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Natal peace worker refuses UCT award

A PEACE worker in strife-torn Natal has declined a University of Cape Town honorary degree for peace because he felt it was "premature" CT 1/4/93

Mr Sipho Mlaba, based in Mpumalanga, was one of four National Peace Accord workers selected for the special award as part of the university's 75th anniversary tomorrow. (254) (54) (276)

Other recipients are Mr Mlaba's colleague, Mr Meshack Radebe, Mr Justice Goldstone, head of the Goldstone Commission, and Mr John Hall, chairman of the National Peace Accord.

Mr Mlaba, was described in a UCT statement as a "shining example of what co-operation and communication is capable of achieving".

He has declined the honorary degree because "he feels it would be premature at this stage".

Mr Hall said he had accepted the award "on behalf of the thousands of unsung heroes".

18 killings reported in Natal March unrest

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DURBAN. — While peace has returned to some townships and rural areas around Port Shepstone, others remain racked by political and factional conflict with at least 18 deaths recorded in March.

Unrest monitors at the Port Shepstone-based Practical Ministries said yesterday 12 deaths had occurred in the Cele tribal district in Mehlomnyama and four people were killed in the Paddock/Izingolweni district.

Two killings were reported from Boboyi and Izotsha.

The group praised the "positive peace initiatives" in the KwaMavundla and KwaNdwalane areas, arising from local peace initiatives under the National Peace Accord, where there had been three months of peace.

● A Johannesburg taxi-driver died in hospital yesterday after three armed men opened fire on him.

A police spokesman said the taxi-driver, who was alone in his vehicle, was flagged down by a man at a bus stop in the vicinity of Louis Botha Avenue and Cavendish Street, Yeoville.

Two other men also approached the taxi from behind. Several shots were fired and the driver — about 30 years old — was hit in the head and chest.

He died at the Hillbrow Hospital.

Police found Makarov pistol rounds at the scene. There have been no arrests. — Sapa

One settler one guest, says 'APP'

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By JACQUIE GOLDING

WHITE pensioners beware — the Anzanian People's Program has its eye on your cosy little seaside nest.

The mysterious APP has sent a letter to a pensioner couple in exclusive La Lucia, on Natal's north coast, informing them that they have been chosen to house a black student of the University of Durban/Westville. The "Lending a Helping Hand" scheme, the letter explains, is part of an effort to "foster greater racial understanding".

"You will be pleased, we are sure, to know that we have arranged for a young female black university student to be a guest in your new home for the duration of her 1993 studies at Westville University," it says.

"Having spent her entire life in the ghettos of Inanda she may take some time to adjust to your way of life. We are sure you will do everything to help with this difficult transition period."

Durban/Westville knows nothing of the APP, whose logo shows a mortarboard and scroll and whose alleged address is the Dabula Peace Centre in Meadowlands, postal code 2230 (in fact, Ogies). What makes it additionally mysterious is that the postmark shows it was posted in the posh Sandton suburb of Bryanston.

Durban-Westville's director of public affairs, Michael Sutcliffe, said he had first learned of the APP when he was phoned by the "incensed woman" who had received the letter.

"The letter was probably written by some white crank who wishes to create divisions between whites and blacks by targeting pensioners," he said.

The letter outlines a programme of action to "eradicate the racial tensions built up over the last 48 years by the White Regime".

The hosts are informed that they will find it difficult to cater for the student's needs and therefore visits to the Dabula Peace Centre for cooking lessons would be appropriate. "You will be able to be tutored in the preparation of some traditional African dishes such as mielie meal, curried chicken, sour milk and stamp mielies.

"Furthermore we feel that it will be a great advantage for you to visit her family and a minibus taxi will be made available over any weekend of your choice."

The APP's alleged chairman, Bhumcila Luncilé, ends the letter on a cheery note: "The comrades support you. Bless you," he/she says.

Where slaughter means an end to the killings

W/May 2/4-7/4/93.

At the site of some of Natal's worst carnage, last weekend enemies joined hands and a warlord turned peacemaker.

FAROUK CHOTHIA *reports*

WITH 2 000 of their followers looking on, former arch-enemies Cyril Shezi and Alf Sima jointly took a knife — and slaughtered a goat

Encouraged by the local traditional healer, Shezi and Sima then lowered their hands, locked in a firm handshake, into a bucket filled with water and the goat's blood They had completed a symbolic ritual which signified that they had washed their hands of blood and would never kill again

The ritual was part of a joint peace rally between the African National Congress and Inkatha at Bithenia, a violence flashpoint near Port Shepstone on Natal's south coast But the highly unusual initiative was not without its tensions

Local sangoma Mpiyaka Nxasane cajoled ANC and Inkatha supporters into following the example of their leaders Some reluctantly came forward — ANC supporters from the left and Inkatha supporters from the right — to perform the ritual

Just then, an Inkatha impi, knocking their sticks against their shields, surged forward Fear gripped the crowd, and people began to flee Security officials surrounded ANC leaders, while peace monitors valiantly tried to form a human chain between the impi and the crowd. The impi kept storming ahead

Suit-clad chief Aaron Ndwalane — to whom the impi pledges its loyalty — intervened, ordering them to sit down Amid audible sighs of relief, they obliged

Wagging his finger, Nxasane scolded the impi "If you stop (the ritual from being performed), it will mean that our culture is a lie "

This part of the south coast, the kwaNdwalane and kwaMavundla district, has been the scene of some of Natal's worst carnage An average of 40 to 70 deaths was reported each month when the violence was at its peak.

Yet, since January — shortly after the signing of a peace pact, brokered largely by the Commonwealth Observer Mission — not a single death has been reported Two low-key joint rallies have been held since December Called by Ndwalane, Sunday's was the third — and biggest.

Apart from Mpumalanga township between Durban and Pietermaritzburg, this is the only area where joint peace rallies have taken place in Natal

Heaping lavish praise on Ndwalane, the head of the Commonwealth group, Moses Anafu, told the rally "What we have seen here is as a result of a partnership between chief Ndwalane and his people, a partnership in which he has shown a resolute determination to lead his people on the path of peace, a partnership in which he very wisely took the chieftainship out of the ram of controversy "

From having a reputation of being a warlord, Ndwalane is now portraying himself as a peacemaker To thunderous applause from the crowd, he said· "At one time we used to have a common love for each other. I have come today to revive that love between you. I'm talking of love that has no divisions We meet today to confirm our commitment to peace and development "

Ndwalane's volte-face has been dramatic In the late 1980s, he faced a rebellion from pro-ANC youth opposed to his tribal authority Ndwalane was forced to flee and his territory fell under the control of the youth But he was determined to regain power From the territory of a nearby chief, he allegedly ordered his *amabutho* (warriors) to launch fierce attacks on the ANC

Arrested at a South African Police roadblock with a huge arms cache, he served a one-year prison sentence On his release, he allegedly continued the war — and eventually drove the ANC-supporting youth out of the area He then ruled with an iron fist He is presently facing charges on 11 counts of murder and is out on bail One count is for the murder of Shezi's mother Yet, the two have made peace

The pact has had a positive spinoff for Ndwalane, as it has once more entrenched him as chief of the area — this time with the backing of the ANC If he is convicted on the murder charges, he could argue in mitigation that he has since adopted the role of a peacelord

The ANC also stands to benefit from the peace pact, as it has opened the way for the organisation to operate in the area The ANC can now hold open-air meetings — though it is still barred from door-to-door recruitment

The peace pact has created division within Inkatha The organisation pulled out of the local dispute resolution committee (LDRC) last September But Sima — the local Inkatha leader — went ahead to make peace with the ANC

Last week, Inkatha central committee member Moses Magubane — who hails from the lower south coast — called for a boycott of the rally at a press conference held at the Inkatha Information Centre in Durban, citing numerous grievances against the LDRC and the continued "slaughtering" of Inkatha supporters Yet, his call was ignored and Sima and his followers attended the rally.

Sources close to the talks said Sima appeared to have no ulterior motives and was genuinely committed to resolving the conflict But he has been under intense pressure from other Inkatha leaders — and this came across at two recent meetings where he showed signs of "pulling back slightly", the sources claimed.

The main beneficiaries of the accord, however, would be the community With peace having dawned, the LDRC intends to spend R600 000 on development and reconstruction in the area.

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Natal kraal massacre

DURBAN. — Four people were massacred when gunmen armed with AK-47s and .303's opened fire on a kraal in ongoing faction fighting at Msinga in the Tugela Ferry district. (276)

The four killed in the attack were Mr Ndakayi Mdlela, 23, Mr Mtukubongwa Mculwane, 22, Mr Mfiseni Njoko, 19, and Mr Mwini Ndlovu, 25.

Also in Natal, Mr Isaac Ngobeni was shot dead at 4am in his home near Newcastle, KwaZulu Police said.

● On the Reef, shots were fired at members of the East Rand Internal Stability Unit on foot patrol at Katlehong near Germiston early yesterday morning, police said.

The driver of a car opened fire on the policemen who returned the fire, halting the car. The driver ran away.

Also on the East Rand, five teenagers were hit by birdshot when security guards opened fire on them, after they stoned a delivery lorry. The guards fired when the teenagers refused to disperse. — Sapa

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10 die in attack on 'peace area'

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DURBAN. — At least 10 people were killed today in an early morning attack on a homestead in Murchison, near Port Shepstone, Natal South Coast.

A peace committee spokesman said it appeared attackers opened fire with AK47 rifles and threw a grenade at a homestead.

The dead were aged between 16 and 25.

The spokesman said the killings occurred in Nkosi Aaron Ndwalane's tribal district which had been peaceful for the past three months.

A joint African National Congress-Inkatha Freedom Party rally was held in the area last weekend to celebrate peace in Kwandwalane, previously a scene of bitter fighting.

Meanwhile, Eastern Cape police have launched a hunt for the killers of an an elderly couple in their Graham Street home in Bedford, Eastern Cape.

Police said friends found 70-year-old Johannes Taljaard and his wife Adamina, 73, when they did not show up for church. Sapa, Ecna.

Natal child slain in squatter camp

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DURBAN. — A child has been shot dead at the Lindelani squatter settlement near KwaMashu.

Police said the four-year-old child had been wounded in the stomach in an attack on his home yesterday morning.

At Nongoma in northern Zululand police are investigating the death of Mr Kenneth Mtshali, who was killed at the weekend by people armed with AK-47 rifles.

● Meanwhile, the Inkatha Freedom Party has demanded that a large reward be offered for information about the killing of a member of the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly, Mr Siphiwe Gumede, who was gunned while driving home in a remote area in northern Zululand at the weekend.

● The IFP's Western Transvaal regional organiser, Mr Jabulani Ngubane, claimed yesterday he had been shot at while driving home on Sunday evening.

Mr Ngubane said he had been returning to Tigane township at 7.30pm when he encountered a group of youths standing next to the road. A shot was fired at his car, hitting the left front door. — Sapa

Massacre of 10 ANC men slated

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DURBAN. — Three months of peace in the Murchison area near Port Shepstone were shattered by the massacre of 10 young ANC members — apparently on the run — in a grenade blast and hail of gunfire yesterday.

The attack — which has been condemned by the government, the ANC, the IFP and local peace structures — came a week after ANC and IFP members celebrated peace with a joint rally in the area.

The Nzama family, in whose home the slaughter occurred yesterday, described the 1am attack, which left only two survivors.

The Nzama settlement consists of four adjacent one-roomed stone buildings. Mr Do Solomon Nzama and his wife were asleep in one room while the victims shared two others.

A grieving Mr Nzama said he had awakened to "what sounded like thunder" as the "large group" of balaclava-clad gunmen attacked.

The killers emptied their rifles into the small room where eight of the victims were watching a video.

Mr Nzama's daughter said the killers threw a grenade into the room, kicked the door down, let loose with gunfire and hacked the men with bushknives. After the attack "blood was flowing out of the room like a river", she said.

Next door, the other two victims fled through a window but were cut down, she said.

The victims were "comrades" who had been at the homestead for three days.

"They were running away from their enemies and did not want to stay in the same place for a long time."

ANC spokesman Mr Dumisani Makhaye said the ANC held "police station commanders of the area responsible for this massacre. Hundreds of people in this area have been massacred and the perpetrators have never been arrested."

Port Shepstone police spokesman Major Jan Botha said police were doing all they could to protect residents.

"We had patrols out but they did not hear any shooting," he said.



MASSACRE . . . Bullet holes and bloodstains behind Mr Solomon Nzama and two unidentified relatives are stark reminders of yesterday's massacre in Mr Nzama's home. Picture: ANTHONY McMILLAN

Police found 37 AK-47 cartridges and three .303 cartridges at the scene.

Law and Order Minister Mr Hernus Kriel expressed "disgust and outrage", saying police would spare no effort to catch the killers.

IFP national chairman Dr Frank Mdlalose said: "This dastardly and atrocious act was obviously carried out by people who hate peace, . . . who have automatic firearms, . . . and who are organised and well-trained."

The Port Shepstone Peace Committee urged residents not to be provoked into retaliatory action.

An emergency meeting of all local peace structures was called last night.

● Mr Makhaye named the victims as Messrs Zakhele Gcaba, Mazwi Malinga, Wee Mazubane, Tinizana Hadebe, Koo Morafo, Genge Mkonde, Sifiso Ngcobo, Zwelakhe Hadebe, Thulebona Mtolo and Sipho Ncane, all aged between 18 and 28. Mr Sihle Mpisi and Mr Richard Nxumalo were seriously wounded. — Own Correspondent and Sapa

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DURBAN. — The Inkatha Freedom Party has demanded that a substantial reward be offered by Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the weekend assassination of Kwazulu Legislative Assembly member Mr Siphiwe Gumede.

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ANC, IFP to pray for massacre victims

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DURBAN. — The ANC and IFP in the Port Shepstone area are to reaffirm publicly their support for the local peace initiative at a prayer meeting to be held this week in commemoration of 10 young ANC members massacred in the area.

The move has been announced as part of a nine-point "action plan" devised by the Port Shepstone peace committee to stop the derailment of the peace process in the wake of Monday's killings.

The ANC has rejected a police claim that six of the victims were wanted criminals.

● Gains made in bringing peace and stability to Natal should not be lost in recrimination and retaliation, the United Nations Observer Mission in South Africa said in Johannesburg yesterday.

7 000 died in Natal violence

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — About 7 000 people have died in political violence in Natal and losses to the economy are estimated to be more than R2 billion.

According to the latest Indicator South Africa report, more than 10 000 people have died nationwide in incidents of political conflict in the period between President F W de Klerk's February 1990 speech and February 28 this year.

About 3 400 died in 1990, 2 580 in 1991, 3 446 in 1992 and 341 in the first two months of 1993.

Mr Graham Howe, editor of Indicator South Africa, said the spread of civil violence to the rest of the country would continue to undercut progress in constitutional negotiations.

There was sustained nation-wide civil violence linked to the legalisation of open political organisation and struggles for constituencies.

There was also suspicion and uncertainty about the new "democratic" ground rules for political competition and many observers doubted the government's commitment to reform.

• About 112 violence-related deaths had occurred in Natal/KwaZulu this month alone, iolence monitor Ms Mary de Haas said yesterday.

Five killed in Natal unrest

DURBAN. — Five people were killed and three injured in the latest unrest in Natal, police said yesterday.

Two more people, aged 19 and 25, were killed yesterday at Murchison on the Natal South Coast after the killing of 10 ANC supporters there on Monday.

Three suspects were arrested soon after the latest killings.

Police yesterday put up a reward of R50 000 for information leading to the arrest of the killers of the 10 people.

Khayelitsha fracas probed

THE local unit of the Goldstone Commission will investigate an incident at Khayelitsha yesterday in which a fracas ensued after shots were fired in the vicinity of the Lingulethu West town council offices.

Mr Justice Richard Goldstone said last night the commission was told a number of people had occupied the offices.

A man was shot dead and another was wounded yesterday at Nkelabantwana in the Natal Midlands.

Unidentified gunmen on Tuesday night shot dead two men and seriously injured a woman in an attack at Esikhaweni on the Natal North Coast.

Senior IFP member Mr Manuel Mdunge was shot and wounded by unidentified gunmen on Tuesday night at Umlazi, the IFP said yesterday.

Massacre prompts police reward offer

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DURBAN — Police are offering a R50 000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the killers of 10 ANC supporters in Murchison, near Port Shepstone, on Monday.

Durban police spokesman Capt Bala Naidoo announced the reward offer yesterday. He said informants could telephone Crime Stop on 0800-111213 or investigator W/O Frik Breedt on (0391) 22524.

The violence-related toll in Murchison this week has climbed to 12 with two more killings early yesterday. Police spokesman Lt Dawood Kader said three suspects had been arrested.

The two latest victims, aged 19 and 25, were hacked and stabbed to death while sleeping in a house in Mtengwane.

Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi condemned Monday's Murchison massacre saying: "Violence is not in the interests of anyone." He was speaking on his return from Britain yesterday.

He said he had no preconditions for a summit conference with ANC president Nelson Mandela and would like such a meeting as soon as possible. "I can see him tomorrow," Buthelezi said.

He also "rejected with contempt" Monday's statement by ANC Natal Midlands deputy chairman Blade Nzimande that the Concerned South Africans Group, of which Inkatha was a principal member, might stage a "Unita option" — rejecting election results if they lost.

Meanwhile, unidentified gunmen on Tuesday night shot and wounded senior IFP member Manuel Mdunge on his way home in Umlazi, Durban, party spokesman Ed Tillet said yesterday.

Tillet said the car in which Mdunge was travelling was riddled with bullets and at least 20 spent cartridges were found at the scene. It was the second attack on senior IFP officials in Umlazi in the past week, he said.

"There is a systematic campaign to eliminate IFP leaders, to destroy the IFP and to sabotage peace initiatives in Umlazi," Tillett claimed.

Another two people were shot dead and a woman seriously injured in an attack on a squatter camp at Esikhaweni near Empangeni on the Natal North Coast, it was reported yesterday.

At Nkelabantwana near Bulwer in the Natal Midlands a man was shot dead yesterday and another wounded in an attack. A police spokesman said five people fired on a group, killing Ndoneni Bunenizizi.

In Khayelitsha near Cape Town yesterday, a policeman was shot and two wounded men arrested when police were attacked and involved in a 40-minute gunfight, according to police.

Sgt I Isaacs, Const S Ntongona and Const M Mbolekawa went to the scene in an armour-plated vehicle. Sgt Isaacs was shot in the leg.

The robbers fled with the police in pursuit. The heavy police vehicle became stuck in deep sand, however, and its occupants stepped out to try and calm an angry crowd, which, according to police reports, were being egged on to set the vehicle alight.

The SAP members were attacked and in the ensuing gun fight, Isaacs was shot. Two men were later arrested trying to have their bullet wounds treated at a hospital.

Police said members of the Internal Stability Unit prevented the crowd from setting the armoured vehicle alight. — Sapa.

ANC proposes tough arms laws

CAPE TOWN — The failure of the security forces to protect people from attack was a major cause of the spiralling demand for firearms, the ANC told a committee of the Goldstone commission investigating illegal arms yesterday.

The ANC told the committee in Cape Town both self-defence units and hostel residents' associations demanded firearms because they had little or no faith in the security forces' willingness and ability to protect them.

"For as long as the security forces are perceived as partisan or ineffective, there is little prospect of any statutory intervention (affecting) the proliferation of illegal firearms in our country."

The ANC said firearms should be confined to sporting activities and to securing a livelihood.

Statutory amendments proposed by the ANC included:

- Raising the age limit for the issue of firearm licences from 16 to 21 years;
- That applicants for licences undergo psychometric testing to assess their suitability to possess a firearm;
- Individuals be restricted to one firearm; and
- That anyone found in possession of more than two illegal firearms be presumed to have been dealing illegally in such arms.

Weapons such as semi-automatic and automatic arms and large-calibre weapons should be statutorily restricted to a much greater extent, the ANC submitted.

Meanwhile, committee chairman M N S Sithole ruled yesterday that the terms of reference of the Goldstone commission committee investigating the illegal importation, distribution and use of arms and ammunition will remain unchanged.

His ruling followed a complaint by counsel for the Inkatha Freedom Party, Louis Visser, SC, that the committee's mandate did not extend to the illegal possession of firearms. B|DAY 8/3/93.

Visser said the committee could not fulfil its task properly without also investigating the illegal possession of arms and ammunition.

Sithole said the committee would proceed with its inquiry as mandated.

The hearing continues today. — Sapa.

TWO Sundays ago, 5 000 Inkatha and ANC followers in Port Shepstone downed their weapons and washed their hands in goat's blood to mark the end of three years of fighting that has claimed the lives of almost 1 000 people.

Zakhele Gcaba, 28, and his self-styled ANC disciplinary committee cadres were not there. On Monday Gcaba and nine of his men were massacred. Their deaths could have shattered the fragile peace, but they won't. Ironically, they come as a relief to both the police and the ANC.

Transform

Speculation about those responsible for the massacre points in one of two directions: an informal police death squad determined to root out criminal elements, or an ANC unit angered and embarrassed by the actions of these wayward "comrades"

Gcaba and his band may in fact have died because of their inability to deal with changing circumstances and transform themselves from young lions to men of peace

At the time of his death, Gcaba was wanted for 18 charges, including eight murder charges dating back to 1990. The most recent murder charge dates from March 31 this year when he allegedly strangled Port Shepstone housewife Mrs Emily Ogle.

He was also wanted for attempted murder, the illegal possession of a firearm, dealing in dagga, and robbery Days before he died police added armed robbery and indecent assault to the list of allegations against him.

Gcaba escaped from police custody twice. In July 1990 he escaped from Port Shepstone prison and in November 1992 he escaped from the Margate police cells.

Chief Aaron Ndelwane, in whose tribal area the Port Shepstone fighting centred, and who himself faces 11 charges of murder for incidents last year, has become one of the most powerful advocates of peace in the district.

A large man with a quick smile, his home is at the top of a hill that overlooks rolling valleys He, the ANC and the local peace committee do not believe that the murders of Gcaba and his supporters this week and the hacking to death of two IFP supporters two days later were politically motivated — in the usual sense of the term.

Peace became a real possibility when Chief Ndelwane and Nigerian Chief Moses Anafu, of the Commonwealth delegation in Natal, developed a firm friendship Chief Anafu won the trust of warring factions, bringing them to the negotiating table.

Families in these rural hills and valleys are large and poor. Often the father is absent. Almost 85 000 people are crammed into an area of "approximately 7km by 7,5km as the crow flies", as Chief Ndelwane describes it Most are unemployed. Hundreds are starving (276)

In many ways Gcaba was a typical product of this area. His story shows how hard-won peace was and how fragile it remains.

The youngest of nine children, Gcaba was born in Murchison His sisters say he was "very, very clever, polite and brave"

He completed Std 5 at school before working as a delivery man for a local furniture store. He had strong leadership qualities.

In 1989 he joined the ANC and became a member of its local disciplinary committee. When two leaders of the committee began tussling for leadership, Gcaba saw an opportunity and mobilised supporters.

Serious

He and other youths rejected traditional chiefs and leaders. Witchdoctors and traditional leaders were necklaced. People's courts started operating under disciplinary committees such as that led by Gcaba.

An elder from the community said that before the youth of the area finally fled "some, including those led by Gcaba committed serious crimes

They burnt people

Last year one in 12 of all people killed in political violence died in Port Shepstone. Hundreds fled the area. Two weeks ago the ANC and IFP cemented a peace pact — but this week 12 people were slain. CHARLENE SMITH investigated and uncovered a disturbing tale

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Violent end for a thorn in the side of peace



HOPEFUL . . Chief Aaron Ndelwane, one of the most powerful advocates for peace in Natal's worst war zone, at his hill-top home

His siblings blame the the police who, they say, wanted to eliminate a troublesome thorn Their brother, they say, was expecting an attack and, some weeks before his death gave them explicit instructions about the sort of funeral he and his followers wanted.

He told them Major Herman Fourie, head of the Internal Stability Unit in the area, hated him.

Major Fourie, who sits in a neat office overlooking a tiny patch of clipped lawn, is a large man who prides himself on his study of faction fighting

He says he is not allowed to speak to the press, and Durban headquarters refuse an interview

All that he will say is. "My conscience is clear I work with conflict and negotiations. Many of those who say they dislike me, don't even know what I look like."

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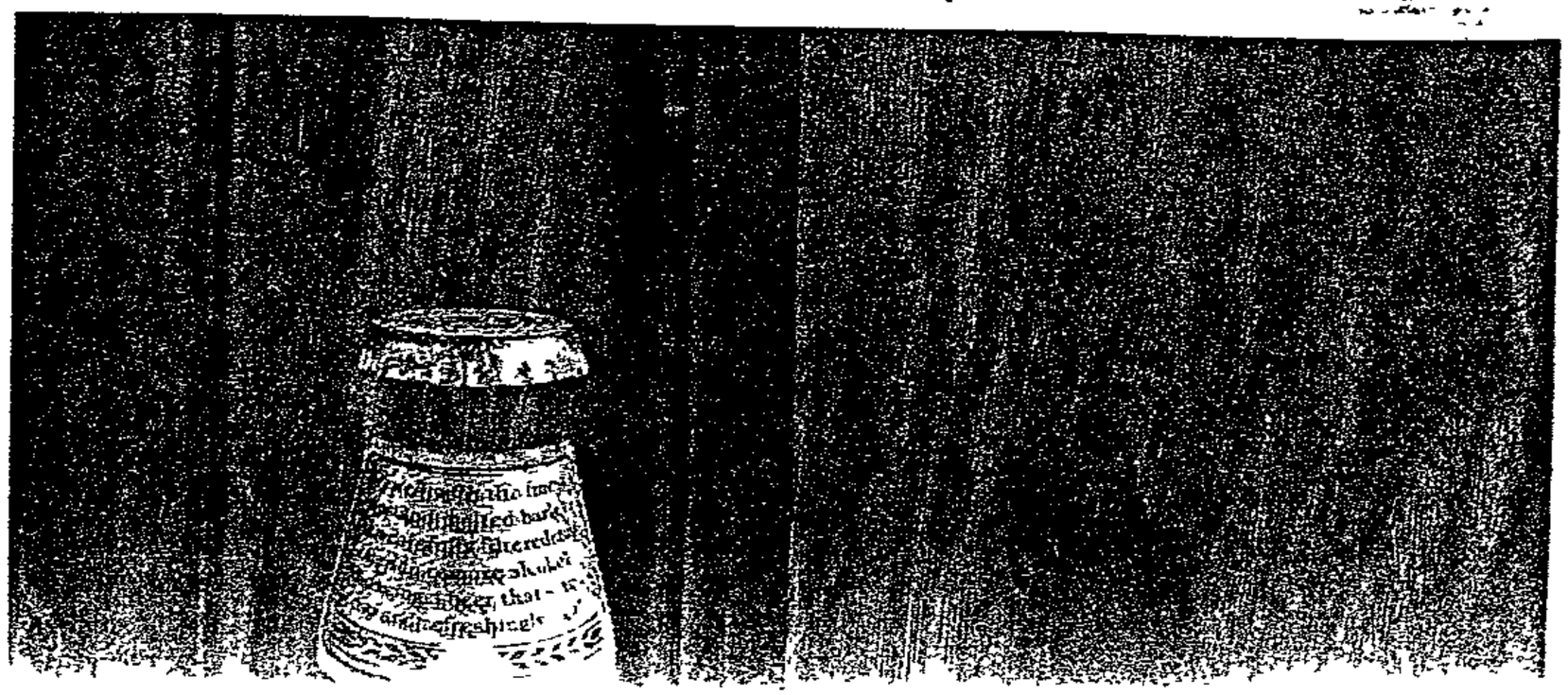
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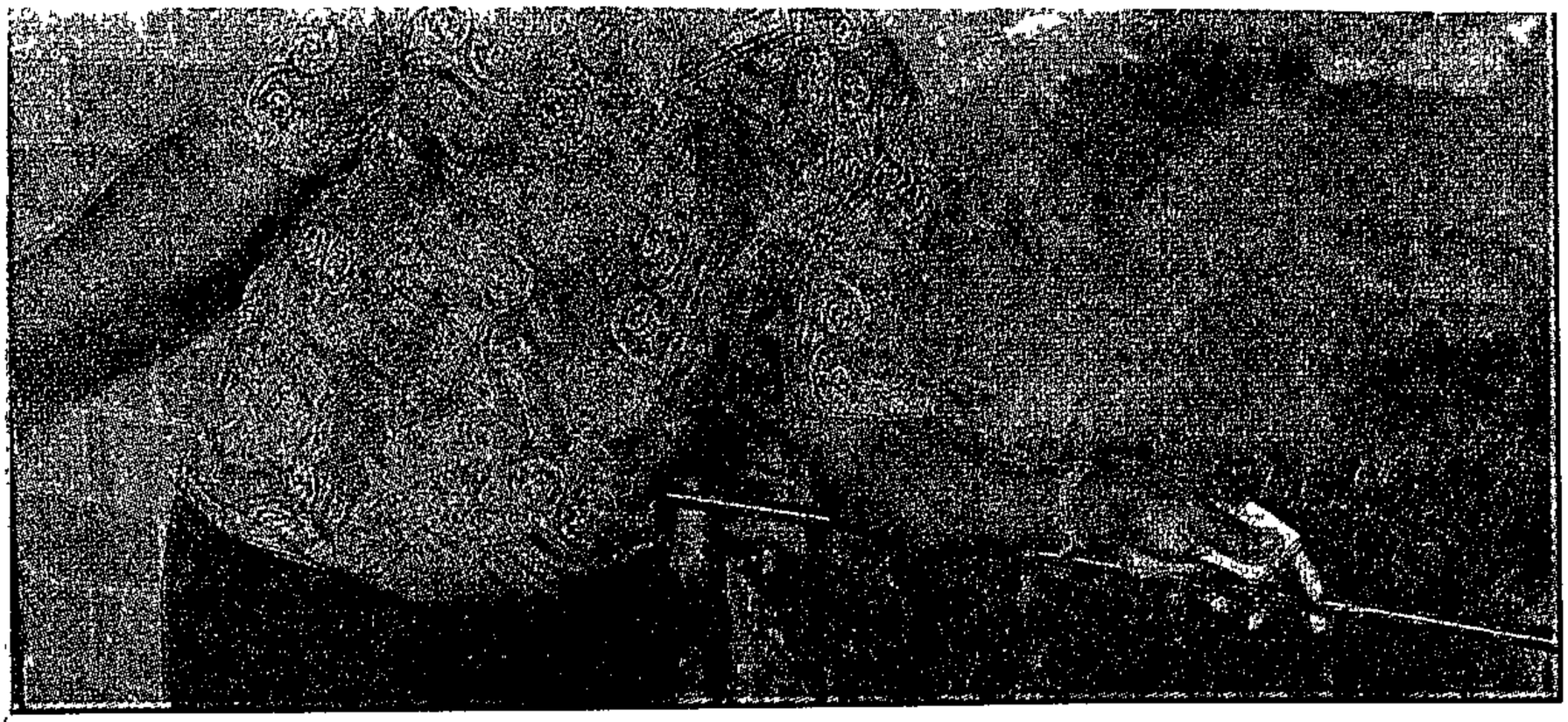
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that the murders of Gcaba and his supporters this week and the hacking to death of two IFP supporters two days later were politically motivated — in the usual sense of the term.

Peace became a real possibility when Chief Ndelwane and Nigerian Chief Moses Anafu, of the Commonwealth delegation in Natal, developed a firm friendship. Chief Anafu won the trust of warring factions, bringing them to the negotiating table.

Families in these rural hills and valleys are large and poor. Often the father is absent. Almost 85 000 people are crammed into an area of "approximately 7km by 7,5km as the crow flies", as Chief Ndelwane describes it. Most are unemployed. Hundreds are starving.

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The youngest of nine children, Gcaba was born in Murchison. His sisters say he was "very, very clever, polite and brave".

He completed Std 5 at school before working as a delivery man for a local furniture store. He had strong leadership qualities.

In 1989 he joined the ANC and became a member of its local disciplinary committee. When two leaders of the committee began tussling for leadership, Gcaba saw an opportunity and mobilised supporters.

Serious

He and other youths rejected traditional chiefs and leaders. Witchdoctors and traditional leaders were necklaced. People's courts started operating under disciplinary committees such as that led by Gcaba.

An elder from the community said that before the youth of the area finally fled "some, including those led by Gcaba, committed serious crimes".

"They burnt people. When there was fighting and Zakhele was among the youth, they knew they would win He was their hero.

"But while they lived in the bush they continued with kangaroo courts — they would fetch ANC people from here and sentence them to up to 300 lashes."

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Many of the youths, however, continued to live in groups. Some demanded accommodation from villagers and extorted food or money. Gcaba and others like him constituted — and still constitute — a destabilising factor to the peace process.

Gcaba died leaving six illegitimate children and four pregnant girlfriends. But who killed him and his followers?

He told them Major Herman Fourie, head of the Internal Stability Unit in the area, hated him.

Major Fourie, who sits in a neat office overlooking a tiny patch of clipped lawn, is a large man who prides himself on his study of faction fighting

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Next week the first phase of a R700 000 development programme — the first under the Peace Accord — is due for implementation. Part of it will rebuild 562 homes destroyed in the violence.

Mr Cloete says the success rate of the Port Shepstone police is "atrocious".

"In the eyes of the community the police do not get criminals and murderers off the streets — that's why we are seeing a resurgence of people's justice."

Peace shattered by bullets

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By FRED KHUMALO

IT took the Murchison community three painful months to cement their relations and end the Inkatha-ANC conflict that had torn into the heart of the Natal south coast community, but it took only 30 minutes to shatter the fragile peace.

When gun-toting butchers killed 10 people in Mbayimbayi, in Murchison, on Monday morning, the community that celebrated the conclusion of a laborious peace process only two weeks ago was taken back to square one – to days of strife and bloodshed.

Perhaps that was the exact intention of the killers. So believes Rev Danny Chetty of the Practical Ministries, an inter-church group involved in dispute resolution in the area.

"This is a wicked and vicious attempt to scuttle the peace process," said Rev Chetty.

Inkatha national chairman Dr Frank Mdlalose echoed Chetty's words: "This dastardly and atrocious act was obviously carried out by people who hate peace, by people who have automatic firearms, by people who do not value life, and by people who are organised and well trained."

People who had fled the area during the height of the violence started trickling back into the area last December, and slowly rebuilt the homes they had fled during the fighting.

Two weeks ago, members of the community across the political divide held a joint rally in the presence of local chief Inkosi Aaron Ndwalane, members of the UN monitoring group and a host of guests.

This followed months of negotiations facilitated by the Commonwealth Observer Group and the KwaZulu Natal Dispute Resolution Committee.

People across the political spectrum committed themselves to the maintenance of peace in the area.

However, one disturbing factor was that Inkatha, through its information office in Durban, had sent out a message to its members telling them not to attend a joint Inkatha-ANC rally.

Inkatha central committee member Moses Magubane said peace could not be celebrated while people were dying.

Be that as it may, people at grassroots level attended the rally in droves. Political foes shared jokes and patted each other on the shoulders like long-lost friends.

But then came Monday – and the delicate peace was shattered.

The efficient manner in which the attack was carried out – not one person emerged alive from the room in which the victims slept – shows that the killers were professionals.

The Nzama household in which the attack took place is a cluster of four buildings.

The attackers must have planned the attack thoroughly for they did not attack the other rooms where Nzama and his wife slept – but they went to the room in which the men slept and their guns belched fire.

Two days after the murder of the 10 ANC members in an area which is an ANC stronghold, what seemed a revenge attack was launched in neighbouring Mtengwane, an Inkatha stronghold.

Two men were hacked and stabbed to death. Three suspects have been apprehended in connection with the murders.

While both the ANC and Inkatha reiterated their commitment to peace, people at grassroots level expressed fears for the future in the area. Some have already started fleeing in anticipation of further attacks and counter-attacks.

Inkosi Ndwalane has urged people not allow their emotions to rule them.

Police have said some of the murdered men were wanted in connection with several criminal charges. The police first said only four of the men were wanted, but SAP spokesman Capt Bala Naidoo said six of the men had been running away from the police. Naidoo was unable to release the names of the people he said were wanted by the police.

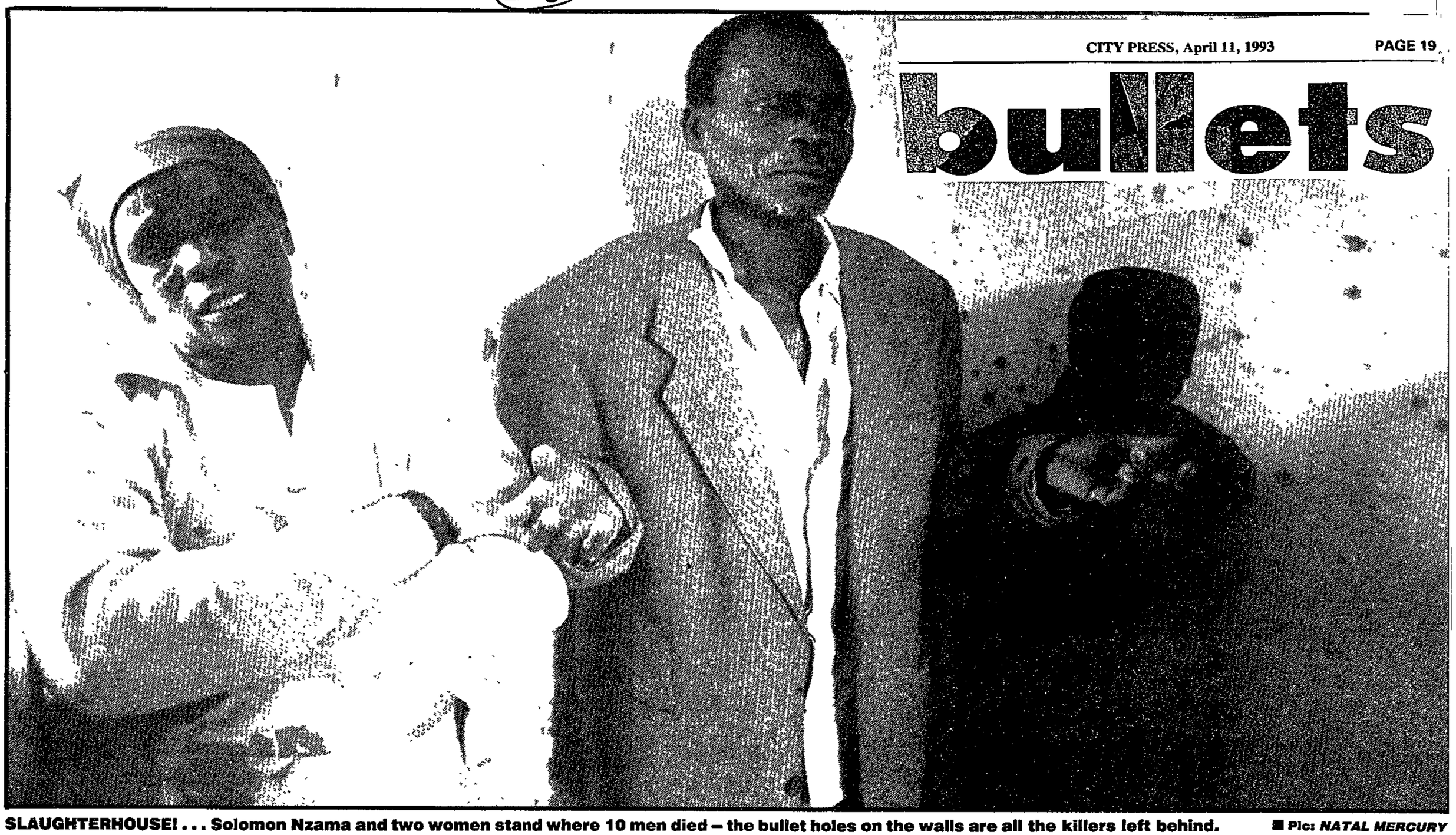
Southern Natal ANC regional executive member Bheki Cele reacted strongly to the accusation, saying the police were fabricating the story.

"Why did the police not arrest them then? They have been living in Murchison for a while now."

Who, the question remains, was responsible for the attack and what were their intentions? What does the future now hold in store for the Murchison area and, indeed, in the whole Natal region?

"We are crossing our fingers, praying that peace finally prevails," said Inkosi Ndwalane.

'Shootings by trained people who hate peace and don't value life'



SLAUGHTERHOUSE! . . . Solomon Nzama and two women stand where 10 men died – the bullet holes on the walls are all the killers left behind. ■ Pic: NATAL MERCURY

'I wonder if there is a God'

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By FRED KHUMALO

HEARTLESS bastards!

The angry, frustrated cry belongs to Doreen Malinga, an ageing Murchison woman whose son, Mazwi Malinga, 26, was among the 10 men brutally slaughtered by gun-wielding marauders this week.

The slaughter marks a terrible turn in Doreen Malinga's life. It shattered her dreams. Her son's future was her only reason for living, she said, and he was the family breadwinner.

He was one of two remaining sons of hers – the other two were killed in separate incidents as political violence tore into the heart of the Natal south coast reserve two years ago.

"When things like this happen, you feel like crying. You curse yourself, you curse the world. You wonder if God still exists," said a visibly shaken Doreen.

When City Press visited the Nzama household at which the slaughter took place, we were greeted by a feeling of foreboding as we were ushered into the room where the men were gunned down.

The walls were pock-marked with bullets and there was a gaping hole in the floor – reportedly made by a handgrenade which was hurled through a window.

A grieving Florence Nzama told how the "dogs of war" tore into the household, shattering the early Monday morning silence with guns and a grenade.

"The only thing I recall is that I was woken up by what sounded like thunder. When I sat up in bed and heard screams of anguish, I suddenly knew death had visited us," said Nzama.

The fusillade lasted for about 20 minutes, said Nzama.

When the shooting stopped, all eight men in the room were dead, their blood-soaked bodies lying on top of one another.

Two more men who were sleeping in the next room were awakened by the sounds of the attack and fled through a small window.

They were cut down in their tracks.

The men had been staying at Nzama's house for a few days as they had been on the run from "an Inkatha warlord".

Nzama said the men had been members of an ANC defence unit that had been instrumental in protecting the local community from Inkatha incursions over the past two years.

