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Maritzburg death toll up in 1988

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Five houses damaged in Natal bombings

PRETORIA — Arsonists damaged at least five houses at Mpumalanga in Hammarsdale, near Maritzburg, at the weekend, police said yesterday.

The five houses were damaged when petrol bombs were hurled at them in separate incidents. In one of the incidents five people sustained slight burns.

Police also found the body of a man with gunshot wounds at Georgedale in Hammarsdale.

In another incident in the area, a shot was fired at a police patrol. Police returned fire and then searched the area. They found a home-made fire-arm and ammunition. A man and two women were arrested.

At the Umgababa holiday resort, near Umkomaas, police dispersed an illegally-gathered group with teargas. Two men were arrested.

In another incident at the resort, a group of people damaged fences and plundered a shop.

Two men were arrested when police used tear-smoke to disperse a group at Newtown, Inanda.

Man killed, two hurt in Natal

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Crime Reporter

One man was killed and two injured in Natal township unrest yesterday.

Police also said 14 people were arrested in connection with various unrest incidents.

The body of a 22-year-old man was found in Imbali, near Maritzburg.

At Mpumalange, near Hammarsdale, two men were shot and wounded by a mob. Police arrested seven suspects.

Police dispersed a mob in kwaDengezi, near Pinetown, with shotgun fire after a house was attacked with knobkerries and sticks.

Body found with gunshot wounds

PRETORIA — A body with gunshot wounds was discovered and a house was stoned in the Hammarsdale area, police reported yesterday in an overnight unrest report.

Also in Hammersdale, a shot was fired at a police patrol. Police returned fire and then searched the area. A home-made firearm and ammunition was found, and three people were arrested.

At the Umgababa holiday resort near Umkomaas on the Natal South Coast, people gathering illegally were dispersed.

At Kwadengezi, near Durban, arsonists badly damaged a house. Police used birdshot to disperse them. In another incident in the area, a group of people attacked and stabbed a man, seriously injuring him. The group was dispersed with birdshot, police said. — Sapa.

Township war toll 655 in '88

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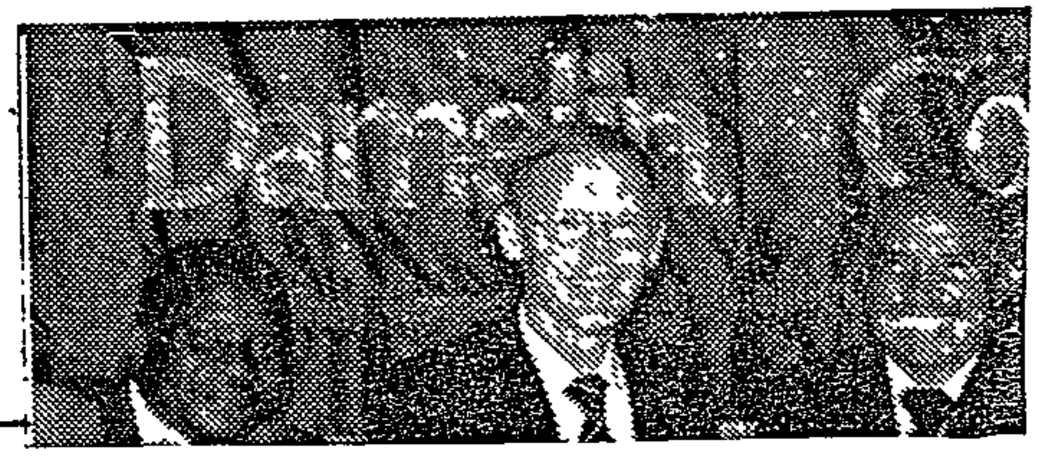

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6 die in Natal faction clash

MARITZBURG. — Six people were shot dead in a bloody clash between two factions in the Tugela Ferry area of KwaZulu yesterday.

A police spokesman said fighting broke out between the Mbhono and Ezingulubeni factions yesterday morning and that firearms had been used.

He said police had moved into the area and the situation was under control. No arrests have been made.

1 dead, 2 hurt in Natal unrest

PRETORIA. — One person died and two were wounded on Monday in the troubled area around Maritzburg, police here said.

They said the body of a 22-year-old man was found at Imbali near Maritzburg, but gave no further details.

In the same area, two men were wounded when they were shot at by a group. Seven men were arrested after this incident.

Two houses were damaged in separate attacks at Mpumalanga and KwaDengezi.

Attacks on rescue choppers: were bathers confused?

CAPE TOWN — Police yesterday appealed for information on the stoning of rescue helicopters on Cape and Natal beaches — amid suggestions that the incidents could have been triggered when bathers confused the rescue aircraft with police helicopters.

Leon Mellet, a spokesman for Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok, said yesterday the stoning incidents had not been officially reported.

Sapa reports he appealed for information on those who hurled objects at rescue helicopters, saying: "We need

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information on these attacks because we want to stamp it out completely. Should any attacks occur in future, we also appeal to the public to contact us immediately."

The John Rolfe rescue helicopter was stoned by a crowd at Monwabisi Beach on New Year's Day after attempts to resucitate a drowning victim failed. A John Rolfe helicopter in Durban was also stoned on New Year's Day.

Meanwhile, the public relations officer for the Western Province Surf Lifesaving Association, Eddy Cassar, said yesterday he had spoken to lifesavers who had been present at the stoning incident and had been unable to pinpoint anything which could have antagonised the crowd.

Cassar said the stoning had probably happened because of malice or ignorance and because the colour of the rescue helicopter was similar to that of a police helicopter.

"We need to make people aware of the helicopter and what it does."

The helicopter beach rescue service would not be discontinued as a result of the stoning incident, he said.

"However, throwing bottles, stones and shoes at the helicopter is a highly dangerous practice and if the aircraft crashes on a crowded beach many people could be killed or injured."

Cassar also called for a preventative lifesaving campaign on the stretch of beach between Muizenberg and Monwabisi, where as many as 150 000 people could be gathered at one time.

Police release details of fierce Natal clashes

Police have released details on fierce clashes in which at least two men died between the police and Maritzburg township mobs on New Year's Day.

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Two large groups of residents of Ashdown and Mpumuza clashed on New Year's Day in Ashdown, bordering Mpumuza in Edendale.

"When the police arrived, shots were being fired by the groups involved A black man aimed a firearm at the police and one of the members fired a shot which caused the man to flee. Another black man fired a shot at the police and he was shot and killed.

"He was identified as a Mr Mamfana Majola. Police took possession of a .38 Special revolver."

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Police fight off gunmen and stoning

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PRETORIA — Police are probing mass mob violence near Maritzburg.

At least one man died and others were wounded in gunfights when residents of Ashdown and Mpumúza clashed on the Edendale border.

Police called to quell the battle also came under fire.

The police's initial report on the New Year's Day incident was updated yesterday to show the fatal confrontation was more serious than originally believed.

The first report said one man had been killed and five arrested.

Subsequent information showed police had to fight off gunfire and stone-throwing in the general melee.

The police said yesterday: "When police arrived, shots were being fired. A man aimed a firearm at police and one (policeman) fired a shot and the man fled. Another man fired a shot at police and he was fatally wounded."

The updated report added police picked up a .38 revolver but were stoned when they tried to take away the body of Mamfana Majola.

It said a large group of blacks gathered in the area and, when police returned more gunfire, another man, Robert Ngcobo, was killed.

Four men were later arrested at a roadblock and one had a bullet wound in a leg.

Police said he had not been shot by them.

Another person was arrested for having a home-made firearm.

Police tell of fierce clashes in townships

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The Argus Correspondent

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Violence in Natal: Three bodies found

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PRETORIA. — The bodies of three people were found and three houses damaged in unrest in Natal, according to the latest police unrest report.

The body of an unidentified man was found at Imbali near Maritzburg. And at Inanda, near Durban, police found the bodies of two women, but said the circumstances surrounding their deaths were not yet known.

At Mpumalanga, near Hammarsdale, three private homes were badly damaged in separate arson attacks. Petrol bombs were used in two of the incidents. No injuries were reported.

A youth was slightly injured at Caluza, near Edendale, when a group of people stoned a vehicle. — Sapa

Inanda-Newtown violence claims 70 in 9 months

DURBAN – Seventy people were killed and 150 injured in violence in the Inanda and Inanda-Newtown area on Durban's doorstep from April to December last year, according to figures given at a press conference in Durban last night.

The conference was called by the Natal Organisation of Women, an affiliate of the UDF.

The NOW chairman, Miss Nozizwe Madlala, said the organisation hoped that by spotlighting the situation, solutions might be found.

A press statement issued by NOW said that figures released by the Department of Town and Regional Planning at the University of Natal indicated the extent of the problem — 70 dead, 150 injured, 60 houses damaged from April to December

Township residents said they were happy that the army had been sent into the area because this had afforded them some protection

They said a delegation of women had gone to the township manager and threatened not to pay rent because they could not stay peacefully in their homes. The township manager called for army help.

One man said it was very difficult to find solutions to the violence and the main obstacle was that meetings were not allowed.

"We were told by the army people that a meeting of more than five people is illegal, so we can't get together to talk about possible solutions"

The conference was told. "In our area we have got councillors who are supposed to be leaders, but we find they don't want to associate themselves with finding a solution and, in fact, they point fingers at us to say we are the ones responsible for the situation."

Some residents claimed that Inkatha leaders incited people from the squatter settlement to attack their homes

"People feel that the reason squatters attack them is because they want to take their homes The squatters say they have a right to the houses and the owners don't because the owners are UDF and this place is not UDF"

Some of the residents said they had joined Inkatha because they were told they would not otherwise have access to their rights in the area.

Schools had re-opened but a number of parents were keeping their children away because they felt it was not safe to send them

NOW called for a concerted effort to provide adequate housing, schools, health services and employment opportunities, and called for action against "warlords and vigilantes and all other violent factions" in the townships

NOW also called for the unbanning and lifting of restrictions on the UDF, Cosatu and their leaders "so that they can continue with their efforts to end the violence"

The organisation said attempts on the part of the UDF to restore peace in troubled Natal midland areas had been disrupted by the arrest of hundreds of UDF activists

"Over the past two years 2 000 people have died violently in the midlands regions"

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Fears of more Inkatha-UDF clashes

Natal township asks army for protection

DURBAN — Troops yesterday moved into the Inanda/Newtown area — only a few kilometres north of Durban — in response to an appeal by about 100 people for "more protection".

A resident of Section A in Inanda/Newtown township said trouble began there two months ago when a man from the Lindelani shack settlement visited the area and began stirring up trouble between supporters of Inkatha and the United Democratic Front.

He said the fight had now changed to a clash between people living in the better areas of Inanda/Newtown — built with Urban Foundation help — and thousands of shack-dwellers on their doorstep.

"It's a fight between the 'haves' and 'have-nots'," he said. They want to drive us out of our houses.

"About 100 men and women from Inanda/Newtown Section A went to the township manager on Tuesday and asked for greater protection.

"The manager said the squatters could not drive us out because there are things like leases and loans."

But there have been reports of squatters driving people from their homes in other sections of Inanda/Newtown — and then taking over the houses.

The resident said he was a member of Inkatha, but asked that his name should not be quoted because "the UDF would kill me".

An SADF spokesman confirmed that a large troop contingent had moved into the area to keep the peace.

The resident said that yesterday morning he could not use his normal bus stop because squatters were stoning buses and chasing away people who were going to work.

Warlords

"The water the squatters are drinking is our water. We pay for it, and they take it from our taps.

"The people want the SADF here," he said. "Either soldiers or policemen.

"They built camps at Lamontville and Chesterville when there was trouble, and it stopped."

Mr Roy Ainslie, regional director of the Progressive Federal Party said reports to the party's unrest monitoring group said that hundreds of people were involved in fighting at Section A on Wednesday night.

He believed that vigilante "warlords" were trying to extend their empires by taking over more land.

Political violence claimed at least 655 lives in Natal last year, says the Maritzburg Adult Education Centre.

Most of the deaths in 1988 were in January, when about 150 people were killed.

December saw 72 deaths — against the year's monthly average of 55.

People who have monitored developments in Natal closely have expressed fears that unprecedented killings could take place if Inanda became involved in conflict. — Sapa.

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Taps broken in renewed UDF/Inkatha battles

POLITICAL violence in Inanda Newtown is displaying two new characteristics: a new British-type "squatter" problem and the destruction of vital equipment. Sowetan 5/1/89 (276)

People fleeing the violence as refugees have discovered that when they returned to their houses, they had been taken over by other families who refused to move.

And secondly, youngsters have begun breaking taps to try and drive away political opponents.

Residents said yesterday there had been constant fighting around Inanda Newtown since December 18.

They said there was a clash between the "have-nots," in this case people living in shack settlements on the outskirts of Newtown, and the "haves," people living in more established homes.

On the surface, though, it appeared as a clash between Inkatha and the United Democratic Front.

Hundreds of people have left the fighting to seek temporary shelter elsewhere. In their absence, though, their homes were taken over by other people, who refused to move, residents said.

They have been brought in by leaders of the particular political faction that controlled the area. One leader has been selling the houses to his supporters.

"Those who leave their homes come back to nothing," a resident said. "The guys who live in the shacks are trying to take the homes of people who live in the better houses."

Some of the shack-dwellers were moved from the Umgeni River Valley and resettled in Inanda to make way for the Inanda dam.

Water problems

Youngsters have also begun to break street taps in to hit at political opponents.

The supply of water has always presented problems to the people on Inanda.

Mr Rogers Ngcobo, Inkatha leader and a member of the KwaZulu legislative assembly, said the violence was centred on Inanda Newtown Section A and not Inanda as a whole.

He described the section as noisy. The other sections of Newtown were "quiet," he said, as "we have made them understand they must have peaceful negotiations."

"We are going to endeavour to make Section A quiet," Mr Ngcobo said.

He accused UDF supporters of breaking the taps "plus burning houses and assaulting people."

He said the UDF organised the youth and all that the UDF and Cosatu wanted to do was scandalise Inkatha: "The children are our children — we will not tolerate it."

He accused the UDF of intimidating people and urging them not to go to work, even though they lost wages. When the community grew tired of this and fought back "they rush to the Press and say it is Inkatha," he said.

Mr Ngcobo said the community were human beings. People who thought they were "lions" and wanted to devour mankind "must not live with human beings. They must move away."

If Inkatha were not led by a man of peace in Dr Mangosuthu Buthelezi, it would have drowned the UDF, Mr Ngcobo said.

Inkatha appeal for army help

DURBAN. — An appeal has been made to the South African Defence Force to set up a temporary camp in violence-torn Inanda Newtown as "vigilantes" continued to attack houses yesterday.

An Inkatha member and councillor in Inanda Newtown, Mr B J Khuzwayo, said yesterday the violent attacks, allegedly by "vigilantes" from the Mshayazafe squatter camp, started after a meeting on December 18 last year. The squatters were told that UDF elements were to be cleared from the township and squatters would take over houses.

He estimated that 20 people had since died and hundreds of houses had been damaged. The latest daily unrest bulletin reports that police found the bodies of two women there.

"The entire township, including Inkatha members, are being accused of harbouring UDF members," Mr Khuzwayo said.

Mr Khuzwayo said he had appealed to the SADF's Natal Command to set up a temporary camp in the township so that "rampaging vigilantes" could be stopped.

An army captain liaising with Mr Khuzwayo about such a camp could not be contacted for comment.

New initiative to end Natal violence launched by ANC

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — The ANC could be making a bid to end the ongoing political violence in Natal by inviting Inkatha, the UDF, Cosatu and the South African Council of Churches (SACC) to talks in Harare later this month.

Mr Peter Kerchhoff of the Maritzburg Agency for Christian Social Awareness said yesterday "There is definitely something being raised because it is obviously of concern to a lot of people."

The Centre for Adult Education at the University of Natal says 655 people died in Maritzburg and Mpumalanga last year in political violence.

The latest peace talks could stem from a visit by the SACC to meet ANC representatives in Harare last year.

But observers monitoring the violence point out there are many obstacles facing such talks.

First, the State could withdraw or refuse passports to delegates.

"The last thing the Government wants is a united black opposition, especially if it follows talks hosted by the ANC," said one person.

There is also tension between Inkatha and the ANC.

Year gets off to bad start with discovery of body

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Natal townships death toll shows a big jump

DURBAN — The death toll in a township power struggle near Maritzburg rose sharply last year to 655 from about 400 in 1987, a civil rights worker said yesterday.

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Leeb said last year's figure of 655 dead was conservative because the final toll for the New Year weekend had not been counted.

Police said yesterday this year began grimly with discovery of a body with bullet wounds in Hammarsdale.

The violence, concentrated in a valley stretching west from Maritzburg, stems from a power struggle between the Zulu tribe's politically moderate Inkatha movement and the more radical UDF.

Inkatha accuses the UDF of being a cover for the outlawed ANC while Inkatha is criticised for collaborating with government.

For more than two years, Inkatha has been in conflict with the UDF.

The 1984 Nobel Peace Prize laureate Archbishop Desmond Tutu, who heads southern Africa's Anglican Church, sounded a note of frustration as he deplored the violence.

"When we are meant to be celebrating the birth of the Prince of Peace the killing looks as though it is escalating. In such a situation it is easy to be despairing. Calling for peace can seem a meaningless ritual," he said.

Black leaders had expressed optimism in September, when a peace pact was signed in Maritzburg by Inkatha and Cosatu, which is allied with the UDF.

The agreement condemned violence and established an adjudication board to review residents' complaints of harassment or attacks.

The pact remains but has had limited impact. — Sapa-Reuter-AP.

6 die in Natal fighting

MARITZBURG. — Six men were killed in another outbreak of faction fighting in the Tugela Ferry area on Tuesday afternoon, police reported.

According to a police spokesman, members of the Mbono faction invaded the Ezingulubeni faction's territory about 8am and heavy fighting ensued.

Five of the Ezingulubeni members and one Mbono member were killed. Police said shotguns were used in the attack.

No arrests have been made and police are investigating. — Sapa

EMERGENCY UPDATE

Homes burnt, 25 arrested in latest unrest

PRETORIA. — Twenty-five men were arrested when a crowd set fire to four homes at Inanda near Durban, the police said in their latest unrest report.

Police used tearsmoke, rubber bullets, birdshot and shotgun fire to disperse the crowd but no injuries were reported.

Police said arsonists damaged a home at Mpumalanga near Hammarsdale.

Two homes were damaged in two separate petrol-bomb attacks.

In one incident, the owner of the house was slightly injured. In the same area, a crowd attacked a house with petrol-bombs and firearms.

One woman sustained slight burns while a second woman was wounded in the foot. — Sapa.

Police move in

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — Security forces — comprising policemen and soldiers — yesterday established a base in Inanda-Newtown following requests from residents for them to move in to halt the ongoing violence, involving attacks on the houses by armed gangs.

A senior spokesman for the South African Police in Port Natal, Major Charl du Toit, confirmed yesterday that a centre had been established in the area.

However, Maj du Toit denied reports that it was the South African Defence Force that had moved in. He said he would know by today how many people were involved in the operation.

Brigadier J H Pretorius of Natal Command said security forces including policemen and soldiers had moved closer to the "troubled spot" to "cut response time".

PARTIES DENY KNOWLEDGE OF ALLEGED HARARE TALKS

RICHARD BARTLETT

PARTIES who were reportedly invited to talks in Harare later this month to end political violence in Natal are in the dark about the meeting.

ANC and Inkatha spokesmen said yesterday they did not know about the meeting.

The ANC and Inkatha, along with the UDF, Cosatu and the SA Council of Churches (SACC) were said to be planning the meeting in a bid to end the months of warfare between Inkatha and UDF supporters which left hundreds dead last year.

A total of 655 people were reported killed in the political violence in Maritzburg and Mpumalanga last year by Natal University's Centre for Adult Education.

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Plans

UDF members were also unaware of the meeting.

Plans for the meeting are believed to have arisen from talks between the SACC and ANC late last year, according to recent Press reports.

The ANC spokesman said: "The ANC is very interested in ending the violence in Natal and has made a general call for all parties involved to get together to discuss the issue."

However, there had been no ANC initiative.

The interested parties were in SA and there was no need for them to travel to Harare, he added.

Inkatha deputy secretary general Simon Gumede said the only information Inkatha had received about the meeting was through the Press.

No Inkatha leaders had been invited or officially informed of the meeting.

Black homeowners' plea for help

Armed forces shield residents from squatters

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Security forces, comprising policemen and soldiers, yesterday established a base in Inanda-Newtown, after requests from residents for them to move in to halt continuing violence, involving attacks on the houses by armed gangs.

Maj Charl du Toit, of the Port Natal police, said yesterday afternoon that a centre had been established in the area, but denied that the SADF had moved in.

Brig J H Pretorius, of Natal Command, said security forces including policemen and soldiers had moved closer to the "troubled spot". He said this was done to "cut response time".

He said the move was taken after hundreds of requests from residents.

A councillor in Inanda-Newtown, B J Khuzwayo, said on Tuesday that he had made an appeal to the SADF to establish a temporary camp in the township.

Sapa reports that a resident of Section A in Inanda/Newtown said yesterday trouble began there two months ago when a man from the Lindelani shack settlement visited the area and began stirring up trouble between supporters of Inkatha and the UDF.

He said this fight had now changed to a clash between people living in the better areas of Inanda Newtown, built with Urban Foundation help and guidance, and thousands of shack-dwellers on their doorstep.

Driving

There had been reports of squatters driving people from their homes in other sections of Inanda/Newtown and then taking them over.

The resident said that yesterday morning he could not use his normal bus stop because the squatters were stoning the buses and chasing away people who were going to work.

He said he was an Inkatha member and asked that his name not be used because if the UDF knew of his affiliation, they would kill him.

He said: "It is a fight between the 'haves' and the 'have-nots'. They want to drive us out of our houses."

Emergency regulations hamper peace moves

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By JO-ANNE COLLINGE

Peace deals in Natal are inhibited by regulations which exclude some of the warring parties from coming to the table.

Vigilante attacks and defensive action by those under attack have become "the most violent manifestation of the apartheid system", probably accounting for 10 times the number of deaths inflicted in conflict between security forces and civilians, says Johannesburg attorney Mr Fink Haysom.

Mr Haysom represents the Congress of South African Trade Unions in relation to matters arising from the ongoing political violence in Natal, which has claimed more than 1 000 lives in two years.

Noting that areas well beyond Maritzburg — the original focus of the conflict — had been drawn into the unending cycle of violence, he warned that if the huge shack settlement of Inanda were to become inflamed, a new horror of even greater proportion would be experienced.

Already there have been disturbances in Inanda's Newtown.

Inkatha's president, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, clearly foresees violence spreading. "I have repeatedly warned that this kind of violence might easily escalate into a black civil war and this is clearly happening. I am appalled by it all," he said this week.

Figures were released by the Maritzburg Centre for Adult Education put the number of deaths in political conflict in the province at 655 for 1988 against 400 in 1987.

Mr Haysom said the 1988 figures were weighted by the unprecedented number of deaths in January — about 150. If January were excluded the average monthly death toll for 1988 would be much closer to that of 1987.

His caution on interpreting the statistics should not be taken as a sign of optimism about present trends in Natal.

Areas beyond Maritzburg, such as Mpumalanga near Hammarsdale, Trust Feed near New Hanover and Enhlalakahle near Greytown had been torn apart by bloodshed in recent weeks, he said.

"In my view the violence is still principally caused by authority figures trying to maintain control over areas in the face of new forms of organisation," said Mr Haysom.

The conflict is most usually described as between Inkatha on the one hand and the United Democratic Front and Congress of South African Trade Unions on the other. But, says Mr Haysom, it is not only the UDF/Cosatu grouping which represent a challenge to older patterns of authority.

The conflict itself has created new alignments in the community and observers comment that revenge killings have become part of the bloody dynamic.

Chief S H Gumede, deputy secretary-general of Inkatha, explains the continuing violence in terms of "the UDF people and the ANC supporters wanting to make the country ungovernable".

He says he believes that any peacekeeping agreement which excludes the UDF is fatally flawed.

In September, Cosatu and Inkatha concluded an agreement and set up a Complaints Adjudication Board to ensure better discipline of their members in the Maritzburg area. The agreement does not apply elsewhere.

By the time the board was created the UDF had already been prevented in terms of the emergency regulations from "performing any acts or activities whatsoever" and it is consequently not party to the board.

"As you know Cosatu is a trade union movement. The UDF people are a clear political organisation. So there is political one-upmanship between UDF and Inkatha, according to those who analyse the violence," said Chief Gumede.

Asked whether the ban on all UDF activities since February had affected the conflict, Chief Gumede answered: "Some people (in UDF) operate illegally. It is an amorphous organisation and therefore not easily controllable."

He added: "When Cosatu and Inkatha came to a peace pact UDF did not involve itself."

Mr Haysom said hitches in the implementation of the peacekeeping machinery had not yet been ironed out.

"Cosatu has committed itself to continuing with the board but we haven't had a response from Inkatha."

He said problems had arisen when individual members of Inkatha had felt unable to participate in inquiries because they faced criminal charges and feared they might prejudice their cases.

Mr Haysom argued that the inter-party agreement did not cut across court proceedings. "The agreement does not deal with individuals. It regulates the relationship between Cosatu and Inkatha and activates those organisations into policing their members."

25 arrested in violence

PRETORIA. — Seven houses were damaged and 25 men arrested in Natal unrest, according to the latest police unrest report.

At Inanda, near Durban, a large group of people set fire to four houses. Police dispersed the mob and arrested 25 men. No injuries were reported.

Arsonists damaged a house at Mpumalanga, near Hammarsdale. In two other separate incidents, two other houses were damaged in petrol-bomb attacks.

In one of the incidents a hoomeowner was slightly hurt. In the other incident, the arsonists also fired shots at the house. One woman sustained slight burns and another was wounded in the foot. — Sapa

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Six more killed in township unrest

Six more people have been killed in townships in Maritzburg, where about 1 000 people have died in unrest in the last two years.

Two men and a woman were shot dead in separate incidents on Saturday, according to yesterday's police unrest report.

Friday also saw three deaths, with one man shot by police firing to disperse a stone-throwing crowd. — Sapa-Reuter.

5 hacked to death as unrest war spills over

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — Four older men and a young man were hacked to death by a mob armed with pangas, knobkieries, assegais and a shotgun at Shongweni on Monday night, according to the police's overnight unrest report.

The dead men were aged 26, 59, 59, 60 and 62.

Villagers at Shongweni began fleeing the area yesterday, following what was described as the "brutal murder" of the men in political conflict spilling over from the townships.

A senior resident said the conflict had started about two years ago as Inkatha-UDF rivaly. "Now the area is divided into two. There is a UDF area where comrades stay and an Inkatha area," he said.

He said warring people did not differentiate between people who were engaged in political activity and those who were not, and "indiscriminately attacked any person staying on the other side".

He told of incidents where people, even women, had been burnt to death and houses destroyed.

Residents said local business was in the verge of collapse as more people were fleeing the area.

The police unrest report also said that a 17-year-old woman was stabbed to death and a 20-year-old woman seriously injured when a group of people attacked a home in Mpumalanga near Hammarsdale with petrol bombs.

The house was damaged in the attack.

An explosion occurred on a pipeline next to a pump station on the Witwatersrand in an area south of the Soweto highway on Monday night, according to the report. Damage was not very serious.

Villagers flee after five men are hacked to death

DURBAN — Five men were hacked to death by a mob armed with pangas, knobkieries and assegais at Shongweni on Monday night, police said yesterday.

Villagers at Shongweni, between Maritzburg and Durban, began fleeing the area yesterday after the "brutal murder" of the five men.

Residents said hundreds of people had already left as the conflict had been raging for some time. Several houses had been abandoned and others demolished.

Own Correspondent

A resident said the murders of the five, mostly elders, had shocked the village.

He said the conflict had started about two years ago as Inkatha/UDF rivalry. "Now the area is divided into two. There is a UDF area where comrades stay and an Inkatha area."

The warring people did not differentiate between people who were engaged in political activity and those who were not.

"If people from either of the two areas attack each other, they do not go for people involved in their fighting but they indiscriminately attack any person staying on the other side."

In other incidents, people had been burnt to death and houses destroyed.

Residents said local business was on the verge of collapse as more people were fleeing the area.

Pupils said they doubted that there would be any schooling this year if the violence continued.

Police said in other incidents of unrest a woman was stabbed to death and another injured when a group attacked a home near Hammarsdale with petrol bombs.

An explosion occurred on a pipeline next to a pump station on the Witwatersrand in an area south of the Soweto highway on Monday night.

Damage to the pump station and the pipeline, which belongs to a mining company and carries sludge from a recovery plant, was not serious.

Police said they did not know at this stage what type of explosive device was used but were investigating the incident.

IN BRIEF

Incident at Paardekraal described as a tran

Cape Times
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2 die in Ixopo shooting, arson

DURBAN. — Two people were killed and two — including a 10-year-old child — were injured during a shooting and arson attack at a house in Ixopo on Tuesday night.

And at Willow Fountain in Natal a man was stabbed to death, a second man stabbed in the chest and a third allegedly abducted when they were attacked by a mob.

Ms Ella Mpisi, 62, was one of the people killed in the Ixopo incident. The name of the other victim has been witheld until his next of kin can be informed. Ms Mpisi died after being admitted to Christ the King Hospital with gunshot wounds.

The two injured were Zanele Mpisi, 18, and Thandeka Mpisi, 10.

The man injured in the stabbing was admitted to Edendale Hospital and is reported to be in a satisfactory condition.

Police also reported a petrol-bombing at a private dwelling in Mpumalanga, Hammarsdale, in which a girl received slight burns to her legs. — Own Correspondent and Sapa

EMERGENCY UPDATE

Three blasts rock Ciskei border area

ARGUS 12/1/89

EAST LONDON. — Three blasts have rocked the border area between South Africa and Ciskei, police said today.

The only victim was a policeman whose eardrum burst while a bomb squad was trying to defuse a limpet mine.

The explosions came last night at the King William's Town post office, the Dunlop Flooring factory in Wilsonia, near East London, and at a Ciskei railway station at Mount Ruth on the outskirts of Mdantsane, near East London.

Police would not say whether the blasts could be linked. They were within a 60km area on the N2 highway.

FOUND BY CHILD

The most serious, caused by an SPM limpet mine, was at the King William's Town post office.

A police spokesman said a 12-year-old child found an SPM limpet mine in a telephone booth outside the post office and reported it to the police.

The device exploded at 11.30pm while police explosives experts were trying to defuse it. A police detective-sergeant's eardrum burst.

Damage was confined to telephone booths and the windows of the post office and surrounding buildings.

The spokesman praised the child's "alertness and sense of responsibility".

Police investigations are continuing.

The Wilsonia factory blast was at 10.25pm. An unidentified explosive device had been placed under an electric switchboard.

There were no injuries and damage was slight. The explosive device still had to be identified.

It was learned from the Ciskei that the Mdantsane blast happened outside the railway station booking office. Police were investigating.

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● At Molweni, near Durban, members of a mob fired at a police patrol. Police returned the fire with birdshot, killing two men and injuring one. Six youths and five men were arrested.

A 23-year-old black man was stabbed to death at Willow Fountain, Natal.

A house at Umlazi, Durban, was badly damaged by a petrol-bomb. — Sapa.

Press curbs

In terms of the emergency regulations reports, comment and pictures may be restricted.

Two die in attack on patrol

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PRETORIA — Two black men were fatally wounded and another injured at Molweni, near Durban, when police fired birdshot at a group of people firing at a police patrol on Wednesday, police said yesterday.

Six youths and five men were arrested.

A 23-year-old black man was attacked and stabbed to death at Willow Fountain in Natal, the report said.

At Umlazi, a black area of Durban, a private house was extensively damaged after a petrol-bomb was hurled at it.

At about 11pm on Wednesday, a 12-year-old child found an SPM limpet mine in a telephone booth outside the post office in King William's Town, and called the police. The limpet mine exploded about 11.30 while explosives experts were trying to defuse the device.

A detective-sergeant sustained a burst eardrum, but there were no other injuries. Damage was confined to the telephone booths and windows of the post office and surrounding buildings. Police investigations are continuing.

"The police have the highest regard for the alertness and sense of responsibility displayed by the child in question", a police spokesman said. — Sapa.

Story of two boys: A white with a future, a black slain

Mrs Glynis Lipsett and her son Craig Picture: JIMMY HUTTON

A LETTER written by a woman about the endemic violence which has gripped Maritzburg's townships for the past four years has touched the heart of the Natal capital.

Mrs Glynis Lipsett, who works for the Maritzburg branch of the Urban Foundation, said her letter was not politically inspired but was written in an emotional state.

By SHAUN HARRIS

The letter, published in the Natal Witness newspaper, compares the childhood and education of her own son, Craig, and that of her maid's son.

It reads: "I want to tell you a story.

"In 1969 two baby boys were born, one black and the other white. I will tell you about the white baby first. He attended a modern nursery school and progressed to prep school and then to high school where he passed his matric with flying colours.

"He was fortunate in being awarded a bursary to see him through his tertiary education which he is now in the process of completing at one of the finest technikons in South Africa. His future is pretty bright and secure.

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Threat

"Now the black baby, at the age of two, contracted polio and, because of the callipers he had to wear, could not walk the five kilometres to school.

"He started school when he was eight, progressed slowly until he reached Standard 4.

"By then he was 15 years old. His life was threatened by the local 'gang' and he went into hiding. It took him two years to complete Standard 5. By then township violence caused him to leave school as it was no longer safe for him to be seen on the streets. S/Times.

"In July 1988 his family's home was set upon and their lives threatened. They moved to town but the black boy stayed at home to look after his ailing grandmother. They lived in fear and slept in the veld at night. He was murdered on December 14 1988.

"The white baby is my son, the black baby that of my maid. My heart goes out to her as one mother to another.

"Dear God, what is South Africa coming to?"

Mrs Lipsett, who did not want her maid identified because of the real chance of recriminations in the strife-torn townships, said the woman who had worked for her for the past 17 years was now living at her house with her youngest son.

"Her home in the township has been destroyed. She is one of the thousands of refugees who are now living in white Maritzburg to avoid the violence.

"Although our sons didn't grow up together, as mothers we always compared notes on their progress.

"My maid always said I was so lucky to be able to bring up a son normally. That really made me feel the difference between what was happening to our respective children."

Mrs Lipsett said after the boy's death she had met several of her maid's neighbours.

"They are such decent people, all they want is to lead a normal life.

"It makes me despair that a person should die just because he gets caught up in a political situation.

"When I heard the news of his death, I just sat down and wrote," Mrs Lipsett said.

EMERGENCY UPDATE

Bus stoned. Woman injured

PRETORIA. — A woman was injured when a bus was stoned in Guguletu, according to the latest unrest report issued by police.

At Shongweni in Natal, a woman was shot and another wounded by a crowd.

At KwaMashu in Durban, a house was damaged during a petrol-bomb attack.

At Mxamalala, Natal, five black men were slightly injured when a bus was stoned. — Sapa.

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Mob shoots women

A woman was shot dead and another wounded when they were attacked by a mob in Shongweni, Natal, police reported No further details were given in the latest police unrest report.

Five men were slightly injured when a bus was stoned in Mxamalala, Natal.

At kwaMashu near Durban, a house was damaged in a petrol bomb attack.

A woman was injured in Guguletu near Cape Town after a bus was stoned.

Bloody Natal clash avoided

DURBAN. — A bloody clash was avoided at the weekend when police used teargas to disperse two factions threatening to tear into each other in KwaMashu, near Durban.

Police said they received a report that there was fighting between residents of Siyanda squatter settlement near KwaMashu and KwaMashu's K Section residents.

Police were told three Siyanda youths had been kidnapped by KwaMashu residents. The Siyanda faction had been mobilising to retaliate.

Police said they later established the story was untrue and was an excuse to justify the planned attack.

The two factions were then ordered to disperse but they refused. Police then used teargas.

Police said while no further incidents took place between the two factions, the situation remained tense until early yesterday.

Problems between the factions began a while ago over the lack of water at Siyanda settlement.

A KwaMashu resident said trouble started on Saturday night when gunfire was heard in the township.

Youths from K Section then went from door to door asking people to attack the Siyanda settlement.

In other incidents of unrest, a woman was injured when a mob stoned a bus at Guguletu, police said.

At Mxamalala in Natal five men were slightly hurt when a bus was stoned.

A woman was fatally shot and another wounded at Shongweni in Natal, police said. — Sapa

More police called in as factions mobilise

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The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — Kwazulu police sent reinforcements into the troubled squatter settlement of Siyanda and to Kwamashu, near Durban, today as two hostile factions began to mobilise.

Lieutenant Mziyonke Sikhakhane said both factions were congregating and swelling in numbers and that his men at the base had asked for reinforcements.

He said police had been patrolling the area day and night since the weekend when they had averted a bloody confrontation between the factions.

Police were watching the situation very closely and were a constant presence on the border of Siyanda and K Section, he said.

A Kwamashu resident said there was random shooting there yesterday and one person was injured. This could not be confirmed by police.

There has been enmity between the two factions for a long time, triggered, it is believed, by a shortage of water in Siyanda settlement.

In need of water, Siyanda residents crossed the border into K Section in Kwamashu and drew water until Kwamashu residents complained.

Some Siyanda residents were seen today leaving the area and moving to Richmond Farm.

Marathon peace talks in Natal squatter feud

The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — An urgent marathon meeting to find a peaceful solution for the two warring factions of Siyanda squatter settlement and Kwamashu, north of Durban, was held last night.

The meeting was attended by police officers, members of the Kwazulu Legislative Assembly and community leaders of Siyanda, Kwamashu and Richmond Farm. It began at 6pm yesterday and continued until the early hours of today.

Kwazulu police said today there was peace in the area yesterday. They would not confirm reports that 22 houses had been petrol-bombed.

IDENTIFIED CAUSE

A member of the Kwazulu Legislative Assembly for Code 26, Mr Samuel Jamile, said today that they had made headway as they had identified the cause of the trouble. Mr Jamile would not say what the cause was as this would endanger the peace talks.

Apart from the problem of a water shortage in Siyanda, further trouble is believed to be have been caused by youths on either side of the border.

The chairman of Greater Inanda, Mr Roger Ngcobo, said it would be improper to comment on what had happened at the meeting. He would prefer to issue a joint statement with his colleagues.

Kwazulu police sent reinforcements to the area yesterday after two factions had been seen mobilising on either side of the border.

Trouble between the two factions has been simmering since November last year.

● The African National Congress will not be meeting representatives of South Africa organisations to discuss the violence in Natal, the Argus Africa News Service reports from Lusaka.

An ANC spokesman said that speculative reports about a meeting between the ANC, Inkatha, the UDF, Cosatu and the SACC were not true. He said that at a recent meeting in Harare between the ANC and church leaders, a call had been made for the violence to be halted.

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Man stabbed to death in Natal violence

PRETORIA. — Police yesterday reported the discovery of the body of a man who had been stabbed to death in unrest at Mpande in Natal.

Police also said in their unrest report that five men were arrested when a school was set alight at Phahameng, near Bultfontein.

At KwaMashu, near Durban, police used birdshot to disperse a group stoning a bus.

In another KwaMashu incident a home was petrol-bombed.

At Sinathing, also in Natal, a bus was stoned and petrol-bombed. — Sapa

PFP unrest monitor assaulted

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — Mr Wouter Gildenhuys, a lecturer and PFP and Black Sash unrest monitor, was ambushed and assaulted on Saturday as he returned from the funeral of Mr Thokozani Ngobese, a member of the UDF-affiliated KwaMakhutha Youth League, who was stabbed in a suspected political killing.

Mr Gildenhuys said six people surrounded him, punched him in the face and kicked and assaulted him with rocks and batons.

Mr Gildenhuys needed stitches in his face.

Buses stoned in Natal after 5c increase in fares

PRETORIA. — A man was stabbed to death and three people were injured when buses were stoned in Natal townships yesterday, police said.

Three people were injured and five buses damaged in stoning incidents in Edendale near Maritzburg. Bus fares in the area went up by an average of five cents a trip last week.

The names of those hurt in the incident and the extent of their injuries were not released.

The unidentified body of a man with several stab wounds was found at Fredville in Natal and police are investigating the murder.

In two separate incidents, one in Claremont in Natal and the other at Mpumalanga, also in Natal, private dwellings were attacked by mobs with petrol bombs. In both cases the homes were extensively damaged.

Killed instantly

In Pumulanga, Natal, a man died after being shot with a shotgun by a group. Three men have been arrested.

Two municipal policemen and a middle-aged man were killed instantly by bullets from an AK-47 rifle at the Soweto Meadowlands hostel on Friday night.

Police said two men with an AK-47 fired on three municipal policemen on a foot patrol. Two of the police died instantly and the third was wounded in the chest and right arm. He has been admitted to Baragwanath Hospital, where his condition is serious but stable.

A 45-year-old man in the immediate vicinity at the time was also shot and died instantly. — Sapa

Man stabbed to death in Natal

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PRETORIA. — A man was stabbed to death by a group of people at Inanda, Durban, police said in their unrest report.

Two homes — one in Mpumalanga in Natal and the other in Harewood, Edendale — were damaged in petrol-bomb attacks, police said.

A man was slightly injured when stone-throwers attacked a home in Imbali, Natal.

At Molweni, Pinetown, a security force vehicle was stoned. One member was slightly injured.

Meanwhile, Johannesburg City Council has decided to reward anyone "who observes and reports a limpet mine before it explodes".

The chairman of the management committee, Mr Danie van Zyl, yesterday said that Miss Molly Motshedi, who recently reported a limpet mine in Harrison Street, would receive a R500 reward. — Sapa

Bid for peace in unrest-torn Shongweni

DURBAN. — Attempts are to be made this weekend by the regional authority of Mpumalanga to find a solution to end the continuing violence at Shongweni.

A spokesman said an indaba for the whole community was to be held at a local school on Sunday morning to try to resolve the situation which was causing death and displacement of people.

He said senior police officers of the South African and KwaZulu governments had been invited to the meeting, and added that all Shongweni community members who had fled the area were welcome to attend the meeting.

● According to yesterday's police unrest report, arsonists damaged a house at Mpumalanga. — Sapa

Indaba seeks to end violence

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DURBAN — Attempts are to be made at the weekend by the regional authority of Mpumalanga to find a solution to end the continuing violence at Shongweni.

A spokesman for the regional authority, Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo, said an "indaba" for the whole community was to be held at the Charles Memorial School on Sunday to try and resolve the situation which was causing death and displacing of people.

Inkosi Maphumulo said senior police officers from the South African and KwaZulu governments had been invited to the meeting.

Inkosi Maphumulo said the indaba would start at 10am and that all members of Shongweni communities who had fled the area were welcome. — Sapa.

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Murder charge

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MARITZBURG. — A 15-year-old youth appeared in the Magistrate's Court here yesterday charged with killing four people at an Imbali shopping centre on January 16.

The youth, a minor who may not be named, was not asked to plead and was remanded to February 9. — Sapa

ANC man's nephew slain in Natal violence

ST Times 29/11/89

TWO months after being released from prison on humanitarian grounds, African National Congress veteran Harry Gwala, 65, has felt the Natal township violence.

This week his nephew, Bhekizazi Gwala, 20, was killed with two other people in Imbali, Maritzburg.

Mr Harry Gwala's daughter, Lulu, said her cousin, a Hulett Aluminium worker set to start teacher training this year, was shot in the head last Monday by alleged vigilantes.

Star 30/1/89

Firms 'drop' aid

By Winnie Graham

Certain disinvesting US companies who have withdrawn from South Africa have abandoned the people and organisations they were assisting in terms of the Sullivan Signatory Code.

According to Arthur D Little's 12th report on the signatory companies, now available in Johannesburg, remaining American companies in South Africa have found it "extremely distressing" to be approached for assistance by organisations which have been dropped by American firms that have withdrawn.

One signatory commented: "Assisting people, and then ceasing to, is certainly worse than never commencing — or so it seems to us."

The report states that problems had arisen for those social and educational organisations that had relied heavily on US company contributions.

Some companies, when disinvesting, made arrangements to continue their financial support, at least for a period. This had been specially true for scholarship aid to individuals rather than aid to institutions.

One signatory who had continued to support a school, together with a former signatory, commented: "After the company was sold to a white South African firm, it abandoned its previous programme of involvement, but at our urging continued with the school project."

The report also quotes a senior black manager who asserted that, unlike his previous employment experience, he had not encountered racial discrimination in the signatory company. He had unlimited opportunities.

The report adds. "His concern — and he was absolutely convinced — was if the US joint owner and management were to withdraw, leaving the company to the South African minority owner, as a black he would be demoted and have no opportunity for growth. This is an example of the concerns of blacks with regard to US disinvestment."

In spite of a "significant reduction" in the number of signatories — they dropped from 92 to 70 — their overall performance had been impressive, contributing R86 million for the benefit of blacks, coloureds and Asians in South Africa.

The number of their employees had dropped by more than 10 000 — from 43 900 to 33 400, a reduction of 24 percent.

The report adds "The companies are becoming more assertive in seeking opportunities to apply their money and effort in support of correcting and alleviating unfairness in South Africa."

Star 30/1/89

US petrol, oil airlift to Unita considered

By Neil Lurssen, The Star Bureau

WASHINGTON — The United States government is considering ways of stepping up aid to Unita to make up for the Angolan rebel movement's loss of aid from South Africa.

According to a report here, US intelligence officials are especially concerned about getting petrol and oil to Unita for its trucks and armoured personnel carriers, and for running the rebel headquarters at Jamba.

In a weekend report, the *Washington Post* said that the Central Intelligence Agency was studying the possibility of flying the oil and fuel from neighbouring Zaire to Unita-controlled airstrips in southern Angola. It would be carried in big rubber bladders on C-130 Hercules transport planes.

The report comes at a time when a bi-partisan group of US senators, led by Democrat Mr Dennis DeConcini of Arizona, is trying to win a commitment from the Bush administration that it will continue to supply the anti-communist rebels until there is final reconciliation between the MPLA government and Unita

So far, there has been no indication that the Luanda regime is ready to start serious settlement negotiations with Unita that will include its leader, Dr Jonas Savimbi

The Senate group wants the Bush commitment to be cemented in a formal Senate resolution that will also hold out carrots for Angola after reconciliation, such as diplomatic recognition, economic aid, and support for Angola's admission to the IMF and the World Bank

Six more die in Natal township unrest

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Crime Reporter

At least six people died in a flare-up of Natal township unrest on Friday and Saturday.

The killings happened near Maritzburg, the scene of some of the worst clashes between Inkatha and United Democratic Front supporters in past months, and Pinetown, police said in their unrest report

The weekend death toll could rise when yesterday's unrest incidents are made known.

Two men and a woman were murdered in separate incidents on Saturday. They were stabbed to death

One was found in Nxamala, one in Willow Fountains and the third in Taylor's Halt.

In Pinetown, a mob killed two men after a third was shot.

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Political violence empties schools

MARITZBURG — Thousands of schoolchildren in strife-torn Shongweni and Mpumalanga have fled the Hammarsdale area of Natal.

They are seeking education elsewhere in the province as many of their former schools stay empty.

At a senior primary school in Shongweni, Charles Memorial School, which has 19 teachers, only five pupils have registered. At the only high school in the area, Wozamoya, no pupils have arrived.

A community meeting was held on Sunday by the regional authority to discuss ways of ending violence between Inkatha and the Amaqabane which supports the UDF.

Violence in Shongweni erupted in November and has destroyed community life. Shops have closed, families have fled, the local authority cannot operate and public transport has been disrupted.

About 300 parents and elders packed a classroom to hear community leaders, including Chief Mhlabunzima Maphumulo of Table Mountain, talk about solutions to the conflict. Sowetan 31/11/87.

Halfway through the proceedings about 80 men, some carrying sticks and knobkerries, arrived, headed by the Inkatha area chairman V Sibisi.

The meeting agreed the school crisis could not be overcome until political violence had been stamped out.

A committee was appointed to investigate how a truce could be made between the rival factions. — Sapa.

IN BRIEF

Nampak strike continues

Staff Reporter

MORE THAN 230 striking workers at Nampak Corrugated Containers, Epping, yesterday continued with their week-long legal stoppage, but revised their original wage demands, a Paper, Printing, Wood and Allied Workers' Union spokesman said.

Dropping their demand for a 60% across-the-board weekly increase, workers accepted the company offer of a 50% weekly increase, but demanded an extra R5 after July 1, he said.

Workers were locked out and interdicted by the company last Monday following allegations of non-strikers being assaulted and intimidated.

Pupils flee from faction strife

MARITZBURG. — Thousands of schoolchildren in strife-torn Shongweni and Mpumalanga, near Hammarsdale, have fled the area and are seeking education elsewhere in the province, leaving many of the existing schools empty.

At the senior primary school in Shongweni, which has 19 teachers, only five pupils have registered.

At the only high school in the area, Wozamoya, no pupils have arrived.

A community meeting yesterday discussed ways of ending the factional violence between Inkatha and the Amaqabane — supporters of the United Democratic Front.

The violence erupted in November last year and has since destroyed the fabric of community life. Shops have closed, families have fled and public transport has been disrupted.

The meeting agreed that the schooling crisis could not be overcome until the political violence ended.

A committee is to investigate means by which the two factions could be brought into negotiations leading to a permanent truce.

The committee is to discuss the crisis with the KwaZulu Department of Education and Culture and ask for police protection for children wishing to register at local schools. — Sapa

Woman killed in Natal unrest

PRETORIA. — A woman has been killed and two others have been wounded in unrest in Natal, according to the latest police daily unrest report.

At Inandi, a group of people attacked a house. Shots were fired at the house, killing a woman and wounding two others.

At Edendale, 14 men were arrested when the technikon and a security force vehicle were stoned by a crowd.

At Nxamalala, a house was damaged by arsonists. — Sapa

...erate south-west to southerly later today

3 killed a day on average in Natal unrest last month

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The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — At least three people a day were killed on average last month in the violence in Natal and Kwazulu.

According to police unrest reports, records kept by monitoring organisations and reports from people caught up in the violence, 108 people were killed in January.

Yesterday, two more people died in unrest near Maritzburg, the police in Pretoria reported.

A man was killed when unidentified gunmen opened fired from a moving vehicle in Edendale and a woman died when police opened fire with shotguns on a crowd stoning an officer investigating the shooting.

A police spokesman said the mob also stoned buses. "They were dispersed by the police with shotguns and tearsmoke."

Two men were wounded and 24 people were arrested in connection with the incident, he added.

Last month there were 69 deaths, 36 injuries and 38 incidents of damage to property, vehicles and homes in the Midlands region, including the area around Maritzburg and Mpumalanga, according to the Centre for Adult Education at the University of Natal.

Mr Roy Ainslie, regional director of the Progressive Federal Party, said 39 people were killed in nine Durban townships in January.

"There is little chance of ending the violence until some kind of peace pact can be concluded between Inkatha and the African National Congress," Mr Ainslie said.

In January last year 163 people were reported killed around Maritzburg, while around Durban nine deaths in political violence were recorded in two townships, Clermont and Kwandengezi, for January and February.

Man, woman shot dead in Natal unrest

Star 2/2/89

Two people died in unrest near Maritzburg yesterday, bringing to six the number killed in the district this week.

In yesterday's incident a man died when gunmen opened fire from a moving vehicle in Edendale, a police spokesman said in Pretoria.

Then a woman died when police opened fire with shotguns on a crowd stoning an officer investigating the shooting. The mob also stoned buses.

Police dispersed the mob with shotguns and tearsmoke. Two men were wounded and 24 people arrested, the spokesman said. — Sapa.

Violence spills over into city

MARITZBURG. — Violence that has been racking Maritzburg's outlying areas, spilled over into the city's streets this week, police reported.

Four men were killed in fights near Retief Street over the past two days.

A police spokesman said two men had been killed in a clash between two groups at the East Street bus rank.

Earlier one man was found by the police lying outside the Khelele restaurant in Retief Street with stab wounds in the left side of his neck and his right wrist. —Sapa

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Girl dies of burns after home is attacked

PRETORIA. — A girl of 10 died of burn wounds and a six-year-old boy received serious burns when a group of people petrol-bombed a home at KwaMashu in Natal, according to the latest police daily unrest report.

The group also stabbed and seriously injured three people — a boy of five, and two men aged 40 and 60.

At Inanda, Durban, pupils stoned a school while parents were holding a meeting there. One of the parents was slightly injured.

At Seshogo, Pietersburg, a vehicle was damaged when stones were thrown at it. — Sapa

5 die in township massacre

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Five men were murdered in a massacre in Klaarwater township near Durban, police said in their latest unrest report. The bodies were found by police. All had been stabbed to death.

A man was shot dead after a mob stoned a private vehicle in Heideveld near Cape Town. The shot was fired by one of the car's occupants.

Three men were arrested in connection with the stoning, police said.

At Marianridge near Durban, police used teargas to disperce an illegal gathering, arresting two men. — Crime Reporter.

Probe resumes into deaths at police roadblock

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — The shooting in which four alleged ANC members were shot dead at a police roadblock will come under scrutiny this week when an inquest resumes in Piet Retief.

Surendra (Lenny) Naidu, June Rose Cothoza, Makhosi Nyoka and Lindiwe Mthembu were allegedly killed in a shoot-out with police near the Swaziland border on June 8.

Lieutenant Siluman Mose, a Pretoria Security Branch policeman, said in a statement he had been told by a Major de Kock to pick up two people at the border post at Potgietershoek.

That evening, he left the major on the Piet Retief road. At the border, four people were handed over instead of two.

Later, at the spot where he had left Major de Kock, the major asked them to get out.

"I immediately heard a sound behind me and looked around. The Indian man had a pistol in his hand. Lots of shots rang out, then I heard Major de Kock tell his people to stop firing."

CAPE TIMES 6/2/87 (276)

Stabbing, shootings in unrest

PRETORIA. — A man was stabbed to death in his car at the weekend when he was attacked by a mob at Claremont near Pinetown, police said.

In another incident, police fired at a crowd throwing stones at a patrol van at Mtuzuma near Durban. A policeman was slightly injured.

And at Chesterville near Durban a man was killed instantly when a youth fired two shots at him. The youth was arrested, police said.

In another shooting, a man was wounded in the head when a youth fired a shot at him at Slangspruit, near Maritzburg The youth was arrested.

Police are investigating arson after a school was set alight and badly damaged at Malopho, near Soweto. — Sapa

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Stoning, then death shooting

EMERGENCY UPDATE

A MAN was shot dead when a private vehicle was stoned in Heideveld, police said in their overnight unrest report.

One of the occupants of the vehicle fired at the group. Three men were arrested.

Near Durban, the bodies of five men, all stabbed to death, were found at Klaarwater.

Police used tearsmoke to disperse a gathering at Marianridge, near Durban. Two men were arrested.

● The unrest monitoring group in Maritzburg has linked one man to at least 25 political killings in three years.

Progressive Federal Party MP Mr Mike Ellis is to ask questions in Parliament about the man, who has allegedly conducted a reign of terror around Edendale, Imbali and Harewood.

He was chairman of an Inkatha youth branch when the violence started, according to information gathered by the monitoring group.

Inkatha, in response to PFP inquiries, was adamant that the man was acting independently. — Sapa and The Argus Correspondent.

PFP unrest group finds political murder link

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Own Correspondent Star 21/2/89

DURBAN — The PFP's unrest monitoring group in Maritzburg has linked one man to "at least" 25 political murders.

PFP MP Mr Mike Ellis is to ask questions in Parliament about the man, who has allegedly conducted a reign of terror for three years around Edendale, Imbali and Harewood.

A picture of the alleged killer has emerged from statements made to the unrest monitoring group by township residents.

Thousands of black people around the city live in dread of the killer, who is in his mid-20s.

Before he attacks or kills people, he smears something on his face. This has created the myth that he is protected by "muti".

People think he cannot be killed because he has survived many attempts on his life and has not been convicted in court.

He has struck at mostly United Democratic Front members, people opposed to Inkatha and political neutrals.

According to information gathered by the unrest monitoring group, when the violence started he was chairman of an Inkatha youth branch.

The PFP has spoken to Inkatha about him. Inkatha was adamant he was acting off his own bat. Mr Musa Zondi, a leader of the Inkatha Youth Brigade, said "no member of ours is above the law".

The PFP said witnesses were scared to come forward to testify for fear of him taking revenge on them.

The dossier on the killer has been passed to Mr Ellis, who said last week that he would table questions in Parliament.

Another alleged multikiller in the political violence was a 17-year-old youth who was presently facing at least four counts of murder, the PFP unrest monitoring group said.

Man wounded in shoot-out with police

DURBAN. — A man was wounded in a shoot-out with police at KwaMakhutha, near Amanzimtoti, early yesterday and police seized two firearms.

A spokesman for the KwaZulu police said that a SADF patrol approached a house in the area and shots were fired at them. Reinforcements were called in and a suspect fled from the house. He was shot in the legs. Police searched the house and found two guns — one a homemade firearm.

The wounded man has been admitted to Prince Mshiyeni Hospital at Umlazi. In their overnight unrest report the SAP said yesterday that the bodies of five black men, who had all been stabbed to death, were found at Klaarwater, Durban. At Heideveld a group of people stoned a private vehicle. One of the passengers fired a shot at the group, fatally wounding a coloured man. Three men were arrested. At Marianridge, Durban, police used tearsmoke to disperse an illegal gathering. Two men were arrested. — Sapa

Guards found guilty of murdering seven children

DURBAN. — Two community guards have been found guilty in the Durban Supreme Court of kidnapping eight children, murdering seven of them and attempting to murder another.

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The court found Emmanuel Khanyile, the leader of the community guards, and Bhekani Wilfred Phewa guilty of 16 of the 17 counts of murder, attempted murder and kidnapping on March 16 1987.

A clerk at the Lindelani community offices, Lucky Mtshali, who left before the children were killed, was found guilty of eight counts of kidnapping.

Another man employed at the Lindelani community offices, Sipho Dube, who issued receipts and membership cards to people who joined Inkatha, was found guilty of being an accessory after the fact of murder.

Dube went with a group of men to the Ntuzuma cemetery where the children had been killed and waited in the bakkie as the other men loaded the bodies. He then drove the men to another section where the bodies were thrown into a ditch.

Three other security guards in Lindelani, Mr Sipho Clement Ndlovu, Mr Muntukathenjwa Phillip Biyela and Mr Mzibeni John Khuzwayo, were found not guilty on all counts.

Mr Sithembiso Morgan Bodloza Mkhize, who was employed as the bodyguard of a Lindelani community leader, Mr T H Shabalala, was also found not guilty. — Sapa.

(Proceeding)

'Inkatha' guards guilty of murdering 7 children

Cape Times 8/2/89

Own Correspondent

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The court accepted the evidence of the sole survivor of the attack, Mr Duncan Mntambo, who was kidnapped as he was walking along the road in KwaMashu. He was forced into a kombi taxi where he was assaulted by a group of armed men.

Judgment continues today.

ficials said yesterday.

Group attacks home

PRETORIA. — Police yesterday reported that at Velekisi, Durban, a group attacked a home. The group fired shots at the dwelling, injuring an occupant. Three men were arrested.

Mr J M Lemmer was the magistrate. Mr J Su
the accused

2 sentenced to death

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — There were cheers and cries of "amandla" in the Supreme Court here yesterday after two Inkatha men from Lindelani were sentenced to death for the "slaughter" of seven KwaMashu youths.

Emmanuel Khanyile, 34, and Bhekani Wilfred Phewa, 31, were found guilty by Mr Justice Broome and two assessors of murdering the seven, aged between 15 and 17, on March 16, 1987.

At the Ntuzuma cemetery the children were made to alight from the kombi they had been forced into and told to walk in twos holding hands. They were surrounded and then brutally massacred.

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Natal unrest deaths at 668

CAPE TOWN — About 1 000 people were said to have died in Natal violence since 1987, but the correct figures showed the total up to the end of January this year to be 668, Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok said yesterday.

Briefing foreign correspondents on security issues, he said the total number of murders for the area in 1987 was 235, 400 for 1988 and the total figure for January was 33. — Sapa.

in early November.

668 dead in Natal violence

Political Staff

MR ADRIAAN VLOK, Minister of Law and Order, revealed yesterday that 668 people had been murdered in Natal violence since September 1987.

Dealing with prosecutions, and more specifically those involving members of Inkatha, he said there had been numerous criminal prosecutions for crimes ranging from murder to arson to serious assault.

CAPE TIMES 14/2/84

Man arrested after shooting

PRETORIA. — A man fired at security force members and a police vehicle was stoned in the Durban area on Sunday night.

Police said a man was arrested after a shot was fired at security force members at Ntuzuma. Another man was arrested following the stoning of a police vehicle at KwaDengezi.

At Amawoti near Durban a private house was damaged in a petrol-bomb attack. At Imbali in Natal four men were arrested after a private house was attacked and a shot was fired at the dwelling. — Sapa

Judge restrains union men

MARITZBURG. — Two members of the United Workers' Union of South Africa, including a regional recruiting officer, were yesterday permanently restrained by the Supreme Court from assaulting, threatening or intimidating Cosatu workers at a coal mine near Vryheid.

The Judge President of Natal, Mr Justice Howard, gave the ruling after hearing evidence that Uwusa official Mr James Ntombela and his colleague Mr Noyi Sibisi had threatened to kill workers at the Buffalo Valley anthracite Bordex mine in the Swart Umfolosi district if they joined the Cosatu-affiliated National Union of Mineworkers.

Mr Justice Howard ruled that the matter be heard once the roads were clear. — Sapa

Constable killed, nine hurt in grenade attack

Argus 17/2/89

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A police special constable was killed and nine were injured in a hand-grenade attack, possibly by ANC members, in Kathlehong township on the East Rand last night.

Police said five grenades were hurled at a group of policemen, one of which exploded in their midst. The others detonated harmlessly.

Constable W S Tladi was killed.

Among the injured were Sergeant T Montinya and Constables A Mafikare, H Mkize, L Tshidi, M Mothibe, T Nala and a Constable Kompane.

In Soweto yesterday, security forces shot and wounded a man after they were fired on in the township.

Police did not identify the man or say whether the attack was terror-related.

Police have begun an intensive manhunt for the Kathlehong killer or killers.

The grenade attack happened at 9.20 pm at the South African Transport Services building in Shongweni Section.

The injured were admitted to the Natalspruit Hospital. Seven were treated and discharged. Two are still in hospital.

Other unrest incidents reported overnight by police were:

- At Emdeni in Soweto, four men were arrested after a bus was stoned.
- A man was stabbed to death in Ntuzuma near Pinetown after he was attacked by a mob.

Cape Times
18/2/89

Grenade attack kills 1, injures 9

JOHANNESBURG. — One special constable was killed and nine were injured when five grenades were thrown at them in Katlehong on Thursday night, police said yesterday.

Special Constable W S Tladi was killed and special constables P M Madela and R S Matjeke were seriously injured.

And according to the police overnight unrest report, at Emdeni in Soweto, four men were arrested when a bus was damaged by stone-throwers.

"In another incident in the area a shot was fired at security force members. The members returned fire, wounding one man," the report said.

Durban police are searching for the killers of the 35-year-old principal of Bhekesisa Junior Secondary School at Ntuzuma, north of Durban, who was knifed to death in full view of one of his teachers on Thursday. — Sapa

rights organisation.

Inkatha in photo row

DURBAN. — Inkatha has requested the Weekly Mail to prove that a front page photograph published of an attempted stabbing in Maritzburg was that of an Inkatha member lunging at a member of the UDF, as alleged in the caption in the 20-26 January issue. The photo depicted a man with knife drawn lunging at a fleeing man.

of Maputo. — Sapa-AP

Buthelezi warns Inkatha chiefs to 'behave'

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ULUNDI. — Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi warned some Inkatha leaders that unless they behaved properly they would be "left behind".

In his presidential address to Inkatha's central committee in Ulundi he said the violence in the greater Maritzburg area had spread to other black townships because certain Inkatha leaders were "not sufficiently rooted in the people".

Some of the "black liberation movement's" local and regional leaders were behaving "as though the struggle is a way of life and as though they are going to die or retire doing what they are doing", he said.

Chief Buthelezi reminded the central committee that Inkatha had rejected violence.

There was growing belief nationally and internationally that Inkatha had failed to meet a challenge. It was painted as a has-been organisation which worked within the status quo and was incapable of making necessary transitions.

But Inkatha would adapt in spite of recalcitrance within the organisation, Chief Buthelezi said.

"I have always said . . . if it is too hot in the kitchen, get out."

Chief Buthelezi also warned of the consequences should Mr P W Botha try to continue to hold on to the state presidency. It would be a major blunder and would destroy the NP from within if he tried to rule without being either a political party boss or a majority leader, he said.

He said no one would wish a stroke on a political enemy and expressed sympathy for Mr Botha's family.

However, he hoped Mr Botha would not bungle the laying down of his presidency.

Electorates could not serve two masters and the situation was, therefore, that real political power in white politics was up for grabs. — Sapa

Police find three bodies in Natal

Rand Times 20/2/89

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PRETORIA. — The bodies of three men were found in Natal, the police said yesterday in their unrest report.

At Inanda an "unknown person" in a crowd fired a shot at a police patrol. Police dispersed the group with teargas and shotgun fire. One woman was wounded and arrested, the report said.

At Lamontville in Durban a group stoned and damaged a house.

The attackers fled after the occupant fired at them with a shotgun. A man was wounded and four others later arrested. — Sapa

Police deny PFP allegations on Natal mass killer

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN — The SAP has rejected allegations put forward by the Progressive Federal Party that a mass killer was linked to 25 political murders in Maritzburg in the past three years.

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Five shot dead while drinking beer

DURBAN. — Five men have been shot dead while drinking beer in Shongweni, Mpumalanga, Natal.

And the body of an unidentified man has been found near a path. He had also been shot.

Mpumalanga police said the five were killed while drinking beer on Saturday night. Four died on the spot and the fifth in St Mary's Hospital, Mariannhill.

Police are still investigating and have made no arrests. — Sapa.

'PFP unrest probe's claim of PMB killer unproved'

SAP reject mass killer claim

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Township residents had told the PFP that the alleged killer had terrorised one community to such an extent that a school had to be closed. Colonel Haynes said: "No reports were received that a school had to be closed because of this person's terrorising behaviour."

Township residents also told the PFP that on one occasion police had to free a woman he had abducted. Colonel Haynes said: "We have no record that the police had to free a woman from his custody."

The PFP had also been told that a second killer, a 17-year-old youth facing at least four counts of murder, had shown detectives where he had buried several of his victims. Colonel Haynes said: "The allegation that he pointed out and dug up several of his victims is pure speculation and unfounded."

Mr Ellis said he expected a reply to his questions soon. He said the party's unrest monitoring group had been kept particularly well informed on matters in the Natal region.

Residents flee upsurge in Natal township unrest

DURBAN. — Residents have been fleeing the violence-plagued Greater Molweni area, near Hillcrest, in what monitoring groups fear could be a repeat of the clashes that left scores of people dead during August last year.

Refugees report five deaths in the past two weeks, including that of Mr Rubin Mbambo, brother of a tribal councillor in the area.

The head of the Progressive Federal Party's Unrest Monitoring Group, Mr Roy Ainslie, said his staff had received numerous appeals for help from victims of vigilante attacks.

He said "hundreds" of mainly elderly people had left their homes and were sleeping in the bush at night, or had temporarily moved their possessions to neighbouring townships to escape constant harassment, vandalism and demands for money.

The Ngcolosi Valley had seen daily incidents since a temporary security force base, which was established after last year's upsurge in violence, was dismantled two weeks ago, he said. — Sapa

dnesday, March 1, 1989

Four youths die as Natal violence rises

DURBAN. — Three unidentified schoolboys from KwaDabeka, believed by police to be "comrades", were stabbed to death by a group of about 10 on Monday, police said yesterday.

It is understood the killings were in retaliation for an incident of arson. A few days ago three boys allegedly set fire to a house at KwaDabeka, near New Germany, west of Durban.

The group traced the alleged arsonists to a local school and stabbed them to death. Police are investigating.

In a separate incident, police found the body of an unidentified youth with 15 stab wounds at Mpumalanga township, between Durban and Maritzburg, bringing to four the number of youths killed in the area in two days.

The youth was thought to be about 17, police said.

In another incident, three people were shot dead by unknown gunmen at Shongweni on Sunday night.

The assailants also took away 49 head of cattle. The attack is believed to be the result of a feud between two opposing factions.

The bodies of three men who had been stabbed to death were found in the Pinetown area, police said.

Four men were killed in three separate incidents at Sinating, Edendale, after opposing groups clashed. On one occasion police used tearsmoke to disperse the groups.

In the Port Shepstone distict a group of scholars stoned a school and a private vehicle, causing some damage. No injuries were reported.

A five-year-old Soweto boy was killed in a mystery blast when an explosive device went off in his Pimville home on Sunday night, the Sowetan newspaper reported.

Doctors at Baragwanath Hospital tried in vain to save the life of Ukwanda Makhanya, a Sub A pupil at the St Peter Claver primary school at Pimville. It was earlier reported that a girl had died in the blast. — Sapa

Shock figures in newly compiled report

4 000 have died in five years' unrest

By Deborah Smith, Pretoria Bureau

More than 4 000 people have died in political conflict since the start of the unrest nearly e years ago, according to newly released figu.es compiled by Indicator Project, South Africa, in Natal.

Of the 4 012 recorded deaths between September 1984 and December 1988 1 848 were township residents killed in internecine violence and 1 113 were township residents killed by security forces.

Fatalities

There were 623 fatalities, for which responsibility could not be determined, and 78 civilian fatalities as a result of landmine attacks and bombs, the project reported.

The number of security force members killed in unrest totalled 187 and 163 African National Congress and Pan-Africanist Congress members were killed.

The highest number of deaths occurred in Natal where 1 414 people lost their lives. In the Transvaal 1 268 people died

About 748 people were killed in the Eastern Cape, 384 in the western Cape and 49 in the Free State-Vaal Triangle.

These figures were compiled from a combination of daily press, police and Bureau for Information reports, as well as from parliamentary estimates and independent monitors, according to Indicater Project.

One of the researchers, Mr Mark Bennet, said figures supplied in Parliament and at press conferences tended to differ from the independent monitors.

He said due to lack of detail in official reports and media restrictions it had become increasingly difficult to attribute responsibility for political violence fatalities

He stressed the Indicator Project fatality count was provisional and significantly lower than the probable actual death toll.

There were 460 deaths in the 11 months before the declaration of a regional state of emergency in July 1985.

About 853 people died in the following eight months

Before emergency

About 594 people died in the pre-state of emergency phase which ended in June 1986 when the first national state of emergency was declared.

The first year of the national state of emergency left 731 people dead and the figure rose to 930 during the second year of emergency which ended in June 1988

The number of deaths during the last six months of 1988 totalled 438.

Picture RICHARD [illegible]

Botha 'refused' unrest inquiry

DURBAN. — President P W Botha has refused to appoint a judicial commission of inquiry into the unrest into the Greater Maritzburg area, as requested by the Anglican Bishop of Natal, the Rt Rev Michael Nuttall.

Writing in the latest issue of the bishop's newsletter, Bishop Nuttall says Mr Botha told him that senior police officers had carried out extensive investigations. There were now "clear signs that calm had returned to the area", the State President wrote.

"How wrong this analysis was," the bishop writes. He concedes that for a short period there was a reduction in the number of deaths caused by violence but maintains that the situation has never been "calm", as averred by Mr Botha.

He says the area of conflict, in fact, spread from Maritzburg.

'Fewer Natal killings'

MARITZBURG. — About 670 people have lost their lives in unrest in the troubled townships around Maritzburg since September 1987 — but statistics show a marked decline in the number of incidents in recent months.

"Things are much quieter in the area than they were this time last year," Brigadier Jac Buchner, security branch divisional commander, told a press conference here yesterday.

However, police are still maintaining a presence in the townships, where some 30 murders take place every month.

ratory. CAPE Times 2/3/89 (27b)

Knife attack: Man dies

PRETORIA. — One man was killed when a group of people armed with knives attacked a policeman at his home at Mpopomeni near Howick in Natal. The policeman received stab wounds to his head. CAPE Times 2/3/89

'PAC man' acquitted

JOHANNESBURG. — An alleged member of the Pan African Congress, Mr Nelson Phasha, 27, of Mahwelereng, was yesterday acquitted of all charges of terrorism against him.

Reports by Staff Reporter, Own Correspondent, Sapa Reuter-AP and UPI.

EMERGENCY UPDATE

Unrest: five die in last 24 hours

PRETORIA — Five people, including a 12-year-old girl, died in incidents of unrest in the last 24 hours, according to the police unrest report today.

In Imbali, Maritzburg, an unknown gunman entered a house and fired a number of shots at the occupants with a pistol. A black woman, a 12-year-old girl and two black men were fatally wounded while three other men and a youth were wounded and admitted to hospital.

In Sinating, Edendale, a black man was stabbed to death by a group of men.

In the Strand residential area in the Boland, a house was damaged when a petrol bomb was thrown at it. — Sapa

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Gunman shoots dead four people

A GUNMAN had shot dead four people, including a 12-year-old girl, in a Maritzburg home, police said yesterday.

They said four others were injured in the shooting on Monday.

They did not say who was responsible for the shooting in the Imbali district, which is a stronghold of the UDF.

In a separate incident, a group of people stabbed a man to death.

A police spokesman told reporters visiting the Maritzburg townships last week that conditions had improved.

He said an average of about 30 people were murdered each month, compared with more than 100 in the worst periods of unrest.

Police have set up 10 so-called strong points, small communications centres where people in trouble can summon help. — Reuter.

Stand by for a bread price rise

PRETORIA — An announcement of a substantial bread price increase is expected when the Budget is presented to Parliament next Wednesday, according to sources in Pretoria.

The current financial year's subsidy of R130m has almost run out and unless Finance Minister Barend du Plessis can find at least another R170m to support present prices in the new financial year, a price hike of at least 10% is probable.

The price was last raised in August last year — white bread by 4c a loaf and brown by 6c.

At present a white loaf carries a subsidy of 2,3c, and a brown, 11,3c.

GERALD REILLY

Another indicator pointing to a big hike in the bread price is the Cabinet decision last year to phase out all food subsidies.

The milling and baking industries are also expected to be granted higher margins to compensate for increased rail rates, the big increase in fuel prices, higher wages and other cost increases

The big decrease in the producer price — by R45 a ton to R350 — would compensate for the expected substantial losses. BDay 8/3/84

AIDS may hit employee benefit

Emergency of a thousand days

JOHANNESBURG. — On the 1 000th day of the state of emergency yesterday, the police's unrest report said five more people had died in violent incidents, including a 12-year-old girl shot by an unidentified gunman.

The police said a man entered a house in Imbali township near Maritzburg and "fired a number of shots at the occupants with a pistol. A woman, a 12-year-old girl and two men were fatally wounded whilst three other men and a youth were wounded and admitted to hospital".

No other details were given. In a second incident near the town of Edendale, police said only that a man was stabbed to death by a mob.

According to a study published last week by University of Natal researchers based on the unrest reports, parliamentary estimates and independent monitors, 4 012 deaths have been recorded in conflict since September 1984.

More than half occurred since the state of emergency was imposed on June 12, 1986.

Of the total, 1 848 were residents of black, Indian and coloured townships who died in internecine strife and 1 113 were killed by security forces. There were 623 deaths for which responsibility could not be determined and 78 civilian deaths due to bomb attacks

At least 187 members of security forces and 163 guerillas also were killed, according to the report.

At a news conference yesterday, human-rights activists renewed demands that emergency rule be lifted before black leaders respond to appeals by the government for negotiations.

In Johannesburg, Sister Bernard Ncube, of the South African Council of Churches and a member of the Federation of Transvaal Women, told about 1 000 students in Wits University's Great Hall yesterday afternoon that there was no more need for great speeches or prayers.

She called for an end to apartheid-education, detention without trial and the entire apartheid system

The president of the Wits SRC, Miss Betina von Lieres, said: "The government has shown itself to be completely opposed to any critical voice The Nationalist government is the threat, not the students"

In an attack on separate education in this country, the slight, pale SRC president — who had fasted for eight days in solidarity with detainees — said black education taught "subservience rather than equality".

She contrasted Wits with Turfloop, the University of the North, where the army is in permanent attendance.

Continuing the attack on black education, a representative of the Academic Support Programme, Ms Judith Hawarden, said separate education was a cornerstone of apartheid

She said that, excluding the homelands, the same number of pupils had written Department of Education and Training and Transvaal Education Department matric exams last year

The number passing the TED matric was almost double that of the DET results, however.

Ms Hawarden said that although the authorities then advocated finishing schools for poorly qualified blacks, "these, as we know, do not exist".

A vote from the floor called for the university administration to consult student representative bodies in any protest they made to the authorities.

A formal protest by the administration sent to the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, after February 23's disruption by the police had not been strong enough, the students decided.

In his call for a stronger protest, SRC vice-president Mr Anton Roskamp said four Wits students were still in detention He said the SRC believed there was a crisis in education in South Africa

The representative of the Black Students Interim Committee, Mr Nepo Kekana, made several comparisons between the government and the nazi regime.

He echoed Mr Roskamp's call for the university administration to strengthen its opposition to police disruption on campus and to apartheid and civil-rights abuses in general. — UPI and Sapa

PROTEST . . . Students at Wits University in a protest meeting to mark the 1 000 days of the state of emergency yesterday. Picture REUTER

Children in bid to halt Natal violence

MARITZBURG. — About 500 schoolchildren travelled to Edendale yesterday to complain to Inkatha leaders about murders in the city and the stoning of buses allegedly carried out by "amaqabane" (comrades).

"Our fathers, mothers, sisters and brothers are being killed but nothing is being done about it," one pupil said.

Mr V V Mvelase, KwaZulu urban representative for Vulindlela, said he would report their complaints to Ulundi.

The continuing black-on-black violence in South Africa, particularly in KwaZulu and Natal, will be discussed by the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly during its session opening on Tuesday, March 14.

The acting State President, Mr Chris Heunis, will open the sesssion.

Meanwhile yesterday's police unrest report said that at Katlehong, Germiston, a gang removed property from a private house and set it alight.

And at Mpopomeni in Natal a group attacked a man and stabbed him. — Sapa

Riot at NSL game

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TEARGAS, smoke and purple dye were used after the AmaZulu-Cape Town Spurs' game yesterday at King's Park Rugby Stadium in Durban to break-up the running battle that developed between the two rival factions of spectators.

SA Press Association

And at least one fan was injured.

The kick-off of the NSL Castle fixture was delayed for almost an hour when a small section of the crowd staged a sit-down strike on the field of play.

As the game was about to start 18 stick-wielding supporters climbed over the razor-wire on the open side of the stadium and advanced towards the AmaZulu players.

The intruders were intercepted by eight NSL security officials in the middle of the field but

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'Rebel' faction

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refused to give up any ground and were soon joined by more than 100 other spectators.

Four uniformed policemen joined the gathering in the middle but made no headway in clearing the field of the unwelcome fans — whose numbers had now grown to over 200.

The crowd then started singing and dancing and waving their admission tickets in the air as they roamed up and down the length of the field chanting that if their choice of AmaZulu players didn't play then they wanted their money back.

The protesters were supporters of the "rebel" faction of AmaZulu headed by the chairman of the Supporters' Committee, Albert Masinga. The "rebels" are presently involved in a lengthy court case with the chairman of the club, David Dlamini, over who is the rightful owner of the club.

The result being that AmaZulu has split into two factions both of whom think they should be fulfilling the official fixtures of the club until the ownership issue is resolved.

Eventually the NSL chief gate controller, George Govender, called officials of the supporters committee to go onto the field and attempt to clear the field of their supporters.

Bethuel Masondo and three other officials, spoke to the gathering and were eventually joined by Mr Masinga who got the crowd to move off to one side of the pitch.

A detatchment of white policemen arrived and were greeted by a loud cheer from the fans in the stand who wanted Dlamini's choice of players to get on with the game. **See Page 24.**

Soweto cop shot with AK-47

JOHANNESBURG. — A Soweto municipal policeman was critically wounded in an ambush early yesterday morning when an unidentified gunman fired an AK-47 assault rifle in Diepkloof.

Constable Bethuel Nemadzilili is in a critical condition at Baragwanath Hospital.

A spokesman said the incident occurred about 6am while a police van was delivering policemen where they do guard point duty.

"The van had just stopped outside the TB clinic in Zone 3, Diepkloof, when the driver heard a loud bang. When he went to look, he found a single bullet hole in the canopy of the van and a seriously wounded Constable Nemadzilili inside."

Police investigations are continuing.

Man stabbed

At Amawoti near Durban a large group of blacks attacked several private houses and a number of private vehicles with petrol bombs. Extensive damage was caused to property, said the SAP overnight unrest report. Three people were attacked and stabbed to death. Police arrested 72 men.

At St Wendolins near Pinetown the body of a 27-year-old black woman was found and at Lamontville near Durban a black man was stabbed and fatally wounded.

Police have disclosed that an SPM limpet mine was used in the explosion that rocked Natal Command on the Durban beachfront on Friday night.

The device was placed on the outside wall of the army headquarters and went off just before 10.30pm. — Sapa

House petrol-bombed: woman burnt to death

Star 15/3/89 Crime Reporter 2 7b.

A woman was burnt to death and a man was seriously injured after a mob petrol-bombed a house in Imbali township near Maritzburg yesterday, police said.

The house was damaged in the attack, according to the latest police unrest report.

Also in Natal, police used teargas to disperse an illegal gathering in Ntuzuma near Durban. Two men were held.

Four people were arrested by police at Molweni, near Durban, after another illegal gathering was broken up with teargas.

Woman burnt to death after attack

PRETORIA. — A woman burnt to death and a man received serious burns when a mob hurled a petrol bomb at a house at Imbali near Maritzburg on Tuesday night, according to the SAP's overnight unrest report.

At Ntuzuma near Durban, police used teargas to disperse an illegal gathering and arrested two men, the report said.

"At Molweni, Durban, teargas was used to disperse an illegal gathering. Police arrested two men and two youths," the report added.

In Soweto, scores of high school pupils are running from one school to another, two months after schools reopened for the first term, trying desperately to get places, the Sowetan reported yesterday. — Sapa

137 'kitscops' have services terminated

Political Staff

THE services of 137 of the 336 special constables employed in Maritzburg have been terminated, according to Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok.

The services of three of the special constables, also known as kitskonstabels, were terminated because of misconduct, while 32 were dismissed as a result of criminal charges lodged against them.

"Fifteen of the persons who were charged criminally were convicted and sentenced.

"The services of the remaining 102 special constables were terminated because, for various reasons, they no longer wanted to serve in the force," Mr Vlok said in reply to a question from Mr Mike Ellis (PFP, Durban North).

. The Western Cape competition will be shown on M-Net on April 8 and 7pm. The national finals take place in Johannesburg on April 30.

Sharpeville Day violence rocks Natal townships

ARGUS 21/3/89 276

The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — Violence erupted in townships near here today with barricades being thrown up, buses stoned and passengers intimidated into staying away from work.

At least one bus was petrol-bombed.

Thousands of pamphlets have been distributed in Kwamashu, Umlazi, Newtown, Inanda and Kwadengenzi urging people to stay away from work to mark the anniversary of the Sharpeville shootings in 1960.

Police had to break down barricades set up to prevent buses leaving the townships.

Hundreds of children are reported to have stayed away from school.

Four Putco buses were badly damaged when they were stoned at Ntunzuma East, north of the city. A petrol bomb was also hurled at one of the vehicles.

The regional manager of Putco, Mr Ricky Stevenson, said the situation in the townships was tense.

"We are operating our buses only under police escort. Early this morning four of our buses were extensively damaged when they were stoned by mobs. A petrol bomb was hurled at one of them, but fortunately it did not ignite."

It is believed that at Kwadengenzi, near Shongweni, barricades were set up and that a bus belonging to the Durban Transport Management Board was set on fire.

Kwazulu Commissioner of Police Brigadier Dries Laas confirmed that unrest had occurred in Kwamashu and Umlazi.

"We have the situation under control and no one was injured in the stonings," he said.

● The Argus Bureau in Port Elizabeth reports that there was widespread absenteeism from work today as black workers remembered those who died in the shootings at Langa, Uitenhage, in 1985.

Most employers were prepared for the Langa anniversary. Mr Brian Matthew, executive director of the Midlands Chamber of Industries, said many companies had reached agreement with their employees. In some intances paid holidays had been negotiated while others gave their workers unpaid ~~leave for~~ the day.

Man dies, six arrested in unrest

ARGUS 21/3/89 276.

PRETORIA. — A man was fatally wounded and four men and two youths were arrested at Mpophomeni near Howick after a group of people ignored a police order to disperse, the Police Directorate of Public Relations said in its daily unrest report.

Police said the group gathered and began fighting. Police ordered them to disperse.

They refused to listen and began stoning the police, causing damage to a police vehicle. Police used shotgun fire, mainly birdshot, and tearsmoke to disperse them.

At Botha's Hill near Durban a group gathered illegally and ignored police requests to disperse. Birdshot was used to disperse them and seven men were arrested.

At Haza near Howick two groups of people clashed. Police arrested 233 men, 40 of them under the age of 18.

A man in the group pointed a firearm at the police and two rounds of birdshot were fired. A man was slightly injured. — Sapa

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Buses stoned in Natal ■ Workers stay away

■ Calls for unity on anniversary of shooting

THEY ARE NOT FORGOTTEN

FAMILIES of the victims of that deadly afternoon 29 years ago gather at the weathered tombstones yesterday to clean up the grave site. PIC LEN KUMALO

THOUSANDS of people were yesterday called upon to unite in their fight against apartheid at several services to commemorate the 29th anniversary of the Sharpeville shootings.

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

Workers and schoolchildren were among those who marked the occasion It was on March 21, 1960 that 60 people were shot dead and 150 wounded at Sharpeville when police opened fire on pass law protesters.

The situation was tense but calm as police mixed freely and photographed events at services held at the cemetery and the Sharpeville Hall yesterday

The president of the National Council of Trade Unions, Mr James Mndaweni, told residents in Sharpeville to unite in their fight against apartheid .

Earlier in the day, families of the "Sharpeville Massacre" and members of the Azanian Youth Unity gathered at the local cemetery to clean the graves of their heroes Police were also present

Several speakers who addressed a lively service in Vosloorus, in the East Rand said unity between Nactu and the Congress of South African Trade Unions would be the best tribute to those who died in the Sharpeville shootings

The Reverend Wilmont Ngobese called on black people to remember that day with the dignity it deserved

Meanwhile, violence broke out in townships surrounding Durban yesterday with barricades being thrown up, buses being stoned and passengers intimidated into staying away from work — and at least one bus being petrol-bombed and set alight by demonstrators

Thousands of pamphlets had been distributed in townships at KwaMashu, Umlazi, Newtown, Inanda and KwaDengweni, urging workers and school children to stayaway to mark the anniversary of the Sharpeville Day "

Four Putco buses were badly damaged when they were stoned at about 5 30am at Ntuzuma east, north of the city A petrol bomb was also hurled at one of the vehicles

Many companies had come to an agreement with their employees to observe the day while in some instances paid holidays had been negotiated and others gave their workers unpaid leave for the day

• At Nyuswa (Durban), police used tearsmoke and birdshot to disperse illegal gatherings and also a group of youths who had barricaded a

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Letter urges health worker action

HOSPITAL superintendents, district surgeons and private doctors in whose care detainees on hunger strike are should resist any move to send them back to prison, a letter issued by a health workers' organisation said yesterday.

The letter sent to the medical authorities by the South African Health Workers' Congress (Sahwco) said any move to discharge those detainees back into custody was against the ethical and moral code of conduct of a health worker

"In the noble tradition of the United Charter of Human Rights and the Tokyo Declaration we urge you and every other health worker involved

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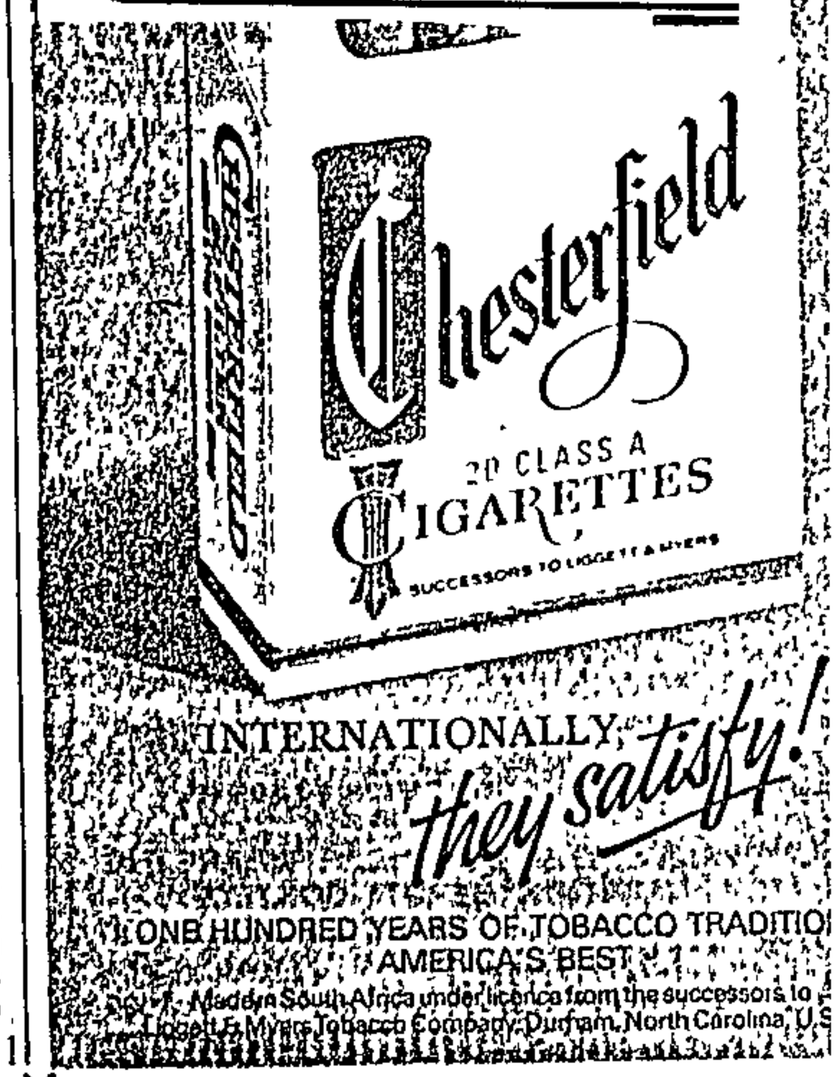

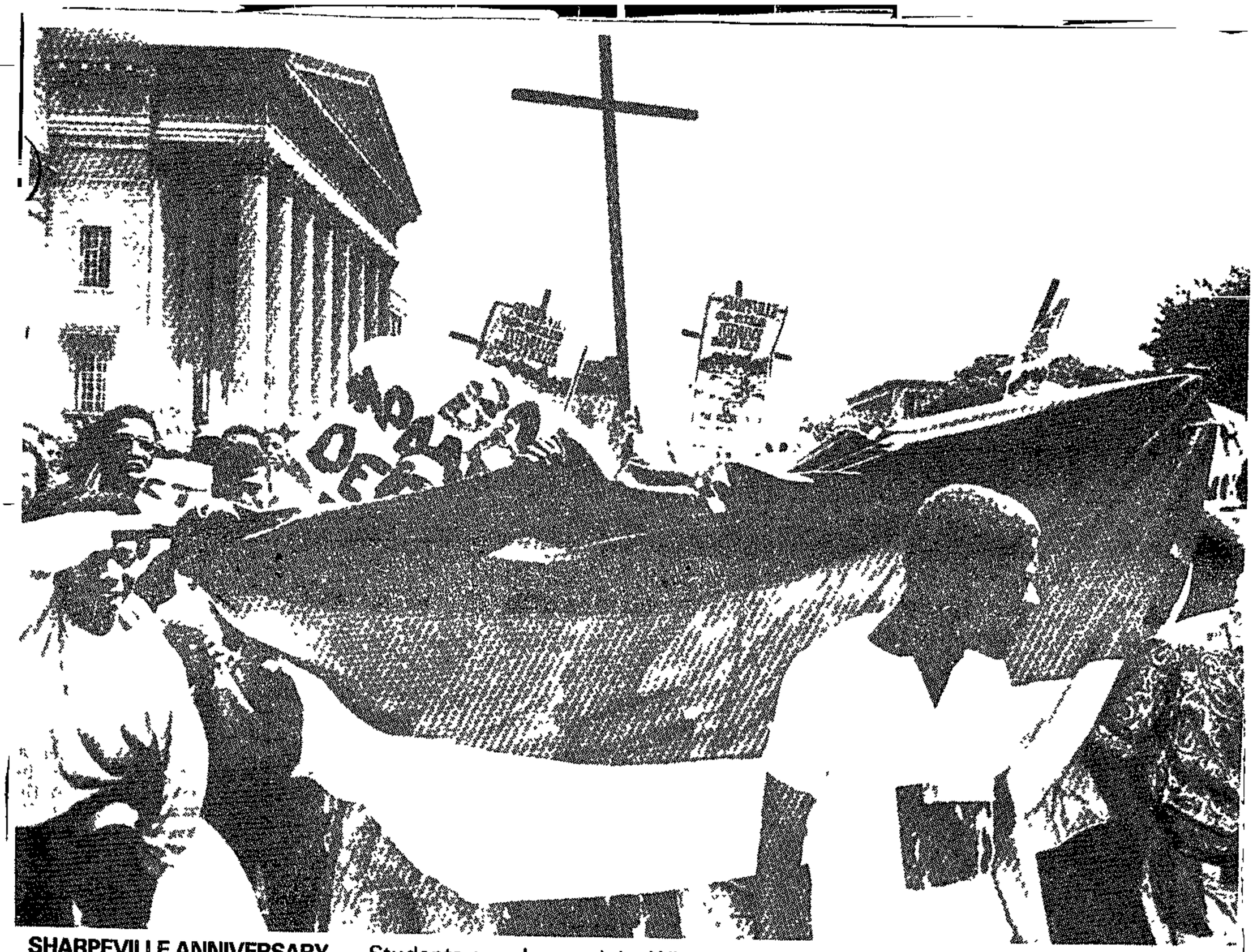

SHARPEVILLE ANNIVERSARY . . . Students march round the Wits University campus yesterday in memory of the 69 unarmed pass-law protesters shot dead at Sharpeville on March 21, 1960. Several students, including SRC president Ms Bettina von Lieres, were injured when police fired teargas and rubber bullets at the marchers.

Natal seethes on massacre anniversary

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — Numerous buses were stoned and at least two people hurt in widespread unrest in Natal on yesterday's 29th anniversary of the Sharpeville massacre in which 69 pass-law protesters were shot dead by police.

Barricades were set up in townships around Durban and Maritzburg where there was a large police and SADF presence. Most of the incidents happened yesterday morning but there were isolated incidents reported in the early evening.

Thousands of workers did not arrive for work and many students at universities in Natal took advantage of a condoned leave of absence to hold commemorative services.

A large number of schoolchildren did not attend classes at several schools in the townships.

In Sharpeville itself, the anniversary was marked by a simple service. Activists thronged the cemetery where most of the victims are buried, cleaning graves, laying flowers and paying respects.

Education officials said they had received reports of Sharpeville demonstrators disrupting black schools. One school "was forced" to ask for assistance from security forces to safeguard pupils and protect school buildings, a DET spokesman said.

A special police "interim unrest report" issued yesterday afternoon said a 24-year-old man was shot and slightly injured when he allegedly used an assegai to attack police surrounding a house at Sinating, near Edendale.

In KwaMashu, birdshot was fired to disperse black youths barricading a road and birdshot and teargas was fired after "a group of blacks gathered illegally and hurled a petrol bomb at police".

The police report said buses were damaged in and Clermont in Pinetown.

Arsonists caused extensive damage to two private houses at Magabeni near Umkomaas, the report said.

Meanwhile, a Durban Transport Management Board spokesman said services had been disrupted in many areas as police and army units had to clear road barricades early in the morning. Buses had been unable to operate in KwaMashu and Clermont during the day.

Star 23/3/89.

Conduct of SAP is questioned

Vlok asked to probe police role in troubled areas

By Mike Siluma,
Labour Reporter

The Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu), accusing police of doing too little to curb the activities of Inkatha-supporting "warlords" in the strife-torn Maritzburg townships, has called on the Minister of Law and Order to investigate the conduct of police in the conflict.

Cosatu, together with allied organisations, has launched a multi-pronged campaign to end the Maritzburg violence, involving big business and foreign governments with representation in South Africa.

Cosatu's plans were divulged by its general secretary, Mr Jay Naidoo, at a media conference attended by Cosatu lawyers and officials of the restricted United Democratic Front (UDF).

Justice

Cosatu released a report by its lawyers which alleges that the police failed "to play their role adequately in the administration of justice".

Referring to the state of the Complaints' Adjudication Board, set up last September in an agreement between Cosatu and Inkatha, Mr Naidoo said it was being hampered by the fact that Inkatha officials against whom complaints had been laid had refused to appear before the board.

Mr Naidoo said a letter was sent to Mr Adriaan Vlok, Minister of Law and Order, expressing Cosatu's concern about the continuing violence in Maritzburg townships and the role of police.

"We have called for a high-level public investigation and have indicated that for the peace process to succeed, the restrictions on individuals, Cosatu and the UDF should be lifted," said Mr Naidoo.

Cosatu lawyers had asked for Mr Vlok's reply by March 15 but this had not been forthcoming.

The spokesman for the Minister, Brigadier Leon Mellet, said he could not confirm that the letter had been received. He said it was unreasonable for the Minister's office to be expected to comment on Cosatu's "wild" allegations at short notice and without being given an opportunity to investigate them.

Cosatu lawyer, Mr Nick Haysom, said he did not believe the conduct of the police in Maritzburg townships related only to individual policemen, but that "the attitude from the top is that Inkatha is an ally and other groups against Inkatha are seen as the enemy".

It is understood that representatives of foreign embassies in South Africa, including the British and Americans, have been briefed on the situation in Maritzburg in an effort to mobilise local and international support to end the violence which has claimed more than 1 000 lives.

● General Hennie de Witt, Commissioner of Police, has ordered an investigation into the possibility that the press conference and memorandum released by Cosatu could be a breach of the restriction orders placed on Cosatu by the Minister of Law and Order last year.

General de Witt said people who had made allegations of police involvement in acts of violence and injustice in the Maritsburg area would be invited to assist the police in their investigation

Should they refuse to disclose factual details to substantiate their claims they would be subpoenaed to produce their evidence, the statement said.

CAPE Times 23/3/87

Man hurt as police return fire

PRETORIA. — One man was wounded and one man arrested yesterday when police returned fire on a group at Dassenhoek, in the Pinetown area.

The group had allegedly thrown stones and fired shots at police.

In Clermont, near Pinetown, a man was slightly injured when a group stoned a bus. Buses were also stoned at Guguletu and Vosloosrus. — Sapa

Unrest in Natal: 2 found murdered

JOHANNESBURG. — Two men were found stabbed to death and various buildings and vehicles were petrol-bombed or stoned at the weekend, according to police unrest reports.

At Gazabuzo, near Durban, a man was found stabbed to death. Another man was found murdered at Fredville in Natal.

At Inanda, near Durban, a mob petrol-bombed three private homes. No one was injured.

At Diepkloof, Soweto, a bus was extensively damaged when it was stoned by a mob.

In Friday's report police said that at Inanda a mob petrol-bombed seven private homes, one shop and two private vehicles. Police found two men and two women with stab wounds on the scene.

At Randville in Natal a group petrol-bombed the police quarters. A police constable suffered minor burns.

At Bridgeton a mob hurled stones at a police vehicle. Two men were arrested.

At New Canada Station, a passenger coach was damaged when it was set alight. The case is being investigated. — Sapa

Unrest: Man is trampled to death

PRETORIA. — Two men died in unrest-related incidents this week, according to the latest police unrest report.

On Tuesday, a man thought to be about 25 years old was apparently trampled to death at a meeting in a hall at Katlehong, near Germiston. He died when the large group of people at the meeting fled when they saw police arriving.

At Inanda, near Durban, a man died yesterday when a policeman fired shots at a mob that had gathered outside his house, allegedly to take his firearm away from him.

In the same area yesterday, police arrested 23 men and a youth after a woman was stabbed and wounded, and an unknown person fired a shot.

At Tembisa, Kempton Park, one group of people stoned another group. When security forces arrived to disperse the groups two shots were fired and a man was wounded. — Sapa

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He added that [illegible] about 220 hired officials would be assisting in the parking area, in addition to traffic officers.

Inanda homes firebombed

Police used teargas to disperse a crowd after eight homes, a shop and two vehicles were petrol-bombed in Inanda, outside Durban, according to the latest police unrest report. (276) SW 25/3/89

Two people were later found suffering from stab wounds, said the report, which covers unrest incidents over the previous 24 hours.

In Randville near Estcourt, a police constable suffered minor burns when two petrol bombs were hurled at the municipal police single quarters.

Police also used teargas to disperse a crowd in Bridgeton, near Oudtshoorn, which the report said had stoned a police vehicle. Two men were arrested.

Durban wakes to a day of unrest

CP Reporters

VIOLENCE and low-key stayaways by black workers marked the 29th anniversary of the Sharpeville shootings on Tuesday, with the Durban area being the most hard hit.

Residents of Durban's townships woke up to thousands of pamphlets – distributed in KwaMashu, Umlazi, Newtown, Inanda, and KwaDengezi – urging workers and schoolchildren to stay away to mark "Sharpeville Day".

Numerous buses were stoned and at least two people hurt in unrest that saw barricades set up to prevent vehicles leaving the townships.

KwaZulu Chief Minister, Chief MG Buthelezi, also the homeland's police minister, said a Durban Corporation bus was petrol-bombed in KwaMashu and a female passenger, Abegail Masinda, was seriously injured.

A police unrest report said a number of buses were stoned at Inanda near Durban. Police used teargas smoke and birdshot to disperse stone-throwers. No injuries were reported.

Four Putco buses were badly damaged when they were stoned at about 5.30am at Ntuzuma East, north of the city. A petrol bomb was also hurled at one of the vehicles.

Putco regional manager Ricky Stevenson said the situation in the townships was very tense: "We operated our buses only under police escort," he said.

Maritzburg experienced similar unrest and a large police and Defence Force presence became visible as many black pupils stayed away from school.

At Sinating, near Edendale in the Natal capital, police surrounded a house after they received information that weapons were being stored there.

A 24-year-old man was shot but not seriously wounded after he attacked police with an assegai. No weapons were found.

At Pinetown's Claremont serious damage was caused when several buses were stoned in a number of separate incidents. No injuries were reported and no police action was taken.

Meanwhile, in Sharpeville – where 69 people were shot dead by police 29 years ago – *City Press* reporters found a tense atmosphere, although most workers went to work and schools were normal.

The only visible reminder of the tragedy was when relatives of those who died went to the local cemetery to clean graves.

At Wits University in Johannesburg, Student Representative Council chairman Bettina von Lieres was hurt when police moved in to disperse a pro-Sharpeville Day demonstration.

In KwaThema, near Springs on the East Rand, a 12-year-old boy was injured when a bus was stoned.

At Tembisa, also on the East Rand, a bus driver was slightly injured when a petrol bomb was thrown at his vehicle. The bus was not badly damaged.

Tidying a grave in the Sharpeville Cemetery ... mute tribute to those who died 29 years ago.

Easter soccer treat for fans

By MESHACK MOTLOUNG

THE NSL has a busy programme scheduled for the Easter weekend.

Six league games will be played tomorrow and three on Saturday.

Tomorrow's highlight should be in Pretoria where Mamelodi Sundowns host "Screamer" Tshabalala's Moroka Swallows in what could be a thriller.

There will be four games on Sunday, and Monday features five league games.

Highlights are the Chiefs/Arcadia encounter at Berea and the Pirates/Blackpool game at Orlando.

These four teams meet next Saturday in a double-header at Ellis Park.

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Four die in Natal unrest

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PRETORIA. — Four people have been killed in incidents of unrest, according to the police overnight unrest report.

At Sinatheng near Edenvale, the body of an adult male was found with stab wounds. A murder docket has been opened.

Another adult male was found dead at Sinatheng. The cause of death is still unknown, police said.

A murder case is being investigated, police said.

Also in Sinatheng, a group of people petrol-bombed a private dwelling setting the house and a vehicle alight.

Police used teargas and birdshot to disperse the crowd. No injuries have been reported to the police.

At Riverview near Pinetown, two men were killed when a group of people raided a shop, stealing the stock and damaging the building.

The group dispersed before police arrived.

At Inanda near Durban, a group of people set several private houses alight. The group dispersed before police arrived at the scene.

The report said no injuries were reported. — Sapa

Natal unrest: mob kills man

A Natal man was shot dead and another was wounded in the only unrest incident reported by police today.

According to the latest unrest report, a mob shot and killed a 22-year-old man in Taylor's Halt near Maritzburg. A 19-year-old man was also wounded.

Police were investigating, said the unrest report. No other incidents were reported. — Crime Reporter.

15 Zulus killed in vicious faction fighting in Natal

DURBAN — Fifteen people were killed when feuding Zulus armed with R-1 and AK-47 rifles and other weapons clashed in vicious faction fighting in the Etimatola reserve near Greytown at the weekend.

The situation was yesterday described as tense, but no more fighting has been reported.

Members of the Maritzburg Riot Unit moved into the area.

Police public relations officer for Maritzburg, Major Pieter Kitching, said that on Sunday afternoon the Bomvu and Makbaleni clans clashed in the Imathimatolo area.

The cause of the fighting is not known, but the clans were armed with rifles, pistols, cane knives, spears, sticks and homemade weapons.

All of the dead had been shot. It is understood that some of them were also stabbed to make certain that they were dead.

When police arrived, the fighters fled. The bodies of 15 people were found — 13 were members of the Makbaleni tribe and two were from the Bomvu clan. — Sapa.

15 DIE IN GUN BATTLE

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THE situation was tense yesterday in the Etimatola reserve, near Greytown, where 15 people were killed in a vicious faction fight on Easter Sunday.

Members of the Maritzburg riot unit have been deployed in the area to keep an eye on the situation and police yesterday reported no more fighting.

However, South African Police public relations officer for Maritzburg, Major Pieter Kitching, said the situation was still very tense.

