives of thousands of people in many unrest situations through their fearless and sensitive conduct and have fulfilled their task as peacemaker with distinction, according to Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok.

In a recent interview with a Government magazine, the RSA Policy Review, Mr Vlok said the reform process had brought about a feeling of insecurity. This meant the SAP had to be closely involved in the maintenance of law and order.

Mr Vlok said the curfew introduced at the height of the unrest in September this year was a success, leading to a decline of nearly 100 percent in violence and crime.

85 murdered

Responding to calls from the ANC for the police to operate in the townships unarmed, Mr Vlok said "The police work under perilous circumstances and to expect of them to do this unarmed is imprudent and unreasonable."

He said 85 policemen had been murdered between January 1 and November 22 in the unrest situation this year. No concrete evidence had yet been found to back up allegations of the existence of a so-called third force.

"In my opinion the cold-blooded slaughter of defenceless and innocent people is nothing but terrorism of the worst degree and that possibility is also being investigated carefully. No stone will be left unturned in order to track down the culprits. We have already handed over three people to the court in connection with the so-called train slaughter," he said.
I was hit by the car while I was on my mobile phone. I heard a noise and looked behind me and saw the car coming towards me. I tried to move out of the way but it was too late. I was hit and knocked unconscious.

I lost my baby after the attack. I was in shock and didn't know what to do. I called the police and they arrived quickly. They took me to the hospital and the doctors did everything they could.

The police said that they were looking for the driver of the car. They told me that they had taken a DNA sample from the car and that they would be able to identify the driver.

I thank the police for their help. They were very kind and did everything they could to help me.

BY SAIMA MUNIR
Police are not angels, says Vlok

By GRACE RAPHOLO

POLICE are not angels but human beings capable of making mistakes, Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok said in a Christmas message at Protea Police Station.

"Vicious lies"

Vlok was commenting on the "vicious lies and accusations" which were being spread about the police.

He warned that the lies being told about the police should come to an end because the police were doing their "best to protect the people of this country."

Police had worked under difficult circumstances and trying times in the past years. In most cases "we have protected the people of this country excellently," he said.

He wished the police force success in building the future - the new South Africa.
Govt slams ANC defence units move

THE Government believed the establishment of ANC "self-defence" units was "completely unnecessary".

Law and Order spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said yesterday police were "completely opposed" to the formation of private political armies.

These armies could only lead to further polarisation and ultimately constitute a recipe for civil war, he said.

Kotze said: "The SAP will not allow the law to be broken in this regard. It is the task of the SAP to protect all the citizens of South Africa, including ANC members, and the formation of political military structures is therefore completely unnecessary."

He said only a drastic change in attitude between warring groups would solve politically motivated violence.

Meanwhile, SAPA reports that the commander of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging's commando units had no objection to the ANC's plans for creating self-defence units in black townships - provided "they remained in their own areas only and left the white communities alone".

Mr Servaes de Wet, Sea Point's retired police station commander, started the countrywide Boer commando system seven months ago and was appointed its commander-general shortly thereafter.

He said the AWB had launched the self-defence units for white neighbourhoods in direct response to the Government's release of Mr Nelson Mandela and the legalising of political movements.

"There now is a revolutionary climate in South Africa in which police stations are being attacked with impunity, police patrols ambushed and murdered and civilian communities left practically unprotected by understaffed police," he said.

Over the past two months, the commandos' membership had increased by 365 percent. The greatest growth was shown in the Vaal Triangle and the eastern Transvaal, he said.

"The AWB's central infrastructure and communications systems are now in place and our units are being trained countrywide in self-defence methods," he added.
Police warn ANC on private armies

By Esmaré van der Merwe
Political Reporter

The police have warned that the ANC’s intention to set up self-defence units in the strife-torn townships could lead to civil war.

It also labelled as totally unacceptable the ANC’s plans for mass action campaigns next year, and dismissed the organisation’s renewed accusations of State involvement in the township carnage as “nonsense”.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Law and Order, Capt. Craig Kotze, yesterday launched a scathing attack on hardline resolutions dealing with the security forces, which were adopted at the ANC’s consultative conference in Johannesburg at the weekend.