The dead men are Zakhele Gcaba, Mazwi Malinga, Wee Mazubane, Tinizana Hadebe, Koo Morafo, Genqe Mkonde, Sifiso Ngcobo, Zwelakhe Hadebe, Thulebona Mtolo and Sipho Ncane, all between the ages of 18 and 28.

'Squabble' claims 10 lives

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DURBAN. — A domestic squabble between two Zulu clans is believed to have triggered off the massacre which left 10 people dead in the settlement of Dududu near Scottburgh on the Natal south coast at the weekend.

The victims, nine men and a woman, were among a group of party-goers taking part in Good Friday celebrations. According to police, the group were drinking at a nearby shop when they were confronted.

Eight kraals and 12 huts were set alight in the ensuing violence.

Police said spent cartridges from AK47 and R1 automatic rifles, as well as shotgun cartridges, were found.

Police said the dispute between the two groups arose from a street fight between children from the groups. The parents apparently got involved in that fight. CT 12/4/93

23 die in Natal Easter unrest

DURBAN. — At least 23 people have been killed in violence in Natal townships and rural areas since Friday, police said yesterday.

The worst attack claimed 10 lives when people were shot and hacked to death on Good Friday at in Dududu, on the South Coast.

Two people were killed, eight arrested and police seized arms at Msinga near Greytown on Monday.

In another incident, a 26-year-old man was shot dead in Popomeni township at Howick on Friday and in KwaMashu, two people were killed in separate attacks.

On Sunday, the body of an 18-year-old girl with two stab wounds was found in the Malukazi settlement at Umlazi.

Also on Sunday, two women were shot dead in Mpumalanga. — Sapa

London embassy marks assassination

CHRIS BATEMAN

LONDON — In a gesture of reconciliation, the SA embassy flew its flag at half mast yesterday to mark SACP general secretary Chris Hani's death.

The move surprised the British Anti-Apartheid Movement, (AAM), which held an evening protest vigil outside the embassy — but secretary Mike Terry soon recovered to express polite appreciation.

Ambassador Kent Durr said Pretoria had approved the gesture. "As (Hani was) a prominent and important political leader, we thought it would be appropriate to show our sympathy and join in the feeling of remorse and reconciliation so necessary in our country now."

ANC chief for the UK and Ireland Mendi Msimang, who joined AAM chief Archbishop Trevor Huddlestone and others for the vigil said the move was "significant".

"It shows that De Klerk is worried by the turn of events and how the assassination is likely to interfere in the process ... but one would have loved to see much more expression of urgency regarding an early date for elections".

Ali bemused by chanting crowd

Political Staff

CAPE TOWN — Militant youth protestors delivered a knockout blow in Cape Town yesterday to an apparently dazed Muhammad Ali when he arrived on the Parade at the height of the demonstrations.

Ali seemed overwhelmed as he stared at the youngsters who crowded around the bus that brought him into the city centre and weakly raised a finger in acknowledgement.

The young demonstrators ignored his subdued response and they shouted "Ali, Ali" progressively louder, with their fists in the air.

When the bus moved after stopping for a brief period to leave the Parade area, the crowd followed him, still chanting and breaking the cordon ANC marshals and the police had thrown around the area.

The almost hysterical response of the crowd yesterday at what should have been a memorial rally for the late Chris Hani must have been one of the most surprising situations Ali has landed in.

Youths damage shops, cars during Maritzburg march

MARITZBURG — Hundreds of youths who broke away from a march of 15 000 people smashed shop windows, torched cars and damaged other vehicles yesterday.

Journalists reported seeing at least three policemen and three civilians injured during a tension-filled day in and around the city.

There were reports of stone throwing and clashes between youths and police in Maritzburg's townships.

Addressing a commemoration service in Market Square, ANC Midlands leader Harry Gwala repeated a call for the suspension of constitutional negotiations because of SACP general secretary Chris Hani's assassination.

Both Gwala and Winnie Mandela blamed government for Hani's killing.

Gwala said President F W de Klerk could not escape blame for the murder as he had been urging the ANC to cut its ties with communists and had called for radicals within the ANC to be isolated.

Gwala said the recent branding of Umkhonto we Sizwe members as criminals by Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel had also lead to the murder.

He said the liberation movement had sacrificed so much that it now had to pause in the negotiation process until government acted decisively against violence.

The crowd moved to police headquarters to deliver a memorandum, but marshalls struggled to contain groups of angry youths who broke away and vented their fury on vehicles and shops.

At least four vehicles were torched and more than 50 damaged. Almost every street in the CBD had damaged shops and residential buildings.

Midlands ANC secretary Sifiso Nkabinde described the damage as "unfortunate". He said ANC leaders had tried to placate the angry crowd but "one has to consider the anger of the people on the ground ... we tried our best but we could not contain their anger".

Another Midlands ANC leader said he believed the groups which ran amok were agents provocateur intent on discrediting the organisation.

Police said patrols in the Edendale Valley were shot at six times by people wielding automatic weapons. Security forces used rubber bullets and teargas in some townships after burning barricades were erected and private vehicles stoned.

In Durban, thousands of people converged on the city centre. Violence erupted when a group broke away from the main body and torched two cars and a motorcycle in West Street Several shops had windows smashed and looted. — Sapa

Death, chaos comes with mourning

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Staff Reporters

Chaos erupted in some cities around the country yesterday as people mourned the assassination of Chris Hani.

In the worst clash — in Soweto — four people, including the secretary-general of the ANC's Soweto region, Sam Ntambane, were killed and 246 were injured when police opened fire on a crowd outside the Protea police station.

The shooting occurred when a crowd marched to the Protea police station from the Jabulani Amphitheatre.

According to witnesses, the firing came without warning or provocation.

African National Congress spokesman Carl Niehaus confirmed last night that Ntambane was declared dead on arrival at Baragwanath Hospital.

Two accounts

The police version of the shooting differed to that of witnesses and the ANC.

Soweto police spokesman Captain Eugene Henning said the crowd sent a delegation to meet Soweto deputy regional police commissioner Major-General Braam Strauss.

While the delegation was inside, the crowd attacked police with bottles and stones, Henning said.

He said police were then "forced to use firearms to disperse the crowd to protect their lives and property".

Three people were killed on the East Rand, one of them a marcher shot by residents of the Nguni hostel in Vosloorus. The two others were found dead in Katlehong and Tokoza earlier.

Looting and burning were also reported in Boksburg, Alexandra and Krugersdorp, prompting SAP liaison officer Major Eugene Opperman to express concern at the widespread intimidation and violence on the Reef, for which the leadership of the tripartite alliance had to accept responsibility, he said.

In Cape Town, where thousands of people held the city to seige for hours, a youth died and at least five others were injured when police opened fire on the Grand Parade.

A peace monitor and a policeman were among the 150 people injured in the chaos.

ANC executive member Trevor Manuel was assaulted as he tried to stop a group of youths who were pillaging a clothing store.

The policeman was shot in the head with an AK-47, police said.

The youth who died was shot when police opened fire at the intersection of Darling and Plein streets about 2.10 pm.

At least another five people were injured during the Cape Town shooting which left bloodstains on the street.

A visibly distressed Archbishop Desmond Tutu was rushed from the scene by his aides.

ANC marshals and members of the delegation of clergy and prominent academics who had been at the memorial service at St George's Cathedral tried to stop looters on the Grand Parade.

Ecna reports that rampaging youths caused extensive damage to shops and business premises during a march in Port Elizabeth.

ANC marshals lost control of the 50 000-strong crowd and hundreds of youths broke away from the main procession and went on the rampage. The march was aborted and the protesters were diverted to Zwide township where a rally was later held.

A march in Maritzburg also ended in chaos. Three cars were torched and several shops were broken into and looted.

In Durban, marshals lost con trol over the huge crowds, who took to looting and burning in West Street.

In the far northern Transvaal isolated incidents of violence marred an otherwise peaceful day of mass meetings.

14 arrested after 7 shot dead

Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG. — Seven people have been shot dead in fighting at Mpophomeni, near Howick, bringing the death toll in the township to 11 in the past week.

Fourteen people have been arrested in connection with the killings. (276)CT16/4/93

Police spokesman Captain Henry Budhram said police from Howick were called out on Wednesday and found the bodies of six men who had been shot dead.

Two people were seriously wounded in another attack early on Wednesday and admitted to hospital. One of the injured later died as a result of bullet wounds.

The names of the dead have been released. They are: Mr Mthandesie Msomi, 34, Mr Bheki Maseko, 36, Mr Bhunu Hlela, 26, Mr Vincent Mtshali, 33, Mr Michael Bengu, 50, Mr Sipho Nene, 36, and Mr Vusi Nchunu, 28.

Police have dismissed robbery as a possible motive, but said the murders might be linked to ongoing gang warfare in the area.

Meanwhile, urgent talks were underway between police and an ANC delegation, led by ANC Mpophomeni chairman Mr Chris Khoza, to discuss the killings and to find ways of ending the bloody confrontation between the two rival groups.

More killings countrywide puts toll at 26

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By Bronwyn Wilkinson

At least 16 people were killed countrywide on Wednesday night and yesterday as violence continued following the chaos that claimed 10 lives during demonstrations over the death of ANC-SACP leader Chris Hani.

Police could not directly link any of the later killings to Wednesday's demonstrations.

At least 12 people were killed in separate shootings in Natal on Wednesday night — seven of them during what police described as gang warfare in Mpophomeni township, near Howick.

Those killed at Mpophomeni were Mthandisile Msomi (34), Bheki Maseko (26), Bhunu Hlela (26), Vincent Mtshali (33), Jabu Mnikathi (33), Michael Bengu (50) and Sipho Nene (36). By yesterday, 14 people had been arrested in connection with the shootings.

On the East Rand, 21-year-old Thabo Mofekeng was shot dead by three robbers who ransacked his Vosloorus home on Wednesday night. Another man was stabbed to death when a mob attacked him in Katlehong and a man was shot dead in Tokoza.

Sapa reports that violence again flared in the Cape Peninsula yesterday, when a man was burnt to death in one of 30 shacks set alight in Khayelitsha.

In the eastern Cape, the road between Port Elizabeth and Uitenhage was closed yesterday morning following the stoning and petrol-bombing of several vehicles.

KwaZulu police said a father shot and killed his 20-year-old son after a misunderstanding about a toy gun in Georgedale, near Hammarsdale, on Wednesday.

In Umlazi, Sibongiseni Thabede (21) was found shot dead at the Lindokuhle station. Pitoli Ngubane (26) was shot dead in a house in the same area that night.

Blacks rescue white women from rampaging mob

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DURBAN — Black people came to the aid of white women in distress in two dramatic incidents when violence and vandalism broke out during the Chris Hani memorial procession in Durban this week.

In one incident, an 82-year-old woman was cut in the face and shoulder when she was forced through a shop window, and was saved from further harm by two black men and a girl.

In the second, a 32-year-old woman was set upon by vandals who kicked, punched and struck her with sticks. Yesterday the woman, who asked not to be named, praised the black man who risked his life to save her.

"There was chaos. I was trying to cross the road and a crowd of people came rushing around the corner from West Street,

OWN CORRESPONDENT

smashing windows. Then they spotted me and started hitting me . . . Suddenly a black gentleman put his arm around my waist and pulled me away from the attackers. He warned them that he knew them and said they must not hit me. They then backed off.

"This very courageous gentleman then walked me up to a police car and left me there . . . I want him to know just how grateful I am. There were whites in the vicinity who didn't lift a finger to help."

The 82-year-old woman involved in the other drama, who also asked not to be named, said that as hordes of people started running and smashing windows in West Street, some of them turned into the arcade she had gone into, crushing her against a shop window. "The next thing I knew I was lying inside the shop with glass all over me and blood running down my face.

"A young African girl of about 17 took my hand and said 'Madam, I'll help you'. She helped me up, and two black men carried me to Gardiner Street where I was treated by two medics."

ANC, SACP bouquets for two top policemen

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ANIL SINGH, Weekend Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — The African National Congress and the South African Communist Party this week singled out two senior South African Police officers for praise in their handling of the tens of thousands of people who took part in the Natal procession to commemorate slain Communist Party leader Chris Hani.

The two officers were Major-General Johan Meintjies, the acting regional commissioner for Natal, and Colonel James Louwrens, the SAP's representative on the Natal Kwazulu Regional Dispute Resolution Committee.

This was not the first time Colonel Louwrens had come in for praise from the ANC.

In an interview the soft-spoken former Security Branch policemen was at pains to point out that he was no "glory-hunter".

"It is part of my work being a policeman and I cannot see why such a big deal is being made. Let's not forget all the other policemen in the field. They played a big part as well," said Colonel Louwrens.

He said he was generally pleased with the behaviour of the crowd, which he estimated at 90 000 to 100 000.

"The majority of the crowd were well behaved. It was a just a small band of people that damaged vehicles and smashed windows. No doubt a small percentage of the crowd were the criminal element.

"Better planning is needed in future and there must be more marshals. I don't think the organisers of this week's procession anticipated such a crowd. I for one did not expect so many people," said Colonel Louwrens.

Colonel Louwrens, who was in the field with senior ANC/South frican Communist Party officials during the procession, was also full of praise for the organisers.

He singled out the ANC's Jeff Radebe and SACP's Dennis Nkosi who, he said, gave the police "nothing but co-operation".

"We worked in close contact with Jeff Radebe and Dennis Nkosi as well as other officials. We worked as a team and were able quickly to iron out any problems that arose," said Colonel Louwrens.

In the past three years since the unbanning of the ANC and other political organisations, there has been a great change in the SAP in dealing with mass action.

"Yes, the SAP's special training programme in conflict management is really paying dividends.

"Some of these policemen are hardly out of college and are thrown into the deep end and have to deal with crowd control. They are doing a fantastic job.

"Crowd control calls for cool heads and no doubt there has been a big improvement in the police tactics in handling crowds.

"In Port Shepstone the SAP/ANC have started a workshop where common problems are discussed and this programme is working very well. We are not here to dicate terms. It is important to have what I term partnership-policing or community-policing. It is a very slow process, but we are getting there. In time to come, the SAP could be one of the world's best in crowd control," said Colonel Louwrens.

Does he see a place for him in the new South Africa and would he serve in a new police force?

"I am not a politician. I am a policeman at heart. It's like serving customers. If they want me I will be glad to help out.

"It is important for policemen to be impartial, democratic and non-racial. We cannot afford to take sides," said Colonel Louwrens.

Last year Colonel Louwrens was named by the Weekly Mail as one of the few good cops in South Africa.

Once a feared security policemen who had a reputation of being a tough cop, he was responsible for detaining and questioning people in the Durban area during the state of emergency.

Today, with the big changes taking place in the country, he is working with some of the ANC people he once helped track down, and members of other political parties, in a mutual effort to bring peace.

Based at police headquarters in Durban, Colonel Louwrens is now given the full-time task of keeping in close contact with political parties — be it ANC or Inkatha — in an effort to minimise political violence and intimidation and maintain law and order.

Business reacts to boycott

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KOKSTAD businessmen struck back at a consumer boycott on Friday by closing shop. (276)

The boycott, which began a week ago in the southern Natal town, was called by the ANC/SACP/-Cosatu alliance, demanding an end to the "government's blockade" of Transkei.

Businessmen, saying they would begin trading again tomorrow, added they would liaise with other towns for joint action against the boycott, which is expected to spread to northern Transkei towns next week.

A consumer boycott ended in Matatiele a fortnight ago after police agreed to remove security forces, but the ANC said it would be revived tomorrow "in solidarity with other towns.

No arrests after violent crimes

By FRED KHUMALO

VIOLENT crime has once again hit Mpumalanga, near Maritzburg, an area which had just celebrated three years of peace from fighting between the ANC and Inkatha.

Two women are to be buried today after they were gunned down in their home last Sunday.

Three armed men, their faces masked, burst into the house around 10 pm and shot Sindisiwe Shozi, 18, and an unidentified woman before ransacking the house.

"This was not just an isolated incident. It's part of a growing trend. It's shocking and disturbing to a community that has been living in peace for the past three years," said local ANC chairman Meshack Hadebe.

"What is frustrating is that not a single person has been arrested in connection with any of the crimes over the past couple of months, even though we have supplied the police with the names of suspects," said Hadebe.

"The situation is now very volatile and is a potential threat to the peace," he said.

He added that the community would organise a meeting with the KwaZulu Police in order to address the problem.

Mpumalanga Police Station commander Lt Caiphus Ngwabe said the perception that there was reluctance from the police to deal with crime was unfounded and incorrect.

In Brief . . .

Seven killed near Howick

SEVEN people were killed in Mpophomeni near Howick on Wednesday night in the wake of rallies held countrywide to commemorate the death of Chris Hani. Cl Press 18/4/93

The murders took place just hours after a rally in central Maritzburg attended by an estimated 80 000 people. All the victims had taken part in the rally. (276)

SAP spokesman Capt Henry Budhram said the murders appeared to be connected. Witnesses said the perpetrators could be members of a gang called Amaqola which has been terrorising the local community.

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Tourists airlifted

AT LEAST two aircraft were sent from Natal to Transkei at the weekend to fetch holidaymakers from beach resorts following a spate of attacks on tourists.

Several holidaymakers have been shot, molested and robbed in the homeland recently. In one case, a private aircraft was sent to bring a whole family home, while a second aircraft was sent to fetch holidaymakers from a top resort.

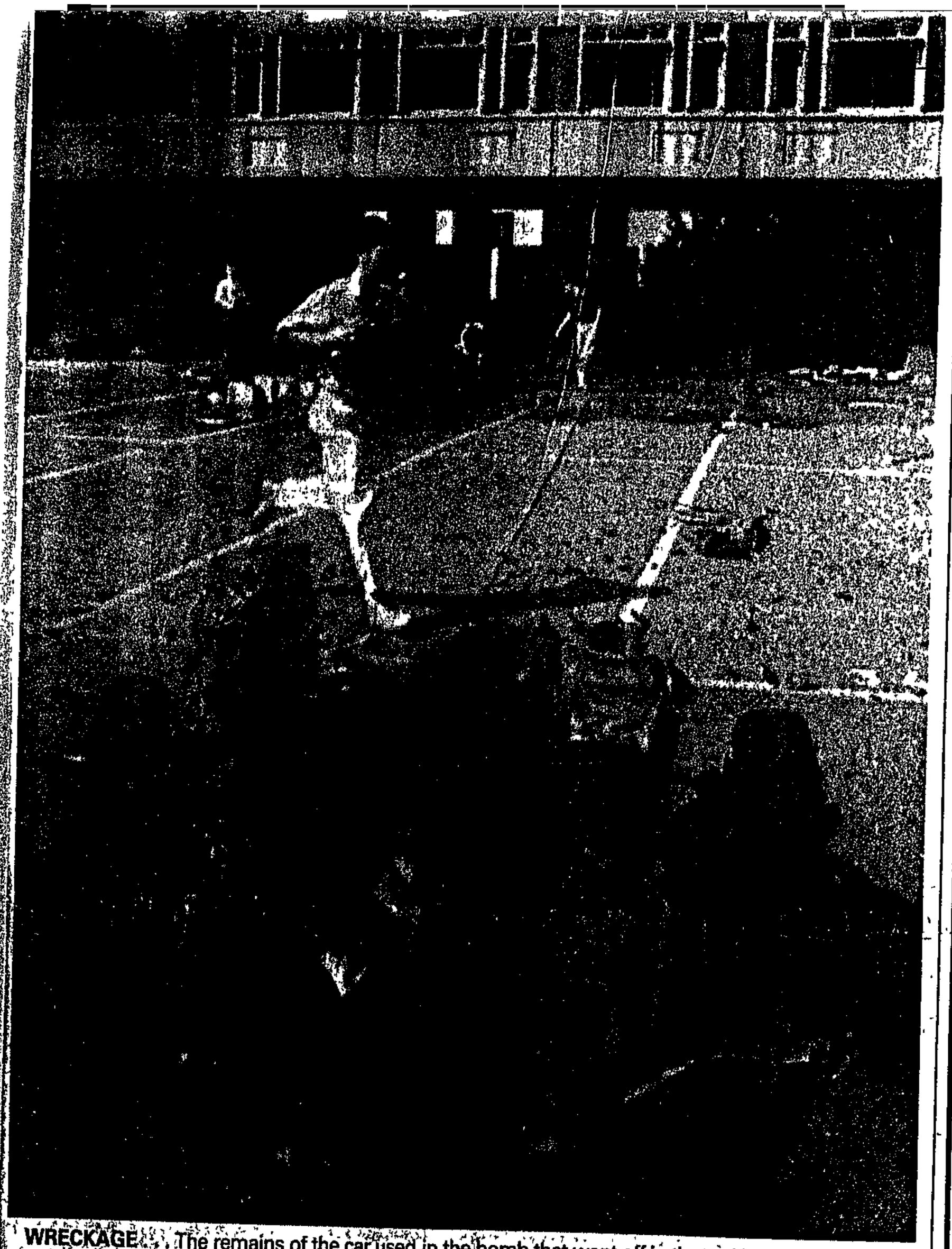
Car bomb blast in Natal

DURBAN. — A car bomb exploded at a shopping centre in Amanzimtoti — 35km south of Durban — shopping centre about 11.20am today, a witness said.

He said the car was parked at the Sanlam Centre shopping centre when it exploded.

The witness, who works at a nearby hotel in the South Coast holiday town, said he was unsure if anyone had been injured. (276)

Police and troops had cordoned off the area, he added. — Sapa. ARG 21/4/93



WRECKAGE. The remains of the car used in the bomb that went off in the parking lot of a block of flats, Sanlam Park, in Amanzimtoti yesterday. The blast injured nine people and shattered windows as high as the 24th floor of the apartment block.

Police offer R75 000 reward after car bomb

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DURBAN. — Terror gripped the South Coast holiday town of Amanzimtoti yesterday morning as a powerful car bomb ripped through the parking lot of a block of flats, injuring nine people, including a pregnant woman.

The police are offering a R75 000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the bomb blast.

The car was a Toyota Conquest that police said had been stolen in East London on Friday.

The explosion was heard 10km away and windows 300 m away were broken.

Hundreds of policemen, paramedics, firemen and soldiers arrived at the scene minutes after the 11am explosion and the area was cordoned off as police with sniffer dogs combed the area for a possible second bomb.

Police yesterday said they had not made any arrests. However, it is believed a special team of detectives is hot on the trail of the bombers.

Pregnant Mrs Janine Lubbe of Doonside was admitted to Kingsway Hospital. Doctors feared she might miscarry but she was given a clean bill of health and discharged.

Three men and five women were injured in the blast. Five people were hospitalised. Most injuries were cuts.

R75 000 reward offered for information on Amanzimtoti bombers

DURBAN — Police are offering a R75 000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for yesterday's bomb blast at Amanzimtoti on Natal's south coast.

The powerful car bomb exploded in a parking bay underneath the 25-storey Sanlam Park block at about 11am, injuring nine people.

Pieces of a Toyota Conquest, which police said was stolen in East London on Friday, were hurled across the Sanlam Park lot. Its engine demolished a brick wall. Eight parked cars were damaged.

Windows up to the 24th floor of the building were shattered, as were plate glass windows in shops 300m away.

Dazed residents — many of whom had been through the same ordeal when a bomb killed five people in nearby Sanlam Centre in 1985 — were evacuated from the building as hundreds of policemen, paramedics, firemen and soldiers arrived on the scene.

By last night no one had claimed responsibility and no arrests had been made.

Among the injured was security guard Benedict Mazibuko, who was just 10m

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from the car when the bomb exploded. He said: "I was standing in the car park behind the flats when I heard a huge bang. Something hit my leg and when I saw it was bleeding I started running away. A woman stopped me and gave me first aid."

The woman was former nurse Elizabeth Margentis, who said she was knocked off her feet by the blast.

Sapa reports that Carole Swart, a ninth-floor resident of Sanlam Park, said: "I had just finished watching Egoli on TV when I felt this blast, which lifted me off my chair. I just saw glass and smoke ... it was literally raining glass."

Twentieth-floor resident Estelle Marais said the bomb immediately reminded her of the 1985 blast. "I thought the whole building was going to collapse."

Our political staff reports that government, the ANC and Inkatha have condemned the blast.

ANC spokesman Dumisani Makhaye said the aim was clearly to disrupt negotiations. "This sort of thing plays right into the hands of the right wing ... it does not benefit the ANC or any other section of the democratic movement ... but only those who fear democratic elections."

Inkatha national chairman Frank Mdlalose said the blast was the work of "forces which were becoming increasingly desperate in their attempts to scuttle any hopes of a peaceful and negotiated future".

Mineral and Energy Affairs Minister George Bartlett blamed the act on revolutionary forces intent on commiting acts of violence.

Sanlam Properties spokesman Gerrit Boonstra said damage to Sanlam Park was superficial, amounting to about R50 000.

Car bomb rocks Amanzimtoti

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STUNNED RESIDENTS 'Miracle that no one has been killed':

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A POWERFUL car bomb exploded in a parking bay underneath a 25-storey apartment block in Amanzimtoti on the Natal South Coast yesterday, injuring nine people including a pregnant woman.

The bomb exploded underneath the Sanlam Park block at about 11am and police were on the scene in the popular holiday resort within minutes. They evacuated residents from the building and paramedics treated most of the injured on the site.

The pregnant woman was taken to the nearby Kingsway Hospital, treated and discharged.

"She's okay," said police spokesman Colonel Bill Dennis.

He said a Toyota Conquest carrying "lots of explosives" had been stolen in East London on Friday April 16 and parked under the huge apartment block. "But we're not sure when."

The police have still to determine the type of explosives used.

Dennis said the blast injured three black men, two black women and four white women. Among the injured was a security guard at the block, whose leg was broken.

Another senior policeman at the scene remarked: "Its a miracle that no one has been killed."

"Hundreds of windows have been shattered and we are not sure if there's been any structural damage to the building," said Dennis.

Nearby hotels and shops also had broken windows.

Yesterday's explosion occurred about 200m from where a limpet mine exploded in a packed shopping mall on December 23 1985, killing five and injuring 50.

Yesterday, stunned residents and holiday-makers were treated for shock at a mobile clinic after being evacuated from the block. Troops and policemen cordoned off the area and searched for further explosives.

"I thought the whole building was going to collapse and I immediately remembered the '85 bomb blast. Police then came up and told us to walk down the stairs and not use the lift." — *Sapa*.

Move to defuse storm over Mokaba's slogan

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RAY HARTLEY

ANC Youth League vice-president Peter Mokaba has moved to defuse a political storm over his repeated use of the slogan, "Kill the boer, kill the farmer".

Mokaba said yesterday the slogan should not be taken literally. It was simply a part of Umkhonto we Sizwe's culture which sought to end the "white supremacist system".

The ANC and youth league said in a joint statement yesterday the slogan had become inappropriate and its use at public meetings was being reassessed, Sapa reports.

This followed a meeting of the two in Johannesburg attended by ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa and youth league representatives led by Rapu Molekane. They reaffirmed the ANC's policy of nonracialism.

Mokaba's militant statements are believed to have angered senior ANC leaders, including Ramaphosa, who said on television that Mokaba and Winnie Mandela "should not be taken seriously".

Farmers' associations convened security committees to discuss the matter and police said they would investigate "militant remarks" by Mokaba and Mandela.

National peace committee chairman John Hall said Mokaba and Mandela's inflammatory speeches had contravened the national peace accord. The committee met last night to discuss the matter.

SA Agricultural Union president Boet Fourie asked for an urgent meeting with Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee to discuss security and Bloemfontein's Vergenoeg Farmers' Association asked the Free State peace committee to investigate Mokaba's calls.

Yesterday, the Concerned South Africans Group said the ANC had to do more than just distance itself from Mokaba's statements which were calculated "to incite ANC supporters to kill whites".

Youth league and ANC PWV officials suggested yesterday a national strike could be called if government failed to meet ANC demands for an election date and a transitional executive council. The league said if a date for an election had not been set by mid-May, democratic forces should gear up for an extended national strike, which would include rent and consumer boycotts.

Mass action would be used to remove white policemen — who were insensitive to the feelings of blacks — from townships and to replace them with "resident police" who would cooperate with communities. The occupation of NP offices, demonstrations and pickets were also likely.

Natal and KwaZulu would be targeted for mass action involving rallies, marches and demonstrations.

PWV ANC secretary-general Paul Mashatile said a proposal for a general strike was being considered by the region and would be forwarded to national structures for a decision.

Sapa reports mass action plans were described by Law and Order Ministry spokesman Capt Craig Kotze as "a recipe for confrontation and almost inevitable violence".

The alliance said at yesterday's media briefing police had killed Soweto ANC secretary Sam Tambani and six others without provocation at Protea police station last week.

"It is clear from all accounts that the first volley of shots was fired by the police in a controlled and sustained ... burst of fire aimed at the leadership in front of the gate, a statement released at the conference said.

Tambani had asked police to exercise restraint only a few minutes before he was killed.

A funeral service for Tambani would be held at Regina Mundi in Soweto tomorrow. He would be buried in Avalon Cemetery.

Country club comes under attack

IN one of several incidents of violence around the country, three men fired on a country club in Richmond, Natal, on Wednesday night with machine guns.

No one was injured and police said they had ruled out the possibility of the PAC's armed wing Apla being responsible.

Also on Wednesday, a nun had petrol poured over her in the Vosmans squatter camp near Witbank, when she got out of her car after youths hurled a petrol bomb at it. A resident came to her aid and the attackers made off in her car.

The ANC's Witbank branch condemned the attack and said it would do everything in its power to track down the culprits.

The ANC said one person was shot dead in Meloding, near Virginia, yesterday when police allegedly opened fire on the Mandela informal settlement.

On Wednesday a Boksburg man was shot dead while delivering wood in Daveyton, near Benoni, while in Katlehong a woman was assaulted and the red Ford Laser she was driving was burnt. In Soweto's Diepmeadow township, a man was hacked to death.

Police have offered a R100 000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for an attack on a house near the FNB stadium on Monday. Two people burnt to death in the incident. — Sapa.

ANC opposes school occupation

KATHRYN STRACHAN

THE ANC yesterday distanced itself from a call to occupy white schools, urging pupils instead to step up a campaign to open all schools.

Despite its understanding of the depth of the crisis in education, it did not support the call to occupy white schools, the organisation said.

The threat was the kind of action the ANC feared would be precipitated by government closing talks on education.

"We had predicted that unless government was prepared to proceed seriously with the national education negotiating forum as a means to address the crisis, the crisis would deepen."

The SA Students' Congress has vowed to occupy and disrupt white schools as part of its protest against the killing of SACP general secretary Chris Hani and to pressure government to change the stucture of education. The National Education Co-ordinating Committee has also threatened to target white schools.

The ANC said that while government had the means to restore credibility by negotiating the way ahead for education, it had declared its position on each crisis point non-negotiable.

Sapa reports that Education and Training Department director-general Bernhard Louw said after a meeting with the SA Democratic Teachers' Union in Pretoria yesterday education problems would in future be resolved through negotiations.

Louw said consensus reached with the union pointed to a new direction which "augurs well". The parties agreed to exhaust procedures prescribed in a previous agreement by means of negotiation before other action was taken, he said.

Mass action chaos warning

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Right-wing Durban city councillor Mr Duncan du Bois believes the city should be prepared for a breakdown in electricity and water supplies in the event of mass action "getting out of control".

Mr Du Bois defended his warnings after being criticised for issuing tips on "emergency survival" last week on city council letterhead paper. Yesterday he said an "ugly scenario" could develop in coming weeks.

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Three slain by Natal gunmen

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DURBAN — A police reservist and two young motorists were shot dead by a gang of heavily armed men at La Mercy near Tongaat on the Natal North Coast yesterday.

Police reservist Constable Bob Wilson (35), who was based at the Tongaat police station, was patrolling the area with Constable S Mthembu at about 1.30 am when they saw a car with eight people in it. They stopped the car and, as they walked towards it, were shot at with automatic guns.

Wilson was hit several times and lay dead on the road. Mthembu fired back at the men, then went to call for help.

Some of the gunmen drove off in the police vehicle, but were forced to stop after about a kilometre as one of the tyres had been shot.

Two men, Anesh Singh (25) of Brackenham, Tongaat, and his friend Vinesh Harrypersad (23), were driving by when they had to avoid Wilson's body in the road. The two then spotted the police vehicle and stopped to report the incident.

As they got out of their car they were also gunned down.

The gunmen then drove off in the young men's car.

The reservist's widow, Carol Wilson, said her husband had "lived for the police".

Wilson, an estate agent, is survived by his wife and sons Allistair (15) and Callum (13).

4 die in revenge attack

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AT LEAST four attackers were themselves killed after they had opened fire with AK-47s and shot dead two mourners and wounded eight at an all-night vigil for slain Inkatha Freedom Party leader in Zululand.

A woman and a man were killed and five women and three men wounded when attackers crept up and opened fire on their tent in Mazawula Reserve near KwaMbonambi, where a vigil for IFP regional chairman Mr Caiphus Dlamini was being held.

Police spokesman Major Hamilton Ngidi said that after the attack the mourners had mounted a follow-up operation and caught up with the attackers a short distance away.

Police found the bodies of four men believed to be the attackers at the scene, along with many 9mm cartridges and 20 AK-47 shells.

Major Ngidi could not confirm whether the attackers were affiliated to any political party. He said security forces were in the area, which was quiet but tense following the shooting.

Mr Dlamini was buried yesterday.

At least 36 AK-47 and .303 shells were found at the tent where the mourners were killed, along with a damaged teargas canister.

The names of the dead and injured were not released last night. — Sapa

4 gunmen slain after vigil killings

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — At least six people were reported killed in a flare-up of violence in Zululand at the weekend.

A man and a women were murdered and eight others wounded by gunmen during a funeral vigil at a house in Mazawula reserve near KwMbonambi for Inkatha leader Caiphus Dlamini, who was shot dead last week.

Mourners then chased and caught up with the alleged gunmen and apparently killed them. Police later found the bodies of four men.

Meanwhile, the leader of the Ndwalane tribe, Chief Aaron Ndwalane, has called for local leaders of the African National Congress and the Inkatha Freedom Party to meet urgently today to resolve renewed violence on the Natal South Coast.

Violence broke out in the area again after the assassination of South African Communist Party general secretary Chris Hani on April 10, Chief Ndwalane said.

He said six people had died there recently, including four killed at the weekend.

Four people were injured in fighting between Mawuleni and Ngwazini factions at Dweshula near Port Shepstone yesterday. Police confiscated five AK-47 rifles, two home-made guns and a shotgun.

Six die in Zululand violence

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The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — At least six people have been killed in renewed violence in Zululand.

Two mourners were killed and eight wounded at the weekend when they were attacked during a funeral vigil for Inkatha leader Mr Caiphus Dlamini, who was killed earlier last week. ARG 26/4/93

It is believed other mourners then chased and caught the alleged gunmen, and killed them. Police later found the bodies of four men.

Meanwhile the leader of the Ndwalane tribe, Chief Aaron Ndwalane, has made a call for local leaders of the ANC and the Inkatha Freedom Party to meet urgently today to end renewed violence in the Natal South Coast area.

The situation in the area had been stable for months after peace was brokered between ANC and IFP supporters.

But violence erupted again after the assassination of Communist Party general-secretary Mr Chris Hani on April 10, Chief Ndwalane said.

He said six people died there recently, including four killed at the weekend.

Six die after night vigil attack

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■ IFP official buried:

SIX people died and eight were injured on Saturday night when Inkatha Freedom Party members retaliated after being attacked at a night vigil for a slain IFP official in northern Natal, police confirmed on Sunday.

Two people were killed and eight were injured at midnight when unidentified gunmen attacked mourners who had gathered at a vigil for IFP regional chairman Caiphus Dlamini, Natal police spokesman Major Hamilton Ngidi said.

Some mourners then followed the attackers and killed four of them "not very far" from the tent in which the vigil was being held, Ngidi said.

The killings happened at KwaMbonambi, a town near Empangeni where political rivalry between the IFP and the African National Congress has claimed the lives of many people over the past years.

Ngidi said the shootings seemed to be related to this political rivalry. — *Sapa*

Leading peace man shot

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DURBAN. — A prominent member of the Dalmaney Farm peace committee at Ntuzuma, Mr Cromwell Mduli, is in a critical condition after being wounded in a grenade and machinegun attack on his home yesterday.

Mr Mduli is also a member of the Local Civics Association. Mr Mbulišeni Ngocobo and Mr Siphiwe Mchunu were also injured in the attack.

The incident has been linked to a power struggle in the township's civic structure.

In other incidents of violence in Natal.

● Two people waiting for lifts near Richmond were shot in two separate incidents yesterday.

Mr Kewu Nzimande was shot in the stomach by men in a white car who had stopped and asked if he was from Ndaleni township. When he replied that he wasn't, they shot him

In the second incident gunmen shot and injured Mr Khekunuzi Ngubane.

● Two Std 9 pupils were shot dead in Murchison, near Port Shepstone, in an attack by unknown people on Saturday

Six held after Natal killings

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — Six men — including a special constable in the KwaZulu Police — have been arrested by the Durban Murder and Robbery Unit in connection with the killing of four people on the Natal North Coast at the weekend.

The men were arrested in Mpumulanga, near Hammarsdale, early yesterday morning by a team of detectives after a non-stop investigation since the killings on Saturday night.

The gang allegedly shot a security guard before robbing a store near Stanger and later allegedly shot a police reservist and two motorists. — Sapa

IFP claims of joint spying

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — The Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) alleged yesterday that a policeman on Natal's Peace Accord structures held "secret" meetings with the ANC's Department of Intelligence and Security (DIS), and suggested they were jointly "spying" on the IFP.

Meanwhile, the IFP has called on the Goldstone Commission to investigate claims that the SA Police were involved in an attack on mourners at a vigil for a slain IFP official near Empangeni.

IFP spokesman Mr Ed Tillet claimed yesterday that negotiations about a merger between South Africa's National Intelligence Service (NIS) and the ANC's DIS had reached an advanced stage.

The IFP has alleged that Colonel James Louwrens, who sits on the Regional Dispute Resolution Committee, held "clandestine meetings" with the head of the ANC's DIS in Natal, Mr Mo Shaik.

The SAP last night denied the allegations.

"It is regrettable that whenever the SAP has to take steps against members of an organisation it is automatically accused of siding with any opposing organisation," a police spokesman said.

Man shot dead in Midlands violence

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MARITZBURG — Violence has erupted again at Richmond in the Natal Midlands, with a man shot dead and two children seriously wounded in an attack on a house at Pathieni early yesterday.

Police spokesman Captain Henry Budhram said several men armed with AK-47s, R-4s and shotguns raked the house with gunfire.

A hand grenade was thrown into a bedroom, injuring Gugu Sithole (11) and her sister Tobele (17).

The children are in hospital in a stable condition.

The attackers then moved about a kilometre from the house and then shot dead Fana Mtungwa (40).

He had apparently gone out to investigate gunfire and was fatally wounded.

Police found several spent R-4 cartridges at the scene. No arrests have been made but police were hunting the killers, Budhram said.

The motive for the attack was unknown.

In a separate attack, a taxi driver escaped death when gunmen fired 16 bullets into his minibus on the Ixopo road near Banana's Hill earlier this week.

Budhram said Buleani Dlamini was driving passengers to Transkei when a white Ford Cortina drove past and the occupants opened fire.

Dlamini was hit in the neck. He is in stable condition in hospital. None of the passengers was injured.

The attackers sped off towards Transkei.

Police believe this attack by gunmen in the Cortina is linked to several in the Richmond area in which two people were seriously wounded.

Police also said a missing Ladysmith man, Bernani Khumalo (27), had been found dead in the veld in C Section, Ezakheni. Khumalo was shot three times in the upper body by men armed with AK-47s.

A spent cartridge was recovered at the scene. The motive for the shooting was unknown.

'Thugs' were his target

Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG — Nkanyezini massacre accused Mabhungu Dladla, 23, said in the Maritzburg Supreme Court yesterday he did not think he was attacking innocent people when he opened fire on a minibus taxi with an R1 rifle in March this year.

He believed those in the taxi were "thugs" who had killed Inkatha-linked schoolchildren in an ambush a few days earlier.

Ten people were killed and three others wounded in the attack.

He told Mr Justice Howard and two assessors yesterday that when the shooting stopped — he had emptied his R1 rifle magazine — he heard women crying and realised there had been a "mistake".

It had not occurred to him there could be innocent passengers in the taxi.

His co-accused Nkayiso Wilfred Ndlovu (on whose instructions, he claims, he and another man Sifiso Mkhize took part in the attack) said the occupants would be those responsible for killing the children.

Ndlovu had said there should be no survivors.

Cross-examined by State advocate Les Roberts SC, Dladla said he could not remember replacing the gun's magazine.

In testimony yesterday, Ndlovu denied allegations by Dladla and said he was not present at the attack.

The hearing continues.

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IN THE HEART OF CAPE TOWN'S V & A WATERFRONT
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Fear for farmer's safety is mounting

MARITZBURG — Fears are mounting for the safety of Camperdown farmer Alex Kalafatis, 45, who is believed to have been abducted from his farmhouse by armed attackers early yesterday.

By late yesterday a team of about 50 policemen had combed an area within a 50km radius of the farm but there was no sign of him, nor of his Mercedes-Benz — a cream 1979 300D, registration NC 7889.

Police spokesman Col Willie van den Berg said Kalafatis was apparently a karate expert who could have been expected to defend himself.

"We can only assume there were a number of attackers with weapons. We have found no blood in the house at all."

Van den Berg said there was no sign of a struggle but it was clear from tyre tracks outside the garage that Kalafatis arrived home and must have been overpowered before he could get into his house.

"The safe was unlocked and three firearms are missing, as well as a hi-fi set and various other small items," he said.

In another incident in Natal, a man was shot dead and two children seriously wounded following a hand grenade attack on a house at Patheni, Richmond, early yesterday. Police said several men armed with AK-47s, R4s and shotguns launched an attack on a house in the strife-torn township, raking it with gunfire.

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In other incidents, police said a man was shot dead in Ladysmith's Ezakheni township in the Natal Midlands on Monday. Police also found the body of a man in Shembe outside Durban on Monday, and another who had been shot on Sunday in nearby Ntuzuma.