"We have members of the riot unit on standby until we are satisfied that tempers have calmed down. We cannot take any chances because fighting could start again," said Major Kitching.

He said yesterday that on Sunday afternoon the Bomvu and Makhabeni clans had clashed in the Imathimatolo area. Both belong to the Zulu tribe.

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The cause of the fighting is not known, but the clans were armed with guns — R1 rifles, AK47s and .32 pistols — cane-knives, spears and sticks and home-made weapons when they attacked each other just after lunch time.

All of the dead were shot and some were then stabbed to make certain that they were dead.

When police arrived the fighters fled and the bodies of 15 people were found — 13 members of the Makhabeni tribe and two from the Bomvu clan.

Clans clash in Natal

Names

Major Kitching identified the dead as: Mr O E Dladla (25) and Mr Sogasambe Dlamini (35) of the Bomvu clan.

The others, all Makhabenis, were: Mr Nsizeni Mngoma (35), Mr Mbekeni Mhlongo (40), Mr Zibonela Makhobo (35), Mr Matzinjongo Gaza (45), Mr Dumisani Makhoba (25), Mr Zamempi Makhoba (50), Mr Mhlonipheni Mngoma (40), Mr Mlana Makhoba (45), Mr Bongani Dladla (34), Mr Zunywa Dladla (64), Mr Mkulugelani Makaye (21), Mr Jabulani Ngcobo (28) and Mr Salabazui Makaye (45).

Police said yesterday that no arrests had been made so far in Sunday's fighting and that investigations were continuing

Meanwhile, a group of blacks hurled petrol-bombs at two private dwellings in Inanda on Monday, causing damage to the properties.

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15 die in bloody Zulu faction fight

JOHANNESBURG. — Fifteen men died when rival Zulu clans clashed in the remote area of Imathimatolo in Natal on Easter Sunday, police said yesterday.

Thirteen members of the Makbaleni clan and two of the Bomvu clan died in the fighting, which broke out just after lunchtime on Sunday and ended when police arrived on the scene. The cause of the fighting is not known.

Both clans were armed with R1 and AK-47 rifles, .32 revolvers, cane-knives, spears, sticks and homemade weapons, police said. All those killed had been shot and some had apparently been stabbed to make sure they were dead.

Members of the Maritzburg Riot Unit are on standby in the area till "tempers have calmed down", according to police. Although the battle was over, the situation remained tense.

"We cannot take any chances because fighting could start again," the spokesman told reporters.

Police also said yesterday that no arrests had been made so far, and investigations were continuing.

Faction fighting has declined considerably in the past year and Sunday's clash is the worst incident in several months.

In July 1987 six people, including four children, were killed in faction fighting in the same area.

The faction fighting is distinct from the political power struggle in Natal, pitting the United Democratic Front against Inkatha.

Meanwhile, the police daily unrest report says that a group of people hurled petrol bombs at two private homes at Inanda, near Durban, damaging the properties.

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Natal reserve tense after 15 killed in faction clash

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DURBAN — The situation was tense yesterday in the Etimatola Reserve near Greytown, where 15 people were killed in a faction fight on Easter Sunday.

Members of the Maritzburg riot unit were deployed in the area to keep an eye on the situation, and police reported no more fighting.

Police media spokesman for Maritzburg Pieter Kitching said, however, that the situation was still very tense.

"We will keep members of the riot unit on standby until we are satisfied tempers have calmed down. We cannot take any chances because fighting could start again," he said.

Kitching also said yesterday that the Bomvu and Makbaleni clans had clashed in the Imathimatolo area on Sunday afternoon. Both clans belong to the Zulu nation.

The cause of the fighting is not known, but the perpetrators were equipped with firearms (R-1 rifles, AK-47s and ,32 pistols), cane-knives, spears, sticks and other home-made weapons.

"When police arrived the protagonists fled and the bodies of 15 people — 13 Makbaleni and two Bomvu clan members — were found.

Police said no arrests had been made and investigations were continuing. — Sapa.

Top NSL men to attend funeral of Themba Sishi

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SENIOR officials of the National Soccer League will be in Durban to attend the funeral of Mr Themba Sishi (38), eldest son of NSL chairman Mr Rodger Sishi, on Saturday.

Mr Sishi was shot three times by an unknown gunman on Sunday night in Mpumalanga, between Durban and Maritzburg.

As a mark of respect all soccer teams will observe a minute's silence before their matches this weekend.

Mr Sishi, who is mayor of Mpumalanga, said yesterday he is baffled by the killing.

Mr Sishi has been involved in peace moves to bring the warring factions in the township together.

He also appealed to the ANC to meet with officials of Inkatha and Cosatu to help end the unrest in Natal.

Mr Sishi said that the killings in the townships are motivated by revenge and that if the leadership did not meet to sort out the differences, the deaths would continue.

Quiet

Public Relations Officer of the NSL, Mr Abdul Bhamjee, said Mr Sishi's son was a quiet man who ran the family's garage business

The young man was killed while driving home with three friends, after making a social call.

The gunman pumped three bullets into him. He died on the spot.

"When we arrived on the scene he was covered in blood," said his father

Themba will be buried on Saturday — his 39th birthday The cortege will leave his home for the Roman Catholic church at 10am.

Peace returns to Maritzburg street

MARITZBURG — Peace has returned to Maritzburg's Retief Street, scene of bloody clashes between apparent Cosatu and Inkatha supporters, according to traders and residents in the area.

They say the deployment of a mobile police unit at the corner of Berg and Retief streets a few weeks ago had improved matters dramatically.

Local reporters on a number of occasions watched "Amaqabane" (comrades) and a gang sporting Inkatha berets, ties and badges clash in Retief Street.

With gang members toting guns, knives and spears, bloody battles were fought while people watched from their balconies and rooftops.

Mr Malcolm Hoskins, who owns a panel-beating business in Retief Street, and who long campaigned for the establishment of the mobile police unit, said this week he was "very appreciative".

The traders all complained, however, that business had not yet returned.

"The people who were scared off by the violence haven't returned yet."

Police liason officer Major Pieter Kitching said arrests had been made for various types of crime. — Sapa.

Man had grenade, shot dead

Cape Times 31/3/89

PRETORIA. — A man died and two houses were damaged in separate incidents involving handgrenades, police reported yesterday.

According to the overnight unrest report, police on Wednesday went to a shebeen at Diepdal, Piet Retief, after being informed that there was a man "in possession of a handgrenade". When confronted, the man fled.

"A shot was fired and he was fatally wounded," the report said. Police seized a "Russian-manufactured handgrenade".

In Soweto, handgrenades were thrown at two houses in separate incidents.

At Taylor's Halt, Natal, a man was injured and a bus damaged when a mob stoned the vehicle. — Sapa

in a society which knows naught of differences between races and which eschews racial discrimination."

Two fatal stabbings in Maritzburg

PRETORIA. — Two black men, aged 35 and 22, were stabbed to death by a group of people at Imbali, Maritzburg, the Police Directorate of Public Relations said today in its overnight unrest report. Another black man was wounded in the incident. — Sapa.

Mob kills 2 in Natal unrest

Crime Reporter

Two men were killed and seven — including a policeman — were wounded in Natal township unrest yesterday, police said.

The two victims, aged 22 and 35, were murdered in Imbali near Maritzburg by a knife-wielding mob. A third man was wounded, according to the latest unrest report.

BURNS

A police sergeant was shot and wounded in the shoulder by an unknown gunman who opened fire on an SAP vehicle in Chesterville near Durban.

At Taylor's Halt near Maritzburg, five men suffered slight burns in a petrol-bomb attack on a bus. The bus was damaged by the two incendiary-devices.

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Bus bombed, men killed in Natal unrest

PRETORIA. — Two men, aged 22 and 35, were stabbed to death by a group of people yesterday at Imbali, near Maritzburg, according to the latest police daily unrest report.

In an incident not reported in the unrest report, five women were injured when a bus was petrol-bombed near Taylor's Halt in Natal at 6.45pm on Thursday.

According to witnesses, a number of men emerged from a blue Volkswagen and hurled petrol bombs at the bus as it drove past. The passengers put the fire out before the bus could burn out.

Police could not immediately confirm the incident. — Sapa

Two men die in Natal unrest

PRETORIA. — A man was stabbed to death and another man burnt to death in two separate incidents on Sunday, the police Public Relations Division reported yesterday.

At Taylor's Halt, Natal, a 52-year-old man was attacked by a group and stabbed to death, while at KwaMashu, near Durban, police used birdshot to disperse a group of people after a man was burnt to death.

A man was arrested in connection with one of three incidents of petrol-bombing of houses at Mohlakeng, West Rand.

A house in Amawoti, Durban, was extensively damaged by arsonists, the report said. — Sapa

Four convicted for murder of youth who defied boycott

Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG — A youth league leader and three others were yesterday convicted in the Supreme Court of murdering a student who defied a school boycott call.

Ferrington Mpumelelo (23) died of multiple stab wounds near New Hanover in October 1987.

The convicted are youth leader Nkosinathi Zuma (25), Vukani Ngocobo (20), Solomon Luthuli (21) and an unnamed 17-year-old.

Xholani Sikhosana (19) was acquitted.

The court heard that the victim was suspected of being a spy. Extenuating evidence before sentencing began yesterday.

News in Brief

School murder: Sentence

JOHANNESBURG. — Twenty-five year-old Nkosinathi Zuma has been sentenced to death by the Supreme Court, Maritzburg, for the murder of a pupil who had refused to participate in a school boycott at Imolweni Secondary School near New Hanover in 1987. Mr Justice Combrink sentenced two other accused, Vukani Ngcobo, 20, and a 12-year-old youth to 12 years' imprisonment each and jailed a 17-year-old youth for six years for their part in the killing of pupil Mr Ferrington Shange after finding extenuating circumstances in that the three had been influenced by Zuma, as well as their youth.

Father, son killed in Natal

PRETORIA. — A father and son were shot and stabbed to death at Imbali, Howick, police said yesterday.

A number of taxi owners clashed at Katlehong on the East Rand, but no injuries were reported. Police dispersed the group with teargas.

In Berg Street, Maritzburg, a group stoned and damaged a vehicle. — Sapa

CALL TO END VIOLENCE

RENEWED attempts for another peace initiative to end the continued violence in Natal have been made by the Catholic Archbishop of Durban, the Most Rev. Dennis Hurley.

But the Chief Minister of KwaZulu, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, says the initiative, like others before it, is in "very great danger of just ending up in another 'talk shop'."

He said that Inkatha was no longer prepared to participate in any further peace initiative unless it was assured that the UDF was willing to participate fully.

The initiatives were revealed in the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly, when Chief Buthelezi, delivering his policy speech, read a letter to the assembly written to him last month by Archbishop Hurley.

The letter said the new initiative would involve the setting up of a committee of convenors.

It would also involve the establishment of a group of facilitators who would make all the necessary preparations. He said the initiative would also involve the holding of a one-day conference on certain well defined issues "leading, it is hoped to a commitment for peace and to systematic follow-up on such commitment."

Man stabbed in Natal violence

PRETORIA. — A man was stabbed and seriously injured in Retief Street, Maritzburg, during crowd violence, police said here yesterday.

At Inanda, Durban, a crowed killed a man and injured two others, the police unrest report said.

At KwaMashu in Durban and at Inanda, Port Natal, homes were damaged by fire.

And at Sweetwaters near Maritzburg a mob stoned a bus. — Sapa

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Cosatu: Peace talks 'urgent'

Daily Mail 10/4/89
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MARITZBURG. The need for a successful peace initiative in Natal is more urgent than ever, Cosatu said yesterday.

"We are still of the view that there is common ground for a peace initiative. In order to expedite this we have proposed a meeting with Inkatha to discuss how an initiative including various parties can be started," Cosatu said.

"We have no objection in principle to the ANC or church leaders being involved."

Cosatu said it had instructed its attorneys to suspend the processing of complainants and witnesses, after a complainant was shot dead days after reporting to the Complaints Adjudication Board. — Sapa

Cosatu backs peace talks

COSATU and UDF affiliates have stated their full support for the proposed peace conference to end violence in Natal, a spokesman for Cosatu said in a statement yesterday.

"We fully support and encourage those who wish to convene the conference.

"Our organisations have been aware of the urgent need for peace and have reached agreement on the necessity of all organisations, including Inkatha, to be part of a peace conference," he said.

He said the consulting process had not been an easy exercise on the part of the UDF affiliates because of the restrictions placed on the organisation.

"We wish all people and all concerned organisations to support the call for peace and to do all in their power to see to its success."

He said a memorandum had been sent to the convenors and to Inkatha.— Sapa.

Man wounded

PRETORIA — A man was wounded at Inanda, near Durban, yesterday after a security force patrol fired birdshot to disperse stone-throwers, according to the latest police unrest report.

At Galeshewe, near Kimberley, a delivery vehicle was extensively damaged when a group of people stoned it and set it alight.

At Edendale, a man was injured after a bus was stoned. — Sapa

during weekend unrest

PRETORIA. — Two men were stabbed to death yesterday when a group of people attacked a house at Nxamalala, Maritzburg, according to police weekend unrest reports.

A man was also stabbed and seriously injured by a group of people at Inanda, near Durban.

On Saturday police used birdshot to disperse a group of strikers who set fire to a plantation at the Lothair forestry area. Five men were arrested

At Kwa Mashu, near Durban, a 15-year-old youth was seriously stabbed by a group of people.

At 10.15 on Friday night an explosion at the municipal offices in Meadowlands, Soweto, damaged windows and doors. Nobody was hurt. — Sapa

Police hunt four after killing

The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN — Police are looking for four men who attacked and stabbed to death a former hunger striker and United Democratic Front supporter, Mr Christy Ntuli, 30, on Friday while he was returning from the Inanda Police Station after complying with his restriction order.

According Ms Dhaya Pillay, who was Mr Ntuli's attorney, from reports received it appeared he had been chased by a group travelling in a minibus who had shouted his name.

Mr Ntuli sought refuge in the home of a Mr Khumalo. The group, some armed with weapons, arrived and fatally stabbed him.

Mr Ntuli was arrested under emergency regulations and was one of the many detainees who had gone on hunger strike

He started his hunger strike on February 18 and ended the protest fast shortly before his release on April 4.

A police spokesman said that Mr Ntuli had been stabbed by four men who had been seen travelling in a blue minibus. The motive for the killing was unknown.

Police have opened a murder docket.

Man killed in Natal stabbing

PRETORIA. — A man was stabbed to death in one of two unrest-related incidents which occurred during the past 24 hours, a police spokesman said here yesterday.

A group stoned the house of a special constable at Khayelitsha He dispersed the mob with shotgun fire and arrested a man. No injuries were reported

A 50-year-old man was stabbed to death at Taylor's Halt, Natal, and hi car set alight. The vehicle was badly damaged. — Sapa

11 die in Natal faction fights

JOHANNESBURG. — Eleven people have been killed in attacks in Natal, where vicious faction fighting has raged for the past two years, police said yesterday.

Five people were killed on Tuesday in Shongeni Valley, near Durban, residents said.

Two men and two women were killed on Monday in Taylor's Halt, police said. Two more people were fatally shot in the same area on Monday, residents said. — Sapa-AP

Attorneys elect new committee

THE Cape Town Attorneys' Association has announced its newly elected committee for the current term.

It has been constituted as follows: President M T Steyn; vice-president & Bar Liaison officer C P Pauw; secretary M A Boag; assistant secretary/Master's office J Martinson; treasurer J Gomes; Industrial Court & Small Claims Court E R von Witt; Supreme Court & Magistrate's Court A Solomons; conveyancing C Theron; assistant conveyancing M Rodomsky.

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Six shot dead

SIX PEOPLE were shot dead in Shongweni, near Pinetown on Tuesday night, bringing to 14 the number of people gunned down in Natal's townships in the last five days.

A foreign television crew filming refugees fleeing the Shongweni area this morning came across three bodies lying by the roadside, one was covered in a blanket, the others in newspaper. All were men and all had been shot, one in the face.

Witnesses and families said four of those killed had just alighted from a bus on Tuesday evening when a large armed gang sprang out of the surrounding bush and began firing at them.

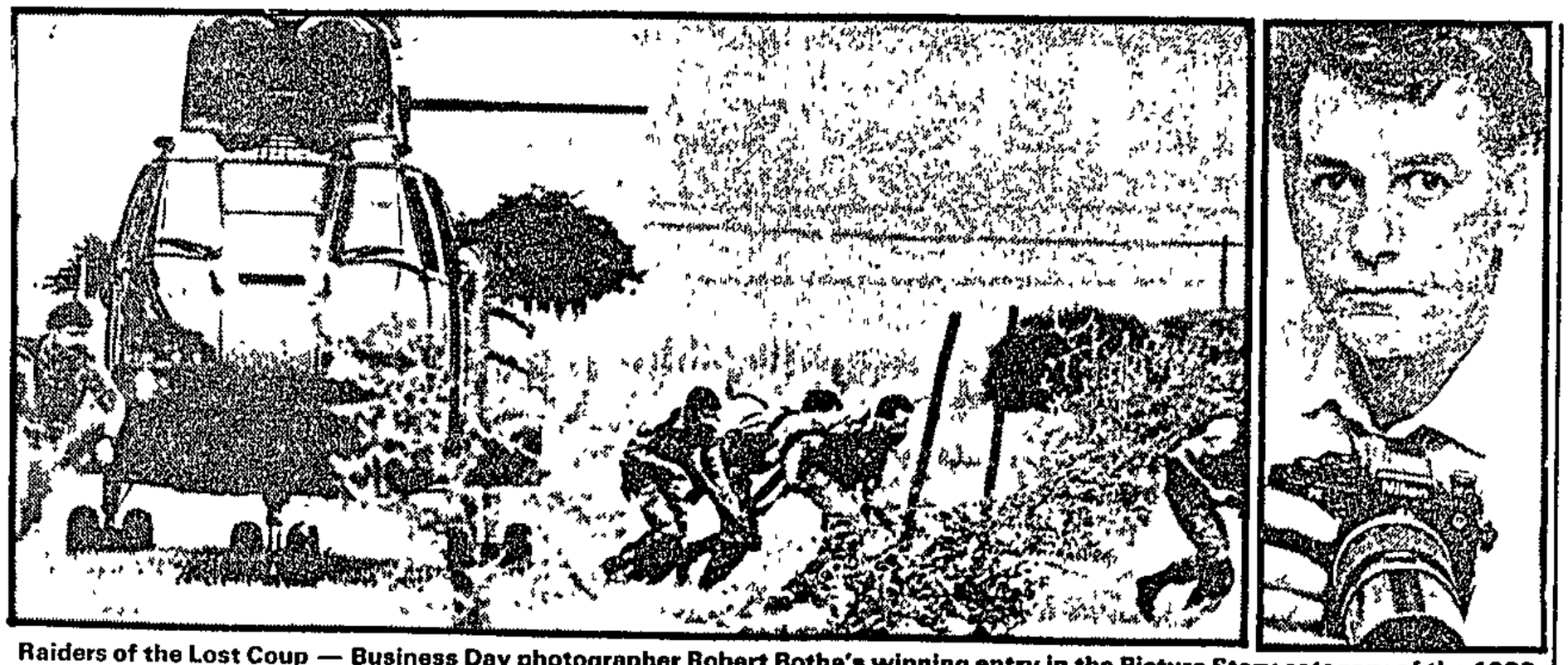
It is believed a number of people were wounded in the attack. The other two died in a later attack on a house in the Kwambiza section of the township.

Armed men threatened the television crew as they drove through the area later yesterday.

In another section of Shongweni the crew found a number of "Amaqabane" (comrades) in defence positions. They were told Inkatha vigilantes had been responsible for the killings and that further attacks were expected.

Shongweni has been the scene of some bloody killings in the last three months. Recently up to 20 Inkatha members were killed in a three-week period when youths armed with what KwaZulu police said was n R4 automatic rifle, invaded the area.

A KwaZulu police spokesman yesterday confirmed six people had been shot dead on Tuesday night and that police were investigating. No arrests have been made. — Sapa.



Raiders of the Lost Coup — Business Day photographer Robert Botha's winning entry in the Picture Story category of the 1988 Ilford Photo Press Awards — showed the dramatic sequence of events in last year's failed coup in Bophuthatswana. Overall winner was Ken Oosterbrook of The Star. Entries were said by the judges to be the finest for many years.

'Frightened' ANC man refuses to give evidence

B Day 20/4/89

CAPE TOWN — A trained ANC member brought to court as a State witness in the trial of 14 people charged with terrorism, has refused to give evidence and has asked for legal representation.

The man, who may be identified only as Mr X, took the stand yesterday after giving evidence on Tuesday about his involvement with the ANC and his military training in Angola and East Germany

Mr X told the court that since his arrest in September 1987, he had been "under mental stress" and had had sleepless nights for 15 months He had survived on painkillers and was afraid that he could be addicted to them

The state psychologist, who had treated him, had diagnosed "avoidance conflict"

Mr X said that throughout his detention he had been afraid, but at the same time he had wanted to avoid giving evidence. He had summoned his brother and asked him to approach attorneys representing the 14 accused to instruct them to act for him

Mr X said earlier this month he had signed a document stating he had not sent his brother to get legal representation he had had no option but to sign.

It was only in court that he could express his opinion because he needed the court's protection.

He did not want to "fall on a bar of soap" or "fall from the 10th floor", or "fall down a flight of stairs".

The conditions under which he had been arrested were the reasons for his behaviour. He was living in fear.

"There are charges against me as a cadre of the ANC. I am expecting them," he said

"I am still a member of the ANC and prepared to go to Mandela's feet.

"It would be improper to proceed with my evidence. I am prepared to face the consequences."

The trial continues. — Sapa.

Natal unrest: 14 gunned down

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MARITZBURG — Six people were shot dead in Shongweni, near Pinetown on Tuesday night, bringing to 14 the number of people gunned down in Natal's townships in the last five days. B Day 20/4/89

A foreign television crew filming refugees fleeing the area this morning came across three bodies lying by the roadside. One was covered in a blanket, the others in newspaper. All were men and all had been shot.

Witnesses said four of those killed had alighted from a bus on Tuesday evening when an armed gang sprang out of surrounding bush and began firing at them.

Two more died in a later attack on a house in the Kwambiza section of the township.

In another section of Shongweni the film crew found a number of "comrades" in defence positions.

A KwaZulu police spokesman said investigations into the deaths were continuing. No arrests have been made. — Sapa

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NATAL VIOLENCE: GOVT ACTS

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LAW and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok said at Ulundi yesterday that steps to curb violence in Natal would be taken as soon as possible.

Mr Vlok was speaking soon after a meeting with the Chief Minister of KwaZulu, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi. He said they discussed violence which was "of grave concern to all of us."

"We've had discussions about what steps should be taken and we have one priority and that is to try to stop the killing of innocent people."

Chief Buthelezi said they had been sharing wisdom on the killings and how "we could best deal with the problems as soon as possible."

He said it was not the first time Mr Vlok had come to Ulundi.

"We had a thorough meeting where we shared perceptions on how to stop the killings. We feel it is very important that the killings must be stopped at once," he said.

VLOK . . urgent step.

Gang is named in murder of former detainee

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — The murder of former detainee Mr Chris Ntuli last Friday has been attributed to a vigilante township gang here known as the "Sinyoras", who have been terrorising young people in KwaMashu, Ntuzuma and Inanda for the past two years.

Mr Roy Ainslie, who is a leading member of the Democratic Party's unrest-monitoring group and who has been doing extensive research into the gang, yesterday said he had been informed that the Sinyoras were responsible for Mr Ntuli's death.

Mr Ainslie said the Sinyoras hadbeen monitoring detainees at KwaMashu and Inanda.

Meanwhile, widespread violence in townships here at the weekend, sparked off by the memorial service for Mr Ntuli who was killed on April 14 after reporting to an Inanda police station in terms of his restrictions, has left at least three people dead and many homeless.

However, police said that by yesterday all was quiet in KwaMashu, Ntuzuma and Inanda, where the violence had been most intense.

The driver of a Creamline Dairies delivery truck was killed on Friday and his passenger extensively injured when the truck was petrol-bombed in KwaMashu. The truck caught alight and when the occupants freed themselves from the cab, they were attacked by a mob and the driver was stabbed.

The Detainees Co-ordinating Committee (DCC) have stated their concern at the vunerability of restricted former detainees to vigilante attacks.

10 bodies discovered in Natal townships

Police found the bodies of 10 men — nine of them apparently slain in a single massacre — in two Natal townships yesterday.

The bodies of the nine were discovered in Inanda, near Durban. Another two men and a woman were stabbed and seriously wounded in the same incident.

At Taylor's Halt near Maritzburg, police found the body of a 26-year-old man, apparently also stabbed to death.

Other incidents reported in Inanda were:

- Two men were arrested after police used shotgun fire to disperse an illegal gathering from which shots were fired at SAP members.
- A bus was set alight and extensively damaged.
- Three shops were petrol-bombed and another was stoned.

— Crime Reporter.

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12 die in violent Natal township faction clashes

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The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — At least 12 people were killed in bloody violence at the weekend at Inanda and KwaMashu, the scenes of bitter clashes between warring factions.

Fighting broken out in the two townships on Thursday night soon after a memorial service for dead hunger striker Mr Chris Ntuli.

On Friday morning buses were stoned and a man was burned to death after he had been trapped in the cab of a burning milk truck at KwaMashu. Two more people were killed on Friday night.

In the latest unrest report today, police said the bodies of nine people were found at Inanda. All of them had head and stab wounds.

Police said three others - two men and a woman - were found with serious stab wounds and had been admitted to hospital.

EMERGENCY UPDATE

In other incidents of unrest reported from Inanda, police said a group of blacks gathered illegally and a number of shots were fired at the police.

Police retaliated with shotgun fire and arrested two men. No injuries were reported.

Extensive damage was caused to four shops and a bus. All were petrol-bombed.

KwaMashu was quiet today after bitter fighting between a "third force" known as the Sinyoras, and demonstrators who took to the streets to protest against the killing of former hunger striker Mr Ntuli.

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Buthelezi appeals for peace drive

ULUNDI. — KwaZulu's Chief Minister, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, yesterday called on the ANC, the UDF, Cosatu, the churches and all concerned organisations to support Inkatha in a massive drive to end the killings in black communities.

He outlined a plan to declare 1989 the Year of Action for Peace, and end the internecine strife that has left more than a thousand dead and tens of thousands of bereaved, largely in Natal.

Dr Buthelezi undertook to raise whatever money he could from the world's churches for the peace campaign. Millions in overseas church money was deposited in South Africa for the victims of apartheid, and much of this could be used for peace, he said. — Sapa

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Vlok warns of 'iron fist' for Natal

THE South African Police were launching an "iron fist" operation, with increased manpower, to put an end to the senseless violence and killings in unrest which started in September 1987 in black townships in Natal, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, said yesterday.

Introducing his Budget vote, he said the police owed this action to the innocent people involved, who were being terrorised and who wanted an end to the killing.

The Minister said underground structures in the Maritzburg and Durban areas, backed by the ANC/SACP alliance, were clearly responsible for the violence.

His message was that "we will root them out . . . we know they will make a big noise, but we are prepared for it . . . we will grab them with an iron fist."

Mr Vlok said an SAP general would be put in charge of the operation in Natal and that more police manpower would be stationed permanently in police stations in the unrest areas.

Solutions to the unrest were not easy and would not be found overnight, and all involved, especially the local population would have to help.

Up to the end of March this year, there had been 4 920 incidents of unrest, in which 862 people had been hurt and 749 killed.

In countering the unrest, police have been responsible for the injury of 112 people, but another 750 had been hurt by other parties.

A total of 44 people had been killed by police in the course of their duties, but 705 had been killed by others.

• Mr Vlok did not contravene the sub-judice rule when he said that Mr Hein Grosskopf was responsible for two terror bombs and he might have a valid defence in a defamation action, a leading legal academic said.

Mr Grosskopf's mother Santie recently released a series of bitter letters she wrote to the Minister, in which she accused him of condemning her son without evidence or trial, but according to Professor P Q R Boberg, of the University of the Witwatersrand, a case only becomes sub-judice when legal proceedings have been instituted.

Furthermore the action would have to be brought by Mr Grosskopf himself, since our law does not recognise an action brought by relations of a defamed person "no matter how painful or hurtful the statement may be," Professor Boberg said on Sunday. — Sapa.

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Natal unrest: 749 died in 18 months

Political Correspondent

IN 18 months, 749 people were killed and another 862 injured in 4 920 incidents of violence in Natal, Mr Adriaan Vlok, Minister of Law and Order, said yesterday.

Of these, 112 had been injured by the security forces and 750 by "others" while 44 people had been killed by the security forces and 705 by "others".

"This frightening picture is totally unacceptable to the SAP," said Mr Vlok.

"The senseless violence must end immediately."

Sowetan 28/4/89

Natal death toll is 12

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AT LEAST 12 people have been killed in bloody violence at the weekend at Inanda and KwaMashu, scene of bitter clashes between opposing factions.

Fighting broke out in the two townships on Thursday night soon after a memorial service for slain hunger striker Mr Chris Ntuli.

Stonings

On Friday morning several buses were stoned and a man was burned to death after he had been trapped in the cab of a burning milk truck at KwaMashu . . . two other people were killed on Friday night.

The South African Police unrest report yesterday said the bodies of nine people were found at Inanda. All of them had head and stab wounds.

Shots

Police said three others — two men and a woman — were found with serious stab wounds and have been admitted to hospital.

In other incidents of unrest reported from Inanda police said a group gathered illegally and a number of shots were fired at the police.

Police retaliated with shotgun fire and arrested two men. No injuries were reported.

Vlok pledges iron fist to purge Natal of violence

CAPE TOWN — Police are primed to purge Natal of violence.

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok said yesterday an iron-fist operation would be sprung on the strife-torn province to end unrest.

Vlok, introducing his budget vote, said the SAP owed this to the innocent being terrorised and killed.

He added underground structures in the Maritzburg and Durban areas, backed by the ANC/SACP alliance, were responsible for the violence

"We will root them out. We know they will make a big noise but we are prepared for it. We will grab them with an iron fist," Vlok said.

An SAP general would be in charge of the operation and more manpower stationed permanently in unrest areas. If necessary the army would be called in.

Vlok said solutions to unrest were not easy. All involved, especially the local population, would have to help.

Up to the end of March there had been 4 920 incidents in which 862 people had been hurt and 749 killed

In countering unrest police had injured 112 people. Another 750 had been hurt by other parties

A total of 44 people had been killed by police and 705 killed by others.

"This frightening picture of destruction of property and loss of life is totally unacceptable to the police and government," Vlok said.

He added: "There is much at stake for some organisations in this power struggle but an end must come now to this senseless violence."

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Security actions had had varied success. Unrest waned then flared up again

Other attempts at peace had also been made without success Vlok said one was a so-called peace agreement between Inkatha and Cosatu/UDF.

"The revolutionary Cosatu/UDF alliance made loud claims they had restored peace," Vlok said.

Since then (September 2 1988), however, there had been 1 564 incidents of unrest in which 434 people had been hurt and 279 killed.

"It was clear this was a hollow claim and a futile effort but it could not have been any other way. They (Cosatu/-UDF) were the agents acting on instructions of the ANC/SACP alliance," Vlok said

They were responsible for the deaths of hundreds of defenceless blacks throughout the country.

Vlok added: "They must explain to moderate South Africans of all races and colours. We are not going to let them get away with the excuse that it is apartheid's fault."

He added the ANC had given instructions that Cosatu/UDF should come with a new peace initiative under cover of the churches.

"Like innocent lambs to the slaughter, these good but naive clergymen are again being inspanned by the ANC/-SACP to do their devilish work."

He pointed out there were other factors in Natal's violence, including family and tribal feuds, crime and poor socio-economic circumstances. — Sapa.

EMERGENCY UPDATE

Five killed, four hurt, 194 held in Natal unrest

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The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN.— Five people were killed, four were injured and 194 arrested after unrest in Mpophomeni near Howick.

Today's police unrest report said a large group attacked dwellings in the area, stabbed four men to death and injured four others.

Police also found the body of a 76-year-old man with stab wounds.

The group set numerous houses alight causing extensive damage.

Police used tearsmoke and birdshot to disperse the attackers.

Mphophomeni residents said there was peace in the township today after a fight between residents and people from the neighbouring rural area of KwaChief.

They said the fighting followed a late-night attack on the residents of Mpophomeni township by the residents of KwaChief.

KwaChief residents attacked two houses in the township on Monday night.

In one of the houses a person of about 60 was killed.

Early yesterday when the township residents heard of the attack they retaliated.

The fighting lasted from 8 am to about 9.30 when riot police arrived and dispersed the two factions, a resident said.

At KwaNgcolosi, near Pinetown, a private house was set alight and badly damaged.

Four held in Ntuli killing investigation

The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — The Durban Murder and Robbery Unit has made a major breakthrough into the killing of former hunger striker Mr Chris Ntuli, and have arrested four suspects alleged to be members of "Sinyoras" — a gang of criminals who have been terrorising township residents.

Major Charl du Toit, police public relations officer for Port Natal, said detectives under the command of Major Leonard Knipe, head of the Durban Murder and Robbery Unit, had arrested four men and taken possession of two firearms.

It is believed all the suspects, whose ages ranges from 17 to 48, were former members of the Inanda Taxi Association. Several more arrests are expected soon.

Mr Ntuli, a former member of the KwaMashu and Ntuzuma youth congresses, was returning from reporting at the Inanda Police station — in compliance with his restriction orders on April 14 — when he was attacked.

Mr Ntuli was allegedly about to catch a bus when about eight men arrived in a minibus and chased him after calling him by name. He was stabbed several times.

The death of Mr Ntuli sparked off major violence in KwaMashu, Ntuzuma and Inanda on Friday when demonstrators and members of the Sinyoras clashed. At least 12 people were killed.

Natal call for peace is 'shared'

JOHANNESBURG. — The abhorrence of apartheid shared by the Congress of South African Trade Unions, the United Democratic Front and its affiliates and Inkatha constituted the basis for an end to violence in Natal.

This was said yesterday by the UDF and Cosatu at a press conference here when the two organisations stated that, although they shared a political position which differed from that of Inkatha, they were prepared to hold a peace conference that included the Zulu movement.

The UDF's publicity secretary, Mr Murphy Morobe, said the three organisations' conception of how peace could be achieved had moved much closer than before.

The statement came as the police unrest report announced that five people have died violently in Mpophomeni, Natal.

Mr Morobe said the continuing violence in the greater Maritzburg area alone had claimed more than 1 200 lives since the beginning of last year and charged that police had "not always acted with circumspection" in the area.

Mr Jay Naidoo, Cosatu's general secretary, said police collusion had resulted in an escalation of the violence.

It was in the material interests of the state, Mr Naidoo said, to orchestrate the warlords in the area to use violence against Cosatu and the UDF in order to disrupt them

"It would seem to us that when we are on the verge of a major political initiative to break through the cycle of violence the apartheid state has moved systematically to undermine the political process that we are engaged in," the joint UDF/Cosatu statement released at the conference said

Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok's recent "iron-fisted approach to ending the violence" statement was of particular concern. It appeared as if the government did not learn from its mistakes

Cosatu had warned in 1987 that the deployment of Special Police Forces in the area would "inevitably lead to greater violence".

"This is precisely what happened. The police are today discredited."

Condemnation of the police was not to be confused with the UDF's recognition of a need for a police force in the area to maintain peace. However, "the actions of the police must be in keeping with the interests of the people — in this case peace", Mr Morobe said.

Cosatu and the UDF were prepared to attend a preparatory meeting with Inkatha and the conveners of the proposed peace conference to remove obstacles to initiation of the conference

The idea of prominent people acting as conveners and the involvement of Inkatha, Cosatu, the UDF and its affiliates and other influential organisations would mean that any agreement reached would carry great weight and influence, the statement said

While the conference alone would not ensure peace, the UDF and Cosatu saw it as the launching of the process.

● Today's police unrest report said four men were stabbed to death and four wounded when a group of people attacked homes in the area.

Police used tearsmoke and birdshot to disperse the attackers and arrested 194 people.

In another incident in the same area, a black woman was injured when a group stoned a home. — Sapa

4 held for hunger striker's murder

DURBAN. — Four people have been arrested in connection with the killing of former hunger striker Mr Chris Ntuli.

The four suspects, whose ages rage from 17 to 48, are alleged to be members of the "Sinyoras" — a gang of criminals who have been terrorising township residents — and former members of the India Taxi Association.

Major Charl du Toit, police public relations officer for Port Natal, said Durban Murder and Robbery Unit detectives under the command of Major Leonard Knipe had arrested the men and taken possession of two firearms. He said further arrests were expected soon.

Mr Ntuli, a former member of the KwaMashu and Ntuzuma youth congresses, was returning from reporting at the Inanda police station, in compliance with his restriction orders, on April 14 when he was attacked and stabbed by eight men who arrived in a minibus.

His death sparked off major violence in KwaMashu, Ntuzuma and Inanda on Friday when demonstrators and members of the Sinyoras clashed. At least 12 were killed. — Sapa

Cosatu, UDF men back Natal peace talks

By Mike Siluma,
Labour Reporter

Renewed efforts to end political violence in Natal's black townships were given a spur yesterday when representatives of the Congress of SA Trade Unions (Cosatu) and affiliates of the United Democratic Front (UDF) gave unqualified support to a "peace conference" with the kwaZulu-based nationalist movement Inkatha.

It was announced at a Johannesburg media conference that the talks would be convened by prominent Natal clergymen and other leaders.

An estimated 1 200 people have been killed in the Maritzburg area in fighting between followers of Cosatu/UDF and Inkatha from January 1987 to last month.

In a statement, Cosatu and UDF affiliates said they were committed to exploring all necessary options to remove obstacles to a peace process.

Inkatha spokesmen were not available.

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CHIEF BUTHELEZI

Cosatu, UDF to meet Inkatha

THE Congress of South African Trade Unions and UDF affiliates yesterday supported fresh attempts to end violence in Maritzburg's townships where more than 1 000 people have died in clashes.

By LEN MASEKO

Addressing a Press conference in Johannesburg, representatives of these organisations said they were prepared to attend a "preparatory meeting" with Inkatha to pave the way for a peace conference involving the warring factions.

The call comes in the wake of a plea to community organisations by KwaZulu's Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi that a massive drive be launched to end the killings.

"While Cosatu and the UDF largely share a common political position which differs from that of Inkatha, all three organisations share an abhorrence of apartheid and are committed to achieving peace in Natal", Cosatu and the UDF affiliates said in a statement.

The "mass democratic movement" was consulting with its constituencies on the issue.

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, came under fire at yesterday's conference for the "iron fist" operation he has earmarked for Natal's townships.

The organisations condemned Mr Vlok's "iron-fisted" approach towards the violence in the area, saying: "It would seem to us that when we are on the verge of a major political initiative to break through the cycle of violence, the apartheid State has moved systematically to undermine the political process that we are engaged in.

"It would seem to us that the Government never learns from its errors of the past," they said.

INKATHA CHIEF'S YES TO TALKS

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'But no outsiders must come'

KWAZULU'S Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi has welcomed the move to call a peace conference involving warring factions in Natal's townships but has objected to "outsiders" attending such a meeting.

By LEN MASEKO

Chief Buthelezi told the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly: "If they want to talk to us, the United Democratic Front and Congress of South African Trade Unions must do so, but they must not bring outsiders."

He was responding to an invitation to peace talks sent to him by UDF affiliates and Cosatu.

The KwaZulu leader said he could not see any possibility "in any circumstances" that the first meeting should include Catholic Archbishop Dennis Hurley and other peace convenors.

It appeared, he said, that he had been misunderstood in letters he had written to Archbishop Hurley and Cosatu official Mr Jay Naidoo.

Referring to the organisations' suggestion that each group send a small delegation to constitute a working committee, Chief Buthelezi said: "While I am all for a combination of initiatives I am not prepared to do that on any terms. I did not mean that they should impose what they have decided on their own on us."

Inkatha's central committee would discuss the matter at Ulundi tomorrow.

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Unrest: 3 bodies found at weekend

PRETORIA. — Police are investigating three cases of murder after three bodies were found in separate incidents in Natal, according to police unrest reports over the long weekend.

Saturday's report noted the discovery of a woman's body by police in the veld at Kwadengezi, near Pinetown.

According to Sunday's report, the body of a youth was found at Taylor's Halt.

According to yesterday's unrest report, a man's body was found at Imbali, Maritzburg.

In a case not noted in the reports, a bus driver was murdered by two gunmen at Swayimani, near Nagel Dam, at 8am on Friday. Police could not confirm the incident.

The death of Mr Ndodeni Zondi, 40, apparently followed a warning given last week that buses should stay out of Swayimani. — Sapa

Rape sparks ads calling

Inkatha rejects peace initiative

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INKATHA's central committee has rejected a peace initiative put forward by Cosatu and the United Democratic Front, but has decided to push ahead with its own plan to end the political killings in Natal and KwaZulu.

Members of the committee meeting in Ulundi said the Cosatu/UDF initiative was undemocratically conceived.

"We as the central committee would fail to convince Inkatha's general conference and Inkatha's democratic structures nationally that this peace initiative was beyond reproach and was conceived as an initiative which is unblemished in terms of anticipating party political gain in the pursuit of the cessation of violence."

Cosatu and UDF had secured the support of the African National Congress for their peace initiative, and "were prepared to mould it with Inkatha's proposed peace plan.

A team of convenors, including the Most Rev Denis Hurley, Catholic Archbishop of Durban, was prepared to try to help bring the contending organisations to peace talks.

Dr Mangosuthu Buthelezi, KwaZulu Chief Minister and leader of Inkatha, told the Inkatha central committee in his opening address to them that "we must distinguish between real peace initiatives and tactics and strategies to establish party political supremacy presented in the guise of peace initiatives.

We would be the last in the world ever willingly to destroy any prospect of moving away from political violence to the kind of peace in which democratic decisions can be made," Dr Buthelezi had said.

He attacked Cosatu officials in his address and felt the Cosatu/UDF initiative would be no more than a talking shop approach.

Inkatha's central committee commended the ANC/UDF/Cosatu alliance on "their eventual realisation that the policies of Inkatha and its president, which eschew political violence, need to be supported by all the people of South Africa including the followers of the ANC, UDF and Cosatu."

Three men die in incidents in Natal

PRETORIA. — Two men were killed in unrest-related incidents and police found the body of a third man, according to the police overnight unrest report released yesterday.

The Public Relations Division of the SAP issued the following report of unrest incidents:

A 40-year-old man was attacked and stabbed to death by a group at Haza in Natal.

A man was shot dead when he and three other men who were sleeping in a room in a men's hostel in KwaMashu were attacked about 12.35am yesterday. Full details were not available, but police in KwaMashu said the three other men had been injured and taken to hospital.

After another incident at Mpumalanga near Maritzburg, police found the body of 18-year-old Mr Boni Sikhosana at Shongweni.

In an incident in the Transvaal, a group of blacks stoned a private vehicle at Alrode in Alberton. Police used quirts to disperse them. Four men were arrested, police said. — Sapa

3 die, 1 injured in Natal unrest

PRETORIA — Three men were killed and one injured in unrest-related incidents in Natal, according to yesterday's police overnight unrest report. (276)

The decapitated body of an unknown man was found at Mpophomeni, the report said.

At Elandskop two men were stabbed to death by a mob, and at Intyarma a house was set alight and a man was stabbed on the premises. Bloem 8/5/7 Sep

In the Transvaal, two petrol bombs were hurled at a house at Thokoza, near Germiston. Damage was slight.

At Katlehong, Germiston, an explosive device detonated yesterday next to a fence at Hunters Field Stadium adjoining the municipal police single quarters. Some windows were broken. — Sapa.

Mr Hill, a well-known businessman ... with information on Mr Hill's whereabouts should contact the Commercial Branch at (011) 838 8363.

ANC move to end Natal unrest

By Mike Siluma, Labour Reporter

The African National Congress (ANC) yesterday threw its weight behind moves to end political violence in Natal's townships. It also offered to play a direct role in the process.

The ANC statement came barely 24 hours after the Congress of SA Trade Unions (Cosatu) declared its readiness — and that of United Democratic Front (UDF) affiliates — to meet all organisations whose followers are involved in the fighting.

Attempts to stop the violence, which has claimed more than 1 000 lives in the Maritzburg area, appeared to flounder two weeks ago when Inkatha, whose members are involved in the conflict, rejected a call by Cosatu and church leaders for a peace conference.

Inkatha insisted instead on a meeting between its president and those of the ANC and Cosatu.

Cosatu in move to join Natal peace conference

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Attempts to bring peace to Natal townships have taken a new turn with the Congress of SA Trade Unions saying it is willing to meet all parties concerned, including Inkatha and the African National Congress.

The Cosatu statement follows a rejection by Inkatha of a proposed peace conference involving Inkatha, Cosatu and the United Democratic Front and convened by prominent church leaders.

Inkatha instead has called for a meeting between the presidents of the three organisations.

Saying the need for a successful peace initiative in Natal is more urgent than ever, Cosatu has declared that it and UDF affiliates have responded to Inkatha's proposal and has suggested a meeting of the parties.

However, Cosatu says it will no longer use the complaints adjudication board to investigate residents' complaints in Maritzburg because respondents fearing criminal charges have refused to appear before the board.

In one instance a complainant was killed days after his case was heard.

The board was set up by Cosatu and Inkatha last year as a disciplinary mechanism against members of both organisations who hindered the restoration of peace.

Fish Hoek 'fraud' probed

False Bay Bureau

POLICE have investigated alleged fraud after being told by the Fish Hoek municipality that there was "something not quite right".

Spokesman Captain Jan Calitz said a docket had been sent to the Attorney-General.

Fish Hoek Town Clerk Mr Doug Smit said today: "We found something that didn't seem right. We have to refer any such matter to the Attorney-General and the Provincial Auditor. We also reported it to the police."

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ANC SENDS PLEA TO END KILLING

LUSAKA — The African National Congress on Wednesday appealed for an end to fighting between rival black groups in South Africa's Natal province and said it supported the idea of peace talks.

"We reiterate our call that the carnage must end," it said in a statement issued from its headquarters in Lusaka.

"The energies of our people must be directed against the common enemy of the overwhelming majority of South Africans, the apartheid regime."

More than 500 people have been killed in the past 18 months in Natal in what has become known as South Africa's Zulu War, mainly between members of the Zulu movement Inkatha and supporters of the anti-apartheid United Democratic Front (UDF).

The ANC said it supported the proposal by church and community leaders of peace talks between the parties — Inkatha, the UDF and the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu). It called on church, business and youth groups to take part.

"No one must be left out. The ANC is firmly convinced that these forces share more common ground on this question than what might divide them," the statement added.

It said the ANC was ready to play a role in peace efforts. — Sapa-Reuter.

Natal peace talks could be held soon

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The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — Peace talks to end violence in Natal could be held soon.

Inkatha leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi said in the Kwazulu Legislative Assembly yesterday that he had suggested to Cosatu and United Democratic Front leaders that they meet in Ulundi.

This follows the exchange of letters between the three organisations in recent weeks declaring a will to work towards peace and offering to work together.

The UDF has suggested that the talks be held in Durban as this was a more central venue.

Yesterday the African National Congress issued a statement commending all the forces which had put forward proposals genuinely aimed at ending the "senseless" violence in which some 2 000 people have died since the beginning of 1987.

In particular it saluted Archbishop Denis Hurley and other eminent people who initiated the latest round of consultations.

It said the campaign for peace should involve all people, organisations and structures: Inkatha, Cosatu, UDF affiliates, churches, women, youth, professionals and business people.

The ANC said it supported calls to convene a peace meeting to work out the practical mechanisms of peace.

Inkatha proposes date for Natal talks

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Own Correspondent

ULUNDI. — Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi has suggested to the leaders of the United Democratic Front and Cosatu that a meeting be held between himself and themselves at Ulundi on May 20 to discuss the violence in Natal.

Speaking in the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly yesterday, Chief Buthelezi referred to a letter from the UDF and Cosatu leaders this week proposing an urgent meeting of the heads of the three organisations at a mutually acceptable venue.

In the letter, dated May 9, the leaders, Mr Archie Gumede, a president of the UDF, Mr Murphy Morobe, publicity secretary of the organisation, Mr Elijah Barayi, president of Cosatu, and Mr Jay Naidoo, general secretary of Cosatu thanked Chief Buthelezi for his letter of April 29 and copies of the resolutions of a meeting of the Inkatha central committee held on that day.

"We remain of the view that we share common ground. We have no objections in principle to your proposals," they write.

"The need for a successful peace initiative is now absolutely critical."

The leaders suggest that the purpose of the initial meeting should include the full motivation of the various proposals of the parties concerned on a face-to-face basis.

It will also be necessary to discuss how the ANC and other organisations will be involved in the initiative, they state.

The leaders will also have to discuss and find solutions to the practical and logistical problems of any joint meeting between the ANC, UDF, Cosatu and Inkatha that might be agreed upon, the UDF and Cosatu spokesmen point out.

The following month it received a favourable notice in the authoritative Lloyd's List with the standard as claimed in convention certificates," he said.

Buthelezi gets letter on peace moves

ULUNDI — Inkatha president Mangosuthu Buthelezi yesterday acknowledged receiving a letter from the UDF and Congress of SA Trade Unions inviting his organisation to a meeting to end violence in Natal.

His Press office gave no indication of whether Inkatha planned to accept the UDF/Cosatu peace initiative.

The letter, dated May 9, and circulated in the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly on Wednesday night, suggested an urgent meeting of the three organisations' heads.

It added they shared common ground and added: "The need for a successful peace initiative is now absolutely critical."

Inkatha and UDF/Cosatu supporters have clashed in Natal, mostly in the Maritzburg region, for almost two years with the loss of hundreds of lives.

The UDF and Cosatu leaders suggest it would be necessary to discuss how the ANC and other organisations should be involved in the peace initiative. — Sapa.

ANC may join peace initiative in Natal

By SHAUN HARRIS

THIS week's "peace meeting" between Inkatha, Cosatu and the UDF to try to end the Natal violence could be the prelude to a meeting between the "big three" and the ANC.

KwaZulu Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi has made it clear he believes a meeting with the ANC is necessary if a peaceful solution is to be worked out.

There was a flurry of activity this week as the organisations set about clearing the ground for a meeting and smoothing over earlier antagonisms over the two separate "peace plans" put forward by Cosatu/UDF affiliates and Chief Buthelezi. ST Times 14/5/89

The ANC also issued a statement supporting a meeting between the three organisations and indicating it would do all it could, within the conditions it was forced to work under, to support peace initiatives

May 20 has been agreed on as the date for the meeting.

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'SA commando' trial to begin

HARARE — The trial of a man said to be the commander of an SA commando group on a mission to Zimbabwe to try to free six alleged SA agents would open in the High Court today, officials said yesterday

They said Dennis Charles Beahan, a British citizen and an SA resident who, in March this year, unsuccessfully contested in the High Court the Zimbabwean courts' jurisdiction to try him, would face allegations of contravening the Law and Order (Maintenance) Act.

The State had alleged Beahan was the commander of an SA group given the task to release the six people in custody on charges of murder and sabotage. — Sapa.

Two jailed for 25 years for five Natal killings

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Anyone taking part in the sort of violence that was tearing apart Natal would not be tolerated by the courts, a Natal judge warned last week

Mr Justice Didcott was passing sentence in the Supreme Court, Durban, where he jailed two men for 25 years each for the murder of five people — including a toddler and an elderly woman

Fanini Mduseni Mzimela, 35, and Muzikayise Khumalo, 22, part of a gang that attacked a KwaNdengezi household on February 14 last year, were found guilty of murder with extenuating circumstances

The six men threw a petrol bomb into the house at 5am. As the inhabitants jumped through the windows, they were gunned down.

The judge said although the court did not know who had fired the shots, the accused had taken part in a joint enterprise and acted with common purpose.

Although he did not believe the men had to have the book thrown at them, there were other aspects he was duty bound to take into consideration. "Sorry as I feel for you, I feel far sorrier for any innocent person who may be killed in the future"

Commenting on the defence's submission the men were part of the unrest that had become endemic in Natal, the judge said: "I don't know what the background to this case is. If (defence) counsel is right in his submission, the argument doesn't help him in the least because the mitigating factors are balanced, even outweighed, by the aggravating factors."

The attack was found to be a carefully premeditated and planned crime.

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Natal violence: Stalemate

Own Correspondent

ULUNDI. — A stalemate appears to be developing regarding the venue for Saturday's talks between the leadership of the United Democratic Front (UDF), the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) and Inkatha to discuss resolving the violence in Natal.

The leaderships of the UDF and of Cosatu have suggested Durban as the venue while Chief Buthelezi, president of Inkatha, was emphatic yesterday that the venue for the talks should be Ulundi.

A week ago, Mr Archie Gumede, president of the UDF, Mr Murphy Morobe, publicity secretary of the UDF, Mr Elijah Barayi, president of Cosatu, and Mr Jay Naidoo, general secretary of Cosatu, wrote to Chief Buthelezi suggesting an urgent meeting of the heads of the three organisations at a "mutually acceptable venue".

The KwaZulu chief minister wrote back the next day suggesting Ulundi, and mentioned in support of his proposal, "some elements in the past which need to be woven into the fabric of reconciliation".

In his letter, released yesterday, the Inkatha president said he had written to Mr Gumede in November, 1983, inviting him to address the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly at Ulundi.

However, the UDF president had criticised Inkatha's participation in the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly, he said.

"In all fairness, I think you will agree that the volleys against Inkatha on both the launching day of the UDF and the launching day of Cosatu are problematic as we talk about the need for peace today," Chief Buthelezi said.

"A meeting in Ulundi would be a demonstration of serious intent and would be greatly appreciated by Inkatha's leadership and our members and supporters, as a demonstration of your *bona fides* in this effort at reconciliation."

The reply from the UDF and Cosutu leaders, dated May 12, stated that they had no objection to meetings between the parties concerned being held in venues which were traditionally associated with Inkatha or with Cosatu and the UDF.

"However, we believe it is necessary for us to approach this first joint meeting in a different manner," it said.

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3 hurt in grenade attack

PRETORIA. — Three people were injured when two handgrenades were thrown at the house of the mayor of Dobsonville in Soweto on Sunday night, police here said yesterday.

The grenades exploded next to a fence between the mayor's house and a neighbouring house, injuring a municipal policeman and two women.

In other unrest incidents:

● A 42-year-old man at Sweetwaters, Natal, was stabbed to death after a group attacked a squatter hut. Police arrested four men.

● At Nzxamalala, Edendale, a man was hacked and stabbed to death when a group attacked and burnt a number of kraals.

● A car was set alight at Ntuzuma, Durban. Police used birdshot to disperse an angry crowd.

● Two men were arrested at KwaMashu, Durban, when a group hurled a petrol bomb at a private house. — Sapa

ANC-SACP BLAMED

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A COMMISSION of inquiry into the ongoing violence in the Maritzburg area would not solve the problem at this stage and might become an additional cause for dispute.

This was said by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, in Parliament yesterday.

Replying on behalf of the State President, Mr P W Botha, to an interpellation question from Mr Pierre Cronje (DP Greytown), he laid the blame for the violence squarely on "revolutionary agents of the ANC-SACP alliance, namely the UDF and Cosatu," who were engaged in a leadership struggle with the Inkatha organisation.

"There is absolutely no question of a breakdown of law and order in the greater Maritzburg area.

"It is not the intention to institute a commission of inquiry at this stage as the main causes for the ongoing violence have been ascertained through thorough research and investigation," Vlok said.

Natal peace talks in jeopardy

By Mike Siluma, Labour Reporter

The much-awaited weekend talks between the Congress of SA Trade Unions (Cosatu), Inkatha and United Democratic Front (UDF) affiliates — to end political fighting in Natal townships — are in jeopardy, because of Inkatha's insistence that they take place in Ulundi.

Following a proposal by Inkatha president, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, that the talks be held in the kwaZulu capital of Ulundi, leaders of Cosatu and the UDF affiliates yesterday suggested that the meeting take place in a neutral venue.

In a joint statement, Cosatu and the UDF affiliates said they were committed to the talks, but were "regrettably" unable to accept Ulundi as a venue.

"We believe that it is essential that a non-controversial and neutral venue be found. We are prepared to meet ... at another mutually acceptable place," the organisations said.

They believed that all parties serious about initiating a peace process in Natal should not "let the issue of a venue degenerate into an insurmountable obstacle that creates any further delay to this meeting".

Chief Buthelezi said he was "sorry that (UDF and Cosatu leaders) have problems about coming to talk to me where I am located".

He said other prominent figures involved in the peace process — Archbishop Denis Hurley and the Rev Athol Jennings — were prepared to meet him in Ulundi.

"It is for you to prove, by your conduct, whether you were serious at all about being involved with me and Inkatha in the peace initiatives ... I have no intention of going to Durban or anywhere else in order to fulfil your wish to meet me," said Chief Buthelezi.

He added he would continue with his own efforts to secure peace in the area.

The proposed meeting comes after more than 1 000 residents died in fighting between the followers of Cosatu, UDF and Inkatha in recent months.

Province asks staff to stay at J G Strijdom

DIANNA GAMES

THE province has joined Wits University in urging staff not to leave the J G Strijdom hospital in view of Wits' decision to maintain all services until the year end, pending a government decision on whether to return it to a general affairs hospital

Transvaal Hospital Services Director Dr Hennie Van Wyk said he was pleased with the university's urging staff to stay on but said he did not want to speculate on what might happen if government did not change the hospital's "own affairs" status, as requested by Wits

The hospital's bed occupancy has been declining since 1985, when it was 73%.

In 1986/87 it was 62%, 1987/88, 56,6%, and so far this year it was 52,16%. However, the number of patient days dropped from 7,9 a patient to 6,9 last year, which brought down the occupancy, Van Wyk said.

A spokesman for the J G Strijdom said only three staff members had formally applied for transfers to other hospitals since the change to "own affairs" on March 31, and not 12 as has been reported

She could not say if superintendent Dr Anette van der Merwe would be prepared to reconsider her resignation for the moment due to the university's stance

Van der Merwe, who is on leave, resigned due to the hospital's change of status and is due to leave at the end of June

UDF/Cosatu reject Ulundi as venue

COSATU and the UDF had rejected Ulundi as a possible venue for talks to resolve the ongoing factional violence in Natal, the two organisations said yesterday

They said Cosatu and UDF affiliates had met in Durban for an urgent meeting to consider their response to the "insistence" of Inkatha that the joint meeting be held on May 20 in Ulundi

"Regrettably we are unable to agree to the proposal of such a meeting taking place in Ulundi

"We believe it is essential a non-controversial and neutral venue be found

"We have indicated we are prepared to meet in any venue in Durban or any other mutually acceptable venue."

Cosatu and UDF also believed it all parties were serious about the peace process — "and we certainly are" — then "we will not let the issue of a venue degenerate into an insurmountable obstacle that creates any more delay to this meeting"

Inkatha head Mangosuthu Buthelezi released the text of a letter he had sent to UDF/Cosatu saying he had no intention of going to Durban "or anywhere else" for the talks.

He said he was sorry the UDF-Cosatu had "problems about coming to talk to me where I am located (Ulundi)" — therefore the ball remained in their court — Sapa

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Cosatu rejects Ulundi as a venue

JOHANNESBURG. — The Congress of South African Trade Unions and the United Democratic Front have rejected Ulundi as a possible venue for talks to resolve the ongoing factional violence in Natal.

A statement from the two organisations yesterday said Cosatu and UDF affiliates met in Durban to consider their response to the "insistence" of Inkatha to hold the joint meeting on May 20 in Ulundi.

"We believe that it is essential that a non-controversial and neutral venue be found," the statement said.

"We have indicated that we are prepared to meet in any venue in Durban or any other mutually acceptable venue."

Scores of people have died in factional violence in the Natal region blamed largely on opposing factions supporting Inkatha and UDF/Cosatu. — Sapa

INVITE IS REJECTED

THE Congress of South African Trade Unions and UDF affiliates have rejected an Inkatha invitation to hold a joint meeting at Ulundi on Saturday.

In a statement released jointly by Cosatu's secretary, Jay Naidoo, and UDF's acting publicity secretary, Mr Murphy Morobe, the two

By ALI MPHAKI

said they were unable to agree to the proposal of such a meeting taking place at Ulundi.

The meeting, among others, was to discuss the on-going "war" in the Maritzburg area between affiliates of Cosatu/UDF and Inkatha, which has claimed hundreds of lives.

"We believe that it is essential that a non-controversial and neutral venue be found. We have indicated that we are prepared to meet in any venue in Durban or any other mutually acceptable venue," Naidoo and Morobe said.

The two spokesmen indicated that if all parties are serious about the peace process "then we will not let the issue of a venue degenerate into an insurmountable obstacle that creates any further delay to this meeting."

Three hurt in Natal unrest

PRETORIA. — A man and a youth were stabbed in the legs and wounded during a clash yesterday between two groups in Inanda, Natal, according to the police unrest report.

At Emosomeni, near Richmond in Natal, a policeman was wounded when shots were fired at police by a group of black people. Police dispersed the attackers with pistol fire. — Sapa

Six detained

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — KwaZulu police detained six members of the Kwa Mashu Youth League, including former hunger strikers Mr Bongani Phiri and Mr Mlungisi Shezi, in the township yesterday, according to the regional director of the Democratic Party, Mr Roy Ainslie.

The six had been collecting statements from some of the 84 members of the league who were detained for three days last week in connection with the death of Cosmos "Scuta" Dlamini, 19, who was killed by KwaZulu Police on May 11.

Man burnt alive, daughter shot

MARITZBURG. — A man was burnt alive and his daughter shot dead during an attack on a home in Imbali early yesterday morning.

Residents were wakened by the sound of gunshots and when they investigated they found the house of Mr Jabulani Ndlovu ablaze.

His daughter, Khumbu, lay dead near the back door. Mr Ndlovu's charred remains were found inside.

Police are investigating.

On Saturday, also at Imbali, Mrs Beauty Ngcobo, mother of prominent Inkatha man Mr Thulani Ngcobo, was shot and wounded in the arm.

A constable was slightly injured when a group threw stones at a police patrol at St Wendolins and at Inanda a private house was petrol-bombed. — Sapa

Next months 'crucial' in violence-torn Natal

MARITZBURG. — At least 34 people in the Maritzburg area were killed in political violence in April — down from the recent monthly average of about 50 murders, according to the head of the Centre for Adult Education, Mr John Aitcheson.

Despite this, the violence in Maritzburg's townships still appeared to be on an upward swing — last April the figure had been 28 people killed.

"The next few months will be crucial and should tell us whether there has been a shift in the pattern or not," Mr Aitcheson said.

He noted that his monitoring involved only political murders in the Maritzburg-Hammarsdale area and excluded Shongweni, where a number of extremely bloody clashes had taken place. — Sapa

JUDGE'S ORDER AGAINST VLOK

AN ORDER restraining the Minister of Law and Order and members of the South African Police from "unlawfully assaulting, threatening, harassing or intimidating" residents of Mpophomeni, near Howick, was granted in the Maritzburg Supreme Court yesterday.

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The order was made by consent and without admission of liability on the part of the SAP.

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ADRIAAN VLOK

The riot police deployed in Mpophomeni, in particular, were cited as being responsible.

The affidavits allege the SAP "are the very cause of our fear" and that ranking police officers were failing to supervise or control those under their command.

Yesterday's order includes a clause directing the Minister and senior police officials to "take all reasonably necessary steps to ensure police under their control act in accordance with all statutes and statutory regulations under which the SAP presently act"

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Man shot, car burned

PRETORIA — A man was shot and killed and his vehicle set alight at Mpumalanga, Hammarsdale, by a group of people, according to the police unrest report. A home was damaged in a petrol-bomb attack at Edenpark, Alberton

2 shot dead in Natal violence

PRETORIA. — Two men, aged 18 and 20, were shot dead at Malangeni, near Hammarsdale, on Thursday when they fled from a house that a group of people was shooting at, according to the latest police unrest reports.

Four youths were arrested in Guguletu when a large group of youths threw stones at vehicles.

A policeman was slightly injured at Lamontville, near Durban, when youths threw stones at a police vehicle. The group was dispersed with birdshot and a man was arrested.

At Mpumalanga, near Hammarsdale, a house was damaged after it was petrol-bombed.

Two men and a women were arrested at Mhluzi, near Middelburg in the Transvaal, after pupils from two secondary schools threw stones at each other. — Sapa.

Operation Iron Fist: solution or palliative?

More than 700 have died violently in Maritzburg's townships and there is no sign that the conflict will end. The Minister of Law and Order is to step up police action. But the police are accused of taking sides, so many believe that police will provide at best only symptomatic relief. MELANIE GOSLING reports.

This week Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok announced that the SAP's "Operation Iron Fist" intended stepping up police action in an attempt to end the continuing violence in townships around Maritzburg.

On the same day the UDF lodged an urgent application in the Natal Supreme Court seeking an order to compel police in Maritzburg townships to perform their duties properly and to cease "capricious assaults" on residents.

These two actions illustrate just how different are the views on dealing with the Maritzburg township violence which exploded into national headlines in 1986. One aspect which most parties agree on is that the violence shows no sign of ending.

The bloody battles, which have claimed the lives of 749 people, injured 862 and destroyed thousands of rands of property, are largely between the UDF/Cosatu and Inkatha.

Pinpointing who triggered off the violence seems to be a chicken and egg situation.

The UDF leadership has denied the unrest is the manifestation of a power struggle between Inkatha and non-Inkatha groups, but says it stems from the forced recruitment campaign of the Inkatha warlords. Cosatu has accused Inkatha of trying to wipe out "progressive" organisations and lays the blame for violence at Inkatha's door.

Inkatha has said it is committed to non-violence and only resorted to force in self-defence when its members were attacked.

Academics generally see the violence as a political conflict between Inkatha and non-Inkatha groups, one which is fed by poverty and the destabilising effect of apartheid.

Mr D.G Booth, of the University of Natal's Development Studies Unit, describes UDF/Cosatu as a large, loose coalition of populist forces opposed to apartheid and the tricameral parliament. He describes Inkatha as working within State-created institutions to achieve social and political reform.

Inkatha has two major advantages over the UDF and Cosatu. they control the Natal townships in allocation of houses, land and jobs, and because they work within the system, they escape State repression.

Natal Witness editor Mr Richard Steyn believes the black-on-black township struggle centres on the nature of post-apartheid society. At a local level it is a dispute over the strategies to replace apartheid, at a higher level it is a clash of views over whether post-apartheid society should be capitalist or socialist.

The effect of the violence on township society is devastating. Residents have been shot, stabbed, hacked or burnt to death. Houses have been petrol-bombed and vehicles burnt.

The head of the University of Natal's Centre for Adult Education, Mr John Aitchison, believes the violence is becoming embedded in many townships, becoming a way of life. Family life is being wrecked as many youths leave home to avoid getting their entire families killed. The violence flares up and subsides sporadically. When it is bad, women and children sleep out in the veld to avoid being murdered at home.

Young children are becoming used to brutality (an armed boy of 10 was found beheaded in 1987) and are making sectarian choices very early in life, Mr Aitchison says.

Inkatha, the UDF and Cosatu have all condemned the violence and called for it to cease. But the continued slayings, burnings and conflict must indicate the organisations have little control over their supporters.

Churchmen and politicians have intervened to try to bring about peace. Last September, after four days of negotiation, the UDF/Cosatu and Inkatha signed a peace pact in the Natal Supreme Court.

The peace pact was heralded all over the country, but within a few days the news headlines put an end to the optimism. "Teenage gunmen terrorise township", "Thirteen massacred by vigilantes".

What effect will Mr Vlok's "Operation Iron Fist" have on the situation?

The UDF leadership see it as "very disturbing". They believe there is an increasing body of evidence which implicates the police with much of the violence. They say the police are not seen to be acting impartially and are siding with Inkatha.

The UDF's lawyer in Maritzburg, Mr Nicholas Haysom, says police have failed dismally to do their duties in the minds of the people. He says peace initiatives are disrupted because it is believed that the police favour Inkatha. It is a case of "my enemy's enemy is my friend", as far as the State is concerned.

When there is a breakdown in the belief in law and order this can only lead to an ever increasing spiral of violence, he says.

"More police in the area is not an unwelcome development, but we would like to see effective and unbiased police. It is not a question of the quantity of police but the quality which requires investigation," Mr Haysom said.

Mr Aitchison believes Mr Vlok has misunderstood the situation. He agrees that strong police action can be justified in an attempt to halt the killings, but, he adds, if police action continues to be partisan, it will undoubtedly aggravate the situation.

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Mandela 'demands end to Natal strife'

DURBAN. — KwaZulu Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi said yesterday that Mr Nelson Mandela had written to him demanding an end to black-on-black violence.

He said during the launch of an Inkatha public campaign against violence at a rally in strife-torn KwaMakhuta that Mr Mandela "has written to demand of me and every leader in the UDF and Cosatu that we now work for peace".

"He has demanded that the carnage that is taking place in black townships." — Sapa

Inkatha launches campaign to end black-on-black violence

DURBAN — An Inkatha public campaign against black-on-black violence was launched yesterday in KwaMakutha by the organisation's leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

He made a "demand" for a peace initiative, in support of which he read a personal letter to him from jailed ANC leader Nelson Mandela.

He said Mandela had made it clear that any act or statement, from whatever source, which tended to create or worsen (black) divisions in the political situation was a fatal error. — Sapa.

Funeral called off after threats

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MARITZBURG. — The funeral service of the husband and daughter of a leading Natal trade unionist — due to be held in Impendle on Saturday — was called off at the last minute amid threats of vigilante violence .

According to community sources, the threats were directed at the chief of Impendle, Mr John Zuma.

Last weekend an attack on Mrs Jabu Ndlovu and her family in Imbali left her husband and daughter Khumbi dead. Mrs Ndlovu, who is an official of the National Union of Metalworkers (Numsa), is fighting for her life and is unaware that her husband and daughter are dead

"At Hammarsdale, a black residential area in Natal, a mob of blacks shot and killed two black men and a black woman after which they set the deceaseds' private home alight," the SA Police report said yesterday.

At Dobsonville, Soweto, in the Witwatersrand, arsonists damaged a shop. At Lamontville near Durban, arsonists extensively damaged a private dwelling. — Sapa

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The killing fields of Natal

While unrest has abated in most of the country, the violence and killing has continued, indeed, escalated in Natal/KwaZulu. In this, the first of a three-part series, special correspondent GRAHAM LINSCOTT analyses the problem.

PEOPLE all over the world have heard of Pietermaritzburg, petrol-bomb capital of Natal. They are familiar with the appalling violence and atrocities in the townships outside the city and in other townships around Durban.

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Few will have heard of Tugela Ferry or Ematimatolo where, last Easter, two large groups of men formed up, armed with R1 automatic rifles, Russian Kalashnikovs, pistols, homemade guns and the more traditional spears and sticks.

They were there to settle a grudge, and 15 lay dead when it was over.

It was another Msinga faction fight, the casualty rate about average for that district, though it is often far higher.

It took place only about 70 kilometres from Pietermaritzburg, but it might as well have been on a different planet. Faction fighting is endemic in certain parts of rural Natal and KwaZulu and it follows a seemingly endless pattern which can be traced back over generations.

It has no ideological content, no political objective. There appears to be no connection at all with the violence in the townships. The term "faction" is itself misleading because it suggests political choice.

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The war parties of Msinga and certain other districts are clan-based and territory-based. Every available able-bodied man participates.

Whites tend to ascribe the conflict to the Zulu "warrior tradition" or an innate propensity for violence. But then why should the immediately adjacent [illegible] record at all of faction fighting?

A visit to the two districts is revealing. Nkandla is green, fertile, well-watered and relatively underpopulated.

Msinga consists of arid scrubland where the most lucrative crop is dagga= goats are the main livestock. It is over-crowded and this has been aggravated by an influx of newcomers from the nearby Weenen district, following the abolition of the labour tenant system in the 1960s.

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The eight factions of Msinga compete for land and access to water. Because land ownership is communal, demarcation disputes are not between individuals but between communities.

Blood feuds have developed and the cycle of retribution is endless. Killing is answered by killing, burning by burning. The men of Msinga are migrant labourers, and their blood feuds are fought out in the hostels of the Witwatersrand as well as at home. Opposing sides have been known to travel back to Natal on the same train for a fi[illegible]

There seems to be no easing the tension. Some years ago the magistrate at Tugela Ferry called in two Msinga chiefs in an attempt to mediate in their dispute. Right there in his office, one slapped the other's face.

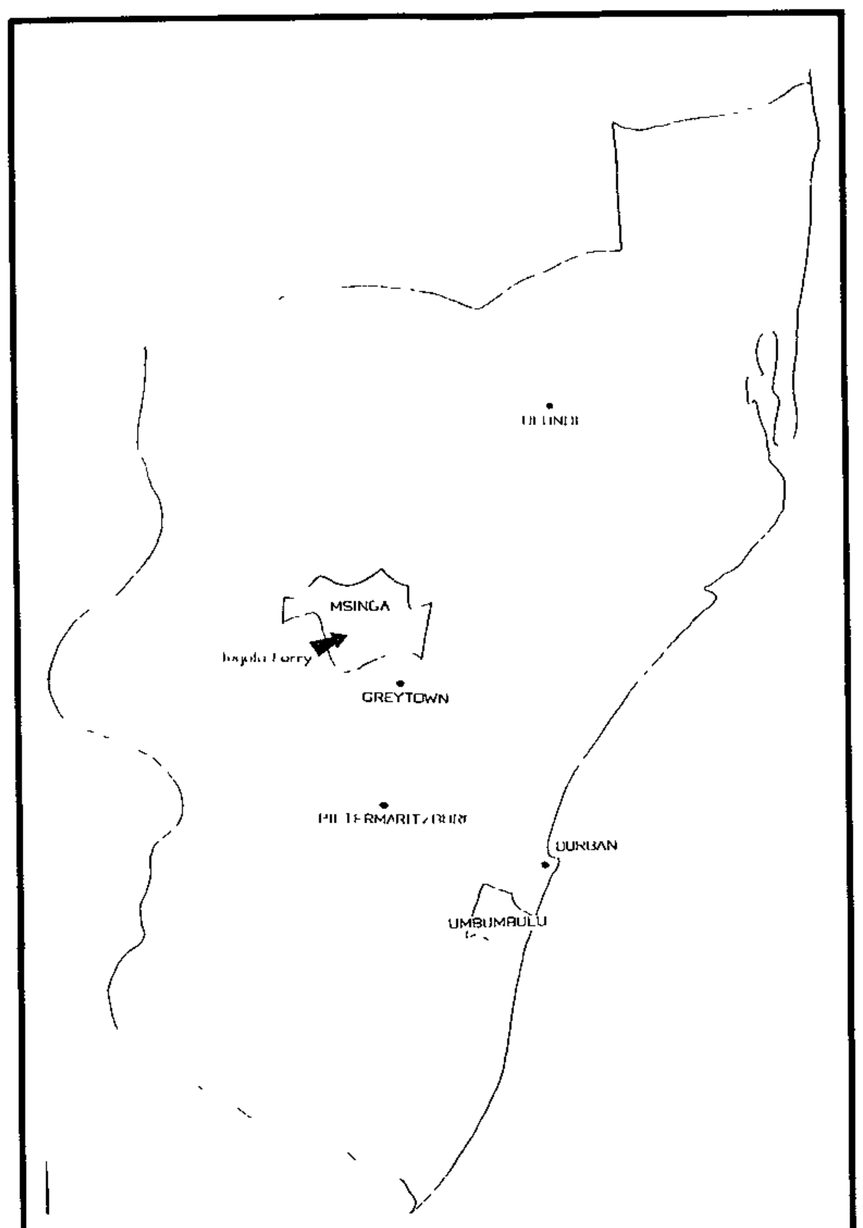
Soon afterwards a particularly bloody faction fight erupted, supporting the observation of an anthropologist that the fighting can be caused by "insults, real or imagined."

The Msinga fighting presents the police with enormous problems. The terrain is so rugged that some kraals cannot be reached even on horseback, and each is potentially a mini-arsenal.

At times a special squad has been stationed at Tugela Ferry to search for firearms, and its activities once prompted the indignant protest of a kraal head found with a cache of weapons: "If the Irish are allowed to fight, why are we not allowed to fight?" (Msinga has transistor radios as well as Kalashnikovs).

The stakes are high. In a celebrated case eight years ago, a white paratroop officer was sent to jail after fighting as a mercenary on the side of one of the Msinga factions.

Msinga is far and away the worst district for faction fighting, but it does occur on a regular, though more limited, scale elsewhere in Natal and KwaZulu.



VIOLENT AREAS: The Natal/Kwazulu area, including Masinga and Umbumbulu districts, where factions compete for land and where a killing in answered by a killing.

Does this rural violence have any relevance to the ideologically-coloured urban violence of the Natal townships?

It appears to have no direct input. Although the movement of rural blacks to the cities has become a torrent (which in Natal long predated the scrapping of influx control), there is no evi-dence they have brought their rural quarrels with them.

But there are some ominous parallels.

One is the self-perpetuating character of violence. The rural district of Umbumbulu (south of Durban) was, for instance, not particularly prone to factional violence until attempts to set up a rival chieftaincy a few years ago.

Suddenly it began to rival Msinga with hut-burnings and ambushes. The ubiquitous Kalashnikovs made their appearance.

One of the antagonists was banished to the remote Ingwavuma district, just south of the Mozambique border, but Umbumbulu is still fraught with tension, clashes still occur. It is difficult to imagine it calming very soon.

Which introduces the related question of the blood feud, which has shown itself such a potent factor in perpetuating rural violence.

Will the townships prove themselves any different? Will Inkatha, the UDF/Cosatu and other groupings be able to forgive and forget the spilled blood of their comrades? Will non-adherents of either forgive and forget the loss of kinfolk?

Or will the self-perpetuating cycle of retribution stay in motion, whatever the wishes of political leaders?

The first recorded faction fight at Msinga took place in 1888. If there is any parallel in the urban areas, the peace-makers really are up against something.

HOMEMADE GUN: A police officer holds a homemade gun found after a spree of killings in the Masinga area.

BURNT OUT: An Umbumbulu woman in the ruins of her home burnt down in the faction fighting.

A rootless popula-

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PEOPLE were being killed at the rate of about 100 a month in the black townships and peri-urban areas around Maritzburg and Durban last Christmas.

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The way they died was horrifying beyond belief. Decapitations, multiple stabbings, burned to death while trapped inside their homes. The only thing missing was the grisly "necklace" of townships in other parts of the country.

By February the rate had dropped to about 30 a month and, according to the latest police figures, the average for the entire period between September 1988 and March this year was just under 40 a month, suggesting a considerable tailing off recently

But the violence continues, the communities are torn apart, hundreds of murder cases are unsolved and the very concept of law and order and justice is in the balance.

How did it start? What is it about? There is no simple answer, nothing so trite as the "Inkatha versus UDF" label used by so many commentators, often under such headlines as. "The Killing Fields."

Each affected township has its own extremely complex pathology of violence. The issues and the swirling currents are not exactly the same in any two. Some of the issues can be traced back to pre-colonial times.

Much depends on perspective. The UDF/Cosatu says it is defending itself against Inkatha's armed thuggery and forced recruitment, Inkatha says it is defending Itself against the ANC's proclaimed tactic of making areas under its authority ungovernable, through the violent surrogacy of the UDF/Cosatu, the UDF/Cosatu accuses the police of partiality to Inkatha, citing instances, Inkatha accuses the police of partiality to the UDF/-Cosatu, also citing instances, the police flatly deny partiality and say they are operating under appallingly difficult circumstances, often over physically daunting terrain

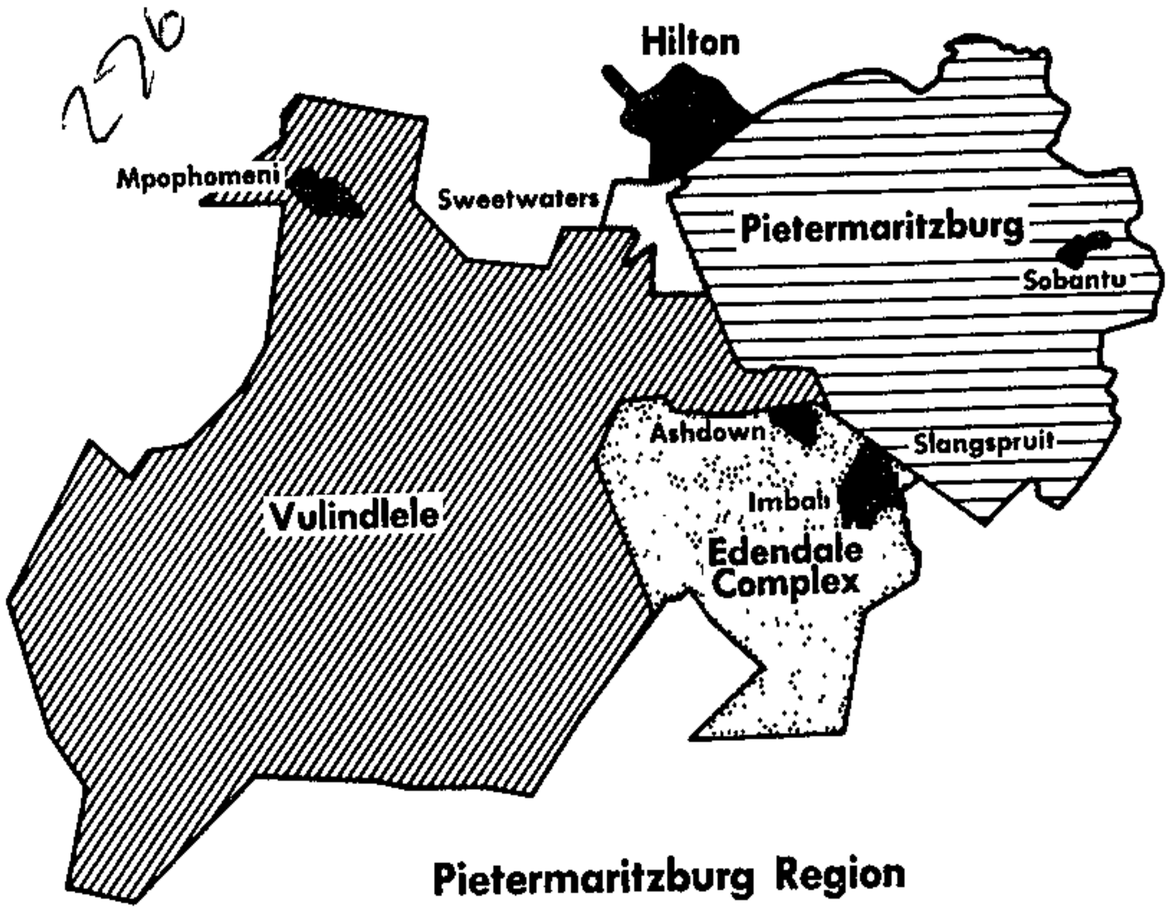
One has to pick one's way between the claims, most of which probably contain a measure of truth — but only a measure. Final truths are probably not to be found in such a tragic confusion.

However, certain facts do help get the picture into some kind of focus.

The townships around Maritzburg — Edendale in particular — have always had a high incidence of criminal violence. The police are unable to readily produce figures for the period before the state of emergency, but maintain that the level of violent crime was on a par with that of any black township in the country

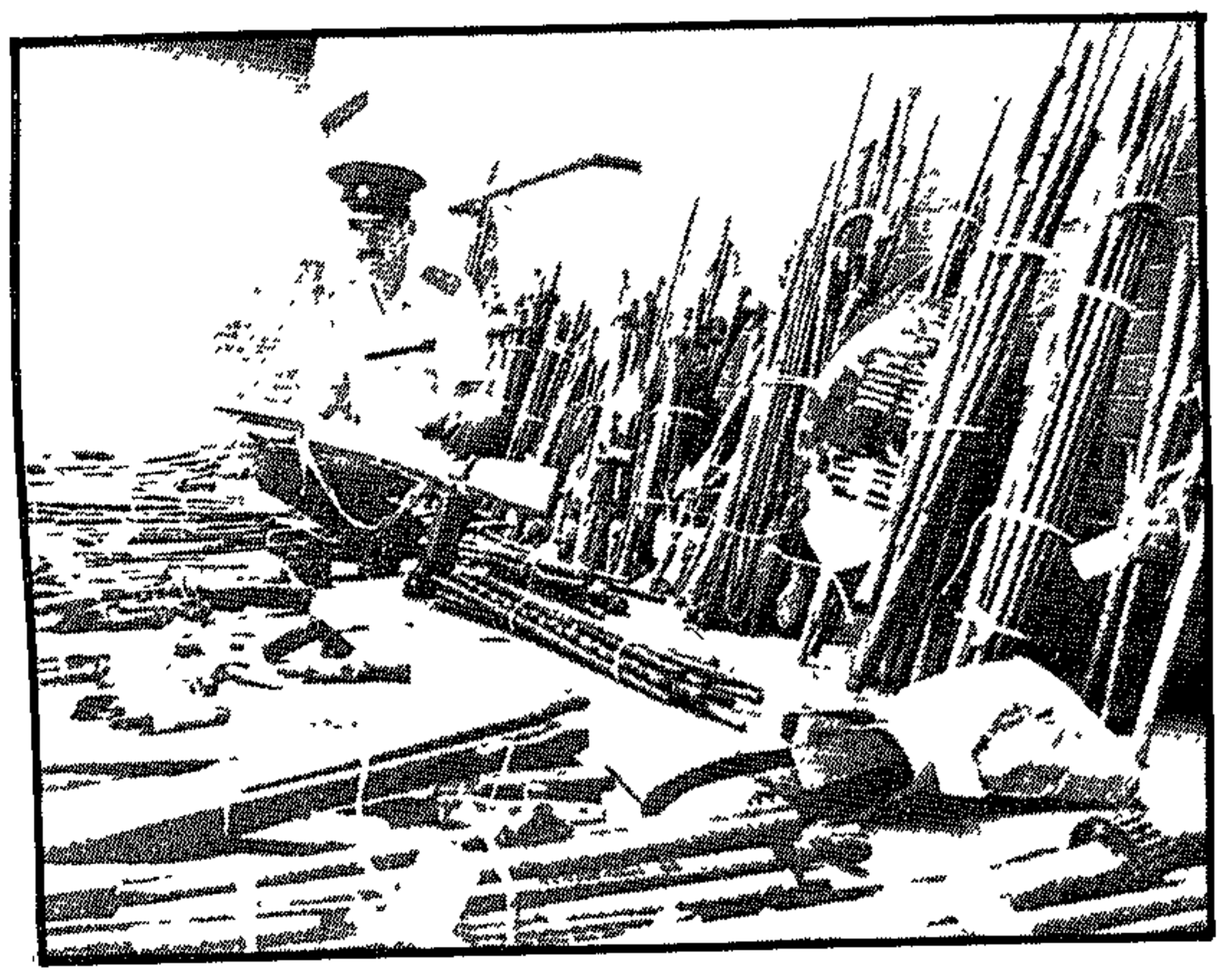
It is impossible to distinguish purely criminal from politically motivated murders, so statistics of unrest-related deaths are almost certainly inflated. And criminality has flourished in the disorder

The level of poverty and unemployment in and around Edendale is



Pietermaritzburg Region

TROUBLE SPOTS: The Pietermaritzburg, Edendale settlements and adjoining Kwazulu areas where much of the escalating violence has occured in recent years.



WEAPONS: A police officer with hundreds of weapons captured in Edendale. Most of the weapons are sticks and knobkieries, but some are uglier weapons designed for attack, not defence.

of the sprawling settlement are appalling. A huge, rootless youth population has no real prospects in life and is easily recruitable to violence, whether political or criminal.

Inkatha's position as the governing authority in KwaZulu, and the fact that its members are urban councillors in non-KwaZulu townships, means that in certain instances there is a built-in police bias in its favour. The police will automatically support the representatives of lawful a uthority.

Natal has experienced a huge population drift from the rural areas to the towns. It was almost complete by the time influx control was scrapped. Black townships now

The violence has caused a significant reverse flow of refugees from the urban to adjacent peri-urban and rural areas. Uninvited townsmen, often of radical persuasion, find themselves subject to traditional chiefs whose authority they question.

There certainly is enmity between the UDF/Cosatu and Inkatha. The UDF and Cosatu denounced Inkatha at their inception and show a preference for the objectives and programme of the exiled ANC.

There is also a significant sequence of events.

In 1976 Natal/KwaZulu was an island of calm and sanity when the

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broke off their hitherto cordial relationship.

In 1983 the UDF formed as a response to the new tricameral constitution. In 1985, violence of a radical flavour erupted in the Umlazi, KwaMashu and Inanda communities around Durban.

Inkatha was initially taken by surprise, then snuffed the violence out, using its "Amabutho" regiments.

The action then transfered itself to Maritzburg, where circumstances are sigificantly different.

Edendale's Christian Kholwa tribe has a history since the time of Shaka of evading the Zulu imperium.

When the Voortrekkers arrived in Natal, the Kholwas made an alliance with them. When the British annexed, the Kholwas made an alliance with them also and raised regiments to fight on the British side in the Zulu War and the Bambata Rebellion.

They live on freehold land — left to them in 1855 by one Rev Allison — which is not part of KwaZulu.

It would be foolish to exaggerate this historical thread, but it is certainly part of the context. Inkatha is identified with Zulu authority and Edendale has a tradition of resisting that authority.

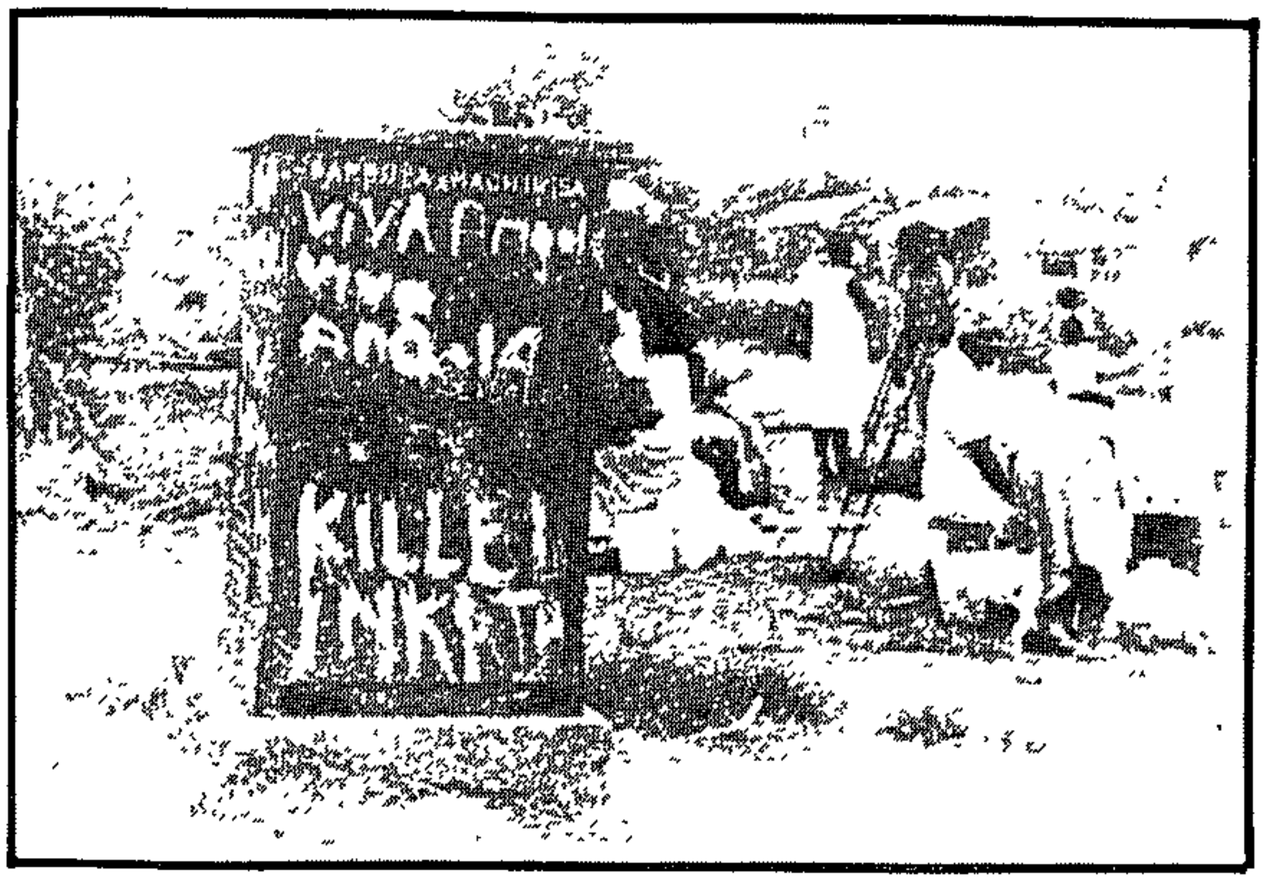
The suggestion, mischievous or otherwise, that KwaZulu intends taking over and removing freehold rights becomes a potent mobilising force against Inkatha.

The worst violence at Maritzburg occurs in a belt around the Edendale Valley where there is interaction with the KwaZulu districts of Vulindlela and Sweetwaters. But it is by no means confined to that belt.

The UDF/Cosatu accuses Inkatha chiefs of organising violent impis which rampage against non-Inkatha communities. They are supported by a Democratic Party observer who says he saw such an impi being led by police vehicles as it moved against the township of Mphophomeni, near Howick.

The police respond that it is impossible to arrest an armed impi of 300 men; that there is a difference between keeping track of an impi and leading it.

Inkatha quarters will concede unofficially that certain chiefs have stepped out of line. But they maintain that the chiefs' membership of Inkatha is incidental.



GRAFFITI: Crudely painted slogans in Edendale township, near Maritzburg, an area where there has always been a high incidence of criminal violence.

They are acting primarily as chiefs, ruling the way their fathers and grandfathers did. When strangers arrive uninvited in their area as refugees and refuse to accept their authority, they react harshly.

So much for Maritzburg.

In Mpumalanga, midway between Durban and Maritzburg, there are indications that much of the violence is due to a complicated feud between two Inkatha factions. At Molweni, in the Valley of a Thousand Hills, Comrades are killing Comrades.

TOMORROW: Why both sides mistrust the security forces.

1 819 dead in Natal's wave of violence

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DURBAN. — This city has overtaken Maritzburg in the number of people killed each month in political violence, according to the latest figures from monitoring agencies.

In April 47 people were killed in the Durban area and 40 in Maritzburg. It was the first time Durban had overtaken Maritzburg since monitoring began in 1987.

Including the preliminary figures for May, 1 819 people have lost their lives in political violence in Natal and Kwazulu since monitoring began.

The figures for Maritzburg are: 397 deaths in 1987, 691 in 1988, and so far in 1989, 235 deaths (including 30 for May).

In Durban in 1987, 100 people died (an approximate figure from monitoring agencies), 230 in 1988 and so far in 1989, 166 people have died (including 20 in May).

The figures come from the community agency for social inquiry at the University of Natal in Maritzburg, and the Democratic Party's unrest monitoring group in Durban.

They are based on interviews with people living in the affected areas and on police unrest reports issued each day.

Highest figure

Mr Roy Ainslie, regional director of the Democratic Party, said the 47 deaths in black areas around Durban for April was the "highest monthly figure we have recorded in 18 months. To the best of my knowledge it is the first time that the Durban monthly death rate has exceeded that of Maritzburg".

Mr Ainslie said that 31 of the April deaths were in Inanda. Of these, 29 people died in what the community called "the battle of Amaoti". Amaoti is a black area.

Community leaders told Mr Ainslie that some of the fiercest fighting in the past three years took place between supporters of the United Democratic Front and Inkatha and vigilantes over the weekend of April 22 and 23.

The heaviest fighting occurred on the Saturday between vigilantes and "Comrades" returning from the funeral of Mr Chris Ntuli.

Five people have died this month in fighting between "Comrades" and vigilantes at Inanda.

Eight people had been killed in Mariannridge in the past three weeks. In the past few days five people were killed in Umgaga, Umlazi.

Mr Ainslie said there had been clashes in Durban at the Berea Road bus terminus near the railway station at least twice in the past month between "Comrades" and the Amasenyora gang. Members of the gang were allegedly responsible for Mr Ntuli's death.

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US appoints new envoy to South Africa

JOHANNESBURG. — The United States government has appointed Mr William L Swing as Ambassador to South Africa.

The Washington Post reported today that the American government had asked for official South African approval of Mr Swing.

Mr Swing will replace Mr Edward Perkins, who has taken up a new post in Washington as director-general of the Foreign Service.

Mr Swing, a career diplomat, began his career in the Foreign Service as vice-consul in Port Elizabeth from 1963 until 1966.

He has served as Ambassador to Liberia and the Congo, as well as having served as deputy-chief of mission in the Central African Republic. — Sapa

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11 slaughtered

AT least 11 people were killed in townships around Durban at the weekend as black-on-black violence continued, with at least five knifings and six shootings involved.

Two people were knifed to death in KwaMashu, north of Durban. Mr Vusumuzi Dladla (30) and Mr Siphiwe Thabethe (22) were stabbed to death on Saturday. A man has been arrested in connection with the death of Thabethe.

A man is expected to appear in court in connection with the death of Mr Sandile Nsibande (27), who was stabbed to death at Lindelani township, near KwaMashu.

Mr Ernest Madikizela Mngadi (35), was knifed to death in Ntuzuma township, near KwaMashu, on Sunday night.

Seven people were killed in the greater Mpumalanga area at the weekend.

They were an unidentified man of about 19 who was knifed to death in Mpumalanga township. Mr Aaron Sifiso Mncwabe (18) and Mr Bonginkosi Phillip Hlongwa (26), were shot dead in the same area.

An unknown man was also found dead. Mr Jabulani Gwala (32) and an unknown man of about 45 were shot dead at Shongweni and at Georgedale an unknown woman of about 55 was shot dead.

Mpumalanga police said many houses were attacked by stone-throwers and others were shot at Mpumalanga township at the weekend. This resulted in the death of Mr Mdu Sibiya (17), who was shot dead at one of the houses.

'DROP YOUR PRIDE AND END KILLINGS'

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THE Black Management Forum — established to identify, promote, develop and provide effective management leadership among black people — has urged black leaders not to allow differences of venue to torpedo the proposed peace talks.

SOWETAN REPORTER

Peace talks between Inkatha, the United Democratic Front and the Congress of South African Trade Unions were supposed to take place on May 20, but floundered because of disagreement over the venue.

The BMF said yesterday that the blood of innocent souls that was flowing should make black leaders think and for sense to prevail.

"The senseless killing, brutality and dehumanisation of our society must stop forthwith. Individual pride of our leaders is subordinate to the interests of the black nation as a whole," said the BMF.

For too long the struggle for political liberation and economic emancipation had been held back because of private agendas, pride and unnecessary political infighting among and within black leadership.

Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, KwaZulu Chief Minister and leader of Inkatha was adamant that talks should take place in Ulundi, while the Cosatu camp suggested that they take place at a neutral place.

"The march to the highway of freedom, the march to Pretoria and Cape Town has been undermined by wanton senseless killing of innocent victims because of power-mongering.

"Innocent and humble sons and daughters of Mother Africa have been caught in the crossfire for political supremacy among blacks," the BMF said.

The BMF urged all the key players, without whom peace would not be possible, to swallow their pride as "differences on the venue is just a luxury that this nation cannot at all afford."

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The big question, however, is whether agreement between the leaders can be made to filter down to their followers. Blood has been spilled and the motive of revenge is strong. Rural violence has shown how potent the blood feud can be in the cycle of retribution.

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"We were going over Edendale in a helicopter," said the police officer.

"Suddenly I saw this smoke billowing from a house. Obviously it had just started.

"I said to the pilot: 'Down there!' We landed just seconds later. We broke down the door in case anyone was trapped inside but all we found was one body, stabbed all over. We dragged it out

"A whole lot of people were sitting drinking under the trees, right next door. But no, they hadn't seen a thing.

"That's the level of intimidation. That's the kind of thing we're up against. How do you get prosecutions when you can't find witnesses?"

The police say they are working under enormous difficulties.

The terrain at Edendale is rolling and hilly.

The violence is sporadic and unpredictable, occurring over a vast area. It usually happens at night

And successful police work depends on the co-operation of the community. Until very recently it was not forthcoming, due to a fear of intimidation.

But, they say, things are changing. Temporary stations in the area and night patrols have significantly reduced the incidence of violence.

An open telephone line was set up for people to give anonymous information. For weeks it buzzed with nothing but abuse. Then useful tip-offs started coming in and have become regular.

The police say they are now speaking to both sides. Both appear to be weary of the violence and advise the police where best to place their men, so that the sides can be kept apart.

All the same, it seems likely to be a very long haul.

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1 819 killed in Natal violence

DURBAN. — This city has overtaken Maritzburg in the number of people killed each month in continuing political violence, according to the latest figures released by monitoring agencies.

In April, 47 people were killed in the Durban area, while the Maritzburg figure was 40. It was the first month in which Durban fared worse than Martizburg since monitoring began in 1987.

Including preliminary figures for May, a total of 1 819 people have died in political violence in Natal and KwaZulu since monitoring began.

Following are the figures provided:

Maritzburg: In 1987 there were 397 deaths; in 1988, 691 deaths and so far in 1989, 235 deaths.

Durban: In 1987, 100 deaths (this is an approximate figure offered by monitoring agencies); in 1988, 230 and so far in 1989, 166 deaths.

The figures come from Natal University's Community Agency for Social Inquiry and the Democratic Party's unrest-monitoring group.

● According to the police unrest report yesterday, a black man was seriously wounded at Mpumalanga (Hammarsdale) when shots were fired at him from a passing car. Police arrested two black men. — Sapa

After the killings

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It is crass to speak of who won and who lost The losers are in the grave or mourn those in the grave. Black political advancement has been set back, possibly by a decade or more.

Inkatha has been shown not to have the monolithic iron control it was once believed to wield, but nor has it been dislodged. The structures of the KwaZulu Government and the urban councils are still in place even though the UDF/Cosatu has been shown to have considerable urban support.

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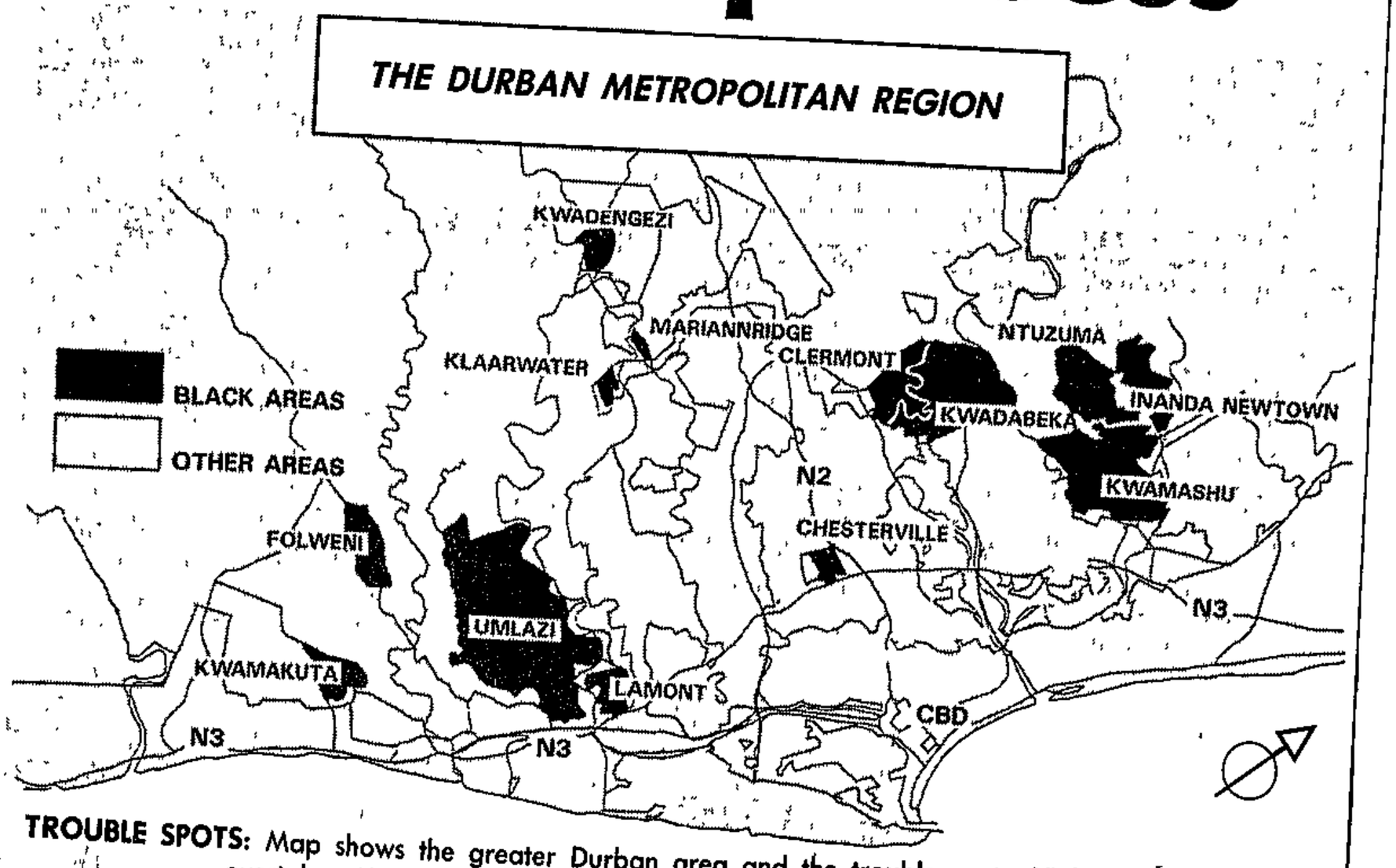

TROUBLE SPOTS: Map shows the greater Durban area and the trouble spots. Violence in Durban has overtaken Maritzburg in the number of violent deaths recorded monthly.

Thugs rampant in these killing fields

Natal's black urban communities always were poor, but they had a simple dignity. This they have lost, torn away in a brutalising and degrading frenzy. Some observers claim Inkatha impis are led by police vehicles. Police say this is nonsense, and that there is a vast difference between being led and being tracked.