Vehemently denying police partiality in the violence, he said only a “dramatic change in attitude” from the funding parties would address the root causes of the violence.

Pretoria was silent yesterday on the ANC’s ultimatum that it would consider abandoning talks if certain conditions were not met by April 30.

The Pretoria Sun sets the date as the latest date envisaged for the completion of the task of the joint Government/ANC working group which deals with the granting of indemnity to political offenders.

Senior Government members were locked in a State Security Council meeting in Pretoria yesterday, at which the ANC’s newly-adopted measures were discussed. They would not, however, comment.

President de Klerk is expected to speak on the ANC’s decisions in his Christmas message on television tonight.

Observers believed the hardline policies adopted at the weekend were unlikely to endanger the peace process. They said the deadline was a compromise between the moderates and militants in the movement and was “fear” and could speed up negotiations.

In a long statement Inkatha Freedom Party leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi criticised the ANC’s warnings that it might consider breaking off talks and resuming the armed struggle.

“I think it is rather sad that the ANC is talking the way it is about the possibility of resuming an armed struggle,”

“The escalation of black-on-black violence presents probably the gravest threat to peaceful negotiations taking place that exists.”

Subvert

Captain Kotze said the police strongly disapproved of the formation of private political arms.

“These can only heighten the conflict in our communities and will inevitably lead to further confrontation and even civil war. These private political arms are completely unnecessary as it is the task of the SAP to protect everyone, including ANC members.”

The police would not allow anyone to take over or subvert its law and order functions.

He said mass actions exceeded the bounds of legitimate democratic protest and were therefore completely unacceptable. Mass action contained immense conflict potential which had already erupted into violence in our townships and other areas.

“The SAP will strictly, yet with the necessary discretion, enforce the law in this regard.”

Responding to a hard-hitting ANC resolution on police involvement in the violence, he said. “Wild allegations of this nature must be backed up with evidence.”

“The SAP categorically denies it is involved in the violence or that it takes sides. The fact that accusations of partiality are leveled at the force from both the ANC and Inkatha makes a mockery of these claims.”

“Merely repeating hackneyed allegations ad nauseam does not constitute evidence.”

Sapa reports that the commander of the Afrikaner Weerstands Beweging’s commando units, Servaas de Wet, had no objection to the ANC’s plans to form self-defence units provided “they remained in their own areas only and left the white communities alone”.

Mr de Wet said the AWB had launched the countrywide commando units for white protection in direct response to the Government’s release of ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela from prison and the unbanning of various political organisations. He said the “revolutionary climate” in the country had since increased and exposed many whites to danger.

Mr de Wet pointed out, however, that the training received by AWB commando members was “a lot less sophisticated” than the training received by cadres of the ANC’s Umkhonto we Sizwe who had learned “to handle explosives, bombs, rocket launchers and other weapons used in revolutionary warfare.”
A Special constable is in a critical condition in Groote Schuur Hospital after attackers doused him with petrol and tried to burn him to death in Khayelitsha on Monday.

He was attacked in Site B at 3am and robbed of all his clothes before being set alight. He received 50% burns.

Surgeons battled yesterday afternoon to improve his condition in an emergency operation.

Police said his name was being withheld "for his own security".
Kwazulu police get legal warning

Political Staff

KWAZULU policemen acting illegally against the community of Kwamakhutha, near Amanzimtoti, would be brought before court, the commissioner of the force, Brigadier Jac Buchner, has assured lawyers acting for residents.

Kwamakhutha residents have alleged grossly unlawful behaviour by Kwazulu Police (KZP) acting in conjunction with vigilantes in the past two weeks.

Random shooting and arson has led to the death of seven people, said the Legal Resources Centre (LRC), acting for residents. About 100 people have fled the area to seek refuge in Amanzimtoti, lawyers told Brigadier Buchner in a letter.

REMOVE POLICEMEN

He was given copies of affidavits residents had made to support their allegations.

The LRC asked Brigadier Buchner to remove policemen named in the affidavits as being involved in the unlawful conduct in the township.