Sapa reports that police arrested 10 men and found a large cache of firearms and ammunition at Mehlomnyama in the Port Shepstone area.

RAY HARTLEY reports that the Wits Vaal peace committee officially launched a 24-hour toll-free telephone service to collect information on violence at the opening of its new Braamfontein headquarters yesterday.

The service would provide the committee with information on violence as it occurred, and give callers access to information on how to contact peace officials and the police, committee spokesmen said.

LINDA ENSOR reports that the government-funded social relief fund to assist the victims of violence had already spent R4m to assist about 4 000 families.

Chairman Ben Piek said yesterday about R3,8m was still available for allocation to registered, non-government relief organisations and the fund had also embarked on a campaign to raise private sector funding.

'Regime' killed Tambo, says Yengeni

Own Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — ANC Western Cape head Tony Yengeni led students in the emotive MK song "Kill the Boer" during a heated memorial service for Oliver Tambo at UWC yesterday — and then said the former acting ANC president had not died of natural causes, but had "been killed by the apartheid regime".

Yengeni's remarks were last night described as "provocative" by government, while the ANC said it was reviewing songs from the past which did not reflect the organisation's "nonracial policy".

Yengeni, addressing a capacity-filled hall, also saluted ANC militant hardliners Winnie Mandela and Harry Gwala, the Natal Midlands leader.

He sniped at the ANC leadership, saying it was losing touch with the grassroots.

"We must strengthen our mass-based structures because it is a dangerous mistake to leave your future in hands of leaders of the organisation," he said.

He said it was wrong to spread the view that Tambo died of natural causes.

"It must be made clear that he was killed by the apartheid system and the De Klerk regime must take responsibility."

ANC spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said the ANC was would review songs that did not reflect its nonracial policy.

While the song led by Yengeni at UWC was one of the songs sung in the past, there was a need for it and others to be reassessed in the light of ANC policy and the negotiation process, he said.

Government spokesman David Steward said the song was "seriously provocative" and conflicted with the search for a negotiated political settlement.

Yengeni said later the song could not be translated literally.

35 Natal deaths in five days

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DURBAN. — At least 35 people have been killed in violence in Natal in the past five days, according to police.

These deaths, added to the latest Human Rights Commission (HRC) statistics on unrest deaths, bring to at least 100 the number of people killed in the province this month, while 450 deaths have been reported this year.

The HRC said 1 432 people had been killed in Natal last year.

● Violence has erupted again at Richmond in the Natal Midlands, where a man was shot dead and two children seriously wounded following a hand grenade attack in Patheni yesterday.

A police spokesman said several men had attacked a house in the strife-torn township.

● Ten men have been arrested and a large cache of arms confiscated in the Port Shepstone area.

● Two people were wounded when they were shot — allegedly by a taxi-driver — at the Noord Street taxi-rank in central Johannesburg yesterday.

● The Department of National Health's Social Relief Fund has given more than R3,8 million to victims of violence. — Sapa

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Violent month in Natal

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'Bus victims were thugs'

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MARITZBURG. — Nkanyezini massacre accused Mr Mabhungu Dladla, 23, did not think he was attacking innocent people when he opened fire on a minibus taxi with an R1 rifle on March 5 — only "thugs" who had killed schoolchildren linked to Inkatha in an ambush a few days earlier.

Ten people were killed and three wounded in the attack in which Mr Dladla admitted he took part.

He told the Supreme Court here yesterday that when the shooting stopped and after he had emptied his R1 rifle magazine, he heard women crying and realised there was a "mistake".

It had not occurred to him that innocent passengers would be in the taxi as his co-accused, Mr Nkayiso Ndlovu said the occupants would be those responsible for killing the children.

Mr Dladla has claimed Mr Ndlovu forced him and Mr Sifiso Mkhize to take part in the attack.

Mr Ndlovu denied this yesterday and said he was not present during the attack. He was at the home of a Mr Ntombela with a policeman, Mr Michael Mkhize.

He said Mr Dladla had arrived at his home that evening with a shotgun and asked that he keep it for him. Mr Dladla also showed him a place where he (Mr Dladla) had concealed other firearms.

The hearing continues.

Natal cops find arms cache in swoop

Sowetan 28/4/93 (276)

TEN men have been arrested and a large cache of firearms and ammunition confiscated during police operations at Mehlomnyama in Port Shepstone on the Natal South Coast, SABC radio news reported yesterday.

■ Peace meeting planned for Port Shepstone in wake of violence:

Police said four AK-47 rifles, eight revolvers, a .303 rifle, a shotgun, 57 SSG shotgun cartridges and a variety of other ammunition were confiscated.

Meanwhile, police say the situation is calm at Murchison near Port Shepstone. - *Sapa.*

Star 29/4/93

Faction clashes claim 60 lives

Own Correspondent 216

DURBAN — More than 60 people have died in ongoing violence in the Bambayi settlement near Inanda, north of Durban, where two African National Congress factions clash almost daily.

Police report that the situation is so tense that they are "forced to change shifts" in the informal settlement.

At the weekend three people were killed — one of the victims was castrated — and police suspect the testicles were used for "muti" purposes.

At the centre of the violence are two factions — the Reds and the Greens. Both groups have been at each others' throats since last year.

In January this year six people were killed; in February, 23; March, 24; and April, 8.

Police said the situation was tense and that they had deployed patrols in the area.

"The situation is so bad that we cannot leave the area. If we do the gangs are at each others' throats. We are forced to change shifts in the area itself," said a police spokesman.

It is believed that about 150 homes have been burned during clashes and about 50 families have fled from the area.

Addo killers found guilty

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — An Umkhonto we Sizwe member and another man were found guilty in the Port Elizabeth Supreme Court yesterday of murdering Addo farmer and businessman Andre de Villiers.

They will be sentenced today. The State has asked for a minimum of 20 years' imprisonment.

De Villiers was gunned down outside his farmhouse on August 17. Shots were also fired at his wife Elizabeth and son Louis.

Umkhonto member Tamsanqa Mali, 23, and Lindile Stemele, 25, were convicted on a count of murder, two counts of attempted murder and a charge of attempted robbery.

—Judge Van Rensburg said there was nothing in the evidence to suggest that the motive for De Villiers's killing was political.

Sapa reports the court found that another accused, Xolani Ncinane, who died earlier this year of AIDS, and a fourth man, Kenneth Gabayi, had fired the shots that killed De Villiers. Gabayi is still at large.

Murder suspect dies in Natal shootout

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Police tracking three killers who shot dead a man in his Winklespruit home on Natal's south coast early yesterday came under "heavy fire" from residents in the nearby Umgababa area who thought they were being attacked.

Hearing the exchange of gunfire between police and the three suspects, residents began shooting, forcing police to take cover. In a subsequent shootout with police one of the suspects was killed.

Earler, Desmond Badenhorst, 34, was shot dead at his home. The suspects stole a hi-fi set, video recorder and some clothes. Some of the items were recovered.

Durban murder and robbery detectives have begun a major manhunt for the remaining suspects.

A search involving 100 policemen and soldiers is also on for Camperdown farmer Alex Kalafatis, 45, whom police believe was abducted from his farmhouse by gunmen early on Tuesday. A R20 000 reward has been offered for information leading to Kalafatis's whereabouts.

A man suspected of murdering farmer's wife Sandra Swanepoel at Letsitele near Tzaneen in the northern Transvaal yesterday was shot dead by police while resisting arrest, a police spokesman said. Three other suspects were arrested and two AK-47s and a 9mm Tokarev pistol confiscated.

Swanepoel, 37, was shot dead in her bedroom after her husband Johannes was attacked outside their house.

Sapa reports that six men were remanded after appearing briefly in the Durban Magistrate's Court yesterday in connection with a gang shooting in which four people died at the weekend. The six, of Maphumulu near Durban, were arrested soon after residents in the Tongaat area were terrorised on Saturday night.

East Rand police have arrested two more suspects in connection with Monday night's Katlehong attack on Worldwide Television News cameraman Sam Msibi.

Police spokesman Maj Ida van Zweel said murder and robbery unit members arrested the two men after Msibi's car was found in Thokoza. Six men were arrested earlier in connection with the incident, in which Msibi was shot five times. All eight suspects are to appear in the Alberton Magistrate's Court today.

In the Border region, a suspect in last Thursday's murder of Det-Sgt Ian Richardson of East London was shot dead by police and a second suspect arrested.

Meanwhile, Cape Town town clerk Graham Lawrence said Khayelitsha's municipal services would be suspended as guarantees of safety for council workers appeared to have been ignored.

Khayelitsha traffic chief Graham Bell and a colleague were injured when their vehicle was stoned by crowds yesterday, and a lorry was set alight.

State calls for death for revenge killers

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Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG. — The prosecution has called for the death sentence to be imposed on the killers of the 10 "innocent" occupants of a minibus taxi which was ambushed in reprisal for the killing of six Inkatha schoolchildren at Table Mountain in March this year. CT 30/4/93

Deputy attorney-general Mr Les Roberts, SC, said this type of violence had to be stopped and the only way to get the message across was by imposing the death penalty on the perpetrators.

Earlier Natal's Judge President, Mr Justice Howard, convicted Inkatha supporters Mabhungu Absolom Dladla, 24, and Nkayiso Wilfred Ndlovu, 21, of 10 murder and six attempted murder charges.

Sentence is to be passed today.

The tie-tie join the toyi-toyi

W/Mail 30/4-6/5/93

By TOM ROBBINS: **Durban**

IT must have been the most bizarre display of mass action yet. Businessmen in grey suits toyi-toyiing alongside a bunch of rag-tag militants.

That's the sight that greeted travellers who passed last week through Kokstad, a small town on the Natal side of the Transkei border, whose residents are reeling from the effects of a cordon thrown around the homeland by South African security forces.

Nothern Transkeians, who used to cross the border to shop in Kokstad, launched a consumer boycott in protest against the blockade of the homeland.

But the Kokstad businessmen responded to the boycott with a counter-strike of their own. When organisers of the consumer boycott allowed a two-day recess for their supporters to stock up on vital goods, the businessmen promptly shut down the town — closing every shop and service supplier.

But the businessmen's counter-boycott, although organised with military precision, was not as solid as the organisers would have liked. The owner of a corner cafe called up Albany Bakery to cancel his regular order of bread as his shop would be closed in line with the general shutdown. Then he stayed up all night to bake 6 000 loaves and plotted to sell these in the local township, Bongweni, the next day.

Unfortunately for this entrepeneur, his colleagues discovered what he was up to. They confiscated his bread and then handed the loaves out, free of charge, in Bongweni and Twist Valley townships and to the local hospital and residents of the old-age home.

The businessmen also caught a bottle store owner who tried to cash in on the action by keeping his shop open. The liquor merchant, who had ordered sand for some building operations, had the load delivered right on his doorstep.

This form of economic guerrilla warfare between consumers and traders generated racism and brought the crisis close to violence. Somehow sense prevailed and the two sides realised that they were really on the same side.

The Kokstad Chamber of Commerce, realising the cordon was the initial cause of the crisis, faxed President FW de Klerk asking for it to be lifted — with as little success as the consumer boycotters.

On Wednesday traders on both sides of the border, including Northern Transkei Chamber of Commerce chairman Stanley Godwana — who is also an African National Congress official — told De Klerk the stranglehold on the homeland was killing their livelihood. ANC members, township residents and people from Transkei marched through the town together with a delegation of businessmen and delivered a memorandum to De Klerk via the local police commissioner, Lieutenant Colonel PA Holtzhuizen.

A carnival scene ensued. Shops closed while 2 000 people sang and danced in the the streets under banners saying "Remove the roadblocks" and "Peace and prosperity to Transkei and East Griqualand".

Commerce chief Ed Jenkins describing the march as the country's "first united black and white toyi-toyi".

A local businessman said the action was designed to show that people were tired of the politicians — De Klerk and Transkei ruler Bantu Holomisa — messing with their lives. "We want them to leave us alone. We are tired of being pawns in a political game between FW and Holomisa."

Planned Maritzburg blockade cancelled

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The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — The African National Congress Natal Midlands region has called off the planned blockade of Maritzburg city centre tomorrow, which was part of the week-long rolling mass action that begins today.

ANC 3/5/93

Following lengthy discussions between the ANC and the police, it was decided that a repeat of the damage caused in the city during a memorial service for the slain South African Communist Party leader Chris Hani should be avoided at all cost.

ANC Midlands regional-secretary Sfiso Nkabinde said that, instead of the city blockade, there would be a march to the police headquarters.

Meanwhile, the week-long programme of rolling mass action begins today with a march to Natalia, the Natal Provincial Administration headquarters in Maritzburg.

According to the ANC, the rolling mass action is part of its campaign to speed up the process of establishing a transitional executive council and to push for the early announcement of an election date for a constituent assembly.

Mr Nkabinde said the week-long mass action in Maritzburg would be assessed at the end of the week, after which further action focusing on other Midlands towns — including Richmond, Mooi River and Bruntville — would be considered.

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BILLY PADDOCK

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Vrede once again town of peace

STEPHANE BOTHMA

THE potentially explosive situation in the northeastern Free State town of Vrede was defused yesterday when a black consumer boycott and a counter-ban on all blacks entering the town were called off.

The ban on blacks started at the weekend after a decision by the Vrede Action Committee because residents of nearby Thambalihle township embarked on a consumer boycott last week.

At a media conference in Johannesburg yesterday, ANC NEC member Terror Lekota, who met the action committee earlier, said the parties involved had settled their differences.

"The consumer boycott and the blockade have been suspended with immediate effect," Lekota said, adding that a negotiating forum for residents of the area would be established soon.

He said meetings on Monday night and yesterday had defused the situation.

In another Free State township, Thabong, two pistols, found after a shebeen fight in April which left one policeman dead and one hurt, have become a matter of dispute between the ANC and the police.

At the conference yesterday, the two firearms were handed to representatives of the Goldstone commission, who were asked to establish their origin.

The ANC claimed security forces in the area were actively aiding forces opposed to the ANC and that the pistols were evidence of this. They claimed there was a plot to murder an ANC leader.

The police, however, denied the allegation. They said the pistols were those of two policemen who had gone to the bar, were assaulted there and robbed of them.

The police said the ANC's possession of the weapons was unlawful.

killing continues: the April political death toll in the Port Shepstone area, which had been calm since the end of last year, stands at 24.

"The problem," says Natal regional peace committee chairman M C Pretorius, "is to translate the sentiments of the political leaders into public support from the ground and that is what we are trying to do."

At a regional and national level, negotiators are still pressing ahead with plans for a summit between IFP leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi and ANC counterpart Nelson Mandela, though no date has yet been set. Buthelezi insisted this week that violence must be the first item on the agenda of multiparty negotiations.

Meanwhile, interesting and encouraging initiatives are emerging from some unlikely quarters. Among the most unlikely, and yet the most logical, is the "concerned Zulus group." This comprises a 28-man forum of Zulus from the ANC (including ANC deputy secretary-general Jacob Zuma), the IFP (national chairman Frank Mdlalose), the PAC (national executive member James Mkhwanazi), businessmen, clergy, trade unionists and academics. All are members in their personal capacities.

The forum was formed in March after a 17-man multiparty peace mission met the KwaZulu legislative Assembly caucus to seek King Goodwill Zwelithini's intervention to end violence.

Several meetings have since been held to consider the king's response and discuss strategies, the most recent a week ago. Group chairman Roger Sishi (president of the Inyanda Chamber of Commerce) comments: "We're progressing well. We are doing the ground work for the king's involvement and we have made several recommendations to him. His favourable response has been discussed at our subsequent meetings. Unfortunately, I cannot provide any details at this stage because the whole issue is sensitive. We want to go public only when we are sure that everything is in order."

He believes the strength of the initiative is that it seeks a Zulu solution to a Zulu problem. "Zulus are dying in large numbers, and high-ranking Zulus from across the political and business spectrum are now working together. If they can't make a difference, who can?" Pretorius says the formation of the group is most encouraging: "Any direct contact between the parties can only lead to better understanding and settlement of misunderstandings."

Tony Minnaar, chief researcher at the HSRC's Centre for Conflict Analysis, says another encouraging development in recent weeks has been a decision by the ANC and civic organisations to negotiate for the first time with the tribal chiefs in places like Inanda. Where this has happened elsewhere, there has been an immediate and marked drop in violence.

Minnaar adds that the significance of this, apart from the fact that the two sides are talking, is that it is the first clear sign of recognition by the Left that the chiefs will play a part in any future settlement. "The chiefs control communal tribal land and even in the institution of a more democratic system they will have to be consulted over that system," says Minnaar.

He rightly adds, though, that the real problem in Natal is to try to break the chain of revenge killings which gives grass-roots violence a dynamic of its own. Until that happens, leaders' initiatives will have little impact. ■

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Blood solution

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Political tensions remain high in war-torn Natal/KwaZulu but there are also encouraging indications of progress and new initiatives to achieve peace. About 65% of the 247 people killed in political strife in SA during March died in Natal/KwaZulu, according to the Human Rights Commission. And the

ling entry of unwanted immigrants

Baby killed as gunmen shoot 5 dead

Sowetan 7/5/93

■ **SUBSTANTIAL REWARD** Police hunt killers of colleague: 276

GUNMEN killed five people, including a one-year-old child, in an attack on the house of a KwaZulu policeman in Umgababa on the Natal South Coast on Wednesday night.

Durban police spokesman Captain Bala Naidoo said four gunmen wearing balaclavas and armed with AK-47 rifles entered a house in the township, about 40km south of Durban, at 6.45pm and ordered the occupants to lie on the floor.

They told two girls to knock on the bedroom door of Constable Alson Mkhize (51) and then opened fire, killing him instantly.

Mkhize's wife Gladys was ordered to lie down and the killers opened fire again, injuring her and killing one-year-old Sithembile Mkhize, who was in her arms.

Naidoo said the attackers stole a 7.65mm pistol and ammunition before fleeing and shooting at the house, killing Mr Zwelakhe Msibi (54), Mr Velaphi Luthuli (48) and Sibusiso Shange (16). Police are offering a "substantial reward" for information leading to the arrest of the killers.

Both the African National Congress and Inkatha Freedom Party said yesterday they were investigating the killings. In another tragedy in Natal, a school principal went berserk yesterday, killing four relatives and seriously wounding three others in an apparent family feud at Shallcross, near Chatsworth, in Durban.

Police identified the dead as Durban businessman Mr Tilley Singh (45), Amith Singh (14), Kamal Singh (20), and Nishi Singh (27), all of Shallcross.

Those seriously wounded are Mr Singh's wife Bhimla (40), Adesh Singh (16) and his sister Charmaine (13).

A man gave himself up to police when they arrived at the scene. — *Sapa.*

Court pours oil on rough taxi waters

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By CARMEL RICKARD

A SUPREME Court judge this week read the riot act to warring parties in Natal, saying they should resolve their dispute in a democratic way instead of threatening a "taxi war".

Mr Justice Keith McCall was hearing an urgent application brought by Natal taxi leaders. They asked that they be reinstated after national officials of the South African Black Taxi Association (Sabta) ousted them from their positions last month, froze their bank accounts and locked them out of their offices.

Both sides in the dispute warned in their court papers that if the dispute were not resolved quickly violence would erupt.

On Thursday Mr Justice McCall granted an interim order effectively reinstating the Natal officials. Certain disputed facts still have to be argued in court, but meanwhile the judge gave the reinstated Natal executive members the power to call a general meeting for the purpose of holding a new round of elections.

He said Sabta should not interfere in the affairs of the local taxi organisation, that the offices should be restored to the reinstated officials and that Sabta officials should stop telling the public that the Natal officials had been dismissed.

After the court hearing the reinstated officials told the Sunday Times they felt that justice had been done. They would contact members of the taxi industry in Natal as soon as possible about holding elections.

The new officials will be elected by 44 people: four representatives of each of the 11 Natal regions who form the management council.

Some of the 44, however, come from regions opposed to the reinstated officials, and special efforts will be made to contact them and urge that they participate in the elections.

The decision and remarks of the judge were heard by dozens of management council members, who said afterwards that his comments about the need to resolve business problems through democratic means had impressed them.

The judge said that he was appalled that the two sides were talking about taxi wars as a way of resolving what was basically a business dispute. Given the threats of violence, he had seriously considered referring the matter to the Goldstone commission.

However, he hoped that if democratic means were used the parties to the dispute would be able to resolve their differences on their own.

Sources close to the taxi industry said the court action could be a watershed for the organisation in helping its members move from the rough "township justice" approach which has characterised the industry so far to a more sophisticated, businesslike approach.

One killed as hand grenade tossed in crowd

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The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — One person was set alight and another killed when a hand grenade was tossed into a crowd during a violent flare-up between two African National Congress factions at the informal settlement of Bambayi near Indana.

Police said that at least four people were killed in the township during the clashes yesterday and seven were injured.

Last night police stepped up patrols in the area which is described as "extremely tense".

The two factions — Reds and Greens — have been clashing with each other for several months. It is estimated that more than 65 people have been killed this year in the area.

Hundreds of people have fled and scores of shacks have been burned down.

On Saturday night four people including a 10-month-old child were shot dead on Green Hill farm near Richmond, south of Maritzburg.

Police said six men armed with shotguns entered a homestead belonging to Mr Gay Dhlamini.

When Mr Dhlamini opened the door he was shot at point blank range. Three family members were also shot and killed.

The only witness to the shooting, a 90-year-old woman, was seriously injured.

Star 10/5/93

Nine killed in 216 violent weekend

Eight people — including a 10-month-old child — were killed in clashes in Natal at the weekend and a man was killed when a group of Inkatha mourners went on the rampage in Tembisa on the East Rand yesterday.

An ANC member known only as Mshini was shot dead in Tembisa and three other people were injured, said Isaac Mahlangu of the ANC Tembisa peace desk.

SAP spokesman Major Eugene Opperman said between 200 and 300 mourners were returning to Tembisa Hostel after attending a funeral "for a notorious leader of the so-called Toaster Gang" when the violence erupted at about 3.30 pm.

Opperman said the mourners allegedly attacked residents in Jiyana Section after two gunmen opened fire on them.

He said the "unprovoked" attack enraged the mourners.

Mahlangu said one of the mourners opened fire with an automatic weapon, but it was not clear whom he was shooting at.

Opperman said police appealed to the mourners, who then returned to the hostel. But Mahlangu claimed SAP and SADF members at the scene did nothing to stop the mourners from assaulting residents.

In Natal, four people — including a 10-month-old child — were shot dead on a remote farm near Richmond on Saturday night. Another four people died in a grenade explosion yesterday afternoon after two groups clashed in the Bambayi area near Durban.

It appeared the motives for both attacks were not political.

The Saturday night attack occurred on the Green Hill farm, located between Richmond and the Umkomaas valley. — Crime Staff and Sapa.

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8 killed in Natal attacks

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Maritzburg rally for peace

Hundreds of people in the Natal Midlands recommitted themselves to the peace process at a rally in Maritzburg's City Hall yesterday. Representatives of the ANC, IFP, the police, Chamber of Commerce and clergymen pledged to work for a resolution to the problem. — Sapa 216

Violent weekend in Natal claims 19 lives

DURBAN. — At least 19 people were killed in another bloody weekend in Natal's townships and rural areas, according to police and ANC reports.

Four people were killed in KwaMashu the ANC said, and four people were killed when violence erupted after an Inkatha Freedom Party rally on Sunday.

Durban police spokesman Captain Bala Naidoo confirmed that houses had been attacked after the rally.

In other weekend incidents, police reported four killings at the Bhambayi settlement near Inanda.

Violence in Bhambayi is believed to be linked to ongoing disputes over traditional healers and "muti". Limited access to resources in the settlement is also believed to be a cause of the violence.

In the Midlands, four people — among them a 10-month-old child — were shot dead on a remote farm near Richmond, Captain Naidoo said.

In other weekend incidents of violence, police said two people were killed in Esikhawini, near Empangeni, in separate attacks on Friday night.

Another man was shot dead in Umbumbulu, near Durban, on Friday. — Sapa

NEWS Turfloop closed until further notice ● No hope for most to own a home, professor

News in brief

Sowetan 12/5/93

Soweto cop killed

A SOWETO policeman was shot dead near the YMCA in Dube yesterday.

Police say Constable Johannes Shabangu (30) was hit in the head by a shot fired from a crowd of about 600 people who were looting and setting alight a delivery truck at about 11.45am.

Police spokesman Major Herman Oosthuizen appealed to anyone with information to contact the police at 980-7997.

Joseph honoured

THE late anti-apartheid activist Helen Joseph will be awarded the Posthumous Award by the Gleitsman Foundation in Johannesburg today in honour of her work for human rights

The award will be presented to her friend Ilse Wilson.

Sowetan 12/5/93

Taxis blockade town

ABOUT 30 minibus taxis yesterday blockaded Wick Street, the main entrance to Verulam, to protest against the operation from Verulam to Durban of a bus company which charges lower fares. (276) (3820)

A police spokesman said the taxi operators had demanded that the bus company raise its fares and stop interfering with commuters on the taxi route. Taxi drivers removed their vehicles after police intervened. (276)

Man dies in ambush

A MAN was killed and five others injured in an ambush near the University of Zululand in northern Natal yesterday.

University spokesman Mr Dirk Reselman said a truck had picked up workers from the Mangezi Reserve when two men with AK-47 rifles fired at the occupants from the side of the road. The truck went out of control and overturned down an embankment.

Sowetan 12/5/93

Teachers go back

CLASSES at Indian schools in Durban and Maritzburg were temporarily back to normal yesterday following a teacher chalk down protest against merit evaluation last week (3820)

A spokesman for the SA Democratic Teachers Union said teachers returned to their classes pending the outcome of a meeting between House of Delegates Education Minister Devi Govender and a union delegation scheduled for today in Durban.

Sowetan Reporters and Sapa.

Varsity shuts its doors on students

Sowetan 12/5/93

By Josias Charle

THE UNIVERSITY OF Bophuthatswana has been closed indefinitely with effect from yesterday.

The decision to close the trouble-torn university was taken at a management meeting on Monday.

The Information Service of Bophuthatswana confirmed yesterday that the university has been closed.

The closure comes at a time when students had decided to continue the class boycott until several of their demands are met.

These demands include:

- That the university be renamed University of Northern Cape;
- The university council resigns with immediate effect as it is "not representative";
- Examinations be rescheduled; and that
- Students be allowed freedom of movement and speech on campus.

KEY DEMANDS Lawyers call for the immediate reopening of campus:

Last Friday police broke up a students' march to the government offices to present the demands. Several students were injured and some were arrested when police fired at the marching crowd.

Those arrested were released by court order on Saturday.

The crisis at Unibo was also discussed in parliament in Mmabatho on Monday.

President Lucas Mangope addressed members of parliament, providing background to the students' demands.

He also accused the media of failing to report on the riotous behaviour of some of the students, while "radical elements" in the student ranks failed to keep agreements

Mangope said students were, by agreement, due to send a three-man delegation to government offices on Friday to present their grievances.

"Instead they refused to send the delegation and a riot had resulted," Mangope told parliament.

The Lawyers for Human Rights in Bophuthatswana condemned the closure of the campus and said there was no need for such drastic action.

A spokesman for the organisation, Mr Pat Huma, called for the immediate reopening of the campus and said students and management should have tried to resolve their problems by negotiation

He blamed the Bophuthatswana government for the disruptions

Turmoil on South Coast

Star 13/5/93

Own Coresspondent

DURBAN — Motorists were stoned, businessmen closed their doors and the Transkei-Natal border post was sealed off by ANC demonstrators for several hours yesterday during a day of turmoil along Natal's lower South Coast. (216)

Youths stoned cars outside Port Shepstone, hitting farmer Martin Froneman on the head and breaking the nose of schoolboy Kenneth Hales.

Police reported that cars travelling through Transkei were stoned near Bizana.

The town of Harding came to a standstill as businessmen heeded a stayaway call by the ANC lower South Coast region and several shops closed in Port Shepstone, where thousands of protesters marched peacefully through the town.

Demonstrators carrying ANC banners also closed off the Natal-Transkei border bridge near the Wild Coast Sun for most of the morning.

The ANC is considering a consumer boycott in Port Shepstone and other towns from Monday. It said it was protesting against the continuing South African security checks at border posts and called for the arrest and trial of "known killers" in the area and the dismissal of two SAP officers.

Day of turmoil on Natal coast

ST 13/5/93

Own Correspondent

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Demonstrators also closed off the Natal/-Transkei border bridge, protesting against continued South African security checks.

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5 killed in Durban unrest

DURBAN. — At least five people — including a policeman — have been killed here over the past two days. (276)

Constable Thulani Norman Shabalala was shot dead in Umlazi's G Section on Tuesday.

In another incident, KwaZulu Police said Ms Bibian Hlophe, 42, was shot dead at her home in Umlazi's M Section with a 7,65mm pistol early yesterday. Police are investigating.

And in KwaMashu, three people were killed after an attack on a house early on Tuesday morning. Police said they had all been shot in the head.

● In Sweetwaters, outside Maritzburg, Assistant Constable M D Maseme was on duty at a satellite police station when he was shot and critically wounded.

● On the Reef, six youths stabbed a Germiston man in neighbouring Katlehong township yesterday, then looted his bakkie and set it alight.

● During April, 259 people were killed in political violence, the Human Rights Commission reported on Tuesday.

● A Molteno, E Cape, butchery was petrol bombed on Tuesday.

— Sapa CT 13/5/93

King wants goodwill between IFP, ANC

W/May 14/5/-20/5/93.

The king of the Zulus is to rise above party politics in an effort to stem the violence in Natal.

By **FAROUK CHOTHIA**

ZULU king Goodwill Zwelithini is expected to call a number of mass rallies *(imbizos)* — one of which would be attended by African National Congress president Nelson Mandela and Inkatha Freedom Party leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi — in a fresh initiative aimed at ending the carnage among his subjects.

This is the latest sign that Zwelithini is set to move above party politics on the question of violence.

At a rally in Wema, near Durban, two weeks ago, Zwelithini stunned Inkatha supporters by departing from his prepared speech to tell them: "I know some of you carry weapons and are involved in the violence. Enough is enough. Stop the killings."

The king's about-turn stems from a series of meetings between a "Concerned Group of Zulus", who include Inyanda Chamber of Commerce president Roger Sishi, ANC leader Jacob Zuma and Pan Africanist Congress leader Joe Mkhwanazi, and advisers of the king. Among the latter are Inkatha national chairman Frank Mdlalose and kwaZulu deputy minister of works, Velaphi Ndlovu.

The initiative also has Buthelezi's support, suggesting he is prepared to share the monarch with the ANC.

Sources said that at a meeting last Friday, the Concerned Group and Zwelithini's advisers had agreed that the king should call mass rallies attended by members of both organisations.

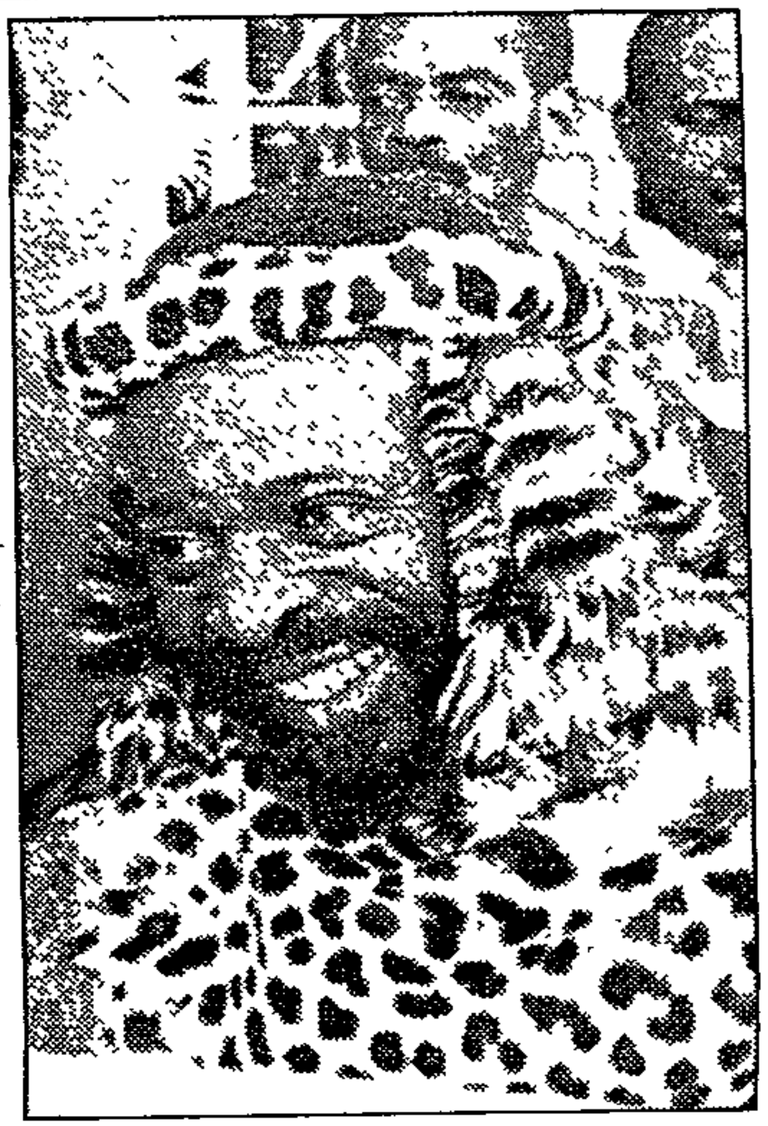
The first rally, most likely in Durban, would be attended by regional ANC and Inkatha leaders. Mandela and Buthelezi, the sources said, would attend a subsequent rally — the first time that the two have shared a platform, though Buthelezi has been pressing for it since Mandela's release three years ago.

The Concerned Group and Zwelithini's advisers — who have formed a joint committee — will meet Natal businessmen today to urge them to make funds available for the rallies. "It must be a non-party initiative," said one source.

Once Zwelithini is satisfied that all the groundwork has been laid, he will call a major press conference, announcing plans for the rallies and assuming a new role in South African politics.

Both sides stand to gain by the initiative. Buthelezi, who has been increasingly marginalised in the national political scene, would once more capture the limelight.

The ANC stands to benefit by loosening Buthelezi's stranglehold on Zwelithini, in the hope that this will erode the IFP's support among Zulus.



King of goodwill ... Zwelithini

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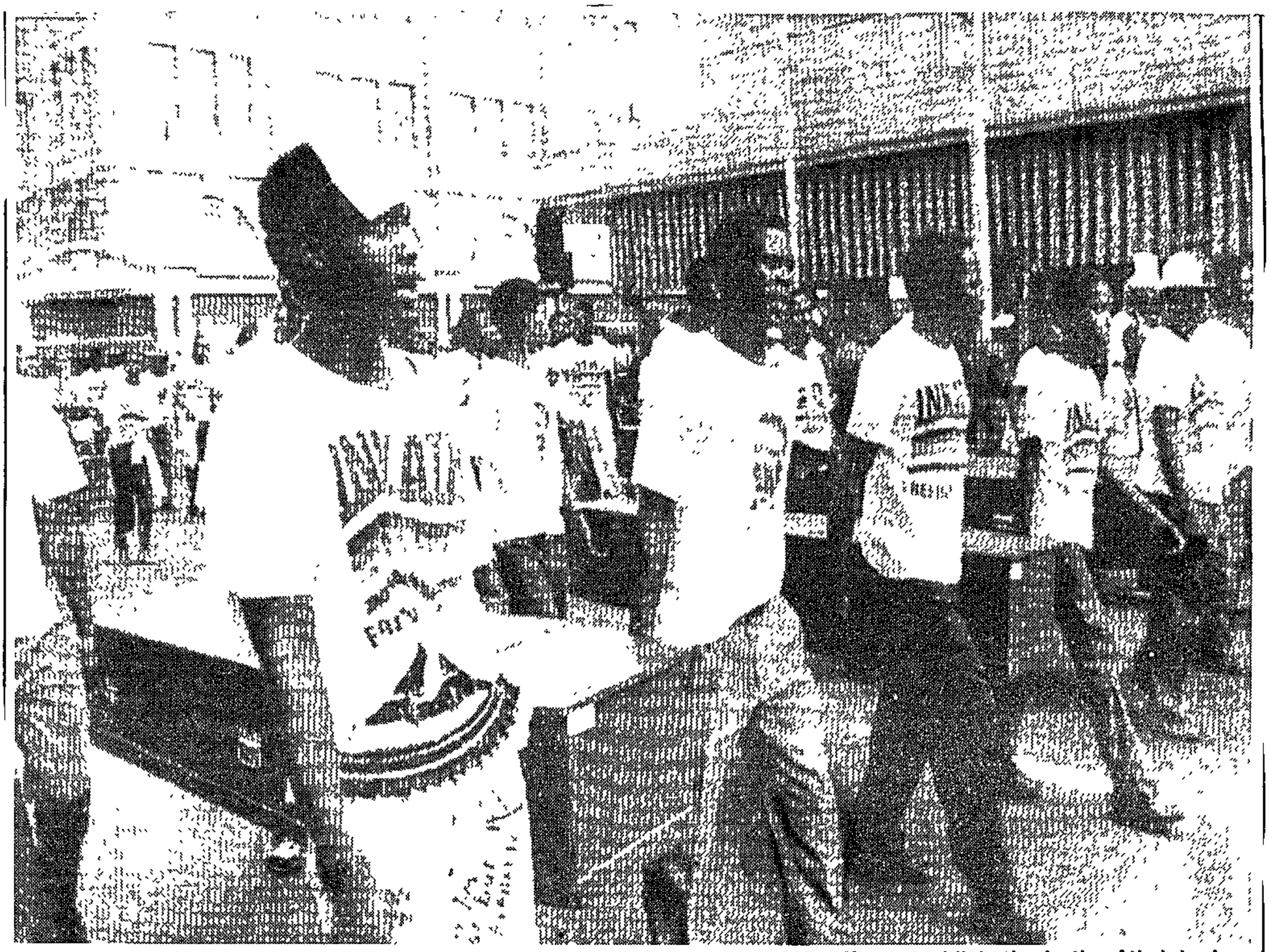
Two die in Natal Midlands ambush

TWO Inkatha supporters were killed and eight were wounded in an ambush in the Natal Midlands yesterday, according to Inkatha spokesman Ed Tillet.

The attack occurred at 6 pm on the Edendale Road near Georgetown. The Inkatha supporters were travelling in two buses to Elandskop.

According to Tillet, the buses were first fired at near Dambuza, the stronghold of ANC Natal Midlands leader Harry Gwala.

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MARCH FOR PEACE . . . tens of thousands of Inkatha supporters, carrying about 280 coffins to highlight the deaths of their leaders, marched through Durban yesterday to demand that the government take steps to end countrywide violence and act against Umkhonto we Sizwe and the Transkei government

Picture: HORACE POTTER

Two die as IFP buses are attacked

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By MARLAN PADAYACHEE

TWO women were killed and 14 people wounded when two buses were ambushed in Edendale, outside Maritzburg, last night.

The buses were ferrying IFP supporters home after thousands had taken part in protest marches throughout Natal yesterday when a group of unidentified gunmen opened fire.

The ambush took place about 3km outside Maritzburg's Edendale Hospital.

Meanwhile, new outbreaks of violence in the area where India's peace apostle Mahatma Gandhi lived for 21 years have dampened next week's Gandhi centenary celebrations.

In pre-dawn fighting between rival ANC comrades yesterday, two people were killed and 24 injured in a bloody shoot-out at the squatter settlement of Bambayi, north of Durban.

The latest flare-up comes after last weekend's fighting in which four people were killed and seven injured when a hand-grenade was tossed at a crowd near the Phoenix Settlement shrine. (276)

The settlement, which was Gandhi's home before he left SA to head India's independence struggle, was destroyed in 1985 and more than 65 people have been killed in the area this year.

Gandhi centenary campaigner Mewa Ramgobin, chairman of the Phoenix Settlement Trust and whose former wife, Ela, is a descendant of the Indian leader, said it was "tragic and unfortunate" that violence had erupted on the eve of the celebration to mark the arrival of Gandhi in Natal on May 23 1893.

He said the "internecine struggle" for leadership in Bambayi prevented the trust from rebuilding Gandhi's home.

Gangland-style executions in Natal

FIVE people were shot dead and one wounded in an attack on a homestead in the Edendale region near Maritzburg on Saturday night

Police say two men in balaclavas confronted residents of a homestead at Edendale's Zayeka area at about 9pm while they were sitting around a fire

They made their victims lie on the ground before apparently shooting each one in the head

■ Masked gunmen force residents to lie down, kill five:

execution-style with a 9mm pistol

Four were killed instantly, one died in hospital a short while later and one person is still alive but in a critical condition.

Police say the incident might be related to a feud in which two women were gunned down last week.

Meanwhile, no arrests have been made following several Saturday afternoon attacks on Edendale buses

Two people were killed and 12 wounded when two buses carrying Inkatha Freedom Party members from a march in Maritzburg were attacked by men with AK-47 rifles. — *Sapa*

ANC, IFP hold peace meeting

NEWCASTLE — An historical meeting took place yesterday in Madadeni township, near Newcastle in northern Natal, when local leaders of the Inkatha Freedom Party and the African National Congress addressed a community meeting to end violence in the area.

IFP and ANC leaders called for calm and peace among the residents in an area where more than 20 youths have been killed this year. — Sapa

Deadly ambush mars Inkatha marches

Own Correspondent

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DURBAN — The IFP took to the streets in Natal at the weekend, in some of the biggest marches the province has seen, to protest against the killing of its officials and to demand an end to violence.

But the otherwise peaceful demonstrations of the IFP's strength were marred by at least five incidents of violence against marchers, including two women being killed when a bus returning from a march in Maritzburg was ambushed.

According to IFP Natal Midlands secretary Philip Powell, a meeting to discuss the IFP's response to the killings was held by chiefs from the Vulindlela area, members of the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly and senior indunas.

There was a massive security presence in Maritzburg during the march and the event was monitored from the air by the SADF and SAP.

In Durban, a huge body of IFP supporters swarmed through the city centre en route to SAP headquarters at CR Swart Square, where regional organiser Senzo Mfayela handed over a memorandum — directed to the State President — to deputy district police commissioner Colonel Steve du Toit.