The worst violence at Maritzburg occurs in a belt around the Edendale Valley where there is interaction with the kwaZulu districts of Vulindlela and Sweetwaters. But it is by no means confined to that belt.

The UDF/Cosatu accuses Inkatha chiefs of organising violent impis which rampage against non-Inkatha communities. They are supported by a Democratic Party observer who says he saw such an impi being led by police vehicles as it moved against the township of Mphophomeni near Howick.

The police respond that it is impossible to arrest an armed impi of 300 men; that there is a difference between keeping track of an impi and leading it.

Inkatha quarters will concede unofficially that certain chiefs have stepped out of line.

But they maintain that the chiefs' membership of Inkatha is incidental.They are acting primarily as chiefs, ruling the way their fathers and grandfathers did.

When strangers arrive uninvited in their area as refugees and refuse to accept their authority, they react harshly.

So much for Maritzburg.

In Mpumalanga near Pinetown there are indications that much of the violence is due to a complicated feud between two Inkatha factions. At Molweni, in the Valley of a Thousand Hills, Comrades are killing Comrades.

Inanda New Town, near Durban, is a great confusion with vigilante groups springing up, some apparently in support of Inkatha but nevertheless fighting one another; others apparently a genuinely independent reaction to anarchy.

Everywhere criminality is rampant, gangsters masquerading under the names Theleweni (Inkatha) and Amaqabane (UDF).

The violence certainly was precipitated by rivalry and conflict between Inkatha and the UDF, but it has gathered it own momentum and got out of hand. It is much more complex than suggested by laboured neo-Marxist class analysis or simplistic suggestions of generation differences.

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It is difficult to see what they have gained in return.

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Maritzburg is apprehensive

By G'BU MNGADI

THE embattled Maritzburg region this week awaited the new year apprehensively instead of planning to make merry.

Already, this year's festive season has shown to be not so kind for the region as political violence continued, with no signs of abating.

The Christmas weekend was the bloodiest the Natal capital has ever seen. A total of 37 people were killed in separate but related incidents around the city.

Fifteen of those killed were victims of faction fights in the Ngotshe area near Greytown between the Ngotshe and Thulini clans, and another at Siphahleni near Bulwer.

The latest killings brought to 163 the total number of people killed in townships and villages around Maritzburg as a result of the bloody conflict between supporters of Inkatha and those of the UDF-Cosatu alliance.

Hopes for a peaceful Christmas were dashed a fortnight ago when the crucial peace talks between Inkatha and the rival UDF-Cosatu alliance broke down after the Inkatha delegation produced a copy of a banned Marxist-Leninist document which they demanded the other faction publicly repudiate.

Nevertheless, leaders of all organisations appealed for a peaceful Christmas.

Meanwhile, Archbishop Desmond Tutu said yesterday that if the ANC was involved in the Maritzburg violence his weekend peace call applied to that organisation as much as to anybody else involved in the fighting.

He was responding to a statement by the Chief Minister of KwaZulu, Mangosuthu Buthelezi, who said on Tuesday that Tutu's call on leaders of Inkatha and the UDF was "posturing for peace".

He said Tutu had frequently stated his support for the ANC.

Tutu released a statement in Cape Town this week which said the shocking carnage in Maritzburg had to stop. "The absolute minimum conditions necessary as we enter 1988 was an immediate seizefire," it said.

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Bloody New Year in Maritzburg

JOHANNESBURG. — The New Year got off to a bloody start in Maritzburg, where year-old conflict between rival black political groups claimed 11 lives and left three men seriously wounded during the first 48 hours of 1988.

Police said in a routine report yesterday that 10 men were stabbed and beaten to death on Saturday in clashes.

"At Mpumuza, five black men were killed and a further two seriously injured in fighting between two groups of blacks.

"At Taylor's Halt, police found the body of a 13-year-old black youth with stab wounds," the police report said.

Four men, two aged 48, one aged 60 and one aged 20, were killed in two other incidents around Maritzburg

On Friday, one man was stabbed to death and another was seriously injured in fighting between supporters of the United Democratic Front and Inkatha.

At least 275 men, women and children as young as seven were killed during 1987 in fighting on what some analysts see as the border between regions of UDF and Inkatha control.

Inkatha, led by Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, controls the area north of Maritzburg. The UDF is dominant in areas south of Maritzburg.

Peace initiatives by the Most Reverend Desmond Tutu, Archbishop of Cape Town, church groups, businessmen and the Progressive Federal Party have failed to end the bloodshed. — UPI

Whites attack black bathers in Durban

DURBAN. — A group of whites punched and kicked black holidaymakers who tried to walk across a whites-only beach on New Year's Day, according to eyewitnesses.

The witnesses said there were at least four racial incidents on South Beach, one of two Durban beaches where swimming is still reserved for whites, although blacks are allowed to use the beach itself.

Durban police spokesman Lieutenant Bala Naidoo said police had no reports of trouble over the New Year. Police patrols were stepped up at beaches over the holiday.

The eyewitnesses said a group of about 15 to 20 white men set upon a black couple and their children who crossed the beach.

They ducked a black man in the water, chased away two black women and kicked a group of children aged between about seven and 11.

A white man was punched when he tried to intervene. Lifeguards failed to intervene and there were no police in sight at the time, the witnesses said.

Most Durban beaches were recently opened to all races in a relaxation of apartheid race segregation laws.

The New Year has been relatively quiet compared with last year.

In Cape Town, beach-going crowds were described as being "more co-operative than ever before".

Mr Eddy Cassar, public relations officer for the Western Province Surf Lifesaving Association, said there had been only four stabbings, none of them fatal, at Strandfontein beach on Friday — when there had been an estimated 35 000 people on the beach.

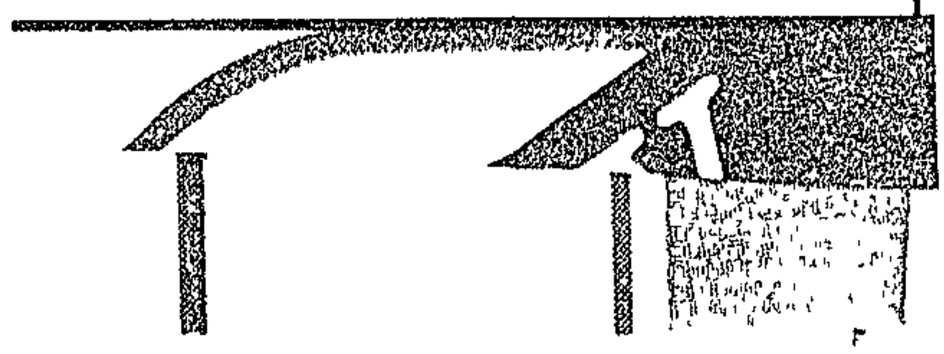
He ascribed the low level of violence to the fact that people seemed to have left their alcohol at home. — Sapa-Reuter

Five more killed in Maritzburg violence

MARITZBURG. — Police yesterday reported five people, including a seven-year-old girl, killed in political violence that has already claimed 16 black lives around Maritzburg this year.

The attacks coincided with racial incidents on the beachfront of the nearby Durban resort and clashes between police and blacks who vandalized trains after a tense day at the seashore.

Those murdered included a father and his seven-year-old daughter. Police said a group attacked the man's dwelling at Shange and stabbed the two to death. Police arrested two men in connection with the killings. — Sapa and UPI



POLICE MORE IN TROUBLED AREA

The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — More police are being flown to the troubled townships around Maritzburg as the death toll continues to rise, according to General Bert Wandrag, head of the South African Police Riot Unit.

About 50 people have died in violence in the townships since Christmas.

Since the New Year, 23 people have been killed. Five died overnight, according to the latest police unrest report. Nearly 270 people were murdered in the area in 1987.

General Wandrag, who addressed policemen on duty in Maritzburg, said police were working on a plan "to stop the violence".

The manpower position was also being reviewed.

Police had hoped the peace talks between United Democratic Front and Inkatha would succeed, ending the fighting. However, with the talks grounded, they had to act quickly.

Five more people have been killed in violence in the Maritzburg area, according to the unrest report.

Stabbed to death

Three men were killed and a fourth was slightly injured when they were stabbed at Mbubu. A man has been arrested.

The body of man was found at Elandskop and the body of a 17-year-old youth was found at Deda, in the same area. Both bodies had stab wounds.

An earlier unrest report said there were 13 incidents of violence in the townships in which 11 people died on Friday and Saturday. Two others were killed in police action on New Year's Day.

In the wake of the violence the peace initiative convener, the Chamber of Commerce, again pledged to do all it could to get negotiations going.

Mr Rob Pater and Mr Paul van Uytrecht said in a statement: "The chamber is most concerned about overall developments and will, as a matter of urgency, continue to talk to both groups and to exert whatever pressure it can to ensure that the negotiations are resumed."

The police reported that on Saturday at Mpumuza five men were killed and two were seriously injured in faction fighting.

The body of a 13-year-old boy was found at Taylor's Halt and that of a 20-year-old man was found at Slangspruit. Both had been stabbed.

At Deda three men, one 65 and two aged 48, were stabbed to death by a group of people.

Homes firebombed

On New Year's Day homes in Elandskop, Mpanda, Willow Fountain, Smero and Ashdown were stoned and firebombed. Arsonists also set fire to a shop in Dambuza.

At Mpata a man was stabbed to death. Another was seriously injured in a stabbing at Mpumalanga.

Police reported shooting dead two people on New Year's Day.

On December 31 police arrested 115 people at Taylor's Halt after they stoned a vehicle. At Sinating a house was damaged by arsonists.

● At Botshabelo near Bloemfontein buses were stoned. Police used quirts, tearsmoke or shotgun fire to disperse mobs.

A woman and two youths were wounded and two men and four youths were arrested. Police said commuters were angered by increased bus fares.

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Extra police to break violence

JOHANNESBURG. — Police yesterday drafted reinforcements into Maritzburg's violence-racked black ghettos and commanders said they were poised to break the year-long feud between political rivals.

"The situation in Maritzburg is of grave concern to all of us," police chief General Roelf van Vuuren said after five more killings on Monday took the 12-month toll to at least 280.

Gen Van Vuuren told reporters yesterday that police patrols were strengthened on Sunday and Monday in ghettos around Maritzburg.

"More are on the way," he said.

He said police planned unspecified "additional measures" to break the violence blamed on political feuding between the United Democratic Front and Inkatha.

UDF spokesman Mr Archie Gumede, echoing earlier accusations that police favoured the Zulu movement, said strengthened patrols were "reinforcements for Inkatha".

Police have dismissed accusations of favouritism.

Continuing clashes have claimed at least 21 lives in the city's black ghettos since January 1.

Victims included old men and women and young children, some burned to death in their homes.

Peacemaking efforts by church, political and business leaders have so far failed.

EMERGENCY UPDATE

Six more die in Maritzburg violence

The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — The 1988 death toll in Maritzburg townships rose to 29 today with six more deaths reported overnight

According to the police daily unrest report, three men were found with their throats slit and a youth was killed when run over by a car while the driver tried to get away from a mob.

Police said that at Willow Fountains they found the bodies of three men with their throats cut.

GATHERING

At Edendale a large group gathered. A shot was fired at a policeman, who returned the fire. No injuries were reported. Police arrested eight men and a youth.

Also in the area men gathered in a road and stopped traffic. One vehicle reversed as the driver attempted to get away and in the process a youth was knocked down and killed. Police arrested all 27 men involved in stopping cars, including seven youths.

At Smero police found the body of a man with stab wounds. An attempt had also been made to burn the body. And at Henley Dam two homes were damaged by arsonists. A man was arrested.

At Taylor's Halt police found the body of a man aged about 60.

EMERGENCY UPDATE

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Six die in overnight unrest

PRETORIA. — Another four people were killed in continuing violence in Maritzburg and surrounding areas, including a 14-year-old boy, police said today, taking the death toll to 31 in seven days.

At Walmer, near Port Elizabeth, a group attacked and murdered two men by stabbing them, police said. Five men were arrested.

In their overnight unrest report police said a group attacked and entered a home at Taylor's Halt, near Maritzburg and shot the boy.

The bodies of two men were also found in the area where, according to unofficial reports, more than 250 people died last year.

One man, aged about 35, was found at Imbali. He had been stabbed to death, police said.

The other was found at Willow Fountain with stab wounds and a slit throat.

At Edendale, near Maritzburg, police said an unknown gunman fired at a police vehicle where people had gathered. Police opened fire, killing a 21-year-old man.

● The United Democratic Front has called on its people in the Maritzburg area to work towards peace and to unite against apartheid.

A permanent solution could be found only when agreement had been reached on the four basic premises of democracy: freedom of association, movement, expression and organisation. — Sapa.

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Boy, 14, slain in Maritzburg

PRETORIA. — A 14-year-old boy was one of four people who were killed in continuing violence at Maritzburg and surrounding areas, taking the death toll to 31 this year.

Police said yesterday a group attacked and entered a private house at Taylor's Halt near Maritzburg and shot the boy.

The bodies of two men who had been murdered were also found in the strife-torn area. One, a 35-year-old black man, was found at Imbali. He had apparently been stabbed to death. The other was found at Willow Fountain with multiple stab wounds and a slit throat.

In another incident in the area, arsonists caused serious damage to property when they set fire to three private dwellings. — Sapa

MARITZBURG VIOLENCE

No end in sight

Inkatha delegates have withdrawn from Maritzburg's peace talks, against a backdrop of sharply increased violence in the black townships. Police reports indicate that more than 50 people have died in the townships since Christmas, including no fewer than 10 slain over New Year alone. Unofficially, it's estimated that 268 people died during 1987.

The withdrawal by Inkatha from the talks coincided with a scathing response from Inkatha president and chief minister of KwaZulu, Mangosuthu Buthelezi, to a peace appeal issued by Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

In response to the appeal on December 27, Buthelezi said Tutu had become embroiled in the intrigue which lay behind township violence and questioned his support for the ANC. Tutu, he said, should direct similar appeals to the ANC. Despite a subsequent statement from Tutu that the appeal applied to the ANC as well, Inkatha delegates have withdrawn from the talks, saying they're a waste of time.

The Maritzburg Chamber of Commerce, which was responsible for putting the warring parties together, will now meet individually with all the delegates to try to restart the talks.

The SAP also proposes a new campaign to stop the violence in the area, and is reported to be moving reinforcements into the townships. ■

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Inkatha, UDF make joint call for end to violence

The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — The United Democratic Front and Inkatha today issued a joint and unconditional call on their members to end the violence in the Maritzburg area and elsewhere in Natal.

This dramatic breakthrough follows prolonged efforts by churchmen to help make peace.

A statement containing the "ceasefire" call was released to the Press in Durban today by the Rev Stanley Mogoba, secretary of the Methodist Conference, and the Most Rev Denis Hurley, Catholic Archbishop of Durban, representing a number of church leaders.

UNCONDITIONAL

In the statement, the two organisations said: "Leaders of a number of South African churches have called on all political organisations whose followers may be committing acts of violence in Natal, and especially in the Maritzburg area, to issue an unconditional call on their members to end the violence forthwith.

"We agree with the church leaders that an immediate end to the tragic carnage that is taking place daily is of the utmost importance.

"In consequence, we call on all our members and any others who follow our leadership to stop committing acts of violence immediately, while the church leaders prepare the climate for the holding of talks with the leaders and members of the political organisations concerned."

Mr Mogoba said the leaders of both the UDF and Inkatha had confirmed that their organisations backed the statement.

● Meanwhile, another two Natal deaths were recorded in the South African Police overnight unrest report. At Kwadengezi, near Pinetown, a 16-year-old youth was found in a river and police are investigating a charge of murder, while at Edendale, near Maritzburg, police found the body of a 25-year-old man with stab wounds.

Stop killing, say UDF and Inkatha

DURBAN. — Two warring factions yesterday appealed to their members to end bloodletting around the city of Maritzburg.

"An immediate end to the tragic carnage that is taking place is of the utmost importance," said both Inkatha and the United Democratic Front.

The appeal was made by local church leaders, who drafted it and met separately with the two to get each to sign it.

The Rev Stanley Mogoba, releasing the statement in Durban, said the groups had not met face-to-face but it was the first time they had put their names to the same document.

Fighting between supporters of Inkatha and the UDF has claimed some 300 lives since the beginning of 1987.

"We call on all our members . . . to stop committing acts of violence immediately while church leaders prepare the climate for the holding of talks with the leaders and members of the political organizations concerned," the statement said.

Efforts to negotiate a truce have been dogged by the distrust between the two groups. Both oppose apartheid but differ on tactics.

There was a slight drop in the violence on Thursday.

Police said a black man was killed in Edendale, one of the townships worst hit by the violence. It was the lowest daily death toll this year.

The discovery of the man, who police said in their overnight unrest report had been stabbed to death, takes the death toll in faction-related violence in the area to 32 this year.

Police moved reinforcements into the strife-torn townships this week in an attempt to curb the violence. — Sapa-Reuter

City Press 10/11/88

By REVELATION NTOULA

A PASSIONATE plea to stop the escalating violence in the Maritzburg area, which has so far caused more than 200 deaths, came from the UDF in its New Year message to South Africans

The UDF, which has been feuding with kwaZulu-based Inkatha in the protracted fighting, said it had always been prepared to negotiate a lasting settlement to the conflict

"We believe that for us to reach a permanent solution to the problem, we must at least agree to the four basic practices of democracy: Freedom of association, freedom of expression and freedom after expression, freedom of movement and freedom of organisation."

The organisation also called on the media to give a true and balanced account of the situation "to help end the violence".

Turning to the fate of people facing unrest-related sentences the message paid special attention to the "Sharpeville Six" who are awaiting execution following the death of deputy mayor Jacob Dlamini in 1984

The message expressed solidarity with those involved in the rent boycotts around the country.

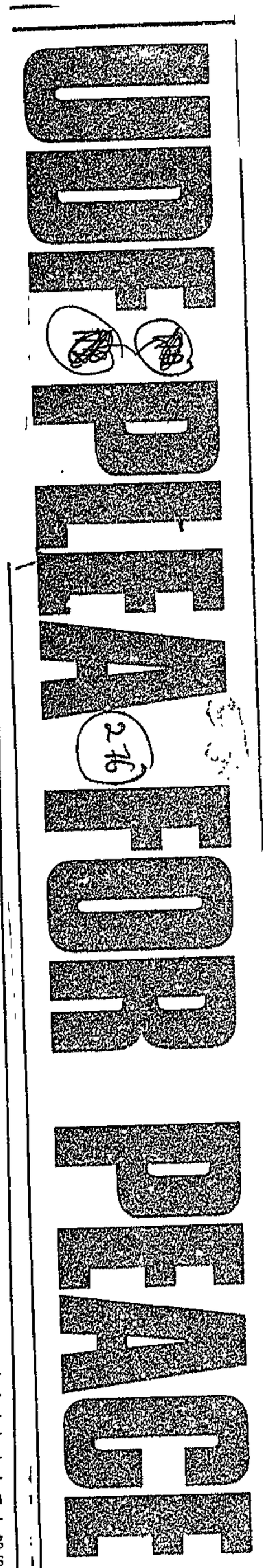
The UDF expressed sympathy with those who have over the years faced evictions from their homes and forced removals.

"To the youth who have struggled so valiantly and suffered so much, our struggle is forever indebted," said the message

"We all rejoice with you on the formation of the South African Youth Congress."

Referring to the last whites-only elections, the UDF said: "The masses of our country have always and everywhere set the pace of the struggle When the government called elections, the majority of the people of this country showed their contempt for this sham democracy by staying away from work – the biggest stayaway in the history of the country."

Spelling out its conditions for a negotiated future, the UDF said these would include the unbanning of the ANC, the unconditional release of Nelson Mandela and all other political prisoners, the ending of the emergency, allowing all exiles to return home, dismantling apartheid and withdrawing troops from the townships and neighbouring countries.



1 dead, 1 hurt in Natal shootings

MARITZBURG. — A 23-year-old man was found shot dead in Sobantu township near here at the weekend, and a group of six shot another man, seriously wounding him, at KwaMakutha near Durban, according to the daily unrest report.

Police also said three private homes had been petrol-bombed. — Own Correspondent and Sapa

UDF: Inkatha wrong on Maritzburg strife

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Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG. — The UDF yesterday dismissed Inkatha Institutes's survey into the recent Maritzburg violence.

The survey claimed the conflict in the strife-torn region has been caused by economic depression and unemployment rather than political conflict. The UDF dismissed this as a "misreading of data".

The director of the institute, Mr Gavin Woods, said in a Durban newspaper yesterday that it seemed the appalling poverty and unemployment in the area had created an alienated and disorientated generation who had little ideological motivation but found an outlet to their frustrations in anti-social mayhem.

"The researchers found that the majority of killings in the Maritzburg townships are not politically motivated at all. But they can cause political repercussions if the victim happens to have political affiliation," said Mr Woods.

This finding was dismissed by the UDF's president, Mr Archie Gumede, who said: "When schoolchildren are attacked because they are singing freedom songs, you cannot say that attack is apolitical. This violence has taken a clear political pattern."

Women and children trapped in Maritzburg's township terror

From JOCELYN MAKER in Maritzburg

AS the blood of their husbands and sons spills to the ground in the savage battle for control of the Maritzburg townships, so do the tears of the wives and mothers.

Trapped between the two as in the carnage are the others, the children and the

Most do not even know why the battle is being fought. All they know is that each day they must protect themselves and their children and survive. The next day could be their last.

Whether they are mothers whose sons are members of either the vigilantes (Inkatha) or the comrades (United Democratic Front) they all cry for peace.

All they want is an end to living like cornered animals, but there will be no end, they say, as the hatred between the two warring factions grows and anyone who stands in their way dies.

They say they would be able to bring some peace to the area if they were given the chance to negotiate, but their custom does not allow women to have a say.

In town they meet and together they mourn the deaths of their men and sons. Once many of them were friends but now they have been divided.

"People young and old have been brutally murdered. All the time they are dying around us; we never know when we are going to be next," said a young mother of seven children who had to flee from her house in Slangspruit.

Her husband deserted the family months ago and she has had to fend for herself.

"A few weeks ago we were at my sister's house. All the children were with me. It was about 9pm when someone came running to tell me that my house had been petrol bombed."

She said she did not know who was responsible. The attackers had also thrown one in her brother's car. Both were burnt out.

"We had no place to sleep. We could not stay at my sister's house as she was afraid that they would do the same thing to her."

With her children she slept in the undergrowth on one of the hills that surround her township. All they owned was the clothing they wore.

"We stayed there for days. We were not the only ones. There were many other women and children who had to run away as well."

During the day the mothers from the hill went back into the township to look for food and shelter.

2 die, 3 wounded in widespread unrest

PRETORIA — An 18-year-old man was stabbed to death, another man fatally wounded and two men and a youth also wounded in unrest-related incidents throughout the country, according to the daily police report.

In an incident at Sweet Waters near Maritzburg, a group of blacks stabbed an 18-year-old man to death.

A group of blacks intimidated and threatened a security force member at at Boipatong, Vanderbijl Park. He warned them to disperse but when they refused he fired three rounds from his pistol, fatally wounding one of them.

Two men and a youth were wounded when a large group forced a man to strip naked and accompany them through the streets of Dambuza, Maritzburg, because he did not want to join their organization. As the man was being forcibly pushed along, an unidentified gunman fired on the group, wounding three people. Police arrested a man and a youth.

The report also said an explosion occurred early yesterday morning at a high school in Carletonville after commercial explosives had apparently been placed under a concrete step. The step and three window panes were damaged. Nobody was injured. Police are investigating. — Sapa and Own Correspondent

1 death, injuries, arson, in Maritzburg unrest

PIETERMARITZBURG — An 18-year-old man was stabbed to death at Sweetwaters, and two men and a youth shot and wounded at Dambuza, according to the South African Police unrest report.

At Dambuza a large group forced a black man to strip naked and accompany them through the streets because he did not want to join their organisation.

As the man was being pushed along, an unknown gunman fired on the group, injuring two men and a youth.

Police arrived on the scene and arrested a man and a youth.

At Esigodeni, also near the capital, arsonists are reported to have caused serious damage to a house.

At Forty Second Hill (Harrismith) a private house was extensively damaged in a petrol bomb attack.

Meanwhile, a meeting has been held in the capital, between the Pietermaritzburg chamber of commerce and Inkatha, to discuss the township unrest. A similar meeting was held with the United Democratic Front and Cosatu last Friday.

A statement is expected to be released soon.

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240 died in Natal violence — police

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Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG. — More than 240 people have died in 1 002 unrest-related incidents in troubled townships here since September last year.

This is according to figures released by the South African Police at a press conference here yesterday before a tour of the capital's townships.

Reporters were taken on a three-hour tour of certain trouble spots in the strife-torn townships in and around the Edendale Valley where, according to divisional commissioner of police Brigadier J Kotze, 246 people have lost their lives in the past five months.

Brig Kotze said 605 people had been arrested by police in connection with 210 serious incidents of unrest, such as murder and arson, over a four-month period.

He said 50 people had been arrested for allegedly taking part in so-called peoples' courts.

It was confirmed at the conference that more police had been deployed in the townships. Their presence was aimed at restoring law and order and "human dignity", Maritzburg's new security police chief, Brig Jac Buchner, said.

On the role of children in the unrest, Brig Buchner said there had been a local and international outcry over the detention of children under the age of 16 and since then "more and more are being used in the confrontation situation" to put the police in a bad light.

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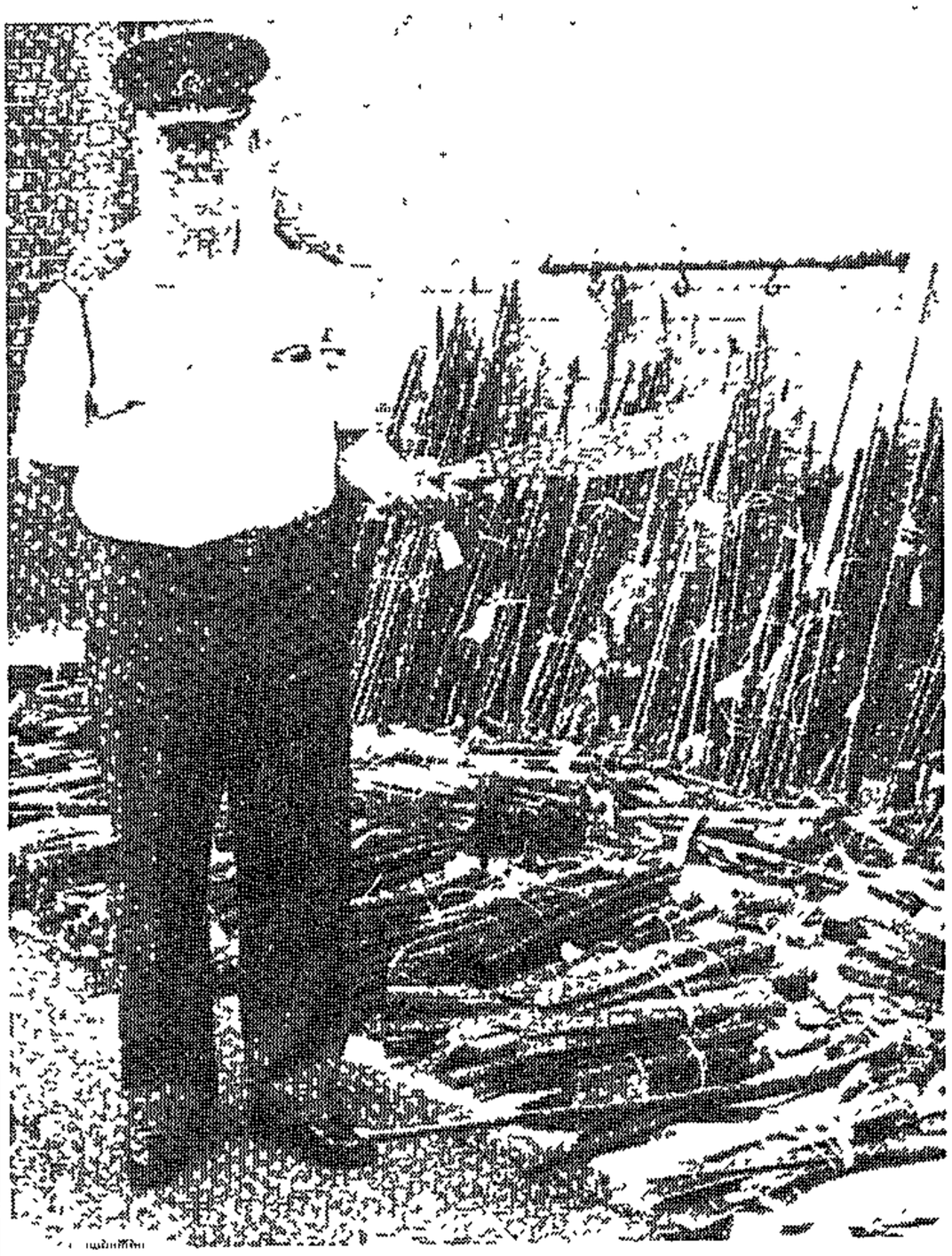
Police pledge to clean up Maritzburg 'war' zone



The district commissioner, Brigadier Gert Kotze, with an array of confiscated weapons.

From MERVYN ORCHARD

MARITZBURG. — Brigadier Jack Buchner has spent only a month in Maritzburg but he admits: "In all my experience in the police I have never known anything like the violence here."

He is the head of the security police in the Natal capital and he and the district commissioner (Natal inland), Brigadier Gert Kotze, have pledged to clean up Edendale and the other stricken townships that sprawl to the east of "white" Maritzburg

How? they were asked as they took the Press through Edendale.

"First of all by giving the people back their dignity by removing the fear which now dominates," Brigadier Buchner said.

"By stopping the killings, the brutality of necklacing, burning, shooting, stabbings and by a return to law and order.

"The co-operation we need from the people is information. We want the names of murderers and arsonists We are not looking for informers or sell-outs. People can call us anonymously. We have a special telephone for these callers and a special postal box number."

Right now, say the brigadiers, they are not interested in political organisations such as Inkatha or the UDF. "All we want is to stop the killings."

There haven been 246 deaths since monitoring began in September. Forty-two people have died since New Year's Day.

Last weekend, when just two people were murdered, was the quietest since September.

Mobs are the major factor in these killings. The police believe that people are recruited by controlling agents and told: "You will take part in a killing."

This, they say, explains why victims have been stabbed 50 to 100 times, with the stabbing continuing after the victim had died.

"Failing to comply with the order to stab would render the person liable to be butchered as well," the police officers agreed.

The Press party was taken to a gutted and smashed home where two women and two youths died on December 12.

The women and one youth who were found in the house were stabbed over and over again and then burnt.

Home-made rifles, shotguns, pistols, kerries, pangas, stabbing knifes, traditional Zulu shields and assegais, sticks heavily weighted with nuts and bolts, even a girl's hockey stick, are all part of that display of seized arms.

"They all worked — they all killed or maimed," said Brigadier Buchner.

Children, he and Brigadier Kotze agreed, are involved in the violence. "They have been misused by their elders for political gain."

Brigadier Buchner said this had helped put the police in a bad light. "We have had to put many children under 16 in detention, something I personally do not like."

"I will try to reinforce the authority of the parents as well as the traditional authority, unless, of course, the children are responsible for killings. Then they must go before the courts.

"Maritzburg must come right," Brigadier Buchner said. "If it doesn't the people who have orchestrated the killings here will ensure that the killings spread throughout the land — and the ANC is monitoring the situation here.

"I believe in due course the ANC will claim they caused the violence for political purposes." — Sapa.

Woman stabbed to death after mob burns homes

PRETORIA.— A woman was stabbed to death and another woman and a man seriously injured after a mob set fire to two homes at Taylor's Halt in one of a number of incidents near Maritzburg.

The overnight police unrest report said the injured were taken to hospital. Four men and three youths were arrested.

At Mpumuza two men were slightly injured when a house was stoned.

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At Serfontein a house was damaged in a petrol-bomb attack.

At Mpumalanga a man and two youths were arrested after petrol-bombs were thrown at a house. Damage was negligible. — Sapa.

Four funerals a day

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THE prospects for peace in the strife-torn Maritzburg townships now appear to be fading fast following apparent moves by Inkatha to raise the situation into a national dispute instead of allowing local leaders to break the spiral of violence.

The violent struggle for political control of the black townships involves Inkatha and its vigilantes on one hand, and the United Democratic Front (UDF) and the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) on the other.

The mass killings and counter-killings between members and supporters of the two organisations have claimed more than 300 lives since the beginning of the conflict.

35 people killed

About 35 people have been killed between January 1 and January 9 this year.

Although the two groups have committed themselves to ending the violence by holding "peace talks" and issuing joint statements, it now appears Inkatha wants to hold talks at national, rather than local level.

Inkatha president Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi said this week there were no peace prospects as long as the UDF and Inkatha were "on the warpath".

This remark followed the disclosure by local church leaders that a joint peace statement had been signed by the UDF and Inkatha.

Buthelezi said: "At no stage did I have any qualms about endorsing it. But people are dying in the meantime, and I will leave no stone unturned in my efforts to end the violence.

"However, the mainspring of violence must be stilled: People and organisations simply squealing for peace have no effect.

On the warpath

"I see no prospect for peace as long as Inkatha and the UDF remain on the warpath. There is nothing any of us can do about it at present."

The Zulu leader's latest statement followed earlier statements that prospects for peace were slim as long as the UDF was in collusion with the ANC "to make the townships ungovernable" and as long as he was denigrated by the ANC.

Local UDF leaders interpret Buthelezi's latest statement as an effort to hold top-level talks with the national executive of the UDF in an effort to boost Inkatha's credibility.

Ever since the foundation of the UDF in August 1983, the Front avoided top-level talks with Buthelezi and Inkatha because it said "we have nothing in common with organisations such as Inkatha".

It is now felt that Buthelezi and Inkatha want to use the Maritzburg situation to demonstrate that the UDF's national leaders are actually talking to Buthelezi and company".

The chairman of the Midlands Region of the UDF, Mr A.S. Chetty, said the UDF's main concern at the moment was to end the unnecessary killings.

"While we appreciate the efforts of church organisations and their leaders to bring about peace, we believe the violence should not be made a national issue as it would only complicate matters."

— Press Trust of S.A. News Agency

Woman killed, 2 hurt in Maritzburg violence

Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG. — A 43-year-old woman was stabbed to death and two people were seriously injured in an incident in which a group set fire to two private homes at Taylor's Halt near Maritzburg, according to the latest police unrest report.

The report said the injured — a man and a woman — were admitted to hospital.

Police arrested four men and three youths in connection with the incident.

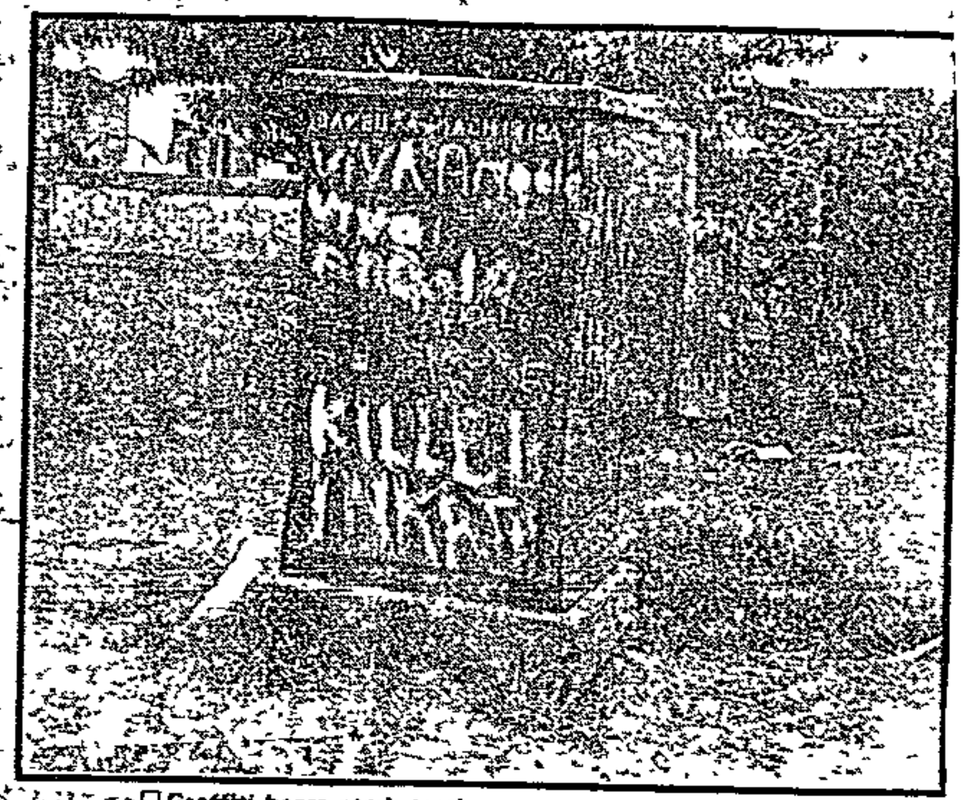
Also in the Maritzburg area, police arrested a man and two youths at Mpumulanga after a number of petrol bombs were hurled at a private dwelling. Damage was "negligible".

In another incident in the area a house was seriously damaged in a petrol-bomb attack. A house was also damaged in a petrol-bomb attack at Serfontein, near Maritzburg

At Mpumuza two men are said to have been slightly injured when a private dwelling was stoned.

Edendale: a town at war with itself

POLICE statistics show that 248 people have died in recent months in townships near Maritzburg in continuing savagery between Inkatha and UDF supporters. SIPHO NGCOBO profiles life in Edendale, the township at the centre of the carnage.



Graffiti bears stark testimony to unrest in Maritzburg

ENTERING Edendale, near Maritzburg, a huge slogan painted on the wall welcomes you: "1988 — THE YEAR OF VIOLENCE."

For nearly six months, Edendale has been the centre of spiralling violence between Inkatha and UDF supporters. The violence has since spread to include most townships in the area, the surrounding rural areas and townships as far away as Hammarsdale.

The fear endemic in the area has also spilled on to the streets of Maritzburg. Warring factions have taken their war into the city, say black residents, so that many no longer even visit the town as it is not safe

Residents say hundreds are dead — many more than the official death toll of 248. While I was in Edendale last week, two unreported deaths occurred Mthandeni Dladla, a nine-year-old schoolboy, and Mduduzi Makhoba, a second-year student at Umbumbulu College of Education, died in one of the daily battles.

Their deaths did not appear in the police unrest report. Yet their parents, relatives and friends bitterly mourned the deaths of young Mthandeni and once-future teacher Mduduzi.

"Long live their spirits," said a young activist with eyes fixed on the distance and face twitching

He turned and looked west, the direction of the Umsunduze River. The twitch faded and his eyes became watery.

The river runs between Hairwood, the Inkatha stronghold, and Emadakaneni, the UDF headquarters It is now the battle line between rival "warriors"

Emadakaneni, otherwise known as "Moscow" is under the command of a self-styled "General", a man called "Bob Marley" Marley is said by residents to have unbelievable fighting skills. "That man has magic in his hands," local residents kept saying.

Inkatha supporters speak fearfully of him.

Never a member of the UDF, Marley is said to be a married man with three children, and in his 30s.

"Bob Marley, like many other community members, got involved in the fighting after seeing his relatives and friends being killed. He got annoyed and started fighting," said one resident.

There are many community members like Marley who are neither members of Inkatha nor the UDF but who are, however, part of the raging war

Marley's territory is inhabited by UDF members and other community members not associated with the UDF With less than 300 families, "Moscow" is Maritzburg's own headquarters of political activism.

On the other side of the river is Hairwood, the home of a commander-in-chief known as "Big S", said to be a former criminal and ex-convict. Residents say he fears no-one except Marley

Residents say "King Big S" has an R1 rifle "He is more dangerous when alone," said a Moscow UDF member who believes "Big S" uses *muti* (black magic) to field extraordinary fighting power. The man is not only feared by the anti-Inkatha elements even some Inkatha members said the man was bad news

Stories differ over how the war started

A youth said "Inkatha sympathisers were trying to force us to go back to school. We explained the reasons for our boycotting of schools. That fell on deaf ears. Instead of listening they sjambokked and attacked us with all sorts of weapons.

"They were doing the work of the government. We had to defend ourselves and that is how the war started."

Not true, says Inkatha. "The UDF is insulting us. They insult our leader, Buthelezi. They call us all sorts of names on public platforms They say we are sellouts. That must stop," said an Inkatha member.

Still on Edendale Road, I momentarily stopped The street was deserted except for a number of vehicles

A lone figure approached a few metres away It was a boy, about 15, pushing a bicycle. I stopped him

I wanted information, "classified information' about the fighting. I greeted him and started explaining why I was in Maritzburg and how I wanted him to help me The boy did not talk He just stared at me with his face expressionless and his eyes blank. The silence bothered me but I said nothing. After a moment the boy turned and looked at an American magazine and a note book I had in my hand. "If those are banned books, make sure that you hide them because this place is patrolled by police. And now let's go," he said and started walking

We walked for about 20 minutes before we reached a house built of mud and corrugated iron. The boy led me into a dark passage. The heavy smell of dagga greeted us. The boy stopped for a moment, leaning his bicycle against one of the walls in the mud corridor. He continued walking and led me into a dingy room.

The room was packed. I counted heads and there were 11 people, all males Most of them were teenagers while others looked quite old, maybe 35, 36 or even 38 years of age.

Pop music was playing on the hi-fi stereo which was at the corner of the room. Pasted on the wall in front of me was a big pamphlet marked in bold letters "STOP THE VIOLENCE." On another wall was a big picture of ANC leader, Govan Mbeki

The youth who led me into the room looked at me and said "Bra, tell them Tell them who you are"

I started by producing my Press card and explained my mission. I made it clear that I had nothing to do with either the UDF or Inkatha."I am just a newsman," I said.

"People are dying here and those that are dying in the fight against Inkatha are not necessarily members of the UDF. It is the community. Inkatha is fighting the whole community. Not all of us in this room are members of the UDF but we are all in this fight. Not because we want to be, but in order to defend ourselves, our families and our property," said one of the men.

All the men in the room alleged that members of Inkatha were supported by police That was later denied by Major du Plessis, acting public relations officer for the Maritzburg police

On my last day in Maritzburg, I went back to KwaDambuza to say goodbye to my 11 friends, but they did not show up. Had something happened to them during the fighting the previous night?

Some of them were young, too young to be involved in bloody battles like those raging in the Maritzburg area

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Buthelezi on violence

'I can't see any hope' says the Inkatha president, arguing that peace talks with the UDF will be 'futile'. Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi speaks to

PATRICK LAURENCE

Archie Gumede

Mangosuthu Buthelezi

A RAPPROCHEMENT between Inkatha and the outlawed African National Congress is of the "paramount importance", Mangosuthu Buthelezi told *Weekly Mail* in a new year interview

He revealed that Oscar Dhlomo, Inkatha secretary general, had met Thabo Mbeki, the ANC's information secretary, last year in New York in an attempt to reach such a rapprochement.

"It is really vital," Buthelezi said "I think it is consistent with Dr Mandela's own views."

His statement, made in his security-proofed office in Ulundi, came as the civil war between Inkatha zealots and equally militant pro-ANC *Amaqabane* or "comrades" waged unabated in townships around Pietermaritzburg

Earlier during the interview, Buthelezi blamed the ANC and the United Democratic Front for Pietermaritzburg's violence

Speaking slowly, his eyes closed as he concentrated on selecting the right words, he said· "The ANC is involved. And those who work in tandem with them are . brewing a revolution."

He accused his foes of rejecting all hope of a negotiated solution to South Africa's ills· "They have come to the conclusion that there is nothing left to do except to kill "

A high-ranking Zulu prince whose office exuded a regal ambience, Buthelezi took the ANC and Archie Gumede, the Natal UDF president, to task, charging them with using intemperate, abusive language in their attacks on him. In Zulu tradition, he declared: "The use of vitriol is a declaration of war."

Referring to an open letter to him from Gumede, Buthelezi said: "If he were seriously seeking peace, they are not the kind of (statements) he would have included in a letter."

Gumede's 19-page open letter accused Inkatha of often forcing people to join its ranks, of intolerance of opposition, of physically attacking UDF and Cosatu activists, of tribalism — "You and Inkatha members have repeatedly used racial and ethnic terms to attack democratic organisations" — and of supporting the "apartheid system" by participating in "bantustan structures of the apartheid regime".

Buthelezi said· "The allegations and smears convince me personally that there can't be any reconciliation, that they don't want reconciliation "

Only the day before he had received a telex from Musa Zondi, chairman of the Inkatha Youth Brigade, concluding that, in present circumstances, it would be "futile" to continue peace talks with the UDF.

Buthelezi said. "I have just sent a telex to say I endorse that absolutely. I can't see any hope."

But as the interview drew to a close he identified the need for "black unity" in general, and a reconciliation between Inkatha and the ANC in particular, as the most pressing priority for 1988.

Without it, there was no hope of ending the paralysis which PW Botha's fears of alienating the white rightwing had imposed on the country, Buthelezi said.

Confidential talks between Inkatha's Oscar Dhlomo and the ANC's Thabo Mbeki in New York last year had lasted three hours.

A later Inkatha-ANC meeting in London had been arranged for October, he said But a three-man Inkatha delegation, led by Dhlomo, was "stood up" by the ANC.

Buthelezi, however, remained convinced of the imperative need for reconciliation.

"The ball is in their court," he said "I have no hard feelings. I realise (the issue) is bigger than Mangosuthu Buthelezi. The future of the whole nation is at stake."

But, on the ground in South Africa where the Pietermaritzburg conflict claimed 35 lives in the first week of the new year, Inkatha is reluctant, as Buthelezi admitted, to press ahead with peace talks.

Paul van Uytrecht, manager of the Pietermaritzburg Chamber of Commerce, which has been acting as an honest broker between Inkatha and the UDF-Cosatu axis, implicitly but clearly identified Inkatha as the more reluctant of the two warring parties to negotiate a peace settlement.

"We hope we can persuade Inkatha that negotiations can still be fruitful," he said.

The UDF leadership is more amenable to peace talks now. But it is doubtful whether the UDF leaders, restrained and frequently incapacitated by the State of Emergency, speak for the more zealous "comrades" in the townships

Ben Nsimbi, a Methodist minister who sits as an observer in the Chamber of Commerce-sponsored peace talks, concedes that control of the UDF leaders over its members is often tenuous.

The difficulties experienced by UDF leaders in consulting with their members account for their belated signing last week of the peace declaration drawn up by Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu in November.

But by the time UDF leaders were able to put pen to paper, another 110 people had been shot, stabbed, and burnt to death in Pietermaritzburg's townships Feelings had hardened, both in Inkatha, which signed the statement in November, and among the *Amaqabane*

At the cutting edge, the bloody struggle for supremacy in Pietermaritzburg's townships is essentially an intra-Zulu dispute. Inkatha and the Natal branches of the UDF and Cosatu are largely Zulu organisations

The Zulu dimension makes the conflict more, rather than less, intractable. Tribal feuds in KwaZulu are notoriously vicious and protracted Few end quickly. Many are fought for decades in brutal wars of attrition which often spill over into migrant worker hostels in townships on the Reef, more that 500km away

The ideological overlay in the present strife adds grist to the mill, given the already bloody history of rivalry between Inkatha and the UDF

The conflict in Pietermaritzburg came to the boil last September after Inkatha, inspired by its Youth Brigade, began a recruitment drive But it had been simmering all year, as the struggle for paramountcy between Inkatha and the UDF in most of Natal turned nasty

One conclusion is inescapable Buthelezi, once the uncontested leader of the Zulu community in Natal and KwaZulu, is now challenged on his own turf His opponents outnumber his supporters in urban areas according to a survey conducted by sociologist Mark Orkin of Case (Community Agency for Social Enquiry)

In Pietermaritzburg some local observers believe Inkatha was stronger at the start of the war but that balance has now started to tilt in favour of the UDF Their assessment is difficult to test

Buthelezi's support base in rural areas, however, is still strong That has triggered fears that reinforcements are being brought in from the hinterland to ensure what Buthelezi has called the "final triumph of good over evil".

But Pietermaritzburg's townships lie outside the jurisdiction of KwaZulu and any move by Buthelezi to use either vigilantes or KwaZulu policemen to crush UDF and Cosatu dissidents would be unlawful

"I have no intention of doing anything illegally," Buthelezi said

A development which might work lawfully but strongly in favour of Buthelezi would be to transfer Pietermaritzburg townships to KwaZulu Buthelezi would then be able to deploy KwaZulu policemen to impose "order", as he has done in Umlazi and KwaMashu outside Durban

Umlazi and KwaMashu were transferred to KwaZulu some years ago, but the police stations there were only handed over to the KwaZulu police last year

There are suspicions that Buthelezi may be playing a waiting game, pending the transfer of Pietermaritzburg's townships to KwaZulu

Buthelezi denied, however, that KwaZulu is actively seeking to incorporate these townships

He noted that Edendale and Imbali, outside Pietermaritzburg, are both earmarked for incorporation But, he said, the KwaZulu administration would have nothing to do with Pretoria's plans to consolidate KwaZulu into a viable bantustan

Maritzburg violence must end, says UDF, Cosatu chief

DURBAN — The Local UDF/Cosatu chief here Mr A. S. Chetty has gone a long way towards snatching the initiative for his side in the Pietermaritzburg "peace talks" — by making an unequivocal "the violence must be ended" call.

Mr Chetty made this statement following another meeting last week with the Pietermaritzburg Chamber of Commerce, whose general manager, Mr Paul van Uytrecht, set up plans for an Inkatha-UDF-Cosatu get-together to stop the townships' violence which, since September last year, has claimed about 250 lives.

The Van Uytrecht-Chetty meeting followed earlier talks at which the Chamber of Commerce team sat down with the local Inkatha head, Mr Velaphi Ndlovu, and his men.

Neither the Chamber of Commerce nor Inkatha was prepared to comment on what transpired on that occasion.

Mr Chetty, however, said that the talks had progressed very well.

"Our view is that the violence must not be allowed to drag on."

Mr Chetty strongly believes there must be acceptance by Inkatha of the UDF attitude that "this local township" violence be treated as a regional matter, not a national one, and "must be tackled and resolved as such."

"We believe that Mr Ndlovu and I must confine the talks to our local leaderships and, together with the help of the Chamber of Commerce, peace can be fully restored.

"We do not accept that Mr Archie Gumede, Chief Buthelezi, the King of the Zulus, Archbishop Tutu, or any other segments of our national leadership, should be brought in."

The issue was a Pietermaritzburg affair. — Sapa

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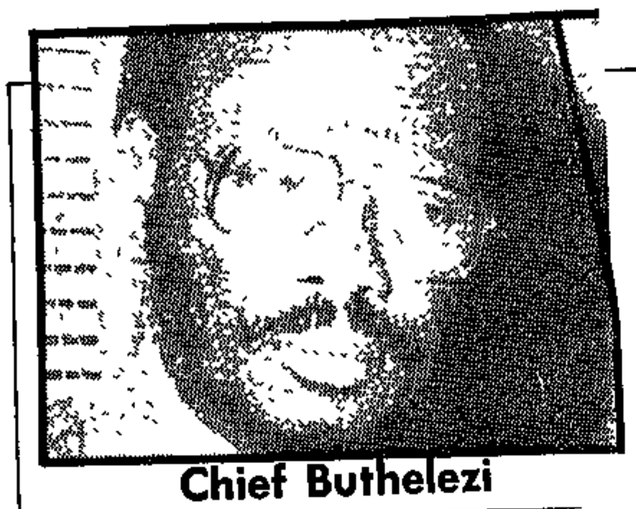

Chief Buthelezi

Terror for Mr Average

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Terry McElligott

THE BLACK PRESS

WHAT is life like for blacks living in the Maritzburg area in these violent times?

Khaba Mkhize, editor of the Natal Witness supplement Echo, gives a graphic idea of the terrible pressures and dilemmas which people face. The following are some of his comments, in summarised form.

Mr Average Worker thanks God when he returns home from work in one piece. When he wakes up in the morning he thanks God again that he is still alive and he pleads with the Lord for a safe day for him and his family.

He must be careful in selecting clothes from his wardrobe. Wearing the wrong clothes can be an invitation to death. For instance, black berets and khaki clothing are associated with Inkatha while yellow T-shirts are associated with the United Democratic Front.

Mr Average Shopowner finds himself in a dilemma when fighting takes place near his business because it happens at times that victims run into his building for protection. At one time he chased comrades who were on the run and the next thing his shop was attacked.

The supermarket of a man in Edendale was gutted because he had received a relative belonging to Inkatha.

Ms Average Chatterer must know what area she is in before chatting idly because in some places she can be killed for calling Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi "umntwana" (prince).

She is required to call him Gatsha. But there are other areas where she can be killed for using that name. It is considered disrespectful.

Mr Average Pastor has to think twice before burying a qabane (comrade) or an Inkatha supporter. He has to be careful of what he says at a funeral service because everybody is given labels by the political language he speaks.

Even at church services great caution is taken because members of the church belong to opposing parties, and to be a controversial church leader is simply to become a target of either organisation.

Mr Average Policeman has to be careful what he says at work because policemen have been accused of either sympathising or siding with both organisations.

Mr Average Journalist is in the unenviable position of having to satisfy both camps that his newspaper is trying its best to maintain a balance in reporting news and publishing letters discussing the violence.

And he may collapse from stress at any time in his desire to try to meet the demands of other journalists from around the country and abroad who all ask questions such as: What's it like living in Maritzburg during these violent times?

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THE Sowetan's Joe Thloloe went to a cinema in Harare recently to see *Cry Freedom*, the film about Steve Biko which is due for release in South Africa in April.

His verdict: It's disappointing, unexciting, bland.

He writes: "Richard Attenborough and company tried too hard to be understanding. They tried to avoid hysteria in their handling of the horror of Biko's death and their handling of the horrors of apartheid.

"They over-controlled and the result was decidedly unexciting.

"This is probably why the South African censors have allowed the film to be shown here without cuts. It is lukewarm tea.

"But the irony was that the cinema was packed. As we were leaving, there were queues of people waiting to see the midnight show. Another irony is that *Cry Freedom* has been nominated for four Golden Globe awards.

"The box office and other successes of the film are a measure of the depths to which South Africa has sunk in the eyes of the world. Anything that is even vaguely anti-South African will be raised and praised, just to hit at apartheid."

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CITY Press refers to the death of a black Durban woman from Aids, the curse of the '80s, and asks: "Just what are South African medical authorities doing in the fight against the disease?"

It says: "Looking at black communities countrywide, we see a bleak picture forming. There is hardly any Aids-preventive education offered by the media or in township schools."

The paper asks what the authorities are doing to protect people such as nurses who, day in and day out, deal with potentially dangerous human blood ... and it points out that in West Germany motorists are compelled to carry plastic gloves in their vehicles in case they have to help Aids sufferers injured in traffic accidents.

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Seven killed in overnight violence in Natal Midlands

PRETORIA. — A spate of shootings, stabbings and arson added to growing violence in the Natal Midlands with seven people reported murdered in the area overnight, police reported today.

The bodies of three men who appeared to have been stabbed to death were discovered at Mmafunzi, Maritzburg, police said.

In Nkanhlakahle, Greytown, a two-year-old boy died in his mother's arms and two women, aged 25 and 17, were seriously injured when a group fired shots, police said.

In other incidents at Nkanhlakahle, a 33-year-old man was burnt to death and three other people — a 17-year-old youth, a 48-year-old woman and another woman — were slightly burned when a petrol bomb was hurled at a house, police said. The house was extensively damaged. A 40-year-old woman was seriously wounded when she was shot in the face, apparently with a shotgun.

At Mpumuza, Maritzburg a 21-year-old man was shot and killed.

The mutilated body of a 25-year-old man was found at Mpumalanga near Maritzburg. The body, which had stab and bullet wounds, had been set alight. A second man was found wounded.

The five murders in the Maritzburg area takes the toll of police reported deaths in the strife-torn area to 42.

+ EMERGENCY UPDATE +

At Michausdal near Cradock in the Eastern Cape a petrol bomb was hurled at a house causing damage but no injuries. — Sapa.

30 swimmers in protest against beach apartheid

DURBAN. — About 30 Indian bathers plunged into the sea at Mtwalume on the South Coast in a protest swim against beach apartheid.

As they frolicked, a group of white ratepayers watched.

The Indians did not stay long because they had not received permission to place toilets on the beach, but they said they would return as soon as they received permission to do so. — Sapa.

Soviet defence spending

STOCKHOLM. — Soviet military spending is probably five to seven times higher than the Kremlin admits, but may still be far below that of the United States and its allies, according to a new study by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute. — Sapa-Reuter.

Nine more killed in Maritzburg

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Another nine people have been killed in violence in the Maritzburg area, bringing the toll in the Natal Midlands in two days to 16, police reported.

Three men and two youths were killed yesterday when shots were fired at a home in Mpumulanga.

Also in Mpumulanga the body of a 20-year-old man was found with a shotgun wound in the neck.

The body of a 36-year-old woman with 40 stab wounds was found near Sweetwater.

At Henley the body of a 20-year-old man was found. He had been stabbed several times.

A mob stabbed a woman to death in Elandskop and set her house alight.

The bodies of three men, apparently stabbed to death, were found in Maritzburg's Mafunzi township while the body of a 25-year-old man who had been stabbed and shot was found in Mpumulanga.

A fifth Maritzburg victim, a 21-year-old man, was shot and killed by a mob in Mpumuza township.

In Greytown a 33-year-old man was burnt to death and three people were injured after a petrol bomb was hurled at a house.

Also in this area a mob fired shots and fatally wounded a two-year-old boy in his mother's arms.

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9 die in weekend Midlands unrest

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MARITZBURG. — A two-year-old boy was shot dead while in his mother's arms at Nhanhlakahle, Greytown, in unrest which has claimed another seven lives, according to the SA Police unrest report.

Police said nine people were shot, stabbed and burnt to death between Friday evening and Monday morning

The weekend killings took the death toll to 52 this year.

Meanwhile, about 130 000 people were affected yesterday when bus drivers employed by KwaZulu Transport in the capital refused to work following the killing of one of their colleagues.

According to the police report a group of blacks fired a number of shots in the area and the boy was shot and killed Two women, aged 25 years and 17 years, were seriously wounded in the incident.

In the same area police found the body of a 40-year-old black woman who had been wounded in the face by a shotgun and in a third incident a 33-year-old man was burnt to death

Police found the bodies of three black men, who had apparently been stabbed to death at Mafunzi

And at Mpumulanga they discovered the body of a 25-year-old black man with stab and bullet wounds. The body had also been burnt

At Mpumuza police report that a 21-year-old black man was shot and killed by a mob.

● KwaZulu's Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi and United Democratic Front president Mr Archie Gumede said apartheid was the root cause of the fighting.

"As long as the curse of racist legislation damns this country and shackles black democracy, conflicts of this kind are inevitable," Chief Buthelezi said yesterday.

He said the more immediate cause lay in the strategy of the ANC, which sought to use the UDF to crush Inkatha.

"The carnage must stop . (but) it is also obvious that there will be little prospect of peace as long as certain individuals and organizations are committed to annihilating Inkatha," he said

Mr Gumede, president of the UDF, said in an interview with Leadership magazine the key to peace in Maritzburg and elsewhere lay in the release of Nelson Mandela and other black leaders.

"It is no good me pretending I can deliver the goods when I am not able to control 10-year-olds," he said. "The only people we believe can make meaningful agreements are these men, the ones in jail."

Mr Gumede said he was willing to negotiate with Chief Buthelezi, but he said any agreement he proposed would be subject to the endorsement of UDF leaders around the country. — Own Correspondents and Sapa-Reuter

Unrest: 9 shot, stabbed to death

PIETERMARITZBURG, — Nine people were killed here in unrest on Monday, including five who died in a home in Mpumalanga, police said in their unrest report.

The report said shots were fired at the house in which three men and two youths were killed. AK-47 cartridge cases were found at the scene.

The body of a 20-year-old man was also found, with a shotgun wound in the neck.

The body of a 36-year-old woman with 40 stab wounds was found near Sweetwaters.

At Henley the body of a 20-year-old man was found with multiple stab wounds, and at Elandskop a group stabbed a woman to death and set her house alight.

At Nhlazatshe a woman was seriously injured when a group stoned a private dwelling.

Other incidents of stoning occurred at Khutsong, near Oberholzer in the Western Transvaal, and at Tembisa.

At KwaMakutha, Durban, arsonists damaged a house when they set fire to it.

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12 more Natal killings bring year's tally to 61

JOHANNESBURG. — Police said yesterday that nine more people had died in fighting in the region around Maritzburg, bringing the total number of deaths to 61 since January 1.

The latest killings bring the number of dead over the past two days of fighting between factions of the United Democratic Front and the Inkatha movement to gain political control of Natal to 16.

In a daily report on unrest, police said a gang with firearms attacked a private house in the Mpumalanga township.

"An unknown number of shots were fired at the occupants of the house killing three men and two youths," police said in describing the worst incident in the past 24 hours.

They said AK-47 automatic rifle shells were found at the scene and that the house was badly damaged.

In other incidents, police said, a 20-year-old man was shot to death, another 20-year-old was fatally stabbed and two women were stabbed to death. The home of one woman was set on fire. — UPI

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Own Correspondent

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ON PARADE

By WILLEM STEENKAMP

Time for Army move in PMB

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HAS the time come for the government to send the army into the Maritzburg area? I ask this question even though in principle I am opposed to the use of troops in civil unrest situations.

However, the PMB situation has long since passed the unrest stage. It has reached the point where, to judge by media reports, it has become a Cyprus situation, featuring two warring factions that have to be kept apart.

In my opinion it continues because, as usual, there are not enough policemen and they are too thinly spread over too large and active an area As a result, they can maintain public order only in their immediate vicinity When they turn their backs the killing starts again, particularly at night, when the lack of visibility aids the malefactors rather than the law

One stops it by guarding some places, mounting round-the-clock patrols, inhibiting mobility by sneak roadblocks and providing a quick-reaction force

The military has the men, equipment and the experience for the task. This would leave the over-extended police free to carry out their normal duties

Naturally (this being South Africa) there is a political tinge to the affair, since it is basically an Inkatha-UDF struggle. But that changes neither the grassroots circumstances nor the immediate counter-measures needed.

The bottom line is that, like any war, it has reached the self-sustaining stage. The original issues are no longer important; a chain-reaction sets in, with each round of fighting providing the motivation for the next round.

This is a dangerous milestone In a large-scale conventional war the combatants tend sooner or later to wear out both their own resources and one another's; however, when the fighting is vicious but sporadic and often nocturnal — as in PMB — it may take years to reach the exhaustion-point

In the meantime new layers of hatreds are laid on the old, to bedevil any sort of future political accommodation — or even simple co-existence

The sad thing is that for years various people have been advocating a non-military "third force", staffed at least partly by volunteer national servicemen of all races and tasked and trained mainly for peace-keeping duties, with back-up crime-fighting duties on the side

The idea never got off the ground — inter-service jealousy, perhaps. One unofficial reason I heard three years ago was that national servicemen could not be trained up to professional standards for law-and-order duties

Then when the unrest started the authorities soon pushed up the intake of national service policemen and also professed to find adequate a vast horde of "special constables", rammed through a mere six weeks' training, armed with shotguns — the most lethal close-range weapon of all — and left to live in the townships instead of police barracks or cantonments.

Not surprisingly, a number have misused their authority, been murdered and had their weapons stolen; it is a safe bet that one of these days a bank teller or petrol jockey is going to get blown away with a stolen SAP riot shotgun.

But forget recriminations It is time for Army units to move into the PMB area.

[Willem Steenkamp is a reservist of the Citizen Force]

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'Fear is basis of govt arrogance'

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PRETORIA. — Fear is apparently hidden under the government's mantle of "arrogant policy and diplomacy", the Pope's representative in Southern Africa, Monsignor Mario Cassari, said here this week.

Monsignor Cassari was addressing the 1988 plenary session of the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference.

He said the government's apparent fear brought about press censorship, the detention of people without trial and the suppression of political forces which could assist in finding solutions.

Referring to the strife at Maritzburg, he warned that misunderstanding "between our black brothers" could pose serious doubts on the credibility of a new leadership class.

He said the church should pursue peaceful means of ending violence.

Different agendas, interests and ideologies are at play in SA resulting in perhaps the deepest polarization the country has ever known, Bishop Wilfrid Napier said at the conference. — Sapa and Own Correspondent

Boy stabbed 23 times

Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG — A 14-year-old boy, who was stabbed 23 times, was one of three people who died in unrest in the Maritzburg area on Tuesday, police said yesterday.

Police said a group entered a home in Sweetwaters and murdered the boy. He was stabbed 12 times in the chest, 10 times in the back and once behind the head.

They said: "His attackers then took the clothes belonging to the occupants of the house and set them alight."

At KwaShange, police found the body of a man whose throat had been cut and who had several stab wounds.

At Taylors Halt, police found the body of a man, also with stab wounds.

At Hammarsdale, also in the Maritzburg area, a man sustained slight burns when a group set a house and vehicle alight.

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At Hammarsdale, also in the Pietermaritzburg police district, a 45-year old man sustained slight burns when a group set a house and vehicle alight.

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According to police figures, 54 people have died in unrest this year. — DDC

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4 die in mine faction fight

JOHANNESBURG. — Four people were killed and 67 injured in a faction fight involving about 550 Randfontein Estates Gold Mine workers yesterday evening.

A statement from Johannesburg Consolidated Investments said the incident occurred at a liquor outlet at the Cooke Section Number 3 shaft hostel at the mine.

"It is estimated that a group of between 400 and 500 employees, seemingly without provocation, launched an attack on approximately 150 other employees who were in the liquor outlet at that time," the statement read.

Of the 67 injured, three are in serious condition in the Rand Mutual hospital. All 67 were hospitalized.

In other incidents of unrest, two black youths were arrested after a school was stoned by a group of people at Ikageng (Potchefstroom), a man and a woman were slightly injured and extensive damage was caused to a house at Hammarsdale at Maritzburg by arsonists, and property was badly damaged and a woman was inured at Mafakatini, also at Maritzburg, when a group of blacks set a house alight and stoned two other dwellings. — Sapa

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Cosatu, UDF blast Inkatha

MARITZBURG. — Cosatu and the UDF yesterday retaliated to a statement this week by the KwaZulu Chief Minister, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, saying it had evidence that Inkatha had perpetrated systematic violence in the Maritzburg area.

In a joint statement yesterday, Cosatu (Natal region) and the UDF (Midlands region) said the violence — a "tragic statement about the deep inadequacies of South African society" — developed to its present proportions as a result of the suppression of information and lack of freedom of expression by organizations opposed to the government.

The trade union federation accused the SABC of constructing a picture of black-on-black violence "to focus attention away from state repsonsibilty" and "blatantly distorting" facts to blame the UDF and Cosatu.

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Natal violence — 'Inkatha to blame'

MARITZBURG. — Inkatha was responsible for systematic violence in the Maritzburg area, according to Cosatu and the United Democratic Front.

In reply to media attacks earlier this week by the Kwazulu chief minister, Dr Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the organisations said they had evidence to support their claims.

In a joint statement issued yesterday, Cosatu (Natal region) and the UDF (Midlands region) defended themselves against Dr Buthelezi and listed incidents of violence in the townships and rural areas around the Natal capital which have claimed at least 54 lives this year.

They said the violence — which they described as "a tragic statement about the deep inadequacies of South African society" — had reached present levels because of the suppression of information and lack of freedom of expression.

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"Confirmation of their (the Government) view by a black leader such as Dr Buthelezi acts as a powerful propaganda weapon This coincidence of views also has the unavoidable consequence of bringing the Inkatha movement into an increasingly close working relationship with the State's security forces," the joint statement said.

Cosatu/UDF disputed Dr Buthelezi's claim that the violence was a result of a Cosatu/ UDF membership drive. — Sapa.

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There have been so many deaths that most people have lost their sense of weeping

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Armed men bang on doors at night and order parents to release their children for defence units to ward off attackers. No child dare refuse. LAKELA KAUNDA reports from Pietermaritzburg

A WEEPING Mpumuza woman recently came to the *Natal Witness* offices in Pietermaritzburg and asked to telephone Inkatha president, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

The woman, an Inkatha card-carrying member, said she could no longer bear the harassment she was subjected to by armed men calling themselves Inkatha members who came to her home at night and ordered her to release her sons to join their "army".

Life has never been the same since forced recruitment drove the Pietmaritzburg community into an undeclared war with itself.

Pietermaritzburg has since become an island. No outsiders, except a few brave journalists, penetrate the war zone. There has been no entertainment since November: weddings, soccer matches and parties have been replaced by funerals.

There have been so many deaths that most people have lost their sense of weeping.

The first casualty of the holocaust, which is centred mainly on greater Edendale, was the family institution.

Parents have lost control over their children as they no longer live with them. Most children fled their homes as they became targets of attacks. Armed men bang on doors at night and order parents to release their children for night marches or defence units to ward off attackers.

"What should we do?" asked an Edendale widow.

"When the child refuses to go because he is scared, they assume he belongs to a rival organisation and he is taken away from his parents and hacked to death.

"But our children have already fled; we do not know where they are.

"When you tell the attackers that, they say you are hiding them and assault you or even burn the house and kill everyone.

Children as young as three are already feeling the stress of the ongoing violence. As the woman who came to the *Natal Witness* offices said: "This is unbearable. I cannot remember when last I had a good night's sleep. My three-year-old son, Siyanda, wakes up in the middle of the night screaming and asks me, 'Mama, where is Inkatha.'

"What is going to become of my child?"

The unrest has forced many parents to disown and evict their own children. There are families where the parents are Inkatha members and the sons belong to the UDF. Rather than have their homes burnt down by either the father's or son's comrades, the son is thrown out.

Some family heads have been killed because they failed to convince their children to join a certain organisation.

Fearless children have taken to the streets and are out to fight. Gone are the days when one used to enjoy looking at youths doing the *toyi-toyi* in the streets.

Now, one disappears as soon as one hears the chants.

"Nothing is as frightening as hearing chants and singing in the background and you find there is no bus or kombi to whisk you away home soon.

"You never know what might happen. They might even mistake you for a *theleweni* (as Inkatha members are now called) and either molest you or force you to 'model'," a local social worker said.

"Modelling" is a new system used by the youths to combat crime. A person strips naked and, accompanied around the township by the youths, is made to shout his or her crime out to everyone they come across.

Some have said this method is less gruesome than the "necklace", though more humiliating. It has been welcomed by some, in preference to the "necklace", and condemned by others who say the *amaqabane* do not give the victim a hearing before the sentence is passed

The "modelling" sentence is handed out to criminals, prostitutes and rude drunkards.

Smoking in buses and kombis has also been banned in Pietermaritzburg. A person guilty of that offence has to "model" between the passenger seats, to the horror of blushing fellow passengers.

The unrest has also affected the way people dress and talk. Khaki clothing is a no-no — it identifies one with Inkatha. Yellow T-shirts are easily associated with the UDF and the wearer becomes a target of rival groups.

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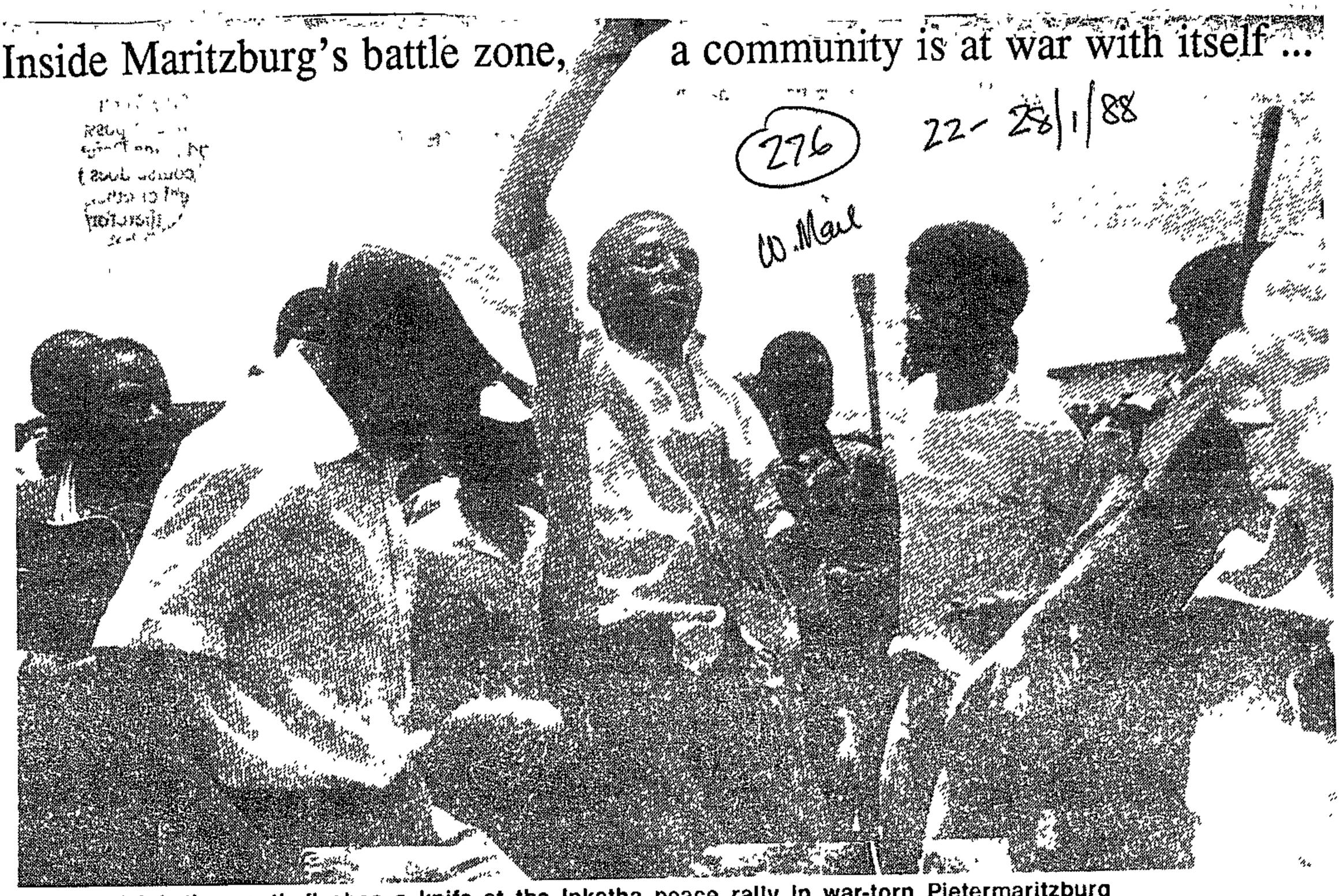

An armed Inkatha youth flashes a knife at the Inkatha peace rally in war-torn Pietermaritzburg
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Now, one disappears as soon as one hears the chants.

"Nothing is as frightening as hearing chants and singing in the background and you find there is no bus or kombi to whisk you away home soon.

"You never know what might happen. They might even mistake you for a *theleweni* (as Inkatha members are now called) and either molest you or force you to 'model'," a local social worker said.

"Modelling" is a new system used by the youths to combat crime. A person strips naked and, accompanied around the township by the youths, is made to shout his or her crime out to everyone they come across.

Some have said this method is less gruesome than the "necklace", though more humiliating. It has been welcomed by some, in preference to the "necklace", and condemned by others who say the *amaqabane* do not give the victim a hearing before the sentence is passed

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — The body of a 14-year-old girl who was abducted from central Maritzburg last Thursday was found at Edendale township at the weekend with "various stab wounds".

Police said in their weekend unrest report that six men had been arrested in connection with the abduction and murder.

She was one of six people who were killed at the weekend in the on-going battle between Inkatha and the United Democratic Front for the political control of the townships outside Martizburg.

The report said the body of a 35-year-old man who had been stabbed to death was found at Taylor's Halt near Maritzburg.

At Slangspruit police discovered the body of a man with three stab wounds in the head and at Hammarsdale the body of a man with stab wounds was found.

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Nine more deaths push Maritzburg toll to 65

PRETORIA. — Nine people were killed in townships near Maritzburg at the weekend, according to today's police unrest report.

The deaths bring this year's official toll to 65, with more than 300 killed since fighting began last year.

At Taylor's Halt two men were stabbed to death.

A 49-year-old man was found dead with multiple stab wounds at Sweetwaters.

A mob stabbed to death a man and injured two others and a woman at Slangspruit

Dispersed

Tearsmoke and shotgun fire dispersed the mob and a man was slightly wounded.

A 26-year-old man was seriously injured when he was struck on the leg with a bush-knife at Imbali when a mob attacked a vehicle.

A house and a car were set on fire at Inandi and a man was slightly injured.

At Mpumulanga a house was damaged in a petrol-bomb attack.

Stabbings

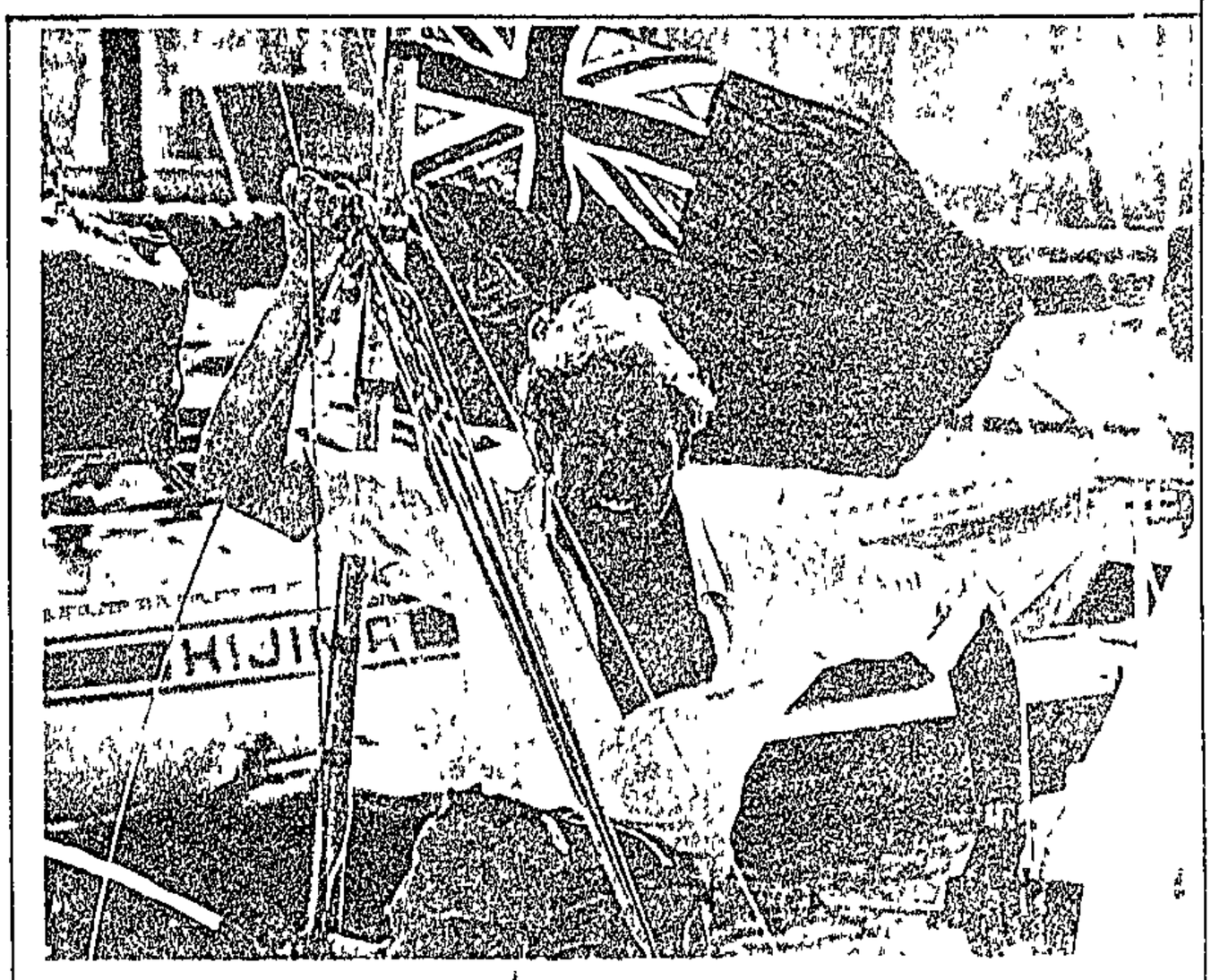
Two men died in stabbings in Mpumuza and the body of a woman, stabbed to death, was found at Imbuli.

Also at Mpumuza, a man was knifed in the face.

The body of a man with three stab wounds in the head was found at Slangspruit and another man, also stabbed to death, was found at Hammarsdale.

Faction fighting at Mafumza left two men critically injured and two seriously injured.

A man was arrested after a special constable in Crossroads was injured when shots were fired at him. — Sapa.



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British lone sailor Jonathan Selby on his yacht Tesla.

Adventurous sailor in city for a year

Hundreds attend

Buthelezi calls for peace 'now'

DURBAN. — Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi said yesterday: "I want peace in Maritzburg, and I want it now."

He was speaking as the police announced that the mutilated body of a man was found near the Thornville police station on Sunday, bringing the weekend death toll in troubled Maritzburg townships to at least 10.

Inkatha leader Chief Buthelezi told heads of the Maritzburg Chamber of Commerce, who have tried to broker peace in the area: "If there is anything I could have done to bring about a cessation of hostilities in the area, I would have long since done it."

He warned the chamber that while its efforts to act as an agency for peace must be applauded, it would fail "unless it deals with the realities around us".

"In Maritzburg Inkatha's members are faced with death squads and have to defend their lives and their property against hideous attack," he said.

"There is an undeclared war against Inkatha in the Maritzburg area. This is not imagined, it is just fact."

Chief Buthelezi unleashed a new attack on the banned ANC, linking it to the power struggle between his supporters and members of the UDF.

He said it was the ANC which had declared the armed struggle, translating it into a "people's war".

The ANC claimed the UDF and Cosatu as their own organizations. These organizations had declared their support for ANC and rejected the "politics of negotiation".

● Meanwhile, an Imbali man and his four sons obtained an urgent interim interdict in the Supreme Court here yesterday to restrain three alleged Inkatha members — including an Imbali town councillor — from killing, assaulting or attacking them or their property and from making threats of death, assault or destruction towards any of them.

The respondents were ordered to bring the terms of the court order to the notice of all members of Inkatha subject to their authority. — Sapa and Own Correspondent

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4 more killed in Maritzburg unrest

PRETORIA. — Four people were killed in separate incidents in the Maritzburg area, the SAP's Public Relations Division said in its overnight unrest report.

A 29-year-old man was stabbed to death at Slangspruit. At Sweetwaters a crowd of blacks attacked a 23-year-old man. A shot was fired from a shotgun and the man was fatally wounded. In the same area, police found the body of a 44-year-old man with stab wounds.

At Taylor's Halt police found the body of a man with numerous stab wounds, and at Vilakazi a private house was badly damaged when a petrol bomb was thrown at it.

"At Diepkloof, Soweto, a group slashed the tyres and smashed the windows of three private vehicles causing serious damage." the report said. — Sapa.

Inkatha leader hurt, 4 killed, in unrest

PRETORIA. — Four people have been killed in the Maritzburg area, and an Inkatha youth leader and two brothers were admitted to hospital after a clash on Sunday.

Police confirmed that Mr Smalridge Mthembu and Mr Simon Mthembu, and the chairman of Harewood Inkatha youth brigade, Mr Sichizo Zuma, were seriously injured at Imbali when a group of men allegedly stopped a vehicle and intimidated the occupants.

The incidents in which men were killed included one at Slangspruit, where a group of blacks allegedly stabbed a 29-year-old black man to death, and one at Sweetwaters, where a group of blacks attacked a 23-year-old black man. A shot was fired from a shotgun and the man was fatally wounded.

Meanwhile Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, has denied that he has accused the UDF and Cosatu of recruiting members of his Inkatha movement. — Sapa

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Four die as Natal faction fights go on

The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — Four more people have been killed in clashes in the townships near Maritzburg.

In Slangspruit a man was killed and three men and three women were injured in a battle between two gangs, according to the overnight police report on unrest.

Police also found the body of a man in the same area.

At Sweetwaters, near Edendale, a petrol-bomb was hurled at a policeman's home. He fired at his attackers and one was fatally wounded.

At Mpumuza police found the body of a 21-year-old man with stab wounds.

SHOTGUN BLAST

At Taylor's Halt a man was seriously wounded in the stomach when a passenger in a minibus fired at him with a shotgun. He was admitted to hospital.

At Ashdown police used tearsmoke to disperse two groups involved in a clash. A man and a youth were arrested.

Also in the area a private vehicle was set alight.

Arsonists at Zayeka, in the Edendale area, damaged two houses.

At Kwadabeka, in the Durban area, a bus driver was slightly injured when stoned by youths.

At Clermont a bus was stoned and badly damaged.

No end in sight for PMB violence

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THE political violence in Pietermaritzburg's black townnships is continuing without any end in sight.

On Wednesday, January 27, the police reported that another three people were killed, bringing to 76 the number of people who have been killed since the beginning of the year.

More than 350 people have been reported killed since the beginning of 1987, in clashes between supporters of Inkatha and supporters of anti-apartheid forces.

The Inkatha leader, Chief Buthelezi, accused the ANC and UDF of being responsible for the violence.
–PTSA

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Man stabbed, 2 shot in Natal violence

Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG — The body of a man was found and two people were killed in shooting incidents near here.

Police in Pretoria reported yesterday that a youth was killed and another wounded at DeDa, Edendale, when a group fired shots at them.

At Sweetwaters, also at Maritzburg, a group fired a number of shots at two men, killing one and seriously wounding the other.

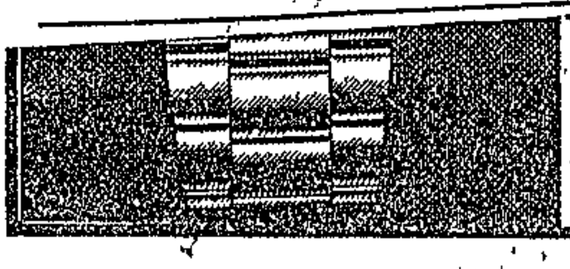
In another incident at Edendale a man was stabbed to death.

In addition, a policeman and another man were injured at Zayeka, also in Edendale, when police fired tearsmoke and a shotgun rounds to disperse a group stoning houses. The group set a house on fire, causing extensive damage. Police arrested 20 people in connection with the incident.

At Inadi, Edendale, a group attacked a house with petrol bombs and firearms. A woman was shot and wounded.

At Clermont, Pinetown, a youth was arrested after a group set fire to a private vehicle, badly damaging it.

Meanwhile the mayor of Maritzburg, Mr Mark Corneli, has asked police to stop associating township violence in their daily unrest reports with Maritzburg itself, as it "can't be helping our image".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4 more die in Natal violence

JOHANNESBURG. — Police yesterday said four people died in overnight fighting in Natal

According to the daily unrest report, one man was killed by a policeman when a gang of blacks hurled a petrol bomb into his home Another man was killed and six were injured in a clash between two black gangs at Slangspruit township.

A further two men were found stabbed to death, one at Mpumuza and the other at Slangspruit, police said.

And at Taylor's Halt, also in Natal, the shooting of a bus driver has once again raised the possibility of a transport crisis.

The man was seriously wounded in the stomach when the occupants of a mini-bus fired at him with a shotgun

Critical condition

A police spokesman confirmed the incident, and said Mr Patrick Magwaza had been admitted to Edendale Hospital where his condition has been described as critical.

The managing director of KwaZulu transport, Mr Eddie Marshall, confirmed there was a "work stoppage" by drivers of the Sizanani Mazulu bus service as a result, and that 65 bus drivers had refused to work because of concern for their safety

On January 16, bus driver Mr Phineas Mdluli was killed, and this led to a two day-strike Since May 1986, 10 Sizanani drivers have been killed

Three other fatalities were reported on Wednesday and four on Tuesday, bringing the total of deaths this week to 11 In addition, more than 80 people have died this year in fighting between the UDF and Inkatha

Meanwhile, a police spokesman has said the SAP is to change its practice of using Maritzburg as a map reference for every incident of violence.

The change comes in the wake of unhappiness on the part of the city fathers, who said the impression was being given that "the whole place, including Maritzburg, is burning".

In other incidents of unrest reported, a bus driver was slightly injured when a small group of black youths stoned his bus at KwaDabeka

At Clermont a bus was badly damaged in a stoning incident, and at Ashdown, police used tearsmoke to disperse two groups who had clashed.

In another incident in the area, a private vehicle was extensively damaged when a group of blacks set it alight

At Zayeka, arsonists caused extensive damage to two private houses, and in Nyanga (Cape Town), a private dwelling was badly damaged when a group of blacks hurled a petrol bomb at it — Sapa

Natal violence: Seven interdicts, yet no investigations ...

The warlords who walk free

W/Mail 29/1-4/2/88

By PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK and Weekly Mail Reporters

A MASS of evidence before the Natal courts points to a failure by police to apprehend "warlords" accused of large-scale thuggery, intimidation and murder in the Pietermaritzburg area.

Two more temporary interdicts were served this week on Inkatha-supporting "warlords", restraining them from killing, assaulting, threatening or intimidating people.

This brings to seven the number of interim interdicts which have been won against them — yet all are still walking around freely.

One of the most striking examples is Christopher Sichizo Zuma, who has had two interdicts granted against him.

An application for contempt of court was brought against Zuma this week after two men, who were party to a court order seeking to restrain him from committing acts of violence against them, were allegedly shot by him at the weekend. This allegation is contained in papers before the court.

The temporary interdicts already granted against Zuma restrain him from multiple murder, attempted murder, kidnapping, arson, assault and intimidation.

Lawyers bringing the applications say despite the large amount of evidence produced in court, there is no indication of the police investigating Zuma.

According to affidavits forming part of the contempt of the court application, Zuma showed the papers to a relative on Saturday.

On Sunday, the affidavits claim, he shot Smallridge Mthembu, the third applicant in the interdict, in the shoulder. The fourth applicant, Simon Mthembu, was also shot and is paralysed from the waist down.

According to the Mthembu's lawyers, there is still no sign of the police arresting Zuma, while an eyewitness to the shootings has been arrested and charged with public violence.

Several "warlords" mentioned in court papers have lengthy criminal records.

Peter Harris, a lawyer involved in drawing up the cases against the "warlords", said interdicts had been launched in the hope that this would control their activities.

"With certain 'warlords' — and one in particular — this was found not to

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Sicelo Dhlomo's mother at the memorial to her son in Johannesburg yesterday

Picture: ANNA ZIEMINSKI, Afrapix

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A chilling pattern to activist deaths

By VUSI GUNENE

THE killing this week of a young South African who had recently spoken out on detention and torture to international television audiences, bears chilling resemblances to the murder of Pretoria doctor Fabian Ribiero just over a year ago.

Eighteeen-year-old Sicelo Godley Dhlomo, a volunteer worker for the Detainees' Parents Support Committee (DPSC) and a member of the South African Students Congress, was found shot in the head in Soweto on Monday.

Like Ribiero, Dhlomo had featured in foreign television programmes, relating horrifying accounts of torture while in custody. He had appeared in the CBS documentary "Children of Apartheid", as well as on the BBC and a Dutch television station.

He was briefly detained by the police only days before his death.

The Reverend Frank Chikane, general secretary of the South African Council of Churches, yesterday raised questions about "the co-incidence" of his death coming so soon after his detention.

Speaking at a DPSC press conference, Chikane called for a full police investigation into the cir-

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Natal's warlords who walk free

be the case, and we had to launch a second interdict against the same person," said Harris.

"This means people identified in the community as allegedly being responsible for such crimes as multiple murder continue to be at large and as a consequence the conflict escalates."

Harris said as long as certain "warlords" and chiefs with private armies were allowed to act in an unfettered manner, one could not expect the violence to come to a halt.

The failure of police to arrest "warlords" was a key issue behind a strike yesterday at Sizanani MaZulu bus company in Pietermaritzburg.

On Wednesday, after driver Patrick Magwaza was shot and critically injured at his home, only about 25 percent of drivers reported for duty. Although the numbers went up to 50 percent yesterday morning, about 15 000 people had severe problems getting to work.

Magwaza's shooting comes in the wake of the deaths of 10 drivers over the last eight months.

One union official said a "key issue" of the strike was the workers' demand that a certain *induna* be charged for murder.

"Witnesses have seen him shooting people in the area. There are affidavits naming him, but he is still out there, walking the streets and shooting people."

However, managing director of KwaZulu Transport, Eddie Marshall, said management would not agree to put the issue of "warlords" on the negotiation agenda. It was an issue for "the authorities".

Apart from the accusations against the "warlords", which have been denied in replying arguments, the affidavits contain serious allegations about police reluctance to take action against Inkatha leaders.

One disturbing — but not atypical — example was that of Mandla and Mangethe Mkhize, two young men from the Mpumuza area, whose mother and sister were murdered on the night of October 9 last year.

Their younger brother and sister were eyewitnesses to the murders, which they claimed were committed by the *induna* of the area, David Ntombela, along with other identifiable Inkatha members.

These men were also allegedly re-

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sponsible that night for the death of another boy, Sithembiso Khumalo.

Ntombela and his cohorts, including the four Zondi brothers, were later identified at the police station as the men responsible for the crimes.

Mangethe, emotional because of the death of two family members, started to cry at the police station. He claimed a white police officer offered a gun to him, saying if he wanted revenge he could shoot Ntombela.

"When I moved towards the gun, he took it out of my reach," he said. "A number of policemen who were present thought this was funny."

Two days later, on his way back from the mortuary, older brother Mandla passed Ntombela at a T-junction, and went to the Plessieslaer police station to find out why he and the others had been set free.

Mandla spoke to a detective who "told me if he were in my position he would immediately move his family where they would be safer.

"He said in his experience when members of Inkatha committed atrocities, they were arrested but subsequently quickly released and almost never charged and prosecuted." The Mkhizes fled into hiding — just missing another raid on their house.

Pietermaritzburg's new security police chief, Brigadier Jac Buchner claimed in an interview on *Network* two weeks ago that his forces were "a law enforcement agency, not a political organisation".

He said the aim of the massive deployment of security forces into the area in January was to "restore law and order and to restore the human dignity of people living in this area."

Yet Buchner said authorities would seek to do this by restoring the control of parents and traditional chiefs.

In addition, he said, the local population would not give any information on the atrocities to the police.

Yet the January deployment has had little effect and was followed by an even more horrifying wave of violence which, far from subsiding this month, has made it almost the worst month on record.

According to Peter Kerchhof, an organiser for the Pietermaritzburg Agency for Social Awareness (Pacsa), 82 people died between January 1 and January 25, compared to 90 for the whole of December.

Kerchhof said from mid-December well above 1 000 people had been detained under the State of Emergency regulations and that between 800 and 1 000 were still being held.

Though some members of Inkatha are facing criminal charges, Kerchhof said he had names of about 500 detainees and had yet to hear of a single Inkatha person held under the Emergency regulations.

All evidence points to the UDF and Congress of South African Trade Unions bearing the brunt of the clampdown, as well as of propaganda from the SABC.

Asked to comment yesterday, the SAP public relations division said the gist of this article was "antagonistic towards the police and the authorities ... to which we take the strongest exception.

"The police have been accused by both Inkatha and the UDF of siding with the other group. We have made it clear the SAP is apolitical and impartial. We deny that we side with certain groups or that we act selectively in maintaining law and order.

"We refer you to our daily unrest reports which have indicated the large number of arrests made by the police. Those arrested have not only belonged to one specific group.

"The police can only refer cases to court where they have sufficient evidence.

"It is clear that certain allegations are based on hearsay and are vague and unsubstantiated ... It must also be remembered that the SAP cannot arrest a person because he has a criminal record or has had an interdict brought against him. Allegations should be lodged with the police, in the form of written affidavits, in order that they can be investigated."

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Two die in Natal unrest

PRETORIA. — Two more people have died in violent incidents in the Maritzburg area, the police's unrest report said.

At Henley Dam police found the body of a 16-year-old youth with several bullet wounds. At Imbali police found the body of a man with stab wounds.

Two men were seriously wounded by shots fired by unidentified gunmen at Mpumalanga, Hammarsdale.

At Bongeletu, Oudtshoorn, a youth was arrested after a group stoned a security force foot patrol.

At Ntha, Lindley, in the Northern Free State, pupils stoned a secondary school headmaster's office and house, three vehicles and the community centre. — Sapa

BUS MEN LIVING IN FEAR

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By S'BU MNGADI

THE killing of a Taylor's Halt bus driver has led to fears that transport services will be severely disrupted in the war-torn Maritzburg area.

Since fighting broke out between UDF and Cosatu affiliates and Inkatha members in March last year, the official death toll has risen to 364.

The shooting of Patrick Magwaza, a member of the Cosatu-affiliated Transport and General Workers' Union, has caused the majority of his colleagues to down-tools.

According to a Cosatu statement, they returned to their depots to discuss possible action.

Since May 1987, 10 of the KwaZulu Finance and Investment Corporation-owned Sizanani Mazulu Transport company's employees have been killed.

Earlier this month, another driver, Phineas Mnguni, was killed. This sparked off a two-day strike which ended after negotiations where it was agreed that management would:

- Request extra police protection in the area
- Investigate bullet proofing for cabs
- Install two-way radios.
- Make representation to the police to have warlords arrested

However, on Monday union officials met management to express their disappointment at "ineffective police protection".

Meanwhile, an Imbali family fought a pitched battle with a party led by an Inkatha Youth Leader, barely 24 hours before being granted a court order against him and fellow senior Inkatha members.

Maritzburg's Harewood Inkatha Youth Brigade chairman S'chizo Zuma and two other youths were later admitted to hospital.

Police confirmed this week that Smalridge and Simon Mthembu and Zuma had been seriously injured in the incident.

An SAP unrest report said a group of men stopped a vehicle and intimidated the occupants. One man was injured when he was struck with a cane knife and one of the occupants of the vehicle fired at the attackers with a revolver.

A day later, in the Maritzburg Supreme Court, Judge Krick granted a temporary interdict restraining Inkatha leader Zuma, Imbali councillor Mncwabe and Thulani Ngcobo, from killing or assaulting Johannes Mthembu and his four sons Elphas, Smalridge, Simon and Ernest.

Krick also ordered that the three respondents bring the terms of his order to the notice of all members of Inkatha subject to their authority.

In an affidavit, Mthembu said neither he nor his sons had any political allegiance, although they had declined to join Inkatha.

Mthembu said that in August last year there was a "fracas" between his sons Smalridge and Simon, and local Inkatha Youth members.

Later that day a large group gathered outside the Mthembu home. Simon was shot in the arm and the house was stoned.

Mthembu described other incidents of intimidation by Zuma, and said he thought police were involved in one instance.

Elphas Mthembu said that on January 16 this year he was walking in Imbali when a person known as Ngcobo called him from his car. Ngcobo had become angry when he had ignored him and continued to walk.

Mthembu was then shot in the foot.

When he was later taken to the local police station he said he was shocked to see Ngcobo "speaking casually with the police".

S'BU MNGADI

Where life is pure hell

By SHAUN HARRIS

LIFE or death in the war-torn townships of Maritzburg can depends on where you live.

The bloody violence which has claimed more than 80 lives so far this year in Maritzburg's Inkatha-United Democratic Front "civil war" is becoming indiscriminate.

Victims of the deadly feud said this week that political affiliations were becoming blurred — what now makes township residents friend or foe is the area in which they live.

The horror is worst for people who live on the borders of Inkatha and UDF controlled areas.

"We have to join whoever controls the township — there is no question of refusing," a 17-year-old youth said this week.

Sibusiso Mdlala — not his real name, — was severely beaten up this week

His kneecaps are swollen, a gory mess of cuts and bruises, and he has sjambok welts across his chest and back.

He says he received the injuries on Wednesday — acting as a member of his local "defensive unit" — which clashed with Inkatha members.

Sibusiso lives in Ashdown, one of the many townships surrounding Maritzburg.

Ashdown used to be an Inkatha stronghold, but recently it has fallen under the control of UDF-supporting groups.

But the neighbouring township of Mpumuza, separated from Ashdown by a dry river bed, is still in Inkatha hands.

Neutrals

And for people living on the border of Ashdown and Mpumuza, many of whom have no ideological affiliations, life is hell.

Nhlanhla Mchunu was attacked by a group of chanting, singing men outside his house last November.

"I was walking home when I met them. I don't know why they attacked me — the only reason can be because I live in a UDF area, and they were members of Inkatha."

The attack put Mr Mchunu in hospital for 10 weeks.

Mrs Alvinah Magaqu, 63, vice-chairwoman of the local chapter of the Inkatha Women's Brigade, has been attacked in her home at least twice.

Now she carries a pistol.

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'Land issue sparked Maritzburg violence'

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CP Correspondent

WARFARE in Maritzburg might be the result of years of manipulation by the State to strip the area's second largest township, Edendale, of its controversial freehold land rights

So warns a Natal academic who claims that the conflict between Inkatha and the UDF-Cosatu alliance was the result of a community blacklash against Inkatha's use of violence to gain control of the land

Edendale is one of the very few African areas in the country where Africans have full ownership of the land" explained the researcher, who asked to remain anonymous to "protect his family".

Since colonisation began, white authorities had always come down with a bad case of "the jitters" when confronted with land-owning blacks, he pointed out

He said the medicine that cured their 'jitters" in Natal was Inkatha, a structure which – under Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi's KwaZulu Legislative Assembly – could control housing in much the same way as the central government

Edendale's powerful land-owning families accuse government officials of administering the "free" township as if it were the same as the surrounding semi-rural KwaZulu areas and of encouraging the growth of slums, which could serve as a pretext for overuling land ownership

Both tenants and landlords have so far successfully opposed incorporation attempts

KwaZulu's Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi

"Legally, the State cannot incorporate Edendale into KwaZulu without the consent of the land-owners The State also cannot mediate between the land-owners and the tenants since the land-owners do not need any bureaucratic mechanism to extract rent from tenants," he said

The State s "systematic attempts to undermine land ownership' coincided neatly with Inkatha s urgent desire to take over Edendale said the academic

"The loss of such a big area for Inkatha would seriously put in doubt its claimed 1,5-million membership as well as its leadership of the Zulu nation

"The less its bureaucratic access to African communities and townships, the larger is its scale of violent attacks on people

"And the less successful it becomes in crushing progressive organisations the more it relies on the apartheid state for more bureaucratic and repressive apparatuses

"The implications go beyond the borders of Natal and have lessons for the entire progressive movement ' he suggested

"Trying to develop organisations around national campaigns unconnected to national issues is a fatal mistake National campaigns should build from local conditions of oppression and struggle," he said

Edendale land-owners have been fighting for their rights for over a century

In 1840 their ancestors pro-capitalism early African Christian converts known as Amakolwa, settled at a mission station in Edendale

The wealthy trading and farming peasantry bought land out were attacked by the end of the century because of "the threat of African farming activities to the then growing white capitalist agriculture in need of labour", he said

In self-defence, the Amakholwa registered their freehold land with racially exclusive covenants stating that "no white man shall be allowed to partake in the purchase of the said farm and none of the natives shall have the right to sell to a white man"

Now their direct descendants, Edendale's current land-owners and their working class tenants are fighting another battle for the land, 100 years later

A landlord, Sibusiso Nyembezi, said "The crux of the matter is that blacks want to have a say in decision-making

"Maybe the authorities can control the violence but they can't control the disatisfaction," said Nyembezi, a former member of a group known as the Edendale Advisory Board which disbanded after repeated attempts to negotiate change with the government

Even if the landlords and tenants win the war with Inkatha, the spectre of the Natal Indaba lies over the possession of land

"Whatever the final package of the final package of the Indaba looks like, it will certainly include extending Buthelezi's power to all African areas and townships in Natal

"The State needs Buthelezi's co-operation in its national plans and the Indaba will certainly enable him to break out of the somewhat restrictive terrain of the KwaZulu Bantustan," predicts the researcher

"Maritzburg is Inkatha's big ulcer in Natal For the mass democratic movement, as well, there is obviously a lot at stake

"Isolating and neutralising Inkatha is crucial in creating space for advancing the struggle in Natal And the energies of the people are, for some time, going to be increasingly tied to engaging Inkatha in Natal" – Concord

UDF and Cosatu supporters toyi-toyi after a service held in Maritzburg to appeal for peace in the region.