The LRC pointed out that the Supreme Court had on June 19 granted an order interdicting the KZP from assaulting, harassing or engaging in any unlawful attack on any person in Kwamakhutha.

TAKE STEPS

"We call upon you to let us have your unequivocal assurance that you will take immediate and effective steps to restrain members of the KZP in Kwamakhutha from acting unlawfully, prevent a re-occurrence of any such behaviour, and ensure proper and neutral law enforcement in Kwamakhutha," the LRC told Brigadier Buchner.

In reply, the brigadier said all members of the KZP had been warned of the contents of the interdict, and had acknowledged having received the warning. They understood the prohibition.

"All members have signed a document acknowledging this. Members are also regularly briefed during monthly lectures on the prohibitions."

A special unit was set up to deal with complaints from the Kwamakhutha community about the KZP.

All allegations made in the LRC affidavits would be investigated. Any person, including Kwazulu policemen, found to have acted illegally against the community, would be taken to court, Brigadier Buchner said.

12-year-old tells of shooting in affidavit

Political Staff

KWAZULU Police members sued with vigilantes in an attack on youths in Kwamakhutha that left one youngster dead, 15-year-old Mafiki Mkhize said in an affidavit made for the Legal Resources Centre (LRC).

"I was hit and other youths in Kwamakhutha were attacked by vigilantes. The four youths with pump-action shotguns were armed and all wore camouflage uniforms in an attempt to get away from the place where they were shot.

Mafiki said he ran back to his home, and with Nzo Ngcobo hid behind outbuildings. Mafiki saw KZP members in camo uniforms in his yard, with two vigilantes he named. RAN AWAY"

"I was hit as I was shot in the back of my right leg just below his knee while trying to jump over a hedge, but still managed to get away.

The 10 minutes he returned to his house to find Nzo and his son "lying in our yard under a banana tree" He was dead, with injuries to the back of his head and the side of his face.

In another affidavit the LRC handed to Brigadier Buchner for investigation, Mafiki's father, Mr James Mkhize, said that at the time of the incident he was standing in his yard.

"I saw two vigilantes in private clothes break down our gate, by kicking it They ran to the back of my property. I ran after them and saw them shoot at my son Mafiki and his friend Nzo."
SAP to embark on 'image' campaign

Pretoria Correspondent

The first steps have been taken in an extensive television advertisement campaign to "soften" the image of the South African Police.

But spokesmen for the police and the advertising agency — apparently Johannesburg-based Wiffen & Company — were silent on the subject, saying details would be released later.

However, sources indicated that the ad campaign, to be launched early next year, was planned to counter the present "violent image" of the police.

The campaign also intends bringing home the message that police are there to protect the lives and property of all South Africa's citizens.

It is believed the advertisements will depict real-life "police hero" stories, where policemen have acted "beyond the call of duty".
Vlok rejects newspaper allegations

PRETORIA — Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok yesterday rejected newspaper allegations that police had abandoned two wounded men in the face of an alleged Zulu impi attack in Thokozani earlier this month.

The allegations, run in the Weekly Mail last Friday, were based on video footage taken in the township.

The footage, shown at a media conference at Vlok's offices in Pretoria yesterday, shows police medic Const Louis Pretorius attending to the two badly wounded men. He later made it back to Pretorius.

Pretorius told the news conference that, when he left them, the men were already dead.

He left to attend to other wounded people.

Vlok said police were not aware at the time of the approach of the impi that subsequently mutilated the bodies of the two men.

Weekly Mail co-editor Anton Harber said his newspaper had evidence that the two men were still alive when the police left. He asked why police had not bothered to contact independent witnesses during the past week.

A second area of contention centred on scenes of impis passing two stationary police vehicles. When the impis retreated after shots rang out, the vehicles departed in apparent pursuit of the unseen gunmen.

 Asked why police did not act against the armed impis passing them, police spokesman Capt Eugene Opperman said if police dispersed a group it would cause scattered fighting, which police would not be able to control.

Vlok said it was misleading to portray these scenes as a clash between Zulus and comrades, because there were only individual gunmen, whom police pursued.

He dismissed the allegations as "crude propaganda."