At the head of the march, a group carried 280 wooden coffins, each representing IFP officials killed in violence since 1985.

Estimates on the size of the crowd ranged from a police tally of 30 000 to an IFP assessment of 70 000.

Addressing the crowd, leaders of the organisation were full of praise for the participants, saying: "We have shown we are a people of peace, we are not hooligans. We have marched right through Durban from Curries Fountain and the police had no job to do."

The memorandum, which was read out by Mfayela, criticised the Government for failing to arrest and prosecute those responsible for the killing of IFP leaders.

"They (the killings) constitute a deliberate strategy of serial murder ... to render the IFP incapable of contesting an election by eliminating our leaders.

"We ... demand that the Government set up a commission to supervise the disbandment of private armies," the memorandum read.

Other IFP marches at Estcourt, Empangeni, Ixopo, Ladysmith and Newcastle were reported to have been peaceful.

ANC/IFP peace plea

NEWCASTLE. — An historical meeting took place in Madadeni township, near Newcastle in northern Natal, yesterday when local leaders of the IFP and ANC addressed a community meeting to end violence in the area. ANC 7/6/93

IFP and ANC leaders both expressed concern about the level of violence in the township and said enforcing discipline among the youth was one of the measures they would take to try to bring about peace. — Sapa. (276)

Six shot in head at Natal home

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By Bronwyn Wilkinson

At least 12 people were killed in separate incidents in Natal on Saturday night, including two people who died after a day-long battle between policemen and gangsters who were waiting for a chance to attack a farm.

SAP spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Coert Marais said six people, including a 12-year-old boy, died after they were shot in a home in Zandela.

He said two gunmen wearing balaclavas and SADF uniforms barged into the homestead at about 8 pm.

The gunmen ordered their victims to lie on the floor before shooting each one in the head at close range.

Four people died at the scene: Themba Luthuli (28), Khehla Madlala (33), Bonginkosi Mnikathi (23) and Fakimali Ndlovu.

Sifiso Ndlela (12) died in hospital yesterday and the body of his mother, Florence Ndlela (39), was found near the scene yesterday.

A seventh person is in a critical condition in hospital.

Marais said it would be "presumptuous" for police to speculate about a motive for the killings at this stage.

He said although witnesses had told police the killers wore SADF uniforms, this did not mean they were SADF members as stolen or fake army uniforms were commonly worn during attacks in Natal.

Then, at about 6 pm on Saturday, two buses carrying IFP supporters from a march in Maritzburg were ambushed at Edendale.

Two unidentified people died and another 12 were injured when gunmen sprayed the buses with AK-47 bullets.

No one has been arrested in connection with either attack.

Another two people died in battles in the Bambayi squatter settlement near Durban on Saturday.

Police said 12 houses were set alight in the fighting, which has continued in the area for months.

Also on Saturday, two gang members died in a firefight with policemen in a canefield at Paddock.

Constable Thokozane Mavundla was injured in the leg when a grenade exploded. Two police dogs were killed by the four-man gang.

Marais said nearby farmers reported seeing people hiding in the canefields and police sealed off the area.

Three armoured vehicles were used to flatten the cane in an attempt to flush out the gang while an SA Police helicopter circled overhead.

The gang fired at police, who fired back. During the battle, one of the gang members hurled a grenade at Mavundla.

Marais said two of the gang members were killed, another was arrested and one escaped.

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IFP protests over deaths, violence

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Own Correspondent

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The otherwise peaceful demonstrations of the IFP's strength were marred by at least five incidents of violence against marchers, including two women being killed when a bus returning from a march in Maritzburg was ambushed.

Fourteen others were injured when the bus was raked by AK-47 fire outside the city, police said.

In Durban, more than 30 000 IFP supporters swarmed through the city centre en route to the SAP headquarters at C R Swart Square where regional organiser Mr Senzo Mfayela handed over a memorandum for President F W de Klerk.

At the head of the march, a group carried 280 wooden coffins, each representing IFP officials who had been killed in violence since 1985.

Other IFP marches at Estcourt, Ladysmith and Newcastle were peaceful.

● The IFP Central Committee at the weekend repeated its demand that federalism be put at the top of the agenda in constitutional talks.

Eight slain in unrest in Natal

DURBAN. — Eight people were killed in unrest in Natal at the weekend.

Police said a group of four men were sitting around a fire at Sibaya's kraal in the Zayeka area of Edendale on Saturday night when two men dressed in SADF uniforms and wearing balaclavas appeared.

The uniformed men opened fire, killing all four. A 12-year-old boy who was wounded in the attack died in hospital yesterday morning.

Police also found the body of a woman — 39-year-old Ms Florence Ndlela — at the scene. Several 9mm pistol cartridges and AK-47 cartridges were found at the scene.

The six were apparently slain in revenge for the killing of two women in Sweetwaters township last week.

Two people were killed and 16 were injured in violence between two warring factions in Durban's Bhambhayi squatter settlement again at the weekend.

● In unrest on the Reef, two policemen were wounded by gunmen wielding AK-47s in Mandela Park on the East Rand on Saturday. A police Casspir also came under fire in the squatter camp.

● A Sebokeng couple narrowly escaped death when four gunmen armed with AK-47 rifles pumped bullets into their Vaal Triangle home just after midnight on Saturday. Police later counted 102 bullet holes in the walls of the house. — Own Correspondent, Sapa

ANALYSIS *King Goodwill Zwelithini rejects medium's message from his ancestor*

King Shaka to rescue Natal

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■ WASHING SPEARS *Warrior king angry at manner in which he was buried:*

IF TODAY'S POLITICAL leaders cannot end the violence raging in Natal, it could be time to call on the Zulu warrior king, Shaka, who died over 150 years ago.

Spirit medium Sibuko Sithole says the violence which erupted eight years ago can be stopped only by appeasing the restless spirit of Shaka, the king who forged the Zulu nation early in the last century.

Sithole — known as a sangoma in *isiZulu* — said the king's spirit had appeared to her in dreams several times, calling on the present Zulu royal family to organise a "washing of the spears" ceremony to atone for the improper way he was buried in 1828.

Shaka was assassinated by two of his brothers while the main body of his powerful army was off campaigning.

According to one version of the story, the brothers wanted to bury Shaka before his warriors returned. They rushed the burial and did not inter Shaka in the same graveyard as his ancestors, as Zulu custom demands.

There was also no washing of the spears — a battle against the enemy in which the new king asserts his legitimacy by bathing his army's spears in blood

Earlier this year Sithole had an audience with the present Zulu traditional leader, King Goodwill Zwelithini, a descendant of Shaka, to try to persuade him to organise a modern-day washing of the spears, in which only cattle would be slaughtered.

But according to an official in the king's cultural affairs department, Sithole was rebuffed.

"This sangoma is just trying to boost herself," said Joseph Dladla. "We are not going to proceed with the ceremony."

Reporters in tow

Dladla said Sithole had arrived at the audience with the king with a group of newspaper reporters in tow.

"This is not in accordance with custom," Dladla said. "If she was genuine, she would have kept the whole thing a secret between herself and the king."

He said the Zulu royal family had already done everything necessary to appease Shaka's spirit. "Very few sangomas are genuine," Dladla added.

But anthropologist Caroline Hamilton, an authority on Shaka at the University of the Witwatersrand, said the role of sangomas like Sithole was partly to articulate community feelings.



Flashback ... Armed Zulus perform a war-dance at a funeral held for the six children who were killed in a minibus on March 2 while returning from school

"To call her a charlatan is missing the point. She is just picking up what's in the air around her," Hamilton said. "If she is saying this, it must be the general feeling."

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Hamilton said the image of Shaka was still very powerful among Zulus.

The idea that a ceremony to appease Shaka's spirit would help end violence would have strong emotional appeal for many Zulus, she said.

"People in Natal are thoroughly sick of the violence."

Sociologist Mary de Haas, a member of the liberal Democratic Party active in efforts to mediate an end to the violence in Natal, said Sithole's vision would have a kind of millenarian appeal.

"These movements occur fairly regularly, it could be time for another one," she said.

In 1856, the Xhosa nation in the Eastern Cape destroyed all their cattle and stopped planting crops on the basis of a message which a teenage girl, Nongqawuse, said her ancestors had given her in a dream.

De Haas said similar purported messages from ancestors could be expected in Natal, where few black communities have escaped the wave of violence in which thousands of people have died.

— *Sapa-Reuter.*

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17 die in Natal violence

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ANOTHER weekend of violence in the Natal townships and rural areas has claimed at least 17 lives, including four children.

In the worst incident six people, including a child, died when two men allegedly wearing SA Defence Force uniforms attacked a homestead in Edendale, near Maritzburg, on Saturday night.

Police said two men in balaclavas confronted residents seated around a fire at Sibiya's kraal in Edendale's Zayeka area at about 9pm

They made their victims lie on the ground before shooting each one in the head with a 9mm pistol.

Four were killed instantly and a 12-year-old, Sifiso Ndlela, died in hospital on Sunday morning Police also found a woman's body near the scene

■ Inanda's Bhambayi remains flash point of fighting:

The dead were named as Themba Luthuli (28), Khehla Madladla (33), Bonginkosi Mnikathi (23), Fakimali Ndlovu and Florence Ndlela, whose ages are unknown.

Five other people were killed in the Mkhazini area of Kwamakhutha, near Durban, on Saturday night.

Gunmen entered the Mkhize and Ngcobo homesteads and opened fire on the occupants, killing Thithi Mkhize (35), Percy Mkhize (13), Bonga Mkhize (13), Sane Mkhize (4) and Khehla Ngcobo (26)

Police found empty 303 and R1 rifle cartridges at the scene.

Two commuters were killed and 12 were injured in attacks on two buses in Edendale, also on Saturday.

The buses, carrying Inkatha Freedom Party supporters from a march in Maritzburg, were attacked by men armed with AK-47 rifles.

Inanda's Bhambayi settlement remained a flash point of fighting with two more deaths at the weekend. Police spokesman Captain Bala Naidoo said two groups clashed on Saturday, leaving two dead and 16 injured.

He said 12 houses were burned in the attack and a policeman was among those injured.

More than 70 people have died in fighting at Bhambayi since the start of the year.

Two people were killed in a shootout with police on a farm in Paddock in southern Natal on Saturday. — *Sapa.*



PEACEFUL MARCH . . . ANC marshals lead members of the ANC Youth League in a march to Woodstock police station yesterday where they demanded joint control of security forces.

Picture: BENNY GOOL

Youths march on Woodstock

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Staff Reporter

ABOUT 200 ANC Youth League members and supporters yesterday marched peacefully to the Woodstock police station to demand joint control of security forces and an independent inquiry into the death of uMkhonto weSizwe member Mr Kaya Simani.

Regional chairman Mr Mcebisi Skwatsha handed a memorandum to station commander Captain J Rossouw.

Mr Skwatsha said the ANCYL wanted an assurance their demands would be met by June 17, or the youth would take more serious action.

Mr Simani was killed by police in March in Nyanga when he allegedly attempted to shoot at them.

The ANC claim he was shot by police wearing balaclavas

Captain Rossouw told marchers the memorandum would be forwarded to his seniors.

● Slovo plot suspect in court for remand

IFP expresses concern about MK

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■ **COMMITTEE'S DECISION** Demands for its disbanding are being buried under other considerations:

Sowetan Correspondent

WHILE THOUSANDS of Inkatha Freedom Party members took to the streets of the province at the weekend, the party's central committee was meeting at Ulundi where it expressed concern that demands for the disbanding of Umkontho we Sizwe were being buried under other considerations.

This was part of one of the resolutions taken at the meeting.

Possibly the most striking event during Saturday's marches was when a phalanx of IFP leaders carrying 275 coffins made its way through the Durban city centre.

The coffins were carried in memory of IFP leaders killed since 1983 — one for each of the 275 leaders killed.

The marches were the start of the IFP's mass action campaign to protest against the continuing violence.

In both Durban and Maritzburg there were claims that the marches there were the biggest Natal had ever seen.

Streets were packed from side to side but official estimates of numbers varied widely.

At the Ulundi meeting, the IFP central committee expressed "deep concern and consternation" about the escalating violence and intimidation which it said was hampering the proper course of negotiations and the holding of fair and free elections.

The committee resolved:

- To applaud the firm stand its negotiation team has taken in demanding the reduction of violence and the disbanding of Umkontho we Sizwe; and
- To express appreciation to the negotiation council for receiving the IFP resolution on violence and the disbanding of MK.
- To express concern that the MK issue was being submerged.

Strike ballot for public workers

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THOUSANDS of municipal workers countrywide are to be balloted for industrial action against Government-initiated restructuring and wage-pegging, the SA Municipal Workers Union said yesterday.

In a statement after a weekend national executive committee meeting, the 70 000-member union warned that attempts to thwart the ballot would be met with retaliation.

■ **Disgruntlement over unilateral restructuring:**

It said the Samwu executive had received "extremely disturbing" reports that local authorities were "collaborating with the (President FW) de Klerk regime in implementing the Government's restructuring and rationalisation plans, as well as De Klerk's decision to peg wages".

"All worker protests have been completely ignored. It is clearly a waste of time and energy for workers and unions to make further appeals or protests."

Samwu said it was left with no option but to mobilise its membership and public sector workers for immediate action to stop "the Government and its agents in their tracks". — *Sapa.*

ANC and IFP in Natal accuse each other of violence

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DURBAN.— The African National Congress and the Inkatha Freedom Party in the Natal Midlands have become embroiled in a war of words over violence after a weekend IFP rally in Maritzburg.

Relations between the Natal Midlands executives of the two organisations have reached an all-time low while the situation in the region has been described as extremely tense.

ANC Midlands chairman Harry Gwala said yesterday his organisation "cannot entertain any bilateral meetings with Inkatha at whatever level until the leadership fully explains their behaviour in these marches".

Two people were killed and 14 were injured when a bus came under fire after a march in Edendale on Saturday night, while six people were shot dead in Elandskop later that night.

The IFP has implied that ANC supporters ambushed the bus while the ANC claims the six people were executed by a "hit squad".

Mr Gwala alleged that events preceding, during and after the IFP march through Maritzburg were not aimed at promoting peace as was claimed by the IFP.

He said residents of Incwadi and Vulindlela were forced to march and slogans were chanted during the march praising Janusz Walus, the alleged assassin of SA Communist Party leader Chris Hani.

Mr Gwala added that he believed the six people shot dead in Elandskop on Saturday night "may have been killed because they did not attend the march, as they had earlier been warned".

He further claimed IFP members returning home from the march had attacked residents near Georgetown in Edendale.

The IFP's Midlands secretary Philip Powell strongly denied this, saying the bus had been ambushed and two women passengers were killed.

Mr Powell said the IFP would call on the Goldstone Commission to investigate the attack and a link between this attack and alleged inflammatory statements by ANC leaders before the march.

He also denied that marchers praised Mr Walus, claiming that ANC monitors at the march had said they heard no such remarks.

Mr Powell described the Midlands as very tense, adding that IFP supporters were extremely angry about the weekend killings.

Meanwhile, talks between the ANC and IFP on a peace pact in the region have stalled and there is no indication when they will resume. — Sapa.

Natal farmers fight back against boycott

Star 19/5/93

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — A "ceasefire" is tentatively holding together the southern Natal town of Harding after a day of drama characterised by tractor and trailer blockades, a consumer boycott, the torching of a truck and anger in the streets yesterday.

Five men were arrested during a "takeover" of the town by white farmers and businessmen. They were protesting against a "selective" boycott by the ANC.

Tension reached breaking point but was defused when the "ceasefire" agreement was thrashed out at a meeting of the Harding action committee (farmers), ANC, and the National Peace Secretariat last night.

Harding is the third town in the region, after Matatiele and Kokstad, to face consumer boycotts and counter-action by white businessmen and farmers.

The boycotts are part of an ANC-alliance programme aimed at having the South African security cordon around the Transkei lifted. (21b)

A consumer boycott against the town started on Monday and farmers retaliated with the blockade yesterday.

ANC starts stores boycott over cops

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DURBAN. — The ANC/SACP/Cosatu alliance has embarked on an indefinite consumer boycott targeting mainly national chainstores in Port Shepstone in a bid to persuade the business community to join in a campaign to remove some "problematic senior police officers" in the area.

ANC spokesman Mr Siyabonga Cwele said the boycott was planned to cover the chainstores in Port Shepstone, Margate and Harding.

He said it was officially launched on Monday.

"Our targets are those shops owned by people who were eligible for the present government. We mean people who have MPs representing them in Parliament," Mr Cwele said.

The Southern Natal Chamber of Business president, Mr Arnold Hofmann, said: "The boycott started on Monday on selected businesses. The chamber has found the boycott not to be effective.

"For example, some of the businesses that were on the ANC list considered Monday and yesterday to be normal trading days," Mr Hofmann said.

Africa Watch slams govt, police on violence

AFRICA WATCH SLAMS GOVT, POLICE ON VIOLENCE

IN a report strongly critical of what it said was government inaction on violence, the international human rights organisation Africa Watch today accused the police of continuing misconduct, and said they were widely distrusted in black communities.

The special report, titled "South Africa — Half-hearted Reform", said steps taken by the government had fallen far short of a serious attempt to end the violence.

But Law and Order Ministry spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said the Africa Watch report was highly misleading in that it failed to acknowledge that a political solution had to be found for the violence, and that the SAP could only deal with the symptoms of the underlying causes of violence.

Capt Kotze said one of the primary causes of the violence lay in the very area which Africa Watch had purposely ignored — the power struggle between ANC and Inkatha supporters.

Africa Watch said: "Abuses of human rights by members of the security forces continue and neither the government nor the security forces themselves have made serious efforts to investigate and prosecute those responsible."

Africa Watch claimed the government had been "markedly reluctant" to accede to recommendations by human rights groups and commissions of inquiry.

Capt Kotze said Africa Watch had also apparently chosen to ignore measures taken by the government not only to combat violence but to deal with issues such as death in custody These measures included huge call-ups of troops, and the deployment of up to one third of the SAP to combat violence. — Sapa

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Natal town in anti-ANC siege

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DURBAN. — A truck was torched and five men were arrested when farmers and businessmen blockaded the streets of the southern Natal town of Harding with tractors, trailers and trucks in a protest against the "undemocratic boycott" of the town by the African National Congress and the "harassment and intimidation of shoppers".

Trading in the town has ground to a halt.

Yesterday afternoon, southern Natal ANC officials and the Harding action committee were locked in talks to discuss the business boycott, but by late yesterday no outcome had been reached.

In a statement yesterday, the committee said the community had decided to close the town to all trade because of the selective boycotts of businesses by the ANC, intimidation of shoppers, the undemocratic conduct by the ANC in Harding and because businesses werebeing used as political pawns

Committee spokesman Mr Lawrence Hoatson said it had earlier called for a complete shut-down of all businesses until the ANC rectified the situation.

The committee said businesses would remain closed until further demands had been met.

These demands included that the ANC put forward a member of their local executive to the consultative peace forum in Harding, that business losses incurred due to selected boycotts be reimbursed by the ANC/Coastu/SACP alliance and that Mr Yunus Khan be removed from the local ANC executive.

Should these demands not be met, further action would be taken, a spokesman added.

However, a representative of the Harding civic association said about 80% of the town's businessmen were not prepared to close down and were meeting to discuss the situation.

The ANC southern Natal region could not be reached for comment.

Angry farmers want action

BLOEMFONTEIN. — Free State farmers gathered at a number of police stations throughout the province yesterday morning to demand the introduction of security measures in the region, it was reported.

The farmers demanded in memoranda that a curfew be introduced and that the police search black towns and squatter camps for illegal weapons.

Free State Agricultural Union security committee chairman Mr Faan Malherbe said at Hertzogville the measures should be carried out in cooperation with, and to the satisfaction of, organised agriculture's security committees.

The farmers also demanded that the government erect road-blocks on secondary roads and that control points be erected at the entrances to black towns.

The protests followed a meeting by Western Transvaal farmers in Potchefstroom on Monday where similar demands were made. — Sapa



TEA DISPLAY ... Ms Annalie Moolman of the SA Cultural History Museum shows an antique teapot and two types of tea that are on display in an exhibition that runs until July 31. Picture HAROLD KING

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Similar demands were made in Potchefstroom on Monday.

Meanwhile, ANC western Transvaal spokesman Rankoa Molefe said agreements reached on Monday between security forces and western Transvaal farmers was a "declaration of war" and if implemented there would be mass action of "unimaginable proportion".

In a meeting on Monday about 250 farmers, police and the SADF agreed to "sharpen up" road blocks, patrols and searches for illegal weapons. The possibility of imposing curfews and unrest areas would be investigated.

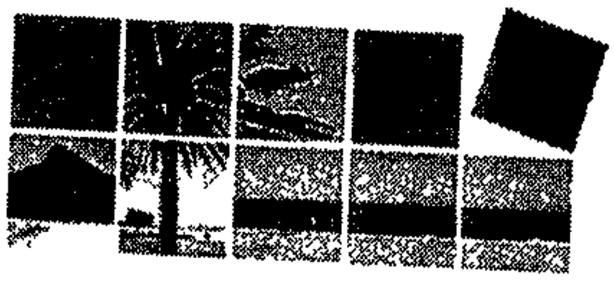
The DP said yesterday it sympathised with eastern Transvaal farmers, but it urged them not to allow a racial war to develop.

DP eastern Transvaal official Mike Waters said although farmers' "determination to take the law into their own hands in the face of a dithering government" was understandable, they should act only in defence of their families and property.

□ Two more elderly couples were attacked and robbed on Transvaal farms yesterday.

A 64-year-old farmer was seriously injured outside Pietersburg when he and his wife were attacked by two knife-wielding youths. The youths escaped with firearms and cash.

And near Boons in the western Transvaal, a 68-year-old woman was raped and her 82-year-old husband shot in the shoulder. Two attackers fled with a shotgun and cash. — Sapa.



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Commission ready to probe Inkatha deaths

RAY HARTLEY

OFFICIALS of the Goldstone commission were available to meet Inkatha "as soon as possible" to discuss ways of pursuing an inquiry into the killings of Inkatha officials, Judge Richard Goldstone said yesterday.

Goldstone said steps had already been taken to investigate the deaths.

"Inkatha furnished the commission with a list of over 200 Inkatha officials and members who are alleged to have been murdered since the signing of the peace accord. That list was handed to the SAP with the request that the incidents, known to the SAP, should be identified and relevant information given in relation to the commission," he said.

The judge said the commission informed a senior Inkatha member on May 8 that it wanted "any relevant information concerning any murders which Inkatha alleged were not satisfactorily being investigated by the SAP". There had been no response as yet.

"On May 11, the commission was informed by the SAP that the Inkatha allegations have formed the subject-matter of an investigation since November 1992. There has been contact in that regard between the SAP, the Inkatha Institute, the KwaZulu government and the SAP," he said.

Meanwhile, our Maritzburg correspondent reports that police yesterday offered a R20 000 reward in their investigation into the killing of two people in an ambush on a bus carrying Inkatha supporters at Georgetown near Edendale on Saturday night.

The supporters were returning from a peace march in Maritzburg when gunmen opened fire with AK-47s, killing two women and injuring 14 people.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Farmers demonstrate

A TRUCK was torched during a demonstration by farmers and businessmen against "selective business boycotts by the ANC" in Harding in Natal yesterday.

Five men were arrested during the protest which blockaded the town centre. The ANC, local action committee and other parties were meeting last night to try to solve the crisis.

ANC welcomes plan

THE ANCyesterday welcomed the funding of Eskom's electrification programme. The programme was announced jointly by Eskom and the Life Offices Association on Monday. "We welcome any such funding, provided it is properly discussed and negotiated with local communities," spokesman Carl Niehaus said.

Hospital strike

THE National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union (Nehawu) yesterday threatened to spread its industrial action campaign at the Johannesburg's Garden City Clinic to all Clinic Holdings' hospitals. The union said if management maintained its intransigent approach, the union would launch a national strike.

Rightwing farmers seal off Natal town

A GROUP OF MEN said to be radical, rightwing farmers yesterday took over the Natal town of Harding, police and the ANC in the area said.

ANC member Dr Deva Moodley was chosen as spokesman for the Indian business community yesterday after 40 armed white farmers began visiting Indian-owned shops demanding that they close.

Moodley said the farmers had brought in extra help and at 10am began setting up barricades to prevent anyone from getting into the town or leaving until their demands were met.

He said the farmers decided to blockade the town because of a selective boycott called by the ANC against white-owned businesses.

The other reasons are alleged ANC intimidation of customers, that businesses were being used as political pawns and the "undemocratic" behaviour of the ANC.

The farmers, calling themselves the Harding Action Committee, are demanding that the ANC put a representative on the Consultative Peace Forum.

The other two demands are that the ANC and its alliance compensate white businesses for losses incurred during the boycott and that the chairman of the ANC Harding branch, Mr Yunus Khan, be fired immediately.

■ SELECTIVE BOYCOTT

Demand for ANC compensation for white businesses:

Moodley said the ANC was prepared to talk about having a representative on the Consultative Peace Forum but that the other two demands were rejected.

"Last night there was a meeting in the town which involved United Nations peacekeepers, the ANC, the Harding Action Committee, members of the white community and representatives of businesses. They decided that no action be taken today.

"However, the farmers decided on their wave of intimidation when they visited Indian-owned shops and demanded that they shut down.

"While they made their demands, they video-taped the responses of the Indian businessmen," said Moodley.

He said some of the shops closed but others refused, which eventually led to the blockades being set up.

News in brief

Mourning dead miners

SECUNDA Collieries declared today a day of mourning for the 53 victims of last week's mining disaster at Sasol's Middelbult colliery.

Management said yesterday all underground operations at the colliery would be halted for the day to allow employees to attend memorial services in Secunda and eMbalenhle in the Eastern Transvaal. Five additional services would be held at various Sasol plants for employees unable to attend other services. The 53 mine workers died in an underground methane gas explosion, one of the worst mining disasters in recent years.

R200 000 reward

POLICE have offered a reward of R200 000 for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the attack in which three policemen and a policewoman were killed in Dobsonville, Soweto, early this month.

Soweto police spokesman Major Joseph Ngobeni yesterday called on anyone with information to contact Major Fielies Dempsey at (011) 980-7997 or the toll free number 0800 11 12 13. "Any information received will be treated confidentially," he said.

Correct words

IN a report on the *Sowetan*-Radio Metro Talkback Show last Friday, president of the Azanian Students Convention Mr Mark Mfikoe was quoted in *Sowetan* as having said "the political playing fields in Bophuthatswana have been levelled by Mangope's refusal to meet students' demands". Mfikoe has told *Sowetan* that his correct words were "to strive for free political activity in Bophuthatswana should be equated with the political tolerance of the repressive system that Bophuthatswana regime is because in essence, as the parameters of political activism widens so diminishes the room for political repression because political repression and liberation cannot exist in one room".

Robber kills pal

AN armed robber was accidentally shot dead by an accomplice in the Natal Midlands on Monday.

Police said yesterday two men entered the home of Mrs Norah Ngidi in Mid-Illovo and fired a shot which hit a third man keeping watch outside the house. The man was hit in the head and died instantly

Five killed in crime and violence in Natal

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DURBAN. — At least five people have been killed in incidents of violence and crime in Natal.

Kwazulu police reported the killing of Lucky Mfuphi, 18, in Pinetown's Kwandengezi township last night.

Mr Mfuphi and two friends were walking along a road in the township when gunmen fired at them for no apparent reason. The two other youths were taken to hospital with gunshot wounds.

In Kwamashu men's hostel, north of Durban, Mbhekiseni Gcaba was stabbed to death.

Police spokesman Major Hamilton Ngidi reported the death of two suspected robbers in Camperdown, near Maritzburg.

He said six men attempted to rob two Kwazulu police vehicles of pension funds due to be paid out.

The men opened fire on the vehicles but the police returned fire, fatally wounding two of them. The others fled.

In Durban, a man was killed and another wounded by the driver of a minibus taxi when they tried to hijack the vehicle. — Sapa.

'100 have been killed in Inanda'

DURBAN. — More than 100 people have been killed and over 500 shacks destroyed since violence erupted at Bhambayi in the Inanda area, north of Durban, in November last year while another five people were killed in Natal yesterday (276)

ANC southern Natal region media officer Mr Dumisani Makhaye said: "Since violence started in the area . . . no one has been arrested or prosecuted. CT 20/5/93

● Police shot and killed a suspect and the body of a man who had been shot was found in a car in the East Rand township of Katlehong yesterday, police said.

● Homes, an abattoir, a truck and police vehicles were stoned and petrol-bombed in several unrest related incidents in Burgersdorp and Middelburg yesterday. — Sapa

'Talk with guns' — Gwala

CT 20/5/93 (276)

DURBAN. -- ANC Natal Midlands chairman Mr Harry Gwala called on members of the SA Students' Congress yesterday to learn how to handle firearms, saying if negotiations failed the students should negotiate through the barrel of an AK-47.

In an impromptu address at the Natal Technikon sportsground, Mr Gwala said he was not prepared to die for freedom, but was prepared to kill for freedom

Earlier technikon and university students demonstrated in the city centre in solidarity with students at the University of Bophuthatswana (Unibo), seriously disrupting traffic for about five hours.

Unibo has been shut for almost two weeks following clashes between the homeland police and students

Traffic and business came to a standstill as police lined up against protesters, but confrontation was avoided by police withdrawing to a distance.

● In Cape Town about 500 high school pupils, led by five principals, marched peacefully to the Department of Education and Culture's offices yesterday afternoon, calling for an immediate end to teacher retrenchments.

● The Paarl Teachers' Forum announced a five-day strike from Monday

● The Soweto Education Co-ordinating Committee claimed yesterday that more than 75% of Soweto matriculation pupils had submitted their examination registration forms to the Department of Education and Training without paying fees

● The Inkatha-aligned South African Democratic Students Movement said it opposed any bilateral meeting between President F W de Klerk and ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela to end the crisis in black education

It said in a statement that pupils of all races paid examination fees and there was "no free lunch in life".

● The Cape African Teachers Union (Catu) said yesterday it supported the proposed strike by teachers from Monday, but wanted teachers to continue giving classes It believed picketing and cutting ties with the department would be action enough. — Own Correspondent, Sapa

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Police deny role in clashes

The police have rejected ANC allegations of involvement in a factional war in Inanda's Bhambayi settlement, near Durban, claiming the ANC is blaming the police because it has failed to resolve an internal conflict among its supporters. The ANC alleged some Internal Stability Unit policemen were "deeply involved" in Bhambayi's violence which has claimed over 100 lives this year — 22 last week alone. — Sapa

Mandela woos votes in strife-torn Natal

CT 22/5/93 (276)

DURBAN. — ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela will visit the strife-torn northern region of the Natal Midlands this weekend in an attempt to woo traditional leaders and rural voters.

His visit will focus on areas "targeted by the SAP, SADF and IFP for destabilisation", said ANC Midlands secretary-general Mr Sifiso Nkabinde.

Violence in Natal has claimed seven lives in the past few days, bringing the week's total to at least 29.

● At least one person has been killed, four injured and a train set alight in violent incidents on the Reef since Thursday, police said yesterday.

And in Thokoza, two policemen were injured when gunmen shot at their vehicle.

● The SA Institute of Race Relations said 4,5 people a day were on average killed in the first quarter of this year, the lowest number in at least three years.

It said the violence continued to be concentrated in parts of the Reef and KwaZulu/Natal.

It said Natal's political violence was mainly in Empangeni, Durban, Maritzburg and Richmond.

By April 21, 15 545 people had died in political violence since late 1984.

● Student and political rallies were banned for 24 hours in Bloemfontein yesterday. — Sapa

We'll protect life in Dundee — AWB

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DURBAN. — The Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging is sending a "strong" contingent of commandos to Dundee today to "protect life and property" during a visit to the northern Natal town by African National Congress president Nelson Mandela.

"Col" Leon van der Merwe, commander of the Ystergarde (Iron Guard), the paramilitary wing of the AWB, said yesterday some Dundee residents had requested protection and "we will protect life and property of those who ask for it".

In response ANC Natal Midlands regional secretary Sifiso Nkabinde expressed concern at the AWB's move and stressed that Mr Mandela's public meetings in northern Natal this weekend would be peaceful and dignified.

The ANC president is visiting several towns in the area and will address a rally in Dundee's Kallies Stadium this afternoon.

"There is absolutely no reason for the residents in these areas to panic or feel threatened," said Mr Nkabinde.

He said the presence of AWB members in Dundee would antagonise ANC supporters, particularly in light of prevailing tensions in the area.

A northern Natal police spokesman said yesterday the SAP was aware of the AWB's plans and "steps are being taken to ensure no incidents occur".

"Col" Van der Merwe said AWB commandos would be confined to property and businesses of people who requested protection.

"We don't regard our actions as provocative. Wherever they (ANC supporters) have gone with 'peaceful' rallies we have seen what's happened.

"We will be in civilian clothes so we're not provoking anyone," he added.

A statement by the ANC said: "There is, in our view, absolutely no reason for the residents in these areas to panic or feel threatened. We are a non-racial organisation, and we welcome everyone to attend the planned events. — Sapa.

Community crumbles as greens and reds clash for control

By FRED KHUMALO

TWO rival ANC factions at Bhambayi, a squatter settlement just north of Durban, are at loggerheads in their fight for power.

There are many factors feeding the fires of conflict, but the struggle for political control of the area is cited by many as the main cause.

The two factions call themselves the "Greens" and the "Reds".

About 100 people have died as a result of the faction fighting which began in November last year, yet there have been no prosecutions.

An ANC official and a "red" supporter, Dumisani Makhaye, believe members of the SAP Internal Stability Unit have not only turned a blind eye to the bloodshed, but have taken sides with the "greens".

The ANC has demanded that security forces be withdrawn from the area, but an SAP spokesman vehemently denied police collusion and said the police would not withdraw.

Burning houses

Most of the police in the area are Indians and Makhaye has accused them of being racist and "out to avenge the 1949 riots in which scores of Indians were slaughtered by Zulus".

"This could have serious political implications for Natal and our country in general. It could add to the racial polarisation in our country," he said.

Early this year, following the burning of almost 500 houses in the area, ANC officials together with the Transkei consulate met with the SAP's Gen John Manuel and Col Marzedt de Beer to address the raging "war".

It was agreed the Internal Stability Unit would be allowed to patrol the area but would not be allowed to make arrests.

However, as violence increased, the agreement was ignored and the ISU were permitted to make arrests. But the killings continued.

Last week 22 people were killed in the area.

Residents admit the faction fighting began before the arrival of the Internal Stability Unit.

Residents say there are a myriad of reasons underlying the conflict, including political, criminal and economical reasons.

According to unrest monitor Roy Ainslie, who has been associated with the community for several years, as many as 90 percent of the able-bodied men are unemployed and he does not find it surprising that the level of criminal activity in the area is so high.

Another reason given is that there was a disagreement between two prominent ANC leaders over which inyanga to use to fortify the community from occasional attacks by Inkatha supporters from the nearby Mshayazafe settlement.

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Business supports king in peace bid

City Press 23/5/93 (21c)

By SIPHO KHUMALO

KING Goodwill Zwelithini's recent peace initiative got into top gear this week when big business in Natal pledged support in principle for the king's overture aimed at ending violence in the region.

Members of the King's Committee for Peace, a group of prominent Zulus charged with the responsibility of appealing for wide-ranging support for the initiative, expressed great optimism after meeting representatives from the business sector this week.

"His Majesty has given his blessing to this initiative. Those who kill ... cause problems for the king and we are now trying to put an end to this," said Committee co-convenor, Rev CJ Mthethwa, who is also KwaZulu's minister of justice.

"The vehicle of peace is now out of the garage but not yet out of the gate. When the king unveils the whole plan you will know what we are talking about," Mthethwa said.

Committee members are still tight-lipped about how the Zulu monarch will launch his attack on the violence that has ravaged the region for the past seven years.

However, City Press has learnt from sources close to the King's Committee for Peace that the King is poised to convene a series of *izimbizo* (rallies) where his subjects will be urged to stop fighting.

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Dying by the gun and dying young

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DEATHS by gunshot wounds have increased by nearly 1 000 percent in the Natal region over the past four years — and more victims come from the 20 to 29-year age group than any other.

These statistics were released this week by a specialist doctor and lecturer in the department of forensic medicine at Natal University Medical School, Dr Reggie Perumal.

He was addressing the first joint conference of the British Academy of Forensic Sciences and the South African Medico-Legal Society, held in Durban.

In an interview, Dr Perumal said he had made a detailed analysis of the statistics from post mortems carried out in Durban for the Natal/Kwazulu region.

In 1989, doctors performed autopsies on 521 people who died of stab wounds, and 354 who died from gunshot wounds. Last year, the stab-wound rate had dropped

By CARMEL RICKARD

to 366, while fatal shootings accounted for 1 109 post-mortems, an increase of almost 1 000 percent.

Ninety percent of these cases were black men; most were aged from 20 to 29, with a second peak aged from 30 to 39. Very few victims were women, children or elderly.

He said those most affected were therefore the men of the "lost generation" — those who dropped out after the 1976 unrest — who had become unemployable due to lack of schooling.

High levels of alcohol were found in 35 percent of all the victims — a far higher proportion than the five percent elsewhere in the world who died from gunshot wounds. The alcohol level peaked in the 20 to 29-year-old age group, with many bodies showing more than double the legal limit.

Dr Perumal said this "unacceptably high level of alcohol abuse" indicated that the easy availability of alcohol was a contributing factor to violence.

The type of gunshot wounds on the bodies examined proved that military-type weapons were commonplace, with the AK-47 now being used even for petty crime.

Victims were also being killed more violently. Where a body would have one or two shots in the past, 10 bullet wounds were now the norm.

Fewer

The Durban government mortuaries carry out post mortems on anyone, from any part of Natal, killed by the police. Almost a third of the country's population lives in this region.

Dr Perumal said police were responsible for an average 20 to 25 percent of the fatal shootings seen by him and his colleagues.

However there had been a slight decrease during 1991/2. He agreed this could mean that police were being more disciplined and shooting fewer people, or that "some other force was doing the shooting for them".

One of the most interesting observations by Dr Perumal follows a week by week analysis from 1989 to 1992.

He noted the major political events during that period and the death rate, and concluded there was no correlation between increases in violence and political developments.

There is a perception that violence is stepped up shortly before important political events. However, Dr Perumal said he could find no evidence to support the "switch on, switch off" theory.

He said the continuing high level of violence was hampering efforts to improve health care in Natal. Many gunshot wounds had to be treated in the intensive care unit. The cost of hospitalisation in an ICU was about R4 000 per patient per day.

This added up to a large part of the budget which was badly needed for primary health care.

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27 killed in Natal unrest

Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG. — Two Inkatha Freedom Party supporters were shot dead and another six seriously wounded when a minibus taxi travelling through Wembezi near Estcourt was ambushed by an AK-47-wielding gunman early yesterday.

SA Police spokesman Captain Henry Budhram said a taxi taking 12 people to work at 6.15am was attacked by a man who flagged down the vehicle, and then opened fire at close range.

IFP spokesman Mr Ed Tillet said the minibus was travelling through Depo section, an ANC stronghold, when it was riddled with bullets He also called for an increased security presence in the township

Mr Tillet called for an immediate visible increase in the security presence in the township including foot and vehicle patrols.

The motive for the attack has not been established

● Violence has also flared up in the Eshowe area and the town is flooding with refugees from the nearby townships, where a series of attacks over the past two weeks has left at least 13 people dead.

● At Bulwer at the weekend, four people, including a five month-old girl, were killed and at least six people wounded in separate attacks by gunmen.

On Sunday a girl was killed in Bhidle and at Kwaxosheyakhe many people were injured and were treated in hospital.

● Three members of the KwaZulu Police and one South African policeman were shot dead and three other people were injured in an armed hijacking near Sezela on the Natal South Coast yesterday

● Police found the body of an Edendale man, Mr Nkosinathi Zondi, 23, on the Dambuza Road at the weekend He had been shot once through the head

● In East London police yesterday uncovered an arms cache near Mooiplaas in the Komga area

— Own Correspondent and Sapa

IFP demands security after taxi fired on

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Crime Reporter and Sapa

The IFP yesterday called for extra security in Natal's Wembezi township after two of its members died and six others were seriously injured in an AK-47 attack on a minibus taxi.

The minibus, transporting 12 IFP supporters to work, was ambushed at about 6.15 am, police said. (416) (276)

Natal SAP spokesman Captain Henry Budhram said the gunman waved the minibus down in Depo Section, pretending he wanted to go to Estcourt.

As the minibus stopped, the man riddled it with bullets.

Budhram said 11 bullet holes were found in the vehicle, and police recovered 15 spent AK-47 cartridges at the scene.

IFP spokesman Ed Tillet, who called for an immediate security force increase in the area, described Wembezi — an ANC stronghold — as a "hell run" for IFP supporters who had to travel through the township to enter Estcourt.

"IFP members daily have to run the gauntlet of stonings and being shot at," he said.

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4 policemen die in ambush

Three members of the KwaZulu Police and one South African policeman were shot dead and three other people injured in a dramatic armed hijacking near Sezela on the Natal South Coast yesterday. The men allegedly took R266 000 in pension money. — Own Correspondent

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Missing man's body found

The body of missing Camperdown farmer Alex Kalafatis was found yesterday. Police discovered the decomposed body in an abandoned house at Umgababa on the Natal South Coast. It appeared that he had been shot. Kalafatis's burnt-out car was found about two kilometres from the house. Three suspects have been arrested in connection with his death. — Sapa.

Spotlight on abortion deaths

Preventing deaths from abortions is the theme of this year's international day of action for women's health, which falls on Friday. To mark this day, the women's health project, a division of the Centre for Health Policy at the University of the Witwatersrand, is convening a workshop to discuss these issues. The workshop will be held on Saturday at the Central Methodist Church in Johannesburg. — Sapa.

Constable shot in Daveyton

A 32-year-old policeman, Constable Z S Mudugive, was shot dead in Daveyton yesterday. Police said the municipal policeman was walking with a female colleague at about 5 pm when three youths came from behind and shot Mudigive in the back of his head. The killers grabbed the policeman's pistol and fled. The woman was not injured in the attack. — Sapa.