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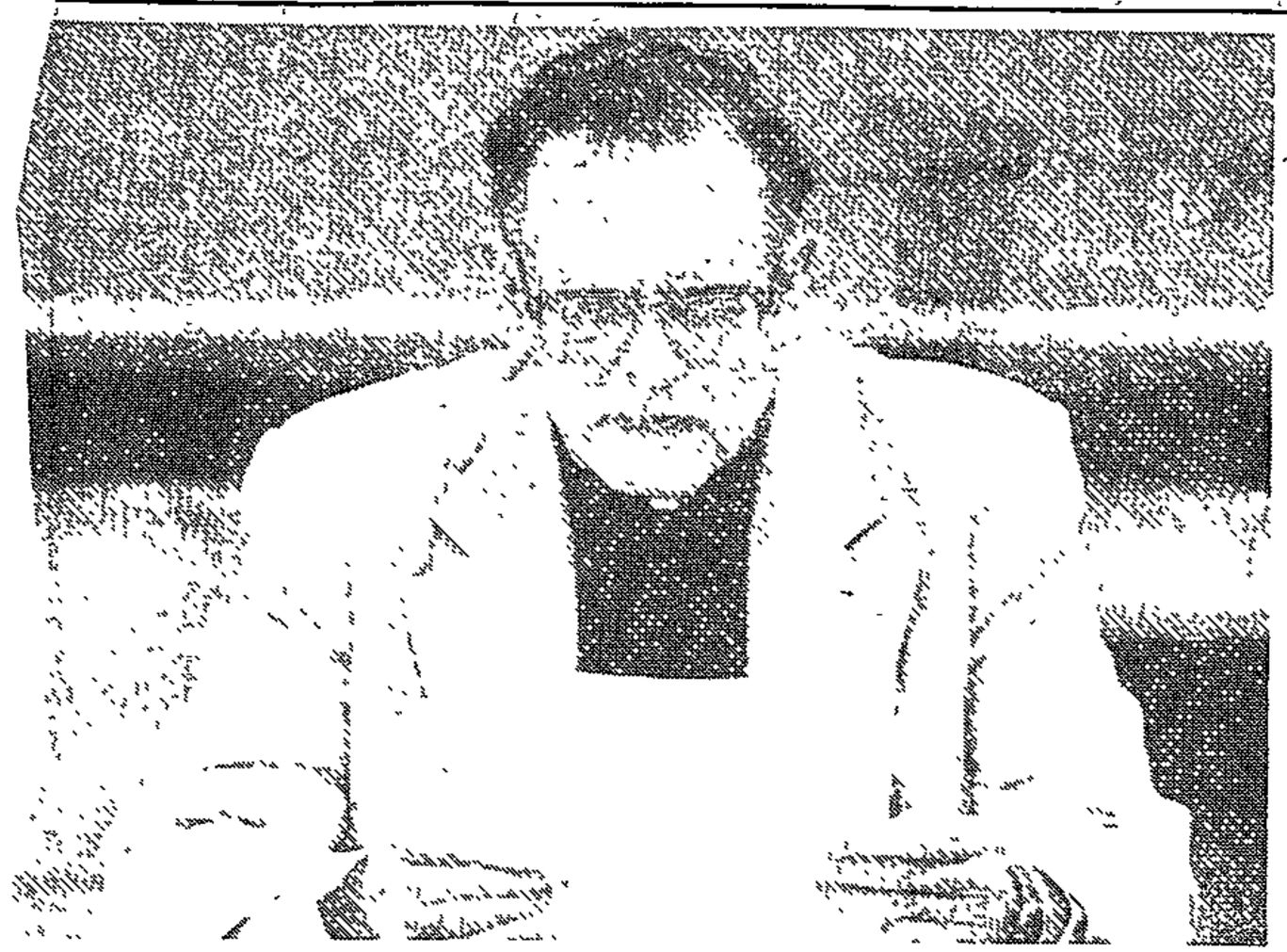

Durban's Catholic leader, Archbishop Denis Hurley.

Inkatha to boycott peace vigil call by Catholics?

CP Correspondent

INKATHA members may boycott a number of day-long vigils for peace in Maritzburg tomorrow because they are to be held at Catholic churches, but would attend if they were held at a Presbyterian church.

This was said by the KwaZulu representative for Vulindlela and Inkatha peace talks delegate Velaphi Ndlovu, in response to a call for a day of vigils for peace by Archbishop Denis Hurley.

The vigils have been organised for 9am to 4pm in a number of Catholic churches in Maritzburg, Edendale and Imbali as "an expression of my deep concern over the escalating violence", said the Archbishop.

The Durban archbishop and auxiliary bishop Dominique Khumalo will be attending the Edendale and Imbali townships' prayers for peace.

But Ndlovu, 39, has refused to attend and said he did not think other Inkatha members would attend either

Ndlovu, the Kwazulu representative for Vulindlela (the Maritzburg region) since 1983, denied that his refusal was politically motivated

Although informed that the services were not aimed at Catholics but at all people concerned by the violence, he replied: "I don't go inside Catholic churches. I will not go. If it was held in a Presbyterian church, I would go."

He did not elaborate on why he thought other Inkatha members, Catholic or not, would boycott the peace prayers

Although the churches will be open all day, the times of the special services will vary from place to place. Interested people are invited to contact their local Catholic church for further details. – Concord News Agency.

The innocent trapped in a power struggle

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Own Correspondent

A gang of men attacked the tiny creche in Slangspruit, Maritzburg, at midnight last week, hurling a petrol bomb through a window and burning the toddlers' toys.

Two days later they were back, to smash the rest of the windows and destroy more of the creche's humble contents.

The men were allegedly vigilantes in search of a 19-year-old "comrade" who had long since fled the area.

His mother, who does not wish to be named, claims the gang first threatened: "Unless we get your son we will kill you".

The attack on the brightly painted day centre, situated among tumbledown shacks in central Slangspruit, was just one of hundreds of petrol bombings and assaults which have devastated the lives of people caught up in the wrestle for power in Maritzburg.

"I turned my home into a creche early last year to care for children scattered about the township with no one to look after them during the day. It was going fine until last weekend," said the shattered mother of five.

"I take all children, those of Inkatha members as well as the United Democratic Front (UDF). I charge only R6 a month, and R8 for babies, not even enough to pay for their food. Some very poor parents don't pay at all and I regularly feed the children on handouts from nearby homes."

She said she knew the names of several of attackers and had reported them to the police in Plessislaer.

The stark, four-roomed creche is situated on the "Inkatha side" of Slangspruit, near a central dirt road that divides the two warring groups.

"One side belongs to the UDF. My side is dominated by Inkatha. Land owners like myself are particularly vulnerable, and many are killed if they refuse to join the opposing group," said the woman.

6 more killed in M'burg

MARITZBURG. — Six more people have died in unrest in townships around this town.

According to the latest police unrest report, the bodies of three men were found at Sweetwaters, all with stab wounds. The bodies were found separately.

At Taylor's Halt, police found the body of a woman with a bullet and stab wounds in the face, and at Imbali the body of a 26-year-old man was found by police. He had several stab wounds.

The sixth death occurred at Vulisaka, also at Taylor's Halt, when three men hurled petrol bombs at the home of a policeman.

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8 die in Natal violence

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By Craig Kotze

Eight more people were killed in fighting in Maritzburg townships at the weekend, police reported, while unrest continued in Cape Town's KTC squatter camp — which last week left two dead, shacks razed and thousands homeless.

At Sweetwaters police found three male bodies with stab wounds.

A policeman shot and killed a suspected arsonist in Vulisaka near Taylor's Halt when three men hurled a petrol bomb at his house. Also in Taylors Halt, police found the body of a woman with a bullet wound and stab marks on her face.

The body of a 26-year-old man was found in Imbali. He had been stabbed to death. A 26-year-old man was hit on the head and killed when unidentified gunmen fired shots at a minibus in Mpumalanga.

A mob stabbed a man to death in Mpumuza.

In KTC, the latest police unrest report said arsonists destroyed a church. No injuries were reported.

● A massive manhunt is under way for the unknown gunmen who shot and wounded six policemen and another man in two separate incidents in Soweto on Friday night.

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Women to discuss the violence

By VASANTHA ANGAMUTHU

THE violence in Maritzburg – in which over 120 people have died since the beginning of this year – will be the main point of discussion at the annual meeting of Women for Peaceful Change Now.

Thami Mthalane, the secretary to the Sobantu Village Administrator, and a resident of Sobantu will address the public at 2pm on Saturday, February 27, at Bellhaven Hall on the corner of Daly and 1st Avenue opposite Game City in Durban.

The movement, responsible for initiating a number of community projects and programs, is a non-racial, anti-apartheid women's organisation which was formed after the 1976 Soweto uprising.

Among the organisation's projects are Youthreach, a communication orientated program with about 40 members of all races; and Training and Resources in Early Education, a program to upgrade childcare facilities in KwaZulu and Natal by training creche workers.

The organisation also helps organise Embambiswaneni workshops which assist English teachers of black children in government and homeland schools.

11 die in M'burg townships

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MARITZBURG. — Eleven people have been killed in Maritzburg townships, police reported yesterday.

The report said the body of a 35-year-old woman was found at Taylor's Halt with about 100 stab wounds. In the same area police found the body of a 70-year-old man who had been stabbed to death.

Also at Taylor's Halt police found a 17-year-old woman who had been stabbed and seriously injured.

At Sweetwaters township, police found the bodies of five black men in separate incidents. One of them, an 18-year-old youth, had a bullet wound in the head and burns on the body.

Another was found with a bullet wound and three had been stabbed to death.

At Ashdown township a group stabbed a black man to death. In another incident in the area a police vehicle was stoned by a mob. Nobody was hurt and one man was arrested.

At Mpumuza, near Maritzburg, a group stabbed a black man to death; at Dambuza police found the body of a 32-year-old man, and at Caluza, Edendale, a group shot and killed a man.

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Youth killed as fighting breaks out in Midlands

MARITZBURG — A youth died in further fighting in Ashdown and in other areas of the Natal Midlands yesterday.

This followed weekend police reports that another eight people had died in fighting in Maritzburg townships, and of continued unrest in Cape Town's KTC squatter camp — which last week left two dead, hundreds of shacks burned down and thousands homeless.

Cosatu yesterday sent an urgent telegram to the Pietermaritzburg Chamber of Industries (PCI) warning that Ashdown workers would be unable to get to work, as they feared their homes and families would not be protected.

The PCI then sent an urgent telex to the National Party MP for Pietermaritzburg North, Mr Danie Schutte, who subsequently met the Ministers of Justice and Law and Order.

The trouble began after an Inkatha prayer meeting was held in Sweetwaters.

Groups of the 15 000-strong crowd allegedly stormed into neighbouring Ashdown and a youth was killed at a bus stop. Several other people were stabbed. — Sapa.

Getting married

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Pietermaritzburg violence could spread — Buthelezi

LONDON — Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi warned yesterday that black-against-black fighting in Pietermaritzburg could spread to the rest of the country, if the South African Government did not change its policy of apartheid.

"The events (in Pietermaritzburg) are a salient and daily reminder of what may be in store for us all, if the government persists in ramming its racism down our throats," Chief Buthelezi said in a letter to the Independent newspaper.

Last month, 100 people died in black townships around Pietermaritzburg, in the worst carnage in the feud between Inkatha and the United Democratic Front.

About 400 people have been killed since the so-called "Zulu war" started a year ago.

Chief Buthelezi is known as a moderate, and an opponent of violence.

"The tragedy of Pietermaritzburg is that, what is happening there is a lesson for all of South Africa (white and black).

"However, few people beyond the boundaries of the area are taking much notice.

"The only solution is for the politics of negotiation and compromise to triumph," he added. — Sapa-RNS

Police fly more men to trouble spot

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MARITZBURG. — The police are flying 100 extra men into the strife-torn black townships today with a commitment from the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, to stop the violence.

The additional action comes at a time when there are fair indications that the United Democratic Front has started to win what the Maritzburg mayor, Mr Mark Cornell, has termed a "war".

There are widespread fears that Inkatha supporters could initiate a massive response to beat back the UDF.

An attack on the UDF-dominated township of Ashdown on Sunday, following a mass Inkatha meeting, could have been the start of the retaliation.

The vice-chairman of the Maritzburg Chamber of Commerce, Mr Rob Pater, said he hoped to have "frank discussions" with Mr Vlok in Cape Town during the next couple of days.

Mr Cornell said yesteray: "The situation in Maritzburg has now reached a point where it can best be described as a war. Something has to be done quickly to bring about peace."

Violence continued in Natal last night as three black women were murdered in three separate incidents, the SAP's daily unrest bulletin said.

At Edendale, a group of blacks murdered a 60-year-old woman by throwing petrol over her and setting her alight.

An 18-year-old woman was stabbed to death at Henley Dam at Edendale, and at Sinating, also at Edendale, police found the body of a 40-year-old black woman with stab wounds. — Sapa

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Clashes in M'burg city centre: 3 hurt

Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG. — Violence spilled over from the black townships around Maritzburg into the city centre yesterday in the wake of the mayor's call for the army to be brought in to help the police.

Three people were seriously injured after a group, believed to be Inkatha supporters, clashed with opposition groups.

The Police Divisional Commissioner of Natal Inland Division, Brigadier J Kotze, said 46 people had been arrested during the incident.

Yesterday the mayor of Maritzburg, Mr Mark Cornell, said it would be wise to call in the SADF to help the police.

Worried shopkeepers fear that violence will move from the townships into the city centre again. They said this was the second incident in the city centre this week.

Some shopkeepers interviewed yesterday said they had seen mobs armed with sticks, knives, spears and shields chasing other groups down the streets.

Police in Pretoria said yesterday a 14-year-old boy had been killed and a 35-year-old man seriously injured in Retief Street in Maritzburg on Tuesday when they were attacked and stabbed by a group who had gathered outside the beer hall.

Brigadier Kotze said police received information yesterday morning that a busload of alleged Inkatha members had come into town to attack the Cosatu offices.

Several police units were immediately dispatched to the scene and came across a large crowd, some armed, a few streets from the union's offices. The group was immediately dispersed with teargas.

As they fled they re-formed, and one large mob clashed with another outside the Cosatu offices.

The three badly injured men were taken to Edendale Hospital with serious stab wounds.

Brigadier Kotze said suspects would be charged as soon as the investigation was complete. Some might be charged and appear in the Plessislaer Magistrate's Court today, he said.

Charges, he added, could range from forming an illegal gathering to assault or possession of dangerous weapons.

He said he could not say definitely whether the suspects were members of Inkatha or other groups.

An Inkatha spokesman, Mr Velaphi Ndlovu, said yesterday he was unaware of the trouble. "I know nothing about this incident," he said.

Mr Cornell, who is in Cape Town for Friday's opening of Parliament, told Sapa the police had done "as much as possible with limited numbers", but he — and he was sure his council would support him — thought it was time the Defence Force was called in to assist.

Unrest spills into city centre

PIETERMARITZBURG — Unrest which had been confined mainly to black townships near here spilled over into the city centre yesterday when three people were seriously hurt after a group, thought to be Inkatha supporters, clashed with opposition groups

The divisional commissioner of Natal Inland Division of the SA Police, Brig J. Kotze, conmfirmed that 46 people had been arrested by police during the incident.

Worried shopkeepers have expressed the fear that the violence is moving from the townships into the city centre The attackers were armed with sticks, knives, spears and shields, according to some witnesses

● According to the latest South African Police unrest report issued in Pretoria, a 14 year-old boy was killed and a 35-year-old man was seriously injured when they were attacked and stabbed by a group who had gathered outside a beer hall.

A spokesman said police received information that a busload of alleged Inkatha members had come into town in order to attack the Cosatu offices in lower Berg Street.

Several police units were immediately dispatched to the scene. The group was dispersed by police using tearsmoke.

As they ran they re-formed into groups. A large mob clashed with another crowd outside the Cosatu offices where three people were seriously injured. Police are investigating. — DDC

Death stalks the streets in Maritzburg's townships

Innocent are victims in Natal's bloody reign of terror

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Somewhere in the Sweetwaters township outside Maritzburg, an old blind man weeps tears of hopelessness and despair. His wife, equally distressed, holds back her own tears and tries to comfort him.

The couple are living in the terror which is now endemic in most townships around Maritzburg.

Their offence? The blind man walked to the bus-stop several weeks ago in the hopes of going into Maritzburg to do some chores. As a rule he climbed on to the bus, told the passengers where he was going and they helped him off, guided him to his destination in town, and made plans to help him catch a bus home.

This time, however, buses weren't running and so the old man was offered a lift into town in a police van.

Two days later word got around that he was a police informer and his life was threatened. Fearing for their lives, his two teenage daughters were forced into hiding.

"Where are my children? Why are we being threatened for something I did so innocently? When will this end?" he implores.

Tragedy a daily reality

It is just one of hundreds of similar incidents which are being told around strife-torn Maritzburg.

Tragedies have become a daily reality, stoically endured by those living among the trouble, strongly felt by those living away from it.

Life has fallen apart in townships which were peaceful even when other areas countrywide seethed with violence. And it seems that the innocent, unpoliticised people are bearing the brunt of the violence.

Somewhere in Howick, a domestic maid arrives at work hours late, bruised and cut, her clothes in tatters.

"They came last night," she says, "and we had to run away as fast as we could. They wanted my son; they hit my daughter. We left our house with everything inside it. We are going to live in Mphophomeni with my friends."

An Edendale man, a successful painter, stumbles into the business premises of a friend. He collapses on the floor and sobs.

"They came to our house last night. They beat my wife, and they hit me. They broke our windows and tried to burn the house. I don't know why. Don't ask me why. Please help me. I am taking my family to Ixopo. We have family there."

Child shot after finding body

In central Maritzburg, a middle-aged woman resident in Imbali and employed as a shop assistant, goes about her work in her usual helpful manner.

But she is clearly distraught, and she eventually breaks down and tells her employer: "They tried to kill my son. They hit him while he was walking on the road with his friends. I don't know why. They don't tell us why. I think it was because they saw them on the road. Sometimes they do that.

"I don't know who it was. If I say it's UDF I could be wrong and if I say it's Inkatha I could also be wrong. They both cause trouble with the people.

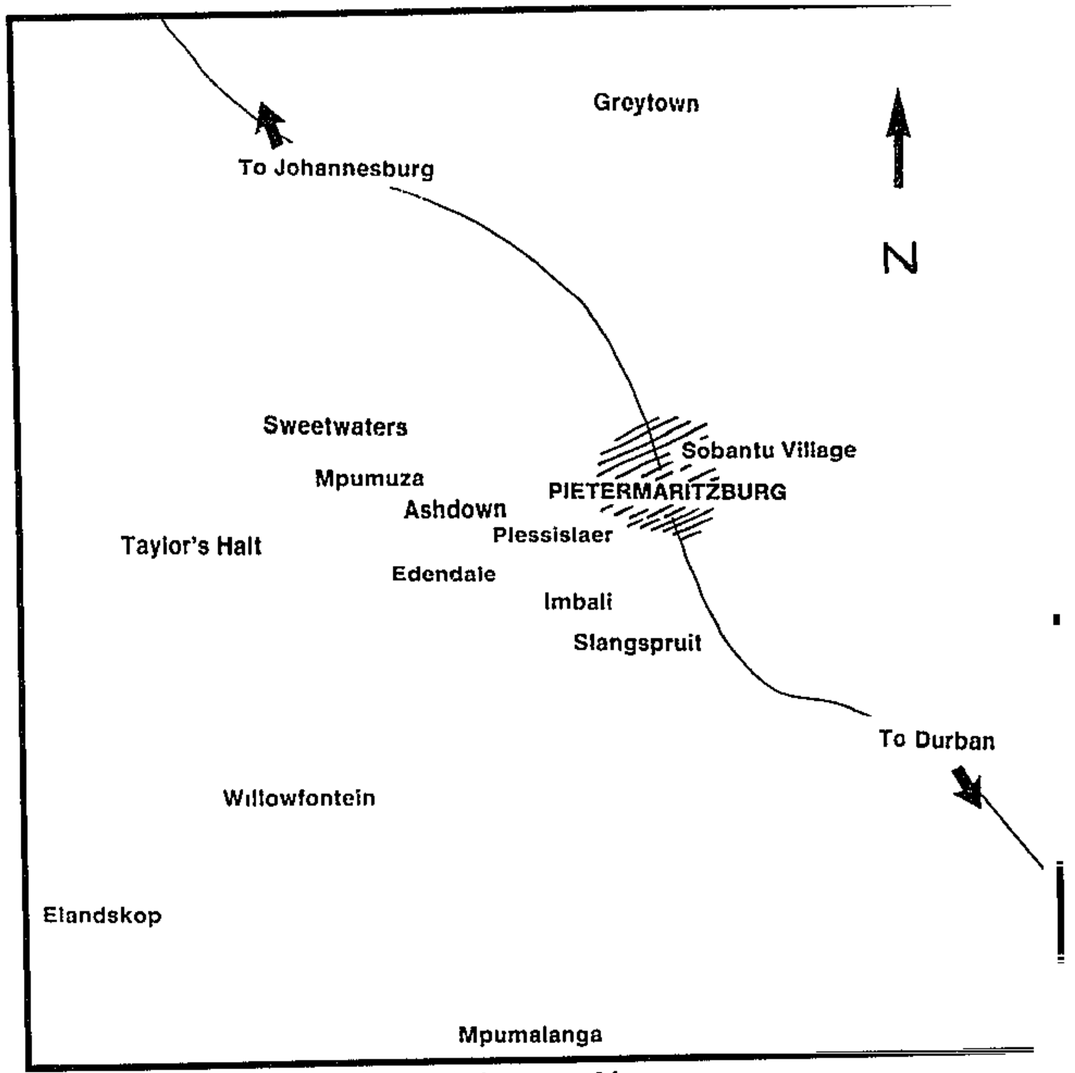
"My son cannot go to school this year. He is too weak. He is crying to go to school, but he is not fit. He won't be able to walk properly, and he can't eat properly because his teeth are full of wires. He was going to do matric. He is 18.

"Please don't use my name. They can kill me or burn my house. They burnt my cousin's house in Slangspruit. We are very scared."

A Sweetwaters teacher tells a friend of the brutal killing of the 13-year-old daughter of a neighbour of hers.

"She found the body of an elderly man lying close to her home. She did not know what to do about it so she reported it to the police. That night she was shot dead."

The teacher adds: "You don't know what is happening here in Sweetwaters. We are all so fearful all the time. You are so lucky you are white."



The Maritzburg trouble spots.

No sign of violence abating

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Blood continues to flow in townships around the Natal midlands — and while violence was sporadic during most of 1987, this year has seen a horrifying eruption in political deaths.

About 50 people died between January and August 1987.

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'Police don't have manpower to cope'

Call for SADF to end Natal fighting

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By Craig Kotze, Crime Reporter

The mayor of Maritzburg, Mr Mark Cornell, has called on the South African Defence Force to halt the bloody Maritzburg township war which is spreading into the city and threatening to spill over into other regions.

Mr Cornell is in Cape Town for the official opening of Parliament tomorrow and is seeking a meeting with Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok to discuss the deepening crisis.

More than 400 people have been killed in the power struggle between Inkatha and the United Democratic Front which started last year and escalated dramatically in the closing months of 1987.

Mr Cornell's call comes after a 14-year-old youth was stabbed to death by a mob outside a beerhall in the town's Retief Street on Tuesday.

In a second incident in Maritzburg streets yesterday, police arrested 46 people after a mob — armed with pangas, knobkerries and other weapons — attacked a group of youths and then tried to get into Cosatu House in Berg Street. Three men were seriously injured and taken to hospital.

Appear in court

A Pretoria police spokesman said the 46 would appear in the Plessislaer Magistrate's Court today.

Mr Cornell said the fighting, which has already affected the region's economy, should be stopped now before it escalated further and spilled over to other parts of Natal.

"I feel that the police, despite a few hundred reinforcements, do not have the manpower needed to stem the violence. I would welcome it if the Defence Force was called in to assist," said Mr Cornell.

He said the SAP had done as much as possible with limited manpower but it "would be wise" for the Defence Force to be called in.

"I can tell you the black property owners would welcome such a move. We are all sick of the violence. We've had enough," he said.

"What we have now in Maritzburg is war. I will ask Mr Vlok how he intends stopping

Goodbye son. Like thousands of other parents around South Africa, John and Lesanne Williamson yesterday to their son Craig (17) when he reported at Sturrock Park in Johannesburg for the start national service. Young conscripts from the Johannesburg area were reporting over a period of fi South African Defence Force said. From there they were headed for almost every training camp in

PW likely to talk on finance

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By David Braun, Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — President Botha is expected to make major financial announcements when he opens Parliament tomorrow.

There are indications he will concentrate on the economy rather than constitutional and security matters in his speech, which traditionally sets the tone for the Government's political programme in the ensuing year.

Mr Botha will brief business and other leaders on his speech in Cape Town this afternoon.

The Government has kept details of the speech under wraps, but speculation in recent

Mr Botha is expected to ask the private sector to follow this example.

There is also speculation Mr Botha will make an announcement on privatisation, possibly even naming the first Government services to be sold to the private sector.

Progressive Federal Party spokesman on Finance Mr Harry Schwarz said yesterday Mr Botha was likely to present 1988 as the year of economic reform.

"I think now, at a time when there has been a limited economic upswing, the Government will switch the accent to economic reform," he said. "I think this will be the theme of the

A blind man lives in terror after getting a lift from the police

From Argus Correspondent SUE SEGAR in Maritzburg

SOMEWHERE in the Sweetwaters township outside Maritzburg an old blind man weeps tears of despair. His wife, equally distressed, holds back her own tears and tries to console him.

The couple, who may not be named, are living from hour to hour in the terror which has become the order of the day in most of the townships around Maritzburg.

Their offence· the blind man walked to the bus stop several weeks ago in the hope of going to Maritzburg to do chores.

Usually he climbed on, told the people around him where he wanted to go and they would help him off, guide him to where he needed to go in town and make plans to help him catch the bus back to Sweetwaters

This time, however, buses weren't running and the old man was offered a lift in a police van. He accepted, grateful for the help.

Two days later word had circulated that the "old blind man" was a collaborator with the police. His life was threatened and his two teenage daughters — in fear of their lives — were forced to go into hiding.

"Where are my children? Why are we being estranged for something I did so innocently? When will this end?" the blind man asks.

This is just one out of hundreds of similar stories being told in the strife-torn Maritzburg townships. The aging blind man is one of thousands who shake their heads in bewilderment at what is going on around them

Nearly every person has a story to tell — either based on personal experiences or those of neighbours, relatives or friends. Tragedies are becoming a daily reality.

People outside the townships who were previously uninvolved and unaware have been jolted into a realisation of what is happening in areas which are now undoubtedly "too close for comfort".

Employers have been forced to help their workers cope with the hazards.

Things have fallen apart in midland townships which, in the past, were peaceful, even when other areas countrywide were seething with violence. And it seems that the innocent, unpoliticised people are taking most of the punishment.

An Edendale man — a successful painter — stumbles into the business premises of a friend. He collapses on the floor and sobs.

"They came to our house last night. They beat my wife, and they hit me. They broke our windows and tried to burn the house. I don't know why. Don't ask me why. Please help me.

"I am taking my family to Ixopo. We have family there."

In central Maritzburg, a middle-aged woman — resident in Imbali and employed as a shop assistant — goes about her work in her usual way.

She is, however, clearly distressed, and eventually breaks down and tells her employer in broken English "They tried to kill my son. They hit him while he was walking on the road with his friends.

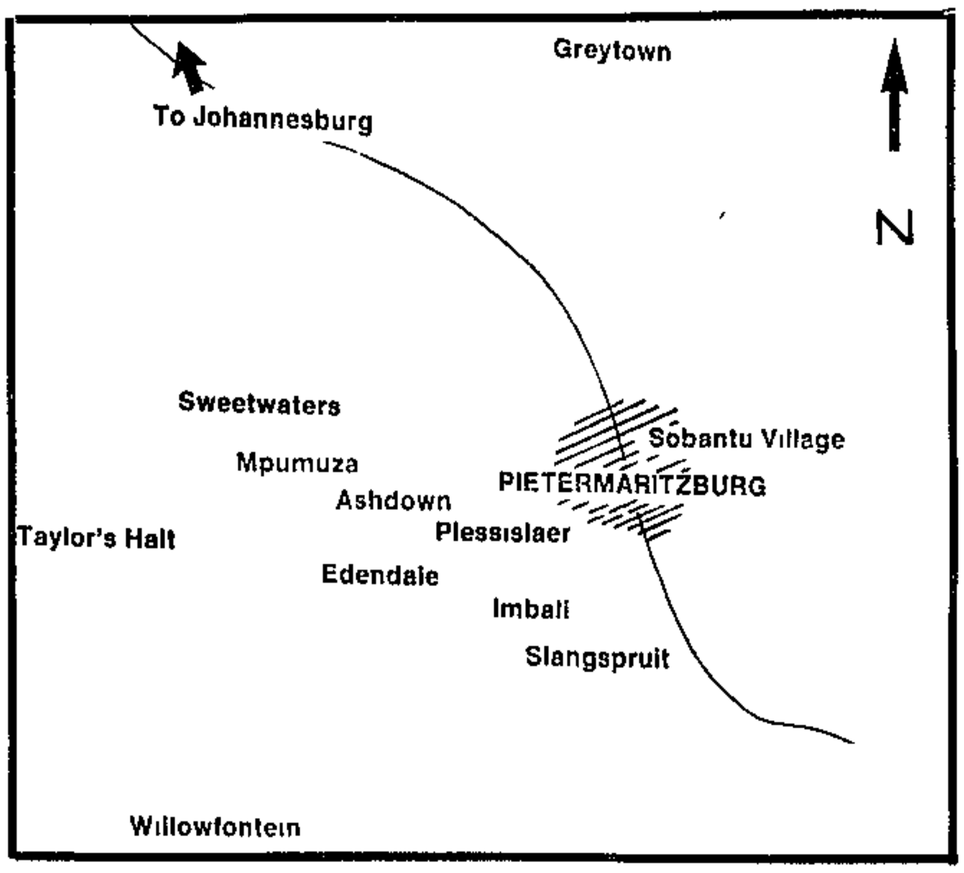
"I don't know why. They don't tell us why. I think it was because they saw them on the road.

"Sometimes they do that. I don't know who it was. If I say it's UDF I could be wrong and if I say it's Inkatha I could also be wrong. They both cause trouble with the people."

A Sweetwaters teacher tells a friend of the brutal killing of the 13-year-old daughter of a neighbour of hers.

"She found the body of an elderly man lying close to her home. She did not know what to do about it, so she reported it to the police. That night she was shot dead at her house."

The teacher adds: "You don't know what is happening here in Sweetwaters. We are all so fearful all the time. You are so lucky you are white."



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Send Army in to quell Maritzburg violence, plea

By BRUCE CAMERON, Political Staff

A DECISION on whether to call in the Defence Force to stop the violence in the Maritzburg area is likely to be made later today.

The Mayor of Maritzburg, Mr Mark Cornell, and the two Members of Parliament for the city are to see the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, later today to ask him to request Defence Force assistance.

The Progressive Federal Party leader in Natal, Mr Roger Burrows, is to discuss with the party leadership whether the PFP should endorse calls for army intervention.

Mr Vlok said today that more policemen had been sent into the area and it had to be seen whether this would help.

He did not want to comment on whether the army would be called in.

The army was available if required, he said.

Firm control

Mr Brian Edwards MP (NP Maritzburg South) said today that the situation had to be brought firmly under control.

This could be done only by bolstering the numbers of the security forces.

More people also had to appear in court so it could be seen that justice was being done.

Mr Burrows agreed that there were not enough people on the ground to bring the situation under control.

He was also hoping to see Mr Vlok today.

● Fifteen community leaders have "mandated" Mr Cornell to take three major steps which they believe will help bring an end to the violence.

A clergyman who was part of the delegation which met Mr Cornell said today that under the three-point plan the mayor was urged to:

● Bring additional members of the Defence Force into the strife-torn areas.

● Disarm all people, including those who had licensed firearms, and

● Ban the activities of Inkatha and the United Democratic Front until normality was restored.

Mr Cornell is in Cape Town today for the opening of Parliament and is expected to meet Cabinet Ministers to discuss the three steps requested by the delegation.

The clergyman said: "We met Mr Cornell because we believe the situation is out of control. People have lost confidence in the police and believe that the troops will do an equitable job in stopping violence."

Last night the situation in several of the troubled townships was quieter.

● A boy aged 12 and four boys of 13 are among the 46 people who will appear in court, probably tomorrow, over violence in the city centre yesterday, reports The Argus Correspondent.

Some youths came close to being shot by people wishing to protect their staff and property.

A businessman said the situation was "explosive" when the youths ran into businesses and asked staff what their political affiliations were. "They were attacking African people indiscriminately.

"Tsotsis"

"I was close to my gun and would have had to protect my staff, including women, and my property.

"A busload of these tsotsis arrived and they waved Inkatha banners and chanted, 'Inkatha, Inkatha,' and attacked people.

"It seemed like a Zulu impi and they appeared to be disciplined to the extent that they did not attack whites, coloureds or Indians, although they ran into Indian shops.

"The police arrived quickly and arrested them very efficiently and without undue force."

A man who saw another group rounded up by police said the youths were heavily armed with assegais, knives, sharpened sticks and clubs.

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2 more deaths as mayor prepares to meet minister

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Maritzburg's Mayor, Mr Mark Cornell, is to meet the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, in Cape Town this afternoon to discuss the unrest, while 46 people are due to appear in court in connection with the violence which flared in the capital's city centre on Wednesday.

Mr Cornell confirmed the meeting from Cape Town yesterday.

Mr Cornell has joined a recent call for the SADF to be brought in to assist the stemming of violence, which on Wednesday spilled into the city centre when a large crowd of alleged Inkatha supporters went on the rampage, seriously injuring three people.

Meanwhile, two of the three young men who received serious stab wounds in the chest and back during the incident have been discharged from hospital while a third underwent surgery yesterday. He is said to be in a satisfactory condition.

KwaZulu Chief Minister and Inkatha president Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi yesterday responded to reports of the incident by saying he was "saddened" by the escalation of violence in Maritzburg townships, which has claimed an estimated 110 lives since the start of the year. He added, however, that he was "no longer prepared to be used for propaganda purposes by pro-UDF elements in the media". — Own correspondents and Sapa

The circle turns vicious

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Maritzburg's black townships have become burial grounds whose true significance only future historians may one day assess. There is no end in sight to the killings; black residents live in fear, or flee.

For whites, the law currently combines with racial divisions, censorship and propaganda to ensure that the daily mutilation and death, the grief and devastation, the torching of pitiful shacks and the terror of hunted children, remain remote and barely understood.

For the almost 400 blacks who have died in the violence and the surviving combatants, the roots of the conflict may once have been more or less clear, but their resolution is unpredictable. "It's becoming a Beirut situation where people forget how the violence started or what the causes were and it just becomes a way of life," warns Paul van Uytrecht, manager of the Pietermaritzburg Chamber of Commerce.

There are many obstacles to understanding why Inkatha and UDF-Cosatu elements are so brutally pitted against one another and what the outcome of this struggle will be. Not the least is the recklessly facile view encouraged by SABC radio and TV. An example was the radio *Comment* of December 9: with a sly hint at the UDF, it said that "those who ally themselves at least tacitly with the ANC" sought to make the country ungovernable. In those circumstances, "there is no barbarism too degrading to be employed as their instrument in gaining the silent acquiescence of the masses."

The implicit solution is to "eradicate" the UDF, a fanciful notion which underlines the bankruptcy of those aspects of State policy on internal insurrection which are either declared or hinted at. The qualification is crucial, since much of that policy remains secret.

From a liberal white perspective, articulated by Peter Kirchoff of the Pietermaritzburg Association for Christian Social Awareness, the spark which ignited the Maritzburg powderkeg was a recruitment drive by Inkatha: "It would have been all right, I believe, if the drive had been conducted in a civilised way, but they went around at night knocking on people's doors and demanding that they join."

This partisan explanation accepts the UDF-Cosatu dogma that Inkatha is the sole aggressor and harassed villagers have desperately gathered together under the UDF banner to defend themselves. Cosatu's Dumisani Mbanjwa tells the *FM*: "The forced recruitment began in Imbali, because Imbali is run by Inkatha councillors" The UDF's A S Chetty goes further: "The violence started by way of a wave of terror against some of the units affiliated to the UDF."

But both are silent on the fact that one of the earliest incidents of violence — in 1985 — was the firebombing of the home of the chairman of the Imbali Township Council, Patrick Pakkies. As was the case elsewhere in the country, the Imbali councillors then became prime targets of the violence

Inkatha president Mangosuthu Buthelezi singles out racist legislation as the underlying cause of poverty, unemployment and crime, all of which, he says, are now manipulated by the ANC, the UDF and Cosatu to foment violence. In the process, Inkatha, which opposes the ANC's Marxism with a belief in a free enterprise democracy, becomes the target of violent attack.

Reflecting his peace-broking role — though the Chamber of Commerce's initiative is in great danger of floundering — Van Uytrecht says violence ran out of control when recruiting agents of both Inkatha and UDF-Cosatu clashed. "Each told an almost identical story about the other," he told the *FM*. "The common element is a quest for popular support on both sides."

There can be no winner in such a war, although periodic body counts may cynically fix the temporary ascendancy of one group or another The police view, reported on SABC-TV, was that, by the end of last year, roughly a third of the victims belonged to neither Inkatha nor the UDF-Cosatu and the great majority of the remainder were Inkatha. So mindless thuggery was an important factor and in the "political" arena the UDF was by implication the aggressor.

Kirchoff, on the other hand, reports that one-third of the victims were Inkatha suporters and the balance non-Inkatha Mbanjwa qualifies this and says that, until November last year, most of the victims were non-Inkatha members, but that once the community organised to defend itself, this balance swung against Inkatha. By implication Inkatha was the initial aggressor but is now on the defensive

Given the terrain and the deep divisions in the communities, no amount of policing is likely to restore permanent peace to the area in the immediate future. This was borne out by a sharp escalation in violence at the weekend despite police reinforcements.

Current peace initiatives are also unlikely to succeed The deep mistrust between the UDF-Cosatu and Inkatha combines with fundamental ideological differences to ensure that representatives of each party come to peace meetings convinced that the other is working to a hidden agenda which makes peace talks futile.

In all likelihood, both are perfectly justified in their suspicions. And so the fighting continues

There can be little doubt that a protracted conflict will work to Inkatha's disadvantage. Buthelezi's uneasy relationship with government has placed him in the unenviable role of landlord and rent collector in township communities where the popular party is one which organises rent boycotts. As a measure of his unease, he is reluctant to raise tariffs and under-collections must be heavily subsidised

It is plain that to succeed in his quest for majority support, Buthelezi must either deliver — whether it be jobs, homes, tarred roads or a genuine share in administering wealth — or significantly alter his position on working within the system.

This Achilles' Heel is now being gleefully exploited by his opponents. Reasonably objective observers report that Inkatha was badly shocked when it went recruiting in Maritzburg's rural districts and found that Cosatu had beaten it to the area

Naturally, as an extra parliamentary grouping, unencumbered by administrative responsibilities and inadequate budgets, the UDF and Cosatu enjoy a certain licence which Buthelezi must now increasingly envy. Thus, if government cannot make his support for working within the grudging system worth the political cost he must pay, there remains a distinct likelihood that he will reconsider his position.

It is thus Buthelezi's political aspirations and the hopes of the Indaba constitution-makers which may prove to be the most significant victims of Maritzburg's violence. If those aspirations and hopes fail, the prospects for peace are bleak

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Mayor, Vlok to discuss unrest in Pietermaritzburg

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Mr Cornell said yesterday he did not, however, support a call for the South African Police to get out of the townships made in a recent petition by township residents

Meanwhile, those being held in connection with Wednesday's violence are scheduled to appear in the Magistrate's Court here today They range in age from 12 years to 24 years

The chairman of the Midlands branch of the United Democratic Front (UDF), Mr A S Chetty, yesterday condemned the violence.

Mr Chetty stressed, however, that the UDF and Cosatu were still prepared to meet Inkatha and continue with peace talks.

● In Ulundi the KwaZulu Chief Minister and Inkatha president Dr Mangosuthu Buthelezi said here yesterday that he was "saddened" by the escalation of violence in Pietermaritzburg townships which has claimed an estimated 110 lives since the start of the year. — DDC

Blamed for PMB strife: 'Operation Doom'

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A mass Inkatha meeting at KwaMkhulu on Sunday has been pinpointed by UDF, Cosatu and other organisations in Pietermaritzburg as the start of the week's violence.

After the meeting large groups of people — many well armed — streamed into Ashdown, attacking residents and property.

The next day, out of fear and to protect their belongings, Ashdown residents held a large-scale stayaway.

On Wednesday a bus-load of armed people — many of them youths and all allegedly Inkatha supporters — arrived in the city centre and began to move towards Cosatu's local headquarters.

Witnesses said the men shouted they were looking for "comrades".

They attacked pedestrians and shoppers, and at least three people were left seriously injured before police moved in and arrested 46 people.

"They just went on a rampage, attacking everyone in sight. It was so frightening. We ran in all directions. Some people got stabbed. They were carrying assegaais, knobkieries and bushknives and said they were looking for *amaqabane* (comrades)," said one witness, an Edendale teacher.

KwaZulu MP Velaphi Ndlovu said he wantedto know what proof there was that Inkatha members were responsible for the attack.

"It is not the first time that people have been bussed in to attack in any particular area. Why should people suddenly want my comment? Why didn't they ask for it when people were bussed to attack homes of the chiefs and many other people in Ngaphezulu in the Edendale valley. or when Uwusa drivers were killed in East Street?

"Why do they suddenly become interested when it takes place in town?" he said.

Before the crucial Sunday meeting, the Progressive Federal Party regional director, Radley Keys, had written to the police and the chief magistrate warning of the possible consequences of the rally.

He said yesterday he had also been contacted by people expressing fear of an "Operation Cleanup", and that during the week before the Sunday meeting he had received many calls and visits from people afraid of the consequences of the rally.

His letter informed the authorities that he had received information about the meeting "through reports phoned to the office by employers and people living in Sweetwaters and from people coming in to the office who live in the area."

He warned that Sweetwaters was a "flashpoint" with people from both sides being killed and a bus drivers strike which disrupted the transport system in the area.

Keys further warned he had received reports that "councillors and members of Inkatha had reportedly been going round the area to get people to attend the meeting".

He reported similar counter threats levelled against members of the community who did attend the meeting by people who were allegedly members of the UDF.

He wrote, "We present you with this information in the hope that any possible conflict that may arise can be diverted."

Meanwhile, criticism of police for not acting against Inkatha supporters and "warlords" continued, particularly in Ashdown following the Sunday meeting and the subsequent violence in the area.

Over 100 women gathered in the PFP offices on Monday to ask for help.

After a lengthy discussion of the situation they drew up and signed a petition to the Minister of Law and Order.

"Either the SAP leave the area of Ashdown because they have shown the community that they act against the community in favour of Inkatha or they prove to the community from now on that they can act impartially in stopping violence and preventing crime," they said.

"If neither of these work, the SADF is preferred to the SAP or KwaZulu Police to police Ashdown as their actions are impartial," they concluded.

Police have repeatedly denied these claims and stated that they have favoured neither side in the conflict.

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No troops for Maritzburg

Political Staff

THE ARMY is not being sent into the Maritzburg area but police reinforcements will be despatched as soon as possible, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, said yesterday.

He told the mayor of the Natal capital, Mr Mark Cornell, and three MPs that if necessary more police would be sent later to the area where 400 people have died in violent clashes between Inkatha and the United Democratic Front.

Mr Vlok yesterday met Mr Cornell, Mr Danie Schutte, National Party MP for Maritzburg North, and Mr Brian Edwards, NP Maritzburg South. He later had discussions with the Natal leader of the Progressive Federal Party, Mr Roger Burrows.

Mr Schutte said in an interview afterwards that he had been told by the Minister of Justice, Mr Kobie Coetsee, that an extra Regional Court was to be established in Maritzburg to expedite cases in an attempt to prevent suspects and witnesses from "disappearing" on bail or between hearings

All agreed this had been a problem.

In a separate interview Mr Burrows said: "Mr Vlok grasps the complexity of the situation, particularly concerning the terrain and the extent of the area involved

"He said that additional personnel would be sent in a law-enforcement as well as an investigative role."

Mr Burrows said he had told Mr Vlok of the negative effect the emergency regulations were having on media attempts to publish the full story of what was happening in the area.

Mr Cornell, Mr Schutte and Mr Edwards said Mr Vlok had said that the existing police presence would be "substantially strengthened" in addition to the extra 100 men sent in recently.

However, they could not give a figure.

"The minister said he shared our concern for what was happening there," they said

There had been particular concern that justice was not being seen to be done but Mr Vlok had assured them that everything popssible was being done to bring people to court.

However, there were serious difficulties because of intimidation in getting people to give evidence and with the disappearance of suspects.

Mr Edwards said that since the police presence had been increased and people felt safer, more were prepared to testify.

He and Mr Schutte were prepared to act as negotiators between the two factions, but only if both sides asked them to do so.

Pledge of police reinforcements

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3 more die in Inkatha, UDF violence

PRETORIA. — Three people died in overnight violence in the Taylor's Halt area near Maritzburg, police reported yesterday

At least 100 blacks have died in fighting between the United Democratic Front and Inkatha

Police said the body of an 18-year-old man with several stab wounds was found in the Taylor's Halt area as were the bodies of two men, both of whom had apparently been stabbed to death.

In the same area police arrested two men after an incident in which a man was stabbed and seriously wounded.

Two wounded

At Smero, Edendale, an 80-year-old man and a 16-year-old girl were stabbed and seriously wounded when a group of blacks attacked several people with knives.

The same group then attacked a man and a woman, both 24 years old Police then used shotguns to prevent an attack on a fifth person Two black men were wounded.

At Imbali near Maritzburg police used teagas to disperse a group stoning a private vehicle and arrested a man.

At Mgwagwa near Edendale arsonists badly damaged two private houses n separate incidents In one of the incidents, an 18-year-old woman was slightly injured.

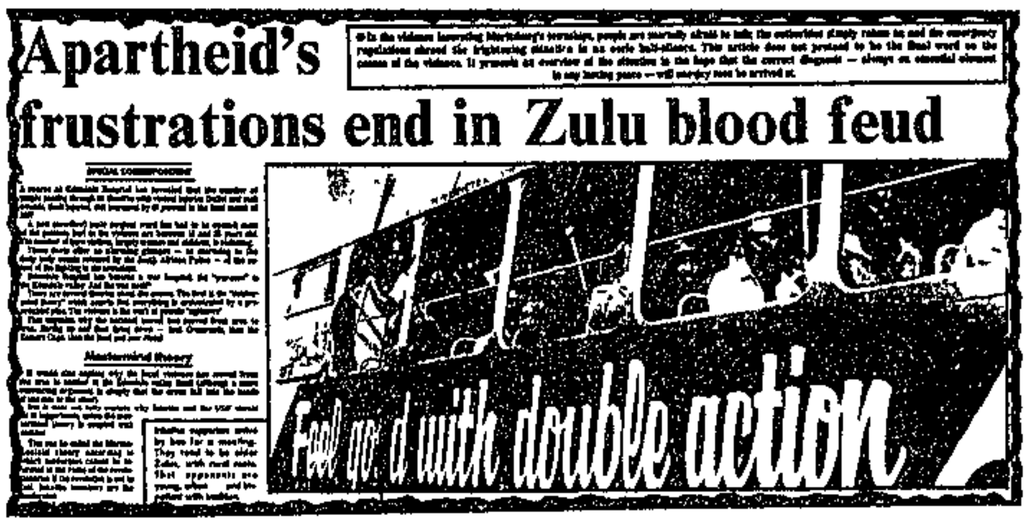
Meanwhile 43 people — most of them youths — appeared on public-violence charges in Plessislaer Magistrate's Court near Edendale yesterday.

Their appearance follows an incident in central Maritzburg on Wednesday when youths — identified as Inkatha supporters — invaded the area, shouting that they were out to kill "Comrades"

Witnesses told newsmen the group were armed with assegais, knives, sharpened sticks and knobkieries, and the incident spurred white liberals to call for SADF protection in Maritzburg — Sapa

Buthelezi denies Zulu split

CHIEF MANGOSUTHU BUTHELEZI: comments on The Saturday Star article of January 23 1988.


Apartheid's frustrations end in Zulu blood feud

Feel we'd with double action

In the article "Apartheid's frustrations end in Zulu blood feud" (The Saturday Star, January 23 1988) an attempt was made to analyse the dynamics of the violence in Maritzburg.

It is appreciated that the report did not pretend to be "the final word" on the subject but was merely an "overview" of the situation. However, certain statements were made at length about which I would like to comment.

The correspondent contends that the "sundering" of the Zulu nation is in progress and that there is a "split" between rural-based "traditionalists" and "the new progressive movement ... which has challenged the norms and beliefs of the other".

He emphasises that the conflict, "without any doubt", is the result of a "generation gap", allegedly between older "traditionalists" who are loyal to Inkatha and the kwaZulu government, and "young people" from the cities.

This is complete poppycock.

On one side, are only "adult Zulus loyal to Ulundi and proud of it" dying in Maritzburg? How does this so-called "generation gap" explain the deaths of dozens of Inkatha youths and others — who apparently had no particular political affiliations? What of the fact that 14 Inkatha youths were burned, shot and hacked to death on one night?

Inkatha has 586 951 paid-up members in its Youth Brigade — it is the biggest branch in the movement — followed by 556 060 members in the Women's Brigade. The so-called "older" generation account for 401 598 general members. Inkatha has the largest national membership-based youth organistion that this country has ever seen. Its annual conferences in Ulundi are never attended by fewer than 10 000 delegates and members.

Combined factors

The death and destruction in Maritzburg, as I have said over and over again, is the result of a combination of factors.

The article, while attempting to explain many divergent issues exacerbating the situation, nevertheless categorically noted that the "struggle" was fundamentally a "manifestation of the classic conflict of post-colonial Africa: traditionalism against the newer idea of a kind of social democracy in a 'unitary' state....".

Is the author stating, therefore, that there is a growing perception that only older "traditional" fuddy-duddys support the kind of multi-party, free-enterprise democratic systems which, to date, lead the Western world?

Of course, apartheid is a curse which has crippled this country, but the reporter has, I believe, got the crucial issue (as far as South Africa is concerned) of socialism versus capitalism totally muddled in the context of what is happening in Maritzburg.

It is patently ridiculous to contend that there is a definite and perceptible split in political ideologies between urban and rural, young and old. The people of this country will one day have to author what kind of post-apartheid society they want. The battle for minds is being waged now, both nationally and internationally

I have no doubt that young, urban activists are busy in Maritzburg. There are others who are not so young and who are not black who are also active and, together, they have a very specific political agenda. To call their efforts a struggle for a "social democracy in a 'unitary' state" is a somewhat vague description of socialism in a one-party state. To that, they believe, all should defer and there is obvious evidence that a great many people have no intention of doing so.

Greater turmoil

The Zulu nation is not being fractured by all this; it has survived far greater turmoil. It is the country at large that should heed the dire warnings that are emanating from Maritzburg. The socialism/capitalism issue alone (apart from the so-called "armed struggle" as opposed to peaceful change and negotiation) is one which could rip the guts out of South Africa.

What we are all staring in the face is a microcosm of what may be in store for us all. We are looking at a community that is terrified Men, women and children are being butchered. They have been living in abject poverty and are being intimidated by criminal and political elements who, for the most part, are out of control. The apartheid vulture is picking at the flesh of people who are using their last breaths in a fight to survive. Who will be next?

This same vulture roosts on the shoulders of black and white alike and it has, this time around, exposed a situation in Maritzburg which has national political and socio-economic overtones and undertones. What will emerge? I don't know but I do know that, ultimately, freedom, justice and individual human rights could be a casualty.

It is time the people of South Africa, black and white, sat up and realised there is no time left. There will be another Maritzburg before too long — the names and places will merely change. The past and the future are going to coalesce sooner than many think and God help us all if we are not prepared to pull together and work out a system of government that all can support.

Mangosuthu G Buthelezi
Chief Minister of kwaZulu
and President of Inkatha
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Govt to send more police to strife-torn townships

BRUCE CAMERON

MARITZBURG — Substantial additional police reinforcements are to be put into the strife-torn Maritzburg area over the next two weeks to curb violent clashes between members of Inkatha and the United Democratic Front (UDF).

But the army is not to be called in to areas of unrest apart from in the normal supportive role, according to the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok.

Mr Vlok yesterday held a series of meetings with the Mayor of Maritzburg, Mr Mark Cornell, and a number of politicians.

He said the police were to establish strategic temporary bases throughout the area to keep a high-profile presence.

A Law and Order spokesman declined to say how many men were now in the area.

Mr Cornell expressed concern about the lack of court prosecutions for the 400 murders. He said Mr Vlok had given the assurance that investigations were being stepped up and any one guilty of an offence would be charged.

Mr Cornell said Mr Vlok had explained that various factors had contributed to the lack of evidence — including the atmosphere of fear where witnesses were intimidated. There were also problems with bail being granted too readily.

Mr Cornell said police were also experiencing difficulties with the type of terrain, which included a considerable informal settlement spread over about 400 sq km.

Mr Roger Burrows, Progressive Federal Party leader for Natal, who saw Mr Vlok separately, said he would wait to see whether the new measures would be effective.

Maritzburg violence: 87 death toll 268 – in '88 it's already 120

All hell breaks loose

Locals wary of new police

By DESMOND BLOW

MARITZBURG residents have expressed concern about the effectiveness of 100 police reinforcements being flown into the area.

Many have claimed they were not given adequate protection by the police.

A petition sent by 108 women to the Progressive Federal Party claimed the police were assisting Inkatha.

The women, who are not affiliated to any political organisation, said they preferred the army to the police in the area.

A number of organisations have also criticised the police for not using the emergency regulations to detain the so-called "warlords".

Residents claimed some "warlords" had been arrested and had court orders placed on them. However after they were released, they returned to their "murderous campaigns".

A spokesman for the police in Maritzburg, Capt Peter Kitching yesterday said a number of "warlords" had been arrested, charged and released on bail.

When the claims were pointed out to him he said: "We do not hold people indefinitely without charging them."

PAIN: This young boy became yet another victim after an Inkatha mob went on the rampage.

By S'BU MNGADI

WAR-torn Maritzburg is balancing on the brink of total disaster.

"One more act of aggression could have horrific consequences," warned Cosatu and the UDF as Inkatha mobs launched invasions to recapture townships and villages won by rivals during the year-long bloody conflict.

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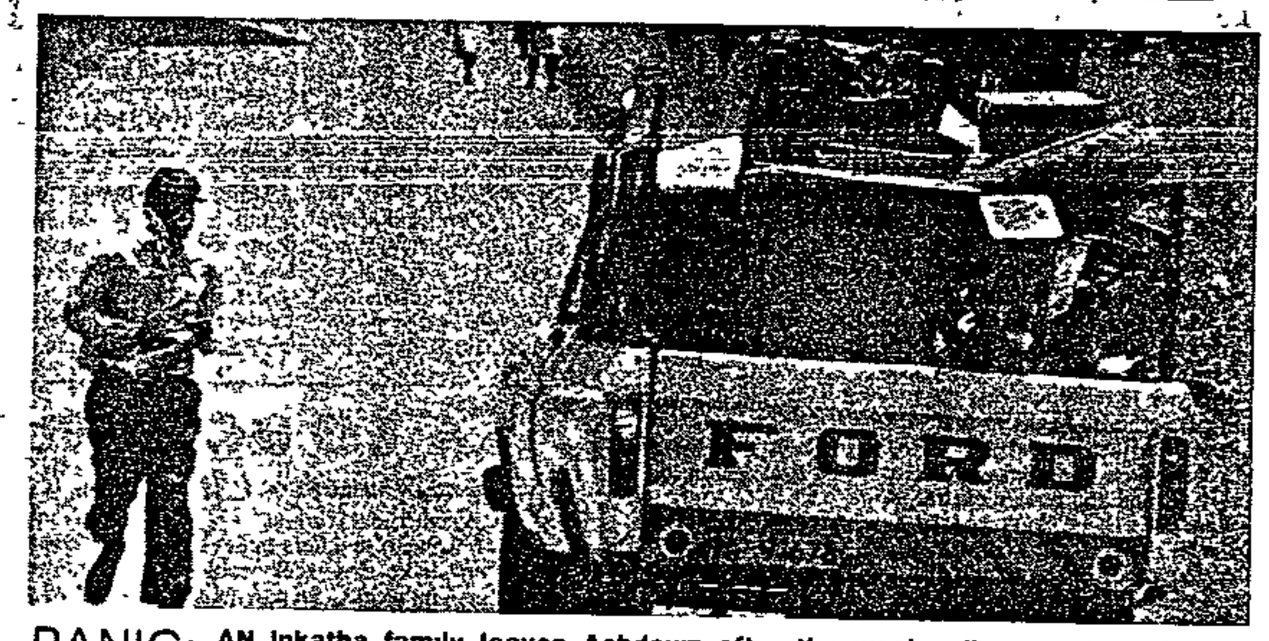

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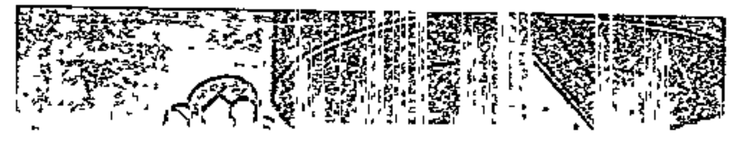

Two more Aids deaths

By SOL MORATHI
CP Correspondent

TWO people have died of Aids in Pretoria – bringing the death toll from the dreaded virus in the area.

Africa in GaRankuwa.

The two deaths at the GaRankua hospital were confirmed by the superintendent, Dr Rudi van Niekerk, who said three other

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- The SA Police either leave the area of Ashdown , or they prove to the community from now on that they can act impartially in stopping the violence and preventing crime

"If neither of these work, the SA Defence Force is preferred to the SAP or ZP (Kwazulu Police) as their actions are impartial"

According to affidavits, heavily armed groups left the "prayer meeting" and stormed into Ashdown

The Inkatha supporters marched along, chanting that they would kill the residents because the "comrades were dogs"

The raiders started by stoning houses at the top of Ashdown and proceeded to a Busisiwe Ndaba's house

One statement read "Two boys from this group proceeded to Ndaba's house with four soldiers, two of whom were on foot and two in a vehicle, No 22B

One of them assaulted Ndaba, who received stitches

"The rest of the crowd went down to Y-section, to the home of a Mr Shange They threw stones and tried to attack Shange but he outran them"

In front of Shange's house they stabbed Lucky Ndwandwe three times – once in his head and twice in the shoulder

"Soldiers and police moved along behind, telling residents to go inside. No arrests were made," said the affidavits

"They (the vigilantes) then called a young boy, Ziphepha The others said 'leave him', so they left him and went after Mandla Msomi who was standing at a bus stop

Msomi was allegedly attacked with pangas, bush-knives and his throat was slit He died

"The police were there and the army arrived soon afterwards," said the witness

Many of the attackers were positively recognised as Inkatha members They allegedly included "warlords" who had been ordered by the Supreme Court not to participate in acts of violence

A number of attackers were "outsiders".

"When the soldiers got to the scene they took out a blanket and covered Msomi's body"

Residents then tried to point out the police who "watched the attack" but the police chased them away

One boy was shot and wounded and had been admitted to hospital.

When the vigilantes returned on Monday morning they were repulsed by local defence committees.

There was an almost total stayaway in Ashdown on Monday and schools remained closed as residents feared for their lives and properties.

An SAP unrest report confirmed five people had been killed at Sweetwaters, the site of the prayer meeting

Natal inland PFP director Radley Keys said the weekend's carnage would have been averted had police heeded warnings he had sent to the local chief magistrate and security police.

Local Inkatha leaders declined to comment about the raids

The Natal inland divisional commissioner of police, Brig J Kotze, denied allegations that members of the SAP were "taking sides"

He, however, promised to investigate the matter

"At present I believe the SAP are impartial and are only doing their duty in an attempt to restore law and order in the townships"

Brig Leon Mellet, spokesman for Vlok, told a local newspaper that the "violence has to stop at all costs".

"The investigating team is charged with investigating any form of criminal activity and bringing those responsible to book," he said

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Women call for army help in riot area

By SHAUN HARRIS

WOMEN in a war-torn Maritzburg township have pleaded for the removal of the police, claiming they are supporting Inkatha in its bloody feud with the UDF.

They want the army to step in.

But more policemen are being sent into the townships.

In an unusual move, more than 100 women from Maritzburg's Ashdown community, the scene of a vicious attack last Sunday, petitioned Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok this week.

Shots

They asked for police to be removed from the township unless they could prove they were not supporting Inkatha.

If the police could not act impartially, they said, they would rather the army entered the township to try to stop the violence.

The petition followed allegations that the police were turning a blind eye to attacks made by Inkatha members and in some cases were actively supporting Inkatha impis.

The police have repeatedly denied these allegations, as did Mr Vlok at a meeting with Maritzburg's mayor, Mr Mark Cornell, on Friday.

Mr Cornell also called for the army to step in to try to help quell the violence which this week erupted in the centre of the capital.

So far more than 120 people have been killed in Maritzburg's "war" this year. The offical death toll for last year was 268.

Late this week, 43 people, half under the age of 18, appeared in court in connection with the violence.

The case was remanded and will resume on Tuesday.

● The SA Police Public Relations Directorate has meanwhile reported that five more people were killed in continued violence in the Natal Midlands, including a 90-year-old man who was stabbed to death.

Denied

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At KwaMakutha, near Durban, six women and two men were injured in six separate incidents of stone-throwing and petrol-bomb attacks.

A woman was slightly injured when a group of people hurled a paraffin bomb at a school at Wesselton, near Ermelo.

At Sharpeville, a youth was arrested after an incident in which a private car was stoned by a mob and extensively damaged, police said. — Sapa

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Terrified residents have no place to hide from violence

By Mervyn Orchard

PIETERMARITZBURG — It's back to the days of Springbok Radio for thousands indeed hundreds of thousands, of black residents in the troubled townships here — they just have 'no place to hide'

They cannot escape the murderers, the rapists the violent men and women youths too who have rampaged since March last year — in which time close on 500 people have died violently

And, since the beginning of this year the score' stands at 105

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Inkatha and on the other hand the United Democratic Front (UDF) and Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu), grouping have talked peace but the pipes gave out nothing more than additional smoke

Now, the Minister of Law and Order Mr Adriaan Vlok, has answered a 'stop the killings' plea by the mayor of Pietermaritzburg Mr Mark Cornell, by promising yet further police reinforcements for these troubled townships, over and above an extra 100 drafted last week.

Only though after a band of alleged Inkatha Youth League members raced through three city streets on Wednesday, bashing and battering anyone who crossed their path — provided they were black.

"This is a war,' Mr Cornell had to intone before that meeting

Few of the black population of those townships that adjoin or are close to the National capital — a population estimated at anything between 200 000 and 600 000 by people who should know — would quibble with the statement.

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Mrs Kubeka s husband was stabbed 'about 30 times I think." early last month He was a neutral' — and that was his sin

When he was approached, fairly reasonably, and it was suggested he should 'join us" he declined He never spoke again The knives ensured that.

Now Miriam is staying "in my madam s house' Her children are camping "here and there wherever I can find a place for them"

Their family life is over — for the time being anyway

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The reason being that colleagues of his have been dragged from their vehicles cut to pieces eventually killed

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Miss Rebecca Msomi travels back to Taylor's Halt on Sundays only now She is a late teenager with ambitions of becoming a nurse

The reason — her parents were hacked to death in the road outside their home Rebecca watched, horrified, from the safety of the house

The punishment and the pain they endured has caused still-impressionable Rebeccas want to try and help people who are in pain from suffering where possible'

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These were just some of the tragic stories related to me this week as I walked the streets of Pietermaritzburg drove close to some of those townships talking to a cross-section of blacks ranging from the well-dressed and well-to-do minority, through to the peasants in their shabby clothing who form the overwhelming majority.

And it must be stressed the people" I have quoted, all asked that they be given false names The requests were all respected

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Death toll mounts in Natal violence

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The report said the woman was killed when a group of blacks fired at her and also stabbed her.

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Maritzburg's army request turned down

By Craig Kotze, Crime Reporter

The South African Defence Force will not be sent to troubled Maritzburg townships, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, has announced.

Instead, he promised more police reinforcements.

Mr Vlok's decision followed a meeting with the Mayor of Pietermaritzburg, Mr Mark Cornell, and two National Party MPs in Cape Town on Friday.

Mr Cornell called last week for the army to halt the fighting between Inkatha and the United Democratic Front.

More than 400 people have been killed in the power struggle which began last year.

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Killing goes on in Natal unrest

Daily Dispatch Correspondent

PIETERMARITZBURG — Three more people have died in the townships around Pietermaritzburg, including two women whose throats were cut when a group attacked their hut at Mnyandu, Edendale.

The latest police unrest report said a third woman was stabbed and seriously wounded in the Edendale incident.

The mob thereafter burnt the hut and a private dwelling, causing extensive damage

Police also found the body of a 22-year-old man at Elandskop with a bullet wound in the head.

The report said a two-year-old child was seriously wounded in the neck, head and chest during an incident at KwaMakutha near Durban, when a group hurled three petrol bombs and fired a shotgun at a policeman's home

An 18-year-old woman was also slightly injured in the attack.

The policeman drove off the attackers with pistol fire but the house was badly damaged.

In another incident in the area a mob hurled petrol bombs and fired shots at the occupants of a private dwelling

Four youths were wounded and a man sustained burns The house was badly damaged.

In other incidents in the Pietermaritzburg police district, arsonists set fire to a private house causing extensive damage at Smero, Edendale A man and four youths were arrested.

At Henley Dam an unknown gunman fired on the occupants of a private dwelling, wounding a 52-year-old man and a youth. The house was badly damaged.

At KTC, Cape Town, fighting broke out between two opposing groups during which shots were fired and a number of shacks were set alight, the unrest report said A man was wounded

Police dispersed the groups with one round of shotgun fire.

Top Inkatha, UDF leaders to meet

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Own Correspondents

JOHANNESBURG — National leaders of the United Democratic Front and Inkatha have finally agreed to meet in a bid to end the violence in the Maritzburg townships.

The UDF Midlands chairman, Mr A S Chetty, said the format of the meeting has been proposed by the UDF and Cosatu. It will be convened by Mr Paul van Uytrecht and chaired by Mr Rob Pater, both of the Maritzburg Chamber of Commerce.

Mr Chetty said "We are committed to ending the carnage", while Inkatha welcomed the new efforts to bring national leaders together as a "glimmer of hope".

Meanwhile, 10 weekend killings in Natal townships took to nearly 130 this year's toll in the struggle between the UDF and Inkatha.

● Speaking during the no-confidence debate in the House of Assembly yesterday, the Progressive Federal Party MP for Pinetown, Mr Roger Burrows, said the ongoing violence in Martizburg's townships gave the lie to the claim that the state of emergency had brought peace.

It could not be said that internal peace had been maintained when more than 400 murders had occurred in less than a year, he said.

Mr Burrows said there were rumours that special constables were to be sent to the area, adding that this would be "extremely foolish".

He called on the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, to give an assurance that this would not happen.

Maritzburg truce meeting plans not finalised — UDF

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By Jo-Anne Collinge

Plans for a meeting between national leaders of the United Democratic Front (UDF) and Inkatha, aimed at arranging a truce in the Maritzburg district, have not yet been finalised, according to UDF Natal Midlands chairman Mr A S Chetty.

Mr Chetty said the UDF and Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) had been told by the Pietermaritzburg Chamber of Commerce that Inkatha president Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi was willing to meet them.

Mr Chetty said the UDF response had been: "Chief Buthelezi can come along and sit down with us to talk about the Maritzburg situation. But we felt we needed to create an appropriate climate for that and so we drew up a format for the next meeting."

This proposal was being conveyed to Inkatha via the Chamber of Commerce, he said.

Mr Chetty said he believed that, even if national figures attended, the issues should be confined to the Maritzburg crisis and stopping the killings.

"We don't want to enter into rhetoric about national or international politics. We want to bring an end to the violence."

Inkatha Youth Brigade president Mr Musa Zondi said the UDF/Cosatu proposal for the meeting had not yet reached his organisation.

"We demanded that the UDF should send the national leadership. If the UDF could agree to that we should be able to find solution," said Mr Zondi.

He disagreed that talks should be confined to the Maritzburg issue. "You cannot divorce local and international issues.

"It is the actual basic attitude which the UDF and Cosatu have — that Inkatha is an illegitimate organisation — that must be addressed."

Inkatha plans crisis meetings

INKATHA plans to hold a series of meetings in the Maritzburg townships to discuss ways of ending the fight between the organization and supporters of the United Democratic Front (UDF).

The top Inkatha official in the capital and the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly member for Maritzburg, Mr Velaphi Ndlovu, yesterday said his organization had applied to the chief magistrate to hold meetings throughout Maritzburg soon.

Meanwhile, the UDF's Natal Midlands chairman, Mr A S Chetty, yesterday said his organization and Cosatu had summitted a proposed format for negotiations with Inkatha to the Maritzburg Chamber of Commerce.

The Progressive Federal Party MP for Durban North, Mr Mike Ellis, said he had met leaders of Inkatha, Cosatu leaders, churchmen and school principals, members of the Edendale Crisis Committee and the Mayor of Maritzburg, Mr Mark Cornell, during a two-day fact-finding mission.

● A house was set alight at Taylor's Halt (Natal Midlands) and at KwaMakutha, near Durban, a private vehicle was extensively damaged when it was stoned, the police unrest report said yesterday.

A man was shot dead in Soweto after an attack on a policeman, the report said. — Own Correspondent and Sapa

43 convicted for Natal violence

Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG — Forty-three Inkatha members were yesterday convicted in the Regional Court here on a charge of attending an unlawful gathering in terms of the Internal Security Act following disturbances which flared in central Maritzburg last week.

All had pleaded guilty to the charge.

Regional magistrate Mr G J Barnard sentenced 30 juvenile accused to corporal punishment while 13 adults were fined R100 (or three months).

The minors were each sentenced to five cuts with a light cane to be administered in private.

The court was told earlier that last Wednesday's violence was sparked off by an attack on five of the accused — all members of Inkatha — who came to town to seek employment, and followed the killing of two Inkatha members in Retief Street by UDF members the previous day.

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Girl killed at Hammarsdale

PRETORIA. — A 17-year-old girl was stabbed to death at Hammarsdale, Natal, on Tuesday night, the Public Relations Division of the SAP reported yesterday in its daily unrest report.

"At KwaMakutha, Durban, a 40-year-old man was injured when petrol bombs were hurled at three private dwellings. No serious damage was caused," the report said.

A security force member was slightly injured at Khayelitsha, Cape Town, when he was assaulted by a small group of blacks.

"He fired one shotgun round to disperse his attackers. No other injuries were reported." — Sapa

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SAP reinforcements arrive in effort to end violence

PIETERMARITZBURG — SAP reinforcements have arrived here in an attempt to stamp out the violent murders, assaults and intimidation which continue to plague the townships around Pietermaritzburg.

The police press liaison officer for Pietermaritzburg, Captain P. Kitching, said yesterday that reinforcements had been sent in line with an assurance given to Pietermaritzburg's mayor, Mr Mark Cornell, by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, last week.

Mr Vlok responding to requests for more troops to be deployed in the townships, promised more police reinforcements and said "as many men" as were neccessary to curb the violence would be sent to the area.

The meeting between Mr Cornell and Mr Vlok followed violence in central Pietermaritzburg last week when the unrest spilled out of the townships into the city itself.

The media was yesterday taken on a tour of areas at Slangspruit, Deda and Elandskop, by the SAP to inspect the new temporary and permanent police bases which have been established in several of the trouble spots as part of the drive to end the violence.

Lieutenant G. Botha of the Pietermaritzburg Riot Unit, said there were seven temporary bases which had been in existence for less than three weeks, and four permanent bases.

He said the bases were an attempt to establish contact with township residents and for police units to be close at hand in case of trouble.

Capt Kitching said police were also issuing pamphlets to residents to try to gain their co-operation. — DDC

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SAP try to win hearts and minds in Natal

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN — As more police reinforcements moved into the trouble-torn townships of Maritzburg, the South African Police have embarked on a campaign to win the support of residents.

Since the weekend, police have been distributing pamphlets urging people to assist the police in restoring peace.

The pamphlet, headed: "Why move out of your area?", asks residents to supply information in confidence.

During a media tour of Slangspruit, Deda and Elandskop yesterday, Captain Pieter Kitching, police public relations officer for Maritzburg, said the police had established seven strong-point camps and four bases, which were manned 24 hours a day.

"The strong-point camps are mainly to allow residents to make reports because some people are reluctant to go to police stations.

"The base camps are used by police who live in. Most of the reinforcements are policemen who were scheduled to do border duty.

"We are now dominating the townships and, once we have got the support of the residents, I am certain that we will be able to stop the violence."

He believed the police were on top of the unrest.

"January was a bad month. On New Year's Day, 26 were killed, but things have changed for the better in February. The number of deaths has decreased considerably."

Maritzburg 'needs to see justice'

Parliamentary Staff

SOUTH Africa could not afford to lose the energies of its best black leaders by having them locked up, said Mr Pierre Cronje, National Democratic Movement MP for Greytown.

Speaking during the no-confidence debate in the House of Assembly yesterday he said the management of the conflict in Maritzburg had had much to do with the worsening of the situation and that justice had to be seen to be done so that the normal processes of law and order might again be trusted by the people.

"It doesn't take an order from Moscow or Ulundi for people to defend themselves if it is clear that the forces of law and order are not in the position or not willing to afford them protection."

He said there were "known murderers" and warlords in the area who had not being brought to justice.

Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok undertook to do something about Mr Cronje's allegations.

Mr Cronje made an appeal that people involved in the peace initiatives should not be detained for political purposes.

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MP to give evidence of murders

Political Staff

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY. — Mr Pierre Cronje, National Democratic Movement MP for Greytown, has accepted a challenge by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, to produce evidence of murders in the Maritzburg area about which he said the police had not acted.

The two clashed during the No-Confidence Debate yesterday after Mr Cronje referred to the murders of three trade union leaders in December 1986 during "a night and morning of terror" near Howick

"More than a year later the perpetrators have not been charged although it is common knowledge who they are," he said.

"I refer to well-known warlords, against some of whom interdicts were obtained early in 1987, but who can still with bravado continue committing deeds of violence in the presence of many witnesses."

Mr Vlok hit back saying that it was every citizen's duty to give the police any evidence of a crime.

"We have even charge police who we thought might have gone too far," said Mr Vlok.

UDF arrests threaten peace talks

By CARMEL RICKARD, Durban

PIETERMARITZBURG peace talks are in jeopardy once again over detentions of key United Democratic Front officials.

At least four senior UDF members, against whom no charges have been laid, were picked up under Emergency regulations on Wednesday night and Thursday, while "Inkatha warlords" named in several supreme court temporary interdicts, are at liberty and have called a news conference to "put their point of view" and "meet the press".

The detention of Skumbuzo Ngwenya and Martin Wittenberg, joint secretaries of the UDF in the region, has created a sense of *deja vu.*

Last November, when they were detained, they were involved in crucial peace talks between Inkatha and the UDF. When the UDF refused to continue talks unless they were released, officials of the Chamber of Commerce made representations "at the highest level" for them to be freed and allowed to continue their work.

Their detention this week has once again put peace talks in doubt.

The Chamber's initiative is experiencing serious problems, likely to be worsened by the detentions, and a separate top level Church initiative could also now be in jeopardy.

Others detained were Reggie Hadebe, a UDF official and national executive member of the National Education Union of South Africa, and Thami Mseleku of Neusa and the National Education Crisis Committee.

The UDF said the detentions "undermined the efforts being made to contribute to a climate of peace.

"It is a bitter irony that we should have these new detentions when the war-lords against whom there exist substantial evidence of criminal activities continue roaming freely."

An alleged "war-lord", Jerome Mncwabe, named in affidavits before the supreme court as involved in serious acts of violence, arrived at the office of *The Natal Witness* on Monday and said he was speaking on behalf of "us, the so-called warlords".

He issued an invitation to local and international media to "meet the so-called war-lords" on Monday.

The detentions came just days after 43 Inkatha members were convicted and sentenced for attending an unlawful gathering.

They were arrested on February 3 after coming to the city centre by bus. Violence broke out and three people were rushed to hospital.

A charge of public violence was withdrawn before the start of the case. Before they were sentenced, their lawyer claimed they had been at the receiving end of UDF violence over the previous weeks and when they went to town it was to protect some of their number who had allegedly been attacked by UDF members earlier the same day.

On Tuesday, 18 prominent figures in Natal, including church heads and a retired judge, called for tougher action by the warring organisations to enforce internal discipline on their members.

Among the signatories are the Anglican Bishop-Suffragan of Natal, Alfred Mkhize, former vice-principal of Natal University Deneys Schreiner, author Alan Paton and the head of the Methodist Church of southern Africa, Khoza Mgojo.

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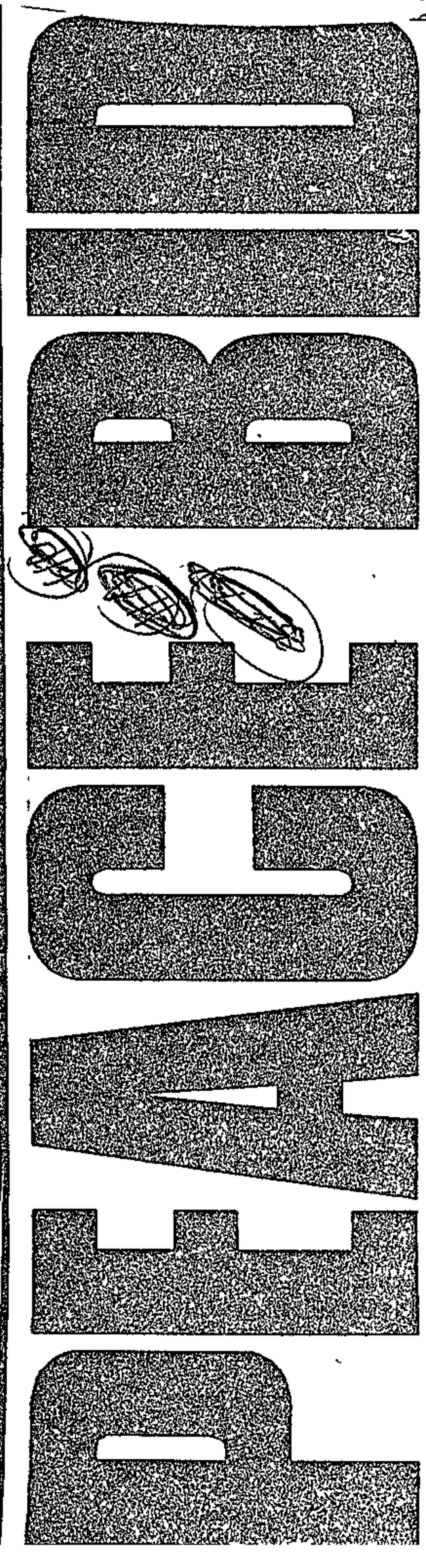

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By S'BU MNGADI

THE Maritzburg peace talks have been thrown into disarray by the government action against the UDF and Cosatu.

The peace brokers, the Maritzburg Chamber of Commerce, has an appointment with Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok this morning to get clarity on the fate of the peace talks.

Van Uytrecht said the chamber noted that the UDF could apply for permission to continue certain activities, but questioned whether the UDF-Cosatu alliance would be prepared to or could continue under the circumstances.

Prior to the clampdown on the organisations, four members of the UDF-Cosatu delegation to the talks had been among those recently detained under emergency regulations.

To add to this, the co-leaders of the delegation, AS Chetty, Natal's Midlands UDF chairman, and Natal Midlands UDF president, Dr Simon Gqubule of the Federal Theological Seminar at Imbali, were served with severe restriction orders.

The chamber said as part of the on-going process, they had already secured an appointment with Vlok this morning and hoped to get clarification there.

Despite a clause in the order that organisations may apply to Vlok for permission to continue certain activities, sources said it would be impossible for UDF-Cosatu to continue in the talks as an application to Vlok could be construed as lending credibility to the government action.

Meanwhile, a caucus meeting of the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly resolved on the same day to call on the SAP to give KwaZulu police jurisdiction over all war-torn areas in Maritzburg.

This would put the homeland in a position where it could legally "sort out" in its own terms problems created by violence in the region.

The meeting also resolved to ask the SA government to pass legislation extending the jurisdiction of the KwaZulu government to include all areas in the KwaZulu-Natal region for which the assembly was responsible.

It also decided to convey the deep appreciation of the caucus to all members of Inkatha in the Greater Maritzburg area who had "defended" their democratic rights "so valiantly and at such great cost".

The meeting resolved to convey to ANC president Oliver Tambo that "if we have not passed the point of no return, we are very perilously close to the point beyond which there can only be a fight to the death between Inkatha and the ANC".

"All the ANC will do is to discredit itself as it attempts to eradicate time-honoured values and aims and objectives of the black struggle for liberation now living in the hearts and minds of the people who support Inkatha en masse," the caucus added.

Meanwhile, armed groups clashed in Maritzburg's city centre on Wednesday night and a number of arrests were made.

Eye witnesses attributed the confrontation to the supporters of Inkatha and the UDF. Police confirmed the incident, which took place in Commercial Road and involved 15 people, but could not specify the groups' political affiliations.

MCC general manager Paul van Uytrecht said that obviously, if one of the parties involved in the talks was not able to be present, the talks could not continue.

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Decomposed body found

PRETORIA. — The badly decomposed body of a man was found at Slangspruit (Maritzburg), the Public Relations Division of the SAP here said yesterday.

The other unrest-related incident reported by the police was at Mpophomeni (Howick) where a group of people gathered illegally and refused to disperse.

Police used tearsmoke to disperse them and a man and a youth were arrested. — Sapa

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DCA denial on safety fears

The Department of Civil Aviation has denied allegations by SAA pilots and senior air controllers (ATCs) that cutting the training qualification for controllers from one year to two will severely compromise air safety.

The department's deputy director Mr J J Smit confirmed yesterday that all towers had been informed of the move, but denied that senior controllers were warned of repercussions for leaking the news to the press.

Senior ATCs and pilots were also unhappy with the dropping of aptitude tests.

"I would certainly be scared to let my family

DAN SIDE

travel by air if a youngster with only a year's training was in control in a bad weather or busy situation," said one senior man.

Angry seniors were already simmering over salary grades. There have been 12 ATC resignations in the last three months and another two this week.

They criticised the drop in training time as cost-cutting.

But Mr Smit said the change would result in more earnings for ATCs in the long run.

He explained: "The move will cost us more because an ATC cadet will be qualified for tower control within a year and thus be eligible for a substantial pay increase."

Mr Smit said the preliminary course would still take three months, the period working as an ATC cadet under the supervision as a senior another six months and a second course in tower control a further three months.

In addition, an extra 100 hours under supervision would be required to "validate" for specific tower control areas

"We are not amending the course," said Mr Smit, "we are merely reducing the period a controller has to work under supervision.

"There is still a further year required to qualify for area controller."

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Ten killed in unrest attacks

PRETORIA. — Ten people were killed and several injured in incidents throughout the country, according to the latest police unrest report.

The bodies of two men, aged 18 and 15, were found with bullet wounds at Shongweni, Natal. At Taylor's Halt, also in Natal, a 27-year-old man was stabbed to death.

In the same area, police found the bodies of a 70-year-old man and his 60-year-old wife. Both had been stabbed to death. In another incident, the body of a 61-year-old woman was found with her throat cut.

A group of men hurled a petrol bomb at a house in Kwadengezi, Pinetown and fired numerous shots as the occupants fled. Three men and a woman were fatally wounded and two youths injured.

Three homes were extensively damaged by petrol bombs in Kwathema, Springs.

Minor stone-throwing incidents occurred at Kwamakutha in the Durban-Amanzimtoti area and petrol bombs were hurled at homes. — Sapa.

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The killing fields of Natal

'Liberated zones' of hate

Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG — In "Maputo", "Angola", "Moscow" and "Zambia" to the west of Natal's picturesque Victorian colonial capital, there is a mixture of modern houses and impoverished shacklands.

These renamed settlements, regarded by their inhabitants as "centres of liberation" or "liberated zones", ripple with tension as activists carry out nocturnal patrols to "check for any advance by the enemy"

Justifying the need for this marshalling of their forces, "comrades" — youthful but highly politically aware activists from UDF structures — spoke of the carnage which marked the recent daylight mass attack on the Ashdown community

The attack, in which several people were killed and scores injured, is at present the subject of a Supreme Court application for an urgent interdict against Inkatha and five of its local leaders.

"Mandla", the youthful "security officer" for Dambuza, also known as "Maputo", spoke from the safety of a hideout surrounded by armed "comrades"

"We have learnt to rely on our defence units in situations like that of Ashdown No one can convince us that this kind of attack on the community is not possible again. Hence we put more emphasis on harnessing our defence," he said

He also alleged that a renewed forced recruitment drive had been launched by Inkatha in Dambuza, Ashdown, Sweetwaters and Caluza, since the attack on Ashdown

He said the forced recruitment — strongly dismissed by Inkatha's regional and national leadership — would spark off more killings as people were no longer willing to bow to the demands of the "warlords"

Screened

The tactics of the "comrades" have also changed, with the strong armed physical presence of a few months ago giving way to what they described as "clandestine units linked by a highly effective communications network"

For example, a Natal Mercury car was spotted and identified as "press" and not "system" and the news team was screened for security purposes more than a kilometre before the rendezvous with "Mandla"

"The difference between us and Inkatha is that we, though a legal organization, are forced to operate underground," explained "Mandla"

Mpumuza, or "Ulundi", a mixed rural and semi-urban area which is predominantly Inkatha, stretches up a long grassy hill above Ashdown. There life goes on as normal both by day and by night, with little of the political graffiti which characterize the "liberated zones".

Permanent police bases have been set up in the township and are clearly visible to the Ashdown "comrades" who watch the area intently from the foot of the hill.

The conspicuous hatred and mistrust of both sides for each other and the determination of both to hold the areas they feel they have won during the conflict which has raged since last year, claiming hundreds of lives, makes the task of the peace-seekers a long and uphill one

However, Dr Khoza Mgojo, president of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa and one of the men at present spearheading new peace initiatives, believes the two warring camps, despite their ideological differences, have "a very real common enemy in apartheid"

"The real source of the conflict," he says, "is this vicious system of apartheid we are facing here. This is what these organizations as representatives of blacks should be concentrating on"

Violence shatters the M'burg calm

MARITZBURG. — A four-day period of relative calm ended abruptly when violence flared in the city's war-torn black townships again at the weekend, barely a week before the holding of a new church-convened peace initiative.

A man and a woman were stabbed to death at Caluza and Sweetwaters — two townships in the Edendale complex — while at Mpumuza two women were wounded when gunmen attacked a private home.

Violence also erupted at a bus depot in the city centre when a mob attacked a man. Three men were arrested. Two men were also injured when police dispersed an "illegal gathering" at Sobantu Village.

Many community leaders blame the upsurge in the violence on the detention late last week of four of the leading members of the UDF's negotiating team. One said the detentions "are going to create disorder and incite people".

Maritzburg: Firms hit by absenteeism

Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG — Industry here has suffered as a result of the conflict in the black townships, with employers reporting increases in absenteeism of up to 40% and a subsequent drop in production.

Employers interviewed told of employees being killed in the clashes which have claimed 300 lives since last year, others arriving at work with wounds and even more disappearing without trace

Mr Mike Bellis, general manager of Corobrik (Natal branches), said the firm, which employs about 750 people, had been monitoring absenteeism on a daily basis and had ascertained an increase in absenteeism of up to 40% during the worst periods of violence.

Mr Bellis said at least one employee had been killed in the violence, while many others had reported for duty with injuries

Skills decline

Many workers had also disappeared, he said "We follow up with telegrams to people's homes, but often get no response,' Mr Bellis said.

He said the absenteeism tended to relate to transport difficulties.

"It certainly has quite a serious cost effect on business With the fluctuating labour force we have to engage temporary staff at short notice and general skills decline and output and production drop," he said.

A spokesman for Clover Dairies said that although it was carrying out deliveries in the townships again, the drivers were still "reluctant" to enter some areas

Mr Manie Havemann, personnel manager for Bisonbord, said absenteeism and transport problems had affected productivity

He said three workers had been killed and several injured

Shot dead

Mr Edward Marshall, managing director of KwaZulu Transport, whose drivers have been the targets of armed attacks — two have been shot dead, said that although there were no undue problems at present, operations had been badly affected.

Maritzburg's Mayor, Mr Mark Cornell, said the conflict had permeated through to the city's workforce, with the main problem being clashes between workers

A Cosatu organizer, Mr Petros Ngcobo, said between 80% and 95% of the workers living at Ashdown had been forced to stay away from work to protect their homes after the recent mass attack on the township

In other areas absenteeism had been sporadic, and was linked directly to attacks on homes, forcing workers to stay away

Union business had also been affected as its attention had been diverted from shopfloor issues, he said

Gumede's letter: Buthelezi's reply

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi yesterday urged the UDF and Inkatha to deal with their differences in a "civilized and democratic manner"

The Chief Minister of KwaZulu was replying to a letter he had received from the president of the UDF, Mr Archie Gumede, in which Mr Gumede said his organization was "in principle" in favour of talks

Chief Buthelezi said in his replying letter " no matter our differences, when people are dying the kind of hideous deaths they are in Maritzburg and elsewhere, we have a responsibility to attempt to do something about it.

"However much we may distrust each other, I believe it is crucial that we explore ways and means of dealing with our problems

"Inkatha is not perfect. The UDF is not perfect. It grieves me that our combined leadership appears to be incapable of acting on the lessons of the past ..

"In some way, however tentatively, is it not possible for us to stand back, pause, and think positively as to how we can motivate the considerable constituencies around us into action for the common good? Can we not agree to disagree?

"Men, women and children are being butchered Apartheid continues to kick us in the guts, and yet, we are pathetically shouting at each other from public platforms It shames me, it shames us both.

"Let us stop this nonsense. Let a measure of sanity prevail We know that for this to happen, we have to reach some sort of accord"

In his letter, Mr Gumede had said his organization was "in principle" in favour of discussions about ways to resolve the violence

The UDF president spelt out the UDF's opposition to apartheid and listed what he said were differences between the UDF and Inkatha.

These included: "Officials of Inkatha have often forced people to join its organization . .

"Inkatha's intolerance of democratic organizations often becomes displayed as opposition to non-Zulus"

Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi

Mr Gumede said Inkatha's role in the liberation of "our beloved country" needs to be addressed

Unrest: two are stabbed to death

TWO people were stabbed to death in unrest-related incidents in Natal on Saturday night, police said yesterday.

One body was found at Sweetwaters and another at Caluza.

A man was seriously injured when he was shot in the head and another suffered a burn wound when people threw a petrol bomb and fired several shots at a house in Kwamakhuto in Natal.

At Pietermaritzburg's central bus depot, three men were arrested after they assaulted a man.

Two women were slightly injured when police dispersed an illegal gathering in Sobantu in Natal and, in Npumuza, a group fired shots at a house, slightly injuring two women. — Sapa.

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10 die in Natal weekend violence

PIETERMARITZBURG — Ten people were killed in Natal in unrest related incidents at the weekend, according to the police unrest report released in Pretoria yesterday.

The report said police found the bodies of two youths aged 18 and 15 at Shongweni. Both had been shot dead.

At Taylor's Halt, outside Pietermaritzburg, the bodies of a 70-year-old man and his 60-year-old wife were found. They had been stabbed to death.

In another incident in the area, a 61-year-old woman was found with her throat slit, and a 27-year-old man was also found stabbed to death.

At Lingelihle, Cradock, a private home was badly damaged in a petrol bomb attack.

Meanwhile at Kwamakutha, near Amanzimtoti, there were several minor incidents of stone throwing, illegal gatherings and petrol bomb attacks on private homes.

No deaths or injuries were reported, however. In one case police used tearsmoke to disperse an illegal gathering.

At Kwadengezi, Pinetown, a group hurled a petrol bomb at a private home and then shot at the occupants as they fled.

Three women and a man were killed and two youths were injured.

At Kwatema, Springs, three private houses were extensively damaged when petrol bombs were hurled at them in separate incidents. — DDC

Buthelezi appeals to Gumede for action to achieve 'black unity'

An appeal for action to secure "black unity" has been made by Inkatha president Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi to United Democratic Front president Mr Archie Gumede in a letter urging that they encourage their constituencies to secure peace in the Maritzburg area.

"Men, women and children are being butchered. Apartheid continues to kick us in the guts. And yet we are pathetically shouting at each other from public platforms. It shames me, it shames us both.

"Inkatha is not perfect. The UDF is not perfect. You and I have our failings along with everybody else," said Chief Buthelezi, who is also Chief Minister of kwaZulu.

"In some way, however tentatively, is it not possible for you and me to stand back, pause, and think positively about how we can motivate the considerable constituencies around us into action for the common good? Can we not agree to dis agree?" he asked.

Having dismissed Mr Gumede's earlier correspondence to him as posturing for the purposes of propaganda, Chief Buthelezi continued: "We will not be dictated to and neither will you. But this does not mean, Mr Gumede, that people must die because of our intractability," he said.

"Political objectives achieved through death and destruction are hollow victories. I put it to you that it is possible for us to join forces if and when it is mutually acceptable."

He referred to ongoing Maritzburg "peace talks" pursued by Inkatha and the UDF at various levels.

"I see them simply as a first striving towards consolidating black power in opposition to apartheid. It is history itself that will distil out of the black struggle that which is finally going to win the day.

"Delays in black unity simply heap up the cost of the final victory which is inevitably going to be ours."

Cape Peninsula: teachers retrenched

*22 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid

(1) Whether any qualified teachers employed at schools for Blacks in the Cape Peninsula were retrenched in 1987, if so, (a) how many, (b) why in each case, (c) what subjects were they qualified to teach and (d) at which schools were they teaching when they were retrenched;

(2) whether any qualified teachers employed on a temporary basis at such schools in 1987 were not re-employed when they re-applied for their posts; if so, (a) how many, (b) why in each case, (c) what subjects were they qualified to teach and (d) at which schools were they teaching?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION

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(2) No

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Greater Edendale area, Pietermaritzburg

*23 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Defence:

(1) Whether, at the request of any Ministerial colleague, members of the South African Defence Force have been stationed in or designated to patrol the Greater Edendale area of Pietermaritzburg; if so (a) since what date have members of the Defence Force been present in this area, (b) what results have been achieved by their presence and (c) by whom was the said request made;

(2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(1) No In accordance with prescribed procedures such requests are made at departmental level A request was in fact received along the latter channel and the facts pertaining to the support given by the SA Defence Force to the SA Police are as follows

(a) Since 4 November 1987

(b) It contributed to prevent the further increase of unrest related incidents.

(c) The Divisional Commissioner for the Natal Division of the SA Police.

(2) No

Greater Edendale area, Pietermaritzburg

*24 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Law and Order

(1) Whether the South African Police have conducted an inquiry into the events in the Greater Edendale area of Pietermaritzburg since July 1987, if not, why not, if so, (a) how many persons were murdered in politically inspired violence between 1 July 1987 and the latest specified date for which figures are available and (b) what were the results of the inquiry;

(2) whether he or his Department has taken any steps to ensure that law and order is re-established in this area, if so, what steps, if not, why not,

(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER.

(1) Yes.

(a) A number of persons have been killed, but because it cannot yet be established beyond doubt from the investigations, which deaths can be ascribed to faction fights, ordinary crime or politically inspired crime, it would not be opportune to furnish figures at this stage

(b) 254 persons were charged in a large number of cases, inter alia on charges of murder, attempted murder, assault with the intent to do grievous bodily harm, arson and public violence These persons are presently awaiting trial

(2) Yes

A number of temporary bases have been established from where a large contingent of the South African Police, supported by units of the South African Defence Force operate on a 24-hour basis. They render preventative duties and ensure that law and order are maintained in the area.

In addition, an investigation team comprising a large number of experienced detectives under the command of a senior officer is presently investigating cases that have emanated from the violence. They leave no stone unturned in locating and charging those persons who have committed acts of violence The results achieved thus far are both positive and encouraging

(3) Yes It is the aim of the South African Police, and we are irrevocably committed thereto, to maintain law and order in South Africa

From the steps that have been taken thus far to normalize the situation in the Republic and also in the Pietermaritzburg area, it is clear that the South African Police is well on its way to achieving that aim

Std 10 examinations: matriculation exemption

*25 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid

What percentage of students from schools falling under his Department who wrote the Std 10 examination at the end of 1987 passed (a) with and (b) without matriculation exemption?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION

(a) 14,39%

(b) 35,8%

Therefore, in total 50,26% passed.

Nyanga: action against two youths

*26. Mr J VAN ECK asked the Minister of Law and Order

(1) Whether members of the South African Police took any action against two persons in respect of whom certain particulars have been furnished to the Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply in Nyanga on or about 19 January 1988 if so, (a) what action, (b) why, (c) what are their names and (d) what were the circumstances surrounding this incident

(2) whether the Police have received any complaints from these persons in regard to this incident; if so, (a) when and (b) what was the purport of the complaints;

(3) whether the matter has been investigated; if not, why not, if so, with what result?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

Mr Speaker, before I reply to this question, I would like to express my dismay at the unparliamentary manner in which the hon member has misused this incident to slander South Africa and especially the South African Police [Interjections.]

The hon member made allegations to the *Sunday Tribune* that the South African Police had assaulted and tortured two persons Without the Police having been approached for comment, these allegations were published in detail in this newspaper

As a result of the newspaper report, the matter was thoroughly investigated and proved to be unsubstantiated. At the insistence of the Police the same newspaper a week later reported on the findings of the investigation

On 8 February 1988 the hon member put the question to which I must reply today Nevertheless, last Friday during the no-confidence debate he misused the House of Assembly for publicity and personal gain

According to my information, the hon member brought the two complainants to the House of Assembly and pre-arranged with several less sympathetic journalists to be ready outside Parliament to photograph him and the complainants, after he had repeated his allegations during the no-confidence debate [Interjections] His actions were pre-meditated and the sole purpose was to give further negative publicity to his unsubstantiated allegations As a result of this, I was obliged to issue a press statement about the matter on 12 February 1988, a copy of which is attached

Keeping these facts in mind, I would now like to reply to the question by the hon member

(1) Yes

(a) Two Black youths were detained for questioning

(b) Because they were found together with a group of approximately 15 Black youths under suspicious circumstances

What IS behind the Maritzburg spiral of violence?

By RICHARD STEYN

IF THE warring parties in the townships around Maritzburg are divided on many issues they are agreed on one point the violence has its roots in apartheid

Yet it is probably true to say that if apartheid were abolished tomorrow, both sides would have to find other reasons to explain away the fundamental differences between them

Essentially the struggle centres on the shape and nature of the post-apartheid society At one level it is a dispute over strategies to break down apartheid On a higher plane, it is a clash of world views — over the make-up of the future South African society and whether that society should be capitalist or socialist.

What makes the conflict so intractable is that these agendas are inseparably intertwined.

On the face of it, the battle lines have been drawn between Inkatha and its new trade union offshoot Uwusa on one side and the UDF-Cosatu alliance on the other. Four years ago the two groups were united in their condemnation of the tricameral parliament, though not in their respective ideologies.

Inkatha is a fiercely proud, traditional, largely rural nationalist Zulu movement whose strategy is to work within State institutions to achieve political and economic liberation

Signs of strain

The UDF-Cosatu, by contrast, is a large, loose coalition of apartheid. The differences between the two go much deeper than tactics or strategy Inkatha believes in free enterprise, buttressed by parastatal companies such as the kwaZulu Finance Corporation, and rejects sanctions and trade boycotts as being inimical to the economic intersts of black people, the UDF-Cosatu is in favour of a socialist-type economy based on the Freedom Charter and supports sanctions and disinvestment.

The UDF-Cosatu alliance also claims to represent the interests of the working class more effectively than Inkatha, which wears twin hats as an employer (via the kwaZulu administration) and workers' representative (through Uwusa).

Although clear signs of strain had begun to emerge within the Zulu nation at the beginning of the 1980s, the incident that started the fratricidal conflict was probably the killing in 1982 of five University of Zululand students by Inkatha sympathisers for demonstrating in a manner deemed to be insulting to the kwaZulu leadership

This event served to crystallize the differences between those who put their faith in the power of Zulu nationalism and those who believed the kwaZulu leadership had been lured into the bantustan trap The split was generational, between rural-based traditionalists and a younger, more progressive element from the cities, no longer in thrall to traditional customs and beliefs. Beneath the surface a struggle to win the allegiance of the grassroots in both camps began in earnest.

Tensions heightened

The conflict gathered momentum in the Durban areas of Amlazi, Lamontville and kwaMashu where it was contained by the township authorities, assisted by the security forces. In 1985 it reared its head in the Maritzburg township of Imbali after a rift developed between the Inkatha-controlled town council and the pro-boycott Imbali Civic Association, which later affiliated to the UDF.

Soon afterwards tensions were heightened by the methods used to impose first a bus boycott and then a consumer boycott in the Maritzburg area in support of workers fired by BTR-Sarmcol at Howick. The sacked Sarmcol workers belonged to Mawu, a Cosatu affiliate, their replacements were unionized by Uwusa, which led to bitter antagonism in many communities — and the murder of Mawu shop stewards allegedly by Inkatha loyalists.

While the rest of the country was racked by urban violence in 1985-86, Natal townships were for the most part quiet but the bitterness simmered beneath the surface, erupting intermittently in Durban and then in the greater Maritzburg area where Inkatha stepped up its efforts to recruit members, and the UDF-Cosatu also began to mobilize support. Inkatha claimed that the UDF hit out at Inkatha's coercive methods of recruitment, forcing apolitical people to join the organization and pay membership fees.

Thus began the upward spiral of strike and counterstrike which has claimed the lives of hundreds, many of them children. The sporadic fighting has not abated during attempts by the local Chamber of Commerce and churchmen to negotiate a truce

Some analysts suggest it is wrong to attribute the conflict totally to political differences when the real causes lie deeper and are not amenable to political control. They ascribe the violence to socio-economic factors — poverty, high unemployment, lack of housing and educational facilities — which have created a "lost generation" now giving vent to their frustration by wreaking havoc in their communities

That is undoubtedly part of the explanation. Decades of economic stagnation in the homelands of kwaZulu bordering Maritzburg, the effects of migrant labour and the legacy of Bantu education have produced a semi-literate population deprived of a stable family life as well as basic skills and jobs. Many of these have-nots have waded into their better-off neighbours with enthusiasm, claiming an often spurious political allegiance with one political cause or the other. It is these frustrated youngsters, the "amaquabane" (comrades), whom the authorities are finding so difficult to bring to heel.

The question often asked is why the violence near Maritzburg has not been contained as elsewhere in the country. The answer lies in the geographical location of Natal's capital in the rolling hills of kwaZulu, its black population half-urban, half-rural. In few other places is the mix of rural peasant and township dweller as thorough as in the sprawling Edendale valley.

But the police have not helped matters with their apparent partiality Until now now the State has scarcely bothered to conceal its interest in restoring Inkatha's authority in areas where it is under attack. Scores of young UDF-Cosatu activists have been detained, whereas Inkatha has escaped relatively unscathed. A further source of provocation to those who have lost relatives is the non-prosecution of "warlords" and others known to have committed atrocities.

Only one out of 400 possible cases has come to court. Two weeks ago a group of township women signed a petition demanding the removal of the SAP from the townships and their replacement by army units. In response the SAP has strongly denied partiality and promised to act against any perpetrators of violence.

Township dwellers, caught up in a murderous struggle that many of them cannot understand, wait anxiously to see whether the Minister of Police can make good his vow to put an end to the fighting. Effective policing is a priority but in the long run "peace" will depend on the willingness of both sides to settle their political differences.

□ *Richard Steyn is Editor of the Natal Witness.*

"And what's more, stop telling the public we're muting public dissent. You're giving us a bad name!"

ON PARADE

By WILLEM STEENKAMP

Maritzburg: 'Send in a battalion!'

FAR be it from me to keep strumming on the same guitar-string, but almost a month after I first suggested it, I still do not see any alternative to calling in the army to cool things down in Maritzburg.

The government has elected instead to send in extra police — possibly because it feels that to deploy troops would be supporting those who claim the SAP are biased in favour of the Inkatha element.

However, I am bound to say the situation cannot be properly addressed if the motivation springs from such shallow considerations as accusations of bias or concern for image.

A police force is designed to fight crime and maintain order in a more or less normal situation. However, the situation in PMB is far from normal, and at such times the military can be legitimately called in.

It is obvious that at present the civil power cannot cope in PMB. As a result a time-bomb is being created, with peaceable people losing faith in the law's ability to protect them, while the activists on both sides despise it and formulate their own distorted versions of it. This is the road to anarchy.

What is needed is area protection and a constant patrol presence: in a nutshell, men on the ground and plenty of them.

Because SAP manpower resources are finite, sending more policemen to PMB means they have to be pulled out elsewhere. As a result law enforcement in those areas will also suffer because there are less cops to go around — and remember, PMB will not be a quick in-and-out operation.

The plain fact of the matter is that the SAP, unlike the army, does not have a vast reservoir of reserve manpower to call on.

So forget the side-issues and send in a battalion! This sort of thing is child's play to the army. Therefore let loose, as it were, the dogs of peace.

Athlone fly-past

A FLY-PAST by the South African Air Force's Silver Falcons aerobatics team went down a treat with patrons of the Athlone Trade Fair at the weekend — organizer Aly Khan says he is still receiving congratulations "from people who don't know how I pulled it off".

I mention this because there is a misconception that the SAAF usually puts on this sort of display at official occasions like the opening of Parliament or what one might call quasi-official events like agricultural shows.

In fact, a spokesman says, the SAAF will consider any request on its merits, subject to the availability of men and machines, "whether it's the Bredasdorp agricultural show or people from Khayelitsha".

No doubt, the spokesman noted, a number of the people who enjoyed the fly-past at the weekend were fishermen who were well aware of the fact that the SAAF is always on stand-by to come to the rescue of those in peril on the sea.

A gig like this, needless to say, also helps recruiting. The days are gone when a potential SAAF member needed the "right" skin-colour as well.

[Willem Steenkamp is a reservist of the Citizen Force]

Court applicant stabbed to death

Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG. — A 70-year-old man, Mr Johannes Nkomo, of Sweetwaters, who was one of 19 applicants in a Supreme Court action here against five Inkatha officials, has been stabbed to death.

His death was confirmed yesterday by police.

Mr Nkomo was one of 19 people who brought an urgent application in the Supreme Court here on Friday against Mr Vitus Mvelase; Chief Nsikayezwe Zondi; Chief Shayabantu Zondi; Mr David Ntombela; Mr Manfana Majola; Mr Gende Dlamini and Inkatha.

The applicants are asking the court to interdict the respondents from killing, assaulting or threatening members or supporters of Cosatu, the applicants and residents of Ashdown and Sweetwaters who are not Inkatha supporters.

The hearing was postponed last week to today.

Sapa reports that two men were killed and another was seriously wounded in unrest-related incidents overnight.

Police reported that a 24-year-old man was found stabbed to death at Mafunze (Taylor's Halt area) and at Caluza (Edendale) police found the body of a man with burn wounds.

At KwaMakutha (near Amanzimtoti) a private dwelling was badly damaged in a petrol-bomb attack and arsonists caused extensive damage to a local high school at Ezakheni (Ladysmith area).

Meanwhile, there was no clarity late yesterday on whether KwaZulu Chief Minister Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi has accepted an invitation to church-sponsored peace talks including UDF president Mr Archie Gumede near Durban on February 23.

Chief Buthelezi is scheduled to meet an Assocom delegation on the same day as the talks.