On December 2 Vlok also rejected allegations of police bias based on video footage taken in Zonkezuzwe township. — Sapa.

Brokers sent scurrying as
POLICE and the Weekly Mail have clashed over contentious video footage taken in Tokoza on December 2 which the newspaper says shows police colluding with Inkatha against "comrades".

The footage, according to the Weekly Mail, also indicates that before the battle police abandoned two wounded men to the mercy of an Inkatha impi.

Police have denied the allegations.

The footage, shown at a media conference at police headquarters in Pretoria yesterday, started with a police paramedic, Constable Louis Pretorius, attending to two badly injured men.

Pretorius said at the press conference the men had been fatally wounded and were already dead when he left the scene.

The impi mutilated the two bodies with pangas but police said they were not aware that the Inkatha men were approaching.

A police statement, released at the conference, said it was impossible to determine whether the men had been Xhosas or Zulus.

The video showed one man already dead but the other still breathing, and sound which Weekly Mail co-editor Anton Harber believes was the police leaving the scene.

Harber said eyewitnesses had seen the police leave the men to die when they discovered they were not Zulus.

A second sequence showed the police watching passively while Inkatha men attacked the "comrades", interfering only when comrades opened with AK-47 rifles, forcing the impi to retreat.

SAP spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said police did not know the impi would attack and they could react only once they had worked out where the shots were coming from.

Police further denied that Inkatha were attacking a group of "comrades".

They said there were only individual gunmen whom the police pursued in an attempt to arrest - Sovietan Correspondent
Police resort to bullet-proof vests

MEASURES including the wearing of bullet-proof vests were being taken to protect members of the SAP from attack, Witwatersrand police liaison officer Capt Eugene Opperman said yesterday.

At least 85 policemen have been killed and many others injured countrywide in unrest-related incidents since the beginning of the year to mid-December.

The majority of attacks on the policemen were launched on the Reef, Opperman said.

"We will show no mercy to any criminals or perpetrators of violence who shoot at, wound or kill policemen. To safeguard our lives we have taken steps such as the guarding of policeman's houses and the wearing of bullet-proof vests," Opperman said.

Recent attacks on the policemen were launched on Christmas Day. Opperman said a security guard and a municipal policeman guarding a power station in the East Rand township of KwaThema on Christmas night were wounded when two men in a passing car opened fire on them.

The policeman had been discharged from the Far East Rand hospital to which he and the security guard were admitted. The guard was still in a critical condition.

Another police spokesman, Lt Burger

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Police van Rooyen, said two policemen were injured in the Vaal Triangle township of Sebokeng after being stoned by a crowd.

The policemen fired birdshot to disperse the crowd and one man was wounded and arrested, Van Rooyen said.

At Tseweleng, near Wolmaransstad in the western Transvaal, one man was arrested after a group had attacked a policeman with pangas, he said.

Van Rooyen said a body with bullet wounds was found in Tembisa, near Kempton Park, while a burnt body was found in Soweto.

At Table Mountain in Natal a girl of five was killed and three women injured when a group opened fire at a home.

Meanwhile, Sapa reports that six people have been arrested in the Wartburg area in Natal following a wave of violence over the past few days in which at least eight people have been killed and several others seriously injured.

The arrests followed police, assisted by the SADF, moving into the Izinga area to restore calm. Most of the incidents occurred at the weekend, when four people were shot dead and another four stabbed to death. A further four, two of them children, were admitted to hospital with knife and gunshot wounds.

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New round of attacks against police

JOHANNESBURG — Police were the target of a number of attacks during the festive season while there was a drop in politically motivated unrest in Reef townships.

Nine policemen, a security guard and a black town councillor have been attacked since Christmas Day.

Police liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman said police would show no mercy to the perpetrators of violence or to anyone who threatened the lives and property of policemen.

SHOOTOUT

Three policemen were wounded in a shootout with a group of armed men in Zwelitshwayo in Port Elizabeth yesterday.

A police spokesman in Pretoria said the policemen had been watching a stolen vehicle when three men approached and fired at them with an AK-47 rifle. An explosive device also was thrown at the police.