Scores flee after four slain

Scores of people are reported to have fled their homes in the Bulwer area in Natal after a series of violent incidents at the weekend in which four people, including a five-month-old child, were killed following a rally organised by the ANC Youth League. The Inkatha Freedom Party and the league accused each other of harassment before and after the rally. — Sapa.

Baby dolphin makes splash

The Seaworld Dolphinarium in Durban recorded a "splashdown" of a special kind at the weekend when Indian Ocean bottlenose dolphin Frodo gave birth at 3 pm on Sunday. Fathered by Gambit, it was the fifth calf born to the two dolphins. A special "maternity" net was used during the birth to shield the infant from the pool's hard walls. — Own Correspondent.

Toddler drowns on farm

A toddler of 2½ was found drowned in a farm dam north of Pretoria yesterday. Police said Andre le Roux went missing about 8.30 am yesterday. After an extensive search, his body was found in the dam. — Sapa.

Two blasts rock Reef mine

Two explosions ripped through the Vaal Reef

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New rules for city's hawkers

By Cyril Madlala

Johannesburg's CBD pavements are to be leased to landlords in a bid to promote orderly hawking and overcome congestion and littering, the city council decided yesterday.

Leasing to landlords, including those in Hillbrow and Joubert Park, will be on a permanent basis with lease periods of at least a year.

Littering

"We sincerely believe that leasing pavements will lead to more orderly hawking in the CBD and that problems such as littering and obstruction will be alleviated," management committee chairman Ian Davidson said.

Before applications for sidewalk leases were submitted to the management committee, the urbanisation department would consult hawker associations, hawkers, and any other party whose interest might be affected, the council said.

Davidson said landlords would be encouraged to erect hawker stands on pavements adjoining their properties.

"It must be emphasised that the council is not attempting to discriminate against hawkers in favour of CBD landlords. We are in fact trying to improve informal trading so that everyone who shares the CBD can benefit," Davidson said.

Landlords leasing sidewalks would have to permit street traders to use a portion of the leased site free of charge, but the number of hawkers and the vending areas would be subject to approval by the municipality.

Although pavements would be leased to landlords only, hawker associations and consortia would be invited to lease identified market sites within the CBD.

Lessees would be required to upgrade the quality of hawking on the leased sites by providing temporary or permanent structures, refuse storage and, if possible, overnight storage facilities for the hawkers. They would be allowed to charge a nominal rental for the structures.

It was up to the landlords to ensure the sites were kept clean and traders did not obstruct pedestrians.

Cable theft hits phones

About 1 600 telephone subscribers in the Alrode industrial area east of Johannesburg will be without their services until Friday afternoon following the theft of cable on Monday, Telkom said yesterday.

A Telkom spokesman said three cables were stolen.

"Last year in the Witwatersrand region we had around R5 million worth of cable stolen."

Telkom hoped services would be restored to Alrode subscribers from about 4 pm

News in

More grief in Wembezi

ANOTHER two vehicles have been ambushed in Estcourt's troubled Wembezi township, leaving at least four people injured. SOWETAN 24/5/1993

Maritzburg police spokesman Captain Henry Budhram said Margaret Zakwe and her son Kanyiso were injured early yesterday when their vehicle was fired on by gunmen near Wembezi in Natal's Midlands.

In a similar attack on Tuesday night, gunmen opened fire on a vehicle near the township, injuring the driver and a passenger (276)

Provincial Administration of the Orange Free State

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Other Provincial Administrations

The Provincial Administration of Transvaal, Natal and the Cape of Good Hope do not keep statistics of causes of death.

Lung cancer: deaths

314. Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister for National Health and Welfare:

How many persons (a) in total and (b) in each race group died of lung cancer in each province in 1992? B706E

The MINISTER FOR NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE:

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***Per capita* allocation of health funds**

316. Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister for National Health and Welfare:

(1) Whether her Department has made any calculations regarding the *per capita* allocation of health funds for 1991–92 in the four provinces of the Republic; if so, (a) which (i) census year's statistics and (ii) financial year's expenditure were used as the basis for these calculations, (b) what allowance was made for rapid urbanization, (c) how was the expenditure per province calculated and (d) what factors were taken into account in reallocating funds between provinces;

(2) whether the independent Black states (TBVC states) were included for the purpose of these calculations; if so, as part of which provinces; if not, what allowance was made for cross-border flows;

(3) whether the (a) self-governing territories and (b) various departments of health in the (i) Republic, (ii) self-governing territories and (iii) TBVC states were included for the purpose of these calculations; if not, why not; if so, in what way;

(4) whether provision was made in these calculations for (a) health facility planning, (b) construction expenditure, (c) expenditure on equipment and (d) extraordinary expenditure; if not, why not; if so, (i) what items of extraordinary expenditure were provided for and (ii) how did their inclusion affect the *per capita* allocations;

(5) whether the figures derived from these calculations are updated annually; if not, why not; if so, what are the most recent estimates? B708E

The MINISTER FOR NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE:

(1) Yes,

(a) (i) 1985, as adjusted and

(ii) 1991/92 budget allocations,

(b) none,

(c) the total budget allocations to the town affairs administrations, provincial administrations and the self-governing territories within each of the geographic regions of Transvaal, Cape Province, Natal and the Orange Free State respectively, are divided by the total populations in each of the mentioned geographic regions.

The budget allocation of the Department of National Health and Population Development is not included in the allocations mentioned above because the Department—

— has a national overall responsibility in respect of health services which can only with great difficulty be divided into regions; and

— has limited responsibility for the delivery of health services and

(d) the Department divides the national health budget on the basis of a financing formula which has been approved by the Cabinet. The relative need for health services in the different geographic regions is the principle on which the formula is founed. The need for health services is determined by the size of the population in a specific geographic region, as well as the health status of the population. The latter takes mortality rates, loss of potential years of life and utilisation rates of health care facilities into consideration;

(2) no, accurate figures are not available;

(3) (a) yes, as stated in paragraph 1 (c) and

(b) (i) yes, as stated in paragraph 1 (c),

(ii) yes, as stated in paragraph 1 (c) and

(iii) no,

the TBVC States are excluded because of the fact that the health services of these states are not funded from the national health budget. The Department of National Health and Population Development carries no responsibility for allocation of the budget for health services in these states.

Regarding the health departments which are included, refer to paragraph (1) (c);

(4) (a), (b), (c) and (d) yes,

(i) the total allocations to each of the health authorities are used in the calculations. Specific items are not referred to and

(ii) because specific items are not referred to in the calculations, the per capita effect of the allocations cannot be determined;

(5) yes,

1993/94 (provisional estimates)

	Rand *per capita*
Cape Province	401
Orange Free State	293
Transvaal	266
Natal	235

In an effort to establish the *per capita* allocation in the four geographical regions on a more comparable basis, steps have been taken to improve the backlog in the Natal region. The results are as follows:

Percentage disparity in the *per capita* allocation between the Cape Province (highest) and the Natal region (lowest)

1991/92	85,9%
1992/93	76,6%
1993/94	70,6% (provisional figure)

Political violence in Natal Midlands: inquests

324. Mr W U NEL asked the Minister of Justice:

(1) How many inquests pertaining to death resulting from political violence were conducted in each magisterial district in the Natal Midlands (a) in 1992 and (b) during the period 1 January 1993 up to the latest specified date for which information is available;

(2) in how many of these inquests (a) was death attributed to persons unknown and (b) were findings referred to the Attorney-General for his decision;

(3) in how many cases (a) did the Attorney-General decline to prosecute and (b) were prosecutions instituted? B748E

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

The required information is not readily available. In an effort to be of assistance to the hon member, a few magistrates of districts (Pietermaritzburg, Glencoe, Howick and Estcourt) in the Natal Midlands were requested to furnish information regarding inquests pertaining to deaths flowing from violence. The following information for the period 1 January 1992 to 31 December 1992 is available.

(1)	Pietermaritzburg	745
	Glencoe	39
	Howick	53
	Estcourt	74
(2) (a)	Pietermaritzburg	459
	Glencoe	37

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	Howick	40
	Estcourt	53
(b)	Pietermaritzburg	745
	Glencoe	39
	Howick	53
	Estcourt	74
(3) (a)	Pietermaritzburg	734
	Glencoe	39
	Howick	53
	Estcourt	74
(b)	Pietermaritzburg	11
	Glencoe	0
	Howick	0
	Estcourt	0

Reserve Bank/Corporation for Public Deposits: profits

353. Dr W J BOTHA asked the Minister of Finance:†

(1) Whether the Reserve Bank showed a profit (a) during the period 1 January 1921 up to and including 31 December 1988 and (b) in 1989, 1990, 1991 and 1992, respectively; if so,

(2) whether any portion of this profit accrued to the State during the periods mentioned in paragraph (1) (a) and (b); if not, why not; if so, what was the amount, in each case;

(3) whether the Corporation for Public Deposits has shown a profit since 1 January 1984; if not, why not; if so, what is the relevant figure in respect of each calendar year since that date? B828E

The MINISTER OF FINANCE:

(1) (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(2) The total profits after a dividend of not more than 10 per cent and a transfer to the statutory reserve fund of 10 per cent of the remaining profit, is paid to the Government annually in terms of the South African Reserve Bank Act, No. 90 of 1989.

The following amounts have been paid to the State:

Financial year ended 31 March	*R(millions)*
1921 – 1988	405,1
1989	48,7
1990	147,1
1991	70,9
1992	139,4

(3) The Corporation for Public Deposits has realised the following profits since its inception in 1984:

Financial year ended 31 March	*R(millions)*
1985	10,4
1986	16,7
1987	16,7
1988	15,7
1989	19,0
1990	35,6
1991	31,7
1992	27,1

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QUESTIONS

Indicates translated version.

For written reply:

General Affairs:

Illegal abortions: persons charged

2. Mr M RAJAB asked the Minister of Justice:

(a) How many persons were charged with illegally performing abortions during the latest specified period of three years for which figures are available and (b) how many of the persons so charged were convicted on this charge? D233E

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

The following statistics were obtained from the Central Statistical Services:

	July 1988–June 1989	July 1989–June 1990	July 1990—June 1991
(a) Number of persons prosecuted	33	44	33
(b) Number of persons convicted	26	36	20

Own Affairs:

Financial assistance to institutions

1. Mr A RAJBANSI asked the Minister of Welfare:

Whether any financial assistance was given by his Department to certain institutions, the names of which have been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, in the 1991–92 financial year; if not, why not; if so, what was the (a) nature and (b) extent of the assistance given to each of these institutions? D282E

The MINISTER OF WELFARE:

Yes.

(a) Granting of subsidies

(b) (i) Aryan Benevolent Home Council—Chatsworth

Children's Home	R1 166 021,16
Home for the Aged	R 504 015,48
Home for the Handicapped	R2 777 829,24
Service Centre for Aged	R 28 199,98

(ii) Cheshire Home—Chatsworth

Adult Home	R 101 576,24
Children's Home	R 76 433,26

(iii) Chatsworth Child and Family Welfare Society R 563 773,15

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ANC to meet KZP general

Esikhawini's ANC branch is to meet KwaZulu Police Commissioner Roy During in Empangeni today to address ongoing violence in the northern Natal township where over 100 people have been killed in the past year. The meeting follows protests and appeals by the ANC and unrest monitors for an investigation into the activities of the KZP in Esikhawini. — Sapa. (276)

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At the heart of the agreement was the bringing together of ANC activists and the traditional leaders, breaking down the mutual mistrust which existed between the two groups. The leaders were encouraged to elevate themselves above politics.

Steven Collins, community conciliation and mediation co-ordinator at Idasa's Durban office, points out that the traditional leaders have feared being sidelined and stripped of their powers in a new dispensation. They naturally fought to preserve existing power bases.

Moses Anathu of the Commonwealth Observer Mission agrees but stresses that fears of marginalisation probably stemmed from a lack of communication rather than any basis of fact. "I don't believe the ANC ever planned to exclude the traditional leaders from the process of change. Whenever we've brought the ANC and traditional leaders together, it has gone like clockwork."

Clearly others have picked up on this. Collins says there appears to be a growing tendency among the Amakhosi to distance themselves from political parties. "Some are even telling their people they can join whichever political party they choose." That, says Collins, is a sign of change. Communities had in recent years become polarised with everyone being forced publicly to support one or other party.

Last weekend's Mpumalanga peace rally, attended by thousands of ANC and IFP supporters celebrating the creation of peace in the area, is tangible evidence of the change under way.

Collins also points to the establishment of the group of concerned Zulus as evidence of a growing feeling that initiatives to end violence must transcend traditional political loyalties. Hence the involvement of luminaries like the ANC's deputy secretary-general Jacob Zuma and IFP national chairman Frank Mdlalose in the 28-person Zulu forum which also includes PAC, business, clergy, trade union and academic representation.

Their primary objective is to encourage the king to become actively involved in the peace process on a nonpolitical basis, something he certainly appears to be doing — hence his calls for a meeting between Mandela and Buthelezi.

As Anathu says: "The king is at the highest level of traditional leaders. If he's going to take an active part in bringing about peace, we will all applaud him."

Political violence, in spite of a few widely publicised incidents, is declining in Natal/KwaZulu. According to Natal/KwaZulu regional peace committee chairman M C Pretorius, the average number of deaths from political violence is about 4,5 a day compared to more than 10 or 12 in the last couple of years.

The committee has taken several new steps to improve its ability to head off violence, among them the possibility of having marshals from opposing parties at marches. The suggestion came from the ANC and the IFP, which is encouraging indeed. ■

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Drawing on the good

There's been a quiet political shift, largely undetected by political observers, which could signal the first real hopes of peace in war-torn Natal/KwaZulu.

Unrelated events stretching back to the end of last year could, if linked, point to a Zulu-orchestrated initiative that is gradually gathering momentum. They include the Commonwealth-brokered peace agreement at Port Shepstone last year; the establishment of the Concerned Group of Zulus; King Goodwill Zwelithini's support for talks between ANC leader Nelson Mandela and his IFP counterpart, Mangosuthu Buthelezi; and a meeting of hundreds of Amakhosi (chiefs) and Izinduna (headmen) with the king at the weekend.

Initially, progress by the structures of the National Peace Accord seemed slow, despite the resources which have been poured into the region to achieve peace. Even pleas by ANC and IFP leaders seemed to fall on deaf ears. There was little point in establishing who was to blame, since each side blamed the other — both had priests and guns on their side.

Perhaps obscured in the bloodshed was the fact that a Zulu solution was needed to end the Zulu slaughter of Zulus. However, it was left to the Commonwealth Observer Mission to broker a remarkably effective peace, which, apart from a small lapse recently, has held up surprisingly well.

Gwala stirring up violence — IFP

Weekend Argus Correspondent

DURBAN.— A complaint about alleged inflammatory remarks made by the chairman of the Midlands branch of the African National Congress, Mr Harry Gwala, has been lodged with the National Peace Committee.

The Inkatha Freedom Party claims the remarks were calculated to incite violence and hatred.

Mr Gwala was reported to have made the remarks to students at the Natal Technikon in Durban on May 19.

He called on members of the South African Students' Congress to learn how to handle firearms, because if negotiations failed they must be prepared to win power through the barrel of an AK-47.

"I am not prepared to die for freedom, but to kill for freedom," he said.

The IFP said it was deeply concerned that the African National Congress's national leadership continued to allow Mr Gwala to use his senior office as a platform from which to launch "morally depraved utterances".

The party said Mr Gwala continued to flout regularly the provisions of the National Peace Accord with defiant and contemptuous impunity.

In Pretoria, African National Congress Youth League president Mr Peter Mokaba received a tumultuous welcome from Medunsa students who yesterday welcomed him with the slogan he coined: "Kill the boer, kill the farmer".

Mr Mokaba addressed students together with ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela's estranged wife, Winnie, Mr Gwala and Transkei ruler General Bantu Holomisa.

Arrests 'foil Apla raids'

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Three held after attempted bomb attack on Johannesburg restaurant

The Argus Correspondents

DURBAN. — Arrests of Azanian People's Liberation Army members in Natal may have prevented three planned attacks being carried out on bars in the province — two in Durban and one on the South Coast, police said today.

Three suspected Apla members were arrested in a games hall in Rockey Street, Johannesburg, on Saturday night.

Police said they were in possession of a stick grenade, 250g of Russian-made TNT explosive and 1kg of plastic explosive. The plastic was packed with 130cm nails for maximum effect.

Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel said the arrests could have foiled a suspected Apla attack on a nearby restaurant.

Police spokesman Colonel Johan Mostert said police had identified three Natal targets after the interrogation of Apla members arrested in the province.

Colonel Mostert identified the targets only as bars and said police had decided not to name the venues — two in Durban and one on the Natal South Coast.

Investigations were continuing, Colonel Mostert said .

After the attempted bombing of a crowded Yeoville restaurant on Saturday, a Chinese stick grenade was detonated in a controlled explosion by bomb disposal experts about 9.30pm.

Another man was arrested and more arms were seized in a follow-up operation in Soweto late on Saturday night.

Colonel Mostert said the restaurant Rockerfella's had been the initial target in Rockey Street, but the men had apparently noticed police there and had moved off to the games hall instead.

He said they were arrested as they approached the games hall to place their bomb.

The men were members of Apla, the Pan Africanist Congress's military wing, he said.

Colonel Mostert said if the explosives had gone off, the damage would have been "horrific".

He said members of the Crime Combatting and Investigation unit, investigating the activities of Apla, kept a watch on the restaurant on Saturday night and arrested the three men.

"As a result of the arrests and in follow-up investigations during the night, police went to a house in Diepkloof, Soweto.

"When police tried to gain entrance to the house they came under fire. During the ensuing fight, a man was wounded and arrested."

Colonel Mostert said this was the second group to be arrested in a week.

Last week a group was arrested in Natal and — during interrogation of this group — police established that several public bars and restaurants had been targeted for attack.

The arrests on Saturday had been a direct result of the Natal interrogation, he said.

Mr Kriel said in a statement: "The incidents once again fully justifies last week's actions by the police against the PAC and Apla."

He said police would continue combatting "atrocities" by the PAC and Apla.

Reacting to the events, PAC legal head Willie Seriti said his organisation did not know what evidence police had to conclude that Apla members were involved in the foiled attack.

He said the PAC had no knowledge of the men alleged to be implicated in the attack.

Natal deaths escalate

SEVEN men have been shot and killed in ongoing Natal violence since Friday. A woman has been stabbed to death. Sowetan 2/6/93

Police also reported the killing of a man in nearby KwaMakutha on Saturday and four more deaths in KwaMashu. — *Sapa.* (276)

ANC's eight steps to peace

A peace-offering mission to mend the rift between the ANC and IFP could go far in quelling violence in Natal. This report

by Argus Correspondent VASANTHA ANGAMUTHU in Durban.

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THE ANC in Natal has offered an olive branch to the IFP, urging a meeting between its president, Nelson Mandela and IFP leader, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi as a first step to mending their tattered relationship.

The three regions of the ANC — Southern Natal, Natal Midlands and Northern Natal — committed themselves to an ambitious 8-point programme in a bid to bring peace to the violence torn region.

ANC spokesman Dumisani Makhaya said it was crucial for the ANC and IFP to spread the gospel of peace and political tolerance among their respective members, supporters and sympathisers.

This would be the first time the ANC had sent out such a strong message urging some kind of cordial relationship with the IFP.

"While it is true that the apartheid forces are responsible for this internecine violence which is tearing our communities apart, it is equally true that the lack of political tolerance between political organisations, especially between the ANC and IFP, provide fertile ground for the apartheid forces to foment violence among our people," Mr Makhaya said.

The ANC regions suggested eight steps to be taken as a matter of urgency:

● The ANC/IFP leaderships together preach the right to free political activity and an end to militarisation of politics;

● The local ANC and IFP leaderships creatively involve themselves and their respective members, supporters and sympathisers in the process of peace and political tolerance;

● They must be helped in this by their respective regional leaderships;

● Transparency in all deliberations of local and regional disputes resolution committees. After every meeting, a Press statement must be issued to explain progress and obstacles towards peace. The ANC urged resolutions committees to allow journalists to cover such meetings and said these structures must consciously and increasingly involve people drawn from communities that were ravaged by violence;

● The ANC and IFP regional leaderships with the assistance of the RDRC, international observers, and church groups meet and engage themselves in the process of peace and political tolerance as a matter of urgency;

Mr Mandela and Dr Buthelezi must hold an initial peace meeting with the aim of jointly instructing an ANC/IFP preparatory committee for their summit to complete their tasks by a set date and to instruct their regional counterparts to consolidate the peace process;

● The preparatory committee to present its report to the ANC/IFP leaderships. The report to be studied and amendments made. Mr Mandela and Dr Buthelezi to exchange their amended reports;

● A summit meeting between Mr Mandela and Dr Buthelezi with international observers, media representatives and other interested parties. The instrument of peace and political tolerance to be signed;

● Joint peace rallies held.

Mr Makhaya said both the ANC and the IFP would have to exercise "maximum vigilance" to ensure that this renewed peace boost was successful.

"As we move towards this major peace initiative, the enemies of peace will unleash unprecedented violence against our people with an aim of discrediting the peace initiative.

"Let there be peace among our people ... let us together declare war on violence."

The ANC said there would have to be mass participation and support to ensure the success of this peace initiative.

15 perish in Natal violence

DURBAN. — At least 15 people were killed in attacks in rural areas near Estcourt in Natal's Midlands and in Kwamakhutha township, 30km south of Durban, police reported yesterday

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Maritzburg police spokesman Captain Henry Budhram said four people were killed when the homestead of Mr Joseph Nkosi in Loskop, near Estcourt, was attacked at 8.30pm on Thursday.

The African National Congress claimed five people were killed in this attack, all of whom allegedly belonged to the organisation.

Captain Budhram said another homestead in the vicinity was attacked 30 minutes later, leaving two people dead

Early yesterday the Sithole homestead near Estcourt was attacked by gunmen who killed five people.

In an attack in Kwamakhutha four people were killed, according to Kwazulu police reports. — Sapa.

Inkatha, ANC row as 11 die in series of Natal attacks

By SIPHO KHUMALO Cl Press 6/6/98

A MERE two weeks after ANC president Nelson Mandela was received with ululations in the small Natal Midlands town of Estcourt, 11 people died in a series of murderous attacks. (27)

Police spokesman Maj Hamilton Ngidi confirmed that most of the victims were ANC members.

The ANC in Natal was quick to dub the killings as "an Inkatha campaign of genocide".

Inkatha spokesman Phillip Powell slated the ANC statement for its "inflamatory comments". He said his movement was still investigating the killings.

However, Inkatha official Ed Tillett said the Ukhahlamba constituency of the party had confirmed that the victims were Inkatha members.

Tillet found the police statement "strange".

The raiders struck in two villages starting on Thursday evening and ending in the early hours of Friday. Police spokesman Capt Henry Budhram said AK-47s and 9 mm pistols were used.

The Magebandaba home of Joseph Nkosi at Loskop came under assassins' fire. Four inhabitants died and two were seriously injured.

Ndumiso Nkosi, 13, Thabile Nkosi, 16, Sipho Nkosi, 19, and Themba Nkosi, 24, were killed. Florence Nkosi, 50, and her husband Mfokaziwa were seriously injured.

Thirty minutes later the nearby home of Mana Ndlovu was attacked and Sabelo Ndlovu, 22, and Khwezi Sibeko, 22, died. Thwabasha Zuma, 32, and Siphiwe Hlongwane, 40, were critically wounded.

The killers went on to Ntabamhlophe village nearby and killed five people at the Sithole homestead. Bheki Nkomo, 20, Dumisani Sithole, 20, Thoko Mbhele, 21, Phinease Hadebe, 22, and Sibusiso Mkhize, 19, died.

Meanwhile, KwaZulu Police said four people died in KwaMakhutha township south of Durban this week – Eric Mthembu, 56, his wife Remegia Mthembu, 55, Lucky Myeza, 55, and Tholakele Mnyandu. Inkatha said these were their members killed while changing a tyre.

8-point plan for peace in Natal

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IN the wake of the continued violence in Natal the ANC has come up with an eight-point plan for peace in the region.

The peace plan has been warmly but cautiously welcomed by Inkatha.

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The eight steps to peace are:

- The local ANC and Inkatha leaderships must involve themselves and their members at grassroots level in the process of peace and the creation of a climate for political tolerance;
- The ANC/Inkatha leaderships must together preach the right to free political activity and an end to militarisation of politics;
- There must be transparency in all deliberations of local and regional dispute resolution committees;
- Both regional leaderships, with the assistance of dispute resolution committees, international observers and church groups must meet and engage themselves in the process of peace as a matter of urgency;
- Mandela and Buthelezi must hold an initial peace meeting with the aim of jointly instructing an ANC/Inkatha preparatory committee to complete their tasks by a set date;
- The preparatory committee present its report to the ANC/Inkatha leaderships;
- A summit meeting between Mandela and Buthelezi be held with international observers, media representatives and other interested parties – and;
- Joint peace rallies be held.

Squatters attack white homes

CIPRESS 6/6/93

By FRED KHUMALO

AFTER 200 shacks outside Durban were demolished on Friday, squatters retaliated by attacking white houses nearby.

The local civic association has also threatened a consumer boycott against white businesses in the area.

The demolition, which was ordered by the Natal Provincial Administration (NPA), sparked a racial clash, with squatters petrol-bombing and stoning houses of a white suburb near Embo outside Hillcrest.

On Friday a house belonging to a white family was petrol-bombed and other houses stoned after the demolishers swooped on the "illegal" Embo settlement. Many of the squatters moved to the area after fleeing violence in the rest of Natal.

While the demolishers, escorted by police, smashed down the rock-and-daub shelters, squatters attacked the adjoining white suburb.

A police spokesman said that during the attack on a house, one of the occupants fired at the squatters. Three squatters were arrested.

Vow by ANC and IFP chiefs turns war zone into a haven of peace

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By RYAN CRESSWELL

A LONG-STANDING pact between an African National Congress chief and an Inkatha Freedom Party chief has brought peace and rising prosperity to 70 000 people in a battle-scarred area of Natal.

When ANC regional executive member Chief Zibuse Mlaba, 37, of Ximba, and Kwazulu Legislative Member Chief Bangubukhosi Mdlubi, 59, of Manyavu, got together in February 1991 to talk peace, the event went almost unnoticed.



PEACE ... Chief Bangubukhosi Mdlubi (IFP) and Chief Zibuse Mlaba (ANC) shake hands in friendship

Notorious

But it was the start of one of the first and most amazing peace initiatives in South Africa because it turned around the desperate lives of their people and offered them a future.

The two beautiful rural Kwazulu areas ruled by the chiefs are part of the Mpumulanga area in the notorious Table Mountain region of the Natal Midlands.

Late in 1989 a war between ANC youths in Ximba and IFP men in Manyavu broke out and quickly escalated.

By the time the two chiefs made their peace pledge more than a year later, hundreds of people had been killed and thousands of refugees had fled the area.

In one battle alone, at the height of the trouble early in 1991, the ANC lost 50 men and the IFP lost dozens of its fighters on an open killing field.

Last Sunday that same battlefield was used by members from both areas to celebrate the completion of the first phase of a R10,5-million water project being constructed by Umgeni Water, and a community centre that will serve thousands of people.

The development project was funded by the Port Natal Joint Services Board.

Eskom has also moved into the area and electricity has been installed in hundreds of small huts.

After peace broke out the two chiefs went to industrialists in the area and got back jobs for scores of men who had been unable to go to work for months because they were too scared to cross into enemy territory.

Gunmen

A school for 1 000 students was recently built by the Independent Developement Trust in Ximba.

Chief Masinga Mlaba is the brother of the Natal secretary of the ANC-aligned Congress of Traditional Leaders of South Africa (Contralesa), who was assassinated by gunmen in 1988.

Chief Mlaba said: "Nobody is forced to join any particular political party. We haven't had fighting here for years and the crime rate is right down.

"The building projects in the area have helped keep the peace because we often talk to each other about the projects and they create jobs and a bit of prosperity."

Chief Mdlubi, who had his tribal court and the shop in his area burnt down during the fighting, said people who had fled to other areas were "flocking" back.

Ten killed in Natal since Friday

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DURBAN. — At least 10 people have died in Natal since Friday, police said yesterday.

In Cape Town, at least eight shacks were destroyed by fire in Crossroads squatter camp at the weekend.

● A man was killed in Vosloorus and the bodies of three other men were discovered on the East Rand at the weekend.

On Saturday the body of two unidentified men were found in Katlehong and police killed a man found inspecting a body.

● In a large raid on the Mandela Park and Holomisa Park squatter camps near Thokoza yesterday 77 people were arrested and a large cache of arms confiscated. CT 8/6/93

● A policeman was strangled in the northern Transvaal on Sunday night.

● Two members of the QwaQwa police were shot dead on Saturday morning. — Sapa

Taxis blockade town

DURBAN. — ~~A hundred~~ (276) taxi drivers staged a four-hour blockade in Isipingo on Natal's South Coast to protest against policemen who allegedly demanded cash bribes in return for dropping charges of traffic violations.

The taxi drivers dispersed after the dog unit arrived at the scene, said police spokesman Major Hamilton Ngidi. No charges against policemen were lodged after the protest. — Sapa.

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'No sign' of Natal massacre

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PRETORIA. — A Goldstone Commission committee had found no evidence of an alleged massacre in Natal by a "third force" involving a Portuguese national, Mr Justice Richard Goldstone said yesterday in a statement accompanying the committee's report.

The allegations concerning violence instigated by members of the South African Police were published in in Vrye Weekblad in October last year. They were based on information supplied to the weekly by Mr Joao Cuna, a former Mozambican army member who was recruited by Military Intelligence as an informer.

Mr Cuna was arrested by the police shortly after publication of his allegations.

The Goldstone committee, subsequently, was appointed to investigate the allegations and conduct of Mr Cuna who claimed that he had been "instigated" to make the report to the magazine.

The committee found no evidence that Mr Cuna had participated in a massacre as described in the article or that there was a third force instigating and perpetrating violence.

IFP deaths: Goldstone call

DURBAN. — The Inkatha Freedom Party has called on the Goldstone Commission to investigate the "serial assassination" of its leadership following the killing of another three at the weekend.

● Three Estcourt men have been arrested in connection with the massacre of five people last Friday.

● The African National Congress has slammed a police raid of members in Applesbosch. — Sapa, Own Correspondent

Taxi drivers block routes

Sowetan 9/6/93

SCORES of taxi drivers blocked access routes to Isipingo, south of Durban, for the second successive day yesterday.

On Monday, 100 taxi drivers staged a four-hour blockade in Isipingo to protest against policemen who they alleged demanded cash bribes in return for dropping traffic charges. — *Sowetan Correspondents and Sapa.*

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'149 die' in May Natal unrest

DURBAN. — At least 149 people — including nine children younger than 13 — were killed in politically-related violence in Natal last month, according to the Natal Monitor.

In its latest edition, the monthly unrest publication said of these, at least 55 deaths were recorded in the Durban area.

The worst conflict was at Bhambayi in Inanda, where 25 people were killed There were 13 reported deaths in KwaMashu.

The publication reported 13 deaths on the South Coast, eight of them in KwaMakhutha

Thirty-four people were killed in the Midlands, with Richmond, Ixopo, Sweetwaters, Wembezi and Wartburg the worst areas

● East Rand police yesterday morning found the body of a 54-year-old man who had been stabbed and thrown from a moving train between Driehoek and Geldenhuis stations.

● Police yesterday closed a road in Grahamstown after three people were injured when stoned by protesters.

The group was protesting against the court appearance of people on unrest charges.

Police said after they failed to disperse, nine protesters were arrested.

They were later released on warning. — Sapa

Natal death toll up to 45 since weekend

DURBAN. — The death toll in Natal since the weekend rose to about 45 with the killings of a Northern Natal man in Esikhawini township, outside Empangeni, and three hostel inmates in Umlazi

On Monday, the body of an unidentified man with two gunshot wounds was found in Old Crossroads

In Natal, the weekend violence death toll of 33 climbed steadily as more deaths were reported by police, unrest monitors and political parties.

Police confirmed 41 deaths but the ANC and peace accord officials put the toll at 45.

A KwaZulu Police (KZP) spokesman said Mr Fred Cilliers, 45, was found shot dead near his vehicle in Esikhawini late on Monday night. He also confirmed the killing of four people in the township on Sunday

In the latest reports, SAP spokesman Major Bala Naidoo said three people were killed in Umlazi's Glebelands hostel when three gunmen attacked sleeping inmates early yesterday.

Another two bodies were found in other parts of the township overnight.

The KZP said three people — two children, aged four and eight, and a man — were killed on Monday night in an attack on a homestead in Ntshongeni in the the Midlands.

A 70-year-old man was also killed in nearby Ntshongeni early yesterday, police said. He was shot while walking in an open field.

The breakdown in killings in Natal since Friday is: Port Shepstone — 13; Bergville — four (according to the SAP), seven (according to the ANC); Esikhawini — six (KZP), seven (peace accord), Wembezi — two; Patheni — three; Umlazi — five; Bhambayi — one; Kwambonambi — three and Nquthu — four.

Police have offered a R50 000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the Port Shepstone attackers.

Yesterday, three men appeared in the Bergville Magistrate's Court in connection with weekend killings there. They were granted bail of R1 000 each and the case was postponed to July 12

A meeting between the Regional Dispute Resolution Committee (RDRC) secretariat and international observers will take place in Durban today to discuss the weekend violence, an RDRC spokesman said.

The Goldstone Commission would also send teams to Bergville and Patheni to probe weekend killings there, he said. — Sapa

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MP condemns N2 protest

Natal National Party MP Dr Johan Steenkamp yesterday condemned demonstrations against police and security force patrols along the N2 freeway on the Natal South Coast. On Saturday ANC Youth League protesters, calling for the removal of security forces from Umgababa, closed the freeway for two hours. — Sapa (276)

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Farmers killed in Natal/KwaZulu

382. Mr W U NEL asked the Minister of Law and Order:

How many (a) farmers were killed in attacks in (i) Natal and (ii) KwaZulu in each month during the period 1 January 1992 up to the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) armed attacks and/or robberies on farmers were reported in each of the above-mentioned areas during this period? B896E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(a) (i)

1992			
January	1	July	0
February	0	August	3
March	2	September	1
April	0	October	0
May	1	November	1
June	1	December	1
1993			
January	0	April	1
February	2	May	0
March	0		

(ii) As KwaZulu has its own police force, statistics are not kept by the South African Police.

(b) (i)

1992			
January	2	July	5
February	3	August	3
March	2	September	5
April	6	October	4
May	6	November	6
June	3	December	1
1993			
January	1	April	0
February	2	May	1
March	0		

(ii) As KwaZulu has its own police force, statistics are not kept by the South African Police.

Murders in Natal/KwaZulu

383. Mr W U NEL asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(a) How many persons were murdered in (i) Natal and (ii) KwaZulu in each month during the period 1 January 1992 up to the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) how many of these murders were attributable to political violence? B897E

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(a) (i)

1992			
January	411	July	462
February	415	August	505
March	420	September	433
April	404	October	457
May	390	November	430
June	383	December	580
1993			
January	472		
February	373		

(ii) As KwaZulu has its own police force, statistics are not kept by the South African Police.

(b) (i)

1992			
January	33	July	74
February	25	August	98
March	41	September	76
April	37	October	85
May	51	November	65
June	46	December	108
1993			
January	78		
February	58		

(ii) As KwaZulu has its own police force, statistics are not kept by the South African Police.

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Soweto Day relatively calm

Staff Reporters

Despite some incidents of violence, countrywide June 16 commemorations passed peacefully yesterday as workers, students and pupils stayed home or attended rallies.

At least one person was killed and a policeman hurt in Natal violence linked to Soweto Day remembrances. Police found four bodies in Katlehong and the Zonk'iZizwe squatter camp.

On the volatile East Rand, rallies passed relatively peacefully. But in one incident, Katlehong's local peace committee chairman Cathy Jensen was stabbed in the groin.

At least four people were injured and taken to Natalspruit Hospital during a commemoration service at Vosloorus stadium. Three of the injured sustained gunshot wounds.

Also in Vosloorus, a group of youths set a minibus alight.

Five people were wounded after a Soweto Day rally in Ipelegeng in the western Transvaal when gunmen opened fire on them from inside a shop. Seven people were arrested.

A man was killed in Bhambayi shack settlement in Inanda township north of Durban when police came across a group of armed men who fled, firing shots. Police returned the fire, killing one man.

A policeman was injured in Inanda when a patrol was attacked by youths who had erected street barricades.

There were incidents in Cape Town when SA Democratic Teachers' Union members and police clashed. A number of arrests took place.

There were pitched battles between police and protesting crowds in Ceres in the Boland, but the situation in the rest of the western and eastern Cape was relatively quiet.

Several stoning incidents and petrol bombings were reported by police in Kimberley and surrounding areas.

Fifth murder count probed

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MARITZBURG. — Police are investigating a fifth charge of murder against five policemen from Mountain Rise.

State prosecutor Mr Anthony Irons told the Maritzburg Regional Court that the men had been linked to a fifth murder in the province, but it was unclear which of the five were involved. (276)

Four of the men are to appear in the Scottburgh Magistrate's Court on June 13 on charges of murdering former Mountain Rise police station commander Captain Jeffrey Durugiah. — Sapa

Peace award for community

MARITZBURG. — The community of Mpumalanga near Hammersdale is to receive the first Africa Peace Award as part of a campaign initiated by the African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes (21 OCT 18 1993)

The presentation of the award will be made at a two-day peace seminar which begins in Durban today. — Sapa

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June jitters

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If recent emphasis has been on defusing tension between the IFP and ANC, the process can have been helped very little by the ANC Youth League's decision to hold June 16 "defiance rallies" in KwaZulu areas.

This seems to contradict the spirit if not the letter of an earlier proposal by the ANC's Southern Natal Region for the implementation of an eight-point peace plan which, as well as urging a Mandela/Buthelezi meeting, recognises that the peace process must also be driven from grass roots.

An essential element for success must involve self-restraint on both sides and an end to deliberately taunting the opposition and seeking confrontation. Yet that is exactly

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what the youth league appeared to have planned

It means one of three things: the league and the ANC alliance have different agendas; the league is unaware of the alliance's peace moves because of poor internal communications; or the peace proposal was simply a publicity stunt without substance.

Certainly the IFP believes the third explanation However, the ANC's Southern Natal branch and its youth league deny a policy disparity, a communications breakdown or any intention to antagonise the IFP.

The ANC's Southern Natal deputy regional secretary, Mpho Scott, says the peace campaign was to be the focus of the two June 16 meetings at Currie's Fountain and Port Shepstone. "The peace plan is not a propaganda stunt. We have resolved to work for it and enormous efforts are being put into implementing it. Like anything with substance and foundation it's not a quick fix." Youth League regional organiser Lucky Gabela says the youth wing was instrumental in drafting the region's peace plan which has now been adopted at national level.

Gabela adds that the preparatory committee formed to pave the way for a Buthelezi/Mandela meeting did assign subcommittees to iron out the differences.

Of the proposed summit, he says the league is keen that it should proceed. "Some excellent resolutions emerged from the Royal Hotel (Durban) summit between the two leaders. But those resolutions were never implemented. They should meet again to discuss and identify what went wrong. Their findings should then be passed on to the regions to resolve. Buthelezi and Mandela should then meet again at a more significant second forum where they reach an accord, something along the lines of a record of understanding." That would give all parties specific enforceable instructions on implementation. The meeting, however, seems no closer.

Farm workers gunned down

Two women farm workers were killed and three others injured when gunmen opened fire on a Richmond, Natal, farmer taking his workers home on Friday night. — Sapa.

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THE HOT SPOTS WHERE DRIVERS ARE KILLED

Random attacks on the increase

By JAMES BRITTAIN

FIFTY-FIVE motorists and passengers have been killed in random attacks — excluding hijackings — on South Africa's roads so far this year.

This is just short of the total for the whole of last year, indicating the number of such murders has nearly doubled since 1992.

The 55 people killed in the first six months of this year were among the victims of 1 611 road attacks. The figure for the whole of 1992 was 66 people dead in 1 245 attacks.

Now motorists are being warned to be extremely vigilant when travelling during the school holidays in the next few weeks.

In the most recent drive-by shooting, two men were wounded when gunmen in a passing car opened fire on them on the Beestekraal-Rustenburg road, north-east of Pretoria.

And last week, a passenger in a Translux bus and a policeman in a car escorting the vehicle were wounded when gunmen opened fire on them and threw a handgrenade at the bus from roadside bushes.

The bus was attacked just outside Graaff-Reinet while on its way from Pretoria to Port Elizabeth.

There have been so many attacks on this stretch of the R57 that tour buses and private vehicles are now routinely escorted by police after dark.

Other "hot spots" are:

● The N2 between Cape Town and Somerset West, especially up to DF Malan airport, where seven vehicles were stoned on a single day last month. This stretch of road has been nicknamed the Hell Run by drivers.

● The Golden Highway between Johannesburg and Vereeniging.

● The N2 south of Durban. Roads throughout the Transkei are also considered extremely dangerous, and tour bus operators have withdrawn their vehicles from these routes.

Risking

Mr Christo Bester, executive manager of Coach Express, which runs daily buses between Durban and Port Elizabeth, said bypassing the Transkei added nearly three hours to the journey.

Umhlanga Tours and Springbok Atlas are also travelling around the Transkei, through the Free State, to avoid risking the lives of their passengers.

While police and provincial administrations have acted to curb the violence, the chief director of the Transport Department, Mr Ed Petzer, said South Africa's motorists were not facing a crisis.

"Thousands of people use these roads every day without incident. We shouldn't blow the thing out of proportion," he said.