Court told of fatal stabbing

Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG. — A Sweetwaters woman described in the Supreme Court here yesterday how her 70-year-old father was stabbed to death at the weekend and her mother was seriously injured in what she alleges was an attack on their home by Inkatha supporters.

The dead man, Mr Johannes Nkomo, was one of 19 parties, including Cosatu, who had applied to the court for restraining orders against Inkatha and four of its officials.

Mr Nkomo said in an affidavit which was before the court last Friday, that he feared an attack by Inkatha. The case was yesterday adjourned for oral evidence.

Miss Nomabheka Flora Nkomo, 35, told the court in papers of a large crowd which gathered at their home on Sunday evening. She said she believed them to be Inkatha members or supporters.

"The crowd attacked our house, breaking all the windows with knobkieries and empty beer bottles. They then broke down the door and shouted they wanted my brother, Bongi, who is a supporter of the United Democratic Front."

Miss Nkomo said she was stabbed in both shoulders by attackers she identified as Mabhayi Mngadi and "Mjenqeka".

She claims she saw them stab her father to death.

● Sapa reports that Deputy Attorney General Mr Les Roberts told the Supreme Court allegations of violence by Maritzburg township residents seeking restraining orders against alleged assailants were being investigated and criminal proceedings would be instituted if necessary.

'We don't use force' — Buthelezi

Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG. — The carnage in the area had to stop, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi said in an affidavit in the Supreme Court here yesterday.

The Chief Minister of KwaZulu assured the court of his commitment to peace and promised to use all his influence to achieve it.

"Both I and the first respondent (Inkatha) abhor violence and long for peace," he said.

Cosatu and 19 others have applied for restraining orders against five Inkatha officials and Inkatha itself.

Chief Buthelezi denied that Inkatha tried to recruit supporters by threats and force.

Regarding allegations of murder and assault against the Inkatha officials, he said he was unable to control the manner in which they acted in their capacity as chiefs.

"If they are members of Inkatha then that is incidental in my submission," he said.

MARITZBURG VIOLENCE

Big guns fly in

In an effort to add momentum to its peace initiative in Natal, the Pietermaritzburg Chamber of Commerce will jet in an Assocom delegation to the city this week. Assocom president Alex Rogoff, chief executive Raymond Parsons and exco chairman Brian Kurz will tour the war-torn black townships and meet the SA Police and representatives of the main combatants, UDF and Inkatha.

Increased business anxiety follows the spo-

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radic outbreak of violence in Maritzburg itself and a bloody weekend in which the total number of deaths officially recorded in the area since the start of the new year rose to 121. There is also growing concern over the number of refugees — now estimated at around 60 000 — who have fled their homes to escape the violence. Many are being housed in the city and it has been alleged that large numbers of youths have headed for ANC camps.

Meanwhile, conveners of a new peace initiative were kept guessing this week over the support of Inkatha president and KwaZulu Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

By Tuesday, the Methodist Church's Rev Khoza Mgojo had not yet had a reply from Buthelezi to an invitation to talks sent last week. A spokesman for Buthelezi said the invitation had only arrived on Friday and a reply could be expected "today or tomorrow."

Archie Gumede, president of the UDF, had received a similar invitation to the meeting proposed for February 23 and told the press he had already accepted. Also invited are representatives of Cosatu, the Maritzburg and Durban Chambers of Commerce and the Maritzburg Council of Churches. ■

State. Mr L L Burger appeared for Mr Dreyer and Mrs L G Troskie for Mr Moses.

Police find missing man's mutilated body

Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG. — Police have found the mutilated body of an 18-year-old man, whose hands and feet had been cut off, at Taylor's Halt outside the city, police said yesterday.

He was identified as Mr Mfano Miya. He had been stabbed a number of times and the body was partly decomposed when it was found this week.

He was reported to have been missing since February 9. The body was discovered on February 16.

Meanwhile, at Moranjani township near Dewetsdorp in the Free State, a group yesterday stoned a police vehicle. The police fired a shot to disperse the attackers and arrested four men.

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Mutilated body of youth found

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Daily Dispatch Correspondent

PIETERMARITZBURG — The mutilated body of an 18-year-old youth, whose hands and feet had been cut off, was found by police at Taylor's Halt outside Pietermaritzburg, according to the latest South African Police (SAP) unrest report.

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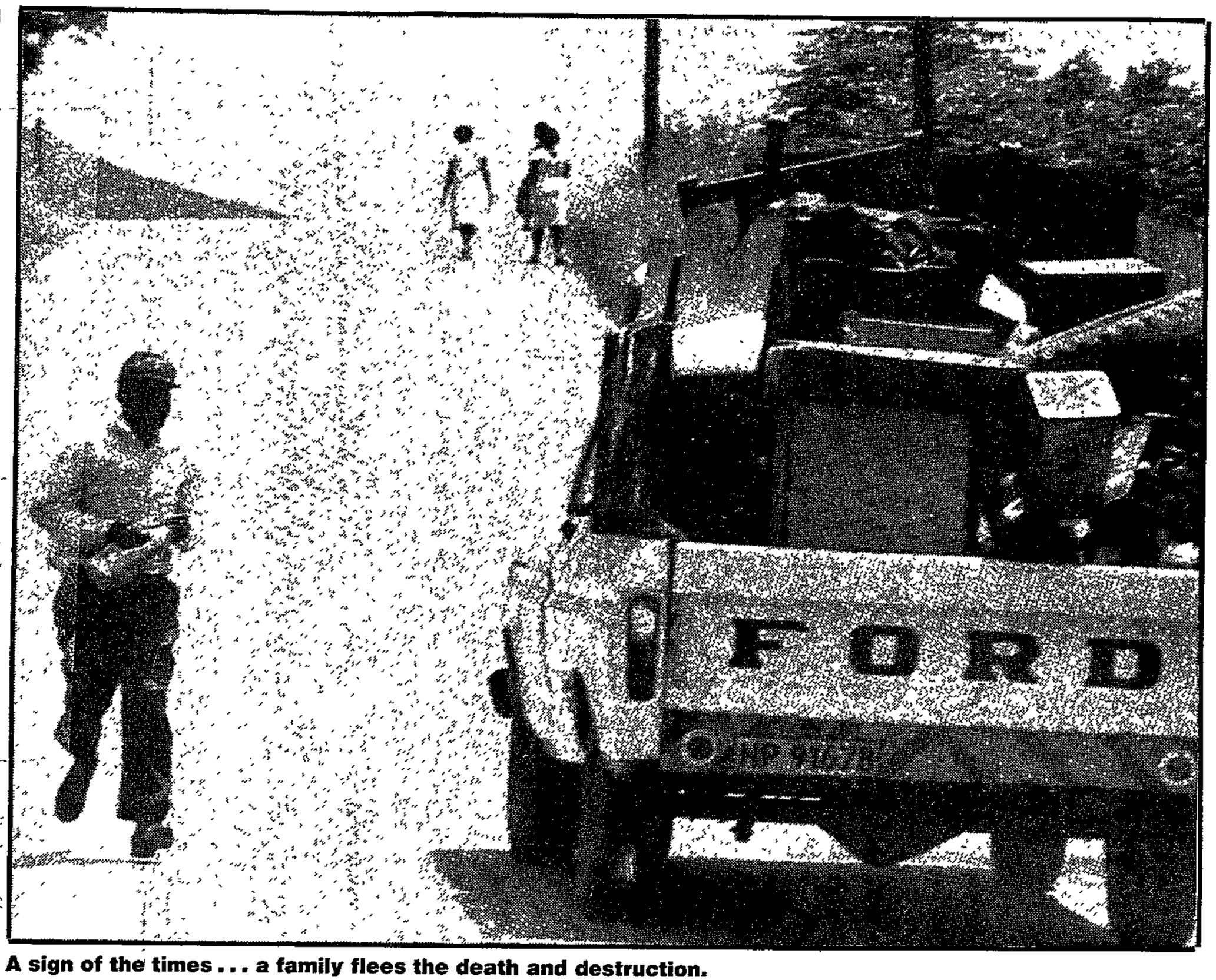

A sign of the times . . . a family flees the death and destruction.

Murders continue

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CP Correspondent

IN most other countries, a town named Mpumalanga – Zulu for "the place where the sun rises" – would conjure up images of a happy, peaceful and friendly haven. But this is not the case in this tragic little Natal township.

Ever since political violence broke out in the Kwa-Zulu-controlled township near Hammarsdale in the Natal heartlands, the place has become a mini-hell.

While the attention of both the security forces and the media has been focused on Maritzburg and its immediate surroundings, Mpumalanga – situated between Durban and Maritzburg – has been ablaze with violent incidents.

Members of the UDF-affiliated Hammarsdale Youth Congress were at first the main targets of attacks, including murder, arson and rape. But in a dramatic turn of events taxi drivers have entered the war.

Bearing testimony t this was the recent gunnin down of taxi drivers Mfan afuthi Basa and Sydne Dlamini.

Basa was attacked at hi home by unknown men while Dlamini was mowed down while carrying passengers along the township's Unit One main road.

Eyewitnesses watched with horror as armed men, identified as "well-known members of Inkatha", fired a hail of bullets at Basa's minibus which was carrying 11 passengers.

A number of the passengers were seriously injured while trying to escape from the vehicle as it careered out of control towards a cliff at the bottom of the steep road.

At the time of going to Press, delegates from the Mpumalanga Taxidrivers' Association were due to

amid allegations of 'muti hitman' mastermind

mes for Mpumalanga

meet the regional executive of Inkatha in a desperate attempt to halt further attacks.

But there were rumblings of discontent from some taximen who wanted nothing to do with the proposed "peace talks".

According to the association, a hit-list naming taximen regarded as "bad elements who should be eliminated" prompted the urgent meeting.

The alleged list was apparently being used by a hit-squad led by a notorious "hitman-cum-mutiman".

The hitman apparently earned himself his reputation for his role during savage Natal South Coast faction-fighting between the Mkhize and Mkhandi tribes.

But Inkatha spokesman Zakhele Nkehli has denied claims about the hitman.

"We don't need to hire mercenaries. We are self-sufficient. We have men who can come out now and arm themselves with sticks and knobkerries and fight

"The UDF has a very unique opportunity here in Mpumalanga, to exist where Inkatha rules. In places where the UDF rules, Inkatha will not live," said Nkehli who asserted that Inkatha would continue its reign in the township.

The last two weeks have seen eight people, among them two 14-year-olds, being dragged out of taxis and hacked to death, bringing the estimated death toll to 100.

Meanwhile, despite stepped-up police activity, the violence has continued, with the death toll rising daily

As early as last February, long before the start of the now much publicised Maritzburg carnage, rivalry between Inkatha and the UDF had already claimed nine lives and at least 20 homes had been destroyed

Some of the first people to fall victim to the wrath of the vigilantes were Hayco activists Sthembiso Mngadi, Mashu Mbatha and Ndabazezwe Msomi who eyewitnesses said were gunned down by men in a yellow car.

Talks between the two groups in March – believed to be the first "peace talks" in the region – fizzled out after a deadlock over the use of vigilantes in the area

While justifying the use of vigilantes to control the area, Nkehli denied Inkatha was responsible for the previous month's violence

"Inkatha took the initiative in forming vigilante groups to fight crime in Mpumalanga

"Like vigilantes in other areas, they have been very responsible people. Mandla Shabalala and Winnington Sabelo of Umlazi are both well-known and very responsible vigilantes," said Nkehli at the time.

Weeks later, Hayco president Vusi Maduna, who had spearheaded the peacetalks, was killed in mysterious circumstances.

Responding to claims that the South African Police had not acted to stop the violence, Capt HR Upton of the Maritzburg CID, said the police were aware of the violent struggle between the two groups and was prepared to bring the culprits to book.

But in August the violence took a new turn with Inkatha supporters allegedly forcing people to pay "protection fees". Hundreds of non-aligned and UDF supporting residents fled the area.

At the end of last year, there was short-lived relief for the refugees when a number of vigilante leaders, including brothers Toto and Bheko Dlamini, were killed.

But the much hoped-for peace was not to become a reality. This period saw the brutal slaying of an 102-year-old granny who apparently refused to betray the whereabouts of her grandson, a Hayco member.

A 16-year-old girl, the niece of a top-ranking Inkatha official, told *City Press* how she became disenchanted with the organisation after her home was mistaken for that of a UDF sympathiser and burnt down.

She claimed she had been at the meeting where the attack had been plotted.

She said it had also been decided that, in order to intensify the organisation's recruitment drive, non-Inkatha pupils should not be allowed to register at schools in the township.

Those who dared would be knifed in front of their teachers, she said.

The first victim of these planned attacks was Vusi Gqaza of Unit Two, who was last week shot dead in a classroom at Ukusa High School, in full view of his teachers and other pupils. – Concord

Mandla Shabalala ... 'a responsible vigilante'

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The Natal death toll continues to rise despite peace rallies and talks.

Inkatha man: 'I have lost control of events'

CP Correspondent

AMID the raging Inkatha-UDF confrontation which has claimed more than 20 lives in KwaNdengezi township, near Durban since the beginning of this year, the local chairman of Inkatha has broken his silence to announce that the situation in his constituency was beyond his control.

The alarmed Beatus Msomi who has been quietly holed up in his home in the township claims to have received death threats from all quarters.

"The UDF is blaming me for the deaths of their comrades and attacks on their homes, while my own followers have split into two factions.

"One faction, led by my rival who is vying for chairmanship of Inkatha in the area, has adopted a hostile attitude towards me because they claim I have sold out; they say I am a friend of the UDF," he said.

He said his rival, who he declined to name, was exploiting the youths to further his aims.

He said the man was also collaborating closely with a member of the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly.

"They are the ones who burn people's houses, loot property and force the Inkatha theories down the people's throats," he said.

Msomi claimed that this faction was having countless meetings behind closed doors.

He said he had been told that at most of these meetings he was being discredited.

He said he had learnt of pupils being forced to become Inkatha members in order to qualify for registration at local schools.

He also said he had recently learnt of the faction's latest onslaught on the township's taximen.

The crackdown on taximen comes in the wake of wide-ranging claims that they work in cahoots with the UDF.

Since the beginning of the year, eight taxis have been attacked and five taxi drivers were seriously injured and had their money and other belongings looted by people alleged to be members of Inkatha.

However, the one Inkatha faction is still loyal to Msomi and is continually trying to persuade him to intervene to halt the carnage and improve the tarnished image of Inkatha, he said.

Msomi, whose house has already been attacked and stoned, dissociated himself from the behaviour of some members of Inkatha.

His young followers are presently guarding his house in anticipation of further attacks.

Msomi, who claims to have been an ANC member before the organisation was banned, said he strongly believed that the UDF had a legitimate right to exist in the township and maintained that he had never stood in its way. – Concord

'Quiet Saturday', but 2 dead

PRETORIA. — The bodies of two black men, who apparently died from stabwounds, were found at Taylor's Halt in Natal in the quietest Saturday since the present unrest started in the country, the SA Police Liaison Division said in its overnight report yesterday.

On Friday, a man was killed and two people seriously wounded when unknown gunmen opened fire on a private home in Kwa-Makutha, Durban.

Saturday's report said three houses — two at Mphumalanga, Maritzburg and one at Yeoville in Vredenburg — were damaged in petrol bomb attacks. No injuries were reported.

Security forces fired teargas to disperse an illegal gathering at Wembezi, in Escourt, the report said.

● The Maritzburg violence had led to such media bias against Inkatha that the UDF wanted the strife to continue, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, Chief Minister of KwaZulu said yesterday.

He accused the media of giving credibility to false claims that the disturbances were caused by Inkatha's use of violence and intimidation in recruitment campaigns.

Chief Buthelezi was making his presidential address to a conference of the Inkatha National Cultural Liberation Movement.

They were participating in "a very justifiable backlash" against orchestrated political violence and were disgusted by the behaviour of UDF youth.

The UDF and COSATU were "fetch and carry boys" for the ANC who were attacking Inkatha because they wanted to see the revolutionary organization as the only real force in the field.

"I think there is very little doubt that thus far we are losing the media battle."

Killer disease threatens rhino poachers

Own Correspondent

LONDON. — The heavily-armed

The disease could further threaten the rest of Namibia's 400 highly endangered rhino — the

animals which had died from the disease infected the ground and the whole environment around

rising as high as in last September — with the
heavy rains in the
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EMERGENCY UPDATE

Gunmen wound five and burn down house

DURBAN. — Five people were wounded by unknown gunmen in Clermont last night, and the house belonging to two of the victims was burned down.

About 9pm Mr Albert Mtembu, 53, heard a noise outside his home and went to investigate.

Shots were fired and he was wounded in the left arm and leg.

His wife Suzive was wounded in the shoulder and stomach.

NIGHTWATCHMEN

The gunmen set the house alight before moving to a nearby shopping complex where they fired shots and wounded three nightwatchmen.

Mr Mehlo Mtshali was shot in the arm, Mr Gqula Bhakithi in the stomach and chest, and a Mr Ndlovu in the chest and arm.

A police spokesman, Major Charl du Toit, said today police had opened five attempted murder dockets as well as an arson docket.

"STABLE"

Mr and Mrs Mtembu, Mr Bhakithi and Mr Ndlovu were admitted to Durban's King Edward VIII Hospital and Mr Mtshali was taken to St Mary's Hospital.

Mrs Mtembu and Mr Ndlovu were in a "serious but stable" condition today.

The condition of the other three was said to be "stable." — Sapa.

Detentions stop peace talks

MARITZBURG. — The detention of top local UDF leaders has caused the cancellation of peace talks scheduled for today, Dr Khoza Mgojo, the president of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa, said here yesterday.

The meeting was to have been attended by Inkatha president Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi and UDF president Mr Archie Gumede.

However, the detention of UDF Natal Midlands joint secretaries Mr Sikhumbuzo Ngwenya and Mr Martin Wittenberg and other figures central to the peace-seeking process stopped the meeting from getting off the ground.

Dr Mgojo called on the warring organizations to desist from further violence.

● Meanwhile, in Ulundi Inkatha's central committee yesterday called on all organizations, groups and individuals in the Maritzburg area to bring peace to the capital's war-torn black townships.

In a statement at the end of a central-committee conference, Inkatha said it deplored the "wanton killing" in the area.

It resolved to call on the ANC mission-in-exile to abandon attempts to develop "a people's war" as well as its instigation of black-on-black confrontations.

Inkatha also called on the UDF and Cosatu to reject "not only of violence taking place in Maritzburg, but also of all violence committed for political purposes".

● At KwaTema (Springs) two houses were damaged in separate petrol bomb attacks. An 18-year-old man and a 16-year-old youth were arrested, police said in Pretoria.

Five people were wounded by gunmen in Clermont (Pinetown) on Sunday night. The house of two of the victims was burned down. The house's owner and his wife were wounded and taken to hospital. The same group went to a nearby shopping centre where they shot and wounded three security guards, who were also admitted to hospital. No arrests have been made yet. — Own Correspondent and Sapa

30 youths drag man from car, stab him to death

PRETORIA. — A man was stabbed to death and a 12-year-old boy seriously wounded in separate incidents of violence, police said yesterday.

Mr Botch Mabaso, 45, was dragged from his car and stabbed to death by a group of about 30 youths at Mpumalanga, near Hammarsdale, on Monday morning.

Police arrested 15 youths aged between 18 and 20, and they are due to appear in Hammarsdale Magistrate's Court tomorrow, charged with murder.

Mr Mabaso, believed to have been a prominent member of Inkatha, first had the tyres of his car slashed by the gang.

When he stopped his car, the youths allegedly dragged Mr Mabaso from the vehicle and he was immediately set upon and stabbed to death.

A 12-year-old boy was seriously wounded at Kwa-Makutha, Amanzimtoti, when a group of men attacked and stabbed him.

Police said a 15-year-old youth was hit in the leg when shots were fired from a moving car at Dindi, in the Taylor's Halt area.

Meanwhile the United Democratic Front (UDF) and the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) have dismissed allegations by Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi of a media bias against Inkatha over the conflict in Maritzburg as "incomprehensible" and "ridiculous".

Chief Buthelezi, the president of Inkatha and the Chief Minister of KwaZulu, made the allegations in Ulundi at the weekend.

Speaking in Ulundi yesterday Chief Buthelezi said that apart from loss of life, the "tragic" violence in Maritzburg was detracting from what should be the focus of the black struggle for liberation.

Violence would continue escalating while Mr P W Botha "dillies and dallies" on reform. — Sapa and own correspondent

Peace talks: UDF excluded

Political Correspondent

THE UDF has been effectively excluded from the Maritzburg peace talks by the restrictions placed on it yesterday in terms of the new security measures.

But it can apply to the Minister of Law and Order, for special consent to participate in them.

In terms of the order issued yesterday by Mr Adriaan Vlok, the UDF is prohibited "from carrying on or performing any activities or acts whatsoever".

However, it is still allowed to preserve its assets, keep and administer its books, comply with legal obligations and take legal advice.

It could also carry on with "such activities or performing such acts as the minister may have consented to, in so far as such activities are carried on, or such acts are performed in accordance with any conditions subject to which the minister has granted such consent".

The minister may give the consent only if he is sure it will not endanger public safety or delay the termination of the state of emergency.

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Cape Times 26/2/88

Bara staff to collapse?

JOHANNESBURG. — Baragwanath Hospital's medical department could collapse after the furore surrounding the protest letter by 101 doctors over conditions there, Wits University deputy medical dean Mr John Milne said last night.

Speaking at a prize-giving ceremony, Mr Milne said the furore left the possibility that the hospital's medical department may collapse in the near future as senior officers stop applying for jobs at Baragwanath and registrars consider transfers elsewhere.

Mr Milne said there was no doubt that there was an unequal distribution of funds and resources among the five teaching hospitals, and the black hospitals fared worst.

Cape Times 26/2/88

Violence flares in M'burg centre

MARITZBURG. — Armed groups attacked each other in the city centre here on Wednesday night and police made a number of arrests.

According to witnesses, the attack "appeared to have been between supporters of Inkatha and the United Democratic Front".

However, a police spokesman, while confirming the assaults, said it could not be confirmed whether the attack had been between supporters of the two organizations. "We know that the assaults did take place in Commercial Road involving a group of about 15 people, but we cannot confirm the involvement of any organization," he said.

He confirmed that a number of arrests had been made and that there were no deaths as a result of the attacks.

At Imbali near Maritzburg, police on Wednesday night found the body of a 36-year-old man with several stab wounds. Three men have been arrested, police said.

In other incidents on Wednesday night, police said in yesterday's unrest report, a Grassy Park school was extensively damaged by a petrol bomb. There were no other details.

In Ledi, Soweto, a youth was arrested after a group had stoned a security force vehicle.

A number of primary schools were stoned at Ikageng, Potchefstroom, but damage was minimal. Two men and a youth have been arrested. — Sapa

Cape Times 27/2/88

3 men gunned down in Natal

PRETORIA. — Three men were killed and two youths seriously wounded in unrest on Thursday night, the public relations division of the SAP said here yesterday.

A 59-year-old man was shot and killed by an unidentified gunman at KwaDengezi, Pinetown.

At Haza, Howick, two men were killed and two youths seriously injured when shots were fired at a shop.

A delivery vehicle was badly damaged when it was stoned by a group of youths at Modderdam, Cape Town. — Sapa

Violence a 'detraction'

CP Correspondent

APART from loss of life, the "tragic" violence in Maritzburg was detracting from what should be the focus of the black struggle for liberation, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi said in Ulundi this week.

The struggle should be concentrating on the destruction of apartheid through non-violent tactics and strategies, he told a top Assocom delegation led by its president, Alec Rogoff.

Instead it detracted from "small but significant" beginnings that had been made in the politics of negotiation in the Kwa-Zulu-Natal region.

"It detracts from the vitally necessary opposition to the South African government as it attempts to foist regional services councils on us and forces us to work within the idiom of the tricameral parliamentary system which is there in the revised second-tier form of government we now have," he said.

Violence would continue escalating while PW Botha "dillies and dallies" on reform.

A fierce battle for minds was raging among black people, and the rise of efforts to negotiate had spurred revolutionaries to greater endeavours to destroy such prospects.

"They know that if the politics of negotiation succeed the free enterprise system will be revitalised. They want a socialist economic system in their dreamed-of one-party state.

"Again they must attack black leaders and black organisations who threaten their revolutionary aims by developing prospects that negotiations will succeed," he said.

M'burg businessmen meet Vlok on stalled peace talks

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The Maritzburg Chamber of Commerce is to continue its attempts to get the Maritzburg peace talks going, in spite of the restrictions placed on the UDF, local UDF leaders and Cosatu which have put an end to peace negotiations.

This follows a meeting at the weekend between chamber representatives and the Law and Order Minister, Mr Adriaan Vlok, who placed the ban on the organizations and on UDF president Mr Archie Gumede and Natal Midlands chairman Mr A S Chetty. UDF Natal Midlands secretaries Mr Martin Wittenberg and Mr Skumbuza Ngwenya are also still detained.

A chamber statement said the meeting was positive and the chamber would continue to talk to all parties concerned. The on-going "war" between UDF and Inkatha supporters in the region has claimed about 400 lives so far.

But it seems unlikely the peace negotiations will resume at an early stage.

Lawyers acting for UDF-Cosatu said the restriction orders were still being considered with a view to appealing against them or challenging them in court.

Meanwhile, Law and Order spokesman Brigadier Leon Mellet has rejected criticism of the lack of progress shown by police investigations of violent incidents in the region.

He said affidavits such as those filed in recent Supreme Court applications for restraining orders against Inkatha members did not mean police had all the evidence required for a charge to be brought.

Furthermore, the intimidation factor was very high and people were afraid to come forward and give evidence in court.

The Natal attorney-general, Mr Mike Imber, said there was "no delay" in bringing cases against alleged perpetrators of violence.

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M'burg mob kills man in home

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — A man was killed and a woman seriously wounded in an attack on a home in the Maritzburg area on Sunday night.

Police said a group, armed with knives, entered a house at Mafakathini in the Taylor's Halt area and attacked the occupants. An 18-year-old man was stabbbed to death and a 25-year-old woman wounded in the attack. The attackers then smashed doors and windows of the house, the police report said.

At KwaNdengezi near Pinetown four houses were extensively damaged in petrol-bomb attacks.

At Ou Lokasie near Brits arsonists extensively damaged a private house, and at Daveyton near Benoni two men were arrested after they allegedly threw a home-made explosive device through the open window of a house. The owner was slightly injured. The house was not badly damaged. — Sapa

Peace will be 'liberating'

ULUNDI — The pro-disinvestment lobby was yesterday called on by Mangosuthu Buthelezi to question why "bloody-minded revolutionaries" opposed to peaceful change cried out loudest for sanctions against SA.

The KwaZulu Chief Minister and Inkatha president was speaking to Sal Marzullo, general manager of international government relations for Mobil Oil, USA, and local Mobil MD Bob Angel.

He said once the peaceful struggle against apartheid had been won, the relationship between SA and her neighbours would be radically altered and the country's economy would really come into its own.

Buthelezi said: "I can envisage a massive economic backbone running down from Brazzaville through Lusaka and then down through Harare and Gaborone to Cape Town."

He said it would mean that such countries would finally be able to liberate themselves from the tyranny of poverty, ignorance and disease.

Campaigners for disinvestment were often unaware that sanctions, which they saw as a last resort for peaceful change, were in fact a first step towards abandoning such peaceful means.

Buthelezi said: "They should stop and ask themselves why it is that bloody-minded revolutionaries, who see the prospects of peaceful change as threatening their revolutionary intentions and their intentions to set up a one-party, socialist/communist state, cry out the loudest for sanctions against SA."

They supported sanctions because they wanted the economy destroyed and the desperation of blacks thereby increased to the point where they had nothing to lose.

Buthelezi said: "They want anarchy to prevail after the economy has collapsed because it is in anarchy that they can establish themselves as forces unsurpassed in their ability to wield brute force." — Sapa.

PFP opposes special police in Maritzburg

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — The announcement at the weekend by Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok that special police constables might be sent to Maritzburg in the next few days has been slammed by the PFP and church organisations.

Vlok said the constables — 400 of whom passed out at their Cape training centre at the weekend — would be posted to Maritzburg's strife-torn townships if they were needed for maintenance of law and order.

Asked if the policemen were all Inkatha members, Vlok said they had been recruited without their political affiliations being screened.

PFP spokesman on Law and Order Helen Suzman said she was "alarmed at the thought of barely trained men armed with lethal weapons and a past record of lack of discipline in confrontations with the residents of other townships," being sent to Maritzburg.

'Peace returning to Maritzburg'

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From The Argus Correspondent in Pietermaritzburg

PEACE is slowly returning to Pietermaritzburg's bloody townships, say police. But it has been an uphill battle — the toughest ever facing security forces — according to the national head of riot control units, General Bert Wandrag.

The townships surrounding the troubled Natal capital which are home to almost 300 000 people consist of 347 square kilometres of rugged, hilly terrain, accessible only on foot in the current stormy weather. Police patrols are often required to venture into these remote areas at night and in the most explosive situations imaginable. More than 400 people have been brutally murdered there over the past year.

As a comparison, during the 1976 Soweto riots police never had to patrol more than 50 square kilometres of densely populated and easily accessible township.

While police do not deny that the basic cause of the violence has been a deep-rooted antagonism between Inkatha and the United Democratic Front, they say that the hostilities have been blown up to such an extent that any crime in the area is now being given political overtones. But often the complex situation is being aggravated by generations-old blood feuds "conveniently" spilling over in the name of political ideology.

Manpower

Their major headache, police say, is undoubtedly the vast tracts of land they have had to control with limited manpower, and in many cases civilian resistance to reporting incidents — whether through intimidation or not. This has led to claims that police have not been taking adequate action and even tacitly supporting Inkatha against the UDF.

These claims have been strongly denied by Brigadier Leon Mellet, Press spokesman for the Minister of Law and Order. He said that scores of people from both factions had been brought to court since the horrific wave of violence was unleashed last year — including even renegade members of the police force. Conversely, scores of politically unaffiliated people have also been arrested for a host of reasons.

"We believe one must look at these accusations from where they come from. Our standpoint is clear: if anyone can provide evidence of partisan police action, we will take action."

When asked about affidavits recently submitted in this regard claiming police were not adequately protecting alleged UDF activists, including a man who had been killed after obtaining a court interdict against Inkatha members, Brigadier Mellet said these affidavits were being investigated. But it was "simplistic" to merely regard affidavits as absolutely foolproof evidence in a volatile and complex scenario. The reality of the Pietermaritzburg township situation, he said, was that intimidation was rife, from whatever quarter.

He said while police were gaining control of the situation, it was also the duty of other Government departments to provide "good government" in providing infrastructure and services in the townships.

Government

"All we can do is keep a lid on the violence. We believe we are creating a stable situation for good government to function effectively, which is the long-term solution."

The head of the Pietermaritzburg riot squad, Brigadier Gerrit Viljoen, said they believed they were gaining control of the situation through "solid police work".

"To us every murder or petrol bombing is a straight crime; we have no interest in political overtones. Our estimate is that about 15 percent of people here are involved in political violence, but we treat them all as common criminals."

He says in some instances the police do work with the KwaZulu government, which is the legal authority in much of the troubled areas. This obviously is under Inkatha control, but he says this has no bearing on their police work.

However, one thing appears evident: the police crackdown and high profile since the beginning of the year does seem to be working. At the moment there are 10 strategically placed police "strongholds" in the townships that are manned 24 hours a day where residents can file complaints.

Maritzburg duty for 300 kitscops

Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG — A group of 300 special constables, began duty here last night.

The recent announcement by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, that the special constables would be posted to Maritzburg was met with alarm by the Progressive Federal Party (PFP) and the Pietermaritzburg Agency for Christian Social Awareness (PACSA) — both of which have been closely monitoring the unrest here.

Brigadier Leon Mellet, Mr Vlok's press secretary said the Zulu-speaking constables, who recently completed an eight-week training course in the Cape, had all been recruited in the Maritzburg area.

They would all be armed with shotguns but would operate only with full-time members of the SAP and under the command of a white Warrant Officer.

Their role was to reinforce the SAP contingent to end the violence which has plagued the area since last year.

Responding to allegations that the constables were all Inkatha members, Brig Mellet said although they had not been screened for their political affiliations, they as policemen "know that they cannot take sides".

They had been screened for previous criminal convictions.

He said although it was illegal for policemen to belong to "extremist organizations" like the United Democratic Front (UDF) or the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweeging (AWB), they were not prohibited from being Inkatha members.

Brig Mellet said special policemen were not hated by the people but were "extremely popular" with the locals in various areas of South Africa. — Sapa

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Gunmen kill KwaZulu politician

JOHANNESBURG. — Unknown gunmen on Wednesday night shot and killed a member of the KwaZulu legislative assembly, Mr Mlaba Mbatha, police said yesterday.

Mr Mlaba, 36, was watching television with his wife and daughter when the gunmen entered his Camperdown home south of Pietermaritzburg and shot him in the head and stomach with a Soviet-made Ak-47 automatic rifle.

It was not known how many gunmen were involved.

Police said a number of AK-47 shells were found at the scene of the shooting.

Dr Mangosuthu Buthelezi yesterday send his sympathy to Mr Mlaba's family and said it was "a political assassination, as the circumstances suggest". — Sapa and UPI

Inkatha kitscop may be witness in violence case

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MARITZBURG. — An Inkatha youth member, who may be called to give oral evidence in the Supreme Court on October 31 about his alleged involvement in township violence, is among 300 special constables deployed in Maritzburg's townships this week.

Mr Weseni Awetha, the son of Imbali councillor and senior Inkatha member Mr Abdul Awatha, is cited as the second respondent in a Supreme Court application for an interdict to prevent him, his father and two others from assaulting or killing Imbali residents.

It was learned yesterday that Mr Weseni Awetha went to Cape Town for six weeks to train as a special constable (kitskonstabel) and is now deployed in the city's townships.

Mr Ben Jele, a senior Inkatha member in Imbali, said Mr Weseni Awetha was one of the many special constables deployed in Maritzburg earlier this week who had not been allowed to go home.

Brigadier Leon Mellet was not prepared to comment on allegations that most of the special constables were members of Inkatha.

"As far as we are concerned our members are entitled to belong to cultural organizations but during screening we ensure that they remain completely apolitical.

"A number of our members belong to the National Party, the PFP, the Conservative Party and there is nothing wrong with that as long as they do not allow their membership to interfere with their work."

Yesterday a large contingent of women from the townships of Hammarsdale, Kwamakutha, Kwadlangezi and Maritzburg entered the Supreme Court buildings to hand over a memorandum to the Attorney-General of Natal, Mr Mike Imber.

"We told him that we were afraid that many of the special constables were members of Inkatha and that they would use their positions to seek revenge," a spokeswoman said. — Sapa

Policemen to stay

NOT a single policeman assigned to the Maritzburg unrest area would be withdrawn until stability, calm and law and order was fully restored, Gen Bert Wandag, commander of the SAP counter-insurgency unit said.

He was briefing a Press group invited to visit the 440sq km involved in the current unrest.

He said, in reply to a question, that he wanted to reassure the people of Natal that no policemen would be moved until the situation stabilised.

The situation was currently stabilised, but it was not certain that it was permanent.

"If the police and the security forces are withdrawn there could be a revival of serious unrest.

"I want to assure Natal's people that we will not create a vacuum before calm and peace returns," he said.

He said the SAP could not succeed in its task of policing the area – its basic duty – without good communication with the local community.

In recent months 10 temporary police posts had been established, thus re-establishing a SAP and security force presence. – Sapa.

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Women 'tired of death' call for leaders' release

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CP Correspondent

ABOUT 150 Zulu women from the most violent of Natal's townships this week presented a peace petition to the Natal Judge President, John Didcott.

The women said they were in the "Inkatha/UDF peace talk" movement. They from townships around Maritzburg – the KwaZulu-controlled Mpumalanga and KwaNdengezi townships and from KwaMakhutha down the Natal South Coast.

A spokeswoman, known only as Thoko, said the women were the mothers of people killed in the conflict between Inkatha and progressive forces opposing the KwaZulu homeland government.

"The women have travelled to the College Road Supreme Court, at great danger, to express their concern with the violence and to ask the legal profession to work to release the people who initiated the peace talks, only to be detained by the government," said Thoko.

"We are tired of death," she said.

UDF co-president Archie Gumede, 72, has been involved in peace talks with Inkatha Youth leader, Musa Zondi, regarding the violence in KwaMakhuta, Mpumalanga and KwaNdengezi for more than a year.

Last week's banning order prevented him from continuing peace talks.

The protesting women arrived at the court in mini-buses and were allowed to present their petition without harassment from the police. Some of the women feared that they would be arrested at the end of the hand-over. – Concord

Maritzburg-type 'killing fields' fear grabs hold in Clermont

By S'BU MNGADI

A MEMBER OF the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly, Msinga Mbatha, was shot dead by an unknown gunman at his home in Ximba in the Camperdown area of Natal on Wednesday night.

Mbatha, 36, was shot at [illegible], police said.

A number of AK47 cartridge cases and bullets were found on the scene, police added. They did not give further details.

The slaying of the KwaZulu government official comes among mounting fears in Clermont, a freehold township outside Pinetown, that it might be turned into Maritzburg-style killing field.

Since early last month the township has been plagued by a spate of killings of prominent community leaders by a faceless death squad.

This has raised tempers in the area, which is generally regarded as a UDF/Cosatu stronghold, and which was the first place in the country where a community council endorsed the formation of street committees last year.

The weekend saw the fatal shooting of advisory board member Emmanuel "Qashana" Khuzwayo, 56, headmaster of the local S'thokozile Junior Secondary School.

According to members of Khuzwayo's family, two men entered the yard at about 7.30 on Sunday night, and one asked the people outside if he could see Khuzwayo because he wanted to place his child at S'thokozile school.

He was ushered into the house and the other man remained outside. While Khuzwayo was busy speaking on the phone, the man shot him in the head from behind, and when Khuzwayo turned, he was shot again. He died instantly.

When those outside tried to go his rescue, the man who had remained outside fired at them, sending them scattering. The assailants disappeared into the night.

Last year, advisory board member and UDF supporter Zazi Khuzwayo was shot dead by two unknown gunmen in his office.

Last month, community worker and businesswoman, Pearl Tshabalala, wife of advocate and board member Vuka Tshabalala, was gunned down as she closed the family bottle store.

A week ago, community leader and businessman Obed Mthembu and his wife Zuziwe suffered serious bullet injuries when their Indunduma house was reduced to ruins during a gun and petrol bomb attack. Mthembu had stated the perpetrators when he addressed Tshabalala's funeral service.

Advisory board member Emmanuel Khuzwayo.

In an apparent retaliatory action, the home of KwaZulu MP for Kwamaphumulo and Deputy-Speaker in the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly, Simon Mthimkhulu, was burnt down. His wife suffered serious injuries from burns.

UDF co-president Archie Gumede has been warned by anonymous callers that he is next on the "hit list".

The police are still investigating all the incidents.

Addressing a special advisory board meeting which was attended by three senior police officers and the Press, chairman Aubrey Nyembezi said as far as the board members could ascertain the cause of all these attacks was the community's stand against the incorporation of the township into KwaZulu as proposed by the Temple Commission in 1985.

Nyembezi said that at that time the community had realised that the advisory board and such statutory bodies were "toothless", but decided to field the present board members to try to block the incorporation.

Inkatha had also fielded its own candidates.

Nyembezi's R120 000 house was the first to be burned down during this dispute. He attributed this to the incorporation debate.

"For all these incidents none of the perpetrators have been found, yet they were known to the community and the police as well", said Nyembezi.

He asked the police if the reason for this was not that the police investigators were themselves black people who lived in the community and were afraid to carry through investigations for fear of reprisals.

Nyembezi also expressed his disappointment at the fact that he had not had any progress report from the police since his house was burned down in 1985, although he himself had investigated the attack and discovered how it was plotted and who the people involved were.

All this information was at the disposal of the police, including those investigating the attack.

He said it was an open secret that a certain local man, with the help of outsiders, had compiled a "hit list" of people who were obstacles to incorporation of Clermont into KwaZulu.

The people now being attacked were revealed to be on the "hit list".

The plot was thrown into disarray when it was exposed by *City Press* after two disgruntled vigilante "generals" made a confession.

Meanwhile, Khuzwayo's funeral service will be held at the Clermont Lutheran Church at 10am tomorrow.

The Clermont community is holding a mass meeting on Sunday at the community hall to discuss the crisis situation.

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Apartheid blamed for Natal violence

THERE is no flesh cheaper than black flesh in war-torn Pietermaritzburg, where homicide has become one of the main causes of death, and people are terrified, locked into divided camps, beleaguered and living behind bars and bolted doors.

This is the view of Thami Mthalane, secretary to the Administrator of Sobantu, who told a Women for Peaceful Change meeting in the capital last week that the townships had lapsed into "senseless anarchy reminiscent of Beirut"

He said the Pietermaritzburg conflict — "in which the death toll is casually put at five per day" — was of immeasurable significance for the future

While it appeared to be largely ideological (socialist versus capitalist), it was a clash of world views which, if not reconciled, would affect peace in post-apartheid South Africa for decades

"It is of concern to the ANC as much as it should be for whites

"The situation is frightening People have lost all hope of a future for blacks in South Africa They have moved into a dangerous psychological phase in which they have lost sensitivity for life — their own and those of others.

"It is a state of total desperation"

And the explosive conflict, he said, was getting worse.

Factors

"Although we are not responsible for the external factors that systematically create breeding grounds for social disorder, we cannot avoid the internal responsibility of doing everything we can to solve a problem that is rending the fabric of our lives"

Mr Mthalane said the Government should be held responsible for the violence in the townships, and should immediately do something to end it.

There was also a desperate need for a single standard of justice

"Because of our history in this country, we are hostile to the police and prison system, often with good reason" Police and prisons needed to prove they were fair and working in the best interests of all South Africans

As a practical matter this would require more blacks in sensitive positions

Mr Mthalane said there were many obstacles to understanding why the United Democratic Front/Cosatu and Inkatha/Uwusa were "so brutally pitted against one another and what the outcome of the struggle will be"

One point of conflict was the different political ideologies of the opposing groups.

Socialism

"One group sees and projects socialism as an ideal type of government while the other sees only capitalism as an answer", he explained. The common element was the quest for popular support

"The dust of the battle, deliberate disinformation, and crude propaganda make it difficult to predict an eventual winner" In fact "in such a war there can be no winner"

He said that for a long time many important black leaders had remained silent on the issue for fear of playing into the hands of men of bad faith who used every black misdeed to malign all blacks.

But the facts and figures in Pietermaritzburg townships had nothing to do with the social characteristics of black people

"We are not now and have never been more violent than other groups: we are simply exposed more often to environments that have produced high levels of frustration and social disorder in all groups.

"Considering the abnormally high levels of black unemployment and the inhumane social conditions forced on most blacks, it is not at all unusual under the circumstances, and worthy of long thought. Most blacks of all ages and conditions are decent, law-abiding people"

Both sides agreed that a "substantial thug element is at work and both, again, express disquiet at the role played by the police

"The UDF claims the police have given at least tacit support to Inkatha, while Inkatha complains the the police show little interest in quelling violence

"The UDF believes it is winning the war in Pietermaritzburg and so does Inkatha If indeed either of the parties at war continues to believe that it is winning, violence might increase because people do not negotiate when they think they are winning"

Schools, he said, were also bitter scenes of conflict Some schools were closed because of the conflict, with pupils supporting one side refusing to attend schools under the control of authorities of the other side

Looking further into the conflict, he said the fact that most land in Edendale belonged to blacks presented problems for the Government, "which has grand plans of incorporating Edendale into KwaZulu

But for the land to be incorporated into KwaZulu, black land owners needed to say yes. "The sour relationship between the landowners, KwaZulu and central Government make this very remote"

If the Government succeeded in pushing Edendale into a ghetto characterised by violence, unemployment and social problems, "the way will be open to remove freehold rights from the people of Edendale and then incorporate it into KwaZulu.

Warlords

"Therefore the reluctance of the police to act against warlords and perpetrators of this violence must be seen in terms of the Government's desire to implement Verwoerd's dream of creating states (homelands) within the State to completion

"When historians analyse the present violence in Pietermaritzburg, they will be struck by overwhelming evidence that apartheid and desire to maintain white supremacy were the crucibles of discontent"

Mr Mthalane said the message of the 1976/77 riots should have persuaded South Africans that political change was imperative

"Black youths led the Soweto rebellion and they are doing so in Pietermaritzburg. By the time it was crushed thousands had left the country to join liberation movements.

"The youths want guns The state of emergency or any other form of repression will not change this

"What we are concerned with about the violence in Pietermaritzburg is not so much whether the following generation will be governed by black or white, but that it will be a viable country not destroyed by violence and strife"

He said violence, as seen in Pietermaritzburg, was a "potent drug for the oppressed person

Reacting to the futility of his life, the individual derives an ultimate sense of power when he holds the fate of a human being in his hands"

When legitimate roads to personal achievement and material rewards were blocked or narrowed, violence became the answer "South Africa is at a cross-roads There are essentially two choices before it

"Either it presses boldly ahead and forms a government of national reconciliation with popular support, *or*, courage failing, it remains transfixed, like a mouse before a snake, or allows forces of violence to tip the country into anarchy, chaos and, finally, perhaps full-blown revolution."

Lest we forget...

THE *Sowetan* today remembers journalists around the country who are in detention:

- **Zwelakhe Sisulu, Editor of the *New Nation*, who has been in detention under the emergency regulations for 448 days;**
- **Brian Sokutu, Eastern Cape freelance journalist, 632 days;**
- **Vincent Mfundisi, of SABC-TV, has been detained under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act for 154**

CAB members in fear of 'invisible' killers

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — Members of the Clermont Advisory Board (CAB) "were living on borrowed time" as invisible killers were out to mow them down, according to the chairman of the board, Mr Aubrey Nyembezi.

His warning follows a spate of attacks on the homes of prominent Clermont residents, one of which resulted in the deaths of board member Mr Emmanuel Khuzwayo and Mrs Pearl Tshabalala, the wife of a board member.

Another community leader, Mr Obed Mthembu, had his home petrol-bombed and was attacked and wounded by armed vigilantes. Mr Mthembu and his wife are still in King Edward VIII Hospital.

Mr Nyembezi and other members of the board came to office in 1982 after they publicly declared the CAB was a toothless body and they intended to achieve proper municipal status. Most of the CAB members who emerged as opponents of the incorporation of Clermont into KwaZulu were re-elected in 1985 during the height of the controversy about the KwaZulu consolidation proposals.

Mr Nyembezi said two different groups of people, the first consisting of three and second of four, had come to his house.

"They were asking strange questions like hours of my departure and return, colour of my car and whether I was present at Mrs Tshabalala's," he said.

Mr Nyembezi told a meeting of the board, attended by three local police officers, that the board was concerned police had been unable to find any of the perpetrators of violence.

"Is the reason for this not, perhaps, that the police investigators are themselves black people who live in the community, and themselves afraid to carry out thorough investigations for fear of repercussions?" he asked.

● A man was shot dead by police at KwaMahuta near Amanzimtoti yesterday after they dispersed a group who had fired a shot at a house there.

In their unrest report, the police said four others were wounded and six people arrested in the incident.

Maritzburg: Nearly three murders a day

Political Staff

NEARLY three murders a day — 1 068 — were reported to one of the 20 police sations in the Maritzburg Police District last year, more than half of them in Plessislaer.

Crime figures for the district have been disclosed by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, in a reply to a written question by Mr Roger Burrows, PFP MP for Pinetown.

Unrest incidents alone in the Natal Midlands during the past 14 months have claimed more than 500 lives — most of them in townships around the city, according to information supplied by the University of Pietermaritzburg and the Natal Witness, reports Sapa.

The univerity's Mr John Aitchison said at the weekend that there had been 402 deaths in 325 incidents of unrest during 1987.

In his reply to Mr Burrows, Mr Vlok said police investigated 623 murders in the Plessislaer area, 149 around Hammersdale and 64 in Maritzburg.

Plessislaer had the highest crime rate in all categories but two, where it was second-highest.

Mr Aitchison said: "Our survey was conducted on the basis of press reports, police unrest reports and affidavits and information supplied by lawyers and organizations such as the Pietermaritzburg Agency for Christian Social Awareness, PACSA."

According to these figures, there was a total of 896 incidents of unrest in the Natal Midlands, including townships around Greytown, Hammarsdale and Howick.

Between January and August 1987 there was a total of 80 deaths, and from September to December there were 322 deaths, with the highest figure, 108, being recorded in December.

● Many of the special constables sent to Maritzburg to contain unrest were Inkatha members, a PFP official, Mr Radley Keys, said yesterday.

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Board member 'knew' of his killing

DURBAN. — Clermont Advisory Board member Mr Christian "CBS" Makhathini, who was gunned down on Friday, believed he was going to be killed...

Mr Makhathini, the second board member to be killed in this fashion in the past week, last week told journalists at a board meeting, called to discuss attacks on Clermont leaders, that he had received information that "people had been hired to remove him".

The meeting was also attended by three local police officers.

Mr Makhathini was shot dead two days after he reported he was being hunted by killers.

Clermont residents yesterday said Mr Makhathini was working at his estate agency when two people asked to speak to him outside.

When he went he was shot several times and died on the spot.

Police are investigating, but have made no arrests yet.

Pretoria North and was adjourned until 20 June 1988 for the hearing of evidence.

Greater Edendale, Pietermaritzburg: prosecutions

143 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Justice·

(1) Whether any prosecutions have been instituted in connection with recent incidents of violence and murder in the Greater Edendale area of Pietermaritzburg, if not, why not, if so, (a) against how many individuals have prosecutions been instituted for murder and (b) in how many such prosecutions have the cases been brought to trial;

(2) whether there is a backlog in regard to cases relating to the said incidents of violence and murder in the (a)(i) district and (ii) regional courts and (b) Supreme Court, if so, (aa) what is the extent of the backlog in each court and (bb) how long is it anticipated will it take to eliminate these backlogs,

(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE

(1) Yes

(a) There are at present approximately 165 unrest-related cases on the roll in the lower courts which were postponed for further investigation. Approximately 400 accused are involved

(b) One case in which 9 accused and 13 deceased persons are involved, is on the roll for trial in the Supreme Court The trial will start on 29 February 1988

(2) No

(3) No

Internal Security Act: notices issued/withdrawn/expired

202 Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Justice.

(1) Whether any notices in terms of section 5(1)(e) of the Internal Security Act, No 74 of 1982, (a) were issued, (b) were withdrawn and (c) expired in 1987, if so, (i) how many in each case and (ii) how many such notices were of effect as at 31 December 1987,

(2) whether any notices which expired were renewed; if so, how many?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE.

(1) (a), (b) and (c) No.

(i) Falls away

(ii) None.

(2) Falls away

Internal Security Act: cases referred to Board of Review

206. Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Justice

(1) How many cases were referred to the Board of Review in terms of the Internal Security Act, No 74 of 1982, in 1987,

(2) whether the Board recommended the withdrawal of any notices; if so, (a) how many and (b) with what result?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE

(1) 154 cases

(2) No

(a) and (b) Fall away

Group Areas Act: prosecutions for offences

257 Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Justice

(a) How many persons were prosecuted in the Republic for offences in terms of the Group Areas Act in 1987 and (b) how many of these persons were (i) acquitted and (ii) convicted?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE.

(a) 3

(b) (i) 0

(ii) 3

Offences in terms of Group Areas Act: cases referred to Attorneys-General

258 Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Justice·

Whether any cases involving offences in terms of the Group Areas Act were referred to the

Attorneys-General for decisions regarding prosecution in 1987, if so, (a) how many and (b) in how many of these cases did the Attorneys-General order that prosecutions be instituted?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE

Yes

(a) 361 I may add that as far as can be ascertained there are at present about 100 police dockets awaiting the decision of the Attorneys-General

(b) 2—One case involving two persons, and the other, one person

Men sentenced to corporal punishment

259 Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Justice

(1) How many males (a) under the age of 18 years, (b) aged 18 to 21 years and (c) aged 21 years and over in each race group were sentenced to corporal punishment in 1987,

(2) how many strokes were inflicted in respect of each category of persons?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE

The information is not readily available in the Department In an effort to be of assistance to the hon member, the following information for the period 1 July 1986 to 30 June 1987 was obtained from the Central Statistical Services

Race	*Corporal punishment coupled with imprisonment*		*Corporal punishment not coupled with other sentences*
	(a) not suspended	(b) partly suspended	
Whites.	12	247	1 086
Coloureds	51	1 757	11 977
Indians	2	33	404
Blacks	190	2 326	21 223

Republic/self-governing territories: amounts spent on housing

300 Mr A GERBER asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid †

What amounts did his Department spend on Black housing in the (a) Republic and (b) self-governing territories in 1985, 1986 and 1987, respectively?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID

The following amounts were made available under the item self-build loans in.

	(a)	(b)
1985 (1984/85 financial year)·	R4 395 000	R11 532 000
1986 (1985/86 financial year)	R5 200 000	R11 108 992
1987 (1986/87 financial year).	R17 902 000	R42 702 000

In addition the following amounts were made available for the supply of infrastructure such as roads, water, sanitation and electricity

	(a)	(b)
1985 (1984/85 financial year)·	R9 469 500	R26 773 500
1986 (1985/86 financial year)	R12 443 000	R26 408 000
1987. (1986/87 financial year)	R49 994 000	R176 934 200

(The 1986/87 amounts included additional funds made available)

Persons sentenced to corporal punishment

323. Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Justice.

How many persons of each race group were sentenced to corporal punishment during the period 1 July 1986 to 30 June 1987?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE.

The hon member is referred to my reply to written question No 259 of 1988

Section 28 of Internal Security Act: detainees

324 Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Justice

What total number of persons in each race group was in detention in each specified region in terms of section 28 of the Internal Security Act, No 74 of 1982, as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE

None on 19 February 1988

Section 28 of Internal Security Act: detainees

325 Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Justice

Nine held over PMB killing

A SPECIAL investigation unit led by Brigadier Daantjie van Wyk has arrested nine men in connection with the killing of Mr Johannes Nkomo (70) when a group attacked his house in Sweetwaters near Maritzburg last month.

Captain Pieter Kitching, police public relations officer for Maritzburg, said the special unit, which is investigating killings in the city's black townships, made the arrests over the weekend.

"They are from the Sweetwaters, Howick and Maritzburg area," said Captain Kitching.

Mr Nkomo was stabbed to death two days after he and 19 other people made a Supreme Court application seeking a restraining order against Inkatha men.

In his affidavit Mr Nkomo claimed he and his family were living in fear that the Inkatha men would attack them again.

He said when they were first attacked, he had reported the matter to the police but no action had been taken.

"Although I am an Inkatha supporter, I strongly believe that these warriors should be disciplined and prevented from attacking people and their property," said Mr Nkomo.

Recognised

Two days after his death his daughter Miss Nomabekha Nkomo, submitted an affidavit in support of a Cosatu Supreme Court application.

She said the men who killed her father were Inkatha supporters whom she had recognised.

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PFP Youth member killed in rivals' clash

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — A member of the Young Progressives, the youth wing of the Progressive Federal Party, was killed in a clash between two rival groups in Umlazi, at the weekend.

PFP Natal Coast regional director Mr Roy Ainslie said yesterday that Eugene Maphumulo, 17, who was also the area committee organiser for the United Democratic Front-affiliated Umlazi Youth League, was killed in a clash between League members and "vigilantes"

Mr Maphumulo, a Std 9 pupil, who was detained for six months under the state of emergency during 1986, had belonged to the Young Progressives since last August, he said.

A police spokesman said an 18-year-old man had been arrested in connection with his death.

● About 165 unrest-related cases — involving about 400 people — connected to recent violent incidents in the Greater Edendale area of Maritzburg were on the role of the lower courts, the Minister of Justice, Mr Kobie Coetsee, said yesterday.

Replying to questions by Mr Roger Burrows, PFP leader in Natal he said another case, involving nine accused in connection with 13 deaths, was being heard in the Supreme Court.

400 FACE CHARGES

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ABOUT 400 people are facing charges in connection with incidents of violence and murder in the strife-torn Maritzburg area.

This was confirmed in Parliament by Minister of Justice, Mr Kobie Coetsee, in reply to a question asked by Mr Roger Burrows MP, Natal Progressive Federal Party leader.

Mr Coetsee said there were 165 unrest-related cases on the roll in the lower court for investigation.

The trial of nine accused involving the death of 13 people started on February 29.

Mr Coetsee said there was no backlog in cases and declined to make a statement on the issue.

Kitskonstabels sacked for offences

MARITZBURG. — A number of special constables in townships here — including a member of the Inkatha youth brigade who is the subject of a Supreme Court interdict — have been discharged from the force, following allegations of their involvement in criminal offences.

Captain Pieter Kitching, police liaison officer for Maritzburg, confirmed that some of the special constables who had allegedly been involved in crimes before their recruitment — and whose criminal activities had been unknown to the police — had been discharged from the unit.

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Hammarsdale killing

PRETORIA. — A 20-year-old man was shot dead by an unidentified person at Shongweni, Hammarsdale, the police public relations division reported yesterday. Also at Shongweni, a man was slightly injured when a group attacked a private dwelling. In another incident in the area, arsonists caused extensive damage to a school. A private house at Louwville, Vredenburg, was extensively damaged when it was petrol-bombed.

UWC man Paarl rector

PAARL. — Mr Brian O'Connell, senior lecturer in the Department of Education at the University of the Western Cape, has been appointed the new rector of the Athlone Teachers' College at Paarl.

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Maritzburg: More police make a difference

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The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — During the past few months nearly 300 "kitsconstabels" have patrolled the dirt roads of Edendale valley, Maritzburg.

Wearing blue overalls, shotguns under arm, they march through the troubled townships in 22-strong columns, watched and sometimes accompanied by curious residents.

In the past few weeks the special constables have been the target of much controversy, with widespread allegations that they are not adequately trained to cope with township conflict and that many are supporters of Inkatha.

AFFILIATIONS

Police have denied the accusations, saying the men are always accompanied by experienced policemen and that their political affiliations were not important as long as they did not interfere with their duties.

A "meet the constables press tour" of Edendale revealed that the police have substantially stepped up their presence in the 59 areas surrounding the city.

Apart from the 280 special constables, four bases and 10 "strongpoints" have been established in the worse-affected areas.

"CALMED DOWN"

"The violence has calmed down considerably this month," said press liaison officer Captain Peter Kitchin.

"We believe it is because of the rain and our increased policing of the townships.

"The strongpoints have been particularly effective, with many people reporting crime and unrest.

"In some cases quick reporting has enabled the police to prevent attacks on homes and people."

There had been no attacks on special constables or strongpoints, which consist of police vehicles manned by two policemen and equipped with "office" equipment and radios.

Special constable Zibuse Mazeka, 25, said he had aspirations of becoming a permanent force policeman.

Mr Mazeka said he did not feel nervous patrolling the townships.

"I know the police can maintain law and order," he said.

Chamber head leaves peace talks

MARITZBURG — The Chamber of Commerce has withdrawn its manager, Mr Paul van Uytrecht, from the peace talks on the violence in Natal, following pressure from Kwazulu Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi and Assocom.

Mr Van Uytrecht has also withdrawn from this weekend's Towards Democracy conference in this city, where he was due to speak on Maritzburg's experience of negotiations.

It is understood that the chamber has also forbidden Mr Van Uytrecht from making public statements.

Sources within Assocom said Mr Van Uytrecht had been axed from the peace-talks delegation, of which he was co-chairman, after reports quoting him were published in the New York Times.

The sources said Chief Buthelezi had told an Assocom delegation on a visit to Ulundi, that he was displeased with Mr ,van Uytrecht's statement.

Chief Buthelezi asked for the statement to be repudiated in the New York Times. — Sapa

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The men they call the warlords

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Weekly mail

NATAL'S highly controversial "warlords" have been accused of being deeply implicated in serious township violence — yet they walk the streets, armed and free.

The "warlord" label has been given them by leaders of the United Democratic Front and the Congress of South African Trade Unions who have criticised them for continuing an alleged policy of violence towards non-Inkatha supporters in the townships.

The Pietermaritzburg "warlords" called a news conference last month to "meet the media" and put their point of view on the violence and their alleged role in it. After at least one change in venue, the meeting was called off.

One of the group, Jerome Mncwabe, who organised the event, explained its purpose: "We want to meet the press people and have a chat with them so that they can understand us as we are and as against what has been projected in the media."

To find out more about the people behind the "warlords" label, the *Weekly Mail* contacted Mncwabe. However, he said it had been decided no-one would talk to the media until after the pending supreme court cases were finalised.

"We do not like being given this name," he said. "We want to solve this problem but we cannot do so at this time because they have brought these interdicts against us.

"We would like to call a news conference at the end of the court case and put our position."

In some cases their alleged actions have been very serious — sometimes including several murders.

A feature common to several cases is a claim that the police have been told about these actions but have taken no action or, alternatively, have briefly held the "warlord" in question, and then released him.

What members of this group have in common is having been named as respondents in urgent supreme court applications for interdicts to prevent them harming township residents.

In many cases the "warlords" have licenced fire-arms — while many of the incidents of violence alleged in the papers involve fire-arms.

They are also people with a high profile in Inkatha, either elected leaders or ex-officio members.

They appear to command respect from a group of people who do their bidding.

They are all defended by the same lawyer, and Inkatha has not in any way distanced itself from the people named.

In all these cases, the "warlords" have denied the version presented by the applicants.

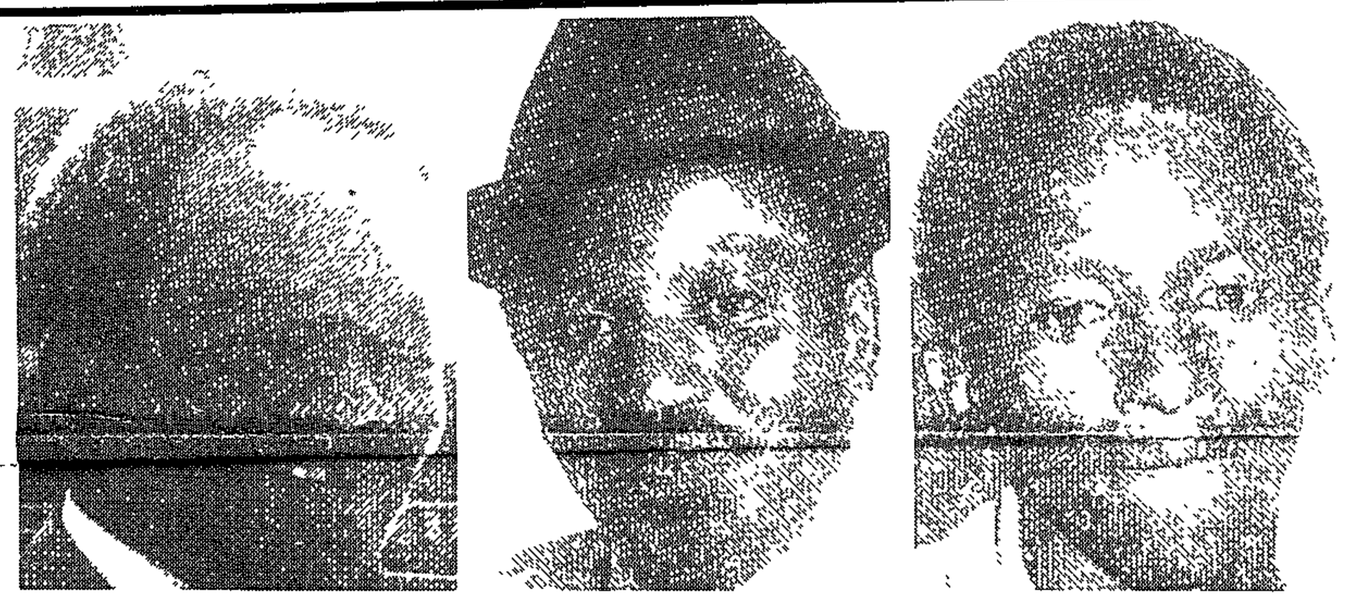
They say the cases are part of a campaign by the UDF and Cosatu to discredit Inkatha nationally and internationally, that the claims are false and that the real cause of the violence are members of the UDF and Cosatu who attack, leaving Inkatha supporters with no choice but to retaliate or defend themselves.

They claim they are being chosen as "targets" for the UDF/Cosatu campaign precisely because of their role within Inkatha.

None of the current cases has yet been settled, and it seems they will all be strongly contested and be referred to oral evidence.

● Police have denied they are biased in favour of Inkatha members or the respondents in the applications — or any other group.

Captain Piet Kitching said each case where a complaint was laid was investigated fully. However, police often experienced difficulty in finding witnesses prepared to give a statement, and the statements made in the urgent applications were not a suitable basis for a criminal investigation.



Faces of the 'warlords': from left, David Ntombela, Abdul Awetha and Sichizo Zuma

'Warlord' Number 1

THANDABANTU DAVID NTOMBELA, 63, of Mncane, Elandskop has been cited as respondent in two cases, one brought in November last year and the other last month.

In the earlier case it has been claimed he led a group of armed men who came to a house in Maswazini, near Pietermaritzburg, and shot dead two women, Angelica and Petronella Mkhize. It is also alleged that on the same night he led a group of armed men who abducted Sithembiso Khumalo, a young man whose body was found the next day with bullet wounds.

In his papers, Ntombela says he has been charged with the Mkhize murders and has appeared in the Pietermaritzburg Magistrate's Court where he was released on R100 bail. "No date has yet been fixed for the trial and I understand that the police investigation has not yet been completed."

In the second case, brought last month, it has been claimed he spoke at the end of a meeting at Maswazini late in January saying that "anyone who did not want to belong to Inkatha should be killed" and that after the meeting he led a procession of men armed with sticks, pangas, spears and rifles. The group chased and attacked residents.

In replying papers filed in court Ntombela acknowledged he was the Induna "for the area of Mncane, in the Mpumuza tribe, under the authority of Nkikayezwe Zondi" and had held this position since 1977.

"I am responsible for the welfare of the residents of the Mncane area and I am the person in charge of attending to affairs in that area I am also the chairman of Inkatha for the Mncane branch (since 1976). I am also a member of the Mpumuza Tribal Authority."

Applicants have said Ntombela is responsible for keeping Inkatha membership dues. They also claim he has introduced a number of "customs" — *eg*, "if a member of Inkatha has a wedding it is obligatory that the wedding be reported to (him), who then allocates an Inkatha observer or guard to the wedding at a fee. If, on the other hand, anybody who is not an Inkatha member has a wedding, then the ... proceedings and festivities are frequently disrupted by persons who are known to support (his) administration."

Commenting on his role at the meeting during which court applicants alleged people were incited to violence against non-members of Inkatha, Ntombela said: "When I was introduced, there was general applause from the audience indicating my popularity."

He also claimed to have suggested a method of ensuring violence was stamped out: "I told the meeting that in my opinion the continuing violence was attributable to the fact that people were afraid to identify their assailants to the police, for fear of retribution. This led to many criminals remaining at large and repeating their acts of violence.

"I said (to the meeting) that I would volunteer to act for the victims of any criminal acts and to point out their attackers to the police. I said that I was not afraid to be seen doing so and I offered to go to any area of any chief to do so."

In other court papers he said he has been the target of "an orchestrated campaign of terror and violence" because "I am a moderate and have on most occasions opposed actions which the radical elements have propagated". His house was razed in a 1979 petrol bomb attack.

'Warlord' Number 2

ABDUL AWETHA, the leader of Inkatha in Imbali and a town councillor, runs a herbalist business.

He is under a permanent interdict confirmed in 1985, barring him and others from assaulting or harassing certain township residents.

Awetha is named as a respondent in an urgent application brought four months ago by Alfred Zulu asking for court protection for his son, Thami Zulu, and for Justice Sunnyboy Ngubane.

Referring to the 1985 application against Awetha, one of the applicants in the later case claimed the issues involved were essentially similar: "that the respondents are not prepared to tolerate dissent and regard anyone who does not adhere to the same beliefs as them to be enemies who must be eradicated or driven from the community".

Awetha has denied any involvement in criminal activities.

He said all the applications brought in the supreme court formed "part of a wide propaganda campaign to discredit Inkatha and its leaders.

"I believe the *modus operandi* of the United Democratic Front is to select people who have been victims of the unrest as applicants in interdict proceedings. These are very often indigent and/or illiterate people" who would not be able to finance legal action on the scale "indulged in by the UDF".

The cases are invariably brought against Inkatha leaders, "respected leaders in their community". This puts them to considerable inconvenience and great expense.

Referring to the second of the applications against him, Awetha questioned whether the chief applicant, Alfred Zulu, knew what he was doing. He said Zulu worked with Jerome Mncwabe, and that Zulu told Mncwabe he "knew nothing of the interim order".

'Warlord' Number 3

CHRISTOPHER SICHIZO ZUMA, chairman of the Inkatha Youth Brigade's Harewood branch, is respondent in three urgent applications.

In the first application it is claimed that from August to October 1987, Zuma subjected the applicants and others in the community "to a concerted campaign of terror, violence and intimidation. The acts committed during this reign of terror include murder, assaults, pillaging of property and the burning of houses, and have been committed in some cases by (Zuma) himself and in other cases by individuals or groups of individuals acting under his direction and in accordance with his instructions."

It is also claimed that Zuma "has been orchestrating a deliberate and concerted campaign to recruit support for Inkatha and intimidate those who do not subscribe to it."

This first application contains affidavits from several people who claim Zuma was involved in petrol attacks, shootings and killings.

The second application concerns a number of incidents, including serious threats to the Mthembu family.

In this case, the Mthembu family describe Zuma (and Jerome Mncwabe see below) as "Inkatha 'warlords'" who have been making "threats and deadly assaults upon township residents, connected with unlawful activies, in pursuance of an apparent policy of eradicating or intimidating all those who refuse to demonstrate political allegiance to Inkatha".

The third application against Zuma concerns the shooting of Smalridge and Simon Mthembu, two of the applicants in the second case. They were both shot, allegedly by Zuma, on Sunday, January 24, two days after papers relating to the second case were served and one day before the day the matter came to court.

Of the two brothers, Smalridge is recovering from his wounds but Simon was paralysed from the waist down and eventually died.

Zuma is being charged with attempted murder in connection with the incident. He is out on bail and the case has been postponed repeatedly.

'Warlord' Number 4

SHIYABANI ELPHAS ZUMA lives in Slangspruit and is the leader of the local branch of Inkatha.

He is named as respondent in a supreme court application brought last November by Makhosazane Hadebe and others.

Hadebe said she and her boyfriend were woken up and assaulted on June 25 last year by a group of armed men who stole some of their property and then took them to Zuma's house.

There they were "subjected to lengthy interrogation and abuse" by Zuma and others. Hadebe was allegedly told by Zuma to bring her children the next night for questioning; "otherwise I would be killed".

Charges against Zuma in connection with the incident were recently withdrawn.

Other affidavits in this case concern similar incidents in which the applicants or their homes were attacked, allegedly by groups of men led by Zuma personally or by men who are "his followers".

According to one statement, "(Zuma's) home serves as the Inkatha headquarters, and meetings of Inkatha youth are routinely held at his house.".

Zuma's version is that he constantly tried to organise Inkatha members to keep order in Slangspruit after United Democratic Front supporters and their affiliates began a "campaign of terror against government schools and public transport.

"As a result of this I was perceived by the reactionaries as their main adversary in their endeavours to foment revolution. I became the prime target of the UDF, Cosatu and their affiliates and was constantly subject to threats."

His house was petrol-bombed and burnt to the ground in June 1986 and he subsequently received an anonymous letter telling him to buy a coffin for himself.

Commenting on the application against himself, he denied all allegations of criminal activities and said a crowd had gathered at the Hadebe house, shouting slogans "vilifying" himself, State President PW Botha and Inkatha president Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

'Warlord' Number 5

SHAYABANTU ZONDI is one of the respondents in the February case brought against Inkatha and several of the organisation's leaders.

He is also a respondent in an application brought this week to protect two schoolboys, Nelson Zondi and Knowledge Sithole.

The boys said on Thursday last week Chief Zondi got out of a vehicle with a handgun which he pointed at Nelson Zondi and called him. The boy ran away but claims that when looking back he saw Sithole being beaten by Chief Zondi's companions.

Later his mother said Chief Zondi threatened to go to Nelson's school and kill him.

In his replying affidavit in the earlier case, Zondi says his correct name is Siphiwe Amon Zondi and that the name "Shayabantu" is "a nickname by which I am commonly known".

He adds he is a chief of the Inati tribe and chairman of the Inadi Tribal Authority,

Explaining the status of chiefs in the Inkatha organisation, he says he is not an official of Inkatha, but is "simply a patron, ex-officio as chief for that area".

'Warlord' Number 6

JEROME MNCWABE has been named in two interdict applications, one launched at the end of last year and the second this year

He is a senior member of Inkatha and a town councillor for Imbali.

In last year's case it is alleged that he fatally shot Bongani Mseleku on November 28, after jumping out of a vehicle with "a long gun of some sort, either a rifle or a shotgun" in his hands.

An eyewitness and applicant in the case, Mduduzi Sililo, said Mncwabe also shot two other boys and that he then saw Mncwabe's two companions stabbing and hitting the boys lying on the ground.

Sililo fetched his parents and returned to the scene where they found Mncwabe and his companions who allegedly would not let them take Mseleku, who was still alive, to hospital until the police arrived.

Sililo claimed Mncwabe said, "These people call me *'theleweni'*" (a local term for an Inkatha supporter). "If I am a *theleweni* I will *theleweni* all these people, because you parents of these children are not looking after them. That's why I shoot them ... If you don't take care of your children I will shoot your children and burn your houses down."

Sililo adds," I repeat these words as best I remember them. A *theleweni* is a killer, literally, 'one who throws someone off a cliff'. It is township slang for an Inkatha thug."

In January another application was brought against Mncwabe.

In this case the Mthembu family describe Mncwabe and Sichizo Zuma s "Inkatha 'warlords'" who have been making "threats and deadly assaults upon township residents, connected with unlawful activities, in pursuance of an apparent policy of eradicating or intimidating all those who refuse to demonstrate political allegiance to Inkatha."

They claim Mncwabe's "proclivity to unprovoked violence is well known" and ask that he be restrained from assaulting or threatening the Mthembu family.

Although Mncwabe recorded that he denied all the allegations of illegal actions made against him in the January case, his exact version of events has not yet been filed.

Sharpeville remembered

Sporadic violence in big work stayaway

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Staff Reporters

Work stayaways were staged around the country today to commemorate the 28th anniversary of the Sharpeville shootings, with violent clashes occurring in Durban.

The extent of the stayaway varied considerably from region to region.

Clashes were reported from the Durban area, where four buses were petrol-bombed, according to a Putco spokesman. One bus was burned in kwaMashu after a Putco bus driver attempted to enter the township.

After the incident drivers refused to leave the bus company's depot in kwaMashu. Several other buses were stoned in Inanda and Clermont.

There was widespread intimidation and stoning of buses in other black townships around Durban.

The stayaway was particularly effective in Soweto, where thousands did not go to work.

Bus and taxi ranks and railway stations were deserted and only a few hospital staffers were seen waiting for transport to take them to work.

Police and members of the Defence Force guarded transport pick-up points and patrolled empty streets.

Many hospital staff members were late for work as taxis ran a skeleton service in Soweto. Most were ferried by hospital buses to Baragwanath Hospital and other clinics.

A few Putco buses which early today ran an internal service were escorted by members of the Defence Force but the service was withdrawn at 7 am.

Businesses, except for a few petrol stations, were shut.

The busy Soweto freeway and other roads linking Soweto and the city were also deserted.

A bus carrying members of the Federation of Transvaal Women (Fedtraw), who were on their way to the Sharpeville Cemetery, was stopped and surrounded by plainclothes security policemen at an intersection in Zone 4, Diepkloof.

Bus set alight

Among the occupants of the bus was Mrs Winnie Mandela and members of the Mandela Football Club. After about 30 minutes, the bus was allowed to proceed.

The Star's correspondent reports that at Clermont, near Pinetown, a bus was extensively damaged when it was set alight by a mob last night.

Brigadier Dries Laas, commissioner of the kwaZulu Police, said extra policemen had been deployed in anticipation of any problems.

Witwatersrand and Soweto police launched a combined operation to combat possible intimidation of people ignoring the stayaway.

"We will take strong action against those who interfere with people who want to go to work," said Witwatersrand police spokesman Lieutenant Pierre Louw.

In Pretoria, no taxis or buses were available to transport workers from Atteridgeville to the city.

Military roadblocks were set up in the area of Soshanguwe.

A bus which collects Putco staff in Atterridgeville was held up and staff were warned their "lives would be in danger if they reported for work", according to Mr Paul Nucci, operations executive for Putco's northern Transvaal depot.

In the Eastern Cape about 90 percent of black people stayed at home in the Uitenhage area and about 50 percent stayed home in Port Elizabeth.

Sharpeville residents cleaned graves and mourned those killed in the 1960 shootings.

● Picture by Karen Sandison

SAP, SADF out in force in Sharpeville

By Montshiwa Moroke

Sharpeville, the scene of the March 21 1960 shootings, yesterday teemed with police and members of the Defence Force as the world focused on this township where 69 people died that day.

Police in uniform and in plainclothes stood outside the gates of the Methodist Church as more than 800 people gathered there to commemorate the 28th anniversary of Sharpeville Day.

After the four-hour long service, police in hippos, vans and private cars moved slowly alongside the crowds as people dispersed and returned to their homes.

Police with video cameras filmed the crowd leaving the church.

One policeman in plainclothes, who had earlier been sitting in a vehicle with tinted windows, demanded pamphlets from young people as they left the service.

Earlier, a large contingent of police and members of the Defence Force patrolled the streets as tens of thousands of people and schoolchildren stayed home.

Police in plainclothes stood at the church door and filmed the proceedings while enthusiastic crowds chanted worker and freedom songs.

The service was organised by the National Council of Trade Unions (Nactu).

A speaker made an impassioned plea to all organisations to come together "at this hour of need" and forget their political differences.

"Our enemy is one. It is the white capitalist regime and socialism is our goal. Black solidarity is a key to our survival. We must close our ranks and not allow outside forces to come between us."

Earlier, families of the 1960 shootings and residents gathered at the local cemetery where they cleaned the graves and held a service. Among those who came to the cemetery was Mrs Leah Tutu, the wife of Bishop Desmond Tutu.

In another section of the township, crowds welcomed Mrs Winnie Mandela and members of the Federation of Transvaal Women who arrived in a bus.

Residents sang and chanted while several carloads of security police looked on. Members of the local and international press were present.

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Stayaway violence hits Natal

THOUSANDS of workers and students stayed away from work and classes yesterday to commemorate the 28th anniversary of the Sharpeville shootings.

In sporadic incidents of unrest, police reported stoning attacks on a commuter train at Marianhill, near Durban, and a patrol firing teargas broke up a demonstration in KwaDengezi township.

Putco suspended its service to Inanda/Newtown, Ntuzuma and Amoti after 20 buses were damaged during stonings and petrol-bombings, Mr Ashley Milanese, regional director of Putco, said yesterday

Police estimated the stayaway rate at 80% in the Eastern Cape and on the Witwatersrand — although only 20% in Soweto itself — and 60% in Durban. They said there was a 100% stayaway from schools in Soweto and the Eastern Cape.

The Federation of Chambers of Industries (FCI) reported a 70% stayaway in Port Elizabeth and between 80% and 90% in Uitenhage.

It reported a relatively low 12% stayaway rate in Johannesburg, although SATS said train occupancy during the peak period from 4.30am to 8am varied from 1% to 20%.

Business came to a standstill in Soweto yesterday. Streets were empty as only the odd taxi taking nurses to Baragwanath Hospital could be seen.

Although newspapers were easily available in the morning, news vendors had no new supplies in the afternoon.

A spokesman for the Steel and Engineering Industries Federation of SA said no fixed pattern had emerged from a check he made of 29 member companies countrywide. Of these 16 had indicated they had a more than 70% attendance.

A spokesman for Anglo American said the stayaway had not affected their gold mines.

OK Bazaars spokesman Mr Keith Hartshorne said 80% of its black employees had stayed away in the Johannesburg-Witwatersrand-Vaal area. An equal number of black employees had not turned up for work in Port Elizabeth. Pretoria stores were affected by a 20% absenteeism, and Durban 10%.

At least 350 students at the University of the Witwatersrand gathered yesterday to commemorate the Sharpeville deaths.

Thousands of pupils in Durban townships stayed away from schools.

The universities of Cape Town and the Western Cape and the Peninsula Technikon were all closed yesterday and the campuses were quiet.

In Cape Town, Cosatu unions said they had no plans for observing the day and employers reported no significant increases in absenteeism

Mr Allan Lighton, director of the Cape Chamber of Commerce, said a quick survey had shown only "very isolated instances" where workers stayed home.

Mr Colin Boyes, senior secretary of the Cape Chamber of Industries, said he did not hear of any affected industries, although a survey had been done.

School attendance in the Peninsula varied — at Glendale Senior Secondary in Mitchells Plain, 12 pupils arrived for classes yesterday. Alexander Sinton High School and Hewat College in Athlone ran alternative programmes.

Pupils at Mondale High, in Mitchells Plain, said about 50% of pupils pitched up at school yesterday and took part in normal classes

The joint Student Representative Councils of Symphony, Excelsior and Belhar Number One schools convened an "alternative programme"

Pastor Peter Roman, chairman of the National Council of Trade Unions, said his organization had been unable to proceed with a planned Sharpeville commemoration service in St Francis' Church in Langa yesterday.

● The Zimbabwean President and leader of the 101-nation Non-Aligned Movement, Mr Robert Mugabe, yesterday sent a message to the United Nations condemning South Africa's "brutality, barbarism and Hitlerite policies" to mark the anniversary.

The day was marked in Britain with dozens of protests throughout the country and the Anti-Apartheid Movement said more than 500 000 people had worn special stickers declaring "Ban apartheid — sanctions now". — Sapa, Staff Reporter and Own Correspondents

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Magnus Malan visits riot-torn city

MARITZBURG. — A top-level delegation of cabinet ministers and SADF and police officials from the national Joint Management Centre (JMC) visited Maritzburg this week.

According to a Department of Defence spokesman, the Minister of Defence, General Magnus Malan, and his Deputy, Mr W N Breytenbach, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, the Deputy Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Roelf Meyer, and a number of senior officials of the national JMC met at Natalia, the provincial headquarters.

It is understood they later toured the region's townships.

Two people died and seven were injured in incidents of unrest across the country, police said yesterday in their daily unrest report.

Most of the incidents apparently stemmed from people marking the 28th anniversary of the Sharpeville uprising, the report said.

Both the deaths occurred in the strife-torn Maritzburg region.

At Mpumalanga, Hammarsdale, a 16-year-old youth was attacked and stabbed to death by two unidentified assailants and a 46-year-old man was stabbed to death by a mob in Imbali, near Maritzburg. No further information on the deaths was released.

At Sakhile, near Standerton, a man was shot and wounded by police and arrested along with 15 others after several incidents in which stones and petrol bombs were hurled at vehicles and dwellings.

At Tembisa, near Kempton Park, a man was slightly injured in a stone-throwing incident

At Fredville in Inchanga, Natal, a man was seriously injured and a private vehicle badly damaged when a group hurled a petrol bomb at the vehicle.

Most of the incidents involved the stoning or petrol-bombing of buses and houses. Police had to fire teargas, birdshot and rubber bullets on a number of occasions, the report said. — Sapa

CNB Trials
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Inkatha members blamed for union deaths

MARITZBURG. — Nine Inkatha members were responsible for the deliberate killing of three Mpophomeni residents and the assault of a fourth at an Inkatha rally in December 1986, a Howick inquest magistrate found yesterday.

Mr Simon Ngubane and Mr Phineas Sibiya, both office-bearers of the Metal and Allied Workers' Union, and Miss Flora Mnikathi, the daughter of a Sarmcol worker, were killed on the Lions River road on the night of December 5, 1986. Their bodies were found in a burnt-out car the next day.

The magistrate, Mrs G Nieuwoudt, named Inkatha members Mr Joseph Mabaso, Mr Morris Thusi, Mr Nhlanhla Tshabalala, Mr Thulani Mchunu, Mr Bhekisisa Majosi, Mr Mzikayikani Cele, Mr Vela Mchunu, Mr Dumisane Mkhize and Mr Bhekinkwenza Mtshali.

She said the finding did not exclude the possibility that other Inkatha members could also have been responsible for the killings, but there was not sufficient evidence.

Lying

She found that Inkatha witnesses at the inquest — Mr Noses Majola, Mr Morris Thusi, Mr Andries Mncube and Slangspruit Inkatha chairman "Chief" Zuma — were lying.

The inquest findings would be referred to the Attorney General to decide whom to charge and what the charges should be.

Mr W Trengrove, who appeared for the families of the dead, argued that the instruction was to kill the four, that it was Mr Mabaso's order and that it was clear to all who witnessed the departure of the two cars carrying the victims and several armed security guards from the hall.

Mr Trengrove further submitted that all the security guards were guilty on the basis of executing Mr Mabaso's orders.

The union is pursuing a civil claim for more than R400 000 against Inkatha, the KwaZulu police and Mr Joseph Mabaso, a spokesman said. — Sapa

Three injured, vehicles damaged in Natal unrest

Crime Reporter

Three people were injured, one seriously, in continuing violence in Durban and Pinetown townships, police said in their latest unrest report.

In Durban's Ntuzuma township, a mob seriously injured a man when they set him alight and hacked him with pangas.

A 30-year-old white man was slightly injured when his vehicle was petrol-bombed and destroyed in Pinetown's Clermont township. He had apparently taken a wrong turn and ended up in the township.

In the same area, five 16-ton trucks were extensively damaged when they were set alight.

Police dispersed an illegal gathering in Pinetown with teargas and arrested four youths.

In kwaDengezi, also near Pinetown, a private vehicle was extensively damaged when it was petrol-bombed by a mob. Police used teargas and birdshot to disperse the mob.

A house and another vehicle were also badly damaged in petrol-bomb attacks in the area.

Protests mark Sharpeville day

SHARPEVILLE Day was commemorated at several meetings and prayer services in the Western Cape this week.

In other parts of the country, thousands of workers stayed away on Monday in remembrance of the 69 people shot by police in Sharpeville on March 21 1960, and at least 21 people shot dead by police in Langa, Uitenhage on March 21 1985.

The University of the Western Cape was closed, pupils boycotted classes in the African townships and a protest meeting was held at the University of Cape Town.

Pupils from Alexander Sinton, Bridgetown and Athlone high schools attended a church service in Bridgetown and a candle was lit to remember the Sharpeville victims.

A similar service, organised by the Mitchells Plain Interschools Congress, was held in the Catholic Church in Portland.

Meetings planned by the National Council of Trade Unions (Nactu) for St Francis Hall, Langa, and by the Azanian Students Movement (Azasm) for St Nicholas Church Hall in Elsies River, were called off after people were denied access to the venues

Panga, fire attack on man

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — Several people have been injured and vehicles and property damaged in unrest in the greater Durban area, police said.

A Ntuzuma man is in a serious condition after a crowd turned on him, set him alight and hacked him with pangas.

Five 16-ton trucks were extensively damaged in Clermont after being set alight.

Also in Clermont, a 30-year-old man was chased by a mob which had set his car alight, gutting it, after he lost his way in the township. He was slightly injured.

Police used teargas to disperse a crowd which had gathered illegally in Pinetown. Four youths were arrested.

Police fired birdshot and tearsmoke to disperse a mob that hurled a petrol bomb at a car in KwaDengesi, Pinetown.

Also in Pinetown, a house and a vehicle were badly damaged in petrol-bomb attacks.

A Mamelodi woman was injured when a petrol bomb was hurled at a her home.

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2 hurt in unrest

PRETORIA — A man was shot at with a home-made firearm, another was injured and property and a bus were damaged in unrest incidents — most of which happened in the greater Durban and Maritzburg areas.

Three men were arrested in connection with the firearm offence. — Sapa

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Man stabbed in Maritzburg

PRETORIA. — The body of a man with several stab wounds was found at Ashdown, Maritzburg on Thursday, police said in their daily unrest report yesterday.

No further details were given in the report.

In other unrest incidents, an electrical substation was damaged in an arson attack at Motherwell near Port Elizabeth and two people were injured in a fight on a bus at Slangspruit near Maritzburg where incidents of petrol bombing and stoning were also reported. — Sapa

Limpet mine explodes in back garden of hotel

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EMERGENCY UPDATE

PRETORIA. — A mini-limpet mine exploded in the back garden of the Pietersburg Holiday Inn police reported in an overnight unrest report.

No injuries were reported and the damage was slight. Police are investigating.

A man was stabbed to death in Georgedale, near Hammarsdale in the Natal Midlands. Police said the man was attacked by a mob who first fired a number of shots at the him, but missed.

A 16-year-old youth was injured when a group of people attacked a house in Mpumalanga, near Hammarsdale, and fired a number of shots at the house with a shotgun.

Police said an 18-year-old man was wounded and arrested in Inanda, Durban, when police fired a round of birdshot at a crowd who had gathered illegally and refused to disperse.

At Kagiso near Krugersdorp, a man was admitted to hospital after a mob attacked him with knives. They also stoned a house, police said. — Sapa.

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Eight die in Natal unrest incidents

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PIETERMARITZBURG — Eight people have died in separate incidents of unrest in Natal, according to the latest police unrest report.

Three people were stabbed to death and another person was apparently shot dead.

In another incident a girl was abducted after three houses were set alight in Kwadengezi, near Pinetown.

In the same area an unidentified man was stabbed to death.

At Ashdown, near Pietermaritzburg, a mob attacked two black men with sharp instruments, killing both of them.

At Emafakhatini, near Elandskop, the body of a black man was found He had apparently been shot.

At Mpumalanga a black youth was injured when he was attacked with a panga in his home by a group of blacks, the report said

BUSINESS

UK share prices remain weaker

D|D 6/4/88

LONDON — Wall Street helped deter buying on the first day of trading after Easter, but share prices remained weaker overall after a firm New York opening buoyed sentiment.

Traders said the market continued to lack direction, with operators worried that if the FTSE index falls below 1700, which is seen as a major downward resistance level, then a further sharp fall may be likely.

Institutional players continued to avoid the market but they could be tempted back by a big decline.

This week sees little activity on the UK economic front, with only the currency reserves data due for release.

Next week a flurry of economic figures are due, with data on producer and retail prices, industrial production, unemployment and average earnings.

Dealers said these new statistics could provide some direction for the market.

Earlier, sterling's rise to above 3.13 Deutschemarks had dealers concerned that profits of major exporting companies will be affected.

Food prices

The following prices for fair average quality produce marketed in East London, as supplied by the Department of Agricultural Economics and Marketing Prices supplied in cents/kg (highest and lowest) were

VEGETABLES

Potatoes class I med 67 60, class II med 60 43
Lettuce 189 111
Carrots 83 58
Green Beans 150 75.
Cucumbers 71 57
Cabbage 21 13
Pumpkins 37 15
Hubbards 37 17
Gems 46 31
Sweet Potatoes 55 25
Tomatoes class I 75 42.
Onions class I 70 56

FRUIT

Apples — class I Starking 72 50, Golden Delicious 130 130
Grapes class I 137 125
Guavas 30 24
Pears class I 133 133
Peaches class I 162 150
Pineapples Queens 125 50
Bananas 79 74
Lemons Export grade 80 80

Metal prices

LONDON — Prices on the London Metal Exchange under headings Cash Byr/Slr, 3 Months Byr/Slr, Settlement.

Copper (Grade A)

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Arrive

401 Johannesburg .. 0750
600 Cape Town. 0810
603 Durban 0835
404 Port Elizabeth ... 1025
405 Johannesburg 1040
407 Johannesburg 1150
609 Durban 1215
606 Cape Town .. 1320
408 Port Elizabeth ... 1400
413 Johannesburg 1620
412 Port Elizabeth ... 1630
615 Durban 1840
612 Cape Town . 1905
421 Johannesburg . 1935
417 Johannesburg/P E. .. 2010

UMTATA

800 Durban .. 0820
101 Johannesburg .. 0930
511 East London .. 1030
119 Johannesburg 1645

BORDER AIR

9B312 E L to P E .. 0745
9B311 P P to E L . 0845
9B511 E L to Umtata 1015
9B512 Umtata to E L. 1700

Depart

401 Johannesburg ... 0810
600 Durban .. 0840
603 Cape Town ... 0905
404 Kimberley/Bfn/P .. 1045
405 Port Elizabeth/GRJ .. 1100
407 Johannesburg . 1210
609 Cape Town 1245

Meat prices

Sugar prices

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the country yesterday

Death clash: SAP blamed

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — The Deputy Commissioner of Police in KwaZulu, Brigadier S M Mathe, has alleged that the South African Police (SAP) dropped off a truck-load of Inkatha members in a UDF area after interrogating them, resulting in a clash between the two groups which claimed the lives of two Inkatha men.

Brig Mathe made the allegation in a letter of complaint to KwaZulu Chief Minister Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi this week.

In his letter, Brig Mathe said a large number of Inkatha members were taken from their homes at Mpumuza for interrogation.

Afterwards, 20 Inkatha members in one police truck were off-loaded in the middle of Ashdown Village, it was alleged.

Brig Mathe said it was "known throughout Maritzburg that Ashdown is a strong UDF base".

He said the Inkatha members were attacked by armed UDF members and two Inkatha members, a Mr Ndlovu and a Mr Ngubane, were killed.

The SAP spokesman said that after questioning, people were returned, according to set policy, to roughly where they had been rounded up.

KwaZulu complain of SAP arrests

By CARMEL RICKARD, Durban

A ROW seems to be developing between the South African Police and KwaZulu Police over alleged SAP action in a Pietermaritzburg township earlier this week.

The deputy commissioner of the KZP, Brigadier SM Mathe, has written a letter to KwaZulu's Chief Minister, Mangosuthu Buthelezi, who is also Minister of Police for KwaZulu.

In his letter Mathe complains about the rounding up of "a large number of Inkatha members" from the Mpumuza district.

He says they were all taken to the police base at Pentritch where they were interrogated. Afterwards they were taken back but were dropped off in the middle of Ashdown township.

"It is known throughout Pietermaritzburg that Ashdown is a strong United Democratic Front base," Mathe says. "The off-loading of Inkatha members here resulted in a heavy battle when the Inkatha members were attacked by armed UDF members whilst the Inkatha members were unarmed. This resulted in the death of two Inkatha members ..."

A statement by an Mpumuza resident who was part of the group allegedly "rounded up" by police who were dropped off in the area by helicopter, says there were well over 100 men taken to the Pentritch police base for fingerprinting and photographing.

Allegations about similar police action — dropping a group of unarmed people in the middle of an area where residents are known to be hostile — have been made before by members of the Congress of South African Trade Unions and the UDF.

Commenting on Mathe's letter, Buthelezi said yesterday the matter would be taken up "as a matter of grave concern" with the Minister of Law and Order and the Commissioner of the South African Police.

Spokesman for the Minister of Law and Order, Brigadier Leon Mellett, said yesterday he knew nothing of the incident but that Pietermaritzburg police were investigating and would release a statement.

The former vice-chairman of the Natal Midlands region of the UDF, Professor Colin Gardner, speaking in his personal capacity, said the claims sounded "very strange" and that in effect it was Inkatha accusing the SAP of siding with the UDF.

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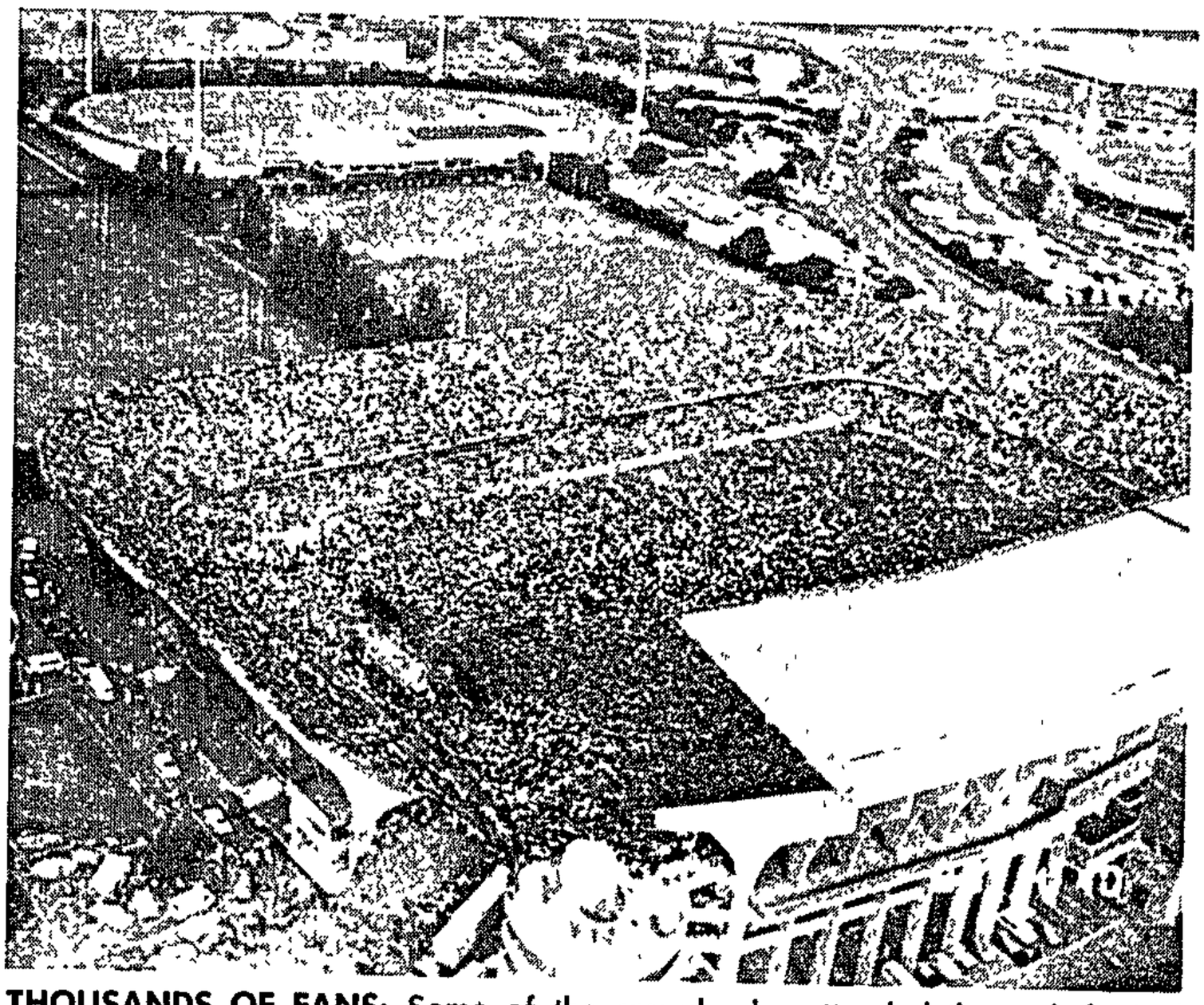
Durban concern over pop riot



THOUSANDS OF FANS: Some of the crowd who attended the rock festival at Kings Park Stadium in Durban yesterday.

The Argus Corespondent

DURBAN. — Overcrowding leading to violence was to be discussed urgently at a Durban City Council management committee meeting today after trouble at a rock festival attended by between 100 000 and 150 000 people.

The mayor, Mr Henry Klotz, said Durban had to avoid at all costs a repetition of violence which yesterday left at least 23 people injured a the Radio Zulu rock festival, which drew the biggest crowd ever seen at Kings Park rugby stadium.

Police said 23 were injured but although ambulance workers put the figure at 36

According to a police spokesman in Pretoria, one man was shot in the chest and a youth was shot in his legs by a gunman inside the stadium.

Police were called just before noon when a large crowd attempted to gatecrash the already-packed stadium.

Fired birdshot

According to Captain Reg Crew in Pretoria, about 1pm a group of people tried to rob a security officer of R2 000 at the stadium's cash office. Police intervened and fired birdshot into the ground to disperse them.

The riot unit and security force members were called to cordon off the stadiun. A police helicopter reported on the situation to members on the ground who had set up a control room.

About 5pm a crowd of 200 people ransacked a food caravan at the stadium and police again fired birdshot into the ground to disperse them. No injuries were reported. The caravan was attacked agan at 6pm and this time police fired rubber bullets to disperse the crowd. No injuries were reported.

After the rock festival the crowd moved toward the railway station on foot and in minibuses and damage to property was reported from several parts of the town.

Police caught three men looting a shop and opened fire, wounding all three before arresting them.

Small wall

The city ambulance service set up an emergency centre near the stadium where the injured were treated before being taken to hospital.

Mr Roger Gardner, general manager of the Natal Rugby Union, said a quick survey of the stadium today showed that only a small wall had been damaged. "When there is such a big crowd one expects such things. It should not cost much to have it repaired."

The Camel Supercross organisers, holding motorcycle races next door to the rugby stadium, blamed the Natal Rugby Union for ruining their meeting yesterday.

Promoter Mr Julian Lurie said Camel's gate money was down at least R10 000 because spectators were unable to reach the track.

Four die in shootings, stabbings in Natal

EMERGENCY UPDATE

PRETORIA. — Four people have been murdered in separate incidents, according to today's report by the police on overnight unrest.

The report says:

"At Shongweni (Hammarsdale area) four black men were murdered in separate incidents. Three of them were shot and fatally wounded whilst the fourth was stabbed to death. Two other men were wounded — one was stabbed in the stomach and the other was shot in the leg.

"At King's Park Stadium (Durban) a group of about 150 000 blacks gathered to attend a music festival. It was not possible to accommodate all the people in the stadium and fighting broke out among the crowd.

"A total of sixteen people were reported injured (this included three black youths and two black men who were allegedly shot inside the stadium by an unknown person(s)).

"Police fired a number of rounds of birdshot into the ground to ward off a mob who attempted to rob a security official of about R20 000.

"In another incident, police fired birdshot and rubber bullets when a mob attacked and plundered a caravan selling food. No injuries were immediately reported. However, during the night, two black men and two black women were admitted to hospital allegedly with birdshot wounds.

"After the festival, police received reports of sporadic incidents of mobs damaging and looting shops and other property. In one incident, police surprised three black men looting a shop in Umgeni road. The three were shot, wounded and arrested." — Sapa.

● Police open fire on fans — page 2.

Birdshot used to disperse mobs

DURBAN — Police opened fire with birdshot and rubber bullets to disperse rampaging mobs among an audience, estimated at more than 100 000, which crammed into Kings Park Rugby Stadium here yesterday for a rock concert.

The stadium was cordoned off by police and defence force personnel as authorities battled to control thousands more trying to force their way into the grounds.

At least 39 people were hurt when fighting broke out among the audience at the concert organised by Radio Zulu.

Twenty-six people were seriously hurt and 13 had minor injuries.

One man was critically injured when shot through the chest — he was taken to King Edward VII Hospital where he is in the intensive care unit.

One of the organisers of the concert, who did not wished to be named, said the trouble was caused by an "unruly youth element".

The organiser denied reports that the trouble had started when people who had tickets were stopped from going into the ground.

Police said those hurt had been injured in incidents among the crowd and not by SAP.

A police spokesman in Pretoria, Captain Reg Crewe, said the trouble had apparently started when people without tickets had tried to enter the stadium.

He said police fired birdshot into the ground to disperse a mob attacking a security official, guarding R20 000. No one was hurt.

Birdshot was used again later to disperse a mob of about 200 who were trying to loot a food caravan.

Later rubber bullets were fired to disperse a mob at a food caravan.

Police said two of the injured had been shot with a small calibre gun. A man was shot in the back and a young boy in the leg. There had also been a number of stabbings. — Sapa-DDC

Police fire on rock concert audience

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — Police used birdshot and rubber bullets on about 100 000 people at a rock concert at Kings Park Rugby Stadium here yesterday.

At least 16 people were hurt when fighting broke out among the audience at the concert organized by Radio Zulu and a wall was broken down.

The stadium was cordoned off by police and SADF personnel.

A police spokesman in Pretoria, Captain Reg Crewe, said police fired birdshot into the ground to disperse "a mob attacking a security official guarding R20 000 in cash at a ticket office".

Birdshot was used again later to disperse about 200 people at a food caravan. Rubber bullets were fired to disperse others at a food caravan.

The general manager of the Natal Rugby Union, Mr Roger Gardner, said: "It was a simple misunderstanding.

"A large number of people came down the southern steps because they thought there was an entrance there, but unfortunately the turnstile had been taken away a number of years ago when we rebuilt the stadium.

"We then had the situation that people in front were pushed up against a thin concrete wall by people still coming down the steps and the wall gave way and collapsed," he said.

IT'S WAR AGAIN IN MARITZBURG

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Four killed in separate incidents of violence

FOUR men died and two were wounded in separate incidents at Shongweni, near Hammarsdale in Maritzburg, the SAP Public Relations Division reported in their unrest report.

Three of the men were shot and fatally wounded while the fourth was stabbed to death.

One man was wounded when he was stabbed in the stomach and the other was shot in the leg.

Police reported that 16 people were injured when fighting broke out in a crowd of 150 000 at a music festival at King's Park Stadium in Durban.

After the festival ended police surprised three men looting a shop in Umgeni Road. The three were shot, wounded and arrested. Further reports of sporadic incidents of looting and damage to property were received.

At the festival three

SOWETAN Reporter and Sapa

youths and two men were allegedly shot by unknown people inside the stadium.

The police fired a number of rounds of birdshot into the ground to ward off a crowd who attempted to rob a security official of about R20 000.

In another incident, police fired birdshot and rubber bullets when a mob attacked and plundered a caravan selling foodstuffs.

Two men and two women were admitted to hospital during the night allegedly suffering from birdshot wounds.

About 40 to 50 thousand people had been expected for the music festival, organised by *Radio Zulu*, but thousands more turned up.

Among the top acts which were billed for the festival were singers Lucky Dube, Lazarus Kgagudi, Chicco, Zamo, Brenda Fassie, Big Dudes, Hot Soul Singers, Soul Brothers and Ntombi and Survival.

Police did not fire at audience

Cape Times 12/4/88

A REPORT and headline in the first edition of the Cape Times yesterday wrongly gave the impression that police on Sunday opened fire with birdshot and rubber bullets on the 100 000-strong audience at a Durban rock concert, and also used birdshot to disperse people at a food caravan.