When the policemen returned fire the men fled on foot leaving the vehicle behind. One policeman was seriously injured, two were slightly hurt and the fourth was unhurt.

A security guard and a municipal policeman were wounded early yesterday when they were shot at by gunmen at a power station in KwaThema on the East Rand.

The security guard was hit five times in the chest. He is in a critical condition in the Far East Rand Hospital.

The municipal policeman was hit in the stomach but was only slightly wounded. He was treated for a flesh wound and discharged.

There were no arrests. Police found several 7.65mm cartridges.

In Kagiso, two people were shot dead when a gang entered a policeman’s house on Tuesday and threatened to kill him.

TWO SHOT DEAD

Captain Opperman said the policeman fired five shots at the men, who fled. Two men were found dead outside. The other two escaped.

A bullet-riddled body was found in Tembisa township near Kempton Park and another body, which had been set alight, was found in Soweto.

Incidents of unrest also were reported from several other areas including Soweto in the Vaal Triangle where two policemen were injured after being stoned by a crowd. They fired birdshot at the crowd, injuring one man who was arrested.
10% of police force injured

ABOUT 10% of the SAP's strength was injured in political violence in a seven-month period this year, according to figures released this week by the SA Institute of Race Relations (SAIRR).

The SAIRR said in a special report on violence against Black Town Councillors and Policemen that more than 8500 people had died in political violence over the past six years, while 440 policemen were killed and more than 25000 injured in the line of duty during the same period.

From January to the end of July this year, 7374 policemen were injured and 44 killed in political violence. The SAP has between 70000 and 80000 members.

From the beginning of the year to end- November, 86 policemen died in the line of duty.

While 197 civilians died as a result of police action, the report did not say how many civilians were injured this year and how many over the past six years.

According to the report, black town councillors and municipal policemen have increasingly become victims of political violence as a result of the growing use of mass mobilisation since 1984.

There had been a dramatic upsurge in attacks on black councillors and policemen since March this year.

After decreasing by 33% (from 35 to 24) from January to February, attacks on black town councillors and policemen increased fourfold to 99 in March, the report said.

Police injuries

Of those 59 attacks, 80 were directed at the police and the 19 at councillors, the report said.

In March, methods associated with mass mobilisation — stonings, arson and petrol bombs — were used in 93% of attacks and "terrorist-style" weapons (hand grenades, limpet mines and guns) in only 8%.

Quoting Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok, the report said that in July and August alone, 1270 police vehicles were stoned, petrol-bombed or otherwise attacked.

Attacks on police over the same period, on individual SAP members and on policemen's homes totalled 20, 482 and 145 respectively.

Vlok said of 145 attacks on policemen's homes, 77 took place in July. The report's figure for these attacks is 25. According to the institute, the discrepancy between the figures arose from the fact that its primary sources were the SAP's daily unrest reports and Johannesburg-based newspapers.

The SAIRR said "Only incidents which resulted in serious injury or in which property damage exceeded R1000 were included in the unrest reports. As a result of these criteria, the extent of violence was understated even in the reports that the police themselves put out."
POLICE Xmas attacks

POLICEMEN were the target of a number of attacks over the festive season, while there was a drop in politically motivated unrest in Reef townships.

Nine policemen, one security guard and one black town councillor were the targets of attacks nationwide since Christmas Day. 25/12/90

Commenting on the attacks, police liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman said the police would show no mercy to the perpetrators of violence or to anyone who threatened the lives and property of policemen.

* Three policemen were injured in a shootout with a group of armed men in Zwile in Port Elizabeth on Wednesday.

A police spokesman in Pretoria said the policemen had been observing a stolen vehicle when three black men approached it and fired shots at the police with an AK-47 rifle. An explosive device was also hurled and exploded near the policemen.

When the policemen returned the fire the men fled on foot leaving the vehicle behind. One policeman was seriously injured, two received only slight injuries and a fourth was unhurt.

In Kagiso, two people were shot dead when a gang entered a policeman's house on Tuesday and threatened him with a pistol.