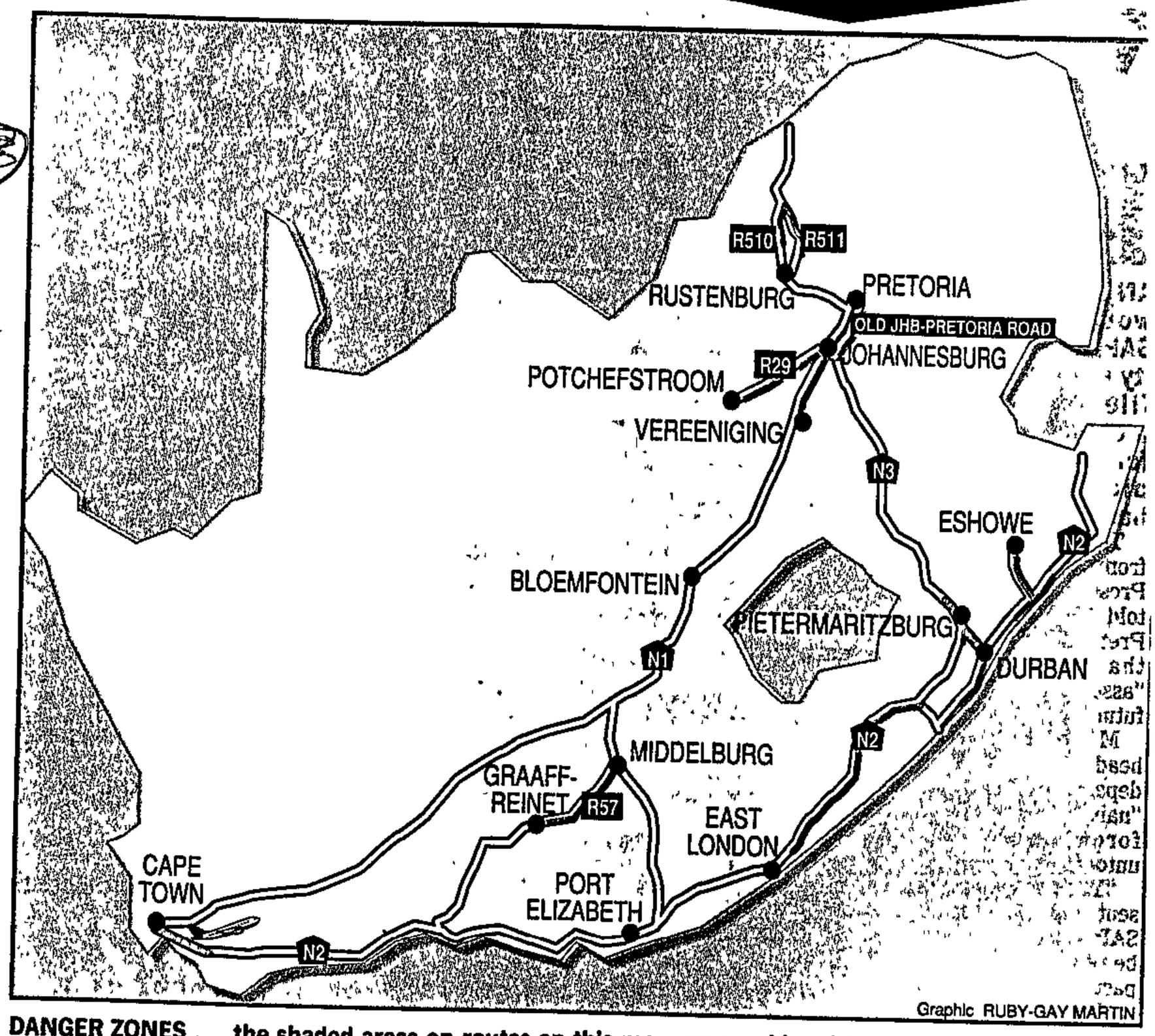
In the Transvaal, however, road security is being investigated by new regional security committees which include representatives of the SA Defence Force, the SAP and the provincial administration.

In the Western Cape and Natal, SADF troops patrol the DF Malan freeway and the N2 south of Durban.

Motives

Two mobile police stations have been placed along the N2 at Cape Town and the provincial administration plans to line the road through the Crossroads and Khayelitsha squatter camps with concrete barriers.

Lieutenant-Colonel Gabriel Smit, of the SAP's Centre for the Analysis and Interpretation of Crime Information, said it was "very difficult" to define motives for attacks on vehicles.



Graphic RUBY-GAY MARTIN

DANGER ZONES ... the shaded areas on routes on this map are considered to be 'hot spots' for attacks

32 die in bloody Natal weekend

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DURBAN. — Thirteen people were killed in a series of attacks around Port Shepstone on Sunday night, pushing the weekend toll of deaths in Natal up to at least 32.

Police spokesman Maj Bala Naidoo said four balaclava-clad men dressed in trenchcoats attacked a home in the Lusaka ward of Murchison, killing six people.

Later, in nearby Newtown, two homes were attacked and another seven people were killed. Two people were injured in this attack and taken to Murchison Hospital.

The ANC claimed most of the dead were its supporters. ANC southern Natal executive member Dr Siyabonga Cwele said. "It looks like someone is trying to destabilise the area"

At least five ANC supporters were killed at the launch of an ANC branch near Bergville in the Natal Midlands, according to peace monitors The launch had to be aborted.

The ANC said this figure rose to 13 last night, following further killings of its members around the area.

A Peace Accord monitor said about 100 ANC supporters were about to enter the Woodford Stadium about 15km from Bergville on Saturday when they were approached by a group of Inkatha supporters who demanded they leave as they had not obtained permission to use the premises.

Police formed a barrier between the groups, but left as they began to disperse, said the monitor. Shooting broke out soon after that.

Violence also engulfed Empangeni's Esikhawini township with at least six deaths, including that of a KwaZulu policeman, reported on Sunday.

Eight other deaths were reported across Natal over the weekend and one person was killed yesterday at Inanda's Bhambayi squatter camp.

● An 81-year-old woman was raped at gunpoint and robbed of R5 at KwaZakhele in Port Elizabeth at the weekend.

Two other people were killed in violent incidents in the Eastern Cape over the same period. — Sapa

17 killed, 116 injured in W Tvl mine clashes

JOHANNESBURG. — Seventeen mineworkers have been killed and 116 injured in clashes between workers at the Hartebeestfontein gold mine in the far western Transvaal since May 25, says the National Union of Mineworkers.

NUM president Mr James Motlatsi, in a statement yesterday, objected to mine management separating Mozambican employees from non-Mozambicans.

He said there was no evidence to substantiate management allegations that the Mozambicans were being victimised by other mineworkers under the instigation of the NUM and the ANC.

In a briefing to all employees on June 16, mine manager Mr D S Gough confirmed the deaths of 17 people since May 25. Deploring the violence, management said the incidents had been reported to the Goldstone Commission for possible investigation. — Sapa

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13 die in Natal attacks

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■ PEACE PROCESS Attempt to sow terror — ANC spokesman:

AT LEAST 13 people were killed in a series of attacks in Murchison, near Port Shepstone, on Natal's South Coast on Sunday night. Police spokesman Major Bala Naidoo said a house in the Lusaka ward was attacked by four men wearing trench coats and balaclavas at about 7pm on Sunday. Six people were killed in the attack.

In another incident, two houses were attacked in Newtown at about 8.40pm. Three people were killed at the first house while four people were killed at the second.

Two people were injured and taken to the Murchison Hospital.

Naidoo said spent 9mm cartridges were found at the scene.

Natal Regional SA Police Commissioner Lieutenant-General Colin Steyn had flown to the area on Monday to visit the scene of the attacks.

Police named the dead as Lindiwe Mavundla (25), Lungisila Mavundla (15), Ncamisila Khawula(24), Jabula Mbili (34), Russel Mahlabi(30), — the ANC named him as Russel Sibisi — Lin Mbungwa (30) — the ANC named her Linda Mkhungo — Gladys Nzimande (59), Elizabeth Indabe (20), Zandile Nzimande (12), Kapo Bumulu (33), a Mr Mbehele (25), Alpheus Mdabe (30), and Tholakele Mdabe (18).

Sunday's massacre comes after intensive peace efforts to restore calm to Port Shepstone's townships. — *Sapa.*

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5 shot in Natal

FIVE people were shot dead in Natal on Sunday, including a KwaZulu policeman, who was shot in Empangeni's Esikhawini township on the North Coast.

A KwaZulu police spokesman said yesterday morning he had

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received a report on the death of the policeman only.

The dead policeman, Sergeant DS Dlamini, had apparently complained in evidence before the Goldstone Comission, about KwaZulu police behaviour, an unrest monitor told *Sapa*. The KZP said his death was the result of "ongoing attacks on the police"

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Security forces on alert after 34 killed in Natal

Pre-summit slaughter

Security forces are keeping a close watch on Natal townships — the scene of a bloody slaughter in which at least 34 people have died since the weekend.

The death toll was disclosed yesterday, 48 hours before the long-awaited meeting between ANC leader Nelson Mandela and the IFP's Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi scheduled for tomorrow.

Senior ANC officials have been sent to Natal to report on the situation.

The worst-hit area was Port Shepstone where 13 people died — two of them children — when hooded gunmen attacked three homesteads in the Newtown and Lusaka areas of Murchison on Sunday night.

The ANC, which claimed most of the dead were its members or supporters, last night reacted with shock but re-committed itself to tomorrow's peace meeting near Johannesburg.

"These massacres, taking place on the eve of a crucial meeting between Mandela and Buthelezi, appear timed to coincide with the announcement of an election date by the Negotiating Forum this week," the organisation said.

"This has been a pattern of violence since September 1990: the violence flares up in the run-up to a major step forward in the negotiating process," the ANC said.

Police spokesman Major Bala Naidoo said four hooded men killed six people in an attack on a home in Lusaka at about 7 pm.

Seven were killed when gunmen attacked two homes at 8.40 pm in nearby Newtown. Two people were injured and taken to Murchison Hospital.

Police found spent 9 mm cartridges at all three scenes.

In other weekend incidents, at least five ANC supporters were killed at the aborted launch of an ANC branch near Bergville on Saturday, peace monitors said.

But the ANC claimed the number had risen to 13 by last night after further killings around Bergville.

Three people have been arrested.

Violence also engulfed Empangeni's Esikhawini township, with at least six deaths on Sunday. Police said a policeman had been killed in J2 Section.

Peace Accord officials and unrest monitors, however, said five people had been killed when patrons were attacked at a shebeen in J1 Section early on Sunday.

In Wembezi, outside Estcourt, two ANC supporters were killed in a shootout with Inkatha members on Saturday.

IFP spokesman Ed Tillet said IFP organisers who had gone to Wembezi to sign up new members came under fire, allegedly from ANC members. They returned fire and two people were killed.

Three IFP supporters were killed in Patheni, near Richmond, on Friday.

IFP chairman Dr Frank Mdlalose said last night: "All violence has an impact on all talks. The issue of violence was the first item on the agenda of the multiparty Negotiating Council.

"I am not prepared to attach any particular significance to this specific spate of killings," Mdlalose said.

Meanwhile, the Government has welcomed the Mandela-Buthelezi meeting, saying it could make a "major contribution" to reducing violence.

Deputy Constitutional Development Minister Fanus Schoeman said yesterday that the two organisations were involved in violence, especially in Natal. — Staff Reporters and Sapa.

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Police alert after slaughter in Natal

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☐ Mandela, Buthelezi still set to meet

The Argus Correspondent and Sapa

DURBAN. — Security forces are keeping a close watch on Murchison, Port Shepstone, the scene of a bloody slaughter at the weekend in which 13 people were killed, two of them children.

The victims were all shot dead in two attacks, at Newtown and at Lusaka in the Murchison area.

The African National Congress has claimed that most of the dead were members of the organisation.

Said ANC spokesman for Southern Natal Mr Dumisani Makhaya: "It is quite clear these massacres are designed to destablise the peace process in general and the ANC in particular".

Witnesses told police that the bloodshed began just before 9pm on Sunday when gunmen attacked two houses in the Newtown area.

In the first house three people were killed and three wounded.

In the second house the gunmen shot and killed four people.

Yesterday morning police found six bodies in the Lusaka area. All had gunshot wounds.

From Johannesburg it is reported that the ANC's National Working Committee will send two high-profile delegates to Natal to investigate the weekend violence in which at least 33 people were killed.

National Executive Committee members Mr John Nkadimeng and Mr Ebrahim Ismael Ebrahim will report back to the ANC soon.

Last night the ANC said the attacks were timed to coincide with the announcement of an election date by the Negotiating Forum this week.

The massacres come on the eve of long-awaited talks between ANC leader Mr Nelson Mandela and Chief Mangosothu Buthelezi of the Inkatha Freedom Party.

"Clearly this is an attempt to derail the meeting between the two leaders and to undermine the negotiation process," an ANC statement said.

The organisation, however, recommitted itself to the meeting between the two leaders.

IFP chairman Dr Frank Mdlalose said: "All violence has an impact on all talks.

"I am not prepared to attach any particular significance to this specific spate of killings," Dr Mdlalose said.

conference yesterday.

Picture. ROBERT BOTHA

Toll climbs to 33 as Natal violence rages

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DURBAN — Violence raged through Natal townships at the weekend, with deaths of 13 people in two separate attacks near Port Shepstone on Sunday taking the weekend toll in the province to at least 33.

Seven people died in East Rand violence and two in the eastern Cape.

A Natal-based peace accord spokesman said: "This has been one of our bloodiest weekends." (276)

In the Port Shepstone killings on Sunday night, three homes in the Newtown and Lusaka areas of Murchison were attacked by gunmen.

Police spokesman Maj Bala Naidoo said four balaclava-clad men dressed in trenchcoats attacked a home in the Lusaka ward about 7pm, killing six people.

Then, in nearby Newtown, two homes were attacked at 8.40pm and another seven people were killed.

Two people were injured.

Police found spent 9mm cartridges at all three places, but could not say whether the attacks were related.

The ANC claimed most of the dead were its supporters or members.

ANC southern Natal regional executive member Dr Siyabonga Cwele said: "It looks as though someone is trying to destabilise the area."

In Johannesburg, the ANC's national working committee said yesterday it would send national executive committee members John Nkadimeng and Ebrahim Ismael Ebrahim to Natal to investigate.

The attacks were timed to coincide with the negotiating council's announcement this week of an election date, the ANC said.

The Inkatha Freedom Party had no immediate comment. — Sapa.

Ciskei army officers held for 'coup plot'

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EAST LONDON — Four Ciskei army officers were arrested over the weekend in connection with what sources close to the homeland's military said was a coup plot. (~~105~~)

The men were held "as a result of conduct prejudicial to good military discipline," goverment spokesman Cedric Harrop said yesterday. "They are detained in military barracks and will be dealt with in terms of the military code of conduct."

Sources close to the military said the coup attempt was to have taken place on June 16. One of those involved was a bodyguard of homeland leader Oupa Gqozo, they said.

The sources said the soldiers were unhappy about the September 1992 Bisho massacre in which homeland troops opened fire on an ANC protest march, killing 29. — Reuter.

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33 die on eve of talks

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A FRESH spate of violence in Natal, which has claimed 33 lives, has clouded tomorrow's meeting between ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela and Inkatha Freedom Party leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi in Johannesburg.

At least 13 people were killed in a series of attacks in Murchison, near Port Shepstone, on the Natal South Coast on Sunday night.

In another incident, two houses were attacked in Newtown at about 8.40pm. Three people were killed in the first house and in the second.

The ANC's southern Natal region said most of the dead were ANC members or supporters.

The ANC's National Working Committee will send two high-profile delegates to Natal to investigate the violence which flared there over the weekend.

Mr John Nkadimeng and Mr Ebrahim Ismael Ebrahim will report back to the organisation soon after their findings.

"Clearly this is an attempt to derail the meeting between the two leaders and to undermine the negotiating process."

The NWC, however, recommitted itself to the meeting between Mandela and Buthelezi.

The IFP's national chairman Dr Frank Mdlalose said: "I will not attach any significance to the latest kilings. All killings impact heavily on all talks."

The latest bloodshed precedes the crucial meeting between Mandela and Buthelezi at an undisclosed venue near Johannesburg tomorrow.

The two leaders meet more than two years after their first meeting on January 29 1991.

Since that first meeting, the first and only face to face encounter between them since Mandela was released from prison on February 11 1990, an estimated 7 177 people have been killed, according to calculations by the Human Rights Commission.

It is also estimated that the conflict between IFP and ANC followers has resulted in 15 000 deaths.

The meeting was hailed yesterday as the best hope for peace the country has had in years.

No details of the agenda or venue was made available but executive members of both organisations have said that the leaders would put peace first.

The meeting was set up after months of shuttle diplomacy by delegations of both the ANC and IFP as well as by the chairman of the National Peace Committee, Mr John Hall.

The Government yesterday hailed the meeting for "the contribution it could make towards curbing political violence".

"The Government would like to see the two leaders recommit themselves to making it possible for their followers to be more tolerant of each other," a spokesman said.

The meeting will be co-chaired by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the Reverend Stanley Mogoba, head of the Methodist Church of South Africa.

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Natal death toll 38

GUNMEN killed at least three dwellers at Umlazi's Glebelands Hostel in Durban yesterday and police reported another two deaths overnight in the township. (276)

Police spokesman Major Bala Naidoo said the gunmen "went from room to room" in a section of the hostel shooting at dwellers before dawn. Meanwhile, KwaZulu police reported two overnight deaths in two separate incidents at Umlazi. The toll from violence in Natal since Friday is now at least 38.

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PAC sends support

THE Western Cape region of the Pan Africanist Congress has come out in support of its negotiating team's refusal to sign what it called the unilateral suspension of hostilities in Kempton Park yesterday. PAC regional organiser Mr Michael Siyolo said the organisation would suspend its armed struggle once all armed forces had ceased hostilities against Africans. He said it was useless to suspend the armed struggle while people were still being killed. (HH)

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Durban hotels battle

THE All Africa Games are proving a boon to Durban hotels plagued by low occupancy rates — but prospects for a good school holiday season appear grim.

A Fedhasa spokesperson said enquiries had been particularly brisk in the past few days However, she said the coming winter holidays were offering little cause for cheer. Enquiries were down to a trickle and the season was expected to be very quiet for hotels. (288)

Kite-flying death

AN eight-year-old boy was electrocuted when his wire-framed toy kite got entangled in a power line at a village near Gweru, Zimbabwe. A police spokesman said Ephias Muzivi of Mkoba's Village was badly burnt on the face and chest when the kite touched live wires. He died in hospital. — *Sapa.*

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Natal toll of violence rises

While the ANC and IFP prepared for today's crucial meeting between Nelson Mandela and Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the death toll in Natal continued to rise yesterday, with 12 more deaths since Monday.

Thirty-three people were killed in volatile Natal townships between Friday and Sunday.

Included in the attacks was the murder of three Glebelands hostel residents in Umlazi, south of Durban, yesterday.

On Monday night, police found two unidentified bodies in the township. (276)

In Esikhawini, KwaZulu Police reported that a security guard, Fred Cilliers (45), was shot dead on Monday night.

Also on Monday, an induna and two children, aged four and eight, were shot in Ntshongeni, in the Midlands.

Police are offering a R50 000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those involved in weekend killings at Port Shepstone.

— Crime Reporter.

Massacre blamed on 'enemy agents'

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Sowetan Correspondent

SECURITY forces kept a close watch on Monday night on Murchison in Port Shepstone, scene of the bloody slaughter in which 13 people were killed, among them two children

The victims were all shot dead in two attacks — one at Newtown and the other at Lusaka in the Murchison area.

The African National Congress has claimed that most of the dead were their members.

ANC spokesman for Southern Natal, Mr Dumisani Makhaya, identified the dead as Katshana Mavundla (26), Lungisile Mavundla (15), Ncamisile Khawula (24), Jabulani Mbili (34), Russel Sibisi (40), Linda Mkhungo (no age given), Elizabeth Ndaba (38), Tholakele Ndaba (18), Elias Mdaba (32), A Mbhele (45), Nkampu Khawula (36) Cabangani Nzimande (no age given) and Sandile Nzimande (12).

"It is quite clear these massacres are designed to destabilise the peace process in general and the ANC in particular. It is a deliberate attempt to sow terror amongst our people and is the work of enemy agents," Makhanya said.

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More killings in KwaZulu

KwaZulu police yesterday reported three more killings in the territory, raising the death toll in politically linked violence in Natal to at least 48 since Friday. The KZP said two people were killed in Durban's Umlazi township on Wednesday afternoon. In Osizweni, near Newcastle, Bheki Cele (19) was shot dead on Tuesday and his body dumped in a stream. — Sapa. (276)

NEWS Inquest on murdered Cradock activists

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Racial clash

TWO men were seriously injured yesterday in Joubert Park, Johannesburg, in what police said was a racial clash between two groups of Africans and Indians.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Warrant-Officer Andy Pieke said the fight was prompted by a "racist remark" by a member of one of the groups. He said the groups knifed and stoned each other on the corner of Bok and Quartz streets just after midnight. Five men from both groups were arrested and are expected to appear in court soon.

Teacher struck pupil

A MANGAUNG teacher was yesterday found guilty in the Bloemfontein Magistrate's Court of common assault.

Mrs Thelma Modisenyane was fined R600 or two months' imprisonment, suspended for three years, after the court found that she had assaulted a pupil on April 23 last year with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

Death toll rises

KWAZULU police yesterday reported three more killings in the territory, raising the death toll in Natal to at least 48 since last Friday.

The KZP said two people were killed in Umlazi township on Wednesday. —*Sowetan Reporters and Sapa*

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Troubled Natal set to benefit from summit

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☐ Peace chief lauds Mandela-Buthelezi talks

Political Staff

JOHANNESBURG. — The Nelson Mandela and Mangosuthu Buthelezi summit has been warmly welcomed and appears poised to reap results in violence-ravaged Natal.

National Peace Committee chairman John Hall said the talks had "undoubtedly given invaluable impetus to the peace process".

The joint commitment by the leaders after their nine-hour Kempton Park meeting to "bury the past" and maintain on-going lines of communication had the potential to remove a "huge obstacle on the way forward".

"Furthermore, their appearance on joint platforms around the country, especially at community level, will publicly reinforce this resolve," he said.

In the first indication of movement at regional level as a result of the meeting, the ANC's Southern Natal branch vowed to start a peace campaign to support the agreements.

The regional Department of Information and Publicity member of the ANC, Mr Dumisani Makhaya, said the organisation would be seeking regional meetings with the IFP, business community and church leaders in the drive for peace.

"While we welcome the meeting between Mandela and Buthelezi, we are saying that it must go further," he said.

Mr Makhaya's sentiments were shared by the IFP information centre in Durban. Spokesman Mr Ed Tillet said that "we are without a doubt committed to the (peace) process" and would set no pre-conditions to meetings between regional leaders.

But he cautioned that while the organisation was "buoyant" in the wake of Wednesday's meeting, agreements struck at the January 1991 Buthelezi-Mandela summit had not been followed through. The IFP hoped supporters on the ground would take up the sentiments expressed by the two leaders and follow the same path.

Meanwhile, sources inside the talks have indicated that several hours were taken up with constitutional matters and while no agreement could be reached on the fixing of an election date, there had been progress in some other areas.

They said the IFP had moved significantly closer to accepting a transitional executive council.

Slack justice results in deaths

AT least 149 people died in political violence in Natal last month and violence monitors predict that this is likely to continue because of the failure of the criminal justice system.

A monthly report by three violence monitors said the failure of criminal justice to function had resulted in lack of prosecution of political murders.

It said the situation was not being helped by the release of Samuel Jamile under the Indemnity Act. (276)

The Durban region accounted for 55 deaths last month with many people also being killed in the North Coast, South Coast and Natal Midlands.

ANC probes family killings

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By RYAN CRESSWELL

A MAN and his wife were relaxing around a small fire outside their home with their six children and a relative when two thugs walked up and opened fire on them with handguns.

The bloody attack in Murchison, Natal, only took minutes, but by the time it ended, Mr Kampu Khuwula, 36, his common-law wife, Cabangami Nzimande, 34, and their son, Sandile, 12, lay dead. Five people were wounded, and traumatised orphans were left cowering under a bed and a table.

This was just one of three attacks on Sunday night in the Newtown and Mtengwane areas of southern Natal, leaving 13 people dead and seven families grieving.

It was the latest in a tragic series of at least 12 massacres around Port Shepstone in the past year. Peace monitors say the area has the highest massacre rate in SA.

Police and violence monitors in the area say they are not sure who the latest attackers could have been, although there has been intense fighting between ANC and Inkatha members in the past. But residents believe the gunmen could be members of two gangs of youths, the C1s and the C7s, who claim to be ANC members and have been fighting each other for months.

ANC Southern Natal spokesman Dumisane Mahkaye said the organisation was "urgently investigating" the matter.

"We have been told some of the young people who live in the area and identify with the ANC are fighting each other," he added. "But we have no proof yet."

Pension

Miss Nzimande was shot at point-blank range while her one-year-old baby, Mzwandile, was still on her back.

Her eldest daughter, Zanele, 16, said this week: "I was shot in the leg, but I managed to get inside and hide under the bed.

"My mother got inside and closed the door, but these men kicked the door down and shot her. I heard two shots, and I heard my mother scream.

"When they left, I took the children and the baby from my mother's back and we ran to the neighbours."

Neighbours discovered that one of the children, three-year-old Zenzele, had been shot in the back. She is in a serious condition at Murchison hospital.

Mr Khuwula was disabled and his family lived on a small disability pension. Now his orphaned children will have to live with their grandmother, Mrs Viona Nzimande, 60.



ORPHANS ... Zanele Nzimande with Mzwandile

Residents in the Port Shepstone area say they saw a group of men dressed in trench coats and balaclavas move into the rural region at about 6.30pm on Sunday.

The group then apparently split up and attacked several houses in about half an hour.

Armoured police vehicles were apparently patrolling the region at the time.

Other people killed on Sunday were Katshana Mavundla, 26, Lungisile Mavundla, 15, Ncamisile Mbili, 34, Russel Sibisi, 40, Linda Mkhungo, 40, Elizabeth Mdabe, 38, Tholakele Mdabe, 32, and a Mr Mbhele, 45.

More than 40 people have died in violence in Natal and Kwazulu this week.

Reverend Danny Chetty, head of the Port Shepstone-based Christian development agency Practical Ministries, said people had been left with a sense of hopelessness.

"We have had more family massacres here than anywhere else. Homesteads are targeted and families are wiped out," he said.

"In other places, there is usually visible political confrontation before a massacre. Here, there is no pre-conflict activity — and then an attack suddenly occurs.

40 killed in township violence

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LLOYD COUTTS

FORTY people died in a weekend of bloody violence in East Rand, Vaal Triangle and Natal townships, police said yesterday.

Six people were shot and killed execution-style in the Vaal Triangle township of Evaton on Sunday night after gunmen burst into a house and ordered party-goers to lie down before shooting them in the back of the head.

Later that night four people were shot in Evaton streets by gunmen travelling in a white Toyota Cressida. Police spokesman Maj Piet van Deventer said police had found the gutted wreck of a Cressida in Sebokeng's Zone 14 yesterday, and were investigating the possibility that it had been used in the attacks.

Sunday night's attack followed the killing on Saturday of 12 people in an apparently random attack in Sebokeng, when gunmen shot a youth and waited for a crowd to gather before opening fire again.

Police reported finding the bodies of eight people killed in East Rand townships at the weekend, seven of them in Katlehong. At least nine people were reported killed in separate incidents of weekend violence in Natal townships.

Yesterday two gunmen killed a man and injured another in Isando, near Johannesburg. Also yesterday, Sapa reports that

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police said a man was necklaced in Duncan Village outside East London after being tried for murder by a "people's court".

The ANC, meanwhile, said Saturday's attack in Sebokeng bore the hallmarks of a "third force" operation. It said in a statement several similar operations had taken place in the Vaal Triangle this year, during which a pattern had become evident. Attacks occurred at weekends, at night, and were carried out by unknown gunmen driving unidentified vehicles.

It said they occurred with alleged security force connivance. Few attackers had been brought to justice. "Had the massacre occurred in a white area, the entire vicinity would have immediately been sealed off and the attackers arrested."

An ANC delegation visited the area yesterday to investigate the attack.

Sapa reports that police condemned the killing "in the strongest possible terms". But in a statement yesterday, Police Commissioner Gen Johan van der Merwe denied claims of third force involvement.

He said preliminary investigations indicated the killings were sporadic. Such attacks were extremely difficult to prevent, but he gave the assurance that reinforcements were being deployed.

The statement said police welcomed an investigation into the massacre by the Goldstone commission.

9 die in Natal weekend violence

Sowetan 29/6/93

WEEKEND violence again ravaged several Natal townships at the weekend with at least nine people reported dead yesterday.

This figure is, however, significantly lower than last weekend's toll of about 33.

Most of this weekend's killings took place in KwaZulu. (276)

Not included in the weekend death toll was the belated report of the killing of four men in the Sundumbili area, north of Durban, on Thursday.

Gunned down

KwaZulu police yesterday reported the gunning down of the four while they were walking along a road in the area.

Three men were arrested in connection with the killings which the KZP said appeared to be politically-linked.

Killings since Friday were reported from Umlazi, south of Durban, where a 27-year-old man was shot dead while walking in Q Section about 3am yesterday.

The victim was shot in the stomach

Thanda Dube was also killed in Umlazi on Sunday night.

Three shots

He was walking in T Section about 6 15pm when gunmen approached him and fired three shots into his chest.

In the township's M Section, Allen Themba Xheswa (30), was shot and stabbed to death when gunmen knocked on his door early on Saturday.

The KZP also reported the killing of a 32 year-old man in Adams Mission near Amanzimtoti, on Sunday night. He was shot dead with an AK-47 rifle

The death toll in politically linked violence in June in Natal appears set to become the highest monthly toll yet this year with close to 60 killings reported in the past 11 days alone.

The monthly toll in the province has risen steadily since the beginning of the year, according to the Human Rights Commission.

The HRC's statistics are: January — 107; February — 125; March — 118; April — 131; May — 138. — *Sapa*

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8 000 apply for SADF jobs

LLOYD COUTTS

ABOUT 8 000 people of all races and both sexes had applied for employment in the SADF's voluntary military service system, an army spokesman confirmed yesterday. B/Day 30/6/93

The system, launched by the SADF last December, was advertised in Sunday newspapers this week. Army spokesman Maj Merle Meyer said the response had been "overwhelmingly positive". Earlier recruitment drives had proved less successful.

Meyer said the system was aimed at supplying the army with sufficient junior officers and privates.

The SADF announced last year that it aimed to recruit 6 000 volunteers for a minimum period of two years at a time, up to a maximum of six years.

Chief of Staff Lt-Gen Willie Wolmarans said at the time the recruitment drive would contribute to reducing the SADF's dependence on citizen force and commando call-ups in unrest situations.

Remuneration and benefits would be considerably better than those of the current military service and volunteer system, he said.

Gunmen held after deadly rampage at Natal kraals

B/Day 30/6/93

Own Correspondent

MARITZBURG — Police arrested three suspects after a car chase near Greytown yesterday, after gunmen shot dead three women and went on a rampage during which they looted and burnt huts.

Three men armed with shotguns attacked a kraal at Bhanshela, in the Nsuse district, and opened fire on the occupants, police said.

Two women killed during the attack were identified as Dumazile Thusi, 65, and Irene Mkhize, 66. Two children were injured and are in hospital. (276)

The gunmen then ran 500m down the road where they set a number of huts alight. At another kraal in the same area, the gunmen shot and killed an unidentified 40-year-old woman.

Greytown police were alerted by residents and pursued a bakkie in which the assailants were fleeing. The bakkie was forced off the road and three suspects were apprehended.

Two shotguns, believed to have been used in earlier attacks, were recovered.

On the East Rand, in Katlehong, a policeman was shot dead outside a butchery, Sapa reports. Police said the motive was unknown and no arrests had been made.

Also in Katlehong, the body of a man who had been stabbed was found between Pilot and Kwesine stations.

In Tembisa police arrested a man in possession of an AK-47 rifle and magazine.

A second man was arrested early yesterday after a car chase through the township. A pistol was found in his car.

NEWS Scandal over 'free' provisions

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3 women killed in attack

POLICE arrested three suspects shortly after three women were killed in an attack on two homesteads in the Nsuze area near Greytown in Natal's Midlands on Monday night.

Captain Henry Budhram said the gunmen attacked the Mkhize kraal and killed two women before shooting dead another woman at a nearby home. Two children were wounded in the attack and were taken to hospital.

"Police were alerted and intercepted a vehicle. We arrested three men and seized two shotguns," said Budhram. Two of the victims were named as Dumazile Thuse (55) and Irene Mkhize (66). The third woman, aged about 40, has not yet been identified. In another attack on Monday night in Estcourt's Wembezi township, gunmen shot at a minibus injuring two people. — *Sapa*

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IFP, Natal voters fear intimidation, poll shows

JOHANNESBURG. — Inkatha Freedom Party supporters and residents of Natal in general are doubtful South Africa's first nonracial election will be free of intimidation, a new poll shows.

The finding emerged from a representative opinion poll of 2 000 adults in South Africa, excluding Transkei and Bophuthatswana, commissioned by the South African Institute of Race Relations and conducted by MarkData in May.

The institute said yesterday confidence about the election varied by regional, income, racial, language and political differences.

Wealthier people were more confident of a free and fair election than poor people and blue-collar workers.

When asked: "Are you worried that someone might try to stop you voting for your party?", 58 percent of respondents earning less than R599 a month said they were, whereas 85 percent of those earning more than R3 500 a month were not worried.

Respondents supporting African National Congress president Nelson Mandela or IFP leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi were more worried about the prospects of coercion-free elections than supporters of President De Klerk.

Seventy-five percent of Mr De Klerk's supporters claimed to be "not worried", compared to 65 percent of Mr Mandela's and 62 percent of Mr Buthelezi's.

Natal people were far more concerned about voter intimidation than those in other regions.

Eighty-five percent of respondents living in the Pretoria/Witwatersrand/Vereeniging area, 83 percent in the rest of Transvaal, and 82 percent in the Cape believed they would not be forced to vote; but only 71 percent of Natal respondents were similarly confident.

Cape inhabitants identified the security forces, the African National Congress, private armies and self-defence units as likely to prevent a free vote, while those living in the greater PWV identified the IFP as a threat.

Respondents in Natal mainly identified "comrades", the ANC, security forces, private armies and the Inkatha Freedom Party, while people in the Transvaal, outside the PWV, identified security forces and the ANC. — Sapa.

De Klerk the prime enemy, says Marais

PRETORIA. — Afrikaners should focus their struggle against their prime enemy, President De Klerk, says Herstigte Nasionale Party leader Jaap Marais.

Addressing the HNP's annual congress in Pretoria yesterday after being re-elected party leader, Mr Marais said this "first-rate cheap traitor" led a government of "gutless capitulators misrepresenting themselves as Afrikaners".

Mr Marais exhorted conservative whites to unite and hold demonstrations, such as picketing the Union Buildings for two days to force a white election.

If Mr De Klerk did not yield, the HNP would assume the right to act against him "outside the constitution".

He added: "Our motto is not peace. Our maxim is struggle."

A long list of party members who died the past year — many of them elderly people "cruelly murdered" — was read out to a hushed assembly of 150 delegates.

Mr Marais was undaunted by the HNP's failure to gain a foothold in parliament in the 2½ decades of its existence. He said this pointed to the HNP's commitment to its principles.

The HNP would not join the Afrikaner Volksfront because it would not negotiate with a terrorist army — the ANC. — Sapa.

5 die in minibus attack

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — Five passengers were killed and 13 others injured when a minibus was raked with automatic gunfire, causing it to spin out of control and overturn near Estcourt in the Natal Midlands at the weekend.

The minibus was travelling towards the township of Wembezi when a car pulled alongside it and men with automatic rifles and handguns opened fire, a police spokesman said.

The driver lost control of the minibus and it careered off the road and overturned.

It is thought three men and two women died of injuries received in the accident and of gunshot wounds

The injured were taken to Estcourt hospital.

Reports that some of the passengers were Inkatha Freedom Party supporters and that it was a retaliatory attack could not be confirmed. CT 6/9/93

A group of ANC members was attacked by gunmen in the town last weekend. (2/6)

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Peace committee plans a follow-up programme

B'Day 8/9/93

THE national peace campaign co-ordinating committee last night announced a follow-up programme to last week's national peace day, which it described as an unqualified success.

Campaign co-ordinator Jayendra Naidoo said the programme included observance of international peace day on September 21, a peace pledge, distribution of promotional material, a media focus on the peace campaign and local activities.

Naidoo said a peace pledge declaring commitment to peace would be circulated and copies would be handed to political parties at the World Trade Centre on September 30. The committee noted that wearing peace campaign symbols had created a bond among people and it planned to distribute T-shirts, badges, ribbons, stickers and posters with the peace logo.

Meanwhile, the Human Rights Commission said yesterday August was another disastrous month for SA with 554 people killed in political violence.

THEO RAWANA reports that the HRC said the figure was the third highest on record, after the 709 recorded in August 1990 and 605 in July this year.

Total deaths for this year stood at 2 562, which was 3% ahead of the figure of 2 483 for the same period last year. The average daily death rate was now 18, with the East Rand and Natal accounting for 88% of the deaths.

Business Day Reporter

The PWV region recorded 355 deaths in August. The East Rand dominated the violence with 310 deaths, followed by Johannesburg with 19.Natal recorded a death toll of 176 in August.

Sapa reports that police found 10 bodies in the East Rand township of Thokoza between Monday morning and daybreak yesterday. (274)

The police also said three people were injured in crossfire on Monday when cars were shot at on Old Vereeniging Road, Alrode.

DIRK VAN EEDEN reports ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus said yesterday the ANC had no official strategy to "physically remove" white policemen from townships within 30 days.

ANC PWV deputy secretary Obed Bapela allegedly made this threat to police during Monday's protest march.

Police spokesman Col Johan Mostert said yesterday policemen were deployed in townships because of their skills and race played no role.

Gunmen kill three union members

B'Day 8/9/93

ERICA JANKOWITZ

THREE Transport and General Workers' Union (TGWU) members had been killed and two had narrowly escaped death in a spate of recent attacks in northern Natal, TGWU general secretary Randall Howard said yesterday.

Howard claimed Inkatha Freedom Party members had drawn up a hit list intended to threaten the growing ANC presence in its former stronghold during the run-up to elections.

Two TGWU members, one a shop steward at Supercare in Empangeni and the other a worker at Umfolozi Transport, were shot dead on Saturday.

Both were attacked by six men travelling in a minibus, Howard said.

A month ago a senior shop steward at Umfolozi Transport was killed in a similar attack. Inkatha spokesman Ed Tillett said he could not dismiss allegations of violence in the region, but added: "For every ANC member killed we lose five." (276)

According to Tillett, the violence flared after Umkhonto we Sizwe cadres were deployed in the area as "shock troops of the ANC mobilisation drive". Inkatha supporters had launched a counter-offensive in self-defence.

Howard felt the murders were not isolated incidents. He feared an escalation of attacks as poll day neared.

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Natal violence claims 5 lives

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DURBAN. — Five people were killed in Natal in separate incidents and five others were wounded when a minibus was sprayed with bullets. (276)

Two people were killed in Bhambayi near Durban on Wednesday night, despite an earlier agreement between warring factions to join forces to try to stop the bloodletting.

Three people were shot dead in Durban's KwaMashu township late on Wednesday night. Their bodies were found in a street in D Section at 10pm.

Natal's death toll since September 1 has risen to at least 68.

Five people were seriously wounded when gunmen opened fire on a minibus taxi near Estcourt on Wednesday night.

A pupil was shot dead and another was injured in two attacks at Vosloorus schools this week.

In both attacks an unidentified gunman entered the school and opened fire on children.

● A prayer group brought peace to Bhambayi yesterday when hundreds of residents of the squatter settlement poured into the streets, where they began greeting and hugging each other. The gesture of peace began when a group of women from neighbouring KwaMashu marched into the strife-torn shanty town.

Violence kills 184 in Natal

By RYAN CRESSWELL

AT least 184 people were killed in political fighting in Natal last month, according to figures compiled by the Human Rights Commission. ST Times

The HRC says the figures — for 35 townships and squatter camps — are the third-highest reported in the province in three years. 12/9/93

The organisation says there has been a recent shift of violence away from the Natal Midlands and the South Coast to the greater Durban area and the region north of the Tugela.

Durban was the worst area, with 85 recorded deaths. (276)

During August, more than 70 homes were burnt in fighting between the Inkatha Freedom Party and the African National Congress.

10 killed in Natal violence

DURBAN. — At least 10 people were killed in weekend violence in Natal.

Six people were shot dead, more than 100 huts were burned and hundreds of cattle stolen in a faction fight at Nobanga in the Ndwedwe district on Saturday.

A KwaZulu police spokesman said four arrests had been made and an intensive investigation to track down culprits and confiscate weapons had been launched.

Two men were shot dead in separate incidents in Umlazi township south of Durban.

Police also discovered the body of an unidentified man at a school playground at Ntuzuma township north of Durban on Saturday. The man had been shot.

At KwaNdengezi township near Pinetown local resident Mr Bernard Mthembu answered his door and was shot in the chest by an unknown gunmen. He died instantly. — Own Correspondent, Sapa

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Township 'besieged' as killings continue

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DURBAN. — Following a weekend that left 12 people dead on the Rand and nine in Natal, police reinforcements were sent to Estcourt's Wembezi township yesterday after running battles between ANC and IFP supporters left at least two people dead and a number injured.

Earlier yesterday monitors said the Natal midlands township was "under siege" as IFP supporters barricaded exits and public transport was disrupted.

Witnesses said shots were fired throughout the township at the weekend and the ANC and IFP had "lined up for battle".

In Umlazi, at least nine people have been killed.

South of Durban at Adams Mission in KwaMakhutha, the body of a 28-year-old man was found with stab wounds on Sunday afternoon.

● On the Reef, saboteurs damaged an electricity substation between Sharpeville and Vereeniging in the Vaal Triangle yesterday morning.

In other Reef unrest police found 12 bodies the townships of Thokoza, Katlehong and Vosloorus on Sunday.

This brings to at least 28 the number of people killed in troubled East Rand townships since Friday.

● Durban's Bhambayi shack settlement recorded its first peaceful weekend in four months after a peace initiative started last Thursday. — Sapa

Three bills overhaul labour law

CT 14/9/93

Political Staff

THREE bills which will fundamentally change labour law concerning farmworkers, maximum hours for domestic workers and workman's compensation were tabled in Parliament yesterday, three years after negotiations to change the laws began.