The report was corrected for the second edition and it was made clear that the police had not fired at the audience or the rock fans.

According to a police spokesmen in Pretoria, Captain Reg Crewe, trouble had apparently started at the concert when people without tickets tried to enter the King's Park Rugby Stadium, where it was held. He confirmed that police fired a number of rounds of birdshot into the ground to disperse a mob attacking a security officer guarding about R200 000 at the ticket office. Birdshot was used again later to disperse a mob trying to loot a food caravan. And rubber bullets were fired to disperse another mob at a food caravan, he said.

At least 16 people were hurt in fighting among the audience and a wall was broken down by people without tickets. Police said those hurt had been injured in incidents among the crowd and not by police action.

Vigilantes stop man aiding wounded daughter

The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — Faced with threats if he aided his daughter who had been shot in the stomach by vigilantes, Mr Joseph Ntuli had to fetch police to help her.

Mr Ntuli of Kwamashu said his daughter, Nompumelelo, was fighting for her life in an intensive care unit.

His daughter had gone to the funeral of a schoolfriend on Saturday, Mr Ntuli said.

About 1pm he received a call telling him she had been shot.

The caller said the mourners had been attacked by vigilantes.

"She was in a lot of pain. A man helped me pick her up. As we were holding her, some youths came and asked where we were taking her and threatened to beat us.

"We disregarded the threats and put my daughter into the car. Just as we were about to rush her to hospital, five men came to us. They asked me why we were taking the child.

PANGAS

"One of them said he did not want me to take her away; he wanted her to die there because she and her friends were coming to attack his house," Mr Ntuli said.

The men, armed with pangas, sticks and spears, threatened to drag the injured girl from the car and to beat her father. They forced him to take her out of the car.

He left and called a police patrol to fetch her.

Cape Times 14/4/88

Inkatha interdicts extended

MARITZBURG. — Three Supreme Court interim interdicts against Inkatha officials who were alleged to have assaulted a number of residents in townships around the city were extended yesterday.

Mr Jerome Mncwabe, an Imbali town councillor, who was cited in two separate matters, had an order restraining him from killing or assaulting Mduduzi Sililo and six others extended until April 25.

In another matter, Mr Mncwabe, Mr Sichizo Zuma, the chairman of the Harewood Inkatha Youth Brigade, and Mr Thulani Ngcobo had an order restraining them from killing or assaulting Mr Johanness Mthembu and three of his sons extended until May 9. — Sapa

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SAP officer is unwelcome at unrest talks

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S Times 17/4/88

A TOP-level seminar on the violence which has claimed more than 600 lives in Maritzburg since fighting between Inkatha and the UDF broke out two years ago has been plunged into controversy.

The organiser of the seminar this week told a senior police officer that he was not welcome to attend the gathering, due to be held on the campus of the University of Natal, Maritzburg, tomorrow, because some of the speakers objected to his presence

Brigadier Jac Buchner, head of the security police in the area and an officer involved in the violence in Maritzburg's townships, now says he feels insulted and doubts the sincerity and motives of the seminar organisers.

By SHAUN HARRIS

He also says he may still attend the seminar, in which case it may be cancelled or at least see the withdrawel of several key speakers.

Those due to speak on many aspects of the Maritzburg violence include top legal and political science academics, organisers for church, community and trade union organisations, journalists and members of the Maritzburg community who have witnessed the violence first hand.

But the organiser of the seminar, Mr John Aitchison of the university's Centre for Adult Education, said yesterday no insult was intended

"We believe this is an extremely important seminar, and felt that Brig Buchner's presence would inhibit free debate I appeal to him to be sensitive on this issue, given the tensions and polarities in the community"

Brig Buchner says he would not have interfered in the proceedings, and was quite open about who he was when he contacted the organisers

"Since I've been in Maritzburg, I have been very concerned about the violence, and I am continously looking for possible solutions," Brig Buchner said yesterday.

"When I read about the seminar, I thought it would be a good opportunity for me to get some fresh ideas on the violence — so I contacted the organisers, told them who I was, and asked for an invitation."

Invitation

Brig Buchner said he was told he was welcome and a personal invitation was dropped off at his office.

"An hour later I received a phone call from Mr John Aitchison, who told me I would not be welcome.

"He said my invitation was causing problems among some of the speakers and asked me not to attend

"I take this as a personal affront — I had no ulterior motives in attending and would not have interfered in any way

"The police are playing a central role in trying to stop the violence — I now doubt the sincerity and motives of the organisers of the conference It seems it is for a selected audience only," Brig Buchner said

Mr Aitchison said while the seminar was meant to stimulate public debate on the violence in Maritzburg, it was not a public meeting

"We issued invitations to attend The papers will be publicised, and the seminar will be reported on by some newspapers.

"But it is not really an open gathering And under the present climate and state of emergency, a person with the uninhibited powers of Brig Buchner may affect open debate on the violence."

Brig Buchner said while he wanted to maintain his dignity and did not want a confrontation with the organisers, he might still attend tomorrow's seminar

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tactics by the Rev Allan Hendrickse's La- have robbed President P W Botha of a first-ever joint debate on his parliamentary coming week.

By LESTER VENTER and NORMAN WEST

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but we shall not stand in the way of joint debates, because that's what we want — but not at a pace dictated by the Nats"

Mr Botha will now need to place special emphasis, according to expectations among politicians, on his second trump:

Efforts to get the much-stalled National Council going where a new constitutional deal is to be worked out with black moderates

A Cabinet source said Mr Botha had "no choice" but to deal strongly with the National Council legislation in efforts to demonstrate that reform would meaningfully involve urban blacks.

Demands

To gain at least a degree of credibility for the National Council, the Government plans to meet black demands for elected representatives to serve on the body.

Senior Government men said this week black elections were now the focus of the National Council issue.

The country's approximately 10-million blacks would elect nine representatives to the council.

mer's acclaimed book, Cry the Beloved Country, and Mr Nuttall later retold Dr Paton's account of how he

Kalahari Desert came down in flood.

Natal deaths

PRETORIA. — A man and a woman were stabbed to death during faction fighting on Sunday at Mpumalanga, Hammarsdale, in the Maritzburg area, police said in their unrest report.

Nazi-clad thugs dump pig's head at synagogue entrance

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DURBAN — Six men dressed in Nazi-type uniforms marched openly up the steps of the Great Synagogue in Essenwood Road, Durban, on Wednesday night and dumped a swastika-covered pig's head at the door.

Similar desecration took place at the Durban Jewish Club near the beachfront — apparently by the same group of men. Both acts have horrified members of the city's Jewish community.

Worshippers of the Durban United Hebrew Congregation who attend a daily morning prayer at the synagogue arrived yesterday to see the severed head outside the entrance.

Local Jews are incensed over the demonstrations.

Wednesday would have been Hitler's 99th birthday and shocked community leaders celebrating the foundation of the state of Israel 40 years ago have linked the pig's head incidents with Nazi commemoration of the date.

In Cape Town, Mr Harry Schwarz (PFP Yeoville) has called for immediate action to be taken. He said in an interview that people who did this sort of thing must be dealt with as it was an offence in law.

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PFP is probing violence

DURBAN — The Progressive Federal Party is investigating reports of an alarming renewal of violence in the black townships of kwaMashu and Ntunzuma north near Durban following the killing of two schoolboys this week.

According to eyewitness reports being investigated by the PFP, Bheki Gcabasho and a colleague, only known as Mso, were cornered by armed men on Wednesday in Section F, Ntunzuma. Shots were fired, killing Mso instantly. Bheki, who was injured, sought refuge in a house, but was chased away. The gang then allegedly cornered him and stabbed him to death with spears.

On Tuesday this week, a group of schoolchildren were also allegedly attacked in kwaMashu by a gang armed with spears and knobkerries. Two pupils were injured.

Mr Roy Ainslie, the regional director of the PFP, said they were investigating reports that schools in the areas had been "targeted" by vigilantes.

Eyewitnesses were reluctant to give evidence because they feared for their lives.

"They have pointed to alleged previous attacks by vigilantes, where they say, no action was taken," he said.

The Minister of Law Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, was not available for comment. However, Brigadier Dries Lass, commissioner of the kwaZulu police, confirmed that two people were killed at Ntunzuma. No arrests have yet been made.

Regarding allegations of increased violence in the township, Brigadier Laas said he is to discuss the matter with the Chief Minister, Dr Mangosuthu Buthelezi, later today before making a statement. 276

A seminal explores

New eyes on

The violence in Natal has been blamed on the 'comrades', the 'warlords' and on 'criminal elements'. But few have managed to explain why it began ... until a conference this week, which shed new light on the causes of the bloodshed

CARMEL RICKARD reports

ALL over 600 people have died in the violence around Pietermaritzburg during the 14 months to March 1988, but there is still no consensus about the cause of the conflict.

A different explanation for the particularly intense violence in Edendale township, the largest in Pietermaritzburg, was offered to conference participants by Natal University researcher Nkosinathi Gwala.

The state has blamed "radicals" and the UDF/Cosatu as manipulated by the African National Congress, an analysis often used by Inkatha President Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

The theory that a large criminal element has been operating in the area, capitalising on the instability, is also popular, while Cosatu, through its interdict applications, has put some of the blame on Inkatha "war-lords".

However, Gwala argues that the violence is "a reflection of a very deep legitimacy crisis facing Inkatha as a 'liberation movement'.

"The Pietermaritzburg violence captures in a very dramatic way what has become a pattern in other conflict-ridden townships in Natal, that more and more African people are increasingly questioning the credentials of Inkatha as a liberation movement.

"This violence also reveals what some would like to turn a blind eye to — the fact that Inkatha's support base is shrinking and, as an organisation, it is relying more and more on bureaucratic domination and repression to maintain its support base."

Gwala says the history of the Edendale area left the region with several unique features — such as the extent of private ownership of the land.

"Edendale (is) one of the very few places where Africans have freehold property. It is this legal status of the land that has given the landowners unusual autonomy from the state and Inkatha."

Both the state and Inkatha are unhappy about the autonomy of Edendale, Gwala argues, and in their concern about control of the area, their interests coincide.

"For the state, it would have been

Arithmetic of hate: 622 die in 90 days

STATISTICS of violence in the Pietermaritzburg area, kept by Natal University's Centre for Adult Education, list 622 deaths between January last year and March this year.

There were in all, 1 160 incidents of political violence during 1987 and nearly 500 in the first three months of this year.

Centre staff member John Aitchison told the seminar that where a judgement could be made of the affiliation of initiator and victim in killings since last January, 174 victims were aligned with the United Democratic Front and 79 with Inkatha.

Looking at the total number of incidents, it seemed Inkatha members were the initiators in 367 incidents and members of the UDF in 112. Members of black consciousness organisations were the initiators in 19 incidents of political violence.

Two members of the South African Police died during 1987, while there have been no SAP fatalities this year.

Commenting later, Aitchison said there were a large number of killings and other incidents in which the alignment of the victim and aggressor were not known.

However, he believed that, from the "rather limited cross checks" he had been able to make, the tendency of the figures was correct — that the UDF had suffered more heavily than Inkatha in the conflict.

"Many incidents where we have good information come from areas nearer to the city where our contacts are good. In the outlying areas ... it is most difficult there to determine affiliation."

Aitchison said he suspected a number of those victims whose affiliation was not known were neutral in the conflict, claimed by neither side.

"The reason we aren't able to be more precise is because the authorities don't release the victims' names and addresses."

Sources providing data for his "census" were newspaper articles on "unrest reports", and of murder and public violence trials; the Sapa version of the police unrest report; accounts from witnesses and victims of political violence recorded by the Pietermaritzburg Agency for Christian Social Awareness; reports from organisations and individuals in Pietermaritzburg, particularly the Detainees' Support Committee, lawyers, trade unionists, clergy and political activists as well as affidavits before court in applications for interdicts against local "war-lords".

On the question of bias in his statistics, he says cross checking of non-press sources has shown they have been reliable, but adds that most of these non-press sources are organisations sympathetic or not hostile to the UDF/Cosatu alliance. He concedes "the vacancy in sources is one for detailed Inkatha-gathered information".

Aitchison's figures show a dramatic change in the number of deaths every month: in January last year, only one death was recorded; this soared to 60 in September, 83 in October, 113 in December, 161 in January, 50 in February and 14 last month.

The statistics also showed that Vulindlela and neighbouring Edendale were the two worst-hit areas, with 146 dying in Edendale and 254 in Vulindlela during the months January 1987 to March 1988.

Looking at the progression of violence in the townships, Aitchison says, "It would appear that the violence actually started in Imbali, affected Ashdown and then led to the major battle, that for control of Edendale, and then flowed into Vulindlela where it seems that deaths reached horrifying proportions in December and January."

From those killings where he has been able to establish the age of the victims he concludes at least 68 percent of the dead were 25 years or under (the youngest was seven).

"There is a terrible message in this age composition. The conflict is devouring the young.

"Any response to the conflict that does not take seriously the aspirations of these youth and offer a meaningful life (which must include addressing political needs) is doomed to failure."

Blessed are the dead
For they will
Never be suspected,
Never be chased,
Never be unmanageable
Never be transformed into firewood
Never be killed
For they are now
Protected from adversaries
Saved from opponents
Secured from the persecution of this world
Blessed are those who are dead

— by B M Tenza of Imbali, published in Echo February 28 and read at the seminar on violence in Pietermaritzburg

Survivors: Gladys Sangweni lost husband, child and home, allegedly in Inkatha attacks

Stay away, police politely told

PIETERMARITZBURG security police chief Brigadier Jac Buchner is a man not used to being denied access to any one or any place.

But this week he was politely told he was "not welcome" on the local university campus to attend an all-day seminar on the violence which has wracked the region surrounding Pietermaritzburg.

Deputy director of the Centre for Adult Education at the university and co-organiser of the conference, John Aitchison, contacted Büchner to ask him not to attend. He told Buchner a number of speakers felt the presence of a senior security official would inhibit what they had to say and subsequent discussion.

"I have felt all along that it is essential to get to the bottom of this violence if it is to be solved and the problems overcome.

"I felt by going to hear these speeches I might get some fresh ideas. I might have asked some questions but I certainly did not intend interfering with or inhibiting either the speakers or their audience," Buchner said.

Following this exchange, University vice-principal Colin Webb commented the university regretted Büchner should feel insulted by being asked not to attend.

Webb said the university's commitment to free dissemination of ideas remained, but "the measure of intellectual freedom which a university is able to maintain is directly affected by the constraints on human freedom in the surrounding society".

Although he did not attend, Büchner's presence was strongly felt during one session.

In a conference paper, Ruth Tomaselli of the Contemporary Cultural Studies Unit, University of Natal, Durban, showed a video of an SABC-TV comment programme screened in January.

Büchner, interviewed during the *Netwerk* programme, described the "daunting task facing the police" in Pietermaritzburg.

In particular he described the "traditional fear" of black people who fear burning more than they fear death.

"This is a traditional fear. When a person dies, they believe the spirit of the forefather is reincarnated ... But what we have here is where a person is burnt, specially when he is alive, then the belief is that his spirit perishes with him, so that the children have no mediator between themselves and the forefathers' spirits. That is a very important aspect of traditional culture."

Büchner said security forces would be "merging as members of the community" to re-establish law and order and to "re-establish or restore the dignity of the local community.

Gavin Woods of the Inkatha Institute referred to another absence from the seminar — that of an official Inkatha representative.

Woods began his address by saying the institute was "independent" and did not represent any political party. He added the absence of an Inkatha representative "totally negates the contribution that Inkatha can make".

Aitchison told the *Weekly Mail* the organising committee had considered whether to issue official invitations to representatives of the United Democratic Front, the Congress of South African Trade Unions, Inkatha and the South African Police.

"However when the UDF and Cosatu were restricted the problem was resolved. We felt it would have been invidious to invite Inkatha when the UDF could not attend, and so no representatives of any political grouping were invited."

REPORTING ON THE FRON

THE sometimes impossibly difficult conditions under which journalists are working in Pietermaritzburg were highlighted during the seminar.

Khaba Mkhize, editor of the *Natal Witness* supplement, *Echo*, told of the problems in being a reporter living in the townships.

"To report on violence as an 'insider' is to risk death, or unpopularity at the least," Mkhize said.

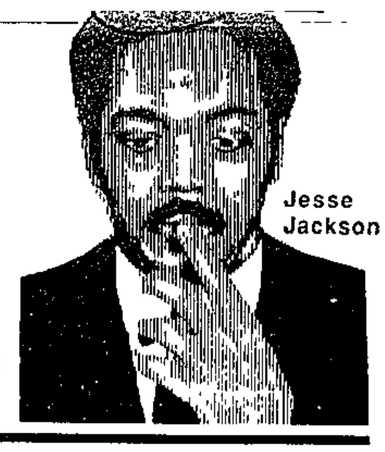
He said he was sometimes approached by people living near him who would ask him why, knowing what he did of the truth of what was happening in the area, he did not report on these facts in his paper.

"I often have to give a crash course on the Emergency regulations to explain the problems of what we can and cannot publish."

Mkhize said reports alleging attacks by one side were often seen as evidence of his personal affiliation to the other side in the conflict. And attempts had been made on his life.

***Natal Witness* journalist and author David Robbins, said since February when "the state's security management system cranked into place in Pietermar-**

The only personality: the man who can't win


Jesse Jackson

This week it looks like a US election battle between a dull, rich, white Anglo-Saxon (Bush) and a dull, rich, white Greek Orthodox (Dukakis) with an ex-slum kid (Jackson) bringing up the rear. MICHAEL WHITE reports from Washington

THIS week's bad-tempered event in New York was the mid-point in the presidential primary season.

What is striking in a campaign lacking dominant issues and personalities is political under-performance and media over-reaction — Jesse Jackson being the exception to the former and the chief focus of the latter.

Since press and politicians alike have over-reacted to every twist, from Gary Hart's doomed re-entry to Jackson's historic win in Michigan (it was still only a caucus state with a minuscule turnout of 211 000), it is sensible — if dull — to assume that short of a major overnight disaster in New York, the Democrats will nominate Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis in Atlanta.

Bush v Dukakis will be a very close November 8 race, as former president Richard Nixon says — though Vice President George Bush won't necessarily win. He is unquestionably the choice of the Republican rank and file and of President Ronald Reagan but hard-nosed party men wonder if a more testing primary season might not have put more fire in his belly and generated more attention.

Certainly the Democrats are content to wait until Bush is safely nominated before letting rip politically. Their own problems meanwhile are just the opposite· procedural. How to nominate Dukakis without mortally offending Jackson's black voting bloc, only 13 percent of the nation but potentially double that share of the party's vote — if they vote.

But if Jackson wins the delegate battle fair and square, the Democrats cannot deny him the nomination — and they know it. Even pre-arranged plans to endorse Dukakis had to be dropped after Michigan for fear of accusations of a "Stop Jackson" movement.

But Jackson's best shot was New York, 12 percent black plus Tom Wolfe's "radical chic" and a fight with Dukakis for Hispanic loyalties.

Next Tuesday's tussle for Pennsylvania's 193 delegates, Ohio's 174 on May 3, New Jersey's 118 and California's 336 (against New York's 255) on June 7, plus a host of smaller states boast none, bar Washington DC, where black voters are so well-placed or numerous.

There is always the No 2 spot which Jackson aides now see within their grasp. Racial therapy is one thing and Jackson ("I too was born in the slum, but the slum wasn't born in me") has done much for the self-esteem of the underclass as he strides confidently forward, trailed by white cops and reporters.

My hunch is that he is too realistic and too smart to want to be blamed for defeat in November. He wanted to be taken seriously and, belatedly, he is. Better a kingmaker than a failed vice-king.

Shooting in the Gulf, the economy see-saw, Iran-Contra, all underl[ine] how much this campaign could swi[ng] either way for two dull, decent nominees Pessimists may still claim [the] electoral system is in crisis. But [the] optimists can already point to a majo[r] ingathering of the excluded.

As recently as 1954, nearly two decades after the New Deal brought Irish, Italians, Jews and other "ethnics" into the mainstream, Denis Brogan could still assume it "unlikely that a Catholic will be nominated in the foreseeable future and *a fortiori* Jew or Negro is ruled out".

George Bush may be a rich, white Anglo-Saxon Protestant, as most presidents except John Kennedy (a rich Catholic) have been. But in New York a rich Greek Orthodox fought out with a slum kid who refuses to be called a negro. The struggle was watched with enthusiastic surprise in black Africa, an unsought foreign policy consequence of the Reagan years. — The Guardian, London

WEEK AT A GLANCE

ISLAMABAD, Monday — Afghan guerrillas hold the first "cabinet meeting" of a provisional government in a move diplomats describe as a bid to unify the seven-party alliance. "The first cabinet session of the provisional government was held today," say the Pakistan-based Islamic Unity of Afghan Mujahideen.

BOSTON, Monday — Kenyan runner Ibrahim Hussein becomes the first African winner of the 92-year-old Boston Marathon, after beating another African entrant, Tanzania's Juma Ikangaa, into second place.

JERUSALEM, Monday — An Israeli court begins issuing its verdict on alleged Nazi war criminal John Demjanjuk in his absence after he is carried into the court in apparent pain. Demjanjuk, extradited from the United States in 1986 to face charges of Nazi war crimes, is found by the court to be the sadistic guard known as "Ivan the Terrible" at the Treblinka concentration camp during World War Two He could get the death penalty.

TUNIS, Tuesday — Officials claim Israel used electronic warfare in the assassination of Yasser Arafat's military deputy Abu Jihad, jamming local communications while the Palestinian guerrilla commander was machine-gunned to death.

PARIS, Tuesday — About 5 000 demonstrators march through the centre of the city calling on South Africa to free the Sharpeville Six.

ADDIS ABABA, Tuesday — The head of the Ethiopian government relief and rehabilitation commission, Berhanu Jembere, says United Nations relief officials can continue working in the northern provinces of Eritrea and Tigray despite the expulsion of other foreign aid workers from the war-torn region.

KHARTOUM, Tuesday — Sudanese Prime Minister Sadeq Al-Mahdi sets up a five-man abitration committee to try to end a strike by workers at 12 public sector banks.

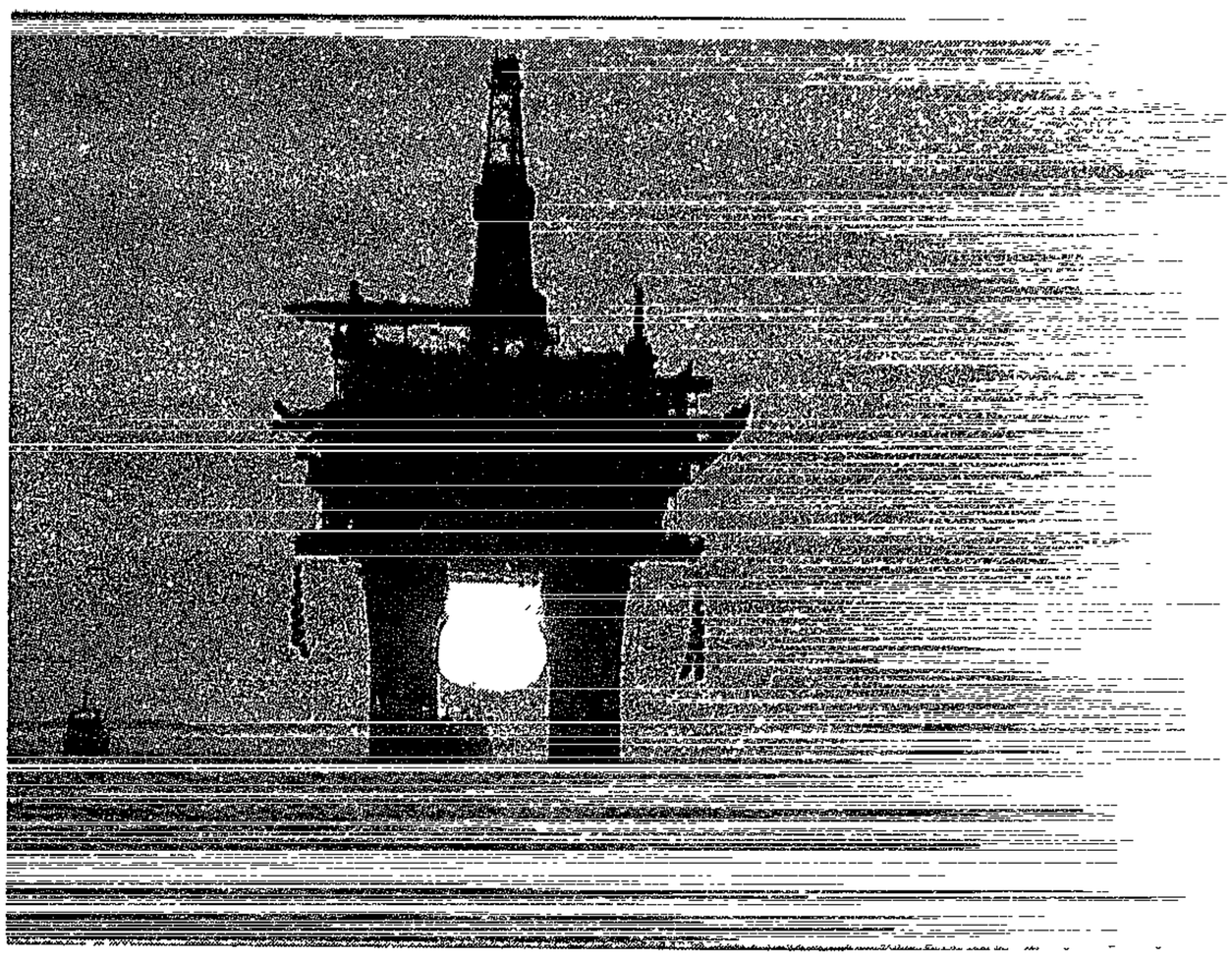
LONDON, Wednesday — Top British athletes will not back Zola Budd in her efforts to avoid the one year ban demanded by the International Amateur Athletic Federation if it costs them the chance of competing in the Seoul Olympics, according to athletes' representative Mike Winch.

RIYADH, Wednesday — Saudi Arabia rejects Iran's demand to send 150 000 pilgrims on the annual Moslem *haj* pilgrimage and reiterates its ban on demonstrations, according to the official Saudi press.

HELSINKI, Wednesday — US secretary of state, George Shultz, says he will tell Soviet leaders in Moscow later in the week that the Reagan administration is determined to secure a UN Security Council arms embargo against Iran. "It will definitely have a big impact, I think," Shultz tells reporters.

LISBON, Thursday — Portugese police find no trace of Evo Fernandes, a top Mozambican rebel whose wife says he was kidnapped by Mozambican secret police.

KINSHASA, Thursday — Police disperse women chanting slogans hostile to President Mobutu Sese Seko in the centre of Kinshasa, eye-witnesses tell reporters. — Sapa



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...al for Edendale to be under the direct administration of the KwaZulu bantustan, controlled by an increasingly collaborative organisation like Inkatha. For Inkatha control over Edendale would give substance to its claimed membership of the 'Zulu nation', as well as its claimed membership of 1,5-million members."

Gwala says there is strong evidence that the Pietermaritzburg area is traditionally a very strong ANC

Edendale is one of the few places where blacks own freehold property. This gives the landowners unusual autonomy from Inkatha's patronage or bureaucratic control ...

area, at least up till its banning in 1960" while Inkatha has never been strong in the Natal midlands.

In addition, there has been a political re-awakening in the area during the 1980s, largely led by the "progressive labour movement" and the UDF, but Inkatha actively opposed several significant and well-supported labour and community actions, organising strike-breakers and breaking a consumer boycott.

"The workers and the Pietermaritzburg community learnt their lessons about Inkatha through these events."

But Gwala believes the most important explanation for the conflict is Inkatha's failure to get a foothold in the Edendale community through its normal methods of "bureaucratic control, patronage and distribution of resources ".

In response to being blocked in Edendale by a community which did not need its patronage, Inkatha began "a violent recruitment drive".

He adds, "In fact when one examines other conflict areas in Natal where Inkatha is involved, there is an increasing propensity towards violence on its part where these bureaucratic entry points are closed.

"If its forced recruitment drive fails, like it clearly has in Pietermaritzburg, it appeals to the state for more administrative and repressive powers. That is why Inkatha is now pushing for more areas to be incorporated under the KwaZulu government and for more police powers in the form of the KwaZulu Police.

"The frustration of Inkatha is heightened in a place like Edendale where the landowners are somewhat more autonomous because of the freehold status of their land.

"While Inkatha does still retain mass support, it is nonetheless becoming like other bantustan ruling political parties. Where there is resistance to the state Inkatha is now almost always on the side of the state.

"No matter how hard you try, it is almost impossible to convince black people that a police force under apartheid or a bantustan government can be part of a liberation movement."

Discussing the causes of the violence in his paper, church worker Peter Reichhoff of the Pietermaritzburg Agency for Christian Social Awareness (Pacsa) said the conflict was not "mindless black on black conflict".

He added, "It is also not purely a clash between Inkatha and the UDF.

"While our evidence suggests the fighting is Inkatha versus non-Inkatha, I am not saying that Inkatha has the sole responsibility

"If we want to understand the causes we cannot simply say it is a struggle for power We have to understand what apartheid has done to all of us

Socio-economic conditions were also blamed for much of the problem by Inkatha Institute speaker Gavin Woods.

He said the institute had conducted a survey of socio-political conditions, attitudes and opinion in the affected areas.

They discovered about 350 000 people living in the region, about 11 people per house of one or two rooms, under appalling conditions of poverty and unemployment, with poor roads, inadequate health services and a lack of recreational facilities.

On average there was one bread winner — earning about R200 a month — per 15 people. This means 70 percent of the people live below the bread line.

Unemployment among the institute's "focus group" (youth aged 15 24, the group most involved in the violence) was about 80 percent.

They experience intense frustration feeling they have no future, and move to "group formations", says Woods.

"Youth gangs are a feature of ghettoes but the tendency is even stronger in this region where apartheid has caused the disintegration of society."

He said the fighting was a result of "displaced aggression" — the youths turned to closer targets because they could not take out their frustrations on the real causes of their problems.

He also blamed the *lumpen proletariat*, saying this criminal element would "kill for a radio".

Of the 240 youths in the institute's sample "only 12 percent saw the UDF or Inkatha as vital components of the violence; 95 percent had no political understanding of these movements and had no formal connections with them".

He added that a large number did not know the names of leaders, and that this was especially true of the UDF-aligned youths interviewed.

Woods said it was important to distinguish between the "underlying and incidental causes" of the conflict.

The socio-economic problems and political frustrations caused by apartheid were the "underlying causes" while the ideological differences were "incidental".

He called on participants to direct their attention to "the real causes" and make an action plan to "lift the quality of life of these unfortunate people".

Final journey — comrades carry Mduduzi Mvubo and Ndoda Mchunu to Mphophomeni graveyard near Howick
Pictures: CEDRIC NUNN, Afrapix

The court plays chief reporter

By CARMEL RICKARD, Durban

LEGAL restrictions preventing news of conditions in the townships reaching the wider community had led to the South African judiciary becoming "impotent press agents".

This was the view presented at the seminar by Natal University law professor, James Lund.

His argument is that laws and regulations in South Africa so effectively restrict the flow of information about what is happening in the black areas, that the only way to get this news out is to bring court interdicts.

Looking at the spate of applications for interdicts brought in the Pietermaritzburg Supreme Court during the last few months, he asks why they were brought and what it was hoped to achieve through the applications which could not be achieved through other means.

One reason might be to obtain protection for the individual applicants and other victims of violence in their communities.

"Given the nature and extent of the violence and the impunity with which some of the perpetrators appear to have acted, it would seem to be somewhat naive to expect that the assaults, killings or other attacks would stop merely because a judge had, with due ceremony, embodied a prohibition against such conduct in a formal court order."

Another reason for bringing the interdicts could have been to "identify those people committing acts of violence so that the police and prosecuting authorities, armed with the evidence contained in the affidavits, would be compelled by (white) public opinion to institute criminal proceedings. But this has not generally followed."

A third reason, he suggests, could be to gain publicity.

If this was the motivation behind the applications, Lund says, it reflects on the state of the law and the legal system in South Africa today.

"In a normal society with a free press and access to information it would obviously be unnecessary to go to the length of applying for interdicts that by and large simply restate the law in order to ensure the publication of information vitally affecting the society and its citizens.

"But South Africa is clearly an abnormal society."

Lund lists legislation which prevents those outside the black areas from knowing what happens in these communities — laws which keep groups strictly apart such as the Group Areas Act; laws severely limiting the information which the media may publish, and regulations which have restricted the activities of organisations and silenced their leaders.

"When the delicate balances evolved through the wisdom and experience of centuries of law are perverted to promote or preserve the privileges of a ruling class, one of the many victims is the law itself which becomes a mere display of force, little if any different from the force displayed by a bandit.

"The need for the victims of violence in the Pietermaritzburg area to resort to the dangers and expenses associated with the interdict applications in order to claim the fundamental rights and protection that should be theirs in any sane society, shows that the courts and the legal process have become a mockery.

"The judges, still fiercely proud of their independence, have been turned into impotent second-rate — may I say independent — press agents.

"While this might be a sad spectacle for many, a sadder feature is that the disillusionment created can only serve to promote further violence and disrespect for law on all sides."

LINES: FEAR AND DANGER

ritzburg townships, the situation underwent a profound and ominous change" and the problems of reporting greatly worsened.

Restrictions on key organisations and their leaders made it virtually impossible to quote a balance of opinion regarding any incident.

"Matters were further complicated by the introduction into the townships of *kitskonstabels*, some of whom had been Inkatha activists during the previous months of fighting. What had once been an essentially civil struggle, with the security forces more or less on the sidelines, is now a struggle between the state and Inkatha on one side and the popular 'progressive' resistance on the other," and so was subject to Emergency regulation restriction relating to security force action.

The change was reflected by the changed police attitude to the newspaper's requests for comment.

"Whereas before the police were sometimes prepared to confirm and comment on our stories they no longer do so", and refer reporters asking for comment, to Section 3(1) of the regulations which says nothing can be published in connection with security force action.

Robbins adds, "In our attempts to publish news of the unrest, we are now helped only by the protection given by parliament and the courts. When affidavits are filed and questions are asked in parliament, some facts become part of the public record and can therefore be published.

"In spite of this however, we know of many incidents and detentions which should be reported, but the police refuse to confirm, and the reports remain unpublished. As a newspaper we feel shackled and frustrated: we know we are not fulfilling our basic function properly — which is to keep our readership fully informed."

Added to this the physical risks to reporters trying to enter these areas are very real. There is also the problem of the great reluctance of people to talk to the press for fear of reprisals by one side of the other.

"Our proximity to the unrest has heightened our awareness of the need for even-handed reporting and for objectivity and balance in interpretation."

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Police stoned, fire shots

PRETORIA. — Policemen on duty in Mdeni, Soweto, fired two shots at a group of people who stoned them, police said in their unrest report. A policeman and a woman were injured and two men were arrested.

An 18-year-old youth was shot dead in Mdeni, Natal, by an unidentified person. — Sapa

Too late for classification

DEATHS

ALLEN. — Nora, dearly loved mum and gran passed away peacefully on Saturday, 23rd April. Very deeply mourned. We will miss you. All our love Richard, Elaine, Michael, Melissa and Leigh.

KOH. — Sophie, aged 77 years. Our dear mother and granny passed away peacefully on Sunday, 24th April. Sadly missed and deeply mourned by Hillel, Jill, Jeanette, Maurice, Tauby and Brian. Watch paper for funeral arrangements.

KON. — Sophie, our dear sister, passed away peacefully on Sunday, 24th April. Will

DETAIN OUR SONS MOTHERS PLEAD

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AT LEAST three mothers from the strife-torn townships around Durban and Maritzburg have approached social workers to try to have their children redetained as they would be safer in custody than in the townships, a Natal child welfare expert said.

The request came to light at a commission into the effects of detention held at the University of the Witwatersrand when Mrs Priscilla McKay, director of child welfare in Pinetown/Highlands, asked one of the speakers, Dr David Webster, if he had experienced the phenomenon.

Dr Webster was speaking of the harassment and difficulties faced by detainees in townships following their release. He told her he had not.

Sapa

Mrs McKay said in a telephone interview from Durban that her organisation had been approached by at least three mothers in the past month concerned for the safety of their children.

The ages of the children involved were two of 16 and one of 15 who were living in Clermont and KwaNdengezi.

Unrest

Both townships have been the scene of the almost daily unrest in the region — mainly between Inkatha and United Democratic Front — that has claimed more than 600 lives in the Maritzburg / Durban area in the past 16 months.

Mrs McKay said the parents had told her that since their children had been released from detention "people had been looking for them" and they were not safe in the townships.— Sapa.

Black policeman gunned down with AK-47

CAPE Times 26/4/88

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — A black police sergeant was gunned down with an AK-47 rifle while on his way to work near Newcastle yesterday morning, police in Pretoria confirmed last night.

A spokesman said the dead policeman, whose name has not yet been released, was shot just before 5am while waiting at a bus stop at Osizweni.

The report also said another two men were wounded in two other unrest-related incidents in Natal. — Sapa

Pupil 'assault': Cops not charged

Cape Times 26/4/88

Staff Reporter

TWO Nyanga high school pupils who were allegedly tortured by policemen were not prepared to attend an identity parade and no eyewitnesses to the alleged assaults could be found, the Attorney-General, Mr Neil Rossouw, said yesterday.

Confirming his decision not to prosecute the five policemen who were under investigation for allegedly assaulting and electrically shocking Mr Sonwabe Madikane, 17, and Mr Mandla Malgas, 18, Mr Rossouw said the docket could be reopened "at any stage".

The pupils told journalists that they were part of a group returning from a meeting at the Idasa headquarters in Mowbray on January 19.

A Landrover had approached and they had immediately discarded Idasa literature they were carrying and fled. Police had allegedly caught them.

They were handcuffed, interrogated for four hours and electrically shocked and assaulted, they said.

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Azapo asks court to overturn bannings

Cape Times 26/4/88

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — The Azanian Peoples' Organization (Azapo) applied to the Supreme Court here yesterday to have the recent restrictions placed on 17 organizations, including itself, set aside.

The State President and the Minister of Law and Order are cited as respondents.

In an affidavit before the court, Mr Nchaupe Aubrey Mokopáe, national health secretary of Azapo, said the Minister of Law and Order had no power under the emergency regulations to terminate the existence of any organization, although such powers were contained in other so-called security legislation.

Azapo asked for an order which would declare invalid the amendments to the emergency regulations promulgated on February 24, allowing organizations to be restricted.

It also asked that the restrictions on Azapo and the other organizations promulgated in February be declared invalid.

Durban prostitute acquitted of murder

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EMERGENCY UPDATE

Man stabbed in face, three held

PRETORIA. — A man was stabbed in the face at Sobantu near Maritzburg when he refused attempts by a group of men to force him into joining their organisation, the Police Public Relations Division in Pretoria said today.

In its overnight unrest report, it said three men were arrested in connection with the incident.

The extent of the man's injuries was not known, the report said. — Sapa.

e Marcel Goosen with Pass the Line. ● Picture by

Dumping of pigs' heads — woman held

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN — In a dramatic turn of events in the pigs' heads saga, detectives last night swooped on a house on Durban's Bluff and arrested a 38-year-old mother.

She was detained in connection with last Wednesday night's dumping of the swastika and Star of David-decorated pigs' heads at the Great Synagogue and at the Durban Jewish Club.

Major Charl du Toit, South African Police public relations officer for Port Natal, said today that detectives led by Major Pat Brown had worked round the clock to make an arrest.

"Late last night detectives went to a house on the Bluff and made the arrest. We even managed to track down the butcher on the Bluff where the woman allegedly bought the pigs' heads.

"At this stage we do not believe there were any more people involved. The woman has not implicated anyone else. However, we are still investigating," said Major du Toit.

It is believed the woman has been in the country for 2½ years.

Last Wednesday night the pigs' heads were placed on the front steps of the Great Synagogue in Essenwood Road and at the Durban Jewish Club.

A woman who identified herself as Jewish and called herself Mrs Deborah Solomon telephoned a Durban afternoon newspaper on Thursday to report having witnessed the incident.

An appeal by the police for Mrs Solomon to come forward and make a statement proved futile.

The incident horrified and angered Durban Jews. Later, State President Mr P W Botha issued a strong warning to neo-Nazis in South Africa that he was no longer prepared to tolerate their antics.

He said the Minister of Home Affairs, Mr Stoffel Botha, was giving attention to legislation to limit their activities.

The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, gave an assurance that the police would do everything in their power to track down and charge those concerned.

He said: "South Africa will have to rid itself of these sick people and organisations."

Pigs' heads saga: woman in court

DURBAN — Mrs Yvonne Tina Malone (38), no address given, made a brief appearance in the Durban Regional Court yesterday in connection with two allegations of *crimen injuria* arising from the recent pigs' heads incidents.

She was not asked to plead and the case was adjourned to June 1. She was released on warning.

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Inkatha violence spreads to Durban

THE political violence in and around Maritzburg since the beginning of last year is now spreading to Durban and elsewhere

It forms part of the on-going strife between Inkatha on the one hand and the United Democratic Front (UDF) and Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) on the other

Although sporadic violence is not new to these areas, it is now escalating.

Unaccounted murders, attacks on youths, petrol-bombing of homes, and residents fleeing their homes has become the order of the day in several townships in and around Durban

Over the past few weeks, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, claimed violence in Natal decreased as the result of intensified efforts by the South African Police (SAP).

But a closer look at the situation paints a different picture.

On April 9 a house in which two orphaned young sisters were staying, was attacked, petrol-bombed and burnt to the ground in Shongweni.

Brutally slain

In the nearby township of Mpumalanga, Inkatha attacks on members of the progressive UDF-affiliated Hammarsdale Youth Congress (Hayco) appear to be increasing.

In one incident a 102-year-old grandmother who refused to divulge the whereabouts of her grandson, a Hayco member, was brutally slain

The areas worst hit by the present wave of attacks are the Durban townships of Clermont, KwaNdengezi, KwaMashu, Umlazi and Inanda

In Inanda more than 11 homes have been burned down in the past few weeks

Mr Alec Erwin, a former national education officer of the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu), outlined some of the reasons for this gloomy scenario

Verbal abuse

"The violence is a clash between the conservative Zulu organisation of the KwaZulu homeland, Inkatha, and the rest of the residents

"It is not black-on-black violence between rival tribes or factions as portrayed in the commercial press and by the State.

"If the township residents - whether they align themselves with the progressive movement or not - show any signs of not supporting Inkatha or of being antagonistic to the local Inkatha leadership - there is a very high probability that incidents of violence will take place

"This kind of situation is present in many areas in Natal and it is for this reason that there is a good chance that the violence will escalate in these areas unless the judicial system is shown to be working effectively."

According to Erwin the pattern of the violence, which has seen more than 500 people killed in the Pietermaritzburg area since early last year, is very clear

"The Inkatha leadership start by holding meetings If they are questioned or queried in any way in a meeting, those questions are labelled as "UDF" or "Cosatu" irrespective of whether or not the questioner belongs to one of these organisations

"And then the pattern is fairly general after that The persons who ask the questions are subjected to verbal abuse and it often degenerates into physical attacks and even death

"When that happens there is a tendency for the community to organise to defend itself against these attacks."

Erwin, now the national educational officer of the National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa (Numsa), said he did deny that retaliatory action had taken place.

He stressed, however, that the killings and attacks - which did not discriminate in terms of sex and age - were perpetrated by a very distinct and identifiable group

"In Pietermaritzburg we call these Inkatha-linked people 'warlords' - they are individuals who organise armed men around them

"Their weaponry ranges from pangas to R1 military rifles, shotguns and riot guns

"The warlords tend to control small areas or fiefdoms and try to ensure that there are no other organisations in the area besides Inkatha

"The 'warlord' phenomenon is characteristic of virtually all of the Natal violence. In virtually every area where there is violence you find these warlords."

Erwin claimed the Government was implicitly or directly abetting the "warlords" in the violence against progressive forces in all the townships – *Press Trust of South Africa*

Gladys Sangweni stands in the ruins of her house. Her husband and daughter were killed by vigilantes because her son was identified as an Edendale Youth Congress member

Kwamashu students fear 'warlord'

DURBAN. – Residents in the townships of Ntuzuma and KwaMashu, near Durban, are again living in fear of a "warlord" who allegedly led a group of his vigilantes on a "mission" against students last Wednesday. Two boys were killed.

The "warlord" is understood to be from the squatter settlement of Lindeleni, which borders on the townships of Ntuzuma and KwaMashu. Those allegedly shot and beaten to death by the vigilantes are Bheki Gcabasho, a 17-year-old standard nine pupil at the Gugulabasha High School, and another youth known only as Mso.

Early last year, the same group of vigilantes attacked students protesting against the deteriorating black education system and seven youths were killed.

According to residents, the latest attacks were carried out after a local taxi was hijacked by the vigilantes. After they saw a group of school pupils walking on a road near the KwaZulu Development Corporation, the vigilantes allegedly opened fire and attacked the children with pangas. They pursued Bheki Gcabasho to a house in Ntuzuma where he tried to seek refuge. He was allegedly shot and killed there.

The driver of the hijacked taxi described what happened: "I was at the taxi rank when a group of young men approached me and forced their way into the kombi and forced me to drive to the house of the person who is the leader of the group.

"Within a few minutes the leader came out with a big gun in his hand and commanded his vigilantes to pile into my kombi and another kombi. The men were all armed to the teeth with guns, spears and pangas.

"At the edge of Lindeleni a truck met the two kombis and all three vehicles drove towards a group of students.

"The vehicles stopped and the leader ran out, pointing his gun at the children. Several shots were fired and a number of children were injured."

One of the students who was attacked said: "Our schools are a stone's throw away from the vigilante headquarters and we fear that we will be terrorised. We don't know what to do."

The incidents were reported to the Progressive Federal Party (PFP) Unrest Monitoring Unit in Durban, but the director, Mr Roy Ainslee, said he was unable to take up the matter because eye-witnesses were not prepared to make sworn affidavits for fear of their lives. Mr Ainslee said they were concerned at the escalation of the violence in the two townships.

– *Press Trust of SA News Agency*.

and crabbed during the night.

Cape Times 2/5/80 776

Deda woman stabbed in weekend unrest

A WOMAN was stabbed in the back and killed by a group of people at Deda, a black residential area near Maritzburg, the police public relations division said in their overnight unrest report.

The woman's house was also set alight, and was slightly damaged.

At Sobantu, also near Maritzburg, 32 youths were arrested after an incident in which tear-smoke was used to disperse a gathering.

And in stoning incidents at Kleinskool near Port Elizabeth and at Mitchell's Plain, a bus and a delivery van were damaged — Sapa

(1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 19 on 12 April 1988, the investigation into the alleged failure of a certain person, whose name has been furnished to the South African Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply, to report the presence of a trained ANC terrorist to the police in terms of section 54(4)(c) of the Internal Security Act, No 74 of 1982, has been completed; if not, why not, if so,

(2) whether any (a) charges are to be laid and/or (b) other action is to be taken in this connection; if so, what charges and/or action,

(3) whether he will disclose the nature of the information regarding the contravention of the said Act on which the Police were acting at the time of this person's detention; if not, why not; if so, what was this information?

†The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) No, because the trained ANC terrorist has not yet been apprehended

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Ashdown area, Pietermaritzburg: two persons killed

*29. Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) Whether two persons, whose names and probable political affiliations have been furnished to the South African Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply, were killed in the Ashdown area of Pietermaritzburg on or about 4 April 1988, if so, (a) when were they killed and (b) what are their names and political links,

(2) whether these persons were part of a group of passengers who had alighted from a police vehicle; if so, (a) what was the size of this group and (b) why were these persons being transported;

(3) whether this group of persons was dropped in their home area; if not, (a) in which area are their homes situated, (b) what is the distance between the home area and the point at which they were dropped and (c) why were they dropped at that point,

(4) whether any complaints have been received in regard to the transport arrangements made by the Police in such cases; if so, (a) from what persons or bodies and (b) when;

(5) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) Yes

(a) 4 April 1988

(b) The names that were furnished by the hon member. The South African Police does not have information regarding their political affiliations.

(2) and (3) As a result of reciprocal attacks on and the setting alight of houses in the Ashdown and Mpumuza residential areas by opposing groups of persons, the South African Police separately took a number of persons from each group to a police office for questioning After the questioning had been completed, the persons who were eliminated as suspects were returned to the places from which they had been taken. The two persons involved requested that they be dropped off at a shop in Plessislaer. Their request was acceded to

(4) Yes

(a) and (b) From the hon member himself, as well as from a delegation of the KwaZulu Government after this incident had taken place.

(5) Yes Six persons are presently being detained in connection with this incident

*30. Mr R M BURROWS — Administration and Privatization. [Reply standing over.]

Scottburgh police station: transfer of officer

*31. Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) Whether the officer who was second in command of the Scottburgh police station was transferred recently; if so, (a) why and (b) to which post was he transferred,

(2) whether he or the South African Police received a complaint from a certain person, whose name has been furnished to the Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply, regarding this police officer's appointment; if so, (a) what was the (i) basis of this complaint and (ii) response thereto and (b) what is the name of the complainant;

(3) whether the Police have any information on the political links of the complainant; if so, what are they;

(4) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER.

(1) and (2) I refer the hon member to my reply to oral Question No 3 in the House of Delegates on 21 April 1988, as well as my reply to questions arising from that reply, which I regard as sufficient.

(3) No

(4) No

Mr R M BURROWS Mr Chairman, arising from the hon the Minister's reply, could he put this House in possession of that answer since it has not yet been circulated through Hansard?

†The MINISTER Mr Chairman, I am not in control of Hansard distribution However, I shall accommodate the hon member and make copies of my reply available to him.

Mr R M BURROWS. Mr Chairman, arising from the reply of the hon the Minister in the House of Delegates, will he take questions in this House in respect of an answer that he has given in another House on this particular matter?

†The MINISTER Mr Chairman, I think the hon member should first read my replies, then he can ask me the supplementary questions, otherwise he may ask things that have already been said in the replies.

Mr D J DALLING: Mr Chairman, on a point of order The hon the Minister knows full well that it is quite impossible to ask questions arising from the answer if the answer is circulated in the manner which he suggests. Could we therefore request that the hon the Minister accommodates this side of the House and gives us the answer that he gave to the House of Delegates?

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE. Order! It is completely in the hon the Minister's discretion as to whether he wants to answer supplementary questions or not I leave it at that

Mr R M BURROWS Mr Chairman, on a point of order: The hon the Minister has given an answer that he has answered this particular question in another House. It is absolutely impossible for any of us in this House to have had sight of that particular answer. We are asking the hon the Minister to answer this question in this House so that we can ask questions arising from it. It is not a matter of whether he chooses to answer them or not We do not even have the ability to ask any questions arising from that answer.

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE: Order! As I understand from the hon member this question was answered in another House and the reply has not yet been circulated. The hon member has asked his question here and the hon the Minister has referred him to the answer which he gave in the other House.

Mr R M BURROWS Mr Chairman, again on a point of order: As far as I am aware, having had sight of the question asked in another House, I certainly believe there are parts of this question which were not asked in the other House

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! It is for the hon the Minister to decide how to answer the question. I cannot take it further than that

†The MINISTER Mr Chairman, I gave a full reply in the other House and it was about the . [Interjections] It seems to me that the hon members are not interested in hearing what I have to say to them. I am not eager to speak. If they do not wish to listen to what I have to say, I shall keep quiet. In the other House I gave a full reply, because it was about a matter affecting the members of the other House. It was about an Indian lieutenant and I made a full reply available there [Interjections.] I am sorry that the hon member does not have that detailed information here now, but I suggest that he reads it. He can ask further questions afterwards I shall make my reply available to him in respect of his supplementary questions

Land sold to Elcorp Property Developers

*32 Mr D J N MALCOMESS asked the Minister of Transport Affairs:

(1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 7 on 12 April 1988 on the sale of a piece of South African Transport Services land for the development of the Clarendon Gardens project in East Lon-

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Cape Times 3/5/86

Man stabbed to death in group attack

PRETORIA. — One man was stabbed to death, and another injured when a group attacked them in the Durban township of KwaDengezi on Sunday, police said in yesterday's unrest report.

The dead man was aged 18 and the injured person 35. No further details were available.

In another incident at KwaDengezi, an 18-year-old man was abducted from his home.

In a third incident in the same area, arsonists caused extensive damage to a private house.

Also at KwaDebeka, a private house was extensively damaged when a group of blacks hurled a petrol-bomb at the dwelling. Police used tearsmoke and birdshot to disperse the attackers. No injuries were reported, the report said.

At Inanda near Durban four men were slightly injured when a group hurled a petrol-bomb at a bus. The vehicle was only slightly damaged. — Sapa

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Boy dies — 10 held

ANOTHER 10 people have been arrested by the KwaZulu police following the killing of a Ntuzuma schoolboy, Bheki Gcabashe, 16, a fortnight ago. Bheki, a pupil at Igugulabasha High School, was with a group of youngsters when they were attacked by armed people.

Reports by Staff Reporter, Own Correspondent, Sapa-Reuter-AP and UPI.

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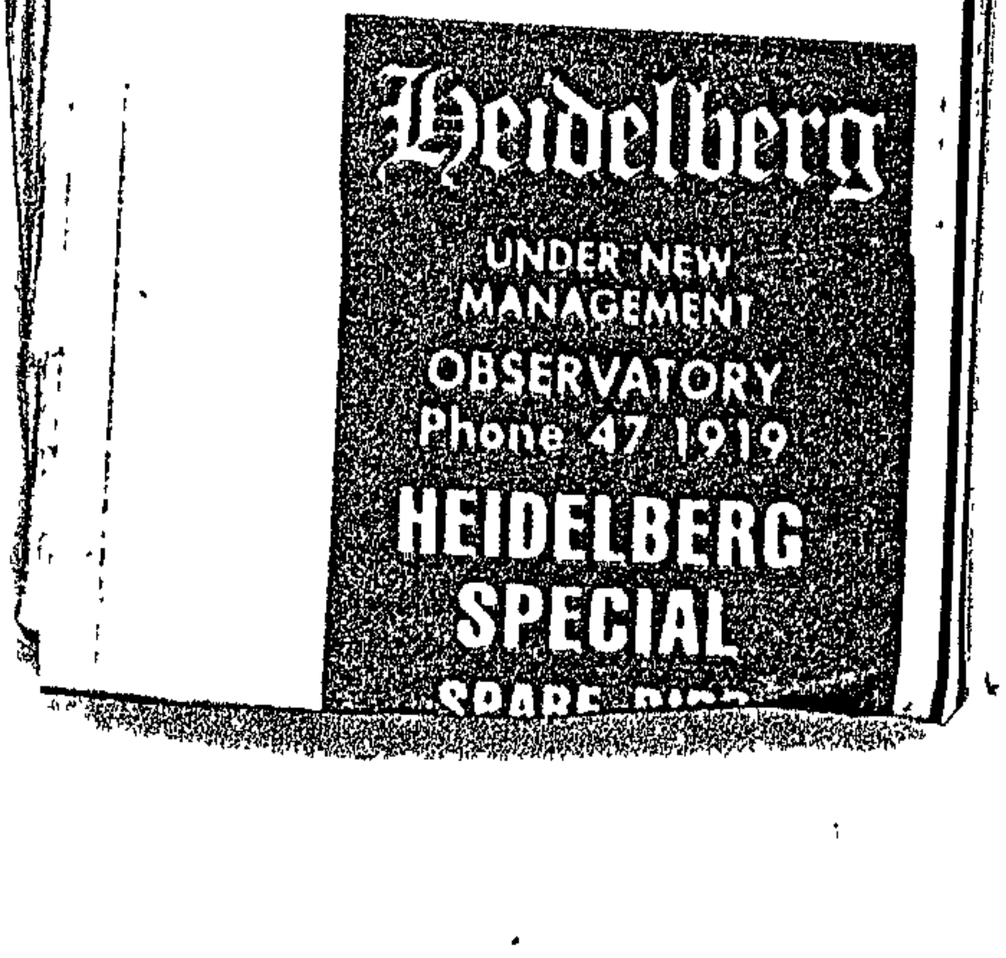
Buses damaged by Natal unrest

PRETORIA. — Groups of people damaged several buses in Durban overnight, the SAP Public Relations Division said yesterday.

At the Emolweni depot, several buses were extensively damaged when a group slashed tyres, while at Inanda another group stoned buses, damaging several.

Police reported that a 22-year-old man was assaulted and stabbed to death by a group at Mpumalanga in Natal.

Two men were injured and a Dambuza house was damaged when a group attacked and stoned the house near Maritzburg, police said. — Sapa



Pupil dead in Durban schools violence

WEEKS of tension at two Durban high schools exploded yesterday with an attack at one of the schools which left one pupil dead and at least one other injured.

The killing follows the death of another pupil, Bheki Gcabashe, at the same Nutzuma school, Igugulabashe High, on April 20; the injury of five others on that day and the detention of a member of the Inkatha Central Committee, Thomas Mandla Shabalala from nearby Lindelani. He is being held by police in connection with the first killing and the injury of five others last month.

Yesterday the body of a 21-year-old matric student was found at the school with stab and burn wounds. A second student who had also been stabbed, was taken to hospital.

A senior officer of the KwaZulu Police said police in KwaMashu received a call that a truckload of armed men came to the school and attacked the students. However, when the police arrived, they found no evidence of this. The officer said he could not say how many were involved in the fighting.

People in the area said armed men came to the school by truck; then there was fighting and screaming and the men ran away.

They speculated that the incident was related to the detention of Shabalala, and that it might even have been "revenge" for his detention.

Weekly Mail Reporter

Police said there have been no arrests in connection with the latest incident.

They said the "fighting took place in the school laboratory" and they had no evidence to indicate whether outsiders were involved or whether the fighting was among the pupils themselves.

Yesterday afternoon there were blood marks on walls and in the yard, but the school was deserted.

Early this week, KwaZulu's Brigadier Dries Laas was reluctant to reveal who was being detained in connection with the death of 16-year-old Gcabashe, saying publication of any of the names might jeopardise the investigation. However, Colonel Reg Reynolds of the KwaZulu Police has confirmed that Shabalala and 10 others are being held.

He stressed no-one had been formally charged, nor had any of the group appeared in court. Reynolds said yesterday Shabalala had been held since last Friday.

Reynolds said he expected there would be a court appearance shortly in connection with Gcabashe's death.

Reynolds said on the day before Gcabashe was killed, people from Lindelani went to a KwaMashu high school and demanded to see children from Lindelani. Stone throwing followed; police arrived and arrested two youths.

The next day a vehicle carrying a group of men drove up to some children, walking home from school in Ntuzuma F Section. Shots were fired, Gcabashe was subsequently found dead and five others injured.

Shabalala, *de facto* mayor of Lindelani, was the subject of a supreme court interdict in May 1986, restraining him from hurting or threatening the Mfeka family. He denied the claims made by the Mfekas but said he would not oppose the application.

Inkatha squatter leader held by police

By S'BU MNGADI

A SENIOR Inkatha official is believed to be among 10 people arrested in connection with the gruesome killing of a 16-year-old Ntuzuma schoolboy, Bheki Gcabashe.

Although KwaZulu police – citing continuing investigations – declined to confirm or deny the Lindelani squatter settlement resident's arrest, *City Press* learnt from a family member that he was in detention.

As police swooped on Lindelani – bordering KwaMashu and Ntuzuma – the atmosphere was still tense in Durban's north-western townships of Inanda, Newtown, Ntuzuma and KwaMashu, following a renewed wave of violence which started a month ago.

A number of people were injured, property was damaged and classes at some local schools were disrupted.

KwaZulu Police Commissioner Brig Andries Laas confirmed the arrests. He said the men were being held under KwaZulu's Act 19 of 1987 which allows for detention without trial for up to 90 days.

Because of fear of jeopardising the investigation, the police were not able to release the names of those held in connection with the killing.

Five other children were seriously injured during an attack on Ntuzuma's Igugulabasha and Phembisizwe schools, allegedly by Lindelani vigilantes led by a community leader, a forthnight ago.

Several eyewitnesses alleged in affidavits submitted to the Progressive Federal Party's unrest monitoring group that a KwaZulu-registered vehicle was seen in a convoy of cars that carried vigilantes during the attack.

An eyewitness said shots were fired into a group of pupils.

No reply to UDF peace request

By MZIMKULU MALUNGA

THE United Democratic Front has made formal application to the minister of law and order for permission to participate again in peace talks aimed at ending six months of violence in the Pietermaritzburg area.

"We believe there is no hope of real peace in the region unless the peace process continues," the application said.

UDF Natal publicity officer Lechesa Tsenoli said the organisation's participation in the talks, aimed at ending the conflict which has left over 500 people dead, was brought to a halt when the organisation was restricted by the state.

The UDF application noted that the Pietermarizburg Chamber Of Commerce had met Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok in February and urged him to allow the UDF and the Congress of South African Trade Unions to take part in the peace process.

The Chamber informed the UDF that Vlok had agreed to consider such an application.

The UDF said peace talks were interrupted by the "detention of almost the entire UDF delegation in the peace talks on February 10 and 11" and stressed that while violence had diminished, most of the root causes had not been addressed.

If the peace process was to be restored, the application said, both the UDF and Cosatu needed to consult their membership and affiliates "to seek a mandate and report back".

The application said people in detention "from the other side" who did not have criminal charges pending, should also be released to participate. "We believe that the peace process cannot continue unless detained and restricted members participate."

The application expressed hope that the "substantially" increased presence of police and *kitskonstabels* in the area would not be maintained indefinitely.

The UDF application attached a list of names, including eight regional and national executive committee members with the application, urging the minister to release and lift the restrictions imposed on them.

The minister has not replied to the application and could not be reached for comment.

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400 protest outside home of Rajbansi

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Police had to be called to the Chatsworth home of Cabinet Minister Mr Amichand Rajbansi at the weekend when a group of about 400 arrived by the busload to protest against the new rent formula.

Mr Rajbansi, chairman of the Ministers' Council in the House of Delegates, was not at home and the group left after handing a petition to a police guard at the house.

A police spokesman confirmed the incident, but said no police action was necessary.

Mr Rajbansi blamed the Chatsworth Housing Action Committee for the demonstration.

Man killed by grenades

DURBAN — A 25-year-old man was killed when police threw hand-grenades into a house at Osizwini, Newcastle, after he fired at them, according to the latest unrest report.

An AK-47 rifle, a Scorpion pistol and ammunition and explosives were found in the house.

At Imbali, near Maritzburg, a man was seriously injured when he was attacked and stabbed.

At Hammarsdale a man was seriously injured when a private dwelling was stoned. Three men were arrested after two other houses in the area were stoned.

At Mafakatini, near Maritzburg, Vicki Kekane, 13, was abducted by a group of men. — Sapa

Inkatha official is suspended

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — The leader of the squatter settlement of Lindelani and a top Inkatha official, Mr Mandla Thomas Shabalala, who is facing murder charges, has been suspended from Inkatha's central committee.

The KwaZulu Chief Minister, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, presented the motion at Inkatha's central committee meeting at the weekend, which was approved by its members with "deep regret".

Mr Shabalala appeared before the Ntuzuma court on Friday.

2 injured, girl abducted in Natal

Crime Reporter

Two men were injured and a 13-year-old girl was abducted in separate unrest incidents in the Natal Midlands at the weekend, police reported.

The police report said a man was stabbed and seriously wounded when he was attacked by several assailants in Imbali near Maritzburg.

At Hammarsdale, another man was serously injured when a private dwelling was stoned by a mob. Police later arrested three men after another two homes in the area were stoned.

Several men abducted Vicki Kekane from her Mafakatini home near Maritzburg. No further details were given on the unrest report.

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Youths kill kitscop

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — The special constable son of the deputy mayor of Imbali township and an Inkatha chairman was stabbed to death by youths in Imbali at the weekend.

Police said Mr Dumisani Goodenough Awetha, 26, was attacked by about 15 youths on Sunday evening and stabbed to death.

Police also reported that four men died in incidents of unrest over the past 24 hours.

At St Wendolins, Pinetown, three men were shot fatally.

At KwaDengezi, a group stabbed a man to death. — Sapa

Four slain in Natal unrest

FOUR black men were killed in unrest-related incidents on Sunday, the police public relations division in Pretoria reported yesterday.

Three black men were fatally wounded at St Wendolins, near Pinetown in Natal, when they were shot by people unknown.

The other fatality was at KwaDengezi, near Durban, when a group of people attacked a black man and stabbed him to death. They also hurled a petrol bomb into the deceased's house. The property suffered fairly serious damage. — Sapa.

Police fire rubber bullets during strike at ABI plant — 10 hurt

DURBAN — Ten workers were injured when police fired rubber bullets and tearsmoke at them in the grounds of the Amalgamated Beverage Industries (ABI) plant at Phoenix here yesterday, as a two-week stoppage at the factory spread.

A statement by the Food and Allied Workers' Union (Fawu) said the workers were trying to stop delivery trucks from leaving when police opened fire.

The union said the injured workers were admitted to hospital.

The Public Relations Division of the South African Police confirmed the incident in an unrest report.

A spokesman at Fawu, Mr George Nene, said workers at the Pretoria plant of ABI — bottlers of Coca Cola — yesterday joined four ABI plants in the Transvaal and Natal in a work stoppage, bringing the number of workers involved to 2 700.

Mr Nene said the stoppage started two weeks ago when a manager alledgedly said: "Blacks will never advance in ABI because they are uneducated."

This was coupled with management's failure to address workers' grievances over the alleged "new style of management and numerous unfair labour practices", he said.

The union said that it had proposed a national meeting with Coke management at the highest level, today, to settle the strike.

It said the meeting would be attended by at least four Congress of South African Trade Unions affiliates.

Mr Reid described the problem as a "misunderstanding over training".

Mr Nene said the stoppage spread when workers realised the company was embarking on a new distribution project about which Fawu had not been previously consulted.

Fawu is demanding the removal of the manager at Phoenix, the removal of police and the abandonment of the distribution programme as it threatened job security, Mr Nene said. — Sapa-DDC

Group stabs Dindi man

PRETORIA, — A man was stabbed to death at Dindi in the Taylor's Halt area by a group of people last night, according to the SAP's unrest report. A 30-year-old man, who was passing by, was also stabbed.

In addition, a group of people attacked and stabbed a man at Mpumalanga in the Hammarsdale area of Natal. The man's condition is unknown.

In other incidents, private vehicles were stoned at Phoenix in Durban by a group of people who were dispersed by police using rubber bullets. Three men were arrested.

At Katlehong in Germiston, arsonists caused serious damage to a private garage, and at Tembisa in Kempton Park a group stoned and damaged a bus. — Sapa

Vanderbijlpark keeps its rates unchanged

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By Melody McDougall, Vereeniging Bureau

Assessment rates in Vanderbijlpark are unchanged and the town council is budgeting for a shortage of R203 532 in the coming financial year.

This was announced at the council's annual budget meeting last night.

Presenting a record budget of just over R115 million, management committee chairman Dr Piet Prinsloo said there would be no tariff rises for sewerage, water or electricity.

An increase for refuse removal was, however, unavoidable. An increase of 90c, or 15 percent, for each household each month had been recommended.

It was hoped the additional R298 833 from refuse removal tariffs could make the budget show a surplus of R97 553.

The running costs of the council for the 1988/89 financial year will be R96,5 million. A total of R15 194 136 has been budgeted for the capital programme.

Shopkeepers are 'threatened' after work stoppage

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN — The effects of the two-week work stoppage at the Phoenix and Rossburgh branches of Amalgamated Beverage Industries (ABI) are being felt in the townships.

Some kwaMashu shopkeepers say they have received threats.

The stoppage was apparently started by worker dissatisfaction over a new distribution system.

Workers at two Johannesburg branches have joined the strike.

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ON PATROL ... A police patrol passes a local resident of Edenvale, a township near Maritzburg where some of the Inkatha-UDF fighting has been heaviest. Picture: REUTERS

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UDF, Inkatha violence spills into rural village

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — Political violence between Inkatha and the United Democratic Front appears to have spilled into the rural village of Shongweni, near Pinetown, where three people were slain this week.

The police unrest bulletin reported that three people were stabbed to death in the area on Monday morning by a group of youths.

Last week, police reported that a woman was injured in the face when she was attacked by a group of youths in Shongweni.

The youths forced her car doors open, dragged two occupants out and drove off. The vehicle was later found at the trading store near Shongweni.

Residents said this week that fighting between "amaqabane" (comrades) — as UDF youths are usually called — and Inkatha had become serious in the past two weeks.

In the past month, four people have been killed and many had left the area, according to reports.

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2 men stabbed

PRETORIA. — Two men were stabbed to death in separate unrest-related incidents overnight, according to the SAP's daily report.

At Mpumalanga (Hammarsdale) a man was stabbed to death by a group of blacks and at Dindi (Taylor's Halt) the body of a man was found. He had apparently been stabbed to death. — Sapa

Adriaan Vlok

UDF in peace call to Vlok

By S'BU MNGADI

IN a renewed effort to end the ongoing violence in the Maritzburg region, the UDF has applied to Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok to release and lift restrictions on 30 key activists.

The application is in compliance with Section 4 (e) of the restriction orders imposed on the UDF and 18 other organisations in February this year.

The UDF, most of whose national officer bearers are either detained or restricted, said the 30 could play an important role in ending the violence that has claimed the lives of more than 600 people and left about 60 000 people homeless.

Among those affected by the bannings were UDF co-presidents Archie Gumede and Albertina Sisulu, national treasurer Azhar Cachalia, Natal midlands president, chairman and co-secretaries, Dr Simon Gqubule, AS Chetty, S'khumbuzo Ngwenya and Martin Wittenburg, and national executive member, Zola Malindi.

Gumede, Sisulu, Cachalia and Malindi were to have taken part in peace talks between the warring factions at the request of the Inkatha leadership. The meeting was initiated by Natal clergymen and the Maritzburg Chamber of Commerce and backed by Archibishop Desmond Tutu.

"This peace process was interrupted by the detention of almost the entire UDF delegation in the peace talks on February 10 and 11 and by the restrictions placed on the UDF and some key leaders on February 24," said the UDF.

"Although the violence has diminished in the short-term, most of the issues which sparked the violence have not been addressed. We believe there is no hope of real peace in the region unless the peace process continues."

The UDF reminded Vlok that the Maritzburg Chamber of Commerce had urged him at a meeting on February 27 to allow UDF and Cosatu to continue with the peace process. The organisation said it was subsequently informed by the chamber that Vlok had offered to "sympathetically consider such an application".

The UDF said: "Leaders and members must be free to participate in the peace process. We believe that all those who are detained from either side, who do not have criminal charges pending, should be released to participate in the process of achieving peace. We believe that the peace process cannot continue unless detained and restricted members participate."

The UDF said the strong security force presence in the area was unnatural and could not be mantained indefinitely. No effort should be spared to restore peace to the area.

The UDF also asked Vlok to relax the restrictions placed on it, to enable it to participate fully in the peace process.

Meanwhile, Azapo's challenge against the restrictions imposed on it and 18 other organisations is still pending in the Durban Supreme Court.

Woman stabbed

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held United Democratic Front (UDF) and the more conservative Zulu Inkatha movement.

In the latest fighting, a black man was shot dead by a gunman in Henley, near Pietermaritzburg, the police said.

A black woman was killed and another wounded in another shooting incident in the same township.

A man was stabbed to death by fellow blacks at Taylor's Halt and a black woman was stabbed to death and her house stoned by black assailants at nearby Mpumalanga.

At KwaDengeze township, police said they found the body of a black man who had apparently been stabbed to death.

Two black men were injured by gun shots in Chesterville.

Padley Keys, a local official of the liberal Progressive Federal Party, said last week that the heavy security reinforcements had restored a measure of calm to the the Pietermaritzburg townships, which spread across rolling hills.

"The violence has been held down for a while but it seems to be rearing its head again," he said.

Desperate living conditions and a criminal element had exacerbated the unrest, Keys said. — Sapa-Reuter.

5 killed as violence hits Natal

BLACK-against-black feuding has erupted again in South Africa's worst trouble spot, Natal Province, claiming five lives, police said yesterday.

Three people were stabbed to death and two others shot dead by gunmen on Saturday in Natal townships, the police said in a bulletin on political unrest.

At least 13 people have died in the area in the past week, one of the worst since last January when police reinforcements were drafted into townships around the Natal capital of Pietermaritzburg, scene of the most savage fighting.

Church groups estimate that more than 500 people have been killed since the fighting among blacks broke out at the start of 1987.

A bitter power struggle is being waged in the area between the anti-apart-

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Explosives at Soweto rally: 2 die, 40 hurt

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JOHANNESBURG. — Two people died and about 40 were wounded when "explosive devices" were lobbed at a political rally in Soweto yesterday.

The attack came amid an upsurge of violence at the weekend, in which five people were killed in the on-going political feud in Natal.

Eye-witnesses at the rally said two "explosive devices" were thrown from behind a house into a crowd of more than 100 people at an open-air rally for the conservative Soweto political party called "Sofasonke", a Zulu word meaning "we will die together".

Police spokesman Major Noel Hartwell said the attack happened about 1pm, but could not identify the "explosive device".

The injured were taken to Baragwanath Hospital where one person was reported by a hospital spokesman to be in a critical condition. Ten people were hospitalized and a further 29 people were treated and discharged.

The motive for the attack was not known, but the leader of the Sofasonke Party and former mayor of Soweto, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, has often been branded a "sell-out" by radical opponents for "participating in the system" of local government.

Meanwhile, feuding has erupted again in Natal — claiming five lives.

The police, in their weekend unrest reports, said three people were stabbed to death and two others shot dead by gunmen on Saturday.

A man and a woman were shot dead in Henley. A man was stabbed to death at Taylor's Halt, while a woman was stabbed to death at Mpumalanga. At KwaDengeze township the body of a man who had apparently been stabbed to death was found .

At least 13 people have died in the area in the past week, one of the worst since last January when police reinforcements were drafted into townships around Maritzburg.

Church groups estimate that more than 500 people have been killed since 1987 when the bitter power struggle between the United Democratic Front (UDF) and Inkatha started.

Mr Radley Keys, a Progressive Federal Party (PFP) official, said last week that the heavy security reinforcements had restored a measure of calm to the Maritzburg townships.

In other incidents of unrest two men were injured when a number of shots were fired at them by unidentified people at Chesterville. — Sapa-Reuter

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Unrest: 5 die (276) in Natal

JOHANNESBURG — Seven deaths were reported by police during a violent weekend in Natal and Transvaal.

Five deaths were reported in Natal while two people died in an as yet unexplained lunch time attack in Orlando West, Soweto.

"Explosive devices" were hurled during a meeting yesterday of the Sofasonke Party led by a former Soweto mayor, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, police said yesterday.

More than 30 were injured, some seriously.

No arrests have yet been made but investigations were continuing, police said.

● At Henley in Natal, "a number of shots were fired at private persons by unknown gunmen on two occasions".

In the first incident a man was killed and in the second incident a woman was killed and another wounded, police said.

● At Taylors' Halt, a man was stabbed to death by a group.

● At Mpumalanga, also in Natal, a woman was stabbed to death by a group who also stoned her house.

● At Kwadengeze, police discovered the body of a man who had apparently been stabbed to death. — Sapa

5 die in weekend violence in Natal

JOHANNESBURG. — Five people died in Natal and a policeman was "slightly injured" in a shooting attack on municipal police in Soweto, police said in their latest unrest report.

At Henley in Natal shots were twice fired at people by unknown gunmen.

Police said that in the first incident a man was killed and in the second a woman was killed and another wounded.

EMERGENCY UPDATE

At Taylor's Halt a man was stabbed to death.

At Mpumalanga, also in Natal, a woman was stabbed to death by a group who stoned her house. The report gave no further details.

At Kwadengeze police discovered the body of a man who had apparently been stabbed to death.

At Chesterville two men were injured when shots were fired at them.

Mr Leonardus Johannes Labuschagne, 70, was killed when his house on Witpoort Farm, Greylingstad, was stoned and set alight at midnight on Saturday.

Police said they regarded the incident as "normal crime" rather than unrest-related. — Sapa.

Councillor acquitted of murder of two youths

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The Argus Correspondent

MARITZBURG. — Mr Jerome Mncwabe, 37, a member of the Imbali Town Council and Inkatha, was carried shoulder-high outside the Supreme Court here after being acquitted of the murders of youths who attacked his car in Imbali during the November unrest.

Mr Mncwabe was mobbed by well-wishers and women danced and ululated as he made his way from the court.

His co-accused, a former "kitskonstabel", Nkosinathi Mncwabe, 19, was found guilty of culpable homicide and sentenced to a whipping of five strokes plus a 12-month jail sentence, conditionally suspended.

Mr Acting Justice Wessels said that Nkosinathi had substantially exceeded the bounds of self-defence when he struck Victor Mthiyane, 18, on the head twice. Victor died of head wounds. Nkosinathi's actions in trying to arrest Victor were far from reasonable.

Mr Acting Justice Wessels said the sentence was aimed at rehabilitating Nkosinathi and deterring him and others from taking the law into their own hands. Nkosinathi was not in the police force when the incidents took place and he had since been discharged.

He said the court had gained the distinct impression that some witnesses were biased against the Mncwabes and that they had acted as conduits for other people who wanted to ensure that they were convicted.

The court had not found that the two Mncwabes had been acting in common purpose and Nkosinathi could not be held responsible for the killings of Siphiwe Dlamini, 18, and Bongani Seleku, 16.

Mr Acting Justice Wessels said Bongani had been stabbed and had a gunshot wound but the State had not proved that he had died of the gunshot wound, neither had they proved the origin of the stab wound.

The court found that Mr Mncwabe had not been entitled to fire two shots when a group of youths threatened him.

The problem was, however, that the court did not know which shot killed Siphiwe Dlamini.

Mr Acting Justice Wessels said that the issue was not whether a person was guilty or not but whether his guilt had been proved.

The court unanimously concluded that the evidence fell short of doing so in the case of the killing of Siphiwe.

EMERGENCY UPDATE

Man killed, two hurt in faction fight

PRETORIA. — Two men have died in unrest-related incidents, police said in their overnight unrest report.

A municipal policeman was stabbed to death at Enhlalakahle near Greytown and a 45-year-old man was killed and two others seriously injured when two factions clashed at Inanda, near Durban.

The police report said they used an assortment of weapons ranging from sticks to knives.

At Mpumuza, Edendale, police arrested two men after after a group stoned a bus.

At Henley, Edendale, two men were arrested after another bus stoning incident.

At Fredville, Inchanga, a child was injured and a house badly damaged when a petrol-bomb was hurled at the dwelling. — Sapa.

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Natal unrest injury

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PRETORIA. — In the only incident of unrest reported by police yesterday, a man was slightly injured at Marion Ridge, near Pinetown, when a private dwelling was petrol-bombed.

the SBDC by the State in the 1987-88 financial year, (b) what total amount was (i) lent and (ii) written off as irrecoverable debt by the SBDC in the whole of the country in that financial year and (c) what percentage of the total amount lent by the SBDC in that financial year was lent to members of the White, Black, Asian and Coloured population groups, respectively?

The MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND TECHNOLOGY.

(1) (a) Mr M J Pentz.

(b) When the SBDC was established in 1981.

(2) (a) R29,042 million.

(b) (i) R114,064 million.

(ii) R31,440 million

Note: The amount of R31,440 million also represents bad debts with regard to loans granted in previous years. Since the SBDC's formation in 1981 until 31 March 1988 a total amount of R461,183 million was lent throughout the country. During the same period R48,020 million was written off as irrecoverable debt of which R3,675 million was since recovered The nett total accordingly amounts to R44,345 million which represents 9,6 per cent of the total loans granted.

(c) The SBDC grants loans to meritorious small business enterprises irrespective of the population group of the entrepreneur. It is, therefore, not the policy of the SBDC to furnish particulars of its clients on the basis of race

Companies/close corporations registered

1013 Mr C J DERBY-LEWIS asked the Minister of Economic Affairs and Technology.

How many (a) companies and (b) close corporations had been registered in the Republic as at the first day of each year from 1980 up to and including 1988?

The MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND TECHNOLOGY:

Owing to factors such as an unknown number of dormant companies, particulars of the total number of companies which were incorporated and in operation on a specific date are not readily available. The number of companies and close corporations which were incorporated during each of the relevant years, is furnished below.

(a) Companies

Year	New companies incorporated	Close Corporations converted into companies	Total number of companies
1980	11 819	—	11 819
1981	12 587	—	12 587
1982	11 912	—	11 912
1983	14 100	—	14 100
1984	11 601	—	11 601
1985	5 836	12	5 848
1986	5 188	47	5 235
1987	6 395	278	6 673

(b) Close Corporations

Year	New Close Corporations incorporated	Companies converted into Close Corporations	Total number of Close Corporations
1985	9 840	6 071	15 911
1986	16 737	6 650	23 387
1987	24 151	5 211	29 362

Note: The Close Corporations Act, 1984 (Act 69 of 1984) came into operation on 1 January 1985.

The decrease in the number of new companies incorporated since 1985 compared with the preceding years is mainly due to the coming into operation of the Close Corporations Act, 1984.

Companies/close corporations liquidated

1019 Mr C J DERBY-LEWIS asked the Minister of Justice:

How many (a) companies and (b) close corporations were liquidated in (i) each year from 1980 up to and including 1987 and (ii) 1988 as at the latest specified date for which figures are available?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE

(a) (i) I refer the Honourable Member to my replies to Written Questions Nos 104 of 1982, 302 of 1983, 514 of 1984, 170 of 1985, 611 of 1986, 98 of 1987 and 476 of 1988

(ii) 918 compulsory liquidations as on 29 April 1988.

(b) (i) The Close Corporations Act, 1984 (Act 69 of 1984) came into operation on 1 January 1985 and the information is, therefore, only available as from 1985.

1985 — 21
1986 — 116
1987 — 228

(ii) 108 as on 29 April 1988.

Umgeni Valley area/Riverview Trading Store: faction fighting/unrest

1020. Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Law and Order.

(1) Whether there have been any reported cases of faction fighting and/or unrest in the (a) Umgeni Valley area below Waterfall in Natal, and (b) vicinity of the Riverview Trading Store, since 1 January 1988; if so, (i)(aa) which groups were involved in, (bb) what was the outcome of, and (cc) what weapons were used in, each of these incidents and (ii) in respect of what date is this information furnished;

(2) whether any persons were killed or injured during the course of these incidents; if so, how many were (a) killed and (b) injured in each case;

(3) whether any property was destroyed or damaged as a result of these incidents; if so, (a) what property, and (b) to what extent, in each case,

(4) whether any arrests have been made as a result of these incidents; if not, why not; if so, how many in each case?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) Yes.

(a) 4 cases

(b) 9 cases

(i) (aa) Factions of the UDF and Inkatha

(bb) various cases were reported, *inter alia*:

Murder 7 cases
Attempted murder 4 cases
Arson 2 cases

Some of these cases are at present being investigated, while several arrests have been made in certain cases These persons are presently awaiting trial.

(cc) Mainly petrolbombs, sharp instruments such as knives and assegais, as well as homemade firearms

(ii) 1 January until 30 April 1988

(2) (a) and (b) Eight persons were killed and twenty-four persons were injured.

(3) Yes.

(a) and (b) 6 houses were totally destroyed.

(4) 34 persons were arrested on various charges and are presently awaiting trial.

Botshabelo: persons detained

1060. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Law and Order:

Whether any persons were detained in Botshabelo between (a) 6 and 16 December 1987 and (b) 20 and 30 March 1988, if so, (i) how many on each specified day and (ii) why, in each case?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(a) and (b).

A number of persons were detained in Botshabelo each day between 6 and 16 December 1987 and also between 20 and 30 March 1988 on various charges, inter alia:

Theft

Stock-theft

Arson

Housebreaking with the intent to steal and theft

Possession of suspected stolen property

Robbery

Illegal possession of ammunition

Child abuse

Trading in uncut diamonds

trate, the national news agency.

Cape Times 2/6/81 (376)

Natal homes attacked

PRETORIA — Stones and petrol bombs were thrown at homes in Mpumalanga, near Hammarsdale, the police unrest report said yesterday. A man was slightly injured.

The wrath of Amadlozi strikes Dark City

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The divisions between Pietermaritzburg's warring factions are invisible to me, but not to my teenage guide. On the one side, Dark City, home of the Zim Zim. On the other, White City, home of the Warara And woe betide anyone foolish enough to wander into enemy territory ..

THANDEKA GQUBULE
reports

At the height of the violence: mourners at the funeral of two UDF members near Howick
Pictures: CEDRIC NUNN, Afrapix

Inkatha youth at a rally

A LOCAL journalist is trying to explain the political balances in Pietermaritzburg's townships, now that the bloody battles have abated and there is relative quiet.

She offers a map: Ashdown, Edendale Valley, Dambuza and Georgetown — these are United Democratic Front turf. Imbali is a "tricky one to handle"; administered by Inkatha but ruled in large part by UDF supporters. Taylor's Halt and Sweetwaters are "half-and-half".

But matters are even more complex. Other groups are involved. And some individual blocks and streets are held in rival territory. For example: Imbali's "Stage 2" falls under the sway of a notorious "warlord"

In this area, UDF "comrades" will not be so quick to use the derogatory term *Theleweni* when referring to Inkatha. (*Theleweni* means "one who throws all caution over a cliff; one who is destructive", and the "warlord" hates it.)

Her lecture is evidence that despite the decline in killings, the Pietermaritzburg area has not returned to its former "sleepy hollow" status.

Beneath the ashes of war the boundaries and battle lines lie intact, and the townships simmer. It is difficult to tell whether the two-year war is really over, and still harder to say who the victors are.

There is certainly less violence these days, as "warlords" appear in courts and Inkatha purges its ranks. The UDF struggles under the weight of its banning order.

But, as the "map" shows, townships remain divided among and within themselves, and the spheres of influence of the two rival political groupings persist. The problems are wholly unresolved — not least the fact that hundreds of youths who fled the area at the peak of the carnage have not come back to their homes.

This shows in the schools, where girls, who were far less involved in actual fighting, now heavily outnumber boys.

I am preparing to go in to see for myself, but there is more I have to hear from experienced locals first. Like the stern warning not to go "anywhere near" the place on Dambuza Road in the area of Edendale called "Lusaka".

This is the "comrades' headquarters", I'm told. At the height of the Pietermaritzburg war, it is alleged, the fate of many was decided at "Lusaka". A common sentence was "modelling" (being made to parade naked in the street). Others, it is said, included the drinking of washing powder or cooking oil, or being "treated" forcibly to a perm hairstyle.

I finally ride into the valley by bus, and start talking to two student priests about life in the area. "Things are a bit quieter these days," says one, "but we do not know for how long." His companion whispers that he should be careful about talking too much.

I alight at Sigodini, deep into the valley. The bus stops below the luxurious house of Chief Mini, one of the few traditional leaders who still live in the area. He has kept a low profile during the conflict, I am told, and does not wield much power.

I move to help a middle-aged woman who is struggling with her bags. She explains how she sees the current situation: "the city is cursed," she says, and talks of the floods, the war, and chronic unemployment. She thinks the floods were punishment for the killings and hatred that came with the war. This is a very commonly-held opinion among older people — especially women — of the area. They attribute "the troubles" to the wrath of *Amadlozi* (ancestors).

The South African Defence Force maintains a presence in the townships, and I see soldiers driving around the previously war-torn streets. They are not a welcome sight to local Inkatha leader Ben Jele. "Let them go back to their barracks," he tells me. He seems to imply his people can handle things on their own.

I reach Sobantu village, lying apart from the other townships. The conflict has had a different effect here; adding yet another dimension to the "Inkatha-UDF" conflict. Sobantu is a small, very old village, almost medieval-looking. But today it is divided by an invisible "Berlin Wall" — on one side lies "White City"; on the other "Dark City".

The street which forms the divide looks like any other, but it has great political significance. One of my informants, a youth of about 15, tells me Dark City is *Zim-Zim* territory, while White City belongs to the *Wararas*, who enjoy overall power.

He is a *Warara* himself, wearing the obligatory Crockett and Jones shoes, and turned-up trousers. Along with many of his colleagues, he is a veteran of a spell in police detention. (He punctuates his speech with township slang, addressing me as "sister" and ending each sentence with *ekse*)

Warara is the term for supporters of the "UDF-Cosatu alliance" (as the relationship between the two groups is described in the area) I am told the word is imported from Johannesburg by black consciousness supporters to describe "directionless" people

The *Zim-Zims* are supposedly black consciousness supporters, thus dubbed by opponents because of the ever-present letter "z" in the names of organisations like Azasm, Azapo, and Azanyu

It seems these groupings do not engage in political programmes other than recruitment. There is no coordination between their various elements, and no coherent political programme to guide their actions.

Their emblems and and chants are political, but the impression remains that they are little more than gangs.

Zim-Zims throw their fists high into the air and cry "Power". *Wararas* use a clenched fist with the thumb sticking out — the old Congress alliance salute of the 1950s — accompanied by slogans like "freedom in our lifetime".

They wear different T-shirts: *Warara* colours are black and green, *Zim-Zims* strong yellow and black. The groups call each other reactionaries.

The much-vaunted "Pietermaritzburg peace talks" stalled some time ago. If they ever get started again, they will have to deal with the complexity of these divisions; of unemployment; of the restriction of some groups and not others. If not, the "relative quiet" of today may turn out to be nothing more than a temporary lull.

Azayo

Sowetan 7/6/88

2 killed

TWO members of the Azanian Youth Organisation were killed in politically motivated violence in Maritzburg last week.

Their deaths were announced by the president of the Azanian Student Movement (Azasm), Mr Thami Hlekiso, because Azayo is a restricted organisation.

Mr Hlekiso said Mr Sithembiso Mwandla (19) was stabbed to death on Wednesday.

His funeral will be held in Imbali tomorrow.

Mr Mthandeni Ngcobo (18) was sought out by the same group the following day and stabbed. He died on his way to hospital.

Mr Hlekiso felt the deaths were politically motivated because of friction the Black Consiousness organisations — Azayo and Azasm — had with two other political groups in the Maritzburg area.

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Three killed in wave of unrest

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By Craig Kotze,
Crime Reporter

Three men were murdered in a wave of unrest-related violence — aimed mainly at buses — in Natal and other areas yesterday, the last day of the national stayaway, police reported.

The three victims were stabbed to death by a mob in Riverview near Pinetown after they were attacked at the Riverside shopping centre.

Police said in their latest unrest report that six people were injured during attacks on buses.

In Katlehong, a man and a woman were arrested after a bus was petrol-bombed.

At KTC, two buses were stoned and a 16-year-old girl was injured. A man was arrested in connection with one of the stonings.

Several buses were stoned and extensively damaged in Khayelitsha.

At Kanyamanzane in Kangwane, a vehicle was set alight and badly damaged. In another incident in the area, two men were injured by glass fragments after a petrol bomb was hurled at a bus.

In Edendale a woman was slightly injured when a mob stoned a bus.

A home was extensively damaged in kwaThema near Springs when a petrol bomb was hurled at it.

In Clermont near Durban, a mob assaulted and tried to intimidate workers returning from work. Police dispersed the mob with birdshot and pistol fire.

No injuries were reported. A 14-year-old youth was arrested.

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Bomb blows up its bearer

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — A 20-year-old man carrying an explosive device was killed instantly when it detonated at Riverview, near Hillcrest, yesterday.

The area — on the Hillcrest-Ngcolozi Reserve border — has been the scene of several violent incidents lately in which three other men have died and a policeman has been shot.

A police spokesman said the unidentified man was killed when the device exploded in his hands. Part of the man's body was blown away.

The spokesman said an unidentified 18-year-old man was injured in the blast.

The incident happened away from any built-up areas and there were no witnesses.

However, it was believed the injured man was operating with the dead man.

The man has been hospitalized and is under police guard.

The device is thought to have been a limpet mine, but this could not be confirmed yesterday.

The latest police unrest report said that three men were stabbed to death by a group at the Riverside shopping centre, in Riverview, this week.

In another violent incident at Riverview, a security branch policeman was shot and injured by an unidentified gunman 10 days ago.

CAPE TIMES 13/6/88

Groups kill 3 at weekend

PRETORIA. — The SAP reported three deaths in weekend unrest.

At Seerfontein in Natal, a man was killed in fighting between two groups, the weekend unrest report said.

At Lamontville, near Durban, a man was killed by a group.

At Maritzburg, a group stabbed a 16-year-old youth to death.

In other incidents of unrest, arson and stonings were reported.

At Mpulalanga, Natal, two private homes homes were extensively damaged by arsonists, and at Mpoyeni near Howick, arsonists extensively damaged a bus.

At KwaZekele, Port Elizabeth, a delivery van was extensively damaged by a petrol bomb. — Sapa

Boy stabbed to death in Maritzburg

Crime Reporter

Unrest claimed the lives of three people — including a 16-year-old boy — in Natal at the weekend, police said in their latest unrest report.

The boy was stabbed to death in Maritzburg.

A man was killed in Seerfontein after two groups clashed, while another was murdered by a mob in Lamontville near Durban.

At Mpumalanga near Maritzburg, two private homes were extensively damaged by arsonists, who also damaged a bus and delivery van.

Top Inkatha man faces murder charge

ULUNDI. — The central committee of Inkatha has suspended one of its leading members, Mr Thomas Mandla Shabalala, who appeared in the Ntuzuma magistrate's court on Friday in connection with charges of murder and attempted murder.

The move to suspend Mr Shabalala who had not been asked to plead in court, was initiated by the president of Inkatha, Dr Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

The committee also agreed to his proposal to recommend to the Inkatha general conference that the movement's constitution be amended to provide the central committee with an additional body to be known as the disciplinary investigative and advisory sub-committee.

"PROFITEERING"

Under this amendment, any of its members charged with a criminal act, of fraudulent behaviour or of "profiteering" would automatically be suspended from membership privileges pending a report by the disciplinary sub-committee.

Meanwhile, however, acting under its existing constitutional powers the central committee has suspended Mr Shabalala's privileges and duties as a central committee member. — Sapa.

EMERGENCY UPDATE

Special constable stabbed to death

The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — A special constable whose father is the deputy mayor of Imbali has been stabbed to death in the Maritzburg area.

Mr Dumisani Goodenough Awetha, 26, a bachelor, was attacked with knives after he was surrounded by a group of 15 youths.

PRETORIA. — Four men were killed in unrest-related incidents in Natal, the police public relations division reported today.

Three men were fatally wounded by unknown gunmen at St Wendolins near Pinetown.

At Kwadengezi, near Durban, a group stabbed a man to death and hurled a petrol bomb into his house. — Sapa.

3 injured, 4 held in weekend unrest

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Crime Reporter

Three people were injured in weekend unrest incidents which included petrol-bombings, stabbings and stone-throwing, police said.

Four people were arrested after the incidents.

A man was stabbed by a mob in Mpumuza, near Edenvale, Maritzburg. He was not seriously injured.

At Inanda near Durban, unknown gunmen fired a shot at a bus, wounding the driver in the stomach. He is in a satisfactory condition.

DRIVER HURT

Another driver was injured in Nyanga, Cape Town, after a petrol bomb was hurled at a private vehicle, causing extensive damage.

A motorist was slightly injured in New Brighton, Port Elizabeth, after his vehicle was extensively damaged when it was set alight.

In other incidents, two men were arrested at Spartan near Kempton Park, after workers were intimidated into not going to work.

At Imbali, near Maritzburg, a mob stoned a home. Two men were arrested.

Bus fired at, driver injured

PRETORIA. — A bus driver was injured when unidentified people fired a shot at a bus at Inanda, Durban police reported at the weekend.

The driver, who was wounded in the stomach, is reported to be in a satisfactory condition.

In the on-going unrest in Natal, extensive damage was caused to a vehicle after it was set alight by a petrol bomb at Hammarsdale.

In Mpumuza, near Edenvale, a man was stabbed with a knife.

A home at KwaNdendezi, near Pinetown, was extensively damaged after it was petrol-bombed.

The driver of a private vehicle was slightly injured when his vehicle was extensively damaged by a petrol bomb at Nyanga.

At New Brighton, Port Elizabeth, a private vehicle was set alight, slightly injuring the driver and extensively damaging the vehicle.

Woman killed, two youths hurt in attack

PRETORIA. — A woman was killed and two youths hurt in knife and panga attacks in Natal on Tuesday night, according to yesterday's police unrest report

Police said the woman, aged 54, who was not identified, was attacked and stabbed to death at kwaShange in the Sweetwaters area.

At Hammarsdale in Natal, a youth was wounded in an attack by a group who stabbed him. In another incident in the same area an 11-year-old boy was injured when he was attacked and struck with a panga.

At Mofolo, Soweto, police arrested 12 women who allegedly refused to disperse when warned they were gathering illegally.

At Atteridgeville near Pretoria, a youth was arrested after he allegedly stoned a security force vehicle. — Sapa

Woman killed

A WOMAN was killed and two youths injured in knife and panga attacks in Natal on Tuesday night in incidents of unrest, the SAP reported yesterday.

Police said in their regular unrest bulletin the woman — not identified but age given as 54 — was attacked and stabbed to death at KwaShange in the Sweetwaters area

Man shot in Maritzburg

PRETORIA. — A man was wounded in the ongoing unrest in the Maritzburg area when an unidentified gunman fired at a group of people in Sobantu.

In other incidents of unrest in Natal, a delivery vehicle was gutted at KwaMashu, and at KwaDengezi a group damaged a private vehicle and assaulted three men.

At Mapetla, Soweto, a house was extensively damaged when it was set alight by arsonists. — Sapa

Natal strife behind bans?

Cape Times 25/6/88

Political Staff

STRIFE between Inkatha and the UDF appears to lie behind the unusually high number of prohibited gatherings in Natal in the two weeks before Soweto Day on June 16.

A report tabled in Parliament yesterday by the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, in terms of the Internal Security Act, showed that of 65 gatherings prohibited in terms of the Act between June 4 and 16, all but one were in Natal and in recognized Inkatha or UDF areas of support.

Khayelitsha was the only exception.

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Man killed in Natal unrest

PRETORIA. — A man was killed and at least six people were injured in the on-going unrest in Natal at the weekend.

A group attacked and stoned a Klaarwater home, near Durban. The man was killed and a youth injured.

A man and woman received serious burns when a house at St Wendolin was petrol-bombed by a group.

The group later robbed a man of his motor vehicle and money, injuring him slightly. In two further incidents they stabbed a man and woman, injuring both. — Sapa

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Arms factory raided

DURBAN. — An illegal arms factory was discovered by police at Inanda outside Durban at the weekend. The discovery, by 476 police officers using 87 vehicles conducting raids throughout the Port Natal division, resulted in a total of 613 people being detained.

66 held after Natal clash

PRETORIA. — Police arrested 66 people — 45 men and 21 youths — after two groups clashed at Slangspruit near Maritzburg, said the police in their overnight unrest report.

During the fighting three men were injured and three houses were set alight, but the damage was "not too serious".

EMERGENCY UPDATE

Police used teargas to disperse the groups.

At Ashdown, near Maritzburg, a man was arrested after an incident in which a house was stoned by a group of people. — Sapa.

CAPE TIMES 29/6/88

Police arrest 66 after fighting

MARITZBURG. — Police arrested 66 people after fighting broke out between two groups in Slangspruit at the weekend.

During the fighting, which carried over to Monday, three men were injured and three houses set alight. Damage was "not too serious", a police report said. Police used teargas to disperse the groups.

The Rev Moses Ntshangase said a group of armed men had attacked people and burnt and looted homes. "Things became pretty frightening.

"What was more frightening is that a delegation of Slangspruit women had appealed to the police but despite that the attacks still took place."

● The chief of security police in Maritzburg, Brig Jac Buchner, told representatives of Maritzburg Chamber of Commerce yesterday that, despite isolated incidents of political violence in Maritzburg's townships, the trend was towards normality.

Brig Buchner toured the area at the Chamber's request. — Sapa

Cops stop fighting

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Sowetan

POLICE arrested 66 people — 45 men and 21 youths — after two groups clashed at Slangspruit near Maritzburg, the police directorate of public relations said yesterday in its report on unrest-related incidents.

During the fighting three men were injured and three houses were set alight. Damage was "not too serious," the report said. Police used tear-smoke to disperse the groups.

— Sapa

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Concern among clergy

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DURBAN KILLINGS MOUNT

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WITH 79 people killed in Durban townships so far this year in political violence, the churches should be prepared in the event of an escalation in the killing, a workship on clergy and unrest heard this week.

SOWETAN Correspondent

A steady build up in the number of people killed each month was noted — eight in April, 14 in May and 21 in June.

This pattern was similar to the build up in the Maritzburg violence which ultimately left more than 700 people dead in 18 months.

The workshop was organised by Diakonia to enable church leaders to understand the causes of the violence and to begin to work out our appropriate action.

Mr Peter Kerchhoff of Pacsa who has been closely involved in monitoring the Maritzburg violence and helping its victims, said people in the communities felt the police were taking sides in the fighting and so were asking what point there was in going to the police.

Pacsa has 1244 names of people who had been in detention.

Mr Kerchhoff said that in Maritzburg not all the deaths were being reported in the police unrest reports. At least 12 incidents had taken place in the past two months which were not reported, he said.

And he had death certificates to back up his point.

History

Father Tim Smith from the Catholic Church in Elandskop who saw the violence unfold in his area offered some practical advice to local clergy which he wished "someone had told me beforehand."

"Record everything that happens. Write down who was killed, their parents and the circumstances. Take affadavits. Photograph things. You are recording history. It is not being recorded by the police or the State.

"Get in touch with lawyers so you can put your people in touch with them day and night.

"Be prepared for refugees. Once people know you are on their side they will come to you. Find out where people can be hidden away from you; where people can be clothed and fed and educated. We have a major problem educating refugees communicate with the Press.

"Reach the truth. If you preach against the killing, the sloganeering, the violence and the aggression, they know where the church is. They appreciate that we need not kill each other because we have different ideas," Father Smith said.

'Pig's head' woman: bank seizes estate

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN — The estate of Mrs Yvonne Tina Malone, believed to be in Ireland after allegedly skipping bail on charges of putting pigs' heads outside a Durban synagogue and the Durban Jewish Club, was provisionally sequestrated in the Supreme Court, Durban yesterday.

Mr A M Kot, credit manager of Nedbank, said a R20 791 debt to the bank arose from Mrs Malone using an American Express Card issued to her by Nedbank. The card was revoked on June 24 this year.

Mr Kot said he had been told by the SAP that Mrs Malone had estreated her bail and was believed to be in the Republic of Ireland.

TRAVELLED EXTENSIVELY

Mr Kot said Mrs Malone left South Africa during May and travelled extensively using the American Express Card.

He said Mrs Malone was sole shareholder in Grabar Investments, which traded as Anstey's Steakhouse at Anstey's Beach.

He said the manageress, Mrs Patricia Bruce, told him that a Mr Cornish told her that he was buying the steakhouse from Mrs Malone and was depositing R50 000 in an account on June 30.

Mr Kot said that by arranging for R50 000 to be paid to her daughter and by arranging removal of furniture and household effects, Mrs Malone intended to prejudice her creditors.

Man killed in attack on house

PRETORIA. — A man was killed when a mob hurled petrol bombs and fired shots at a house near Durban.

Police said in their daily unrest bulletin that an occupant of the house in KwaDengezi, Durban, was shot in the neck and chest. The house was extensively damaged.

Another house in the area was also badly damaged in a petrol-bomb attack.

Petrol bombs were hurled at houses in Deda, near Taylor's Halt in Natal, and at Imbali in Maritzburg and vehicles in Paarl East, Paarl, and at Lingelihle near Cradock were extensively damaged after being set alight. — Sapa

tween Post Office officials and the union. He said Mr Mosunkutu had been "taken away for questioning by the security police".

Two injured in unrest

A man was stabbed and wounded in Mpumalanga township, near Hammarsdale in Natal, said police in the latest unrest report.

In the same township, another man was slightly injured and a house was damaged in a petrol-bomb attack.

Two injured in unrest

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Three hurt in unrest

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PRETORIA. — Two people were injured in incidents of unrest in Hammarsdale, Natal. Police reported yesterday that a man was injured when he was stabbed by a group. In another incident a man received slight burns when a house was petrol-bombed.

Murdered man had order to protect family

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The Argus Correspondent

MARITZBURG. — Mr Ernest Mandla Mthembu, 35, who died after being blasted with a shotgun at his home on Monday night, had obtained a Supreme Court temporary interdict restraining certain people from killing or assaulting him.

He was also a key witness in a Supreme Court case here.

Mr Mthembu, his father, Mr Johannes Mthembu, and three of his brothers, one of whom was also killed, were granted an urgent interdict restraining Mr Jerome Mncwabe, Mr Sichizo Zuma and Mr Thulani Ngcobo from killing or assaulting them.

A hearing set down for August 1 was to ascertain whether Mr Zuma was in contempt of the ruling restraining him from killing or assaulting members of the Mthembu family.

Killer blasts a key witness

MR MANDLA Mthembu (35), who was blasted with a shotgun at his Imbali, Maritzburg home after a crowd stoned his house on Monday night, was to have been a key witness in a Supreme Court case.

Although South African Police liaison officer Captain Pieter Kitching said at a Press conference on Tuesday that Mr Mthembu had died instantly, attorneys acting for his family said that he was still alive when taken to Edendale Hospital.

He gave the name of his alleged attacker to people.

Captain Kitching said yesterday that the original information given to him was incorrect and that Mr Mthembu had actually died later.

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Mr Mthembu, his father, Mr Johannes Mthembu, and three of his brothers, one of whom was later killed, applied for an urgent interdict restraining Mr Jerome Mncwabe, Mr Sichizo Zuma and Mr Thulani Ngcobo from killing on assaulting them.

Before the interdict could be heard Mr Zuma allegedly shot and critically wounded Mr Smallridge Mthembu and Mr Simon Mthembu

Mr Simon Mthembu died in hospital later.

A temporary restraining order against Mr Mncwabe, Mr Zuma and Mr Ngcobo was granted in the Supreme Court and a hearing set down for August 1.

The hearing was to ascertain whether Mr Zuma was in contempt of the ruling restraining him from killing or assaulting members of the Mthembu family.

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Clermont home, car bombed

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PRETORIA. — A private home and a vehicle at Clermont, Pinetown, were badly damaged when a group of people threw petrol bombs at them, the police said in their overnight unrest report yesterday.