Two men were later found dead outside, while the other two escaped.
Bullet-proofing for SAP likely

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Bullet-proof vests may soon become standard dress for police in South Africa. (2)

The recent dramatic upsurge in armed attacks on police personnel had led the police to investigate "the possibility of issuing each individual policeman with a bullet-proof vest or jacket," Witwatersrand police spokesman Captain Eugene Opperman said yesterday.

Bullet-proof clothing had already been issued to certain police units, he said.

The incidence of robbers, car thieves and other criminals shooting at the police had escalated drastically during the past two years, he said.

The situation in South Africa was "becoming like that in the US where officers dare not even approach a vehicle which they had stopped for a traffic offence without their firearms in the ready position."

Certain undisclosed security measures had also been taken to protect the homes of policemen in the townships.

* Going all-out to catch the criminals — Page 9
Flak jackets for SA cops

POLICE are investigating the possibility of supplying bullet-proof jackets to policemen whose working and personal circumstances justify it. This is one of the steps being considered as a result of the numerous attacks on policemen lately. This year 91 members of the SAP died violent deaths, 65 in Inkwenkwezi. On the Reef, where most of the casualties occurred, members of police units like the flying squad and the murder and robbery units have already been supplied with bullet-proof jackets. They are not compelled to wear them, but do so when circumstances merit it, said SAP liaison officer on the Reef, Captain Eugene Opperman.

These jackets are expensive and, according to arms dealers in Johannesburg, an effective jacket could cost as much as R800.
10 000 more 'on the beat'

THE Law and Order Ministry has confirmed that the SAP will put an additional 10 000 policemen on the beat to lend its war against rising crime.

"Obviously one of the best ways of controlling crime is putting more men on the ground," said spokesman Capt Craig Kotze at the weekend.

Public participation would be an essential component of the war against crime.

Police would rely on the public to be the eyes and ears of the police, and to prevent and handle crime.

Intensive planning of a "very comprehensive" anti-crime programme was under way.

A major problem was the availability of unlicensed and stolen firearms, which had been stockpiled by certain organisations, Kotze said.

The availability of these weapons was affecting "virtually every criminal activity, especially bank robberies, murder, theft." — Sapa.
Police are targets of violence

PRETORIA. — Police men were the targets in several unrest-related incidents over the past 24 hours, according to a police unrest report.

Police also identified a "terrorism-related incident" in Mbotsha near Port Shepstone, Natal, where a hand grenade was thrown at a private dwelling shortly after midnight on Saturday. The house was damaged in the attack, but no casualties were reported.

A group of people stoned a police vehicle at Murraysburg in the Eastern Cape, slightly injuring a policeman. Seven men were arrested after a group stoned the homes of two policemen and the home of a policeman's father in Letshopa, near Otjiandila in the Western Transvaal. One policeman was injured in this incident.

The body of a policeman who had been shot in the face was found in the Table Mountain area outside Maitzburg yesterday. — Sapa
17 killed in fresh unrest

AT LEAST 17 people were killed, two by police gunfire, during unrest at the weekend in the worst round of political violence since Christmas Day, police said.

The latest deaths bring to at least 23 the number of people who have died in the violence since Christmas.

In Mbablela near Port Shepstone, Natal, the body of a black man was yesterday found with stab wounds. Police believe his death to be unrest-related.

Inter-tribal fighting claimed the lives of three black men who were shot dead during in the Maphumulo area near Greytown, Natal.

Mob

In the 24 hours ending on Saturday morning two people were killed when police fired tear smoke, pistols and shotguns to disperse a mob attacking a police vehicle at Reiger's, Koster in the Western Transvaal.

The police unrest report said a man was killed and 11 houses set on fire when faction fighting broke out at Maphumulo. A shop was burned and set alight.

A police spokesman in Durban later said three more people were shot dead during the fighting.

Police found the bodies of four men with stab wounds at Mbabane, Port Shepstone, and an officer of a man who had been burnt to death at Isiboneleni near the town.

At Ingwavuma, Natal, a man was stabbed to death and police found a body of a man with stab wounds. The report said:

In the same township five people suffered stab and bullet wounds when a group attacked a family.

A teenage incident around the set free 11 dogs which in the township.