The bills do not provide for a minimum wage for either farm or domestic workers, although this topic will be the subject of negotiations in the future.

The Compensation for Occupational Injuries and Diseases Bill proposes a compensation council which will include representatives from the state, employers, employees, the insurance industry and medical practitioners.

The fund established in terms of the bill was essentially a compulsory insurance scheme and would remain under state control.

In exchange for losing the right to sue an employer, employees had won a statutory right to compensation without having to prove employers' negligence.

The bill proposes that employees have a statutory right to be covered for medical costs arising from injury and disease and employers were exempted from common law liability for injuries.

The Agricultural Labour Bill proposed that large sections of the Labour Relations Act would apply to farm workers.

A significant difference with the provisions of the Labour Relations Act was that farmworkers and their employers would have to engage in arbitration before a strike or a lock-out occurred.

State President to decide on pensions

CT 14/9/93

Political Staff

A BILL tabled in Parliament will allow the State President to determine by a notice in the Government Gazette, what pension and other benefits will go to ministerial representatives.

The positions of the 20 ministerial representatives — who serve as a link between own affairs administrations and the people — are to be scrapped at the end of this month.

The Pensions for Ministerial Representatives Bill is currently before the standing committee on finance, although no date has yet been set for it to meet.

The bill will give the State President the right to determine what pension and other benefits they receive.

Normally pension benefits are determined by a formula.

The bill also gives the State President the right to amend any law by proclamation in the Gazette to give effect to these benefits.

What the benefits are will only be known once they appear in the Gazette, which means the State President will effectively be given a blank cheque.

Civil service for affirmative action

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CT 14/9/93

Political Staff

AFFIRMATIVE action directives had been issued to make the civil service more representative, Education and Training Minister Mr Sam de Beer said yesterday.

He said the Commission for Administration had issued directives based on merit and efficiency principles to create a public service "more representative of the groups served by departments/administrations".

He was replying to a question tabled in Parliament by Mr Roger Burrows (DP, Pinetown).

Mr De Beer — the minister responsible for the Commission of Administration — said it was impossible to obtain a breakdown of the numbers of each "population group" employed by the civil service as the Population Registration Act had been repealed

NEWS Farmer recalls 'biggest' police barrier ● Michael Jackson reschedules bookings



SPLASH ... Which colour to use, was the question asked by these two boys during the Readathon Day at the Johannesburg College of Education. More than 3 000 children from the Reef attended the event and drew what is believed to be the biggest mural in the world. PIC: CLINTON ASARY

Natal murder toll rises to 25

Sowetan 15/9/93

THREE people were murdered in Natal in the past 24 hours, raising the recorded toll in the province since Friday to 25, KwaZulu Police said yesterday.

The homeland police have arrested four suspects in connection with murder. The KZP said the body of Mr Nkosifikile Ningi (28) was found with stab wounds in Umlazi, south of Durban, early yesterday, bringing to 10 the number of people murdered in the township since last Friday.

The body of an unidentified youth was found with gunshot wounds in KwaMashu, north of Durban, on Monday.

At the weekend, Mr Sabelo Gina (24) was shot dead in the Masomonco area in Mandeni, Northern Natal, and his companion, Mr Thembinkosi Msweli, was seriously wounded in an attack by three gunmen. The motive for the attack is not known. (276)

A South African Police constable is fighting for his life after attackers burst into his house in KwaNdengezi, near Pinetown, on Monday night and shot him. - *Sapa.*

Inquest told of roadblock

Sowetan 15/9/93

THERE was a security force roadblock on the freeway near the Bluewater Bay off-ramp on the night Mr Matthew Goniwe and three other activists were murdered nearby, the Goniwe inquest was told yesterday.

Somerset East farmer Mrs Barbara Butters and her driver Mr Ntonti Vusani told the Port Elizabeth Supreme Court they came across the roadblock when they drove to the city to deliver farm produce on June 27 1985.

While roadblocks were not unusual in the Eastern Cape, it stood out in her memory as the biggest she had ever seen, said Butters.

She said she recalled the date as June 27 1985 because she later linked it to the disappearance and murder of the four United Democratic Front activists.

The mutilated bodies of the Cradock four as well as Goniwe's burnt-out car were found near Bluewater Bay.

Butters said she later read about the car and a body being found at Bluewater Bay.

She visited the late Bishop Bruce Evans and told him her "thoughts" on the matter, she said.

Police denied there was a roadblock near the Bluewater Bay off-ramp on June 27 1985, but said there was one there the week before on June 20.

Butters denied she had mixed up the dates, adding she was convinced the roadblock was on the day the four activists were reported to have disappeared.

Counsel for the South African Police, Mr "Dup" du Bruyn, submitted there was no roadblock on June 27 and that Butters had made a mistake.

Butters: "I can't accept that."

Asked by senior counsel for the South African Defence Force, Mr Anton Mostert, why she had not reported her suspicions to the police, Butters said she had not wanted to get involved. — *Sapa.*

Compromise wins the day

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The Argus Correspondent

MARITZBURG. — Security force leaders defused "a very dangerous situation" in Estcourt when they made important concessions to pacify a gathering of thousands of angry supporters of the Inkatha Freedom Party.

The most important of the concessions was to agree to withdraw the "coloured" 3 South African Infantry Unit from the troubled Wembezi township.

This had been demanded by the IFP supporters — an estimated 4 000 to 5 000 who had gathered in protest and had marched through the town to the local police station, where they handed over a list of demands.

Their anger was directed largely at the 3 SAI, who they blamed for the deaths of two of their number at the weekend.

The IFP protesters were met at the police station by Regional Commissioner of Police Wynand van der Merwe and the officer commanding Group 9, Jan Hougaard.

Colonel Hougaard said last night that a compromise was obviously called for in the circumstances. This compromise was arrived at with the agreement that the IFP would "withdraw its impis".

"It was a very dangerous situation," said Colonel Hougaard, who praised General van der Merwe for the diplomatic way he had handled the crisis.

It had been agreed by General Van der Merwe, with his support, that there should be a "tactical withdrawal" of 3 SAI.

"They were immediately replaced by a new unit in the area, one that has already been deployed there."

He said General van der Merwe had agreed that some men of the Kwazulu Police should be stationed in the area, as requested by the IFP. This meant that Kwazulu Police, South African Police and Defence Force personnel would be deployed in the area in future.

Natal murder toll rises to 25

Sowetan 15/9/93

THREE people were murdered in Natal in the past 24 hours, raising the recorded toll in the province since Friday to 25, KwaZulu Police said yesterday.

The homeland police have arrested four suspects in connection with murder. The KZP said the body of Mr Nkosifikile Ningi (28) was found with stab wounds in Umlazi, south of Durban, early yesterday, bringing to 10 the number of people murdered in the township since last Friday.

The body of an unidentified youth was found with gunshot wounds in KwaMashu, north of Durban, on Monday.

At the weekend, Mr Sabelo Gina (24) was shot dead in the Masomonco area in Mandeni, Northern Natal, and his companion, Mr Thembinkosi Msweli, was seriously wounded in an attack by three gunmen. The motive for the attack is not known. (276)

A South African Police constable is fighting for his life after attackers burst into his house in KwaNdengezi, near Pinetown, on Monday night and shot him. - *Sapa.*

Natal IFP leader killed in ambush

DT 16/9/93

DURBAN. — An Inkatha Freedom Party leader in the Natal Midlands was shot and killed in an ambush in the Ixopo district yesterday. His driver was hacked to death nearby.

SAP spokesman Capt Henry Budhram said Mr Ethelbert Malinga, 64, was killed in an ambush on the Webbstown Road at 8am. About 100 metres away, Mr Malinga's driver, Mr Bongani Mtaka, 42, was found hacked to death in a taxi.

Mr Malinga had been looking for Mr Mtaka when he was ambushed and his vehicle overturned.

Violence also flared again in Ladysmith's Ezakheni township on Tuesday, leaving one person dead and five injured, police said yesterday.

In Thokoza on the East Rand at least three people were killed in continuing violence on Tuesday, police said yesterday.

The body of a man with bullet wounds was found in Maboeja Street, Everest Section, at 8am and the body of another man at No Two Hostel at 3.40pm.

A woman was found dead with a head wound at Unit F, Extension Two, at 5.15pm, police said.

The identities of the three and the motives for the killings are not known.

In neighbouring Katlehong a house and nine squatter shacks were burnt down between 3pm and 4.10pm, police said. — Sapa

ANC may withdraw

DURBAN. — The African National Congress has threatened to withdraw from all peace structures in the Estcourt/Wembezi area in Natal in protest against the withdrawal of the coloured battalion from the area.

The batallion was withdrawn earlier this week after protests by the Inkatha Freedom Party.

3 shot dead in Natal violence

The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — Three people were shot dead in Natal yesterday. One was a train passenger who was gunned down in Duffs Road here.

The other two victims were shot dead in a bakkie near Ixopo early yesterday while travelling in the Webbstown location.

Police found the bodies of Ixopo Inkatha Freedom Party members, Ethelbert Malinga, 64, and Bongani Mntanga, 42, in the bakkie.

Five die in Inanda attack

DURBAN. — Five people were shot dead and two were injured when gunmen went on the rampage in Inanda yesterday morning.

And in an incident on Tuesday five people — including a one-week-old baby — were ki"ed and two shacks were set alight in t e Obizane reserve, near Mtunzini.

Police spokesman Capt Bala Naidoo said several AK-47 cartridges were found at the scene of the Inanda shootings. (276) CT 17/9/93

The motive for the attacks was unknown.

● On the Reef, knife-wielding men attacked six commuters and flung them from a train at Soweto's Dube railway station on Wednesday evening, police spokesman Maj Joseph Ngobeni said yesterday.

Three of the wounded suffered head injuries.

Three people were shot and killed and five others were wounded when a gunman opened fire with an AK-47 rifle on taxi passengers at the Daveyton railway station early yesterday.

Police found 45 spent AK-47 cartridges. — Own Correspondent, Sapa

ANC threat to Natal peace

DURBAN — The ANC has threatened to withdraw from all peace structures in the Estcourt/Wembezi area in Natal in protest against the withdrawal of the coloured battalion from the area.

The battalion was withdrawn earlier this week after IFP protests.

The commander of the ANC's military wing in the area said the "unilateral decision" was unacceptable. — Sapa

ANC may Sowetan withdraw

THE African National Congress has threatened to withdraw from all peace structures in the Estcourt/Wembezi area in Natal in protest against the withdrawal of the coloured SADF battalion from the area. 17/9/93

The battalion was withdrawn earlier this week after protests by the Inkatha Freedom Party. The commander of the ANC's military wing in the Natal Midlands, Mr Ntela Sikhosana, said the "unilateral withdrawal" was against the spirit of community policing. He objected to the deployment of KwaZulu police units in the area — *Sapa.* (276)

Three die in bus depot shooting

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DURBAN. — Three people were shot dead in a bus depot attack in Bhambayi today.

The attack has sparked fears of renewed political fighting in the shack settlement, which has experienced a tentative calm for just over a week

A local peace committee spokesman however said initial reports indicated the attack was not linked the the year-long war between two factions in Bhambayi but was connected to a dispute in nearby Shembe.

Police confirmed the shooting and said they would release details later.

Meanwhile, representatives from the ANC and Inkatha Freedom Party, as well as other Bhambayi community leaders, are meeting in Durban today for ongoing peace talks.

They agreed in principle last Monday to a cessation of hostilities and said they hoped to put this in writing soon.

This followed a year-long feud in the squalid settlement which has claimed more than 250 lives. Some monitors believe the toll is much higher.

Peace descended on the community last Thursday after a local prayer service and since then almost daily reports of killings have become a thing of the past.

However, both sides at the peace talks have cautioned that elements may attempt to scuttle the peace initiative and have indicated that much more work needs to be done to restore normality to the shanty-town.

While there have been no reported killings recently, there have been isolated incidents of violence in Bhambayi. In the latest reports, at least three shacks were gutted at the weekend, said the peace committee spokesman. — Sapa.

Death count increases to 56 as violence continues

B/Day 21/9/93

NATAL and the East Rand had an equally bloody weekend, with the violence death toll rising to 56 yesterday afternoon.

The number of weekend deaths reported in Natal rose to 28 yesterday afternoon when the Human Rights Commission presented its tally.

The incident claiming the most lives was at Ndwedwe near Umhlanga where eight members of a family were slain.

At Wembezi near Estcourt, residents' fears of violence sparked by ANC and Inkatha funerals were realised when two adults and three children were killed in an attack.

In southern Natal's Ixopo district, Inkatha Emazabekweni vice-chairman J J Ngubane, 55, was killed while travelling home on Friday.

Inkatha spokesmen have claimed that Transkei, 12km from Ixopo, is being used by the ANC as a springboard for attacks on Inkatha in Natal. Transkei leader Maj-Gen Bantu Holomisa and the ANC have rejected the claims.

On Sunday, Ixopo farmer Dudley Honeysett was shot and killed by gunmen believed to have been stealing oranges. His manager shot and killed one of the attackers.

Three deaths at Bhambhayi squatter camp, north of Durban, did not put off peace talks between warring Inkatha and ANC delegations.

At Umkomaas on the South Coast, three people died when a hand grenade was thrown into a house.

Six more people were killed in isolated incidents throughout Natal.

The East Rand's weekend death roll also continued to rise yesterday with the discovery by police of a further three bodies in Thokoza. They had all been burnt (275)

Most of the weekend's dead in Thokoza and in adjacent Katlehong were killed by gunfire. (276)

A military ambulance driver and a patient were wounded early yesterday when gunmen opened fire on the vehicle near Thokoza.

"The ambulance was clearly marked with red crosses and emergency lights," the SA Medical Services said.

The wounded driver and patient were taken to hospital.

In Germiston's industrial area of Wadeville two men were killed and four were injured in a gun attack on Sunday.

Yesterday a policeman was shot and another injured as they gave chase to a suspected stolen vehicle in Vosloorus. The car's occupants opened fire on the police.

In the Vaal Triangle a taxi driver was killed and a passenger was injured before daybreak yesterday when gunmen hijacked the taxi.

Meanwhile, clergymen have forced police to identify 71 victims of East Rand violence through fingerprints, the Rev Peter Moerane of the SA Council of Churches said yesterday.

The SACC official posted at the Far East Rand branch said there were 111 unidentified bodies, but 40 of them were too charred to identify through fingerprints.

"The council continues to reject the reason given by police earlier that these people who are supposed to be SA citizens could not be identified," he said.

The 40 charred bodies could not be buried last week as planned because there was a lack of land.

"Thokoza graveyard is almost full," said Moerane.

Burial arrangements would be made at a meeting with community organisations tomorrow, he said.

In the Cape, a hand grenade was lobbed into Khayelitsha police station on Sunday. Police said nobody was hurt. Yesterday morning, a bus driver was killed in the area. — Sapa.

Witness admits [illegible]

It's war, Inkatha warns SADF

INKATHA supporters in Bhambayi, north of Durban, threatened war on Friday if the SADF did not withdraw its coloured battalion from the township where fighting left three dead and eight wounded on Thursday. CIPRESS 26/9/93

The Inkatha-aligned "Green" faction has claimed that the SADF killed two of its members after a confrontation between the Greens and the ANC-aligned "Reds".

Green leader Victor Tshawe said Thursday's incident was the "most blatant display of political partisanship" and that the failure to withdraw the SADF unit before yesterday would be taken as "a declaration of war". (276)

But SADF spokesman Colonle Franz Verfuss said the 120-strong company would not be withdrawn.

2 hurt after Umlazi rally

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DURBAN. — Two people were injured and a vehicle was damaged by a group of men leaving Sunday's King Shaka commemoration rally in Umlazi, according to a peace monitor. (276)

The monitor, from the Umlazi peace committee, said a group of men surrounded a car and pounded it with sticks before stabbing the occupants with assegais.

Mr Mbuliswa Mhlaba was seriously injured and his brother Mzelekeni sustained minor wounds. — Sapa

3 ANC members jailed for bus ambush killings

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DURBAN. — Three ANC Youth League members received heavy prison sentences in the Supreme Court here yesterday for ambushing a bus and killing six men in April last year. CT 1/10/93

Isaac Shange, 19, and Jabulani Cele, 19, were each jailed for 30 years and Jabulani Ncokwane, 22, for 32 years on six counts of murder and eight of attempted murder. The judge said the three had tried to undermine the security forces by wearing SADF overalls in the ambush at Mashiwase. They believed the bus to be carrying Inkatha supporters. — Sapa

Five killed in taxi attacks

DURBAN — Five people were killed and five others injured in attacks on taxis in Natal on Tuesday.

Four people died and four were injured when gunmen opened fire on three minibus taxis in Murchison, near Port Shepstone on Natal's South Coast, police said yesterday.

Gunmen opened fire on a taxi in Umdloti, north of Durban, instantly killing a commuter and seriously wounding the driver.

About 30 taxis blocked the N2 yesterday in protest against recent taxi attacks in the area, violence monitor Selvan Chetty said.

On the East Rand, police said four bodies were found in Thokoza and Katlehong on Tuesday.

In Thokoza, while examining a body, police were fired on by persons armed with AK-47s.

In KwaThema, police found the body of a man believed to have been attacked by a group of people attending a funeral.

A man shot in Katlehong died on his way to hospital.

□ Police fired rubber bullets at about 150 people caught breaking electrical boxes in Geluksdal. — Sapa

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5 die in Natal attacks

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Main highway

And taxi drivers blocked the main highway yesterday in protest against recent attacks in the area.

Naidoo said gunmen struck at about 6pm, when the three taxis stopped at Ganayesa on their way from Port Shepstone to nearby Murchison.

Those killed were: Isaac Ogle (30) Favile Vilikazi (59) Agnes Vilikaze (32) and an unidentified 26-year-old man.

The injured were: Lawrence Chappin (35) Thulani Duzane (31) Sipho Magwaza (30) and Ntombifikale Cele (34).

Naidoo said no arrests had been made by yesterday morning

A violence monitor in the area, Mr Selvan Chetty, said about 30 taxis blocked the N2 yesterday in protest against recent taxi attacks in the area.

Torched vehicle (276)

Another taxi driver had been stabbed and his vehicle torched at the weekend.

"It seems to be linked to a taxi conflict with political overtones," he said, but could not elaborate.

In another attack, gunmen opened fire on a taxi in Umdloti, north of Durban, instantly killing a commuter, Mr Bheki Kabela, and seriously wounding the driver, Mr Pravesh Daniel. —*Sapa*.

Peace bid in Natal 'a lesson for the rest of SA'

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■ A specialist in conflict resolution says South Africa can learn a lot from the peace process in northern Natal where former bitter enemies have become friends.

Weekend Argus Political Correspondent

THEY regarded one another as enemies and wouldn't go into the same room together, let alone talk to one another.

That was the situation 18 months ago in a region of northern Natal where tension was high and conflict between rival groups like the African National Congress and the Inkatha Freedom Party seemed to have reached uncontrollable levels.

This week, former bitter enemies sat down together like old friends — about 120 of them — talked, negotiated and worked out a plan for lasting peace in the greater Empangeni region of Zululand, in the heart of Inkatha country and close to Ulundi.

This initiative could provide important lessons for South Africa's national peace process, says Mr Robert Conway, executive director of the South African Foundation for Conciliation (Safcon).

Mr Conway, a specialist in conflict resolution, chaired this week's meeting in northern Natal and has been involved in that region's peace initiative since its inception.

He said in an interview in his Cape Town office on his return that northern Natal was in many ways a key to a peaceful future for South Africa.

"If you can get all the groupings together in a peace committee in such a key area, then the way is open for doing the same on a national level."

It could be the key to getting the Inkatha Freedom Party to return to the negotiating council at Kempton Park and to take part in next year's elections.

Mr Conway said the people who attended this week's meeting included representatives of the ANC, the IFP, SA police, the KwaZulu police, the SA Defence Force, business interests through the Zululand Chamber of Commerce and Industries, churches, the National Party, the Democratic Party, municipalities and the mayor of Empangeni. In fact, all the stakeholders in the area were there.

In a region which was once one of the areas worst affected by the Natal violence, these stakeholders reached the point where they agreed in principle to the necessity of establishing a peace committee.

Mr Conway described the meeting as "very constructive", especially in so far as it had endorsed the efforts of a task group set up to get the parties to find ways of bridging their differences.

"The key advance is that ANC and IFP people are working together to make it happen," he said.

A lesson from the northern Natal experience was that the question of bringing about peace in South Africa should be seen as a long-term process.

"Given our history, it is unrealistic to expect peace to be brought about overnight. The time limit for boxing in the peace process is often dictated by the agenda of politicians. In many ways, the Peace Accord is a political agenda document rather than a peace document," said Mr Conway.

The bringing about of peace was likely to take longer than most people expected.

"Even when a new government is in power, peace is not going to break out. There still will be the basic conflicts with which people have been grappling for the past 45 years."

He added that too much money was being spent on administrative matters and not enough was used for professional mediation to promote peace.

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16 killed in Natal faction fight

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Durban — At least 16 people were killed in a faction fight near Harding in southern Natal on Monday.

A police statement said a group of about 100 people attacked the Nhlanza faction about 5.30 am on Monday with spears, knives and firearms.

Sixteen men were butchered and some decapitated when the attackers were repelled by a group of men who lay in wait.

A police source in the area said the latest fighting was in retaliation for an attack last month that claimed four lives in the nearby Moyasezi ward.

The police source said Monday's attack was launched by men from the Stezimoya, Quebela and Nhlonkoyemkomo wards. They were, however, met by a group of men who had anticipated the attack and a furious 30-minute battle ensued.

During the fighting three men were decapitated, one man's heart was cut out and several victims had their genitals cut off, said the source.

Local human rights lawyer Claire Kate confirmed that two factions had clashed.

A clerk at her office, Alan Ntlokwana, said the latest fighting was related to a three-year-old feud between the Nhlanza and Quebela wards, about 30 km south-east of Harding.

"There is a grudge between the two factions but we do not know exactly what it is. It's not political," he said.

The Port Shepstone Peace Committee said it would attempt to arrange a meeting to try to prevent further killings. — Sapa.

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Faction fighting ends in slaughter

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A clerk in the office of a local human rights lawyer confirmed that the conflict was related to a traditional dispute and was not political.

Between 180 and 190 people died in Natal in September, according to the Human Rights Commission and the Natal Monitor.

The HRC said the toll was probably higher as many killings went unreported. It said the highest regional toll was in the greater Durban area, where 69 people died.

The HRC said the killing of four South African Communist Party supporters at a rally in Sundumbili on the North Coast highlighted the threat to free political activity there.

It claimed that a group of IFP supporters attacked the rally and the KwaZulu Police failed to intervene.

● The East Rand toll over three days rose to 34 by Monday night with the discovery of five more bodies.

Slow death for town torn by political feud

Even the supermarkets are labelled 'ANC' or 'IFP'

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■ The Natal Midlands town of Estcourt is being torn apart. A chasm between the ANC and the IFP divides the town into two sectors, strangling the lifeblood of businesses.

ESTCOURT. — An invisible line runs through the centre of this town, dividing it into ANC and IFP sectors.

To cross that line and shop in the area of the opposition is to invite attack.

In a bizarre kind of trade-off, the ANC supporters get OK Bazaars, Checkers and most of the upmarket shops, while the IFP supporters get the bus rank, the Indian stores and a large supermarket.

While neither side officially patrols the dividing line, on Friday afternoons the youth gather on corners at the intersection of Albert and Harding streets, the central business district's "war zone intersection".

Hurling taunts and jeering at the opposition across the street, the "corner boys", as they are known, charge an entry and exit "toll" of up to R10 when the supporter of another party crosses the line.

Refusing to pay usually has bloody consequences, either on the street or later in nearby Wembezi township.

Shoppers move about in groups for protection, but incidents of violence break out all too often.

Soldiers and police, armed with shotguns and R4 rifles, patrol the area on foot, their high profile contributing to the "town at war" image.

Caught in the middle are the town's whites and Indians. Gun sales are soaring as uncertainty and a siege mentality prevails.

The ANC side has the white shoppers and the better stores, but there are not that many people on the streets.

The IFP side, however, is a hive of activity with pavement traders plying their wares, selling anything from fabric to fruit. The taxi-rank is packed with minibuses.

Most trade in the town comes from blacks, and with the fewer ANC supporters come fewer buyers.

However, the message was the same at businesses on both sides of the "Maginot Line" down Albert Street: "We are fed up."

Turnover is down 40 percent on average from last year and people are seriously considering packing up shop and moving to another town.

"We are totally frustrated," said supermarket owner Mohammed Jhetan. "If I got the opportunity I would definitely move. My business has been crippled by 50 percent."

Another shopkeeper said he was "sick and tired of being a pawn in some stupid game between political parties".

Most of the trouble appears to come from youths — ranging in age from 12 to 25.

ANC Estcourt secretary Macduff Mbatha admitted that his party's youth "may be out of control". He referred to the two sectors as the "liberated zone" (ANC) and the "unliberated zone" (IFP).

IFP chairman Spitfire Dhlamini blamed the ANC for the continuing violence and said most of the ANC youths came into town from other areas.

Both Mr Mbatha and Mr Dhlamini accused the other of encouraging the conflict.

Several attempts at getting the peace process off the ground have been started by the local dispute resolution committee, but while leaders talk, their young supporters appear to be listening to a different drum beat.

Violence claims four in Natal

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DURBAN. — At least four people were killed in Natal violence this week, the KwaZulu Police said yesterday.

Two youths were killed when attackers fired shots and threw handgrenades into a house in the Nodwengu area of Ndwedwe, north of here, on Tuesday.

A third youth was fatally shot in the doorway of his home nearby.

In KwaCeza, in the Mahlabatini district near Ulundi, police are investigating the murder of a security guard while on duty early on Thursday. — Sapa

Sowetan 19/10/93

Violence claims 11 lives

VIOLENCE claimed the lives of at least 11 people in Natal at the weekend, including two policemen suspectedly killed by Apla members, and a one-year-old child who was burnt to death.

According to the KwaZulu police, six bodies were discovered in the greater Durban area at the weekend. All six men were either stabbed or shot to death.

The KZP said among the dead was an SA Defence Force member, who was fatally shot in KwaMashu, north of Durban. His firearm and ammunition were stolen.

The SA Police reported a gang fight in the Makhathini area of Stanger, on the Natal North Coast, during which one man was fatally shot.

Police said the two groups, armed with bottles, stones and firearms, clashed on Saturday.

Teargas was used to disperse the crowd.

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No arrests were made

A year-old child was burnt to death, a woman was stabbed to death and a second child "sustained chop wounds" after an attack by 20 men on a house in Isipingo on Sunday.

In Bhongweni, near Kokstad, two policemen were abducted and weapons were stolen by assailants who scribbled "Apla" (Azanian Peoples' Liberation Army) on the police station wall.

The bodies of the policemen were found in Transkei on Sunday. — *Sapa.*

IFP student leader, friend knifed to death

The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — An Inkatha Freedom Party student leader at the University of Zululand and a friend have been stabbed to death.

Michion Mkhize, 26, vice-chairman of the IFP at the university, was with a group of IFP sympathisers in Vulindlela township, near Empangeni, when they were attacked by eight men about 8pm yesterday.

Mr Mkhize and the other student were stabbed to death and three people were injured. The other victim's name has not yet been released.

IFP spokesman Ed Tillett said in a statement that the attack was politically motivated and linked to a IFP meeting on the campus planned for Saturday.

Mr Tillett said Mr Mkhize was the second IFP leader killed in Natal since the weekend.

Wembezi IFP leader Duke Mbongwa was hacked to death during a "so-called faction fight" at Mangweni, near Loskop, at the weekend, Mr Tillett said.

Midlands clans kill 24 in bloody feud

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DURBAN — At least 24 people died when two clans clashed at Loskop near Estcourt in the Natal Midlands yesterday morning, police said.

Police spokesman Capt Henry Budhram said the Ngondini and Mnyangweni clans attacked each other with knives, spears and firearms. Five people were seriously wounded and about 100 huts were gutted.

The attack appeared to have been motivated by revenge for the killing of two members of the Ngondini clan on October 9, and the burning down of 62 huts belonging to the Mnyangweni clan two days later, Budhram said. "The faction fighting there is linked to an old land dispute." Police reinforcements would remain in the area.

Estcourt local dispute resolution committee co-chairman Dave Carnegie said the fighting did not appear to be politically linked. The committee would ask the local chief to intervene. (276)

Yesterday's killings follow weekend fighting in the area in which Inkatha Freedom Party official Duke Mbongwa died.

Inkatha said its vice-chairman at the University of Zululand, Michion Mkhize, and another student were killed in an attack near the Vulindlela township near Empangeni on Tuesday night.

Police reported that 12 bodies were found in East Rand townships on Tuesday and yesterday, raising the death toll in the region to at least 38 since Saturday.

Police patrols were also attacked, twice in Katlehong and once in Thokoza. One man was wounded and arrested after police fired back and a bystander was wounded by the attackers, police said.

The Human Rights Commission said 90 people died in political violence countrywide between October 13-19.

Meanwhile, the Vaal region of the ANC Youth League has declared war on criminals after last week's killing of geologist Barry van Wyk in Sebokeng.

Youth league spokesman Mothobi Xaba said his organisation was against the killing and hounding out of people, such as doctors and Eskom technicians, who were trying to bring progress to the townships.

He did not disclose what steps would be taken, but said the criminal element had to be shown its actions would no longer be tolerated by the community.

Telkom public relations senior GM Johan Adler said Telkom had established a task group to liaise with civic organisations to ensure its technicians' safety.

Between May and August 153 Telkom vehicles were damaged, stolen or hijacked.

□ A joint operation centre has been launched in once war-ridden Bhambayi, near Durban, with police, ANC and Inkatha officials monitoring the shack settlement to ensure a successful peace initiative.

More than 250 lives were lost in the past year, but a local peace initiative in September and talks have virtually halted the conflict. — Sapa.

Natal peacemaker murdered at home

CT 4/11/93 (276)

DURBAN. — Prominent Port Shepstone clergyman and peacemaker, the Rev Richard Kgetsi, was assassinated at his Murchison home on Tuesday night, according to the chairman of the Port Shepstone Peace Committee, the Rev Danny Chetty.

Mr Chetty said his colleague was deeply involved in local peace efforts and bringing warring communities to peace talks.

"He was sitting at his typewriter in the lounge while his family was watching television when a shot was fired through the window, hitting him in the back."

Although in pain and shock, Mr Kgetsi managed to drive himself to the nearby Murchison Hospital and was rushed to Port Shepstone Hospital, where he died.

"People nearby said they saw a gunman walk to a car after the shooting and drive away, indicating this was an assassination," said Mr Chetty.

"His loss is a direct attack on the peacemakers here."

Townships around Port Shepstone have been wracked by political fighting between the ANC and IFP for several years.

Elements of the security forces and other groups opposed to peace have been blamed for sabotaging some fledgling peace initiatives, although police have vehemently denied this.

The area has also been the focus of Goldstone inquiries into violence.

Mr Kgetsi, who Mr Chetty said was about 48, leaves his wife and four children.

Police said they are aware of a killing in Murchison and would supply details later.

The ANC reacted with shock and horror at the murder of Mr Kgetsi, saying it formed part of a broader strategy by "third-force elements to frustrate efforts to create peace and stability in our communities". — Sapa

Natal peace-broker shot dead

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☐ Shock waves in tense 'area'

The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — The killing of Murchison peace-broker the Rev Richard Kgetsi, shot dead through a bedroom window, has sent shock waves through the Natal South Coast community and further violence is feared in an area which is described as being "constantly tense".

The area has seen a great deal of bloodshed, violence and misery since factions of the African National Congress and Inkatha Freedom Party began fighting each other.

Police spokesman Hamilton Ngidi said today that Mr Kgetsi had just arrived home and was sitting on a chair in the bedroom preparing to watch the 8pm television news on Tuesday when he was killed.

"He was in the room sitting on a chair when a shot was fired through the window from outside the house. It hit Mr Kgetsi in the back. He was taken to the hospital in Murchison where he died. No arrests have been made," said Major Ngidi.

Peace monitors, religious leaders and politicians are stunned by the killing and are afraid of violence on an unprecedented scale there.

Mr Kgetsi was regarded as "totally impartial" and served the spiritual needs of all people regardless of their political affiliations.

The Rev Danny Chetty of Practical Ministries and the chairman of the Port Shepstone Peace Committee, said the attack seemed to be aimed at frightening religious leaders from working against violence in the area.

He said his co-worker had regularly conducted funerals of violence victims of all political persuasions.

Allegations have been made previously that a force operates in the area with the express intent of preventing peace.

Practical Ministries have said that some of this violence goes beyond unsophisticated retaliatory ANC/IFP violence.

According to Mr Chetty, clergymen had begun playing a larger role in peace work in the area because most political leaders had fled the area. Speaking personally about his colleague, he said the killing had left him "totally confused".

He said the death of Mr Kgetsi was "a victory for those who want chaos and anarchy"

"A desperate effort is now needed if we are to have peace," he said.

On the day of his killing the evangelical minister had returned from work on a housing project for orphans of the violence in nearby Izingolweni .

Friederike Schulze, a church peace monitor from Germany who was sent to join peace workers in South Africa, said that she had watched Mr Kgetsi at work and found him to be extremely caring.

Apart from serving the victims of violence, he took special interest in children who were made orphans by the conflict, she said.

"He did his best to serve everybody and was accepted as completely impartial and his murder comes as a terrible shock."

Another church peace monitor, Selvan Chetty, said that the shooting was totally senseless and that it took the life of a man who worked for the community.

10 teenagers shot dead in Zululand

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The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — Ten teenagers, nine of them card-carrying members of the African National Congress, were shot dead in an attack on a homestead in Nqutu, Zululand.

Eight others were injured in yesterday's attack on the homestead of Alpheus Molefe, who was also injured.

Chief Molefe's son Tsepo was one of the teenagers killed in the attack.

Among the injured were a three-year-old child and a woman, who had broken bones after being shot, according to an ANC spokeswoman.

A planned ANC rally in the area was cancelled yesterday after the organisation's head office security section got information that there might be trouble.

The spokeswoman said Chief Molefe was an ANC member in an isolated band of ANC members in the middle of an Inkatha area.

● Six people, including two children, were killed in Ixopo last night. Police said they were shot dead when men armed with AK-47s stormed a house at Stanton location.

Killings halt ANC rally

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — Ten people were shot and killed just seven kilometres away from the soccer field where a controversial ANC rally was to be held in Nqutu near Dundee in northern Natal yesterday.

The rally, which was to have been addressed by Mrs Winnie Mandela and ANC youth league leader Mr Peter Mokaba, was cancelled apparently after IFP threats to disrupt the mass meeting.

A statement from the ANC's Natal midlands region said information was received that the IFP had stockpiled weapons in the area the previous week and intended occupying the stadium yesterday. 27 Dec 18/11/93

Six killed in Natal attack

DURBAN. — Six people were killed — including two children — when a group of AK-47-wielding men opened fire on a kraal in Ixopo.

A police spokesman said gunmen attacked the kraal on the farm Stanton on Sunday.

At the kraal, police found the bodies of four people — three-year-old Lungisini Mkhize, Mrs Johanna Mkhize, 70, Khumulani Mkhize, 4, and Lakhema Jili, whose age is unknown.

The bodies of two men, Mr Godfrey Zungu and Mr Similquila Memela, were found in the veld.

Two other people were injured in the attack.

No arrests have yet been made and police are offering a substantial reward for information.

● Law and Order Minister Mr Hernus Kriel has condemned Sunday's killing of 10 ANC supporters in Natal's Ngutu area and said they were victims of "the curse" of political intolerance.

"It is clear that until the ANC and IFP leaders, as well as other community leaders, do far more to establish a culture of political tolerance, effective combating of violence will be impossible," Mr Kriel said.

● A total of 462 people died in countrywide political violence in October, according to the Human Rights Commission's latest report.

Violence in Natal and the East Rand accounted for 90% of the deaths. The HRC said the rest of the country was "relatively" peaceful. — Sapa

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3 killed in Natal attack

At least three people were killed today in heavy fighting in Natal.

Police spokesman Major Bala Naidoo said a group of gunmen went on the rampage in Malagazi, situated about 25 km south of Durban, "in the early hours of the morning".

He said the men opened fire on sleeping residents and razed several huts.

"Police are still at the scene investigating and the motive for the attack is not yet known," said Naidoo. (276)

He added that the fighting was continuing and sounds of gunfire could still be heard in the area when dawn broke, he said. — Crime Reporter.

ANC blames IFP for Nquthu attack

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DURBAN. — The toll in the Nquthu massacre in Natal's Midlands at the weekend rose to 11 yesterday.

Meanwhile the ANC has suggested the perpetrators were linked to the IFP.

"What happened at Nquthu is part of that war because they (the IFP) have always said there won't be any elections in this country in this violent climate. They don't only perpetuate violence, but intensify it and extend it to areas that have not been violent," Midlands' ANC chairman Mr Harry Gwala said in Maritzburg.

He said his organisation was not at war with the IFP and wanted to create a climate for peaceful elections.

IFP national spokesman Dr Ziba Jiyane said it was ironic that "a man with a long commitment to violence should accuse a movement committed to peaceful struggle, of violence and that he should do so without a shred of evidence".

● On the Reef, the bodies of two unindentified men were found in East Rand townships on Monday, police said yesterday.

A man was shot dead in Katlehong's Moshoeshoe section and the body of another man was found in Thokoza

Gunmen attacked a minibus in Wadeville, seriously wounding a man, while two police patrols came under fire — one in Heidelberg Road, Alrode, and the other in Twala Section, Katlehong. No injuries were reported. Damage to the vehicle in the Alrode attack was estimated at R1 000.

Police also arrested two men for unlawful possession of an AK-47 rifle and ammunition and a CZ 7.65mm pistol and ammunition in separate arrests in Katlehong and Thokoza. — Sapa, Own Correspondent

215 died last month, says Human Rights Commission

No end to Natal killings

Star 11/11/93

THIRTEEN people die in Umlazi near Durban after three months of peace in the area

Durban — Violence raged through Natal in the past week, with the latest reports of 13 killings in Umlazi near Durban pushing the toll to at least 50 since Friday.

And the Human Rights Commission released preliminary figures of 215 political deaths in Natal last month — the highest in three years.

Peace monitors have expressed grave concern at the "alarming escalation" of violence in Umlazi, 15 km south of Durban.

Two Inkatha Freedom Party strongholds in Umlazi's Zimeleni and Malukazi shack settlements were attacked on Tuesday night, leaving at least 10 people dead.

Three others were killed in Umlazi's township earlier this week.

The Network of Independent Monitors said seven people died at 9 pm on Tuesday in an attack on Zimeleni by unknown gunmen (276)

The KwaZulu Police confirmed six deaths — four people shot dead and two burnt to death.

Several homes were gutted in the attack.

A few kilometres away in Malukazi, four homes were set alight by attackers who shot dead a 12-year-old girl. Two adults were burnt to death.

The attack came after three months of peace, following a successful pact between the ANC and IFP in the area.

However, a local peace committee official said both sides had met yesterday morning and recommitted themselves to the initiative.

Local IFP chairman Sydney Mncwango confirmed that his party was still committed to peace.

Nevertheless, some residents fled the area.

"I will never go back there. I'm taking my wife and baby back to the farm," said Mandla Mkhize as he hitched a ride to hospital to have his and his wife's wounds attended to.

Umlazi is not the only site of escalating violence in Natal. The Port Shepstone area recorded more than 40 deaths last month and at least 15 this month.

Natal's North Coast has also suffered sporadic attacks.

At least 45 people were killed in this region last month.

The Natal Midlands remains volatile, with regular attacks in most major urban townships and sporadic violence in rural areas claiming at least 65 lives last month, according to the HRC's report. — Sapa.

Natal squatters burnt to death

DURBAN. — Malukazi and Zimeleni squatter settlements south of here erupted with at least nine people killed — some burnt beyond recognition — and scores more injured in violence yesterday.

Six people were stabbed and burnt to death killed when a group attacked houses at Zimeleni, outside Umlazi township.

Police said three of the victims were stabbed to death and the others — one a two-month-old infant — burnt beyond recognition. They said three others were critically injured.

In Malukazi, three people — including a 14-year-old girl — were killed when four houses were torched at dawn yesterday.

Two of the dead were burnt to death.

● On the East Rand, gunmen ambushed a minibus in Vosloorus on Tuesday night, killing one man and wounding three other passengers. The bodies of two other people who had been shot were found in Katlehong on Tuesday, while the badly mutilated body of a man was found on a railway line in the Vaal Triangle. — Own Correspondent.

Killings: Cheers as 5 go free

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — Jubilation greeted the acquittal in the Durban Supreme Court yesterday of five men on 24 charges of murder and 22 of attempted murder following a massacre at Folweni on the Natal South Coast.

After Mr Justice Broome's judgment, the gallery erupted in loud cheers as well-wishers congratulated Mr Sibusiso Darlington Magwanyana, Mr Mlungisi Alfred Nzama, Mr Lucas Mzingele Ngubane, Mr Mduduzi Matobza Ngobese and Mr Muzikawukhethi Ellias Mkhize.

The five were found not guilty of murdering 24 people who were guests at a traditional gathering at the home of a Folweni resident on October 24 last year.

Mr Justice Broome said the state had not proved the case against the accused beyond a reasonable doubt.

He said the testimony led by five state witnesses had not directly implicated the five in the crime and the state had failed to establish a prima facie case against the men. CTI 11/11/93

At the end of the day the court had been left with the "conflicting and unsatisfactory" evidence of two state witnesses.

The judge described this evidence as "vague and ambiguous".

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More Natal deaths

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

The badly decomposed body of Mandla Mchunu (23) was found in Ezakheni, near Ladysmith, on Wednesday. (276)

Eni Hadebe was stabbed to death in Estcourt's Bhekuzulu Reserve on Wednesday. The killing of Nhlanhla Khumalo in Ntambanana, Empangeni, was reported on Tuesday. — Sapa.

Bomb scare halts Mandela meeting

GREYTOWN. — African National Congress president Nelson Mandela and senior ANC officials were evacuated from Greytown's town hall today when police reported a bomb threat.

Mr Mandela was hurried from the hall.