At Dambuza, Edendale, near Maritzburg, a black man was slightly injured when a group of blacks stoned a bus. — Sapa

Cape Times 7/7/88

Key witness in Natal 'warlord' trial killed

MARITZBURG. — A key witness, who was to have given evidence in the Supreme Court here against an Inkatha member and alleged warlord, has been shot and killed at his Imbali home.

According to a police spokesman for Natal, Capt Pieter Kitching, Mr Ernest Mandla Mthembu, 35, was shot when a mob attacked his home on Monday night and began throwing stones. — Sapa

Inkatha member in court after man's death

MARITZBURG. — An Inkatha member, Mr Emmanuel Thulani Ngcobo, 28, arrested on Wednesday in connection with the killing of an Imbali man who was shot dead earlier this week, was granted bail of R500 yesterday when he made a second appearance in the Magistrate's Court here.

The slain man, Mr Ernest Mandla Mthembu, 35, was an applicant in a civil action in the Supreme Court in which he and other members of his family obtained a temporary restraining order against Mr Ngcobo and two other Inkatha members. The matter was set down for oral evidence next month.

In terms of the Supreme Court order, Mr Ngcobo, Mr Sichizo Zuma and Mr Jerome Mncwabe were interdicted from killing or assaulting five members of the Mthembu family.

Mr Ngcobo was granted R500 bail when he appeared before magistrate Mr F W Strydom, and he was ordered to report weekly to a Maritzburg police station.

The state did not oppose the bail application and recommended that bail be set at R500, on the instructions of the Attorney-General.

No charges were put to Mr Ngcobo and the trial was adjourned until August 4 for further investigation. — Sapa-Reuter

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2 die as Natal violence flares

JOHANNESBURG. — A man was stabbed to death and another died after an unknown gunman opened fire on a group of people in separate incidents of violence in Natal on Friday night, police said in their daily bulletin.

The gunman twice fired shots at a group of people in Mpumuza. In the first incident a man was shot dead and in the other two men were wounded.

The body of a man — who appeared to have been stabbed — was found at Hammarsdale.

Petrol bombs were hurled at houses in the Hammarsdale area, extensively damaging one house and slightly damaging another. — Sapa

Two killed in unrest in Natal townships

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Crime Reporter

Two men were killed and two injured in unrest-related violence in Natal townships at the weekend, police reported.

In Mpumuza, near Maritzburg, a man was killed and two were wounded when an unknown gunman fired shots at a group of people.

At Hammarsdale, the body of a man was found. He had apparently been stabbed to death.

Also in Mpumuza, two houses were damaged in a petrol-bomb attack. One was extensively damaged.

In Soweto, a house was badly damaged by a petrol bomb One man suffered slight injuries.

In Clermont, Durban, a group of blacks threw stones at a bus, causing some damage. No arrests or injuries were reported.

Police used dogs to disperse a crowd of pop fans outside Cape Town's Good Hope Centre after they were refused entry because the venue was full.

Nobody was injured, according to a police unrest report.

Soldiers tried to bury us — pupils

Two Durban pupils allege that soldiers forced them into open graves and tried to bury them alive.

The pupils' lawyer said the youths would lay criminal charges with the police and planned to sue the South African Defence Force in the civil courts.

A Defence Force spokesman said on Friday the army had set up a board of inquiry to investigate the alleged incident.

In a statement sworn before their lawyers on Friday, the pupils said uniformed troops in a van picked them up at gunpoint from a Durban street last Monday and took them to a freshly dug grave.

One pupil, Musa Cele, said the troops first assaulted him and forced him into the grave.

A soldier allegedly shovelled soil on him and when he tried to get out, jumped in and hit him until he collapsed.

The other, Paul Cele, said he was also forced into the hole and more soil was poured on to them.

The soldiers left and the two sought help.

They said several people witnessed the incident and this may have saved them from worse treatment.

Musa Cele is aged about 21 and Paul Cele, who is not a relative, is younger. The two are still at secondary school — Sapa-Reuter.

Policeman wounded

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A policeman was wounded and three others had to flee for their lives when they were attacked by a mob at Inanda (north of Durban) at the weekend.

A police spokesman said a team of policemen from the nearby Phoenix Riot Unit received information that a group of men had illegal firearms.

The policemen went to a shack where they saw five men, one of whom was armed with a homemade rifle. When he saw the police, the rifleman opened fire, injuring Constable G Joseph in the thigh. The other policemen fled.

Reinforcements were called and the men in the shack were arrested. Police took possession of a homemade rifle and ammunition. — Sapa.

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Many die as Natal violence soars again

July bloodiest month of year

By S'BU MNGADI

POLITICAL violence has again flared in Natal, with five deaths reported at the weekend making July the bloodiest month this year

According to police unrest reports, at least 25 people have died, overtaking the June figure of 19 deaths

The Progressive Federal Party's unrest monitoring and action group said 21 people died in townships around Durban and Hillcrest last month

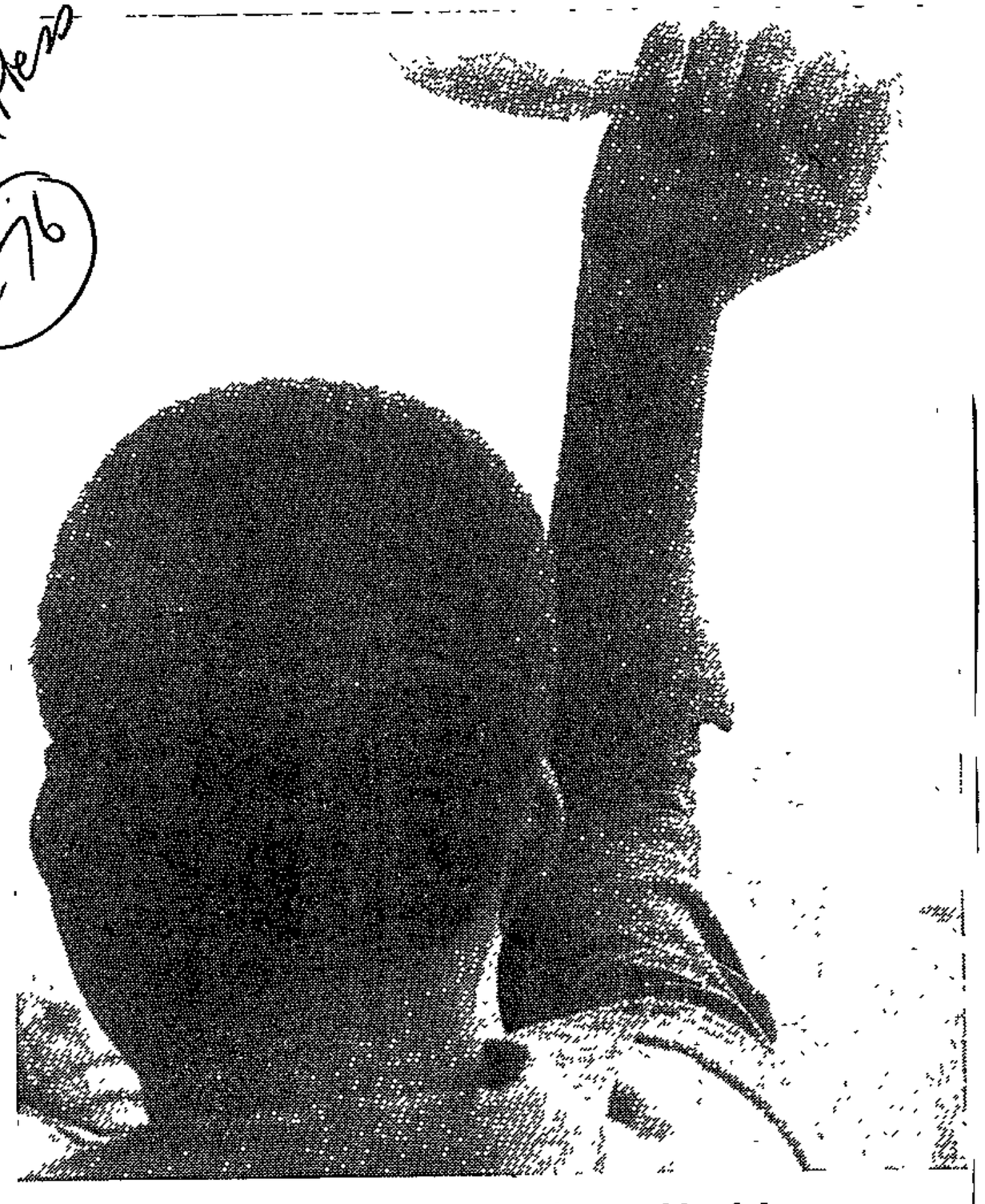
The upsurge is particularly marked in townships around Maritzburg, with 11 deaths in the last week. There were no fatalities reported until July 18, although the number of injuries – 32 – was spread evenly over the month

The rest of the deaths have been reported in townships throughout Natal, but are concentrated in the troubed Mpumalanga/Hammarsdale area and townships and villages around Pinetown and Hillcrest

In the latest incidents, a group stabbed a man to death in Sweetwaters and another man sustained serious stab wounds when he was attacked

Two men were killed and another wounded in separate incidents at Henley Dam, according to the police unrest report

A woman died and another was hurt when a group fired shots at a house in Mpumalanga, and the body of a man who was stabbed to death was found in Kwandengezi, Pinetown



Stabbings are a feature of the Natal township violence.

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Three die, six wounded in incidents of unrest

PRETORIA. — A bystander was killed and another wounded when a man opened fire on a security force vehicle in Nyanga, according to the police unrest report.

Security force members answered with pistol fire and tearsmoke, wounding and arresting a man.

According to police Mr P Xaba, 40, was shot to death in Emms Drive, at 2.30am on Saturday.

In another incident, two men were killed and five wounded when one group used a pistol in an attack on another group at Slangspruit, near Maritzburg.

At Edendale in Natal, a group of arsonists damaged a private dwelling and stoned a vehicle.

At Inanda, security forces found the body of a man with bullet wounds.

At Dysselsdorp in the SoUth-Western Districts, a group stoned security force vehicles, causing extensive damage. — Sapa

Mr Amichand Rajbansi

Gunman attacks Rajbansi's house

The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — A gunman in a moving car opened fire on the house of the chairman of the Ministers' Council in the House of Delegates, Mr Amichand Rajbansi.

Two police constables guarding the house in Arena Park, Chatsworth last night, dived for cover and the gunman, who had fired one shot, sped off before they could return fire.

Mr Rajbansi was not at home. His wife Asha was in the house with her five children and mother.

ATTEMPTED MURDER

This was the second attack on Mr Rajbansi's home. In August 1985 a hand grenade was thrown at his home, shattering windows. He was not injured.

Major Charl du Toit, SAP public relations officer for Port Natal, today confirmed the incident and said police had opened an attempted murder docket.

Mr Rajbansi said the incident did not bother him: "Everything possible was done to drop me politically — except the bullet."

Police shoot man in Natal unrest

PRETORIA. — Police shot a man dead and found the bodies of two others in unrest-related incidents in Natal.

In their regular unrest bulletin on incidents countrywide, police yesterday said they "fatally wounded" a man after an incident in KwaMashu near Durban during which two men allegedly intimidated a woman.

The men fled when police arrived and one fired a shotgun at police. Police returned fire, killing the man.

At Hammersdale in Natal, police found the burned and stabbed body of a man after arsonists set fire to a private house.

At Mpumuza, also in Natal, police found the body of a man who "appeared to have been shot".

Two handgrenades were hurled at a Sofasonke Party meeting in White City, Soweto, at 11am on Sunday. No one was injured.

This is the second time there has been an attack at a Sofasonke Party meeting in less than two months. Two people were killed and several injured when gunmen attacked the crowd with handgrenades and AK-47 rifles at a meeting in Orlando West on May 22. — Sapa

EMERGENCY UPDATE

UWC students 'stoned' vehicles

PRETORIA. — Students at the University of the Western Cape who were "understood to have gathered to celebrate the birthday of Mr Nelson Mandela" stoned vehicles, damaging two, according to the overnight police unrest report.

The report also said that at Kwandengezi near Pinetown police found the body of a male. He appeared to have been stabbed to death, while at Mokweni reserve near Hillcrest in Natal the body of a man, who had apparently been shot, was found. — Sapa.

Press curbs

In terms of the emergency regulations it is not permitted to indicate in which way news reports, pictures and comment may have been restricted.

Probe into cops role in UDF-Inkatha war

Report culprits, victims urged

DURBAN — People are being urged to report the culprits in community killings to enable the law to take its course."

Mr Roy Ainslie, of the PFP Unrest Monitoring Action Group, says this is the only way escalating political killings in Greater Durban's black townships are going to be stopped from reaching the levels of Mantzburg violence

UMAG has been spearheading the campaign to monitor violence in Durban and Hillcrest townships for more than two years

Ainslie says "Things have changed very drastically recently Two years ago people would make affidavits and sign sworn statements which greatly assisted in convicting perpetrators of violence

"Now people don't want to report killings let alone make official charges"

He sees a direct connection between this factor and the recent upsurge in violence.

UMAG monitors townships like Umlazi, KwaMashu, Ntuzuma, Inanda St Wendolins, Shongweni and KwaNdengezi.

It has found that killings have risen from one in January to 21 in June

UMAG was aware of several material factors which made people reluctant to come forward and identify culprits A major factor was the apparent apathy of the SAP and the ZP (KwaZulu Police) in responding to serious allegations and charges made by township people

Ainslie says "This leads to the perception on the part of people that it is fruitless going to lay charges and sign affidavits since nothing ever comes of those actions"

One exception was the rapid response of the ZP to the death of a 16-year old student at Gugulabasha High School and the arrest of Mr Mandla Shabalala, a member of the KwaZulu cabinet.

But the general slowness of the authorities also meant people "have no respect for legal avenues and in many cases they resort to other methods such as taking the law into their own hands"

Ainslee believes that the recent clampdown on the UDF and the constant surveillance, harassment and banning of its leadership were also contributing to the escalating violence

An overt commitment on the part of the leaders of the two groups to ending the killings would take away the "fear of the consequences" aspect of reporting incidents of violence.

DURBAN. — The township of KwaMakhutha 35 kilometres south of here is another area to become embroiled in the battle for political supremacy between Inkatha supporters and anti-apartheid activists

According to residents and a lawyer representing several victims, KwaZulu police have allegedly taken sides to finish off "the coolie-sponsored UDF comrades"

The lawyer, Ms Linda Zama, has submitted a lengthy telexed message to the Chief Minister of the KwaZulu government, Dr Mangosuthu Buthelezi, about the situation in the township Zama has received a response from the Chief Minister, who is also Minister of Police, saying "the matter is receiving my urgent attention"

KwaMakhutha is bounded by sprawling Umlazi township, the Indian area of Isipingo and the white area of Amanzimtoti

It first hit the headlines early last year when 13 people, including eight children, were massacred by unknown gunmen

In hiding

It was alleged that the gunmen had planned to kill Victor Ntuli, executive member of KwaMakhutha Youth League, but he was in hiding at the time

Ntuli's father, Willie, and three sisters were among the 13 people killed

The massacre shocked the South African community and the world at large but as far as is known the assassins have not yet been brought to justice. The massacre led to a fragile peace in the township with most of the known UDF members and supporters and members of the youth league fleeing the township to seek refuge elsewhere.

Residents say the township has once again become embroiled in an "intercine war" that has reduced the area to a "hell-hole" for most people.

Pensioners Laurence Mpungose, 64, and his wife, Miriam, have had all their furniture destroyed and windows damaged during a recent petrol-bomb attack They are now using boards and logs to block their windows.

Shortly before the attack, Mpungose's 24-year-old son, Mduduzi, was murdered by vigilantes because he was an alleged "comrade"

A bewildered Mpungose, who claims he was a member of Inkatha, said he could not understand why his family was being harassed as they had nothing to do with "comrades"

A tearful Miriam said "We are going through hell because another of my sons, Ndoda, is also an alleged comrade This is just too much for us to take"

Another resident, Mr Mzomjani Ndlovu, 54, said his house was also petrol-bombed because one of his sons was a "comrade"

He said "The attack took place in spite of my being an Inkatha member and in spite of 17 people being in the house at the time

"I was told that my house was burnt because there was something 'smelling' about me Following the attack I have reconsidered my membership of Inkatha."

He said racism was rife among the vigilantes, explaining "Now these people are saying I am using Indian money to repair my house Whatever we do they say we are using coolie money"

Another victim is 65-year-old Mrs Christina Mkhuzi whose house was attacked and television and hi-fi sets stolen

"I don't know anything about the political troubles between Inkatha and the UDF yet I am being attacked," she said

"I don't even know whether it's the comrades or Inkatha who are doing this dirty thing to me

"Some people say I am being attacked because my nephews are comrades"

Mrs Thengani Ndlu, 40, said her house was recently attacked by about 60 people She and three others were shot.

"The people who attacked my house are well known members of a local political organisation but the police have done nothing to arrest them, she claimed

"These people say we are using coolie money and that we should stay away from the UDF because it is for coolies"

A young victim of the campaign to rid the township of UDF sympathisers and members is 18-year-old Mdumseni Ndlovu He lost the sight of an eye after he was attacked by vigilantes He was injured when his house was also attacked "I have been forced to stay out of school while I receive treatment," he said

Another youngster, who declined to disclose his name, showed me a scar on his face He said he was stabbed 14 times by vigilantes because they claimed his face was "too handsome"

"They claimed that I was a comrade", he said

In her telex message to Chief Buthelezi, Zama said she had received no co-operation whatsoever in her efforts to assist clients who had been arrested.

Instead of courtesy and co-operation she had witnessed incidents of some people being abused and mishandled and racist remarks against the Indian community

She recounted this experience at the police station on June 30 "I was made to sit and wait for Warrant Officer Dlomo, who, I was told, was out at that moment As I waited in the charge office the following remarks were made by some members of the force in my presence

• "We are tired of KwaMakhutha

Food and clothing

• "These UDF things are sent by coolies to burn Inkatha people's homes They get paid for every house they burn

• "We don't know why parents even want to give these things food and clothing when they are arrested You see them coming here wearing their high-heeled shoes bringing food.

• "Whenever a house has been burnt you see a coolie here Even today you will see a coolie

• "I am waiting for my R1 It is good because I now know these UDF guys I want to shoot at least 10 even if they have not done anything"

Zama said "With respect, I protested again I said talk like that coming from the police does not sound right It is even worse when I listen to this talk as a member of the public and a lawyer

"The police said they were just talking and they had not shot any boys"

Zama concluded her telex by saying "This report is filed after a series of attempts have been made to make police understand that they do not have exclusive rights, that even criminals still have rights

"The answer I received is that I cannot teach them their work.

"I respectfully submit that this is an appeal for protection not for lawyers but for all members of the public against such handling and attacks"

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Dr Mangosuthu Buthelezi
Looking into the matter

Vision 88 delegates stoned

DURBAN. — A bus carrying delegates from the Vision 88 conference was stoned four times in a township.

"Some of the stones were big and on two occasions large rocks smashed against the windows. They could have been devastating," said Dr Melvin Remba, an American speaker at the conference which has been organized by the South African Optometric Association.

"It certainly was a rude awakening to what happens when whites travel through a black township," he said.

The incident occurred about 8.30pm on Monday when 10 buses with about 450 people on board were on their way to a function at the Umgeni power station.

Six of the vehicles got lost in Clermont township.

"We were at the back of the convoy and were the only ones stoned," Dr Remba said.

"As we passed through the township, we saw a lot of people watching the procession." — Sapa

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15 pupils shot in clash with police

The day Mpumuza residents took on an Ashdown township school, 15 pupils were shot by kitskonstabels.
By THANDEKA GQUBULE

FIFTEEN pupils of Siyahlomula High School in Pietermaritzburg's Ashdown township suffered birdshot wounds after a pitched battle with "a truckload of *kitskonstabels*" on Wednesday.

According to eyewitnesses, the drama began when residents of nearby Mpumuza township "disrupted the normal running of the school" on Monday this week, causing it to be closed at 10am.

The school principal summoned the *kitskonstabels* to protect the school. Their arrival on Tuesday prompted clashes with the pupils, according to witnesses. The students apparently objected to the presence of *kitskonstabels*, claiming they were members of Inkatha.

Pupils demanded the *kitskonstabels* keep out of Ashdown, remaining on the border of Mpumuza. The principal refused.

Violence erupted on Wednesday, at approximately 10.30am, after a *kitskonstabel* reportedly punched one of the students. Students responded by chanting slogans and picking up bricks and stones. They were then fired upon, and 15 were injured.

Fifteen minutes later, South African Police arrived at the school to restore order. The school was closed.

The injured students were admitted to Edendale hospital and later discharged.

The following morning, 300 Ashdown women gathered outside the local office of the Progressive Federal Party. According to the women, who stayed away from work yesterday, they wanted the PFP to intervene to put a stop to violence in the area.

According to PFP regional director, Radley Keys, the delegation demanded the removal of the *kitskonstabels* from Ashdown.

They also insisted police act against "those in Mpumuza responsible" for the incident, and that the SAP should be positioned on the border dividing Mpumuza and Ashdown.

House-to-house searches should be conducted in both townships, the women said. They alleged a forest near Siyahlomula was used as a base for attacks on Ashdown and asked that it be removed.

Senior members of the SAP addressed the women outside the PFP offices and asked that no political parties involve themselves in the discussions. PFP representatives excused themselves from the meeting.

●Asked to comment on the incident, the SAP liaison department referred the *Weekly Mail* to yesterday morning's unrest report. The report stated: "A group of blacks stoned security force members, injuring one of them. The members fired shotgun rounds to disperse the group. Ten black females and males sustained minor injuries."

Pangas, spears and guns ... it's war once again in Natal

As night falls, the war begins. The youth of Ashdown and the older men of Mpumuza battle it out with pangas and homemade guns.
THANDEKA GQUBULE reports from Pietermaritzburg

THE lull in Pietermaritzburg's township violence is over. Ashdown and Mpumuza are at war again.

In the last week, shoot-outs claimed two lives on the road dividing the townships. And at an Ashdown school 15 pupils were injured when *kitskonstabels* clashed with students.

The *kitskonstabels* had been called in to stop invasions from the neighbouring township of Mpumuza

The conflict, termed a war by local residents, is being waged on a steep, dusty road across a small valley which divides the townships 10km south-west of the city. The warring parties, numbering 50 to 100 on each side at a time, face off on opposite hillsides. The *Amaqabane* (comrades), a term used to describe supporters of the United Democratic Front, have Ashdown as home base, while Mpumuza is reportedly the territory of Inkatha supporters.

Neither Inkatha nor the UDF seems to have any formal control over the war, which appears to be more territorial than political.

Battles are fought at night with pangas, spears, stones and *qwashas* (homemade guns). The *qwashas*, which derive their name from the sound they make when fired, are said to be manufactured on the Mpumuza side of the border. The bullets are recycled security force ammunition

Amaqabane, who claim their youth gives them an advantage over the older men from Mpumuza, said they had captured *qwashas* from Inkatha supporters.

At the home of Ntuthuko, 11, and Siya Zondi, 17, conversation shifts from the family peach trees to battle strategies and stories.

Siya bears the scars of the attack that came from Mpumuza on July 14 at Ashdown's Siyahlomula High School: two birdshot wounds in his neck and back. His older brother, Dumisani, was brain-damaged during an Inkatha attack on Ashdown in November.

The Zondis have not been involved in the war since February because the fighting has been concentrated on the northern border, some distance from their home

But they had other battle tales to tell. "In November last year we did not sleep. We used to camp together and guard ourselves from these people.

"Police detained many students who were in the camps. These students did not write exams at the end of last year. And now they are repeating classes."

A jumbled chronology of events was presented by the boys. "Ashdown township was captured by the UDF from Inkatha at the 'Battle of Ulundi' (November 3 1987). Before that Inkatha members were dominant .

"They used to beat people up and kill them. They used to burn people's houses down. We had to protect ourselves, we had to chase them away.

"It all began in November when Inkatha members wanted to kill a boy called Wawa, alias Martin Banda. They wanted to kill him in broad daylight. So we got together all the boys in the township, to protect him.

"One day they attacked. They came in three groups from the north, east and west. We came from the south.

"We were at a disadvantage because Inkatha came from all directions. But we made sure we got rid of those ahead of us as they approached."

This is how the *Amaqabane* secured their victory in the "Battle of Ulundi", according to Siya.

Progressive Federal Party regional director, Radley Keys, gave a similar account of the "Battle of Ulundi".

"Ashdown was an Inkatha area in 1986. This was due to an intensive membership drive. In November 1987, after heavy fighting, Ashdown came under the control of the UDF. Inkatha members fled and sought refuge in the surrounding townships — Edendale, Sobantu and as far afield as Mpophomeni in Howick."

Like Keys, the Zondi brothers said the current conflict can be attributed to attempts by Ashdown refugees (Inkatha) to return to the township.

The *Amaqabane* guarding the border between the townships also said Inkatha refugees had tried to return on January 31 this year. After a prayer meeting in Mpumuza, Inkatha supporters came into Ashdown armed and geared for a "coup". But Inkatha members were unable to secure their return, the *Amaqabane* said.

The two townships are strikingly different. Mpumuza is largely rural: mud huts with large plots used to raise livestock and grow 'mealies. Ashdown is a typical urban township with matchbox houses packed together tightly.

Since Mpumuza's UDF-supporting refugees moved to Ashdown, the cows and goats scratch themselves against the concrete homes.

When I crossed the border to talk to the South African Police who have been deployed to maintain order in the area, students shouted from the school fence. "Hey, nobody walks there. Be careful."

Unit Eight of the South African Police, positioned in a mud house near the road, would not comment when approached about the conflict.

The chief of the Mpumuza area, Ntsikayezwe Zondi, referred the *Weekly Mail* to the local urban representative but also said the problem could be solved if kwaZulu Police had responsibility for the area "Everything is quiet now, although there have been a number of incidents in the past week," he said. However, he did not expect any more trouble.

According to PFP records, a delegation of 107 Ashdown women went to the PFP offices and charged that the SAP were siding with Inkatha against the Ashdown community.

A petition saying the police were supporting Inkatha was drawn up and submitted to the minister of law and order, the divisional commissioner and the head of the security police.

Later, another delegation of eight women alleged that police had arrested about 350 males between the ages of 15 and 35. The men, all from Ashdown, were allegedly assaulted and taken to Halfway House Police Station in Pietermaritzburg.

On Thursday last week, after the shooting at Siyahlomula High School, 300 Ashdown women sought help from the PFP.

A spokesman for the SAP division of public relations in Pretoria said yesterday that "things were quiet down there.

"Nothing has been reported from that area," he said.

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Hundreds flee Natal village

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — Hundreds of people are fleeing the trouble-gripped Molweni village, near Hillcrest, as violence continues to haunt the area after the closure of three schools.

The village, 40km from Pinetown, is fast becoming a "ghost town" as the area becomes engulfed in faction fighting.

A staff member at Ingqungqulu High School said three schools were closed on Thursday after pupils fearing for their lives refused to go to school.

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in a Zuurbekom plantation in December 1986.

++ EMERGENCY UPDATE ++

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At Sweetwaters, Natal, a group stabbed a man to death.

In the same area a man received serious stab wounds when he was attacked by a group.

Two men were killed and another man was wounded in separate incidents at Henley dam, Natal, when groups attacked them with pangas.

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Families flee from fighting

HARROWING reports of suffering by refugees are beginning to emerge from Molweni on the banks of the Umgeni River outside Hillcrest, near Durban, as people try to escape the political violence.

Several white families living on the borders of Molweni last night spoke of the black families to whom they had given sanctuary after they had fled, fearing for their lives and taking just what they could carry.

With both groups scared of sparking attacks in white areas and worried that the authorities would kick out the refugees, they asked not to be named.

At this stage the number of refugees ran into hundreds, but would rise, the white good Samaritans said, because the Molweni people felt the trouble could continue for years.

This was a refugee crisis, Mr Roy Ainslie, PFP regional director, said. He had been monitoring Molweni over the past few months.

Mr Ainslie was heartened by the fact that whites opened their hearts and homes to assist refugees.

But they could be overwhelmed by the sheer weight of numbers, he warned, so the refugees problem demanded attention from the central government: "The Government needs to recognise it has an internal refugee problem."

Six killed in Natal unrest

PRETORIA. — At least six people died in incidents of unrest in Natal at the weekend.

The police unrest report said a man was stabbed to death at Sweet Waters when a group attacked a private house.

Police killed two men after they were fired at on Friday at Neamalala in Zululand while investigating the discovery of the bodies of two men who appeared to have been stabbed to death.

Police returned the fire, killing two men. Fourteen men were arrested.

At Kwandegezi, near Pinetown, a member of the security force was wounded by an unknown gunman who fired a shot at the police. His condition is not known.

At Mbimbali in Natal, police found the body of a man who had been stabbed to death.

In Soweto, Johannesburg, handgrenades were hurled at three house, but nobody was injured.

Eight killed in wave of violence

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Eight people were killed, six wounded and 24 arrested in a spate of violence in various parts of the country at the weekend.

In addition, three grenades were hurled at three private houses in Soweto but nobody was injured, according to a weekend police report.

Two men were shot dead by police who had returned their fire while probing the murder of two men in the Neamalala area, Zululand. The shooting happened after a mob stoned a bus. In the same area, police found the bodies of two men but were shot at during their investigation.

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At Guguletu, Cape Town, two men were hacked to death when a mob attacked a funeral processsion with pangas.

At Sweetwaters near Maritzburg, a mob attacked a private dwelling and stabbed a man to death

Also in Natal, an unknown gunman shot and wounded a member of the security forces in Pinetown's kwaDengezi township. At Edendale, near Maritzburg, a man was arrested after stoning a security force vehicle.

A man was seriously wounded and five were arrested after a clash between rival taxi organisations in Orlando, Soweto. A mob burnt a private vehicle and a private house was damaged by arsonists in the same township.

At Nhanhlakahle, near Greytown, an unknown gunman fired a shot at a private house and wounded a man. In Maritzburg's Vredeville township, a man was stabbed after a mob set a house alight. — Crime Reporter

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Five killed in Natal unrest

Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG. — Five people were killed and three others injured in Natal township unrest on Sunday, police said yesterday.

Two men were killed in two separate incidents at Henley Dam when they were attacked by groups armed with pangas. One man was injured.

At Sweetwaters a group stabbed a man to death.

A woman was fatally wounded and another injured when a group fired shots at a house at Mpumalanga.

At KwaNdengezi (Pinetown), a man was stabbed to death.

A youth was arrested near Maritzburg after setting a house alight.

FIVE KILLED IN NATAL

FOUR men were stabbed to death and a woman was shot dead in unrest, police said. Sowetan 26/7/88

A woman died and another woman was hurt when a group fired shots at a house in Mpumalanga, Natal, the unrest report from the Police Public Relations Division, Pretoria, said.

At Sweetwaters, Natal, a group stabbed a man to death. In another incident in the same area, a man sustained serious stab wounds when he was attacked by a group. (2)

Two men were killed and another man was wounded in separate incidents at Henley Dam, Natal, when groups armed with pangas attacked them.

Man beaten to death with spade

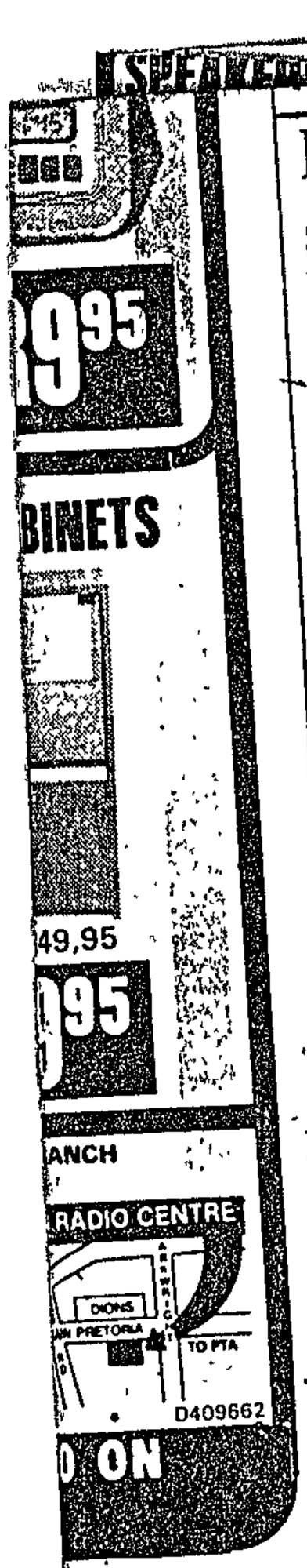
PRETORIA. — Three people died in unrest around the country, including one man who was beaten to death with a spade, the daily unrest report issued by the police public relations division here said yesterday.

An unnamed man and a woman were attacked at Sobantu in Natal by a group of people. The woman was injured in the spade attack but the extent of her injuries are unknown.

The body of a man stabbed to death was found at Deda near Maritzburg.

Another man was stabbed to death at Gezabuza, also near Maritzburg.

Two people were injured in a stabbing incident at Mpumuza in Natal. — Sapa



Molweni schools are to reopen

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Education — one of the casualities of the turmoil in Molweni valley near Hillcrest (between Durban and Maritzburg) — is due to resume again today when the only high school in the area reopens after fighting forced it to close.

The chief of the Bathembus, Chief Jerome Mthembu, said yesterday that Ingqungqulu High School would open today.

He said after discussions between himself, Chief Bhengu of the Ngcolosi tribe and the police, it was decided that schooling should continue.

After an official one-month holiday, pupils were due back to school on July 12, but then fighting raged in Molweni and transport was not available and they were forced to stay home, the chief said.

SOWETAN, Friday, July 29, 1988

COMRADES BATTLE WITH COMTSOTSIS

Sowetan 29/7/88

FIGHTING between "comrades" and a group of "comtsotsis" — gangsters masquerading as political activists — led to the death of a man in KwaDengezi (near Shongweni, between Durban and Maritzburg) at the weekend, the PFP's unrest monitoring committee reported yesterday.

A spokesman for the monitoring committee said a criminal element was trying to take over the comrades movement in the township.

This led to a fight on Sunday and Mr Silas Msomi was attacked and killed by a large group of comtsotsis in the street near his home, the spokesman said.

Meanwhile, the death toll from political violence in St Wendolin's (near Pinetown) has risen to at least 11, the spokesman said.

A 15-year-old youth, Matthews Makhanya was stabbed to death on Tuesday night. The committee was told by its sources in the community that he was in a group of comrades who attacked a St Wendolin's home.

Several shacks were firebombed on Wednesday morning, the PFP said: "The township is very tense with a large security force presence."

Many Gezubuso, Maritzburg, residents are fleeing strife-torn greater Edendale Valley following days of fierce fighting.

Community sources said that on Tuesday evening groups of people carrying rags and possessions left home.

Many of the residents are sheltering in other areas of the valley while some including a number of youths, are believed to have fled to Maritzburg.

Man is killed in street

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Exodus from Gezubuso

THIS week hundreds of people fled the Gezubuso area of war-torn Pietermaritzburg following days of fierce fighting in which at least three people were killed

The exodus of people from the area began on Tuesday evening when fighting in the area intensified Violence broke out after a meeting of Inkatha supporters called by Inkatha Chief Shayabantu Zondi Residents sought refuge in other parts of the Edendale valley

Gezubuso residents claim Zondi has called another meeting for Sunday

Inkatha officials said they were unprepared to comment on the events at Gezubuso, citing their preoccupation with the Zulu King Zwelithini's fourth wedding last weekend

Political violence is erupting again in the valley where many of Pietermaritzburg's troubled townships are situated It remains unclear to what extent the violence is orchestrated by either Inkatha or the United Democratic Front

This week, according to the South African Police unrest report, at Sweet-waters, northwest of Pietermaritzburg, a group stabbed one man to death and seriously wounded another.

Two men were wounded in separate incidents at Henley Dam west of Pietermaritzburg when groups armed with pangas attacked them In the Noshezi area outside the city a man was arrested after setting a house on fire The unrest report said three people died "in unrest-related incidents" in the same area

Last night two women were dragged from a house at Georgetown, the deepest part of the Edendale valley, and hacked to death with pangas According to the *Natal Witness*, residents have reported other deaths in this area

Mpumalanga, Kwa Ndengezi and Dassenhook in Pinetown have all been affected by political violence this week

Attempts to determine the extent of control that political organisations wield over the war yield a maze of perspectives

Hundreds flee Maritzburg after days of fierce battle

As the Natal violence escalates once more, the question is: are the two sides, Inkatha and the UDF, actually in control of their ostensible members in the war-torn areas? Several experts say no, reports THANDEKA GQUBULE

Flashback on Natal violence: 'indications that the conflict is getting bigger'

Picture: BILLY PADDOCK

"The war is deeper than what meets the eye," said Musa Zondi, chairman of the Inkatha Youth Brigade and member of Inkatha Central Committee

Asked to comment on the recent upsurge of violence in the Pietermaritzburg area, Zondi said, "It's pathetic, but what can I do about it when even Archie Gumede (now-restricted president of the UDF) admitted he could not control the situation? The African National Congress does not want peace in the area — that is the problem I do not see the war ending soon

"When in 1979 Inkatha met the ANC at a consultative conference in London and failed to agree to differ, we knew then that a Pietermaritzburg situation was to follow From the arrogance displayed by the ANC at that meeting the only logical conclusion was Pietermaritzburg."

John Aitchison, head of the Centre for Adult Education at the University of Natal and involved in compiling statistics on local violence, described recent events as part of an Inkatha drive "to consolidate its military presence in the area.

"In 1987 Inkatha lost supremacy in areas like Ashdown," Aitchison said. "Inkatha is steadily trying to regain some of the areas They are not winning hearts and minds though

"The battle is political but it is expressed in a territorial way Some areas are considered UDF and some Inkatha "

Yunis Karim, an executive member of the Natal Indian Congress — a UDF affiliate — who insisted he was speaking as a sociologist of the University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg, said chronic unemployment and a housing shortage in Pietermaritzburg contributed greatly to the crisis in the city and its township

"These material interests of the people need to be addressed," he said.

Asked to comment on the perspectives of the two academics, Zondi said, "I am not eager to comment on conclusions of academics, particularly those from the University of Natal because they are party to perpetrating the war in Pietermaritzburg They just want to find a wrong party I do not care about these so-called research institutions "

Statistics released by the Centre for Adult Education at the University of Natal reveal the following pattern

The number of people who died in January was as high as 160, while in February, after the banning of 17 organisations, the number decreased to about 14 people The figure rose to 19 in April, then to 26 in May and down to 23 in June

"But there are indications that the conflict is slowly getting bigger," said Aitchison

It may be escalating in spite of restricted leadership

"UDF leadership is either in detention, confined or restricted," Karrim said He said this reduced vital political space needed by the UDF to root itself further "among the people" and exercise control over its membership "The State of Emergency is to be blamed for this," he added

"Mass meetings, house visits, regular reports back and discussion are in these circumstances ruled out," resulting in a loss of control and discipline, he said

Karim believes there should be "space in which free political competition" could be waged Karrim said he suspected the recent revival in violence in the area could be attributed to Inkatha's attempt to re-consolidate itself before the October municipal elections

Zondi said Inkatha believes in non-violence, whether against the central government or any other party

"But we can not take away from our membership the inalienable right to self defence," he added

Asked whether the many court interdicts served against Inkatha leaders since 1987 were an indication of self-defence exercised by the supporters of his movement, Zondi said "Those interdicts are used by our opponents as a strategy to score points Interdicts ask the court to intervene in an alleged situation which has not been proved But if you are talking about sentences, then we can talk."

Of violence in particular localities, Zondi said "It is humanly impossible to be at every locality when a battle erupts the leadership otherwise has immense influence over the entire movement.

"But if the local leadership decides to go to battle," he qualified, "I would not have any leverage We can only follow from behind You must understand that when people go to war, they do not play games They fight and blood is spilled

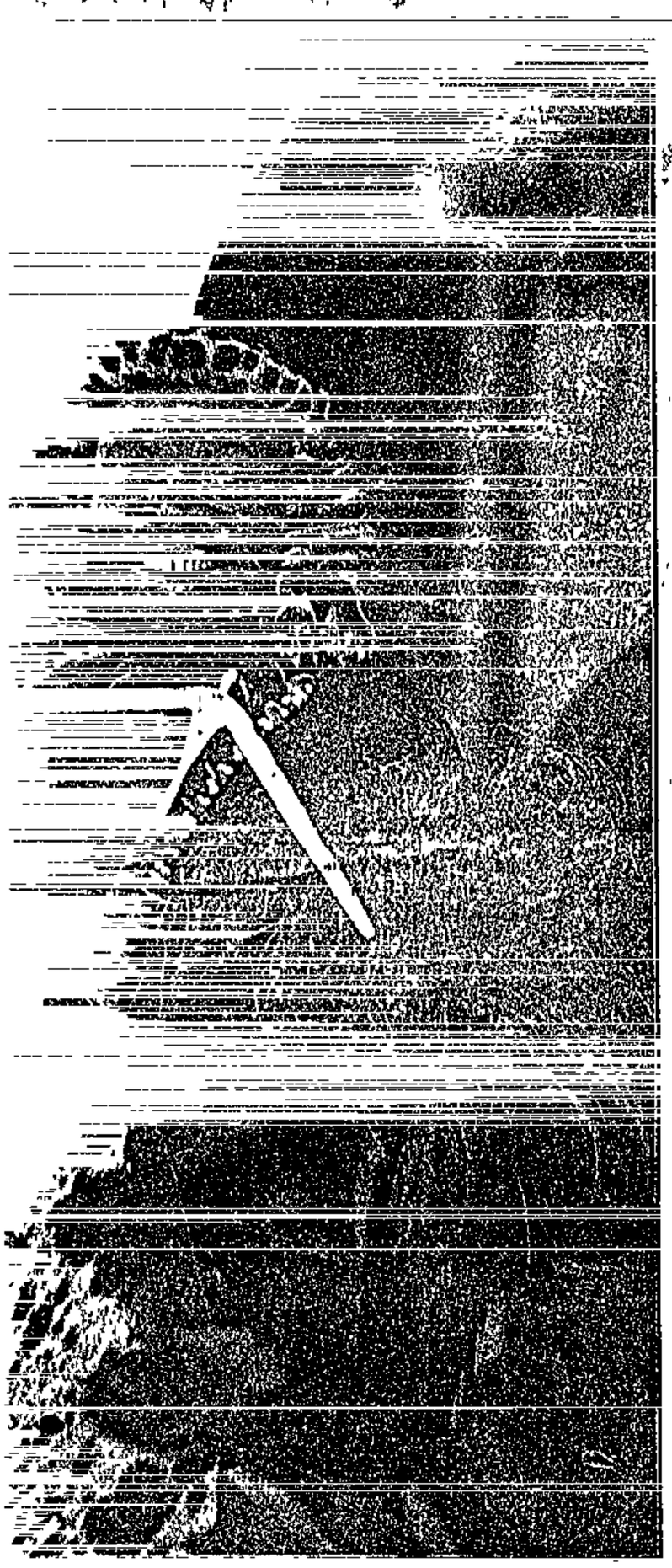
"It is like Iran and Iraq," he added "Well, internationally it is understood that war is undesirable and by going to war they are breaking international law But both sides have the right to defend themselves."

Karrim continued to plead for political space "It is only in a climate of political awareness that people can be organised and disciplined "

"I do not think the comrades are ignorant," Aitchison said "I think they have a localised, yet unsophisticated, understanding" of the UDF and the war in Pietermaritzburg

"With Inkatha I suspect this is less so "

MEN HELD AFTER WARLORD 'LORD' KILLINGS



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TWO Pinetown security policemen are being held in connection with the recent spate of "political killings" in St Wendolins.

News of their arrest has heightened suspicions that certain members of the SAP were in collusion with notorious "warlords" and masked hit-squads in the Natal political violence.

Years of unity in St Wendolins, formerly a Catholic mission outside Pinetown, were shattered at the beginning of the year when political violence, reminiscent of other war-torn Natal townships, broke out between Inkatha and UDF factions

Investigations by monitoring groups then revealed the violence was being peretrated by a "third force" whose killers operated behind balaclavas.

A warrant officer at the Pinetown police station, leading the investigating team, confirmed they were holding two policemen and other people as investigations into the St Wendolins violence continued

One is said to be a Klaarwater security policeman

The investigating team have pieced together leads that are bound to shock when the matter eventually comes before court

Matters apparently came to a head when a notorious St Wendolins "warlord" was arrested following the fatal stabbing of Constance Letlaka – intervening on behalf of a resident who was being attacked by vigilantes

The arrested man reportedly admitted who his handlers were and they were immediately arrested. Firearms and ammunition were also seized.

According to Roy Ainsle, regional director of the PFF and head of the unrest monitoring and action group, 11 people have been killed in the area since January this year – the latest being a 15-year-old member of the St Wendolins Youth Organisation who was killed on Tuesday night

Most of the recorded victims were shot Others were stabbed and hacked to death Damage estimated at thousands of rands was caused through destruction of property.

Among those shot dead were Jabulani Luthuli, Henry Malinga, Nsizwane Madlala, Mfana Mqadi, Nduku Nhlangulela and Matthews Makhanya

According to eyewitnesses, Mathews Makhanya was walking with two friends at Kwabhengu at about 9pm on Tuesday when accosted by three or four men who shot and stabbed him to death Some of the attackers have been identified.

Makhanya was apparently a witness in some of the attacks and his killing has scared other potential witnesses into going underground in fear for their lives

Media registration to be reconsidered

By S'BU MNGADI

THE government has decided to temporarily suspend the emergency regulation which required news agency operators to register with the Department of Home Affairs, Home Affairs Minister Stoffel Botha said in Pretoria yesterday, reports Sapa

He said in a statement this decision had been taken because of practical considerations and pending further investigation

The principle of the problem addressed in Regulation 11 (which requires news agency operators to register) remained a matter for concern, he said

Botha's announcement that the regulation was being suspended means that journalists who were obliged to register before July 31 – or face a 10-year jail term – do not have to do so for the time being

Botha said he and his legal advisers considered various representations on the matter

The Minister's announcement comes just days before the registration was supposed to have been effected

It also comes in the wake of moves to challenge the legal validity of the regulations in the Natal Supreme Court, reports S'BU MNGADI

Durban journalists held a midweek meeting to protest against the regulations

The meeting, convened by the Association of Democratic Journalists, the Media Workers Association of SA and the SA Society of Journalists, at Durban's Ecumenical Centre, endorsed the "Save the Press" campaign statement

In it Transvaal ADJ president Cecil Sols said the media regulations introduced in June – particularly the requirement that many journalists register with the government – represented a massive intrusion on the right of people to be accurately informed

"By requiring that journalists obtain a licence to practice, and by holding out the threat of arbitrary withdrawal of those licences the governmenmt is threatening to drastically cut back the quantity and quality of reporting on SA," he said.

MOVE TO MILDNESS

Mob stones bus in Guguletu — man held

PRETORIA. — A man was arrested after a mob stoned a bus in Guguletu, the police overnight unrest report said.

At St Wendolines, Pinetown, a house was damaged by arsonists.

In the same area a mob set furniture alight after removing it from a house.

A woman was shot and wounded during a meeting at Sweetwaters, Natal. A woman was arrested.

A man died of stab wounds after being attacked by a mob at Imbali, Maritzburg.

Six men were arrested during an illegal gathering at Nxamalala, Maritzburg.

In a third Maritzburg incident a mob attacked a house in Dambusa, injuring a man. — Sapa.

Three killed in a night of violence

JOHANNESBURG. — In a night of violence throughout the country, three people were killed and four were injured, police said yesterday.

Natal townships are said to be "tense" after weekend unrest.

A man was stabbed to death in Amanzimtoti near Durban on Monday night after he and a crowd of people attacked a house.

Two people died in Nkanhlakahle in Greytown, Natal.

At Hammarsdale in Natal, a group stoned a vehicle. One of its occupants was stabbed.

A man was arrested in Sweetwaters, Natal, after a group hurled a petrol bomb at a private dwelling.

Police said a security force member was wounded when a gunman fired shots at a patrol at KwaNobuhle in Uitenhage.

A delivery vehicle was stoned in Bonteheuwel, Cape Town, and a bus was stoned in Georgetown in Natal. — Sapa

Unrest: Man hurt in Nyanga attack

PRETORIA. — The police public relations division issued the following reports of unrest on Tuesday night:

In Nyanga a man received serious burns when a private vehicle was petrol-bombed.

Two people were killed and one was seriously injured in unrest incidents in Natal townships.

A group of people killed a youth in Mnyndu in Natal.

In Hammersdale in Natal, a group of people attacked a man with pangas, killing him. In the same area, a man was seriously injured in a panga attack by a gang of people.

In Fredville in Natal, four men were arrested during "an illegal gathering".

Security forces dispersed a group of people with shotguns in Soweto.

Man killed in Natal unrest

PRETORIA. — One man was killed and four seriously wounded in incidents of unrest in Natal on Wednesday night, according to a report by the police public relations division yesterday.

A total of 238 people were arrested.

The body of a man who was stabbed to death was found in Inanda.

A private home was damaged by arsonists in the same area.

In Amalwuti, two men were arrested during an illegal gathering, and in Mpumalanga 101 men and 135 women were arrested when restriction orders placed on a funeral were "disregarded", police said.

Five private homes were stoned by a group of people in Mpumalanga. — Sapa

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Man stabbed to death in unrest

PRETORIA. — A man was stabbed to death and two men were seriously injured in unrest-related incidents in Dambuza, Natal, on Thursday night, police said in their unrest bulletin.

A man was killed and another seriously wounded after being stabbed by a group of people.

KILLING FIELDS CLAIM 3 A DAY

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By S'BU MNGADI

SINCE Monday, up to three people have been killed every day in Natal's renewed political violence

The past weekend alone claimed 11 lives in two days, police said in their unrest report

The flashpoints are townships at Maritzburg, Durban and Pinetown

Places such as Gezubuso, Sweetwaters, Mpumalanga, Dindi, Molweni, Ndengezi, and Mpumalanga are also being turned into ghost towns as hundreds of panic-stricken residents flee in the wake of fierce street clashes

According to statistics released by Natal University's Centre for Adult Education, the number of people who died in January was 160, while in February – after the effective banning of 17 organisations – the number of dead dropped to about 14

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A letter to Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok from UDF executive chair-

Justice on streets as courts free the 'warlords'

Petite Buyiswa Fihlele seems to feign surprise at the young, bold and beautiful tag entrants in the Miss Nivea Teenage competition will have to put up with, but the 16-year-old KwaMashu lass seems to possess all the qualities needed to make her a serious contender in this popular annual pageant.

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t Klerksdorp mass murder trial

By DAN DHLAMINI

THE crowd which packed the Klerksdorp Magistrate's Court this week to view an alleged rapist and mass murderer was kept guessing for the better part of the day

David Motshekgwa, 45, who was arrested last month in connection with the murder of 12 women whose decomposed bodies were discovered on a koppie in Klerksdorp, did not appear in court until after lunch

Magistrate CW Steyn referred him to the Sterkfontein Hospital for 30 days' mental observation.

Prosecutor R de Beer asked that the

posed

The packed gallery, which became noisily impatient as time went by, was threatened with ejection.

Many of those attending he case were domestic workers who had asked for the day off Some said they simply stayed away "because the case was important".

When Motshekgwa finally appeared, he looked ill and talked softly to himself, with his eyes closed.

When he turned to the gallery, people craned their necks to see wha he looked like, but retreated when he poured a repri-

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A letter to Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok from UDF executive chairman, Curnick Ndlovu, asking him to allow the peace talks to continue by lifting the restrictions and releasing the detainees had not elicited any government response

- The SAP unrest report yesterday morning said one man was killed and four seriously wounded in incidents of violence in Natal on Wednesday night
- A home in Inanda was damaged by arsonists

Justice on streets as courts free the 'warlords'

Five bus passengers gunned down in Natal

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — Five bus passengers gunned down at Mpumalanga were among eight people killed and 11 others injured in unrest-related incidents in Natal at the weekend and no injuries were reported when a limpet mine exploded at the Marula Sun in Bophuthatswana.

According to the weekend police unrest reports, a group of men shot and threw stones at two buses, killing five men, and seriously wounding another five men and a woman. No arrests have been made so far.

In another incident in the same area, two men were injured when they were attacked.

Two men were killed in Inanda by an unknown group.

At Ndeweshone a man was killed and a woman slightly injured when they were shot at by a group.

A man was injured at Ashdown when an unidentified person fired on a group of mourners at a burial service.

At Imbali, a woman was injured and two private houses were extensively damaged when petrol bombs were thrown at the houses by a group of unknown people.

At Nhlalakahle, a man was slightly injured when a private house was stoned.

A delivery vehicle was gutted at KwaMashu.

In Soweto, a private house was damaged extensivly by petrol bombs and the police arrested four men.

Sapa reports that a mini limpet mine exploded in one of the casinos at the Marula Sun in Bophuthatswana at the weekend.

No one was injured as all the customers were evacuated. A suppression blanket was thrown over the mine after security staff at the hotel discovered the mine shortly before it exploded late on Friday night.

The blast caused little damage.

Scores of patrons were hurriedly evacuated from a casino hall and other function rooms, according to casino spokesman Mr Ian Heron.

Mr Heron said a blanket designed to suppress explosions was placed over the bomb and the premises were evacuated.

"It exploded about 10 minutes after discovery," he said.

Nine dead in unrest: police

By Craig Kotze,
Crime Reporter

Nine people, including a special police constable, were killed in weekend unrest, mainly in Natal, police reported.

In Mpumalanga, Natal, five passengers were killed and six others seriously wounded when a mob attacked and shot at two buses, said police.

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Another two men were injured in a mob attack in the same area.

Also in Natal, two men were killed in a similar attack in Nnvanda township.

The body of a special police constable was found in Khayelitsha near Cape Town. The constable, whose body was found in the street, sustained multiple head wounds.

A man was seriously injured and a house and a car damaged when unknown attackers threw a grenade at a Guguletu house in Cape Town.

At Ndweshone near Maritzburg, a man was killed and a woman slightly injured when they were shot at by a group of people, police said.

Also near Maritzburg, a man was injured when an unknown person fired at a group at a burial service in Ashdown.

In Imbali, a woman was injured and two private homes damaged when petrol bombs were thrown at the houses by unknown attackers.

Four men were arrested after a house in Soweto was extensively damaged by petrol bombs, police said.

Inkatha intimidation?

MARITZBURG. — Supporters of three Inkatha men at the centre of an interdict application to restrain them from killing members of the Mthembu family have allegedly threatened and intimidated lawyers acting for the applicants.

At yesterday's hearing, advocate Mr Alistair Dickson, for the Mthembu family, said he had received reports of "subtle and unsubtle" threats.

"I have myself experienced subtle intimidation and my attorney, Peter Harris, not so subtle threats," Mr Dickson added.

A number of Inkatha supporters were coming to court with weapons every day. The guns are handed into security personnel and collected each time they leave the court, he said.

He said that if he got first-hand knowledge of any more threats or intimidation he would immediately bring a contempt of court application.

Two of the respondents are alleged to have shot two members of the Mthembu family after the family had sought the court's protection.

Advocate Mr Willem von Willich, for the respondents, said he had told the respondents that should such behaviour be brought to his attention again, he would drop their case.

However, he said "his side" had also been threatened in the townships.

Mr Justice Alexander told the gallery — which consisted entirely of Inkatha officials and supporters — that such conduct represented an interference in the administration of justice, and "should those responsible persist with such behaviour, severe action will be taken against them". — Sapa

Hearing to be moved to November

MARITZBURG. — The interdict application is to be adjourned until November 28.

However, it is believed there will be an application for the hearing to continue.

Only one witness, the head of the Mthembu family, has finished testifying. Other members of the family are still due to testify, as well as the respondents, Mr Jerome Mncwabe, Mr Thulani Ngcobo and Mr Sichizo Zuma and their witnesses.

Mr Ernest Mthembu, 35, was gunned down at the front door of the family home on July 4, allegedly by Mr Ngcobo. His brother, Mr Smalridge Mthembu, was shot and wounded, allegedly by Mr Zuma, a few days after the family sought the court's protection. — Sapa

Man dies in attack on homes

PRETORIA. — One man died on Sunday and three houses were damaged, all at Kwadengezi near Pinetown, according to the official police unrest report issued yesterday.

The owner of a house in the area was stabbed to death after a group attacked his home.

The Kwadengezi home of a security force member was attacked and a man was apparently wounded when shots were fired at the attackers. The wounded man escaped, the report said.

In a third incident in the area, a private house was damaged in a petrol-bomb attack. — Sapa

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Two knifed to death in Natal

PRETORIA. — The bodies of two men have been found by police in Natal, according to the latest unrest report.

At Mnyandu police found the body of a man who had been stabbed and shot.

At Hammarsdale police found the body of a man who had been stabbed to death.

At Edendale, near Maritzburg, a bus which had been set alight was found beside the road.

'At Bekkersdal, Westonaria, a group attacked and threw stones at teachers at a school. Two arrests were made. — Sapa.

Maritzburg peace talks are possible, says Mellet

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THE banning and detention of key UDF leaders and the restrictions on Cosatu were not preventing peace talks between the UDF/Cosatu and Inkatha to end the on-going Maritzburg "war", Law and Order spokesman Brigadier Leon Mellet said yesterday.

"There is no ban on Cosatu and nothing that prevents either of them. . .from talking with Inkatha," he said.

He said restrictions which prohibited UDF and Cosatu leaders from taking part in political activity did not keep them from seeking peace.

The emergency restrictions, however, prohibit Cosatu from engaging in anything other than trade union activities.

Peter Kerchoff of the Pietermaritzburg Agency for Christian Social Awareness said the emergency was preventing negotiations.

Inkatha Youth Brigade president Musa Zondi said Inkatha feared violence would worsen until UDF and Cosatu leaders were free to negotiate.

CHRISTOPHER TUCHER

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Meetings over aborted talks

GERALD REILLY

PRETORIA — The Federation of Sats Trade Unions yesterday decided to hold a series of meetings nationwide to explain to railway workers why they aborted arbitration on the claim for a 17% pay increase.

Federation secretary Abe Koekemoer said he had asked Sats to appoint a new conciliation board.

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Natal violence soars as 5 die in funeral attack

By S'BU MNGADI

POLITICAL strife in Natal's "killing fields" is escalating at an alarming rate, despite attempts by community leaders to revive peace talks between the warring factions.

Last weekend, five people were killed and many wounded after a funeral procession at Mpumalanga became a bloodbath when mourners were fired at by a crowd of 300 alleged Inkatha supporters.

Meanwhile, tension is mounting in Maritzburg after an announcement that KwaZulu chief minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi would celebrate Shaka Day in the Edendale Valley - a UDF stronghold - next month.

In Durban this this week, members of the Hammarsdale Youth Congress and a bereaved mother described to the Press the attack which they claimed was led by senior Inkatha Youth Brigade members, Inkatha "warlords" and off-duty members of the KwaZulu police.

Bellina Khathide of Mpumalanga, said she was in the hearse carrying the body of her son, Bongani, 20, when mourners were surrounded by scores of gun-toting men.

The armed men – allegedly including Inkatha officials – approached two buses carrying mourners.

A Hayco member – who has requested anonymity – picked up the story as Khathede broke down into tears: "Our buses were completely surrounded and before we knew what was happening, a local 'warlord' (who may not be named for leagal reasons) fired through the windows." Others joined in the shooting, he said.

"People screamed and tried to escape through the windows, but were stopped.

"It was horrible. At first our driver locked the doors thinking it would be safer. But they were soon chopped down.

"Those people escaping were set upon and those in the buses became sitting ducks," said a sobbing youth whose head was swathed in bandages.

Hayco claims at least 105 of its members and their family members have died in political violence since the beginning of the year.

Brig Andries Laas, commissioner of the KwaZulu police, said as Mpumalanga did not fall under his jurisdiction he could not confirm if his men had been involved.

Buthelezi – who has recently returned from an anti-sanctions campaign in the US and the UK – has asked for an investigation.

He said whenever there was violence, Inkatha was blamed. He referred to research by Inkatha Institute which found 95 percent of activists questioned in Maritzburg used the names Inkatha and UDF, yet had "no political or ideological understanding of these movements".

Meanwhile, violence continues unabated elsewhere in the province as police daily discover bodies from overnight battles.

Chief Mhlabunzima Maphumulo, a former rebel KwaZulu MP whose area near Table Mountain has been inundated by refugees, has initiated efforts to bring peace to the area.

Also involved in peacemaking is Inkatha Central Committee member, Ben Jele, members of the Edendale Crisis Committee and Maritzburg Council of Churches officials.

A meeting has been arranged for August 23.

Meanwhile, a letter signed by KwaZulu representative, Vitus Mvelase, calling for donations to celebrate Shaka Day on September 25 has been circulating Maritzburg's townships.

Community leaders fear the situation could worsen as many residents refused to donate towards what they saw as an Inkatha celebration.

Inkatha youth leader, Musa Zondi, said Shaka Day should not be political and was not meant to offend those who did not subscribe to Inkatha's ideology.

Alleged ANC men buried as paupers

By SELLO SERIPE

FOUR bodies of alleged ANC members shot dead on July 14 during a contact with SA Defence Force members in the Kruger Park were this week exhumed – 12 days after they were "mistakenly" buried as paupers by Nelspruit's Saffas Funeral Undertakers.

The exhumation was done by the same undertakers who buried them on July 26.

Two of them have been identified as Patric Baloyi, 22, of stand number 32, 14th Avenue, Alexandra, and Rekson Shingange, of Ritavi district in Gazankulu.

There also seems to be confusion about the circumstances which led to the four men being buried as paupers.

Nelspruit security police commander Maj J Visser told *City Press* the "four terrorists were mistakenly buried as paupers".

Visser said they were exhumed on Monday and three of the four bodies had already been identified by their next-of-kin.

Saffas spokesman Roy van Niekerk contradicted the police version when he denied the bodies were buried at any stage.

He also said the families had no problems in identifying the bodies, adding that only one body was still unidentified.

He refused to comment further, saying "you can write whatever the police told you".

Alice Baloyi, 46, the mother of Patric, was in Nelspruit on Wednesday to collect her son's body.

She said she would give her son a decent funeral in Alexandra township on August 21.

Benedicta Matima of a firm of attorneys instructed by Baloyi to make inquiries on her behalf, said the other body identified was that of Shingange.

It is believed the third body is that of Petrus Zitha, 25, of Welgeval Trust in Rustenburg.

Baloyi, a widow since 1983, said her son disappeared from home on November 8, 1985.

She heard of his death on August 1 when three policemen from Kew Police Station in Wynberg, near Alexandra, came to inform the family.

One dies, school burns in weekend violence

DURBAN. — A man was killed in unrest-related incidents at the weekend, according to the weekend police unrest report.

A man was fatally injured after he and his father were attacked on Friday night by a group of men at Gezubuso in Natal.

Arsonists caused extensive damage to a school in Kraggakamma, a suburb of Port Elizabeth.

At Hammersdale in Natal a man was seriously injured when he was stabbed by a group of men. In the same area a private dwelling was damaged in a petrol bomb attack.

At Sweetwaters, also in Natal, arsonists damaged a private home.

At Veeplaas in Port Elizabeth a private vehicle was damaged by stone-throwers and at Zola North in Soweto a municipal vehicle was stoned. One occupant was injured.

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Three stabbed to death in house attack

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PRETORIA. — Three men were stabbed to death after a group of people attacked a house at Sweetwaters in Natal last night, police said.

In another incident of stabbing in Natal, two men were injured when a group of men attacked a house at Sobantu.

Three men were arrested soon afterwards, the unrest bulletin said. — Sapa

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Car bombed

PRETORIA. — A private vehicle was petrol-bombed in Soweto and a private house was damaged by arsonists in Inanda, police said yesterday. — Sapa

Inkatha in appeal bid

Cape Times 19/8/88

BLOEMFONTEIN. — The question whether or not Inkatha as a "Universitas" and cultural movement with quasi-political interests and a non-trading artificial entity or "Persona" was entitled to sue for damages for defamation was argued in the Appeal Court here yesterday.

Judgment was reserved in the appeal by Dr Oscar Dhlomo — in his capacity as secretary-general of Inkatha — against the dismissal of a claim for alleged defamation of Inkatha.

The claim — for R20 000 — was brought against Natal Newspapers (Pty) Ltd and the editor of the Sunday Tribune, Mr Ian M Wyllie, as a result of a report in the Tribune on March 30, 1986 headlined "Two Killed as Violence Flares".

The claim was dismissed in the Supreme Court, Durban, on May 21, 1987 when Mr Justice J A van Heerden upheld an exception by the newspaper group.

The appeal was heard by the Acting Chief Justice, Mr Justice Rabie, sitting with four assessors.

Mr P C Combrink SC, with Mr M Daley, for Dr Dhlomo, said the issue required consideration of two principle questions: "Whether or not a non-trading entity or "Persona", such as that represented by Dr Dhlomo, could suffer injury in the sense of an impairment of its reputation, and "whether the injury was one that could be redressed by invocation of the "actio iniuriarum".

Mr M D J Wallis SC, for the newspaper group and Mr Wyllie, defined the "actio iniuriarum" principle as being directed at giving compensation for any intentional wrongful act which injured a plaintiff in his person. — Sapa

Two injured in Durban attack

PRETORIA. — Two men were injured in arson and petrol-bomb attacks in Durban townships in unrest-related incidents, police said yesterday.

The two were injured and a house was badly damaged when a mob hurled a petrol bomb at the property in KwaMashu, Durban.

At Lamontville, also in Durban, a group of youths set two private vehicles alight, causing extensive damage. — Sapa.

Eight people die in unrest at weekend

PRETORIA. — The unrest report issued by the police public relations divisions here yesterday said three men were shot dead after police dispersed a group, who stoned the occupants of a house, yesterday, while five people died in incidents of unrest on Saturday at townships near Maritzburg.

At Mphumalanga near Martizburg, a man was stabbed to death by a group of people. No arrests were made and investigations continue.

Seven men were arrested following the murder of another man.

At Duncan Village "unknown persons" hurled two grenades at a private house causing extensive damage.

At Nxamalala residential area near Maritzburg, a group of people broke a bus window and three men were taken into custody. Damage was slight.

At Sweetwaters residential area near Maritzburg, a group of people stabbed a man in the chest and hand. His condition is serious.

At KwaMashu residential area near Durban, a group of peopleset a private house alight, causing extensive damage.

There were other incidents of damage to property by stones and petrol bombs. — Sapa

Cape Times 23/8/88

Police arrest 3 in Sunday night unrest

PRETORIA. — Three people were arrested in unrest-related incidents on Sunday night, according to the police public relations division's unrest report.

In KwaDengezi, Durban, police arrested a person after an incident in which a private house was badly damaged in a petrol-bomb attack.

In Inanda, also in Durban, a shop was damaged after a group of people threw petrol bombs at it.

At Dorrington, Beaufort East, two people were arrested after an incident in which stones were thrown at a police vehicle. — Sapa

SOWETAN, Thursday, August 25, 1988

NO TO BAIL FOR INKATHA MAN (20)

UP to 90 percent of unrest perpetrators in the Natal police division — mostly aged from 14 to 20 — were known, but people refused to testify against them, Captain H R Upton, who heads an anti-unrest unit, said in the Maritzburg Magistrate's Court here yesterday.

He said about 1 000 people had been killed since the start of last year in the Natal Police Division, including Mpophomeni near Howick, Mpumalanga near Hammarsdale and areas close to Maritzburg.

Potential witnesses were scared to be seen with investigating officers. The number of unsolved unrest-related cases was amazing, he said.

Unrest has risen again recently and there has been 52 murders in July and this month.

Captain Upton was giving evidence for the State, who opposed the granting of bail to an Inkatha member who is charged with three murders.

Witnesses would be more prepared to come forward if the accused were in custody, he said.

A statistician in the Riot Unit, Sergeant J van Zyl, said that unrest murders had peaked at 117 in January, then declined and again increased in the past two months.

Magistrate Mr S Mathews turned down the bail application of Mr **Sipho Phungula (20)**, who has been accused of three counts of murder. Bail applications for six other men were withdrawn.

10 die as Natal unrest flares

DURBAN. — At least 10 people are reported to have died since last weekend in a fresh outbreak of political violence in Natal townships.

The indiscriminate attacks, allegedly by vigilantes, have led to hundreds of people fleeing their homes at Inanda, Inchanga, Shongweni, Luganda, Molweni and Hammarsdale.

The monitoring agencies — Durban Network, the PFP monitoring group and the Agency for Christian Social Awareness — said the situation was deteriorating and could lead to the loss of more lives and a refugee crisis.

The violence apparently arose from clashes between UDF supporters and pro-Inkatha groupings.

"We would like a monitoring group made up of diplomats, judges and religious ministers to be formed so that this unnecessary violence can be checked once and for all," said Mr Fezie Vanto, of Durban Network.

"If this is not done then Idi Amin is a saint compared to some of the characters we have here in Natal."

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Two youths die in shooting

PRETORIA. — Two youths were fatally shot by a group of men at Imbali, Maritzburg, on Tuesday, police said.

A man was arrested in connection with the deaths. — Sapa

Call for action to avert crisis over squatters

Political Staff

IMMEDIATE government action was needed if a human disaster of immeasurable proportions was to be halted in the sprawling and warring squatter settlements outside Durban.

The warning was made today by Mr Roger Burrows MP, Progressive Federal Party Natal leader, in the face of increasing violence, squatter removal and general confusion and chaos in the squatter areas.

In a brief statement today, the Minister of Development Aid, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, said the government was urgently attempting to identify land for the settlement of the burgeoning squatter population.

The problem in Durban is to feature prominently in new plans being spelt out here later today by the Urban Foundation in its attempts to resolve the country's housing crisis.

Mr Burrows said: "The ejection of people from the land in question must be stopped. The only way this can happen is intense discussion with local chiefs and if necessary the use of more police to prevent the apparent intimidation.

"The situation cannot continue out of control."

3 000 pupils protest against IBR director

DURBAN. — More than 3 000 pupils at the United States-sponsored Phambili High School here yesterday demonstrated against Professor Fatima Meer, the director of the Institute for Black Research (IBR), which runs the school.

Pupils demonstrated outside the school, carrying placards which read: "Fatima — we want our money back", "Fatima — please get out of our school" and "Fatima, we want peace".

Tension has been building up at the school since the beginning of the year. Teachers and pupils claimed that the principal, Mr Roy Sham, had been hired and fired three times in two months.

Pupils said they had paid R60 in school fees at the beginning of the year, which also entitled them to textbooks and stationery, neither of which they had received.

Teachers said there had been great dissatisfaction at the school and on Monday pupils vented their anger by breaking windows and damaging furniture.

On Wednesday, several women teachers were manhandled and held at knifepoint. — Sapa

Pmb 'refugee' crisis grows as violence bubbles again

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By THANDEKA GQUBULE

THE problem of Pietermaritzburg's 5 000 'internal refugees' has been intensified by the new violence between Inkatha and United Democratic Front supporters say community workers.

Initially most refugees were youths but as the conflict escalated, whole families were drawn in.

"Political violence is primarily responsible for the refugee problem which started last August and peaked in December and January," according to Wendy Leeb, a community worker and psychologist from the University of Natal Pietermaritzburg. "As the violence accelerates again, the problem becomes more acute."

There is a housing shortage in Pietermaritzburg which became more acute after the two waves of floods. And now the refugees have made it more acute. The communities are meeting the housing problem by "doubling up", she added.

"Inkatha and non-Inkatha violence has pressured people to move from their homes and seek refuge elsewhere.

"Although patterns of movement are not too clear, people — according to political affiliation — move from areas of conflict to what they consider safe areas. As they move in this pattern their assailants follow them," Leeb said.

"The first wave of refugees moved into town from the townships and sought refuge with those who already lived in town in employers' backrooms.

"Movement from one township to another, as well as from the township to out of Pietermaritzburg, occurred as well."

A community worker for the South African Council of Churches, Azaria Ndebele, told the *Weekly Mail* the refugee problem resulted from recruitment drives by Inkatha which caused resistance and fighting among residents.

New violence, new graves: A victim of the last outbreak
Picture: JONATHAN KAPLAN

He descibed the pattern: the first refugees came from Ashdown township and settled in the Edendale valley. The war then followed them into the valley.

Recruitment drives in Mpumuza and Imbali also sent people into "exile".

But when Ashdown was taken over by the UDF, the first group of refugees returned from Edendale to settle in their homes at Ashdown.

Meanwhile, the second group of refugees from Imbali, who were mainly Azapo people; settled in Dark City, Sobantu — where they began a battle with UDF supporters.

According to Leeb, the conflict has had serious effects on the lives of children. Many children who leave their homes have nowhere to go. A "great number" are lost or missing.

Leeb told the *Weekly Mail* that the increase in the number of street children was related to the political violence.

"And the insecurity and broken family life has deep psychological effects on children. They live in fear and under stress.

"Child abuse under these conditions is very common as parents are also placed under a lot of stress. A case in point is that of a domestic worker who killed four children."

The SACC runs a service to help refugees with rent. They also give food parcels to those who have lost their jobs as a result of the violence.

A committee initiated by the Black Sash is being established to help refugees. The Black Sash is trying to enlist more support from local churches as well as the International Red Cross.

But all involved agree that the ultimate solution would be successful peace talks.

Two die during unrest in Natal

Two men died and one was slightly injured during a weekend of unrest in Natal.

According to the police unrest report issued yesterday an unknown gunman shot and killed an 18-year-old youth at Imbali in Maritzburg.

A group of people who had gathered illegally at Ashdown in Maritzburg were dispersed by teargas.

At Sweetwaters, near Maritzburg, a man was slightly injured when a group of people stoned a private dwelling.

At Kwadengezi, Pinetown, a group of people hurled a petrol bomb at a security force vehicle. A round of birdshot was fired to disperse the attackers and a man was fatally wounded.

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Miss Annie Rickens of Upper Orange ... up the tree

13 die in violent Durban weekend

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PRETORIA. — Thirteen people died in the Durban area in overnight unrest, the SAP public relations division reports.

Eight men and a youth died in two incidents at Molweni when they were attacked by groups. In a third incident in the area a man was killed, another seriously injured and a third abducted.

Two men died of stab wounds and another appeared to have been beaten to death in incidents at Kwadengezi. Police found three bodies.

A woman at Sinating, Edendale,

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was stabbed in the face.

Five men were arrested at Dassenhoek, near Pinetown, after police used tearsmoke and birdshot to disperse a group.

Two men were arrested after a petrol-bomb attack on a house at Imbali, near Maritzburg.

Arsonists set fire to a house at Hammarsdale, Natal, while a house at Zwide, Port Elizabeth, was damaged by a petrol bomb. — Sapa.

Man dies after birdshot fired

PRETORIA. — A man was fatally wounded and a youth was killed in unrest-related incidents at the weekend, according to the police unrest report.

A man died when he was hit by birdshot fired by police after a group of people threw a petrol bomb at a security force vehicle at Kwadengezi, Pinetown.

An unknown gunman shot and killed an 18-year-old youth at Imbali, Maritzburg.

Two men were arrested and police fired birdshot to disperse people who stoned a private house. Another house was extensively damaged by arsonists

Two people were arrested at Ashdown, Maritzburg, at an illegal gathering.

A man was stoned to death and a vehicle damaged when it was set alight at Inanda in Durban. A man was stabbed to death at Imbali in Maritzburg. Two people were arrested.

A group attacked a 20-year-old man with a panga at an Imbali high school. A youth was arrested

Arsonists seriously damaged a private dwelling at Motherwell, Port Elizabeth A policeman was assaulted when he stopped a man from intimidating workers into staying away from work at Newlands East, Durban He arrested his attacker.

Police arrested 35 marching people in East London. They dispersed the march with quirts and dogs. Five men were slightly injured.

A bus conductor was killed and four passengers were injured when a group fired on a bus near Harding in Natal — Sapa

Six die during Natal night of violence

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PRETORIA. — Six people were killed and seven injured in outbreaks of violence in Natal overnight, police said today.

● At Molweni, near Durban, two men were killed after a group of people attacked two kraals. Police also found the bodies of two men who had been stabbed to death. A third man who had been wounded was also found by police.

● In faction fighting in the same area, two groups opened fire on each other. When security forces arrived they were shot at. A man was killed when the forces retaliated by firing a number of shots at their attackers.

● Police arrested two men in Sweetwaters in Natal after a man was killed when three others attacked him with pangas and fired a shot at him.

● Police used tearsmoke on three occasions to disperse a crowd of students who had gathered illegally at the University of Durban-Westville. They also used the water cannon on one occasion. The unrest report said the students stoned a state vehicle in one of the incidents.

● Three women — two of them under 18 years of age — were slightly wounded when a group attacked a house at Sinating in Edenvale. The group hurled a petrol bomb at the house and opened fire on the occupants with a shotgun. The house was damaged in the incident.

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6 shot dead at Natal wedding

DURBAN. — Six people were shot dead and seven were injured when two unidentified gunmen wearing balaclavas opened fire at a weekend wedding reception held in a rondavel at Umbumbulu, Natal South Coast.

Major Martin Pretorius of the KwaZulu police said yesterday that a group of people were at a wedding reception at the kraal of Mr Shange in the Mpandweni area of Umbumbulu on Sunday.

Two men in balaclavas came out of the bush and went to the rondavel where the reception was being held. One man stood at the doorway and another at the window. Both started firing into the room, killing six and injuring seven. — Sapa

Hundreds flee violence

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — Hundreds of people, mainly women and children, fled yesterday from the greater Molweni area near Hillcrest following an outbreak of violence at the weekend which claimed 10 lives.

The cause of the latest trouble in the KwaNqetho and KwaNgcolosi areas was attributed by villagers and a PFP unrest monitoring group to a combination of faction fighting and political unrest.

Schools in KwaNqetho were closed and pupils said they had been told to leave early because teachers feared more trouble.

A headmaster at a senior school said the fighting had created tension in the area, which made teaching impossible.

Youths and elders were seen armed with spears and villagers said sounds of gunfire had been heard since early yesterday.

Mr Roy Ainslie of the PFP, which has been monitoring unrest in the area, said the problems at Molweni were very complex.

He said there had been tension in the area since two chiefs had tried to have certain people removed from the region.

The chiefs are Inkosi Bhengu, of the Ngcolosi tribe, whose jurisdiction streches over Molweni, Riverview and Ngcolosi areas; and Inkosi Mkhize, of the Embo tribe.

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Extra police sent to curb Natal violence

The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — Police reinforcements have been sent to the trouble-torn Molweni area near Hillcrest, between Durban and Maritzburg, to curb the violence which has left 37 people dead since the beginning of the year.

Incidents of unrest have increased considerably in the past two weeks and yesterday the Commissioner of Police, General Hennie de Witt, warned that the police would hit hard against troublemakers.

He said in a statement that since the outbreak of violence in Natal last year additional security forces had been deployed there.

"These measures had a dampening influence on the violence for a while but an escalation in the conflict has been noticeable in the past 14 days."

● Relief workers estimate that as many as 2 000 refugees have left the greater Molweni area in the past few days.

Witnesses described an incident on Monday when a group of men ambushed a line of taxis, dragged out the passengers and assaulted them. Two people were reported to have been hacked to death.

6 MORE SLAIN IN VIOLENT CLASHES

Fighting continues in Natal

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A 32-year-old man was seriously wounded when he was stabbed by a group of men in Amawoti in Durban and at KwaZakele near Port Elizabeth, a man sustained a leg wound after a group fired at him with a shotgun.

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Death-toll in Natal unrest 21

JOHANNESBURG. — Security forces fired on rival black groups clashing near Durban, pushing the death toll in three days of black-on-black violence in the area to 21, police said yesterday.

An official police report on unrest on Monday said six more blacks were killed and seven wounded in incidents of unrest in Natal.

In Molweni, mobs of blacks attacked two homes, killing two blacks. In the same area rival black groups clashed and traded shots, prompting security forces to intervene.

The security forces opened fire when they came under attack, killing one man. The bodies of two other men were found stabbed to death, the report said.

In Sweetwaters township, near Maritzburg, three blacks armed with machetes hacked another man to death, police said. — UPI

TWO NATAL COMMUNITIES ARE DESTROYED IN A WEEKEND OF VIOLENCE ...

In Inanda's valleys, a bizarre battle

It was a bizarre scene: An audience on the hilltops, watching a bloody war in the valleys. CARMEL RICKARD reports

WHILE 'spectators' — including an MP — watched from a hill-top, an armed battle raged in the valleys of Inanda at the weekend.

At least 15 people died between Saturday and Monday in the Molweni and Ngcolosi areas of Inanda

Many homes were destroyed and an unknown number of people fled into the bush.

The death toll in the area this year now stands at 37, but Progressive Federal Party Durban regional director Roy Ainslie says he is making enquiries at the highest level about allegations of a further 30 deaths, so far unreported

The terrain of the worst affected area, Ngcolosi, is very broken, with steep rocky hills plunging to deep valleys

On Monday this week, National Democratic Movement MP for the area, Pierre Cronje, joined other "spectators" — residents and security forces — on the hill tops, watching some of the running battles in the valleys far below.

"It was like a bizarre rugby match, with the audience watching and commenting on the progress of the fight.

"We saw a large impi of armed men, dispersed in batches — platoons — coming up from the valley and teams of youngsters armed, like the men on the other side, with axes, spears and sticks.

"People about to flee from the area sat watching on the rim of the ridge overlooking the valley

"The women seem to have put on their best clothes prior to leaving the area, and had large bags and bundles with them The little children were bewildered, but the 13 and 14-year olds were commenting on how well one or other group was running.

"As dusk fell a massive exodus began, with people streaming from the area looking for somewhere safer."

Both Cronje and Ainslie believe the flare-up of violence stems from attempts by the local chiefs and their supporters to reassert traditional jurisdiction and control in these areas

Over the last seven years many squatters from elsewhere have settled on the land of chiefs Bhengu and Mkhize, which is close to a number of work centres The newcomers have apparently not acknowledged the chiefs' authority and the chiefs have become increasingly resentful

"Raids" by gangs of youths and an increase in crime has worsened the situation

It is claimed that on August 21, the two chiefs, with a large show of force, went through their areas and ordered everyone who did not "belong" there to leave by last Wednesday or face the consequences

Some of those affected by the alleged threats brought an urgent application in the supreme court. They claimed the authority of the chiefs over their followers was so great that they would be able to carry out their implied threats to use force to get rid of people who did not leave.

The court granted a temporary order restraining the two chiefs from carrying out their alleged eviction demands However, after the hearing, Ainslie warned that the authority of the chiefs "on the ground" was probably greater than that of an interdict. He said he was concerned that the followers of the chiefs would still try to enforce the evictions unless the security forces ensured the court order was publicised and observed.

Following the deaths and violence in the area since then, he said his fears had been realised and urged that the chiefs should publicly rescind their earlier demand for evictions

One white couple who are sheltering four families in outhouses on their property, said the refugees were terrified to stay on in Ngcolosi

"Some have lost their homes which were burnt down at the week-end Others have sons and feel they have to leave the area to protect them as they were being 'called up' to fight in the valley," the woman said

"They go out to work from here and come back again at night, but some of them have been warned not to leave or take their property away

"One of the women staying with us was unable to bring her mattress because she was warned that if people left, they would not be allowed back

There has so far been no co-ordinated effort to help the refugees, and the individuals involved have been relying on their own resources

One group of informal shopkeepers, packing to leave Ngcolosi, said they planned to go to Richmond to escape "the fighting and the troublemakers"

Their shops were simply closed up and covered over with black plastic sheeting But one of the group obviously thought he might be away some time and strapped his shovel and ladder on the car hired to take the family to safety

Ainslie said he was also concerned about the possessions left behind

"The community which has been worst affected is the settlement around Riverview Store — squatters, tenants and people with no allegiance to the chiefs

"They are the people against whom the alleged threats were made Whoever was responsible, it seems the desired effect — the smashing of that relatively independent informal community — has been achieved"

You're saved, they said, while the flames licked the shacks ...

CARMEL RICKARD reports on the destruction of a squatter community

While shacks burn, a squatter attempts to salvage his smouldering possessions Picture. Afrapix

THE 3 000 squatters of Emzomusha, near Durban, learnt on Friday that the government had found land for them. There was no rejoicing. For that very morning, their landowner was busy burning their shacks

For many of the squatters it was the third time in less than a year that their homes were destroyed — a number were victims of last year's flood; after moving to Emzomusha their homes were demolished by the landowner in early August and the re-built shacks were finally razed on August 26

They had also been given conflicting information about whether they could continue living on the site.

Landowner Grant Trebble said that for six months he tried to persuade the people to move so he could begin development for a "coloured" or Indian housing estate. However, no-one appeared to take any notice of him and the people stayed on.

The squatters on the other hand say that a "kwaZulu leader" — they claim it would be dangerous to name him — informed them it was permissable to stay. He allegedly charged them rent and "protection money" so that they would not be moved.

Earlier this month Trebble, frustrated at making no headway, demolished many of the squatters' homes. He was due to return last Monday but was persuaded by Progressive Federal Party MPs Roger Burrows and Mike Ellis to agree to a few days' grace while they tried to get officials to identify alternative land.

By Thursday evening when there had been no definite announcement, Trebble said he was getting ready to return, and on Friday morning his team moved in.

At midday the Department of Development Aid issued a statement that land had been found. It was too late for the squatters at Emzomusha — also known as Lovezone — whose homes were already burning.

Some of them tried to resist the demolishers and tension ran high.

By evening everything had been flattened and the squatters left.

Some have simply disappeared "into the bush", others were housed in a hall in Newlands East, while a third group moved to temporary accommodation at Richmond Farm. Heavy rain over the weekend added to the discomfort of those who were camping in the open, keeping watch over the possessions they were able to save from burning.

This week the Department of Development Aid and the Natal Provincial Administration issued a joint statement that land was being prepared with "rudimentary facilities" for the squatters, but officials now face the problem of how to find the people they are offering to accommodate.

"We will just have to go out and try to locate them," said an NPA official.

Both Ellis and Burrows have criticised the DDA and NPA for not acting with more speed.

"If they had taken the situation seriously the misery of the squatters and the destruction of their property could have been avoided," they said.

Meanwhile Trebble could be faced with another problem. Durban's Legal Resources Centre is investigating the possibility of the squatters suing him for damages they sustained during Friday's "burn out".

Lawyers said that in their understanding the law entitled a landowner to demolish shacks but did not confer the right to destroy property. They have taken about 100 statements from people who claim to have lost clothing, furniture, building material and other property at Emzomusha.

Cosatu, Inkatha bury the hatchet

Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG. — A historic settlement, signed by senior officials of Cosatu and Inkatha at the Supreme Court here yesterday, has been hailed as a major breakthrough in peace initiatives in the strife-torn Maritzburg area.

The settlement carries with it the hopes of thousands of township residents for an end to the strife.

Since the outbreak of violence in the Maritzburg district some two years ago, hundreds of people have died.

The settlement was signed here yesterday by Dr Oscar Dhlomo, secretary-general of Inkatha. Mr Jay Naidoo, secretary-general of Cosatu, had earlier signed the document

The settlement will also put an end to the numerous civil actions connected with the violence in the Supreme Court here.

All the interim interdicts which have already been granted, were extended to December 1 this year, when they will be discharged. This is to allow time for the implementation of a Complaints Ajudication Board which is to be established in terms of the agreement.

The board will investigate complaints concerning either of the two organizations and make recommendations. There will be recourse to the courts.

A joint declaration by the two parties states that Inkatha and Cosatu "acknowledge and regret that there has been extensive violence in the townships of Maritzburg".

Each party recognized the necessity to make it clear to their members that Cosatu and Inkatha condemned acts of intimidation, forced recruitment and violence.

Accord welcomed

Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG. — Inkatha secretary-general Dr Oscar Dhlomo said after the signing of a major peace settlement between Inkatha and the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) here yesterday that he saw the latest move as a "real breakthrough".

The final settlement was reached after a week of intensive negotiations between the parties.

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SAP use batons in Mannenberg

PRETORIA. — Police used batons, tearsmoke and birdshot to fight off mobs of stone-throwers, and a man was fatally wounded when Kwazulu police fired shots, police have reported.

"At Mannenberg, a group threw stones and bottles at police. Batons were used to disperse the mob," the police unrest report said. Two men and two youths were arrested.

"At Kwadengezi, Pinetown, a large group threw stones at a police vehicle. Police used tearsmoke and birdshot to disperse them and a man was wounded. Four men were arrested."

A man was fatally wounded at Kwadengezi when Kwazulu police fired "a number of shots" to disperse a group attacking them with stones.

At Sweetwaters, Natal, unknown attackers fired a number of shots at several homes. — Sapa.

Cosatu terror accused in bail bid

Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG. — A second bail application was lodged in the Regional Court here yesterday on behalf of the regional chairman of Cosatu and national first vice-president of the Transport and General Workers Union, Mr Alfred Muntu Ndlovu, who is facing charges of terrorism and attempted murder.

The charges against Mr Ndlovu include allegations that he actively helped a trained ANC guerilla on a mission in South Africa, the attempted murder of 14 pupils at an Inkatha youth meeting at Emzamweni School last year, and the attempted murder of a Mr Phillip Thabethe.

It is alleged that Mr Ndlovu instructed others to kill Mr Thabethe because he broke away from the Transport and General Workers Union to join the rival United Workers Union of SA.

The court was told yesterday that the trial, which had been set down to start yesterday, had been adjourned until November 7 after the defence encountered difficulties in obtaining suitable counsel to defend Mr Ndlovu.

An application for bail on Mr Ndlovu's behalf was first lodged in July this year, but was turned down by the regional court magistrate, Mr A J Voogt, who said there were indications that the proper administration of justice might be defeated or frustrated if Mr Ndlovu were released.

Great Trek production.

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New police stations in troubled area

DURBAN. — Three police stations are to be established near Hillcrest, Natal, in the Molweni district where about 17 blacks were killed in faction fighting last month, Brigadier T J Henn, Divisional Commissioner of Police, Port Natal, said today after talks with Kwazulu government leaders.

Brigadier Henn also said that about 250 policemen had been moved into the area.

He said he had met a delegation from the Kwazulu government which had asked the police to prevent further unrest and trouble in the area.

He appealed to the factions to stop their fighting.

● A 32-year-old man was burnt to death last night in Clermont, Natal, when a mob set fire to the house in which he had sought shelter, police said in today's unrest report.

A nine-year-old child was injured when a handgrenade was thrown into a home in Naledi, Soweto, in an incident which police did not regard as unrest.

In incidents of violence which were unrest-related, and in the wake of a five cent Putco bus fare increase, a number of buses were damaged by stone-throwers in Clermont, near Pinetown, and in one such incident a man and two youths were slightly injured.

At Kwadabeka and St Wendolins, Pinetown, a man was injured and number of buses and a private vehicle were damaged in several stone-throwing incidents.

At Kwamakutha, near Durban, a private house was extensively damaged in a petrol-bomb attack.

Another home was badly damaged when a petrol bomb was hurled at it in Fredville, Inchanga. — Sapa.

The peace treaty that must endure

A peace treaty with ramifications for South Africa's political future has been concluded between Inkatha and Cosatu. Both sides know how much they will lose if it does not hold.

DURBAN — When the peace treaty between Cosatu and Inkatha was sealed at the Maritzburg Supreme Court last week, it seemed to be an awkward moment for the warring sides.

Dr Oscar Dhlomo, secretary general of Inkatha was with local Inkatha leaders speaking among themselves and with their lawyers. Mr Alec Erwin of Cosatu stood talking with the trade union lawyers.

Both sides seemed a little self-conscious and everybody was eager to speak to milling reporters as nobody appeared to know what to do next.

There was no slick media presentation, no champagne, no exchange of cigars or wine. Just a deep appreciation that the pact between the two to hopefully bring peace to Maritzburg could have a massive bearing on South Africa's political future.

Previous peace talks have not been enough to bring violence to an end in Natal and kwaZulu, and the announcement of a complaints ajudication board did not so much usher in a wave of relief as serious apprehension over whether it would work.

Massive damage

But there are powerful motivations for the peace to hold. Inkatha and its political opponents are aware of how much they have to lose, measured in the number of people killed and injured, the loss of public support and diversion from programmes to assault white economic and political power.

The rising death toll in Natal and kwaZulu has given everybody a glimpse into the future; at the massive damage each side could inflict unless steps were taken to stop the violence now.

Besides adding to the depressing but growing "civil war syndrome" in South Africa, the more than 1 000 deaths have reminded everyone that black-on-black political violence cannot secure political change. It merely strengthened the hands of white racist politicians determined to hold onto power.

Their most powerful argument was simple: They could not allow power to pass to people who were killing each other.

As long as the killing lasts, black political advancement is hampered, and the space open to peaceful initiatives for political change reduced.

With white voters so apprehensive of their future given their past policies, even the National Party's national statutory council could expect a lukewarm response as long as white extremists could play up a rising black political death toll.

If the parties do no more than agree to stop killing each other, this creates so much more room for middle-of-the-road political initiatives, like that presently advocated by the Independent Party.

It is trying to bring opponents of the Government together around a statement of values and principles prepared by Inkatha as a step towards taking control of Parliament and launching genuine constitutional negotiations.

As long as Inkatha was at loggerheads with other organisations, these opponents could have rejected the initiative outright. And some people backing the initiative were more than a little concerned about getting caught in the cross-fire.

Also, the kwaZulu-Natal Indaba certainly did not benefit from the political violence. Some whites who liked the direction the Indaba was going in were at the same time apprehensive that they might indirectly be party to more black-on-black violence over access to political offices that would be created if the Indaba were implemented.

Simply, there are no winners except for white racists. And everyone monitoring the violence is watching for agents from this group wanting to sabotage the peace.

Admittedly, with so many people suffering so much, a peace treaty may simply not work. Much personal bitterness still exists, giving rise to scores to settle that may outweigh any peace treaty.

But by signing it, Inkatha and Cosatu are saying that more important than arguing who started the violence and who can find the muscle to sustain it, is who is politically sophisticated enough to seek an end to it. One, or both, stand to gain enormously from showing a way out of the trouble, and by continuing to seek peace.

Murderous clash

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And attacking a person from one organisation in the name of another is the culmination of several inputs spanning years in people's lives; factors which have been well documented by observers.

But signing the pact shows that both sides appreciate they have more to gain from peace. Those few awkward minutes at the Maritzburg Supreme Court building could prove vital in the next few years.

At the very least there is a concern prevailing in progressive circles that peace must be established between Inkatha and its political opponents to ensure that if politcal change came through the actions of one of them, the other would not develop into a Renamo-type body. — Own Correspondent.

Woman dies in Natal violence

MARITZBURG. — Police reported yesterday that a woman had been stabbed to death by a mob in Natal as a civil rights worker said violence was continuing despite hopes last week that a truce between Inkatha and the UDF was imminent.

The unidentified woman was killed in Fredville township near Inchanga, about 25km from Maritzburg, police said.

The fighting is continuing after Cosatu and Inkatha signed an accord last Friday condemning violence.

Inkatha Youth Brigade chairman Mr Musa Zondi said it was too early to say if the conflict was cooling.

Mr Zondi said Inkatha wanted to draw the UDF into the accord but could not approach UDF leaders, who are restricted under the emergency regulations.

At KwaDengezi near Pinetown extensive damage was caused when three buses were stoned.

At Dassenhoek, Pinetown, a bus was badly damaged after a group of men forced the passengers to alight and then set fire to the vehicle.

The house of two Soweto municipal employees who did not join a strike by about 3 500 workers was attacked with a handgrenade. The grenade injured nine-year-old Aleline Mdiko in Naledi township.

Police are investigating. — Sapa

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Stonings reported

PRETORIA. — Vehicles and property were damaged by sporadic stone-throwing on Thursday night, the overnight police unrest report said yesterday.

A shop in White City, Soweto, was seriously damaged, as were a number of buses at KwaDabeka, Durban. Four youths were arrested.

A number of buses were also damaged at KwaDengezi and Clermont, Pinetown. — Sapa

Will the peace hold?

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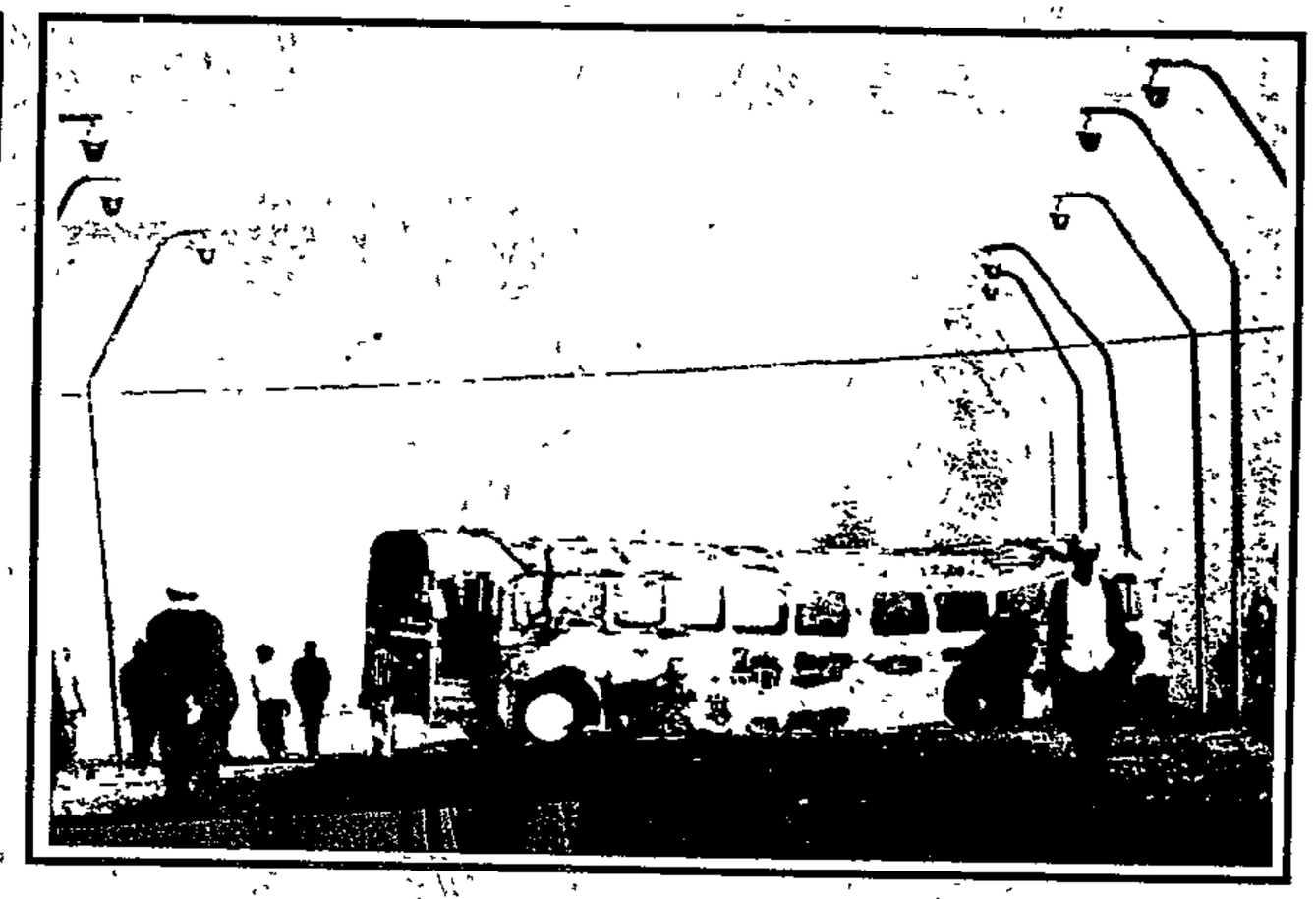

Inkatha and Cosatu sign a treaty, but there's still much personal bitterness ...

FLASHBACK: Emergency treatment for a victim of the bloody strife in a township near Maritzburg.

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The Argus Correspondent in Durban discusses the historic accord

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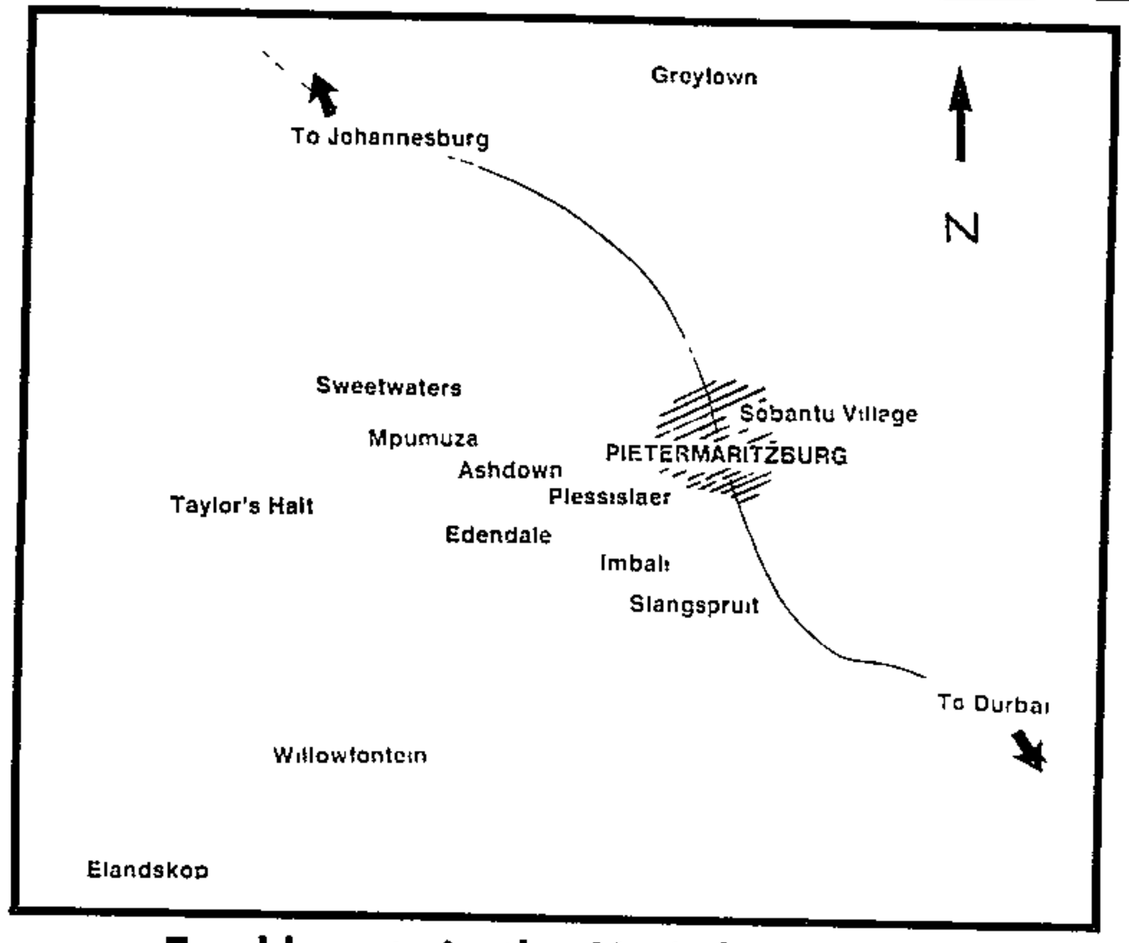

Troublespots in the Maritzburg area.

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Simply put, there are no winners from black-on-black political violence, except white racists. And everyone monitoring the violence is watching for agents provocateurs from this group wanting to sabotage the peace.

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No peace, despite Inkatha accord

MARITZBURG. — Violent political rivalry in the townships hesre has not subsided, even though Cosatu and Inkatha have signed an accord, say community sources.

Although last week's police unrest bulletins mentioned only one incident in the area since the accord, the Natal Witness has received information about two other incidents last weekend which left one man dead and six others injured.

And on Wednesday evening, a group of people from Mpumuza, said to be an Inkatha stronghold, allegedly went into Ashdown and told residents: "This peace means nothing and we are coming to kill you."

A confrontation developed and both groups were allegedly dispersed by security forces.

The incident, not mentioned in Thursday's unrest report, has worried residents of the area, particularly 19 families who had been granted a temporary interdict restraining Inkatha members of Mpumuza from attacking them.

Last week's settlement between Cosatu and Inkatha, by which both parties have immediate recourse to justice when their members are attacked, arose out of the interdict application.

Although it was widely reported that the agreement could signal an end to the conflict in the region, analysts and lawyers believe this to be a misrepresentation.

They say that while it is a constructive step, the problem of bringing into line the supporters of both parties is still very real.

A city lawyer acting on behalf of Inkatha, Mr Hugh Drummond, said there were parties, such as the UDF, excluded from the agreement, which "could still be acting on their own free will".

According to community sources, Mr Sqobo Ndlovu was killed by vigilantes in Chief Shayabantu Zondi's district of KwaShange on last Sunday.

Three others were injured and reported to be still in hospital.

Last Saturday, three other people were injured when their homes were attacked in Nxamalala. A reliable source identified the injured as a Mr Ngubane and a Mr and Mrs Khumalo.

A police spokesman was not available for comment on the incidents. — Sapa

4 killed, 7 injured in townships

PRETORIA. — Four men were killed and seven injured in several attacks in townships, mainly in Natal, over the past 24 hours, according to police.

Arsonists set fire to the administration building of a school in Dobsonville, Soweto.

Shots were fired at security forces from a house in Molweni, Durban. The fire was returned and one man was killed and four others were injured. Police arrested 25 men.

A man was arrested at Sweetwaters, Natal, after he had attacked a security force member with a panga.

Unidentified gunmen fired shots at a private house in Mpumalanga, Natal, killing two men and injuring two. In another incident, a man was injured when a group stoned his house.

A group stoned a bus at Nxalala, Natal, and afterwards fatally stabbed the driver. A man was arrested.

On Saturday police said a woman was killed and another woman seriously injured in several unrest-related incidents.

A group stoned a security force vehicle at Regina Mundi in Soweto, and one of the men was arrested.

A group hurled a petrol bomb at a house in Imbali, Natal, causing burn wounds to three youths. A woman who ran from the house was shot dead.

A number of buses were damaged in several stone-throwing incidents at Clermont, Natal. A man was arrested.

A group attacked and stabbed a woman at Umawoti, Durban. She is in a serious condition. — Sapa

Hard words from the chief, but peace is still all go

By CARMEL RICKARD, Durban

THE crucial Pietermaritzburg "peace settlement" between Inkatha and the Congress of South African Trade Unions is still in place following a Shaka Day rally outside Pietermaritzburg at the week-end.

The rally, seen as a preliminary test of commitment to the settlement, presented Inkatha president Mangosuthu Buthelezi with his first major public opportunity for comment on the settlement, to the people who will be bound by it.

However, there was some concern about the possibility of violence, particularly that there could be trouble after the meeting. In the past there has been violence following large rallies of this kind, with each side saying it was instigated by the other. Several organisations approached Pietermaritzbrg mayor Mark Cornell for a meeting, intending to ask for his help in negotiating an increased police presence. However, Cornell declined to meet them, saying it was a political matter in which he did not want to become involved.

In his speech at the rally, Buthelezi referred to another expression of concern about the gathering: independent MP Jan van Eck was reported to have become involved with a petition asking that the meeting be moved to another venue because of the violence which might erupt.

Buthelezi said, "Certain white elements, in cahoots with some of our people, have again been stirring the pot of anarchy. The suggestion was made in the so-called petition that our gathering here in this way will cause further violence. Clearly such people are the initiators of the hideous violence that has cost the lives of so many innocent people. The so-called petition is no less than an effort to incite people to acts of violence."

After this tongue-lashing, and an attack on those who "fanned the flames of violence (through) trading insults and villification campaigns", Buthelezi spoke strongly in favour of the settlement: "We have come in the name of peace to wave the olive branch" — a message which kwaZulu MP Velaphi Ndlovu feels "really reached the people".

Judging from the fact that only "minor things" happened after the rally, it seemed the peace message was beginning to be accepted, he said.

"It is difficult to achieve total peace in a day. The violence has lasted a long time and many lives have been lost but the message is getting down to everyone," he said.

"The message on Shaka Day was that if there is a problem you must not take it (out on) someone else: you must confront the person involved. Our policy is based on negotiation, on talking. You must tell each one: you cannot correct someone's mistakes by fighting him."

Ndlovu echoed remarks of Buthelezi that the ball was now in the court of the African National Congress and the United Democratic Front, with whom Inkatha believed there should also be a settlement.

"If they do not support this settlement it will fail," Ndlovu said.

On their side, Cosatu lawyers spoke of the fear of violence prevalent in the area near the rally site and that many people had left their homes afraid of an outbreak of fighting.

While there was less violence than many people had feared, they had heard of several incidents after the rally. However, they had received no official reports on which to base a formal complaint to Inkatha.

A Cosatu official said he was "cautiously optimistic" about the settlement holding. "We do not foresee any problem from our side. Although we can see some people are still attacked, the message is getting through on our side.

"The rally was a sign that there has been some improvement from their side. We were not expecting that a rally of 12 000 people could be held with so few incidents reported afterwards."

Mangosuthu Buthelezi ... "We have come in the name of peace"

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Pmb pact a way out of a nightmare of murder

After more than 789 deaths in the past 14 months in the Pietermaritzburg area, Inkatha and Cosatu have drawn up a peace settlement. By CARMEL RICKARD and THANDEKA GQUBULE

THE "peace settlement" between the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) and Inkatha, finalised last Friday, has been hailed as the first of its kind in South Africa

Unlike previous attempts at curbing the violence in Pietermaritzburg and other areas, the negotiators did not stop with a joint statement of principles They went considerably further and worked out a mechanism to ensure the principles would be observed by both sides

The settlement arose from an application brought by Cosatu against Inkatha earlier this year

The case was referred to oral evidence last Monday, but the two sides spent the week hammering out an agreement which would both settle the case and provide a way of curbing future violence

A complaints adjudication board — consisting of a retired judge and two assessors, one nominated by each side — is to hear complaints against Cosatu or Inkatha members referred by any member of the public.

The board will hold an inquiry and then make recommendations, if necessary, to the relevant organisation about appropriate disciplinary action

The board will subsequently publish its findings, its recommendations and the action actually taken by the organisation involved

Both sides are to hold meetings to publicise the settlement's terms to members Branch leaders must sign a document indicating they understand the content and implications

The two parties also agreed to

- Take action within their organisations against those who perpetrate or were implicated in violence;
- Oppose bail for those facing criminal charges for violence because they would prevent the peace agreement being implemented
- Condemn forced removals and recognise and respect freedom of association This was described as particularly important as forced removals were an important reason for fights between townships

Cosatu general secretary, Jay Naidoo, said in an interview this week that the discussions with Inkatha were not peace talks, but an agreement on principles "which could provide a useful basis for peace"

"Our position has always been that we are committed to negotiate an end to the violence in Pietermaritzburg This represents the only way out of a nightmare of murder," he said

An obvious omission in the agreement is the United Democratic Front (UDF), but both Inkatha and Cosatu say it was unavoidable at this stage that much between Cosatu and Inkatha It is mostly between Inkatha and the UDF"

He was nevertheless hopeful the new structure would help significantly in curbing the violence

Commenting on the absence of the UDF, Cosatu's Alec Erwin said Cosatu would never purport to speak for the UDF, and had made it clear to Inkatha that Cosatu was not a "surrogate" of the UDF

However, during the negotiating period the unions had widely canvassed the idea of the adjudication board and found it met with significant UDF support.

"We would never have gone ahead with it if the UDF was opposed," he said

Erwin said if it should happen that a number of the complaints concerned UDF members, Cosatu would approach the UDF Arrangements to bring in the UDF were still a possibility, but would take much longer

"The settlement of the court case was urgent and needed to be done quickly," he said "If we had tried to bring in the UDF at that point, it would have taken too long However, it is something we will give attention to in the future"

It could be argued many UDF supporters are members of Cosatu and so would be obliged to recognise the agreement But the UDF supporters most affected by the violence — the youth — are generally either students or unemployed and would thus not be subject to the settlement.

In addition, there has been a lack of strong middle-level leadership in the UDF for some time, which has led to affiliates, particularly the youth, sometimes being fiercely independent with strong local leadership They are likely to feel alienated by the settlement which has not involved them

Despite the serious difficulty posed by the UDF's ommission, both Cosatu and Inkatha appear reasonably optimistic that the settlement could achieve a reduction in the violence

The agreement is intended to apply to Pietermaritzburg, but there are provisions for conflicts outside this area to be referred to the board, with the agreement of both parties Both Inkatha and Cosatu hope if it works well in Pietermaritzburg its scope could be extended to the whole of Natal

Mediators, negotiators and academics have welcomed the deal, saying it is a model which could be followed in other conflicts.

Professor of clinical and adjectival law at Natal University, Durban, David McQuoid-Mason called it an "imaginative settlement". He said mediation was not used enough in conflict resolution in South Africa, although it was popular in the United States and was a traditional form of settling disputes in African society

- The settlement was also welcomed by Justice Page who was to have heard the application. He said everyone aware of the "carnage" of the Pietermaritzburg townships knew it was a matter of "desperate urgency" that it would stop

He said the settlement appeared to provide the machinery for co-operation and that he hoped and prayed it would work.

However, he stressed the settlement did not mean the court was abdicating its duty to act and that both civil and criminal action were still available

Al-Qalam still defiant despite seizure, raids

By CHARLOTTE BAUER

FAIZAL DAWJEE, editor of the Muslim monthly, *Al-Qalam*, has not been to work since police walked into the newspaper's Durban offices and seized the latest issue 10 days ago.

Since then members of the security police have arrived punctually each day at the *Al-Qalam* office to search it, confiscating documents, files and photographs from Dawjee's office and handing out receipts for the piles of material they take when they go.

Dawjee, who has been "keeping a low-profile", said despite the seizure of *Al-Qalam* and the "constant intimidation" of its staff, the strongly anti-apartheid paper would "not soften its line" — and would continue to call on people not to vote in the October elections.

It was an anti-election advert placed by the paper's own editorial committee which caused *Al-Qalam's* seizure under section 9 (1) of the Media Emergency Regulations last Tuesday

The advert, which has run in both the July and August issues of *Al-Qalam*, advises readers: "You Have the Right Not to Vote!! ... Exercise Your Right!"

Police have told the paper's lawyers this contravenes regulation 5 of the Emergency, which deals with the publishing of "subversive statments".

Owned by the Muslim Youth Movement, the 14-year-old paper has been banned under the Publications Act three times in the past year

Currently there is an appeal pending on the March issue of the paper, banned for running an interview with executive member of the African National Congress, Jacob Zuma.

Last year's bannings of the July and October issues were both related to anti-conscription stories — the second being a condemnation of the banning of the first.

Dawjee commented that the attacks on *Al-Qalam* and on the media in general "must be seen in the light of the government's increasing consitutional instability and its inability to counter the growing opposition to its sham reform initiatives and its repressive policies".

Run by Muslim fundamentalists, *Al-Qalam* has a circulation of 13 000 nationally Dawjee said the paper opposed apartheid because it was "commanded by God" and that "Islam is the antithesis of what apartheid stands for".

Escorted by security police, Nelson Mandela's daughter-in-law, Rennie Mandela-Perry, and his grandson, Mandla Mandela, visit the ANC leader at Constantiaberg Clinic.
Picture: ERIC MILLER, Afrapix

Mabuza plans an anti-apartheid enclave

By EDDIE KOCH

FAR-REACHING proposals for educational changes in kaNgwane, including the setting up of democratic student representative councils, are part of Chief Minister Enos Mabuza's "total strategy for liberation" in South Africa

Plans to revamp the "homeland's" education system were announced this week by Mabuza at a press conference in Johannesburg as part of a build-up to general elections in kaNgwane next month — which for the first time in any "homeland" will allow elected members of the legislative assembly to outnumber members nominated by Pretoria

The kaNgwane elections were originally planned for October but appear to have been brought forward to avoid being associated with the October elections Mabuza said people should be free to call for a boycott of the municipal polls and that it was "most unfortunate" this was prohibited by the Emergency Regulations

"During my election campaigns education has been one of the foremost issues," said Mabuza. "It is essential to the total strategy for our liberation

We should develop a policy that breaks away from bantu education, which is a legacy all education authorities have inherited"

Education specialist Ken Hartshorne, adviser to the now-banned National Education Crisis Committee, was commissioned by Mabuza's administration to draft a report on ways in which this could be achieved

Hartshorne said his report stressed improved teacher training and the "need for democratic participation by all the bodies within the education system". It urges the establishment of a kaNgwane education council, representing education, church and community leaders, as well as democratically elected SRC's in schools and colleges.

Mabuza, who has stubbornly refused to accept independence for kaNgwane and defies Pretoria's plans to make the "homeland" independent, said his government would draft laws to put these proposals into affect after the elections

kaNgwane is also drafting labour legislation that will grant domestic workers legal protection and may even give trade union rights to farmworkers. Both these groups are excluded from the South Africa's official labour relations system.

The "homeland's" attorney, Chris Albertyn, who is drafting the Bill, said it will also grant striking workers protection against dismissal and allow union members to take part in solidarity strikes — rights which organised workers are deprived of under South African law.

Education and labour reform are clearly part of Mabuza's scheme to turn kaNgwane into an anti-apartheid enclave in the "homeland" system

Success in the forthcoming elections will obviously boost Mabuza's chances of pushing the changes through the "homeland" assembly — and indications are that the ruling Inyandza party will sweep the polls

Mabuza said his Inyandza party was unopposed in 42 of the assembly's 57 seats and only 14 seats would be contested by the recently formed Insika opposition party

According to the chief minister, organisers for Inyandza have recently reported cases of white men urging chiefs in the "homeland" to oppose him Last month Mabuza said he had evidence of attempts by "pro-Pretoria" elements to replace him

The alleged threats to Mabuza have led to low-level talks between the Inyandza Youth League and the Lowveld Youth Congress, which was affiliated to the now-restricted United Democratic Front Militant youth were once the most serious opposition to Mabuza's government and if the reports of attempts to topple him are correct, the chief minister has clearly used them to pull the youth into an accord with Inyandza.

The rumours are wrong. There won't be a Dakar II

Weekly Mail Reporter

THERE won't be a "Dakar II" conference this week, despite reports that the Senegalese capital was today due to host another meeting including white South Africans and the African National Congress

The Institute for a Democratic Alternative for South Africa's Dr Frederik van Zyl Slabbert said the reports were the result of a "misunderstanding that is not surprising".

He told the *Weekly Mail* that in the wake of the Dakar I meeting a year ago, "there was a great deal of heavy speculation about another Dakar coming off

"But there is definitely no Dakar II, and any conferences outside South Africa that Idasa is involved in are much smaller in scope and functionally specific — dealing with the law, education, foreign policy and the like"

He added that these gatherings did not only include the ANC and Idasa but drew in other African and European experts in these fields

The original reports about Dakar II were based on an agreement signed between Idasa and the African Jurists' Association in Paris in February.

Imbali security stepped up

MARITZBURG. — More policemen are to be brought into Imbali township near here after complaints by residents that uncontrolled violence in the area is destroying community life.

On Wednesday a delegation of 16 women from Imbali requested that the SADF be deployed in the area. A spokeswoman alleged that under the "kitskonstabels", who are now used to police the townships, the situation had degenerated.

Meanwhile, chiefs in the Sweetwaters area who held their own meetings on Sunday which were followed by violence, are to be called to Ulundi for questioning by Inkatha's secretary-general, Dr Oscar Dhlomo.

They will also be asked why they did not attend a mass meeting addressed by Dr Dhlomo to report back on the "peace settlement" reached by Inkatha and the Cosatu two weeks ago. — Sapa

Inkatha arson threat alleged

MARITZBURG. — An Inchanga woman alleged in Supreme Court papers here yesterday that she had seen an Inkatha member point out her home as being one that was to be burnt down.

Her husband said their son was a "comrade" and that Inkatha and the comrades often clashed in their area.

The statements were made by Mr Casper Gumede and Mrs Anna Gumede, of Fredville in the Inchanga area.

They made the allegations in support of a temporary interdict calling on Mr Joe Zuma to show why he should not be restrained from assaulting the Gumede family or entering or attacking their house.

Mr Gumede said he had reported the matter to the police but feared that they did not have the resources to mount a 24-hour guard.

The rule was yesterday extended by Mr Justice Law. — Sapa

A Dhlomo rebuke for 3 Inkatha chiefs

THE Pietermaritzburg "peace settlement" between Inkatha and the Congress of South African Trade Unions is still on, despite weekend violence in which at least six died and over 100 people fled their homes.

The violence allegedly followed meetings held by three chiefs in Sweetwaters at the same time as a rally called by Inkatha's secretary general, Oscar Dhlomo, to report back on the agreement reached between Inkatha and Cosatu two weeks ago.

The chiefs are to be called to Ulundi for questioning by Dhlomo on what happened at their meetings and afterwards. They will also be asked about their absence from Dhlomo's Inkatha rally at kwaMkhulu in Sweetwaters, which he estimated was attended by over 4 000 people.

Despite the death of six people in Natal violence this weekend, there is renewed hope — thanks largely to Oscar Dhlomo's sharp action, pulling erring followers into line

CARMEL RICKARD reports

About 100 people — mainly United Democratic Front aligned youths — fled the area late on Sunday. They said they were fleeing fighting which they claimed was instigated by Inkatha people after the "rival" meetings.

No incidents were reported following Dhlomo's rally, called to discuss the new settlement under which both sides have to ensure the terms are widely publicised. In addition senior local officials have to sign statements that they understand and accept the conditions.

At Dhlomo's rally the chairmen of 39 branches signed their acceptance of the agreement and the leaders of the Inkatha Youth Brigade and the Women's Brigade also indicated their approval.

Dhlomo said during the meeting he told the people that the settlement was simply a re-statement of the principles of non-violence to which Inkatha was already bound. The agreement meant others would be similarly bound to these principles.

On Tuesday, following reports of violence in the Sweetwaters area on Sunday, Dhlomo said he would investigate what had happened.

Later in the week he said he had been told that three meetings were taking place in Sweetwaters at the same time as the meeting which he addressed. After these meetings, violence flared, several people died and scores fled the area.

Dhlomo said it was not yet clear what happened but he was particularly concerned about the fact that the three local leaders and the people who attended their meetings had not been at his meeting.

One of the three "rival" meetings was called by Chief Shayabantu Zondi. Dhlomo said the chief had known about the Inkatha rally because he was in the supreme court at the time it was announced.

"We are calling Chief Zondi here," Dhlomo said, "and we will explain in no uncertain terms that we will not tolerate such behaviour."

The other chiefs who called and addressed meetings are also to be called to Ulundi.

"It seems likely the people who attended the other meetings were involved in the violence of Sunday. We do not know exactly what happened, but I will find out," Dhlomo said.

The adjudication board to hear complaints of breaches of discipline by either side, and which is the key element of the settlement, has not yet been set up as the retired judge who will head the board is not yet available to begin.

Although not all elements of the agreement are in place, the sudden violence in Sweetwaters appeared to threaten the continuation of settlement.

However, several positive factors have emerged: Dhlomo's strong response to the incidents could convince any wavering Inkatha members that he means business. It gives the same message to Cosatu: officials who began to query the *bona fides* of "certain local Inkatha leaders" after the violence, said they were "encouraged" by Dhlomo's statement on the three chiefs.

In the aftermath of the incidents, the channels of contact between lawyers and officials of both sides have also been tested, and communication appears to be working well.

Now a second level of complaints' referral is being set up — both sides are to swop names of people who can be contacted to take action when there are claims of imminent violence threatened by members of their side.

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Girl killed, boy hurt during police raid

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — A 12-year-old girl was shot dead and a boy was slightly wounded during a police raid in Clermont, near here, this week.

Police said members of the Reaction Unit and Security Branch went to a house in Clermont after they received a tip-off.

The house was searched and a Skorpion machine pistol and ammunition were found.

The spokesman said one of the policemen was then kicked on the ankle and a shot went off when he fell backwards, killing Nosipho Khumalo and wounding Nhlanhleni Phiri, 11, in the right knee.

The owner of the house was arrested.

● Four people, including a three-month-old baby, were wounded in Diepkloof, Transvaal, yesterday when police opened fire during a pursuit of an alleged guerilla, police said.

The suspected guerilla was under police guard in an unidentified hospital. — Sapa

Hammarsdale man killed

PRETORIA. — A man was stabbed to death at Shongweni near Hammarsdale in Natal on Wednesday, the police public relations division reported yesterday.

At Hammarsdale, arsonists caused extensive damage to a private house. In the same area, a group of people damaged a private vehicle by rolling it down an embankment. No injuries were reported, police said in their daily unrest report released in Pretoria.

At Duffs Road (KwaMashu, Durban), a large group obstructed entrance to the railway station by standing on the railway lines. Police used tearsmoke and rubber bullets to disperse them and arrested two men and a woman. — Sapa

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Police step up patrols after plea by Imbali residents

THE policing of Imbali township near Maritzburg is to be stepped up following complaints by residents that uncontrolled violence in the area is destroying community life.

Last week a delegation of 16 women from Imbali requested that the South African Defence Force be deployed in the area.

They said violence had escalated recently and was worse than at the height of the conflict last year.

The women had also sought the aid of Outreach – a group monitoring unrest.

Outreach spokesman Radley Keys said police had given assurances that the policing of the area would be stepped up. However, he said police had explained that the military were deployed elsewhere.

Police spokesman Captain Pieter Kitching confirmed that more police would be brought in.

A spokeswoman said that when the SADF were deployed in April this year, the violence – which had begun in about November 1987 – had been quelled.

Under the "kitskonstabels," who are now used to police the townships, the situation had degenerated to what it was last year, she said. – Sapa

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More blasts, but no-one hurt

JOHANNESBURG. — Blasts rocked Durban and East London at the weekend. No one was hurt.

In Durban a limpet mine exploded inside a booking office at the Berea Road railway station at 3.10am yesterday.

In East London nine cars were damaged when a bomb exploded in the parking area of a beachfront hotel late on Saturday night.

Someone saw the device under a car and police evacuated the area before it went off. — Sapa and Own Correspondent

EMERGENCY UPDATE

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Bishop Lavis school blaze

PRETORIA. — Tables and chairs at a school in Bishop Lavis have been set on fire, according to the unrest report issued by the police today.

Other unrest-related incidents reported:

At Dassenhoek, near Durban, blacks threw a petrol bomb at a home and a man fired at the group, wounding one.

Eighteen men were arrested at Shallcross railway station near Pinetown after stones were thrown at a train.

At Mpumuza, near Maritzburg, shots were fired at a bus. Police dispersed a group with shotgun fire. Two men were arrested, one of them wounded.

Also in the area a group stoned a house, injuring a man and a woman.

A man was stabbed to death at Edendale, near Maritzburg.

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2 die, 5 hurt in unrest

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PRETORIA. — Two people have died and five have been injured in 24 hours, according to today's unrest report issed by the police here.

The body of a man was found in Mbekweni, Pinetown. He had been stabbed to death.

A man was stabbed to death and another was wounded in Mpumalanga, Natal.

Unknown persons fired at a group of blacks in Inchanga, Natal. Police arrested six men.

A petrol bomb was hurled at a house in Botshabelo, Bloemfontein, and a man and two women were burnt.

A group armed with bottles attacked a woman in Hammersdale, injuring her. — Sapa.

'Police escorted Inkatha attackers'

From ROYCO SANGWENI

DURBAN. — Several Kwa-Makhutha residents this week claimed in affidavits that Inkatha supporters, escorted by KwaZulu Police, atttacked them while returning from Shaka Day celebrations.

Six residents made sworn statements to attorneys alleging that their home windows were smashed, asbestos roofs broken and door frames ripped apart.

One of the victims, Thembi Mkhize, claimed she was taken away in a KwaZulu police vehicle to another woman's home known as Mrs Ngidi.

Mkhize claims she was identified as "Sibongile", and associated with the burning of the house of Qhu Molefe, an alleged Inkatha warlord.

"I was beaten with barefists by Molefe. The KwaZulu police joined Molefe and started kicking me with boots and hitting me with bare fists as well.

"I was later taken out of Kwa-MaKhutha to Adams mission. I was dragged out of the police van by Molefe who continued to hit me until I retaliated. This annoyed the police who then hit me again.

"As a result, I am coughing blood, my whole body is painful and I feel pain on my temples when chewing food," she said.

A KwaZulu police spokesman confirmed there had been "unrest" in KwaMaKhutha but declined to comment on the involvement of the KwaZulu police saying those people making the allegations should come forward and make statements to the police. — CONCORDE

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8 murdered in wave of political violence

By Craig Kotze, Crime Reporter

Star 10/10/87

At least eight people were murdered and another six injured in political violence amid a wave of bombings, grenade and arson attacks in various parts of the country over the past three days, police said last night.

Seven of those killed were murdered in Natal unrest — where clashes between the UDF and Inkatha over the past year have left almost 1 000 dead — and the eighth victim was found in Naledi, Soweto.

The death toll does not include possible deaths and injuries for Sunday.

There were bomb blasts in Duduza township on the East Rand on Friday and at the Bishop Lavis Magistrate's Court in Cape Town on Saturday.

The blasts bring to seven the number of terror bombs so far this month and police say the bombings will intensify as the ANC seeks to disrupt the October 26 municipal elections.

It is believed the Duduza blast was at the home of a municipal candidate, whom police would not identify.

In further violence in the township, two grenades were hurled at another house, also on Friday, but no one was injured.

On Friday afternoon, two people were slightly injured when firebombs exploded at CNA branches in Pinetown and Durban. Structural damage was minor, police said.

In Natal, five men were killed and another stabbed and seriously injured in feuding in kwaMakhita township near Durban. Four homes in the area were damaged in arson attacks.

Another two men were stabbed to death and another two wounded in separate attacks in various Natal townships.

On Friday, a woman was stabbed and her home burned in Hammarsdale.

Near Maritzburg, a member of the security forces was slightly injured when a mob hurled stones at them as they approached an illegal gathering in Edendale. A youth was arrested.

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Six hurt in limpet mine explosion

GAR Times 8/10/88

PRETORIA. — Six people were injured in a limpet mine explosion at the Tembisa municipal offices on Thursday afternoon.

Police said one of the injured was in a serious condition.

The injured people were taken to Tembisa Hospital.

Several windows were shattered and the ceiling and roof of the building were badly damaged.

The mine exploded under an asbestos bench in a corridor in the centre of the building, which is about 200m from the Tembisa police station.

"I just heard a great sound, then looked at my arm which was bleeding, and turned and ran away," said Mr Esrom Motlhaga, 23, who was hurt in the blast.

He was one of three people walking in the corridor of the building when the mine exploded. Two people with him were also hurt.

Mr Motlhaga had shrapnel wounds in his back and the bone in his lower left arm was shattered.

Security force members used batons to disperse an illegal gathering in Johannesburg on Thursday, police said. One security force member was slightly injured.

At Tselete Mine in Vryheid two men were arrested after a crowd stoned police. Police said they used batons and tearsmoke to disperse the mob.

And in Edenvale this week three homes were petrol-bombed.

No one was hurt and damage was minimal.

A police spokesman in Pretoria said the attacks happened in Edenglen and Highway Gardens suburbs on Wednesday night and early on Thursday.

The first attack happened about 9.50pm at the home of Mr Terrence Havell in Highway Gardens, the second in Edenglen at the home of Mrs Ann Zeeman and the third at the home of Mr Raymond Erington in Edenglen.

None of the victims is politically active. The only seeming link is that the daughters of two of them go to the same school. — Sapa

CAPE TIMES 5/10/88

Three die in unrest incidents

PRETORIA. — Three men died on Monday in incidents of unrest in the area around Maritzburg, police said yesterday.

The official police unrest report said the body of a man who had been shot dead was found at Slangspruit and another who had been stabbed to death was found at Sweetwaters.

The third death occurred at Hammarsdale when a group murdered a man. No further details of the incident were released.

Two people were burned when a house at Marion Hill near Pinetown was petrol-bombed.

Another house, at KwaMakuta near Amanzimtoti, was damaged in an arson attack, the report said.

A blast occurred at a private house in Parys at 6.15pm on Monday in an incident which police said was not unrest-related.

Nobody was injured as result of the explosion and little damage was caused, the report said.

Cape Times 14/10/88

Unrest: 2 die in violence

PRETORIA. — At least two people died violently at the weekend, police reported yesterday.

The body of a man was found by police at Mohlakeng, Krugersdorp.

One man was killed and another seriously stabbed when two groups clashed in strife-torn KwaDengezi, near Pinetown.

In further incidents of unrest, a group attacked and seriously injured a man and woman with pangas at Sweetwaters in Natal.

An explosion occurred at a takeaway outlet in Wentworth, Durban, on Sunday night. Police are investigating the cause of the blast. — Sapa

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East Rand Bureau.

Woman dies in Natal violence

Crime Reporter

A woman was stabbed to death and another two people injured in a wave of violence in the Port Natal area at the weekend, police said in their latest unrest report.

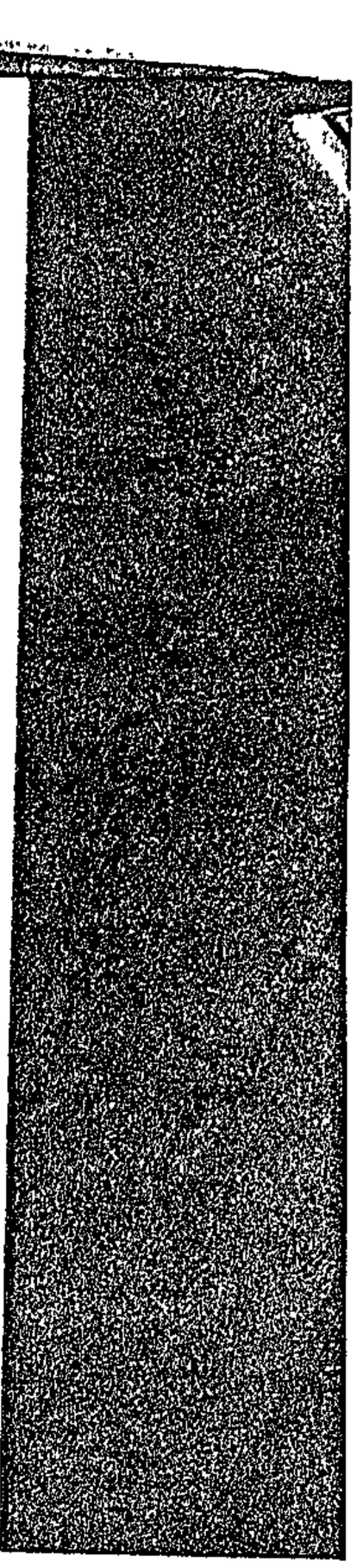
The woman was stabbed to death during a spate of petrol bombings.

A 50-strong crowd hurled petrol bombs at a house, causing extensive damage, while another 50 people petrol-bombed four private homes and stabbed a man.

He is in a serious condition in hospital.

In another incident on Saturday, a mob threw petrol bombs at a house, causing extensive damage and injuring a youth.

Police said one person was arrested.



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Natal prominent in latest unrest reports

JOHANNESBURG. — The body of an unidentified man with stab wounds was found by police in Natal on Saturday night, the daily unrest bulletin said yesterday. No arrests were made.

In another incident in Natal a group hurled petrol bombs at a private house, causing extensive damage. No arrests were made.

A woman was stabbed to death by a large crowd early on Saturday morning in the Port Natal area.

The 50-strong crowd also hurled petrol bombs at a nearby house, causing extensive damage, while 50 people in the same area petrol-bombed four private homes and stabbed a man. No arrests were made.

At 8am on Friday, about 100 people threw petrol bombs at a private dwelling, causing extensive damage and injuring a youth. One person was arrested. — Sapa

Black-on-black political violence under microscope at Natal seminar

By Esmaré van der Merwe,
Political Reporter

Three black research organisations have joined to present an extensive two-day seminar on political violence in South Africa's black townships.

The Umtapo Centre, the research unit of the Educational Opportunities Council (EOC) and the Centre for the Enrichment of African Political Affairs (CEAPA), will host the seminar which is to be held in Durban's Athlone Hotel on October 15 and 16.

Titled "Who'll stop the killing?", the seminar will examine the origins and causes of political violence in the townships and strategies to eliminate it.

It will be the first time that church and media workers, health and legal professionals, academics and educationists, community workers and researchers will be assembled to seek solutions to this relatively new development in black political life.

Announcing the seminar, the organisers said black-on-black violence had been experienced in South Africa over the past five years.

Although many organisations had publicly condemned it, little had been done to stop it.

"We view these developments with grave concern and, while appreciating the efforts of some organisations to answer the problems of violence, believe that not sufficient emphasis has been placed on finding lasting solutions

"It is our belief, as black research organisations that are committed to bearing its responsibilities towards liberation, that much more needs to be done"

Topics to be discussed include the legal handling of group violence, the church's role in objectively dealing with the oppressed community, and the socio-political and educational implications of violence within an oppressed society.

● Further details can be obtained from Cosmas Marake, EOC (011) 833-1510, Thabo Ndabeni (011) 403-2511 and Deena Soliar, Umtapo Centre (031) 31-2888.

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Bloody Molweni

Natal's bloodiest weekend of rural and township violence so far this year has triggered fears that the province might be headed for a repeat of last year's internecine clashes between rival political groups. Hundreds were left dead and homeless then, making daily life a misery even for the most apolitical black residents of the greater Durban and Maritzburg areas.

But after the SA Police "unrest reports" and body counts — officially 17 people died last weekend and six more on Monday — a disturbing new basis for the killings, and a new trouble spot, have emerged.

At least 14 of the deaths occured at Molweni, a rural black settlement near the affluent white suburb of Hillcrest; and although observers warned that the situation was extremely complex, rivalry over land and tribalities appear to be the basis for the bloodshed.

Trouble has been brewing in the overpopulated area ever since scores of families — displaced to make way for the nearby Inanda Dam project — moved into Molweni. But now local Zulu chiefs are calling for the removal of those they say owe no allegiance to them, mainly Pondo and Basotho people.

This, according to PFP regional director Roy Ainslie, is the basic cause of the recent flare-up: "The chiefs have been under pressure to reassert their authority. This is difficult for them to do when so many people living on their tribal land owe no allegiance to them.

"A call was made last week for these people to get out of the area, and it appears some groups are attempting to enforce it," he explained.

Ainslie cautioned, however, that causes of violence in the area should not be oversimplified. Ideological differences — roughly in the form of an age split, with youths supporting the comrades, and elders supporting the Inkatha movement — as well as economic disparities (parts of Molweni have better services than others), also played a part.

Most disturbing is an unconfirmed report Ainslie received that chiefs calling for the removal of outsiders have set the coming weekend as the deadline for their departure, sparking a mass exodus of women and children from Molweni, many now living in the surrounding bush.

In response police have increased their presence in the area, clearly anticipating another bloody weekend. ■

He warns of the "complications" yet to come — including the general conditions of the emergency and the restrictions placed on "non-Inkatha members," despite widespread calls for them to be lifted, even from Inkatha Secretary-General Oscar Dhlomo.

"What we have is agreement at senior level. It now has to filter down to grassroots membership. But in this agreement there is a definite sign of hope."

Cosatu executive member Alec Irwin said the Complaints Adjudication Board — the keystone of the agreement — offered a more practical and speedy way of resolving problems in the area. "From our side we see it as a starting point."

It is widely believed that UDF members will follow the Cosatu initiative, and to some extent membership of the labour federation and the political movement do overlap in Maritzburg.

Some doubts have been raised about whether the infamous "warlords" blamed for initiating some of the violence will take the agreement seriously. Nobody seems to doubt the sincerity of Inkatha's top leadership, but observers point out that the warlords wield immense power in certain areas that they may be reluctant to give up.

Dhlomo, however, is optimistic that the agreement will allow the respective organisations to regulate each other. He said the agreement was important because it placed responsibility on each movement to monitor its members; it enabled the movements to monitor each other; and it provided a forum which was less expensive than the courts. And "most importantly it promotes the concept of political co-existence."

Pamphlets are being printed in Zulu for distribution to all Maritzburg township residents spelling out the conditions and spirit of the agreement. ■

INKATHA-COSATU PACT

Stumbling blocks

The big question following last week's ice-breaking peace pact between Cosatu and Inkatha is not so much if it will end the destructive cycle of violence in the Pietermaritzburg region, but whether the leadership of the organisations have the ability to get the message to their members on the ground.

The restrictions placed on the UDF severely hamper it from conveying Friday's agreement to grassroots. In fact the UDF could not participate in negotiations leading to the agreement and the setting up of the Complaints Adjudication Board; and could not sign the agreement which all sectors of the community hope will end four years of bitter fighting.

More important, however, is that the ban on the UDF does not allow it to hold meetings in the townships. This is one of the reasons why Peter Kerchhoff of the Pietermaritzburg Agency for Christian Social Awareness, a group which has been closely monitoring the violence, is cautious about seeing any instant solutions. "I think this is a first step — from here talks can start leading to negotiations for peace," he says.

Limpet mine blast at police barracks

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SPRINGS. — A limpet mine exploded at Thembisa police barracks near Springs early this morning slightly injuring four members of the South African Police.

A police spokesman said the mine exploded near the barracks at 1.55am. The four injured police members were treated for shock and slight injuries.

The bomb caused minimal damage to the building, the spokesman said.

● A bomb has caused minor damage at the magistrate's court in Bishop Lavis.

It was the eighth mini limpet mine explosion in the Western Cape in less than two weeks.

Police said the explosion occurred at the front entrance of the magistrate's court in Myrtle Road, Bishop Lavis, about 9.15pm on Saturday.

Damage was caused to window panes, the door frame and the ceiling in the foyer.

● According to the police unrest report, issued in Pretoria, police found the body of a black man who had been stabbed to death at Nxamalala (Natal).

At Fredville (Natal) five private houses and a church were damaged by stone-throwers.

At Mpumalanga (Natal) two private houses were damaged when petrol bombs were thrown at them.

At Kwamakita (Durban) two unknown gunmen fired shots at two members of the public and two black men sustained gunshot wounds. —Argus Reporter and Sapa.

Police: Seven killed during weekend unrest

Cape Times 10/10/1988 (276)

PRETORIA. — Seven people died and several homes were destroyed in unrest in Natal at the weekend, police said yesterday.

Police found a man's body in Naledi, Soweto, on Friday night.

Five men were killed when two opposing groups clashed at Kwa-Makhuta, near Durban. Arsonists damaged four homes.

Police found the bodies of two men, one at Sitindu, Pinetown, and the other at Tanbiya. Both had been stabbed.

At Sobantu, Maritzburg, a group stabbed a man, wounding him seriously.

A Hammarsdale home was attacked by stone-throwers and the owner was shot in the leg by an unidentified gunman. In another incident, a woman was stabbed and wounded when a group of arsonists attacked a house.

A member of the security forces received light injuries after they were stoned at the scene of an illegal gathering in Edendale. A youth was arrested.

Police also reported that an explosive device detonated outside a home in Duduza township. No injuries were reported. — Sapa

Cape Times
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Man killed in Natal violence

PRETORIA. — Police found the body of an unidentified man who had been stabbed to death at Nxamalala in Natal, police said yesterday.

Police also said a limpet mine exploded at Tembisa police barracks near Springs early yesterday morning, slightly injuring four policemen.

The mine exploded near the barracks at 1.55am. The four injured policemen were treated for shock and slight injuries, police said.

The bomb caused minimal damage to the building.

At KwaMakita township near Durban two men were injured when two unknown gunmen opened fire on "members of the public", police said.

In other unrest-related incidents in Natal, five houses and a church were damaged by stone-throwers at Fredville and two houses were damaged by petrol bombs at Mpumalanga. — Sapa

Greece rules for extradition of Palestinian

ATHENS. — A Greek appeals court recommended yesterday that a 34-year-old Palestinian, Mr Mohammed Rashid, be sent to the US to stand trial for a bomb blast on board a civilian airliner in 1982.

The court voted 2-1 in favour of extraditing Mr Rashid, who has been held in Greece since May 30. Lawyers for Mr Rashid said they would appeal against the decision.

The court accepted five of nine charges made by the US government. All five focused on the explosion on board a PanAm airlines plane over Hawaii, which killed a teenager.

It rejected allegations concerning an unexploded bomb planted on an airliner in Brazil in 1982. — Sapa-Reuter

Gunman fires on cops, 10 people arrested

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PRETORIA. — A gunman fired on security force members in Pinetown and arsonists caused damage to buildings in the West Rand, according to Thursday night's police unrest report.

At Klaarwater, Pinetown, a gang threw stones at security force members. A gunman from within the group fired several shots at the security forces. No injuries were caused. Ten men were arrested.

At Sebokeng, West Rand, arsonists caused damage to a private house and a school. In the same area stone-throwers caused damage to a delivery vehicle.

At Inanda, Durban, a group of people attacked four men with knives causing serious injury to all four.

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EMERGENCY UPDATE

Two hacked to death, houses burnt in unrest

PRETORIA. — Two people were hacked to death with pangas in separate incidents of continuing township violence, police reported today.

The police unrest report said a group of people attacked a home in Mpumalanga, Natal, and another in Mpumuza, Edendale, and hacked the owners to death. Their homes were set alight.

Four women, two in each incident, were arrested after the killings.

At Hammersdale, Natal, a group attacked and wounded a man with "sharp instruments", according to police.

A man was also stabbed and wounded at Mpumuza. — Sapa.

Car bomb kills guard

PAMPLONA (Spain). — Suspected Basque separatists detonated a car bomb when an armoured car of the paramilitary civil guard passed by, killing one guard and injuring seven, police said. — Sapa-AP.

Four injured in four bomb blasts on Reef

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Four bombs exploded on the Reef at the weekend, one of them injuring four people at Johannesburg's Vanderbijl Square bus terminus, only metres from the spot where 19 victims were hurt in a similar explosion several weeks ago.

In another terror-related incident at the weekend, a man was shot dead with an AK-47 rifle. Police arrested a man in connection with the killing, said a police unrest report.

Last night an unidentified explosive device detonated at the Alexandra municipal offices at 10.15. Damage was slight and no one was injured.

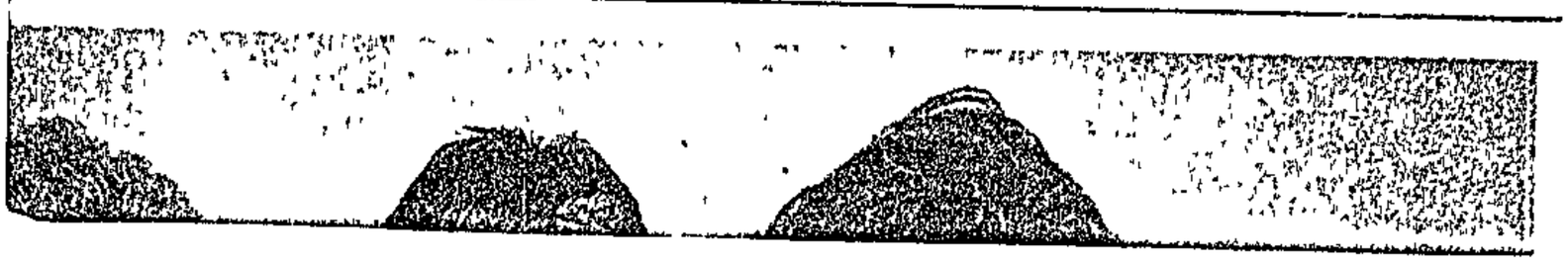
EAST RAND

Explosions also took place at the Katlehong, East Rand, municipal offices and at a disused power station in Soweto, police said. No one was injured in the two explosions and damage was slight.

The Katlehong bomb, the latest of several terror-related incidents on the East Rand last week, went off behind the municipal barracks at about 4.30am on Saturday, slightly damaging the building.

In Soweto, a mini-limpet mine exploded at a sub-station, causing some damage.

Those injured in the Vanderbijl Square blast were Mr Owan Moran, 56, of Hillbrow, Miss Miriam Naka, 22, Mr Johannes Medupi, 24, and Mr Jacob Mototsi, 32. They were only slightly injured in the 6.20pm blast on Friday.



5 die in unrest at weekend

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PRETORIA. — Five people were killed and a substation was extensively damaged in several unrest-related incidents at the weekend.

The police reported that two men burnt to death when a house in Mpumalanga, near Maritzburg, was petrol-bombed. Eleven men and one woman received minor burns in the fire.

In another incident in the same township police found the body of a man with several stab wounds in the chest and back.

A man was shot dead by another with an AK47 rifle in Soweto, Johannesburg. A man was later taken into custody.

The body of another man who had been stabbed to death was found at Hammarsdale near Maritzburg. No arrests were made.

A mini limpet mine caused extensive damage to a substation in Soweto, Johannesburg. No injuries were reported and no arrests were made.

An explosion rocked Katlehong municipal barracks on Saturday morning, damaging the building slightly but injured no one.

The bomb, which was detonated at the back of the local authority barracks at 4.30am, was the second in the PWV area in 10 hours.

A bomb extensively damaged an unused electricity sub-station in Soweto early yesterday morning, police said. Nobody was injured.

A member of the security forces was shot at, presumably with an AK47 rifle, by two unknown men in Umlazi near Durban. The security force member was wounded in both legs and then robbed of his service pistol. No arrests have been made. His condition is not serious.

At Inanda a police vehicle was extensively damaged by stones. — Sapa

Natal killings shift to the city

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Political killings in Maritzburg have begun moving from the townships to the city centre. And the latest figures show that the violence this year has claimed more than 600 lives.

The alarming new trend of violence in the city has been spotted by a researcher at the University of Natal. It appears to be following the estimated 20 000 refugees who have fled from their homes to try to escape the killings.

Mrs Wendy Leeb, of the university's Centre for Adult Education, said figures show a marked increase in murders in the city in the past six weeks.

"Tension is high in central Maritzburg," she said. "The violence has not been directed at whites. It has been occurring mainly at black gathering points, like bus depots. They are mostly revenge murders for violence committed in the townships."

Mrs Leeb said another trend noticed in the past month was that older people were being murdered.

"Whereas most of the people who have died so far have been young men, in the past month there has been an increase in the deaths of older men, particularly in their 30s. We have also noticed that many were employed."

She said it was difficult to pinpoint why older people were being killed. Police unrest reports were sketchy, did not provide names, and regularly missed political murders. And employers were often not forthcoming with information.

"The reasons could be another recruitment drive by Inkatha, or youths on the run going amuck and committing revenge killings. But it is impossible to say definitely."

She said research showed that violence in townships was continuing. There had been no significant decrease since Inkatha and Cosatu signed a peace document last month.

Latest figures show that 23 people were killed in April, 33 in May, 30 in June, 49 in July, 55 in August, and 40 in September.

Brigadier James Beeslaar, of the SAP in Maritzburg, did not deny that political murders had been committed in the city, but said police had not noticed an increase in incidents in the past six weeks.

5 murdered and 14 are injured in Natal violence

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Five people were murdered and 14 injured, including a member of the security forces, in politically-related township violence in Natal at the weekend.

Feuding between the United Democratic Front and Inkatha has claimed the lives of nearly 1 000 people during the past year with hundreds of others injured.

Two people were burnt to death at the weekend when petrol bombs were thrown at a house in Mpumulanga near Maritzburg. Eleven men and one woman were injured in the incident, suffering minor burns.

Also in Mpumulanga, police discovered the body of a man who had been stabbed to death.

Near Hammarsdale, police found the body of a man who had been stabbed to death. In the same area a mob stabbed and wounded a man.

A member of the security forces was shot in the legs with an AK-47 rifle near Durban and robbed of his service pistol.

Police said the wounded man's injuries were not serious. No arrests were made. — Crime Reporter.

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Child detainees 'assaulted'

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Judge calls for witness protection

DURBAN. — The courts would have to consider imposing conditions for the protective detention of witnesses, especially children, a judge said here yesterday.

Mr Justice Didcott made these remarks after a 13-year-old schoolboy said he and three companions had been held in a cell at the Pinetown police station since being detained as witnesses in April this year. The boy told the court that he and his friends were assaulted by police and told to make statements.

The boy was to give evidence at the trial of 11 men who have pleaded not guilty to murdering a tribal councillor, Mr Ephraim Zaca, and his son, Jabulani, at their Pinetown home on April 18 this year.

The 11 are alleged to have been part of a group which decided to kill Mr Zaca and his son on the afternoon of that day. That night they went to Mr Zaca's kraal. Mr Zaca and his son were stabbed and beaten to death and his house was set on fire.

The men are Mr Paul Mhlongo, 25, Mr Sithembiso Magubane, 18, Mr Dan Msomi, 23, Mr Mandle Mvubu, 19, Mr Christopher Zuma, 18, Mr Musawenkosi Mahlinza, 18, Mr Mbongeni Meyiwa, 18, Mr Bongani Thembe, 18, two youths aged 17 and one of 15.

The 13-year-old youth, when called to give evidence, said he had been detained in April this year. He knew nothing of the incident at Mr Zaca's kraal. He knew none of the men before court and was not at the kraal that night.

He had heard of the incident from the police after being detained. After he and his companions were detained, they were assaulted by the police and told to make statements.

Unless they made statements they would be assaulted again, the court heard.

Questioned by the prosecutor, Mr D F Malan, he admitted his statement to the police was different to the evidence he had given in court yesterday.

He said he and three other boys had been detained in the polce cells since April. None of them had been given any school books. They had had few visits from their families. He had heard that when their families came to visit them they were sent away by policemen.

Mr Justice Didcott said that if the witness's evidence was true the courts would have to consider making conditions when ordering the detention of witnesses for their own protection. The conditions would have to take into account visits by the family of a detainee and the detainee being provided with facilities for schooling.

Earlier, the judge had called for a full report on the detention of the boys.

The hearing continues. — Sapa

MARITZBURG VIOLENCE

No end in sight

A lot of the optimism which greeted the "peace document" jointly signed by Cosatu and Inkatha at the Pietermaritzburg Supreme Court early last month has been shattered. New figures show no discernible decrease in the number of deaths caused by political violence in the battle-scarred area. Admittedly, though, the complaints adjudication board envisaged in the agreement is still in the process of being set up and is not expected to start hearing cases until early next year.

Observers close to the violence were cautious at the time of the agreement — but it was generally felt that supporters of Cosatu (and by implication the restricted UDF) and Inkatha would follow the spirit of the agreement, especially in the light of a joint statement condemning the violence. For a few weeks there did seem to be a drop in violence, at least according to the official police unrest reports.

But according to University of Natal (Pietermaritzburg) researcher Wendy Leeb: "Based on pure research we cannot say that the level of violence is dropping."

Leeb's statistics make grim reading: at least 37 people killed in the first three weeks of October; 42 killed in September — making the political death toll 79 since the peace agreement was signed on September 2. She emphasises that these figures are for deaths resulting from political violence, not ordinary crime. The death toll of 511 for the year so far has already overtaken the total figure of 497 deaths last year.

Equally disturbing are the estimated 20 000 displaced people who have been forced to move (some as many as three times) or have fled their homes in a desperate bid to escape the terror. A small group is living in the white areas of Maritzburg; others have been forced to double up with friends and relatives.

"They are suffering all the trauma of the refugee," Leeb says, noting that for many of the children regular education is impossible.

She also believes that the figures are conservative. They come from a number of sources, but each incident is carefully checked and not recorded until "we are absolutely sure." Leeb reckons the real death rate could be as much as 15% higher.

Responding to the discrepancies which often exist between the university's figures and those released by the police, Leeb says she believes the official reports often do not note deaths which occur in hospitals after clashes have taken place. "It is also certain that not all deaths are reported to the police — people are often afraid of reporting incidents."

The problems of trying to keep track of the level of violence is also complicated by abductions, missing people and news of incidents which only emerge several days or weeks after they have taken place.

Leeb's figures place even more importance on the smooth functioning of the complaints adjudication boards and the response of the top Cosatu and Inkatha officials — as well as rank-and-file members — to decisions handed down by the board. For many, the board is the last chance of attaining some sort of peace in the troubled region. ■

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Vehicle burnt in Guguletu

PRETORIA — A motor vehicle was set alight in Guguletu, the police directorate of public relations said in its unrest report. No injuries were reported.

At Mpumalanga, Hammersdale, a group fired at three special constables who were guarding a house.

"A man who was at the house was wounded. The guards retaliated with shotgun fire to drive off the attackers, and in the process, a man and a youth were wounded."

At Merebank railway station, Durban, police used teargas to disperse a group who threw stones at a train.

"In another incident in the area a group shot and stabbed a man." — Sapa.

Inkatha van attacked by 50 youths

DURBAN — More than 50 youths on Wednesday night attacked a vehicle carrying six members of Inkatha as they returned from a court hearing involving UDF members.

The six, including the chairman of the Elandskop branch, Mr David Ntombela, had a lucky escape when a petrol bomb lobbed through the window of the van failed to ignite.

The attackers hurled rocks and bricks through the open passenger window.

The six were returning to Elandskop from Durban Regional Court where a case involving three UDF members is being heard.

Mr Ntombela said a petrol bomb was thrown through an open window when the van stopped at a shop. — Sapa

Two shot in Natal unrest

PRETORIA. — Two men were killed when police opened fire to disperse groups of people at Mpumalanga in Natal, the SAP Public Relations Division said yesterday.

Its overnight unrest report said one man was killed when a policeman fired shots at "a hostile crowd" gathered outside a house in the township.

In the same area, a mob stoned a house, the report said. A man was fatally wounded when a security force member dispersed the crowd with shotgun fire.

At Georgedale, also in Natal, a group of people attacked and stabbed a woman. She was seriously injured. — Sapa

Despite the pact between Inkatha and Cosatu in Natal, continuing unrest figures indicate a civil war is still in progress in the region. At the centre of the war zone is Edendale Hospital, visited by reporter PAT DEVEREAUX. She posed as a medical student to get an insight into a situation where some insist . . .

Blessed are those who are dead

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Just 10 km from Maritzburg's city centre, up in the hills that surround this traditionally sleepy town, is a "war zone" hospital — the Edendale Hospital.

It's an institution staffed by about 100 doctors and serves a massive swathe of Natal — from the coast right up to the Transvaal.

And these days many of the patients from this area are victims in the vicious crossfire of a political war.

The hospital building overlooks the township of Edendale, which late last year was the focal point of a major UDF and Inkatha battle for political control.

One member of the staff recalled how the situation first sprang upon them.

"From a fourth-storey window we could see ominous black clouds of smoke, visible security force presence and the emergency vehicles, which heralded an influx of traumatised and wounded patients We knew then we would have to be prepared."

He said, however, there had been no increase in staff or hospital equipment to cope with "battle zone" conditions.

Figures taken from a paper, "Patterns in the Midlands Violence", by John Aitchison of the Centre for Adult Education at the University of Natal, show that since the start of the conflict the hospital has had to bear the brunt of the political feuding.

The protagonists use guns, but other weapons are crude. Last year there were 151 incidents in which more than 231 people were wounded by bullets, assegaais, pangas, bushknives, knives and other sharp instruments.

That these figures are underestimates seems evident from local hospital records in which it would appear that about 20 to 30 percent of shooting or stabbing victims taken to hospital die.

Given the death toll of 397 people, more than 231 people must have been wounded, said Mr Aitchison.

The number of people passing through Edendale Hospital's theatres with injuries caused by violence increased by 80 percent in the final month of 1987, according to Mr Aitchison's report

The hospital is full most of the time and the maternity ward alone produces a "classroom of babies" (about 30) a day, according to staff in that ward

On the day I visited the packed admissions area there appeared to be only one patient, wearing a bloodied and torn union T-shirt, who looked like a possible victim of political violence

His head and limbs were swathed in bandages But I was warned not to approach him.

"Questions about the incident in which he was injured would more than likely scare him away," I was told

The trauma unit, labelled "the blood bath" by hospital staff, can cope at most with about 10 casualty patients at a time, said one young doctor

In the first three months of this year there were nearly 500 records of political violence and, according to statistics, 235 deaths Violence which did not make it into the statistical records was reflected in the harrowing reports of refugees The full number of the wounded may never be known

The latest figures published by Mrs Wendy Leeb of Natal University's Centre for Adult Education show that there has been no significant decrease in the violence since the signing of the Maritzburg peace document by Inkatha and Cosatu on the weekend of September 3 this year.

Twenty-three people were killed in April, 33 in May, 30 in June, 49 in July, 55 in August, and 40 in September

Feuding between the UDF and Inkatha has claimed the lives of close to 1 000 people over the past year, with hundreds of others injured

Much of the political violence, according to Mr Aitchison, has taken place in the freehold area of Edendale and the tribal area of Vulindlela — a symbolic name meaning "Open the Road". It also, ironically, suggests "better things to come". This area stretches a good 40 km to the west of Maritzburg

Statistics Mr Aitchison uses on political violence in the Natal Midlands are based on information stored at the Centre for Adult Education

His brief history of the conflict indicates that it began as early as 1984, shortly after the birth of youth organisations affiliated to the United Democratic Front

During that year, he states, there was some conflict between UDF and Black Consciousness youth — a precursor to the fighting that broke out between the two groups in 1987 in Sobantu

However, the conflict was initially defused by negotiation

In 1985, the United Workers' Union of South Africa (Uwusa) was formed as the trade union wing of Inkhata and conflict between the UDF-affiliated Cosatu and Inkatha became inevitable.

Even the hospital, according to staff, has been tainted with the endemic political strife.

Said one Edendale staff member. "It is controlled by Ulundi and all black nursing staff are Inkatha card-carrying members. But many of the lower-ranking nursing staff are UDF sympathisers "

He added that at one stage UDF supporters would rather have died than be treated at the hospital, which was regarded as an "Inkatha stronghold".

Monitoring the violence is a difficult task because patients refuse to say who injured them or even how they were injured, said hospital staff

Another staff member observed: "Even if the conflict in the region abates, the devastating period of destruction and abnormality is already being followed by the influx of refugees to the Maritzburg region

"The hospital will ultimately have to cope with victims of a more subtle war — the homeless and the children suffering from malnutrition "

Against this backdrop, the future looks even bleaker for the growing armies of unemployed youth in the area.

▲**ABOVE: A narrow escape, for a victim of an alleged Inkatha attack. Leo Ndlovu, of Inanda New Town, shows his wounds.**

◀**LEFT: The future appears bleak for these refugees from the violence in Sweetwaters, Ashdown and Dambuza who were housed in the Cosatu union offices in central Maritzburg.**

▶ **RIGHT: A mother and child survey the damage to their petrol-bombed home — part of the destruction wrought in the Maritzburg strife.**

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Despair has become as endemic as the violence The horror of life for township dwellers in the area was expressed in a poem by B M Temba, who wrote

Blessed are the dead
For they will
Never be suspected,
Never be chased,
Never be unmanageable
Never be transformed in firewood
Never be killed

For they are now
Protected from adversaries
Saved from opponents
Secured from the persecution of this world

Mr Peter Kerchoff of the Pietermaritzburg Agency for Christian Social Awareness (Pacsa) painted a grim picture

Acknowledging that there appeared to be a reduction in the number of killings and incidents in more recent months, he said "It may be because thousands of people have fled their homes and are living as refugees in other areas."

"Many families have lost loved ones with almost 600 people being killed in the last 16 months," he said in April this year "Some families now have extra burdens to carry as members of their families have been maimed for life"

And still it continues.

This week, Medical Superintendant of the Edendale Hospital, Dr Patrick Evans, refused to comment on telexed queries about conditions at the hospital and whether it was coping with "war zone" casualties

...about 6.20pm.

Shot dead in taxi war

DURBAN. — A man was shot dead and another wounded when two taxi groups clashed over the right to pick up passengers at a rank in Stanger yesterday.

Thirteen killed in tribal clash

DURBAN. Thirteen men were killed and 40 huts burnt down when two factions clashed near Escourt yesterday apparently over a dispute about land division.

A police spokesman said a combined force of about 150 members of the Nqubane and Ntshali clans — armed with guns, pangas and assegais — attacked the the Mlaba tribe near the Ntabanhlope district.

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Man shot dead in stoning

PRETORIA. — A man was killed when security force members dispersed a group who were attacking and stoning a private house in Mpumalanga in the Hammarsdale area on Saturday night, the SAP directorate of public relations here said yesterday.

In another incident, in the same area, a woman was hurt when a petrol bomb was thrown at a private dwelling.

A group stoned a police vehicle at Kensington, Cape Town. They were dispersed with tearsmoke and a man was arrested.

At Veeplaas, Port Elizabeth, a group of blacks attacked a private vehicle. According to the police directorate, a petrol bomb was thrown and a number of shots fired at it. Three black men were injured and the vehicle was badly damaged.

At Soweto, Port Elizabeth, arsonists damageed a house. — Sapa

30 held as four die in unrest

Four people were killed and 30 arrested separate unrest incidents in natal yesterday, police said.

Police used gunfire and rubber bullets to disperse two clashing groups at Umbumbulu, near Isipingo, after two men were killed in fighting.

According to the latest unrest report, 17 men and three youths were arrested.

In Mpumalanga, near Hammarsdale, a man and a woman were stabbed to death by a mob. Police arrested three men in connection with the murders.

In kwaDabeka, near Pinetown, police arrested three men and four youths after a house was stoned.

Natal peace pact tested at secret hearing

The Argus Correspondent

MARITZBURG. — The Cosatu-Inkatha peace pact, which it is hoped will wipe out the violence in the Maritzburg area, is being "tested" for the first time today.

The adjudication board, which was set up under the pact, is hearing its first case today and is expected to go on until Friday.

CLOSED DOORS

Appeal Court judge Mr Justice Alan Trengove and two assessors are hearing evidence behind closed doors and the entire proceedings and decision handed down will be kept secret between the two partners.

The outcome will be published only after the guilty party has taken action against members who broke the no-violence pact.

Civic, religious and political leaders say that the manner in which this case is handled will either strengthen or weaken the pact, which was hammered out after intensive negotiations between Cosatu and Inkatha delegations earlier this year.

Hundreds flee homes after faction fighting

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — Hundreds of people have fled their homes at Intake, near Mariannhill, following fighting between two factions which started three weeks ago.

More than 100 people have sought refuge at E M Motala Supermarket, saying they are afraid to return to their homes because of the fighting.

Villagers at the shop alleged yesterday that their area, Gezangani, was being attacked by people from the Sishi area who had complained that Gezangani was harbouring "amaqabane" ("amaqabane" are politically active youths sometimes called "comrades"). — Sapa

Four die in Natal unrest

PRETORIA. — Four people died in overnight unrest in Natal, the police public relations division reported in its daily report yesterday.

A man and a woman were stabbed to death by a group of people at Mpumalanga, near Hammersdale.

In another incident, two men were killed during fighting at Umbumbulu, near Isipingo, on the South Coast.

At KwaDabeka, near Pinetown, seven people, including four youths, were arrested after a house was stoned, police said. — Sapa

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Two houses damaged in Natal unrest

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Crime Reporter

Two houses were damaged in unrest incidents in separate Natal townships yesterday, police said.

The latest unrest report said a house was damaged after it was stoned by a mob in Shongweni near Hammarsdale.

At Nxamalala near Edendale, another house was damaged in a petrol bomb attack. No injuries were reported.

Natal epicentre of discontent

Political violence claimed 52 lives during October

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MARITZBURG — At least 52 people were killed in political violence across the country during October — 50 of them in the Maritzburg and Durban areas.

In their daily reports, police have confirmed 34 people killed, but according to reports received by a local newspaper from members of the various communities, at least another 18 people died.

In the Hammarsdale-Mpumalanga area alone, 22 people were reported killed.

In the same period, at least 115 people — 73 in the Maritzburg and Durban areas — were injured in the ongoing violence which was exacerbated by the municipal elections on October 26.

In September, political violence claimed 40 lives — 30 of them in Natal.

A total of 208 acts of political violence were reported by police and the local communities in October. This is more than six a day.

Of these, 128 (61 percent) were reported in Natal, 48 (24 percent) in the Transvaal, 29 (14 percent) in the Cape and three (1 percent) in the Orange Free State.

In September, 151 incidents — five a day — were reported.

Police reported 101 arrests in connection with October's violence.

In the troubled Mpumalanga area, 48 incidents of political violence were reported, more than one a day. Ten of those killed have been identified by residents as Inkatha members and four as UDF supporters.

The most horrifying incident reported was the death of the 35-year-old son of the local induna, Mr Kweyama. According to reports, Mr Kweyama's son was kidnapped from his home and his headless body was found in the Umbumbulu area.

In the greater Edendale area at least 16 people died violently in October, including Mr Nqobisizwe Zuma (38) the brother of Inkatha youth leader, Mr Sichizo Zuma. Mr Zuma was killed in a gunfight at a service station in Edendale on October 25.

In the same area seven fatal stabbings and three shootings were reported.

In the greater Durban area, 12 people died and 19 were injured in this period.

Five were killed in a clash in kwamakhutha township near Amanzimtoti on October 8. — Sapa.

'Savage circle of violence' leads to prison

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN — An Inkatha man was killed in a retaliatory attack which was part of the "savage circle of violence which has plagued Natal", Mr Justice Squires said in the Supreme Court yesterday.

Christopher Mandla Zuma (18) was sentenced to five years' imprisonment for public violence when the judge and two assessors found he was part of a mob which attacked Mr Joshua Gcwabaza at his home in the Nqetho area of Hillcrest on April 17 this year.

A further two years' imprisonment was suspended for five years

Six teenagers charged with the murder of Mr Gcwabaza were acquitted.

The court found that a mob had formed with the intention of attacking Mr Gcwabaza and two other men. The three were chased and two escaped.

The mob then went to Mr Gcwabaza's house. The house was stoned but Mrs Gcwabaza and her children were allowed to leave. Mr Gcwabaza was then overpowered and fatally stabbed. His house was set on fire.

The court found that although Zuma was part of the mob, there was no evidence that he took part in the attack on Mr Gcwabaza, and he was convicted on the alternative charge of public violence

Sentencing Zuma, the judge said there was a growing trail of destroyed homes and assaults frequently leading to death in many parts of Natal. Most of the population desired to live in peace, free of this sort of jungle law.

It was in the interests of the community that the courts did everything possible to stop this lawlessness

In some circumstances it was not possible to treat youthful offenders leniently without causing outrage to the community, the judge said.

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Girl killed in attack on house

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JOHANNESBURG. — A 13-year-old girl was killed and three youths injured when a mob attacked a house with petrol bombs and gunfire, a police report said today.

Two other people died in the past 24 hours in several incidents of unrest in Mpumalanga, Hammarsdale.

Two men were attacked by a group armed with knives. One of the men was killed and the other was seriously injured.

In the same area, two gunmen fired a number of shots at a private house.

A policeman fired one shotgun round at the attackers and a black man was fatally wounded. — Sapa.

'6 die' in township terror weekend

Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG. — Violence continued to plague Mpumalanga township at the weekend with residents claiming that at least six people died in what they called a "reign of terror" by an armed gang.

The names of three of the dead have been established as Mr Cebo Goodenough Khumalo, 22, Mr Molo Dladla, 20, and Mr Thami Ntombela, 18.

A woman said she had seen Mr Khumalo shot on Friday afternoon by four people who jumped out of a white car with an ND registration plate.

Residents of this township between Maritzburg and Durban said that what started as political violence between Inkatha and UDF supporters had led to the emergence of an armed gang.

A police unrest bulletin for Sunday said three people were killed, including a 13-year-old girl who died in a Mpumalanga petrol-bomb attack.

4 hurt as unknown gunmen fire at them

Star Times 18/11/88

PRETORIA. — Four men were wounded when a number of shots were fired at them by unknown gunmen at Hammarsdale in Natal, according to the police unrest report.

The report said a private vehicle was damaged at Mpumalanga in Hammarsdale when it was stoned by an angry mob.

And at Magabeni, near Umkomaas, a private house was damaged when a petrol bomb was hurled at it.

At Kwazakele in Port Elizabeth, the report said, a group stoned a house and assaulted the occupants. A man and a woman were injured. — Sapa

Four die in weekend violence

PRETORIA. — Four people died and five were injured in violence at the weekend, according to the SA Police weekend unrest reports.

On Saturday, police reported the deaths of a woman and two children, who died when a mob set their Port Natal home on fire. A man was seriously burned in the same incident.

A mob stabbed a man to death and seriously wounded another in Natal. In a separate incident, a woman was injured when attacked by a mob.

Yesterday, police reported that a mob extensively damaged a house by setting it alight at Georgedale, Natal, and at Magabeni, near Umkomaas, two woman received burns when the dwelling they were in was petrol-bombed. — Sapa

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Natal blast rips up railway line

DURBAN. — An explosion at 1am yesterday ripped away a section of railway line between Phoenix and Mount Edgecombe stations north of here.

A Port Natal police spokesman, Lieutenant Bala Naidoo, said nobody was injured and damage was minimal.

Meanwhile, the police overnight unrest report said two women and a man were wounded at Lamontville, Durban, when two men fired shots at a bus.

Also in Natal, a man was found stabbed to death at Umbumbulu, and three women set fire to a house at Hammarsdale, police said. — Sapa

Policeman shot dead, another wounded

PRETORIA. — Four men, including a policeman, died and four others arrested at the weekend, according to police unrest reports.

On Saturday, it was reported that an unknown gunman shot a policeman to death at the Kwa-Mayandin railway station in Umlazi. Another policeman was wounded at Lindokuhle station in Umlazi, also by an unknown gunman.

In Mpumalanga in Natal, two men men were stabbed to death, and in Maritzburg, a man was killed and another injured when opposing groups clashed.

In other incidents, a group of men attacked and stabbed two men at Hammarsdale, Natal, and at Ntuzuma, Durban, a private house was damaged when unknown people hurled a petrol bomb at it.

Yesterday's report stated that four men were arrested in three unrelated petrol bomb attacks.

Two private homes were attacked, one in Thembisa township on the East Rand, where two men were arrested, and one in Georgedale in Natal, where one man was arrested.

A man was also arrested after a petrol bomb attack on a police vehicle, but it was not reported where the attack occurred.

Police made no mention of injuries in any of the incidents — Sapa

2 hurt, property damaged, say police

PRETORIA. — The following unrest-related incidents were reported during the past 24 hours, says the police public relations division in Pretoria:

At New Hanover (Natal) a house and motor vehicle were badly damaged when they were set alight by a group.

In the same area, a group stoned a house and set it alight. A man was stabbed and wounded, and a second assaulted.

In another incident in the area, a second man was stabbed and wounded and his vehicle stoned. — Sapa.

5 stabbed to death, 5 held in Natal unrest

PRETORIA. — Five men were stabbed to death in Natal, and five people arrested in connection with the deaths.

Police said the body of a 30-year-old man with stab wounds had been found at Gezubusa. A man and two youths were arrested.

In the same area police found the body of a 17-year-old youth, also with stab wounds, and arrested two men.

Police in New Hanover, Natal, found the bodies of three black men on three separate occasions. They had all apparently been stabbed to death.

In the same area, a group of blacks attacked a 29-year-old man with pangas and seriously injured him. In another incident, police fired shots at a 20-year-old man and seriously wounded him. — Sapa

Butchered bodies found in Natal

PRETORIA. — The bodies of two men — one hacked and the other stabbed to death — were found in Natal, the Police Directorate of Public Relations reported yesterday in its overnight unrest report.

The report said police found the hacked body of a man at Mpumalanga, Hammarsdale. The second body was found at Shongweni, also in Hammarsdale.

At Sinating, Edendale, a bus was stoned and at Imbali, Maritzburg, a taxi was stoned.

Police dispersed the Imbali crowd with shotgun fire. Two youths were wounded and three arrested. — Sapa

Hundreds flee in fear of Inkatha-UDF storm

MARITZBURG. — Hundreds of people are fleeing the area of Trust Feed, near New Hanover, in the wake of violence which has swept the area since Wednesday last week.

Refugees said they were leaving because they feared that a massive confrontation was looming between members of Inkatha and affiliates of the United Democratic Front.

Already four people have died in clashes in the area this week, numerous others have been wounded, houses have been burnt, cars stoned and people assaulted

Many residents have fled to neighbouring areas and are living wherever they can find accommodation. — Sapa

13 die in Natal massacre

Cape Times 5/12/88 276

MARITZBURG. — Thirteen people were killed when a group of armed men — alleged to be Inkatha vigilantes — attacked residents of Trust Feed near New Hanover in Natal early on Saturday morning.

Refugees from the area yesterday said the vigilantes began the attack about 3am by knocking on the door of a house where non-Inkatha people were staying. When the door was opened, the vigilantes opened fire, killing 12 occupants.

Another man was stabbed to death nearby.

Last week hundreds of women and children fled the area after vigilante attacks on members of a community-elected crisis committee. Four people were killed, scores wounded, houses burnt, cars stoned and people assaulted.

Police reported a total of 12 people killed in Trust Feed at the weekend.

Refugees told reporters the vigilantes were being bussed into the area and they feared a major attack on members of the 5 000-strong community in an attempt to drive out non-Inkatha people.

The Inkatha central committee member for Trust Feed, Mr Zakhele Nkehli, said he was not aware of vigilantes being bussed in and blamed the United Democratic Front for the violence. Because the UDF is restricted, its leaders may not be quoted.

A police team was investigating at the scene yesterday and murder dockets have been opened. A police spokesman said the situation was "under control". — Sapa

Inkatha vigilantes kill 13 in morning attack

Star 5/12/88

MARITZBURG — Thirteen people were killed early yesterday when Inkatha vigilantes launched an attack on non-Inkatha residents of Trust Feed, near New Hanover in Natal.

Residents, who have since fled the area, said today the attack took place at about 3 am.

They said the vigilantes began the attack by knocking on the door of a house. When the door was opened the vigilantes opened fire, killing 12 occupants.

Another man was stabbed in a nearby house, they said.

Last week, hundreds of women and children fled the area after attacks by the vigilantes on members of a community-elected crisis committee and its supporters (276)

Four people were killed, scores wounded, houses burnt, cars stoned and people injured in the attacks

Police reported a total of 12 people killed in Trust Feed at the week end.

They said seven women and four men, including two people under 18 years, were killed and two women were wounded.

The body of a man with stab wounds was found in a nearby house

Those leaving Trust Feed told reporters last week that the vigilantes were coming into the area in buses and they feared a major attack against members of the 5 000-strong community on

area today.

Last week, they confiscated the film of a reporter who took pictures of refugees.

The Inkatha central committee member under whose jurisdiction Trust Feed falls, Mr Zakhele Nkehli, said today he was not aware of vigilantes going by bus to Trust Feed and blamed the United Democratic Front for the violence.

Because the UDF is restricted, its leaders may not be quoted. — Sapa.

in an attempt to drive out non-Inkatha people.

Many residents have fled to neighbouring areas and are living where they can find accommodation.

A large number are sleeping in a field near New Hanover. Others have found lodgings with relatives.

Police ordered a *Natal Witness* team out of the

13 killed in attack by 'Inkatha vigilantes'

MARITZBURG. — Thirteen people were killed when a group of men believed to be Inkatha vigilantes attacked a house at Trust Feed near New Hanover.

Residents who fled the area said the attack came about 3am on Saturday when the vigilantes knocked on the door of a house occupied by people who are not members of Inkatha. When the door was opened the vigilantes opened fire, killing 12 of the occupants.

Another man was stabbed in a nearby house, they said.

Last week hundreds of women and children fled the area after attacks by alleged Inkatha vigilantes on members of a community-elected crisis committee and its supporters.

Four people were killed, scores were wounded, houses were burnt and cars stoned during the attacks.

It is believed that many of the non-Inkatha people decided not to flee the area but took refuge in houses they thought were safe, and that it was one of these houses that was attacked on Saturday.

Major attack feared

Police said that seven women and four men, including two people under 18 years, were killed and two women were wounded in the attack on the house. The body of a man with stab wounds was found in a house.

People who fled told newsmen that the vigilantes were being sent by bus into the area and they feared a major attack against members of the 5 000-strong community in an attempt to drive non-Inkatha people out.

Police yesterday ordered a team of journalists out of the near-deserted area.

Last week they confiscated the film of a reporter who photographed refugees fleeing the area.

Mr Zakhele Nkehli, the Inkatha central committee member under whose jurisdiction Trust Feed falls, said today he was not aware of vigilantes being sent to Trust Feed and blamed the United Democratic Front for the violence. — Sapa.

announced here yesterday

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Police fire on gathering

PRETORIA. — Police on Sunday, fired two shots to disperse a crowd which gathered after a man had been arrested on a criminal charge at Molweni near Hillcrest, Natal, according to the police overnight unrest report.

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AMONG scores of people who attended the case were the general secretary of the SACC, Reverend Frank Chikane and the president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, the Reverend Allan Boesak (centre).

ANC is not violent — author

Sowetan 6/12/88

INTERNATIONALLY renowned author Nadine Gordimer, testifying for the defence in Delmas Treason Trial in Pretoria's Palace of Justice, yesterday acknowledged that she supported Umkhonto We Sizwe "as part of the African National Congress".

SOWETAN Reporter

She held that the ANC could not be characterised as a violent organisation.

It was in this context that she supported Umkhonto we Sizwe as part of the ANC.

Asked about violence practised by the ANC, Miss Gordimer said: "I'm against violence and I regret very much."

Policemen

She added: "But sentence for the 11 men convicted in South Africa's longest trial. The day's proceeding took place in a courtroom closely guarded by scores of riot policemen.

Hundreds of supporters were barred from entering the court building as only 70 seats were made available in Court C. The room was filled but no means packed as during

11 gunned down while at all-night prayer vigil

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THE eleven New Hanover residents gunned down in cold blood at the weekend were keeping an all-night prayer vigil when they were shot.

The victims were praying for a family member who had recently died when the armed men burst into the house at 3am on Saturday and opened fire.

The 11 people were killed instantly — including two young children. Two others were seriously wounded and are fighting for their lives in hospital.

Police yesterday released the names of those killed They were. Mr Dudu Shangase (36), Mrs Zeth Shangase (29), Nkonyeni Shangase (9), Muzi Shangase (4), Mrs Mattadabe Ntuli (40), Mr Fikile Zondi (25), Mrs Maritha Xaba (45), Mrs Sara Njola (66), Mr Alfred Zitha (44), Mrs Sdedewu Sithole (60) and Mrs Mseleni Nthuli (60)

The two injured are Mrs Nomagoli Zulu (50) and Mrs Ida Mokoba (60).

Police again refused yesterday to allow media to visit the scene of the shootings

Members

Police were not able to say yesterday whether the clash was between Inkatha and United Democratic Front members, as has been reported, or whether it was a "faction fight" as Pietermaritzburg police earlier stated.

Hundreds of people are reported to have fled the area in the wake of violence which has swept the area over the past two weeks.

Early last week four

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Slaughter at night vigil

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people were killed according to the South African Police daily unrest report.

Refugees are said to be leaving the area because they feared a massive confrontation was looming between members of Inkatha and affiliates of the UDF.

It is believed the four were killed last week after UDF and Inkatha supporters clashed with each other.

They said the trouble began last week when a large number of Inkatha members were bussed into Trust Feed from Msinga and Edendale to launch a recruitment drive. They said the vigilantes forced people in the area to join the movement — threatening those who refused.

On Wednesday last week, there were sporadic clashes. Last Friday the house of Mr Khanana Zakwe, whose son was suspected of being a UDF member, was stoned.

DON'T BLAME INKATHA

says Chief Buthelezi

INKATHA would take legal steps to protect itself if any newspaper, organisation or individual blamed it for the murder of 11 people at Trust Feed, Natal, early on Saturday morning, leader Dr Mangosuthu Buthelezi warned.

The 11 people were killed after gunmen surrounded a house at 3am while a prayer vigil was being held and opened fire.

It was reported that Mr Pierre Cronje, National Democratic Movement MP for Greytown, told the South African Police 10 hours before the murders that residents of Trust Feed feared an attack by Inkatha vigilantes.

Violence

In a statement Chief Buthelezi said. "I would like to make it clear that if any newspaper or organisation or individual irresponsibly blames Inkatha for this violence, and thereby defames it, Inkatha will take the necessary legal steps to protect its rights.

"Inkatha is not responsible for this violence and unreservedly condemns it."

He said the appalling violence in the Maritzburg area continued to shock and disgust him. The New Hanover killings were "a shocking example of the cruel and merciless manner in which lives are being taken."

He said: "I deplore this criminal behaviour and wish to make it quite clear that the leadership and general membership of Inkatha totally and utterly condemn these acts of barbarism. One can only hope that the perpetrators of these evil deeds will be brought to justice and that no effort will be spared in making sure that they are.

"We are doing everything possible to honour the Maritzburg peace accord signed between Cosatu and Inkatha."

CHIEF Gatsha Buthelezi . . . "violence condemned".

MP who gave massacre warning wants inquiry

MARITZBURG. — The National Democratic Movement MP for Greytown, Mr Pierre Cronje, who warned police of possible Inkatha vigilante attacks in Trustfeed, New Hanover, at the weekend, less than 10 hours before 11 people were killed, is to request a judicial inquiry into events leading to Saturday's massacre.

Mr Cronje says he told the police on Friday night that residents feared they were to be attacked by Inkatha vigilantes.

When he visited the township the next day 11 people, including two boys, aged four and nine, and seven women, lay dead. Two houses and a shop, belonging to the chairman of the non-aligned Trust Feed Crisis Committee, Mr Phillip Shange, were still smouldering.

Police Captain Pieter Kitching said: "Extra policeman were deployed in the area and extra patrols were conducted. We are doing our utmost to keep the area calm."

The people killed had been among 20 people holding a wake in Mr Sdedewu Sithole's house for a child who had died of natural causes. — Sapa

Two hurt in shotgun blast

PRETORIA. —Two men were injured by shotgun fire after a crowd gathered at Hammarsdale in Natal, police said in their daily unrest report yesterday.

In another incident in the area, a group of people threw stones at a number of homes. Two men were slightly hurt and some houses were damaged.

At KwaMashu in Durban a delivery vehicle was damaged when it was set alight. — Sapa

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Aid for widows ordered

DURBAN — Eight clansmen who took part in a faction fight which left three men dead were ordered by a Durban judge yesterday to pay compensation totalling R3 000 to the widows.

Massacre: Vlok promises a full probe

MARITZBURG — The attack on a home at Trust Feed near New Hanover last Saturday which left 12 people dead was being thoroughly investigated by the police, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok said here yesterday.

Mr Vlok said he did not wish to comment on the incident before police had completed all their investigations.

"All I can say is that we are investigating the incident thoroughly because we want to get to the bottom of it," he told the Mercury.

Mr Vlok visited the capital yesterday to address members of the riot unit at a Christmas party.

Meanwhile Sapa reports that Inkatha leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi this week warned that his organisation would take legal steps to protect itself if any newspaper, organisation or individual blamed it for the murder of 11 people at Trust Feed, Natal, early on Saturday morning.

Earlier Mr Pierre Cronje, National Democratic Movement MP for Greytown, told the SA Police 10 hours before the murders that residents of Trust Feed feared an attack by Inkatha vigilantes.

● It was reported last night that Mr Cronje denied that he had accused Inkatha of being responsible for the Trust Feed massacre.

"Statements I have made to the press in support of my call for a judicial inquiry in to events leading up to the killings of 11 people in New Hanover last Saturday may have been interpreted as if I were apportioning blame," he said.

Natal gunmen arrested

PRETORIA. — Police arrested three gunmen after they fired at and wounded two men at Mpumalanga near Hammarsdale in Natal, the police overnight unrest report said.

And at Umbumbulu, Port Natal, 12 men were arrested after allegedly setting fire to a school.

A KwaMashu house was damaged when stoned by a group of people, the report said.

Meanwhile police prevented a Natal Witness reporter from attending a funeral for victims of Saturday's massacre in Trust Feed on Wednesday after the situation became "dangerous for journalists". — Sapa

Natal mob stab man to death

PRETORIA. — The body of a man stabbed to death was found near Taylors Halt in Natal after a mob attacked a home, police said yesterday.

The body was found at Ndindi at daylight — about three hours after the attack.

A man was also injured at Botshabello in Bloemfontein when a group set a house alight.

Police said they baton-charged a large group of placard-wielding demonstrators outside the Karos group's Johannesburger Hotel when they refused to disperse. Four men and a woman were arrested. Workers have been on strike for three months over wages and the dismissal of colleagues who observed the June 16 stayaway. — Sapa

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MORE KILLINGS FEARED

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NO-ONE is sure how the small black community of Trust Feed got its odd name, but it was put horrifically on the map at 3am on December 3.

An unknown number of gunmen burst into a house in Trust Feed and mowed down 13 people aged between four and 66. They were in the house to observe a Zulu tradition of keeping an all-night vigil for a child who had just died.

Only two of the 13 people in the house survived, and they are in a serious condition in hospital.

Roll call

Trust Feed thus joined the dismal roll-call of black communities which have fallen victim to South Africa's so-called Zulu war.

Peter Kerchoff, who runs a church group which also keeps watch on the violence, says the conflict may be of obscure irrelevance to most whites, but it is most certainly bloody.

Migrant workers and students who spend most of the year outside the Maritzburg area return home about now for their Christmas holidays.

"People coming home are naturally devastated by what has happened to their homes and loved ones," Kerchoff said. Understandably, they seek revenge.

Just who was responsible for the Trust Feed massacre is a subject of controversy.

Zulu Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi has denied his organisation, Inkatha was to blame and has threatened to sue anyone who suggests that it was.

— Sapa-Reuter.

EMERGENCY UPDATE

Three policemen shot in Soweto ambush

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Three municipal policemen were seriously wounded by AK-47 rifle fire in a Soweto ambush, police said.

The policemen were shot while patrolling Diepkloof on Saturday night in the latest of several attacks on security forces in the township this year.

Another three policemen were in the vehicle and a report issued earlier said all six had been wounded.

Three men, one with a Soviet-made AK-47 rifle, fired on them from the dark, riddling them and the van with bullets.

The gunmen ran away.

Security police picked up 25 spent AK-47 cartridges.

MANHUNT

Constable R Magavha was hit in the head and chest, while Constable E Kalipa was wounded in the leg in the 8.35pm shootings, police said.

Constable P Mapoli was hit in the stomach and leg. The three are in Baragwanath Hospital.

A manhunt has been launched but no arrests have been made.

In Machibisa township near Maritzburg on Friday a policeman was stabbed to death and a man was arrested.

A bus driver was shot and another man was stabbed when a mob attacked a bus at Edendale, Natal.

A man was shot in the arm and a house was set alight at Nxamalala near Edendale.

Bloody 'Zulu War' foreign to whites

Cape Times 12/12/88 276

MARITZBURG. — No one is sure how the small black community of Trust Feed got its odd name, but it was put horrifically on the map at 3am on December 3.

An unknown number of gunmen burst into a house in Trust Feed and mowed down 13 people aged between four and 66, killing 11.

Trust Feed thus joined the dismal roll call of black communities which have fallen victim to the so-called "Zulu War".

It is not a conflict that most South African whites know or care about, partly because official information on it is sparse.

"White society has been kept blissfully ignorant of what is happening around us," said Mr Radley Keys, a PFP official who monitors the conflict.

Mr Peter Kerchhoff, who runs a church group which also keeps watch on the violence, says the conflict may be of obscure irrelevance to most whites, but it is most certainly bloody.

He said that, according to his own unofficial count, 570 people died up to the end of November in the Maritzburg area, which is the main centre of the unrest. In 1987 400 died.

The 1988 toll will probably rise sharply before the year ends, because migrant workers returning home for Christmas will want revenge for what has happened to their homes and families, he said.

Just who was responsible for the Trust Feed massacre is a subject of controversy.

Zulu chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi has denied his organisation, Inkatha, was to blame and has threatened to sue anyone who suggests that it was.

Inkatha members have, however, been locked in a power struggle with UDF members, who accuse Inkatha of being in the pocket of the government.

Liberals like Mr Keys and Mr Kerchhoff blame Pretoria for the strife. "It's the whole story of the government's deliberate attempt to keep people divided," Mr Kerchhoff said.

There also were reports on Friday that Inkatha landowners have reportedly taken full control of Trust Feed and residents say they are being forced to join the organisation.

A resident who wished to remain anonymous because of fear of victimisation said people still living in Trust Feed were being made to join Inkatha.

The Kwazulu MP for Vulindlela, Mr Velaphi Ndlovu, said the claim was "nonsense" and denied allegations of forced recruitment. — Sapa-Reuter

EMERGENCY UPDATE

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Tearsmoke used to disperse mob

PRETORIA. — Police used tearsmoke to disperse a mob attacking a shoe factory building in Pinetown, the latest police unrest report said.

A man was slightly injured and the building and equipment were badly damaged. Two men were arrested.

At Mpumalanga, Hammarsdale, one mob opened fire at another, wounding a man in the leg and a teenage girl in the chest.

Two special constables who tried to help them were also attacked and defended themselves with birdshot. A youth was wounded.

The injured were treated at a clinic.

At Henley, near Edendale, police found the body of a 42-year-old black man with multiple stab wounds.

At Lingelihle, Cradock, a constable was slightly injured when a mob stoned police. — Sapa.

Petrol bomb: Woman dies

PRETORIA. — A woman was burnt to death at Shongweni near Hammarsdale in Natal when a mob hurled a petrol bomb at a house, police said in the daily unrest report yesterday.

At Imbali, Maritzburg, three shots were fired at a house and a vehicle.

A policeman was stabbed in the hand while pursuing a suspect.

Four people were arrested, police said.

At KwaDengezi in the Pinetown area police fired birdshot at a group which had ignored warnings to disperse.

A man was arrested and police took possession of home-made firearms and ammunition. — Sapa

Strip-marches for Zulu 'criminals'

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DURBAN. — KwaZulu police in Umlazi have strongly criticised a new form of punishment meted out by youths to "criminals" whereby there are undressed and forced to march naked in public.

Commenting on this new form of punishment, called "modelling", a senior official for the KwaZulu Police, Captain M A Zondo, said police were totally against people who took the law into their hands by punishing others.

Umlazi residents said youths had invented the new form of punishment to protect the community from criminal elements. People forced to "model" were those accused by youths of raping, stealing, house-breaking or murder.

Incidents were reported where people had been forced to appear naked, usually in public places, and shout loudly what "sins" they had committed.

Cape Times 13/12/88

Ulster church aims to halt Natal violence

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Own Correspondent

LONDON. — A couple from Northern Ireland have launched an unusual initiative to bring relief to strife-torn Natal by establishing the first South African branch of the Rev Ian Paisley's Free Presbyterian Church on a farm outside Maritzburg.

Mr Kenneth Haffey and his wife Elizabeth, who left Hillsborough near Belfast two years ago to live in Hilton, have already built up a regular congregation of some 60 Zulu farm-hands.

They are expecting officials from the Free Presbyterian Church to travel to Natal next year to approve the foundation, and — "if God provides" — Dr Paisley himself to consecrate it.

Dr Paisley is better known as a firebrand Unionist politician, but the Haffeys insist there will be no politics, sectarianism or Protestant paraphernalia in the church.

The church was set up more to combat endemic alcoholism and related violence than the murderous political feud which has plagued the area for years.

"We used to have a farm down the road and all our labourers would get terribly drunk all through the weekend," Mr Haffey explained. "There were no other churches in the area for the Zulus, so we thought we would do something about it."

A scarcity of ordained Free Presbyterian ministers forced the Haffeys to improvise by luring a young Zulu minister from a rival denomination to preach in the vernacular.

"A white Zulu-speaking friend of the Haffeys at first attended the services to ensure the preacher was interpreting the gospel in the strictly literal fashion required of the Free Presbyterian doctrine.

Cape Times 13/12/88

Massacred 11 'were Inkatha'

ULUNDI. — The victims in the Trust Feed massacre — when 11 of 13 people in a house were mowed down by gunfire — were Inkatha members, the chief minister of KwaZulu and president of Inkatha, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, said here yesterday.

He said in a statement that as a result of the tragedy he had instructed attorneys to investigate "this horrific incident".

"I have now received a preliminary report from my attorneys and from the information received, it has been ascertained that the victims were in fact Inkatha members.

"The investigation is continuing," he said. — Sàpa

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Man, girl shot in unrest clash

PRETORIA. — A man and a girl were wounded when one group of people fired shots at another at Mpumalanga, police said. A youth was also injured when two special constables intervened, and fired three rounds of birdshot.

Police arrested two men in Pinetown after a crowd caused extensive damage to a local footwear company. A man was also slightly injured.

At Lingelihle, near Cradock, a policeman was slightly injured by stone-throwers. — Sapa

Two blasts in Randfontein

PRETORIA — There were two explosions at Randfontein yesterday morning, police said.

The first occurred outside the police station at about 1.10am, shattering windows and damaging the building.

Twenty minutes later another "explosive device" detonated outside the library, damaging window panes.

No injuries were reported, the daily police unrest report said.

The unrest report also said that at Mpumalanga near Hammarsdale, police had arrested two men after a private motor vehicle was stoned and damaged.

At Kwadengezi in the Pinetown area, a group of men attacked a 47-year-old woman and assaulted her with sjamboks. A man and 4 youths were arrested, the report said. — Sapa

Inkatha threatens action

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Sapen 18/12/88

By VASANTHA ANGAMUTHU

KWAZULU Chief Minister, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, has threatened to take legal action against any reporter or organisation blaming Inkatha for the violence at Trust Feed where 14 people were killed two weeks ago.

He dissociated Inkatha from the killings, saying members of Inkatha were also victims of the massacre.

"As a result of the tragedy at Trust Feed, I have instructed my attorneys to investigate this horrific incident.

"I have now received a preliminary report from my attorneys, and from information received, it has been ascertained that the victims were in fact Inkatha members," said Buthelezi.

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the Outer Banks

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3 die in PMB violence

PRETORIA. — Three people died in incidents in Natal at the weekend, according to police unrest reports.

On Saturday, a man was stabbed to death when a group of people attacked a house in Emalangeni, near Maritzburg. Another man died when security forces fired at the group.

Yesterday, one man died and five men and two women were injured when a group of people attacked each other with knives and pangas at Caluza township, near Maritzburg. Security forces arrested two men.

Police said 41 houses were damaged in the incident. — Sapa

Four die in Natal unrest

Crime Reporter

Four people died and three were injured in township unrest in Natal's Hammarsdale region yesterday, police reported.

A man was shot dead and another stabbed and hacked to death after a mob attacked a house. A woman was also shot and seriously wounded.

Then another mob stabbed a man to death and shot and wounded a woman. Police dispersed the attackers with rifle and shotgun fire, said the latest unrest report.

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At Mpumalanga, near Hammarsdale, three gunmen opened fire on a vehicle. The driver lost control and hit an embankment. His daughter died from a bullet wound and he was injured in the collision.

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Four die, two injured in latest violence

PRETORIA. — Four people died and two others were wounded — one seriously — in violent incidents in Natal during the past 24 hours, the police reported today.

At Hammarsdale one man was shot dead and another stabbed and hacked to death when a mob attacked a house. A woman was shot and seriously wounded.

In another incident in the area, a group stabbed a man to death and shot and wounded a woman. Police dispersed the attackers with rifle and shotgun fire.

At Mpumalanga a girl died when the car in which she was travelling came under fire from three gunmen.

About 400 women from Caluza, outside Maritzburg, were dispersed with teargas by police as they waited for transport to bring them to the city where they planned to protest against an attack on their area, allegedly by Inkatha members, on Saturday.

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Three people died, seven were injured and 41 houses damaged in the attack.

The women said they had gathered at the bus and taxi rank in Caluza when police arrived and gave them five minutes to disperse. Police then threw teargas.

A police spokesman in Pretoria confirmed the incident, saying police used a single round of tearsmoke "in order to disperse an illegal gathering."

The women later gathered at the offices of the Progressive Federal Party in Maritzburg where they swore affidavits to lawyers and signed a petition calling on the police to withdraw from Caluza.

"The presence of the SAP is not required at Caluza as they assisted Inkatha when attacking residents," the women said in the petition.

"We require the presence of the SADF as we feel safer with them. If police insist on staying, we insist that they should do their work properly in serving and protecting the community."

Reacting to the petition, a police spokesman in Pretoria said: "The police have a duty to prevent crime and to maintain law and order, and the so-called 'demand' for them to leave the area concerned is ludicrous." — Sapa.

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Police 'stood and watched Caluza attack'

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MARITZBURG — Police allegedly stood and watched the attack on Caluza near here on Saturday in which three people were killed, seven wounded and 41 houses damaged.

The allegations are contained in a letter to the Natal Divisional Commissioner, Brigadier Jan Kotz, from Mr Radley Keys, the Progressive Federal Party's Natal regional director.

The letter includes a petition that was signed by 291 "mothers, grandmothers and daughters of families in the Caluza area" condemning the police for "assisting Inkatha when attacking residents".

"It was reported that police stood by as the attack took place and that there were armed white men in plain clothes and uniformed policemen who stood around as the attack took place," Mr Keys's letter states.

"Our office has been requested to submit this petition to highlight the community's plight and the seriousness of the situation that these people find themselves in, especially with reference to members of the Force not stepping in and stopping the carnage that took place."

A police spokesman confirmed today that Brigadier Kotz had received the letter and said the matter was receiving attention. — Sapa.

Talks a bid for peace in Natal

MARITZBURG. — Intense negotiations — believed to involve the ANC, the UDF, Inkatha, Cosatu and the SACC — are taking place behind closed doors in a bid to resolve the conflict in Natal's troubled townships.

Sources say the negotiations are aimed at getting all parties to sit down at one table to thrash out a peace formula.

According to the sources, a meeting has been tentatively set for January 25 in Harare and delegates from all parties are likely to attend.

The violence in the townships has left hundreds homeless and severely affected schooling. — Sapa

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4 killed in unrest in Natal

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PRETORIA. — Four people died and two others were wounded — one seriously — in unrest-related incidents in Natal during the past 24 hours, police reported yesterday.

At Hammarsdale, a man was shot dead and another stabbed and hacked to death by a group of people who attacked a private dwelling. A woman was also shot and seriously wounded.

In another incident in the Hammarsdale area, police used rifle and shotgun fire to disperse a group of people who had stabbed a man to death and shot and wounded a woman.

At Mpumalanga, three gunmen fired at a private vehicle, which then collided with an embankment. The driver's daughter died of a bullet wound, and the driver was injured in the ensuing accident.

A house was also damaged by arsonists at Mpumalanga. Police gave no further details about this incident. Sapa

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Attack on Natal house: Two killed

PRETORIA. — At Hammarsdale, in Natal, two people were killed when a group of people attacked a house, the police reported in their overnight unrest report.

A man was shot dead and a second man was stabbed and hacked to death. A woman was also shot and seriously wounded.

In another incident in the area, a group of people stabbed a man to death and shot and wounded a woman. Police dispersed the attackers with rifle and shot-gun fire.

At Mpumalanga a trio of gunmen fired shots at the occupants of a private vehicle. The driver's daughter, a passenger in the vehicle, died as a result of a bullet wound. — Sapa

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'No whites in township raid'

Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG. — Police here have strongly denied reports that a group of armed white men were at the forefront of an attack on residents of Caluza township near here at the weekend.

Police said allegations by residents of Caluza, published in a local newspaper, that white men wearing balaclavas and armed with shotguns and rifles led the weekend violence at the township were "totally false". "There were no white people at all in that vicinity," a police statement said.

Three wounded in Natal unrest

Three people were wounded in Natal township unrest yesterday, police said in their latest unrest report.

At Ashdown near Maritzburg, a mob stoned a police vehicle. A round of birdshot was fired to disperse the group and a woman was hit in the buttocks, but managed to escape, police said.

A man was stabbed and wounded in Slangspruit, also near Maritzburg.

At Mpumalanga near Hammarsdale, a man who was shot and wounded was found and taken to hospital. — Crime Reporter.

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Gunmen's car crashes after kitscops shoot

PRETORIA. — A man was stabbed to death in a clash between two unidentified groups at Mpumalanga in Hammarsdale, Natal, police reported in the overnight unrest report yesterday

They said another man was found dead after special constables fired birdshot to disperse a mob attacking a home in the same township.

"After the mob had dispersed, the body of a man was found. It appears as though he was killed by the mob," the report said

In the same area five gunmen in a car opened fire on special constables on duty at a house. The constables returned the fire and the driver lost control of the vehicle and crashed into a fence.

Police said a man died as a result of stab wounds in the chest when two groups clashed.

A wounded man, who had apparently been shot, was found on the scene when the two groups clashed at Ashdown in Maritzburg.

A group of youths attacked four houses with petrol bombs in the same township. Extent of damage was not known. — Sapa

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12 die in Xmas unrest in Natal

PRETORIA. — Twelve people died and 21 were injured in unrest-related incidents in Natal over the Christmas weekend, according to police unrest reports.

The December 24 report said a man was shot dead at Shongweni by unidentified people.

At Ashdown, unidentified gunmen wounded a woman, 19, a man, 23, and a girl, seven.

According to the police report for December 25, an unidentified policeman died at Willow Fountains after firing on a group who had attacked his colleague. His pistol was then stolen, and his car set alight Police dispersing the mob arrested three people.

A man was also stabbed to death at Mpumalanga after a group of people had petrol-bombed a number of houses.

At KwaMashu, near Durban, a man was injured after four private houses were damaged in a petrol-bomb attack.

The police unrest report for December 26 reported nine people dead and 17 injured.

The body of a man who had been stabbed to death was found at Siteng, and at Taylor's Halt a mob stabbed a youth to death and petrol-bombed a house.

Two groups clashed at St Piths, near Kokstad. Two men died and two were injured, and 11 huts were destroyed

Three men and a woman were injured at Slangspruit after two groups attacked each other Police dispersed the mobs with tearsmoke and pistol fire

Two groups of people who attacked each other at Nxamalala were dispersed with tearsmoke, after two men were wounded.

A man was stabbed to death and a house damaged by arsonists at Dindi.

At Mpumalanga, a man was wounded by an unknown gunman, two houses were damaged by arsonists, and the owner of one of the houses was stabbed to death and a woman injured.

A man was also stabbed to death and another shot dead.

A man was wounded at Shongweni after an illegal gathering was dispersed with shotgun fire. A man was also stabbed to death at Shongweni, and another shot dead and two wounded by unknown gunmen.

At Chesterville, a man was wounded in the arm by an unidentified gunman. — Sapa

10 dead, 15 hurt in Maritzburg violence

MARITZBURG. — At least 10 people were killed and 15 injured in continuing political conflict in the Maritzburg and Hammarsdale regions at the weekend.

By the end of Christmas Day more than 20 incidents had occurred in the region. Police cited no incidents of unrest in other provinces.

Most of the weekend's violence occurred in the Hammarsdale region, where six men were killed — either shot or stabbed to death — and 10 people were injured.

The area is Natal's worst political battlefield, with more than 65 people reported killed since October 1 — seven times the number of unrest-related deaths reported from all other provinces during the same period.

Illegal

Referring to an incident in the area yesterday, police said: "At Shongweni a group gathered illegally and were dispersed with shotgun fire. One man was wounded."

In an earlier incident, police said, shots were fired at a group. A woman, a 19-year-old girl, a seven-year-old girl and a 23-year-old man were wounded.

In neighbouring Mpumalanga, police said, a man was killed and two men and a women were injured when shots were fired at them "by blacks".

In the same area a man was stabbed to death and a man was wounded when a number of shots were fired at him by "an unknown attacker".

Another man was stabbed to death and another shot dead.

A "number of homes" were petrol-bombed in the area on Saturday and yesterday. Two occupants were subsequently stabbed to death and a woman was injured.

Other Maritzburg areas affected at the weekend included Ashdown, Edendale, Slangspruit, Willowfountain, Nxamalala, and Taylor's Halt.

The unrest report said: "At Willow Fountain an off-duty police constable was stabbed to death after he fired a number of shots at people assaulting a man. His pistol was stolen and his car set alight. Three men were later arrested.

"At Ashdown a man died of gunshot wounds on Friday night, while on Saturday a car was set alight.

"At Sinathingi, Edendale, the body of a man who had been stabbed to death was found.

"At Slangspruit two large groups of people attacked each other with knives and pangas and injured three men. Police dispersed the group with tearsmoke and pistol fire and a women was injured.

"At Nxaalala two groups fired at each other. Two men were wounded before police dispersed the groups with tearsmoke.

"At Dindi, Taylor's Halt, a man was stabbed to death and a home damaged by arsonists. It is understood that the dead man was an Inkatha member, Mr Boy Chamane, 47, and that the home burned down belonged to another Inkatha member, Mr N D Zondi.

"In Chesterfield, Durban, a man was shot in the arm and in Kwamashu four homes were petrol-bombed." — Sapa.

13 murders in Natal over Christmas

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Crime Reporter

At least 13 people were murdered — nine on Christmas Day — and 18 were injured in widespread township violence in Natal at the weekend, police said.

One of those killed was a policeman.

Most of the deaths and injuries resulted from clashes between opposing groups or attacks on homes. Several arson attacks on houses and cars were also reported.

Police did not say who the groups were or what the motives for the killings were, but clashes between Inkatha and the United Democratic Front (UDF), as well as faction-fighting, have claimed the lives of more than 1 000 people over the past year.

The policeman was murdered by a mob in Willow Fountain near Maritzburg on Saturday.

Three men were murdered in Mpumalanga, near Maritzburg, and two men were killed when two groups attacked each other in Kokstad on Christmas Day.

Two men were murdered in separate incidents at Dindi and Siteng and another two were murdered in Shongweni.

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Massacre brings Natal township death toll to 20

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Crime Reporter

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The massacre was one of the worst mass-killings in Natal to date, and happened on the same day that five people were shot dead in Soweto by a gunman using an AK-47.

The bodies of the seven victims were discovered by police after a mob attacked a special constable guarding a house, said the latest SAP unrest report.

The policeman was wounded in the hand after he was fired at with a shotgun.

Police returned fire with shotguns and the group dispersed.

During the clash, police heard further shots being fired some distance away and investigated.

The bodies of the seven men were found, all with gunshot wounds.

No arrests have yet been made but investigations are continuing.

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The victim was hit as he fled his burning home.

Two men were arrested in connection with the attack, said the police unrest report.

EMERGENCY UPDATE

Seven killed in Natal shooting

PRETORIA. — Police have discovered the bodies of seven men killed by gunfire in the strife-torn Natal Midlands, where faction fighting continues unabated.

The bodies were discovered after police heard shots near the scene of an attack on a special constable.

In today's unrest report police said the special constable was guarding a house at Mpumalanga near Hammarsdale when he was attacked by a large group.

The constable was wounded in the hand after shots were fired at him with a shotgun but the group dispersed when police returned the fire.

More shots were heard being fired "some distance away" and police discovered the seven bodies when they investigated.

In another unrest-related incident in the area police said a group attacked a house at Hammarsdale and damaged it with a petrol-bomb.

As the owner fled he was shot and wounded in the shoulder. Two men were arrested, police said. — Sapa.

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By Craig Kotze, Crime Reporter

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SOWETAN CORRESPONDENT

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Closed-door talks strive for peace in Natal

MARITZBURG — Intense negotiations, which are believed to involve the ANC, UDF, Inkatha, Cosatu and the South African Council of Churches, are taking place behind closed doors in a bid to resolve the conflict in Natal's troubled townships.

Sources say the negotiations aim to get all parties to sit down at one table to thrash out a peace formula.

The sources say a meeting has been set tentatively for January 25 in Harare.

It is believed the ANC leadership — in particular, Mr Oliver Tambo, publicity secretary Mr Thabo Mbeki, and secretary-general Mr Alfred Nzo — are very concerned at the violence in the townships, which has cost nearly 700 lives this year alone.

The violence has also left hundreds homeless.

It is believed the ANC has been monitoring the Inkatha-Cosatu "peace accord" closely, but sees it as inadequate because it does not involve the other major party to the conflict — the UDF.

Sources say representatives of some of the parties met in Lusaka recently and decided it was essential to hold a round-table conference of all parties.

But it is believed that while the parties would welcome open and frank discussions on the violence, because of the immense political differences between some of them, the negotiations are now at an extremely delicate stage.

The Chief Minister of kwaZulu, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, said this week though he had not received any message about the Harare meeting, he had received messages "from Mr Tambo, through third parties, expressing concern about the violence in the greater Maritzburg area and Mpumalanga".

UDF sources were tightlipped over the possibility of a meeting in Harare. They said while the UDF would welcome it, the leadership, because it was restricted, would not be able to attend. But community leaders could represent the organisation. — Sapa.