He was midway through answering questions at a "peoples forum" at 12.40pm when ANC officials interrupted and asked that the hall be evacuated.

A senior policeman at the scene said: "Somebody telephoned and said there was a bomb".

Another policeman was overheard saying that the hall had been hurriedly searched before Mr Mandela's arrival. (276) ARG 15/11/93

Police with sniffer dogs rushed to the hall soon after it was evacuated.

It was not known whether they had found anything.

Earlier several hundred supporters had toyi-toyied through Greytown, in the Natal midlands, on their way to the meeting.

Mr Mandela, on a week-long campaign in Natal, earlier spoke to about 1 000 supporters at nearby Enhlalagahle.

He urged them to vote for the ANC on April 27 next year to ensure their socio-economic needs were addressed.

The ANC leader also gave a quick lesson in voter education by displaying a piece of paper with a cross on it, and urged his supporters to put their mark beside the ANC's symbol.

Mr Mandela's schedule takes him to Howick later today, where he will visit the site where he was arrested in 1961.

He is scheduled to address Maritzburg businessmen and opinion-makers tonight. — Sapa.

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Bophuthatswana Government

Water supply to urban Bophuthatswana is the function of two government departments[5]:

* the Department of Water Affairs (for "urban" areas - the proclaimed towns) established in 1987, and
* the Bophuthatswana Water Supply Authority (BWSA) (for the "rural" areas - the dense settlements) established in 1989.

In the proclaimed towns there is a distinction made between "economic areas" (Mmabatho, Thaba'Nchu and Babelegi) and sub-economic areas (all the other proclaimed towns). In the economic areas, the local authority is responsible for operating, maintenance and cost recovery.

In the other proclaimed towns the supply of domestic water is the responsibility of the Bophuthatswana Department of Water Affairs.

In the unproclaimed towns - the dense settlements or "non-economic areas" - the supply of water is the responsibility of BWSA which is also responsible for recovering costs.

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Five found shot dead

CT 15/11/93 (276)

DURBAN. — Police found five bodies with gunshot wounds in the Bhambayi squatter settlement near here as the Human Rights Commission reported a marked decline in political killings in the first 10 months of the year.

Police also came under fire several times in the settlement and one policeman was slightly wounded in the ear.

SA Defence Force troops shot and killed a man in Tembisa yesterday after he had fired at a patrol in the East Rand township, the SADF said

Two firearms were confiscated following the shooting, Captain S Nel, a spokesman for the SADF's Germiston-based Group 41, said in a statement.

The HRC on Saturday reported a drastic reduction in violence in Pretoria, Witwatersrand and Vereeniging townships, but not on the East Rand, in the first 10 months of this year

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

Warfare on the East Rand claimed 1 318 lives. — Sapa

Tourists stay away from Drakensberg

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — Drakensberg resorts are losing business as tourists stay away in fear of harassment and violence as they "run the gauntlet" through KwaZulu to the 'Berg.

Five tour parties turned back to Durban in fear of their safety before reaching the Natal Parks Board Giant's Castle reserve at the weekend.

One group was threatened by young men when their vehicle was stuck on muddy roads.

"Something has to be done or our revenues are going to be seriously affected," said a senior parks board employee.

He said he would try to arrange convoys and meeting points for travellers to ensure their safety.

Threatening children reportedly converge on cars stuck in mud, demanding up to R100 for assistance and responding violently if refused. Locals also reportedly divert streams on to roads to make mud baths to bog down vehicles, the NPB employee said.

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ANC, IFP fighting breaks peace accord

JOHANNESBURG. — Four people died and two were wounded in fighting between ANC and Inkatha factions in Bhambayi, north of Durban, on Wednesday night. (276) CT 19/11/93

The latest round of fighting ended two months of peace following an agreement between the two sides to accompany the internal stability unit and peace monitors on their nightly patrols.

● Eleven men were arrested and arms seized when a police task force raided a hostel in Vosloorus on the East Rand early yesterday.

● Police yesterday reported shots being fired on three occasions at internal stability unit East Rand patrols late on Wednesday.

● Seventy-six people died and 58 people were injured in political violence during the week ending on Tuesday, the Human Rights Commission said in its weekly report yesterday. — Sapa

3 die in Bhoboyi attack

By ALI MPHAKI and Sapa

THE situation in strife-torn Bhoboyi township near Port Shepstone was described as "tense" last night following the death of three family members who were gunned down in their home on Friday night.

Residents are baffled at the deaths, saying the attack happened less than 900 metres from a regular Internal Stability Unit "strong point", and that there was a strong presence of SADF personnel patrolling the area. CIPRDS 21/11/93

A four-year-old child miraculously escaped death after the gunmen, disguised in balaclavas, burst into his home and killed three members of his family before setting the house on fire. (276)

The dead have been identified as Ditisile Cele, Qalumuzi Cele, and Thulisile (surname unknown).

Responding to the allegations that police were nearby at the time of the attack, SA Police spokesman Major Bala Naidoo said residents should make statements to a nearby police station, which he promised would be investigated.

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11 slain in Natal

AT least 11 people were killed in a weekend of crime and violence in Natal, police reported yesterday.

The SA Police reported eight killings in the province while the KwaZulu Police said three people had died violently in the homeland.

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

A man was shot dead by two attackers near Bhambayi, outside Durban, on Friday morning. (276)

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

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

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

In Alexander, also in Maritzburg, a 25-year-old man was stabbed during an argument on Saturday and Mr Themba Khumalo, also aged 25, was shot dead in the crossfire when robbers held up a shop owner in Ezakheni, Ladysmith, on Sunday. — *Sapa*.

8 more die in Natal unrest

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DURBAN — Police have reported another eight deaths in Natal, bringing the death toll to at least 19 since Friday.

On the East Rand on Monday, the bullet-riddled body of an unidentified man was found on a soccer field in Madondo Street in Thokoza and a woman was stabbed with a knife and a screwdriver in Mgadi Section in Katlehong.

A group of men threw bricks at a police vehicle in Phola Park on Monday night. — Sapa

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Cops: ANC man shot in the heart

DURBAN. — KwaZulu police yesterday confirmed that a member of the ANC's Natal Midlands regional executive committee, Mr Phillip Ndlovu, died after being shot through the heart at his Mpumalanga home at about midnight on Thursday (276)

And the ~~ANC~~ Midlands branch said another of its members, Mr Noel Sibisi, was shot in the leg when he and Mr Ndlovu arrived home at midnight. CT 27/11/93

Mpumalanga KZP station commander Captain Caiphas Ngwabe said the killer, armed with a 9mm firearm, shot the KwaXimba ANC branch official in the chest.

He could not confirm any injury to another person.

But, he said, police were aware of a suspect who had threatened to kill Mr Ndlovu. — Sapa

25 killed as violence rocks Natal

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DURBAN. — Politically-linked violence continued in several Natal townships at the weekend, claiming at least 25 lives and fuelling fears that the toll would rise.

Police and the Human Rights Commission said at least seven people were shot in the Iniwe area between Mtunzini and Empangeni on the Natal North Coast.

An HRC monitor said gunmen attacked an African National Congress stronghold, leaving at least seven dead in several homesteads.

Iniwe is in one of the most volatile regions in Natal.

Police at Empangeni reported that a home was set alight, Mr Madani Gumede was shot dead and his wife was wounded in Gobandlovu, adjacent to the Esikhawini township, at the weekend.

Gingindlovu police reported that two people were shot dead in the Mvutshini area, and another was stabbed in Nqutshini about 40km west of Mtunzini.

Weekend violence in the Sundumbili township, near Mandini, claimed at least one life and left 17 homes gutted by fire.

A monitor in the area said scores of residents were fleeing Sundumbili today.

Port Shepstone unrest monitor Selvan Chetty said two people were shot and hacked to death in their home in Bhoboyi on the South Coast last night.

He said the bodies were discovered this morning, and police said they were investigating.

In nearby Paddock, police said Mr Sipho Shibe, 35, was killed in an attack by gunmen on Saturday night. Two others were injured.

A police spokesman reported three murders in the Amahlongwa area of Umkomaas, also on the South Coast.

He said three men were shot dead on Friday night, but there were no further details.

In nearby Mfume, police assistant J S Dladla was found dead on a road. His throat had been slit and he had been stabbed in the chest.

A woman was killed in nearby Umgababa on Sunday. She had been shot dead and a man was injured when gunmen opened fire on them.

A 15-year-old youth was killed on Saturday after being abducted from his home in Isipingo, also near Durban.

The owner of a taxi and a tuckshop was shot dead in his bed in an Estcourt hospital at the weekend.

Mr D Miya, of Wembezi township, had been recovering from a gunshot wound in Emmaus Hospital, reports Sapa.

Bloody weekend for reeling Natal

DURBAN. — Natal has recorded one of its bloodiest weekends this year with at least 35 people killed in townships and rural areas since Friday.

The toll in the province looks set to top 200 again this month. (276)

Northern Natal was worst hit at the weekend, with police reporting 13 deaths since Friday.

Violence also flared in Umlazi and surrounding areas, accounting for 10 of the deaths.

In Iniwe, between Mtunzini and Empangeni, eight people were killed and three injured in an overnight attack on a homestead hosting a traditional ceremony.

And a weekend wake for the Pongola branch chairman of the ANC, Mr Mike Mcetshwa, ended in chaos and bloodshed when two armed men opened fire on a group of the mourners, wounding eight. ST 30/11/93

● Police arrested 10 men at the Phola Park squatter camp after about 50 people attacked the Edenpark police station on Sunday evening, police said yesterday. — Sapa

ANC claims plot in Natal

DURBAN. — The ANC in Natal is to seek an urgent meeting with police and defence force chiefs to discuss concerns that the right-wing and Inkatha are preparing for a bloody "counter-revolution" in the region.

The ANC and IFP have both claimed in the past two weeks that the one is launching a massive military campaign against the other. (276)

IFP spokesmen say that the party has a confidential document exposing a plot by uMkhonto weSizwe to recruit, train and deploy extra soldiers to kill IFP leaders. CT 30/11/93

The ANC has rejected the allegations.

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■ WORST HIT 13 die in Natal ...

violence, 8 at a traditional ceremony:

FORTY-FIVE people were killed in a weekend of violence in Natal and on the East Rand.

Natal recorded one of its bloodiest weekends this year with at least 30 people killed since Friday, and the province's toll is likely to top 200 again this month, following October's unprecedented 215 reported killings. (276)

Northern Natal was worst hit by violence at the weekend, with police reporting 13 deaths since Friday.

In the latest report yesterday, eight people — including two children aged six and eight — were killed and three injured in an overnight attack on a homestead hosting a traditional ceremony in niwe, between Mtunzini and Empangeni.

Police spokesman Major Bala Naidoo said a gunman with an AK-47 rifle opened fire on the gathering.

On the East Rand — the country's other violent flash point — police arrested 10 men at the Phola Park squatter camp after about 50 people attacked the Eden Park police station on Sunday night.

Two policemen were injured and two of the attackers were killed, increasing the weekend toll in East Rand townships to 15.

Police confiscated an AK-47 rifle and a number of G3 assault rifles.

Police spokeswoman Lieutenant Janine Smith said nine bodies were found on Sunday — five at Katlehong and four at Tokoza. Four bodies were found in the Katlehong-Tokoza-Vosloorus area on Saturday and Friday.

In Natal scores of residents were fleeing Sundumbili yesterday morning and at Port Shepstone two people were shot and hacked to death in their home in Bhoboyi on the South Coast on Sunday night.

In nearby Paddock, Mr Sipho Shibe (35) was killed by gunmen on Saturday night. Three other men were shot dead in the Amahlongwa area of Umkomaas, also on the South Coast, on Friday night.

In nearby Mfume, Constable JS Dladla was found dead on a road.

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Seven murdered in Natal

DURBAN. — Seven people were murdered in Natal on Thursday, the police said yesterday. 27/11/94 276

SAP spokesman Major Bala Naidoo said Ms Matilda Nkosi, 37, and Constable J T Khuzwayo were shot dead by gunmen at a shebeen in Umkomaas, on the South Coast.

Two people were also killed in the Nkulu Ward near Port Shepstone after their house was set alight.

Philani Ngwabe, 15, was shot dead while playing soccer in Paddock, in southern Natal.

A former police reservist and another man were shot dead at Qinabhawodi reserve near Port Shepstone's Gamalakhe township, on the Natal South Coast.

● A Johannesburg police sergeant stationed at the Tsakane police station on the East Rand is critically ill in hospital after he was shot several times by a gunman while on patrol early on Friday. — Sapa

IFP the 'aggressor' in N Natal

ULUNDI. — The Inkatha Freedom Party cannot comment on a police report citing IFP supporters as aggressors in political violence in Northern Natal until the report has been submitted to the party, according to national spokesman Ziba Jiyane.

Dr Jiyane said yesterday the IFP had not seen the document, but had called for a copy.

The report blames the violence on the continuing struggle for political domination by the ANC and the IFP, but states IFP supporters are the aggressors in most cases.

The report, which warns of an increase in unrest in the run-up to the election, is apparently signed by Natal regional commissioner Colin Steyn and has been submitted to the Transitional Executive Council.

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Dr Jiyane said: "This seems very strange, given that the IFP has received repeated reports of ANC violence and intimidation against its members in the region."

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He said the IFP had no reason to believe claims contained in any confidential report submitted to the TEC, including those made by civil servants "kowtowing to the ANC-dominated TEC, which has subsumed the functions of the nationalist government". — Sapa.

SADF has hands full in fight to silence the guns

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JOHN PERLMAN
CHIEF REPORTER

BHAMBAYI — If body counts are the yardstick, then the impending state of emergency did help to stem the bloodshed in Natal for a day. (276)

But after traversing the townships and squatter camps around Durban, it's hard not to come to one cold, cruel conclusion: the fighters in South Africa's worst war zone were not at peace — they were simply drawing breath.

But in Bhambayi squatter settlement north of Durban they were not even doing that. Bhambayi nestles in a valley, with KwaMashu on one side and Inanda on the other. There was one drive-by shooting in KwaMashu, but most of the township seemed content to sit in groups round food and some beer.

Quiet

There was a vigorous, noisy march in Inanda — just members of the Methodist Church celebrating Good Friday. By mid-afternoon Bhambayi — where seven people were slain this week — seemed set for the same kind of day.

"Everything's just quiet," said a group of peace monitors. And then an all too familiar hell descended on the place as guns suddenly began to blaze.

In seconds the empty streets filled with armed fighters, men and even some women. On their foreheads were marks of black charcoal paste:

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♦Silencing guns

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"Muti, so we should not be killed," one said. Through the gaps in the maze of shacks you could see the same kind of ragged army edging its way towards enemy territory. (276)

This community is torn in half into "reds" and "greens", ANC and IFP, but the line of the tear is a ragged one. Cross a narrow alley between near-identical shacks and you've crossed a border. It's a war that pits brother against brother.

Nobody was killed in a battle that lasted more than 20 minutes. The police made sure of that. But the near mayhem made it very clear what this emergency is up against.

This weekend, the return for Easter of migrant men from the Reef adds fuel to red-hot coals, and some ANC leaders in the province expect Natal to shudder from the shockwaves of Monday's Johannesburg massacre.

As it is, the imposition of the emergency faces one enormous difficulty. The IFP is already branding the SADF as biased. The ANC is welcoming the army, based considerably on a relentless hatred for the Internal Stability Units.

"Stability took nine guns from us last week," said one young "comrade" in KwaMashu's B-section frontline. "But they never went to the hostel because they are afraid." An older member, a peace committee representative in a squatter camp nearby, said: "Without the ISU there, it wouldn't have taken us two months and the IFP would have been defeated. We would drive them out of this place."

It is difficult to imagine the SADF's popularity remaining untarnished. Effective seizure of weapons, especially guns, will be the cornerstone of any lasting peacekeeping effort. And if the SADF goes at that task with a will, it could soon run up against one cold, hard reality: many people on both sides of Natal's bloody conflict are determined to stick to their guns.

It may well be that the emergency achieves its goal of securing a free and fair election. But securing peace in Natal is going to be a different matter.

IEC report clinched

SHAUN JOHNSON and ESTHER WAUGH

A MEMORANDUM bluntly stating that free elections in KwaZulu/Natal were impossible without direct political intervention was the primary catalyst for the eventual declaration of this week's state of emergency there.

The confidential three-page memorandum, with 15 pages of supporting documentation, was presented by Independent Electoral Commission chairman Judge Johann Kriegler to President F W de Klerk and ANC leader Nelson Mandela in Pretoria on March 24.

An edited version was released to the media the same day. The state of emergency was declared on March 31.

Appended to the original document — a copy of which has been seen by WeekendStar — was a nine-point memorandum from the IEC to Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, setting out the guarantees the IEC wanted from Ulundi regarding co-operation in allowing the election to take place in KwaZulu/Natal.

It was the reaction to this memorandum by Buthelezi, King Goodwill Zwelithini, several KwaZulu Ministers and members of the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly that led the IEC to give its own ultimatum to De Klerk the following day.

List of demands

In the memorandum to Buthelezi dated March 23, the IEC proposed that in order to "execute its mandate of conducting an election within the territory of KwaZulu", it requested that Buthelezi "cause instructions to be given forthwith that":

- The KwaZulu Department of Education make schools available for use as polling stations.
- Principals give telephone technicians access to their schools.
- KwaZulu government buildings, including tribal authority and magistrates' offices, be made available for election purposes.
- The KwaZulu Department of the Interior cooperate with the IEC on matters including the issuing of identity documents and seconding staff.
- The KwaZulu Department of Justice make facilities available for the IEC Adjudication Secretariat.
- Amakhosi and other KwaZulu officials and authorities assist the IEC and observer groups.
- The KwaZulu departments of Health and of Pensions and Welfare co-operate with the IEC in facilitating special votes.
- The KwaZulu Police provide security for IEC staff and secure the election process, as well as participate fully with other groups in security planning.

'Operation Access'

The IEC memorandum to Buthelezi also proposed the establishment of a working committee, and informed the KwaZulu authorities that the IEC intended to launch "Operation Access" in the region soon.

The response of the KwaZulu authorities to the IEC delegation was subsequently described in the IEC's document to De Klerk and Mandela as "stage-managed to humiliate the IEC".

Describing the atmosphere as "confrontational and aggressive", the IEC concluded that the requisite assurances sought from the KwaZulu authorities had not been given.

In the final paragraph of the confidential memorandum presented to De Klerk and Mandela, the IEC stated: "In order for the IEC to conduct free and fair elections in KwaZulu/Natal, the requisite degree of stability and co-operation has to be established in the province as a matter of urgency.

"How that is to be achieved is not for the IEC to determine. Nor will it be in a position to advise whether substantially free and fair elections can be conducted in KwaZulu/Natal unless and until such stability and co-operation have been attained."

(47 Sauer St, Johannesburg)

De Klerk shown chilling intelligence reports

Why FW cracked down in Natal



F W DE KLERK: Was warned that political killings could increase tenfold before the election.

SADF has hands full in fight to silence the guns

JOHN PERLMAN
CHIEF REPORTER

BHAMBAYI — If body counts are the yardstick, then the impending state of emergency did help to stem the bloodshed in Natal for a day.

But after traversing the townships and squatter camps around Durban, it's hard not to come to one cold, cruel conclusion, the fighters in South Africa's worst war zone were not at peace — they were simply drawing breath

But in Bhambayi squatter settlement north of Durban they were not even doing that Bhambayi nestles in a valley, with KwaMashu on one side and Inanda on the other There was one drive-by shooting in KwaMashu, but most of the township seemed content to sit in groups round food and some beer

Quiet

There was a vigorous, noisy march in Inanda — just members of the Methodist Church celebrating Good Friday By mid-afternoon Bhambayi — where seven people were slain this week — seemed set for the same kind of day

"Everything s just quiet, said a group of peace monitors And then an all too familiar hell descended on the place as guns suddenly began to blaze

In seconds the empty streets filled with armed fighters, men and even some women On their foreheads were marks of black charcoal paste

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CHRIS WHITFIELD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

CHILLING intelligence reports predicting a sharp increase in KwaZulu/Natal violence fatalities as the election approached finally persuaded President de Klerk to declare a state of emergency in the region, according to government sources

The reports — some of which are understood to have referred to a tenfold increase in deaths prior to the election — came shortly after the Independent Electoral Commission's blunt and decisive call for political intervention in the crisis-torn province (see report on Page 2).

One source described the intelligence reports presented to De Klerk as "hair-raising" and said they had indicated a massive potential for increased violence as the election approached. The sources declined to comment on whether specific campaigns of violence were planned

They believed the gravest threat to stability lay in already volatile areas on the ground where violence was expected to break out and spread to other, more stable areas.

US backs tough moves

WASHINGTON — The United States has expressed support for the state of emergency in South Africa's Zulu heartland to stem political and ethnic fighting and bloodshed there. "The escalating violence in KwaZulu/Natal in recent weeks poses a serious threat to the conduct of free and fair elections," State Department spokesman Mike McCurry said yesterday.

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Troops began to arrive in KwaZulu/Natal yesterday as security chiefs gathered to plot how the tough state of emergency regulations proclaimed by De Klerk would be applied on the ground

There was no immediate indication from the KwaZulu government or the Inkatha Freedom Party on whether there would be active resistance to the imposition of the emergency regulations, but it was clear that there was considerable unhappiness in Ulundi

It is evident from the proclamation in the Government Gazette that steps have been taken to directly inhibit the continued training of Inkatha "self-defence units" and the carrying of "cultural" weapons in public Both steps were met with anger by senior Inkatha members yesterday.

The organisation's national chairman, Dr Frank Mdlalose, said "No doubt, training people out of the country in Uganda is exonerated

"But the small, little training at Umfolozi must be punished" It is estimated that some 5 000 self-defence unit members have undergone limited training at a camp in Umfolozi

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HEAVY BRIGADE: SADF armour rolls through KwaMashu, near Durban, after the state of emergency was declared
PHOTOGRAPH KEN OOSTERBROEK

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Emergency

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It has been widely speculated that the imposition of the regulations might scupper the summit that would have bought King Goodwill Zwelithini, IFP president Mangosuthu Buthelezi, ANC president Nelson Mandela and De Klerk together in the next few days.

However, **Sapa** reports that Buthelezi said yesterday the meeting appeared to be on, and he held out some hope for it — "otherwise I wouldn't be going".

But he added that if it went ahead it would be in a "sour atmosphere" because of De Klerk's "appalling and shameful" declaration of the state of emergency and Mandela's remarks that the KwaZulu Police (KZP) would be confined to barracks.

The emergency regulations contain no reference to the KZP being confined to barracks.

Senior KZP officers were present at day-long discussions with the SAP and the SADF in Durban yesterday to plan security operations under the state of emergency.

One of three additional companies of SADF troops that are to be deployed in KwaZulu/Natal arrived in the region yesterday. The remaining two companies of between 100 and 150 members each are expected today or tomorrow.

In terms of the state of emergency regulations published on Thursday night, the security forces have been given wide-ranging powers, including arrest and detention without trial for up to 30 days. (276)

Fines or prison sentences of up to 10 years can be imposed on any person contravening a broad range of regulations.

Besides the ban on the carrying of certain weapons and unauthorised military training, the regulations are designed to safeguard normal political activity.

They outlaw any interference with lawful gatherings, and forbid any threatening or intimidatory activities. These include the publication, possession or dissemination of material containing threats to life or property, or the obstruction of any person carrying out his or her duties.

(47 Sauer St, Johannesburg)

Troops on Natal heave sigh of relief as police poised to quell violence

■ Natal heaved a sigh of relief yesterday as the SADF poured into flashpoints and KwaZulu chief minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi tentatively agreed to participate in next week's summit meeting.

GREG KNOWLER, Weekend Argus Correspondent

DURBAN.— An uneasy calm has fallen over townships here since the declaration of a State of Emergency with violence monitors describing it as "spookily quiet, but very tense."

This is in stark contrast to the huge bloodletting in these townships during the past 12 days which left more than 110 people dead.

Yesterday, southern Natal African National Congress unrest monitor Roy Ainslie said "It's the quietest two or three days we've had. We heard there were plans to launch a major attack on KwaMashu residents, but the inside word is that people are scared of a reaction from the South African Defence Force."

On the emergency regulations, he commented "So far, it's working."

The KwaZulu capital of Ulundi was also quiet with most residents and government officials enjoying the Easter holiday.

A contributing factor to the drop-off in violence could be King Goodwill Zwelithini's call for peace over the Easter weekend This has been supported by both the ANC and the Inkatha Freedom Party.

ANC spokesman Zipho Mkhize said anyone defying the king's call for unity and reconciliation was not only a threat to Zulu stability, but to democracy. "The land, self-determination and dignity of the king are no longer things to fight and die for in this time of history. Negotiations and discussions are going to win the day. and not guns," he said

An IFP spokesman said his organisation had always been committed to peace and "we would support a truce."

On Thursday night, there were two deaths in Umlazi, while a taxi was ambushed and a passenger shot dead in the Nongoma area in northern Natal early yesterday, another person was shot dead in Nongoma on Thursday

Government moves to re-establish law and order in the region are getting into top gear. Minister of Justice and Defence Kobie Coetsee yesterday appointed South African Police Regional Commissioner of Natal Lieutenat-General W H

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Natal heaves sigh of relief

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Steyn and Brigadier D Ferreira, Commanding Officer of Natal Command, as joint control officers of Natal, including KwaZulu. The appointments were temporary, he said in a statement.

Mr Coetsee announced that the decision to appoint the two men was taken in consultation with the management committee of the Transitional Executive Council

Senior police and army officers met in Durban yesterday to plan security operations as additional troops prepared to be deployed at the weekend.

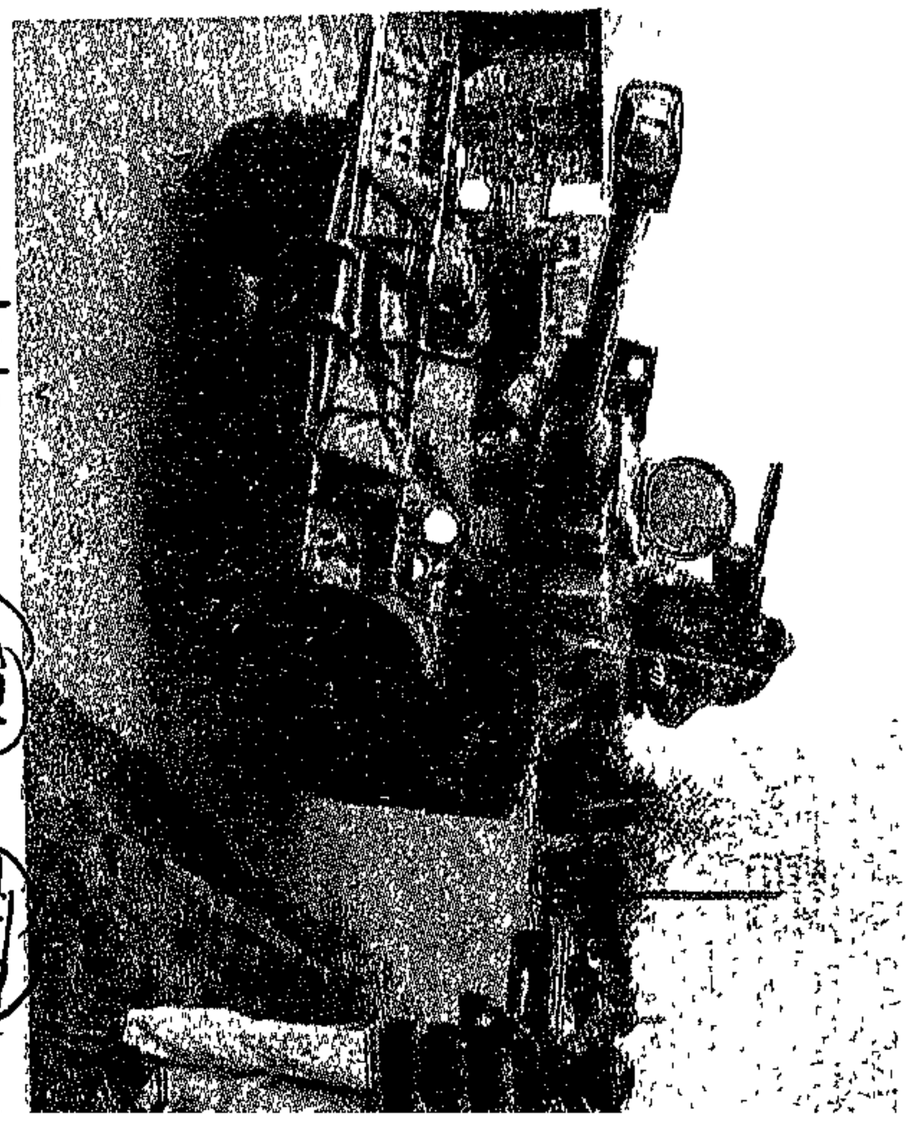
The discussions between top South African Police, SADF and KwaZulu Police officers were expected to last most of the day and a media briefing was planned for this morning, said SADF spokeswoman Captain Kim van Niekerk.

Yesterday's meeting was held as one of three extra companies of soldiers arrived in Natal. The remaining two companies, each comprising 100 to 150 soldiers, were expected at the weekend.

"The situation will decide where troops are deployed At this stage tension is high and there are pockets of violence, it's not widespread"

The security forces have been given wide-ranging powers, including arrest and detention without trial for up to 30 days, in terms of the emergency regulations which came into effect in KwaZulu/Natal on Thursday.

Regulations published in yesterday's Government Gazette provide for the arrest and detention of those deemed to be a threat to public safety and the maintenance of law and order



□ **PEACE:** South African Defence Force armoured vehicles patrol in KwaMashu township near Durban, scene of clashes between African National Congress and Inkatha Freedom Party supporters.

Natal set to go on boil

ARMY MOVES INTO TROUBLED PROVINCE

AS THE SADF starts tightening a steel tourniquet to staunch the bloodshed in Natal, plans to detain about 600 people are being laid in a bid to stop the violence.

By PETER DE IONNO

Security sources said the round-ups would start in two weeks.

The extent of the clampdown will depend on the level of violence, which has dropped dramatically in the key flashpoints of Kwamashu and Ndwedwe since Monday's violence in Johannesburg.

The application of apartheid-era legislation and tactics in defence of democracy sends a shiver down the spine of Durban Independent Electoral Commission worker Scott le Bok.

"Here we go again," he said wearily as he attached a hand-drawn sign "State of Emergency — Kwazulu Natal" to the wall above his maps and computer screen lists of polling stations.

"It will make my life harder. I can't see how people who were making it difficult are going to even talk to us now," said Mr le Bok, a voting stations co-ordinator.

With less than four weeks to go, Mr le Bok has to establish almost 1 000 voting stations in schools, court houses and even under marquees. He admitted it was a near-impossible task.

His problems are at the nub of the crisis rising for the IEC in Natal.

Even as its city-centre headquarters is being built around them, IEC executives are struggling to control events that change by the minute amid threats of mass violence and calculated obstruction by authorities in Kwazulu.

It is chaotic — decorators fix wallpaper around crowded meetings in corridors and in offices where the floor passes for desks. But hordes of high-energy recruits, fresh-faced students and skilled youngsters rescued for a few months from unemployment, each one committed to making the election work, shame cynics into enthusiasm.

For R22 an hour, election monitors, few older than 25, armed with three days of training in election rules, ethics and basic instruction in mediation techniques, risk their lives observing and reporting on violence and intimidation.

Within a fortnight they will number 1 500, covering Natal with an unparalleled intelligence network, invaluable to co-ordinators who link directly to the IEC's national leadership in Johannesburg.

On Thursday, plans to visit prospective voting stations in the Kwazulu homeland, where Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi has promised IEC chairman Justice Johann Kriegler every assistance, were cancelled.

A fax message from the commissioner of the Kwazulu police to the provincial electoral officer stressed that all approaches in previously unreachable traditional areas were to be made through magistrates and chiefs, who would put requests to tribal committees. The KZP memo was issued to all commanders with instructions to report any breaches. That could force the IEC to wait six weeks or more for a decision.

It is yet another collision between the irresistible and the immovable, underlining fundamental fears that democracy will further erode traditional Zulu hierarchies and controls, already weakened by Westernisation and education.

It is an obstruction that not even the full strength of the SADF could remove, let alone the 3 000 extra men the military planners say are capable of stabilising Natal in three days in the event of a violent explosion.

Certain that key Inkatha Freedom Party leaders would be among those listed for detention, IFP Natal provincial organiser Senzo Mfayela warned that a round-up would increase tensions among IFP supporters, who already feel hopelessly beleaguered.

"If they remove leaders from communities, things will go out of control," he said.

"No indunas will be there to tell people not to kill."

Speaking on condition they were not identified, IEC officials said they saw little alternative to detention.

"There is no guarantee that the body will die if you cut off the head, but if nothing is done people opposing the election will turn this into a real war," said a director.

"We are trying to make the impossible happen by being a bridge between the old system and a new way of doing things."

(News by Peter de Ionno, 11 Diagonal Street, Johannesburg)

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Natal tense while troops roll in

By PETER De IONNO
MEGAN POWER and
EDYTH BULBRING

VIOLENCE has decreased in flashpoints around Durban following the imposition of a state of emergency in Kwazulu-Natal and as the SADF boosted its forces by 1 000 men.

Areas around Durban were reportedly quiet but tense yesterday with only isolated criminal activity.

But violence continued elsewhere in the province. In one incident, three Good Friday worshippers, including two children, were killed and 11 injured when a Zion church near Estcourt in the Natal Midlands came under AK-47 fire.

The SADF plans to implement the state of emergency regulations by degrees. A Natal Command source said the regulations promulgated on Thursday would be fully enforced as circumstances required.

The Natal Command spokesman said the soldiers and police were now empowered to confiscate traditional weapons and any other unlicensed weapons displayed in public.

The regulations also prohibit the training of IFP members at Kwazulu self-defence camps in Northern Natal.

The emergency regulations can also be used against Kwazulu policemen if necessary.

Paratroopers from 44 Parachute Brigade were moved into the Durban area yesterday to support infantry from 121 Battalion now patrolling Kwamashu and Bambhayi.

Those areas north-west of Durban were quiet despite widespread fears of a backlash from IFP supporters against the state of emergency.

Residents of ANC areas welcomed the SADF patrols.

And as the deployment of troops in Natal appeared to put a halt to the escalating violence, there were hopes that a leaders' summit would bring a lasting political solution to the conflict in the region.

Indications are that the summit between President F W de Klerk, ANC leader Nelson Mandela, IFP leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi and King Goodwill Zwelithini will take place this week.

The summit, which was supposed to have been held this Wednesday and Thursday, was postponed by King Zwelithini following the shootings of Zulu-supporters at the march in Johannesburg on Monday.

Sapa reports that Mr Mandela said yesterday he hoped the meeting would result in an agreement that would enable the state of emergency to be shortened.

Chief Buthelezi indicated on Friday that the summit appeared to be on and said he held out hope, "otherwise I wouldn't be going".

(News by P De Ionno, M Power, E Bulbring, 11 Diagonal Street, Johannesburg)

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SADF poised to take over SAP's duties at flashpoints

By PETER De IONNO

THE SADF will take over visible policing and crime control in Natal and other flashpoints in two weeks' time.

The soldiers will be replacing thousands of South African policemen who were to have secured polling stations.

Depending on the level of violence — which Military Intelligence predicts will rise after the elections — and the new government's wishes, the military will remain in effective control for several weeks after moving on to the streets on April 15.

The Citizen Force call-up of more than 10 000 is substantially larger than previous musters to compensate for expected refusals from up to two-thirds of campers.

However, a Natal Command spokesman this week refused to comment on a report that an exercise two weeks ago to test the response of Durban commandos to a 12-hour alert for township duty that was intended to raise two companies, received a poor response.

Troops from the Durban Light Infantry, Regiment Port Natal and Natal Field Artillery are also being called up.

Five counter-insurgency companies, about 1 000 troops, will be drawn from Citizen Force regiments. Each of Natal's 18 commando regiments is expected to contribute a platoon.

The conscripts will boost the five companies already deployed: Two in the Natal Midlands by Group 9, one in the Durban area and two from 121 "Zulu" Battalion at Group 27 in Eshowe.

Additional manpower in Natal could be found in two companies training with 121 Battalion and two more also training with 2 SA Infantry Battalion in Maritzburg.

The spokesman was anxious to allay fears: "These measures will only be needed if the current heightened violence moves to mass violence. Then there will be large-scale deployment.

"We know that the situation is becoming more tense as the elections get closer but people only have to look around them to see that the majority of people are getting on with their lives. There is relative stability."

(News by Peter de Ionno, 11 Diagonal Street, Johannesburg)

Natal death toll climbs to 40

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■ BY CHERYL HUNTER

At least 40 people have died in Natal since President de Klerk declared a state of emergency in the area on Thursday, according to SAP spokesman Colonel Marzedt de Beer.

Nine people, including a five-month-old baby, were stabbed and chopped to death by an unknown number of attackers in Nkulu ward, Port Shepstone, on Saturday.

Witnesses said several people, allegedly identifying themselves as SAP members, demanded to be allowed into the Mzelemu house in the kraal.

When they were refused entry, they forced their way in and fired several shots at occupants who tried to escape by jumping out of windows. The attackers took Gugu Mzelemu (five months), Ciyisa Mzelemu (70), Phililisile Mzelemu (3), Hlengiwe Mzelemu (13), Phindile Mzelemu (8), Phumele Mzelemu (18), Prudence Mzelemu (13), Lindiwe Mzelemu (16) and Doris Mzelemu (46) outside the house and stabbed and hacked them to death.

The family were all ANC supporters. Police do not know the motive for the attack.

Earlier in the day, three people were killed and 11 injured when an unknown number of gunmen opened fire on a rural church meeting near Estcourt. (276)

The men sprayed the small congregation of 25 members with bullets as they worshipped inside the local Zionist church at about 2.30 am.

S Hadebe, M Mvelasa and P Hadebe were killed instantly.

Police later found 32 AK-47 cartridges outside the church and another seven inside the building in the ANC stronghold.

At about the same time, two people were killed in a separate attack on residents in the surrounding area.

De Beer said police entered the Bhekuzulu area, west of Estcourt, at about 2 am after hearing shots in the vicinity. They found the bodies of T Hadebe and J Shabalala, who had been shot dead near a house that had been torched.

On Friday night two SAP members and a civilian were killed near the KwaMashu Hostel, north of Durban.

Later, a man who had been shot dead was found in the township, De Beer said.

KwaZulu police reported that Thokozani Ntuli (24) and Majika Khoza (37) had been shot dead in Sundumbili, on the North Coast, and that two men had been killed in separate incidents in Ntambanana, near Empangeni, and Umlazi, south of Durban.

In Ladysmith, a man, alleged to be a robber, was killed outside the town's taxi rank on

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Saturday afternoon.

A man was killed outside the ANC's regional headquarters in St George's Street, Durban, on Thursday.

Police arrested four ANC guards in connection with the death and confiscated three shotguns and a 9 mm pistol. (276)

According to an ANC statement, the offices had come under attack and the man had been shot when guards defended the building.

■ According to the Human Rights Commission, about 300 people were killed in political fighting in Natal last month — the highest monthly toll recorded by the HRC in four years.

■ It was confirmed that the SADF has about 1 200 troops deployed in KwaZulu/Natal as well as another 500 troops sent to the area at the weekend under emergency regulations.

Crisis summit at last

More violence in Natal as state of emergency sinks into place

Leaders set date for crisis summit

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fully implemented. "It is crucial that the KZP should not be allowed to continue its reign of terror and intimidation," the ANC said.

The ANC said that during the Umlazi shootings, the South African Defence Force was nowhere in sight.

The organisation expressed concern that during this incident and in further experiences on the ground in Natal, the SADF was nowhere to be seen.

"This raises serious concerns about the lines of communication with the SADF. For the state of emergency to be effective it is crucial that the SADF must be accessible at all times through an independent channel of communication, and that complaints and emergency calls do not need to be channelled through the SAP, which has very little credibility and is actually part of the problem in Natal," the ANC statement said. (276) 804

In an earlier statement ANC president Nelson Mandela said the KZP would be confined to barracks. He was later reported as saying that he hoped the emergency could be lifted as soon as possible if the summit bore fruit. (807)

The ANC has appealed to the authorities, including the Transitional Executive Council, to ensure the effective implemetation of the state of emergency in Natal.

The SADF has said the KZP would continue its normal policing duties and its members were not confined to barracks under the emergency regulations, but there were uncertainties about the KZP that needed to be clarified by the Ministers of Justice and of Defence.

Colonel Frans Verfuss of the SADF's Natal Command said at the weekend that the KZP was, at this stage, not restricted by the proclamation.

The Star was unable to contact SADF spokesmen last night for further clarification.

■ BY JOVIAL RANTAO

MEETING between leaders seen as last chance to avoid terrible confrontation in KwaZulu/Natal in run-up to election

The crisis summit between President de Klerk, ANC leader Nelson Mandela, Inkatha Freedom Party head Mangosuthu Buthelezi and King Goodwill Zwelithini will take place on Friday, the Government and the ANC confirmed yesterday.

The Star understands that the meeting will be held in Pretoria.

It is believed that De Klerk, Mandela and Buthelezi agreed on the date during a meeting of the Zion Christian Church at Moria, near Pietersburg, yesterday.

The meeting — seen by observers as the last chance to avoid wholesale confrontation over the election in KwaZulu/



Natal — was put off last week after the deaths during a march in Johannesburg to show support for the Zulu king.

On Thursday De Klerk declared a state of emergency for the whole of KwaZulu/Natal, saying it was being imposed to prevent a further slide towards violence and anarchy in the province.

IFP sources told The Star yesterday that the three-day-old state of emergency — under which at least 40 people, including women and children, died at the weekend — was a major impediment to the success of the meeting. Another hurdle was the ANC's continuing plans for rolling mass action in the region.

(276) 804

Further bloodshed is feared following reports from KwaZulu of a planned mass stay-away tomorrow to protest against the deaths of marchers in Johannesburg last Monday.

A senior IFP central committee source told The Star that the IFP would, in preliminary meetings with the Government before the summit, request that the state of emergency be set aside.

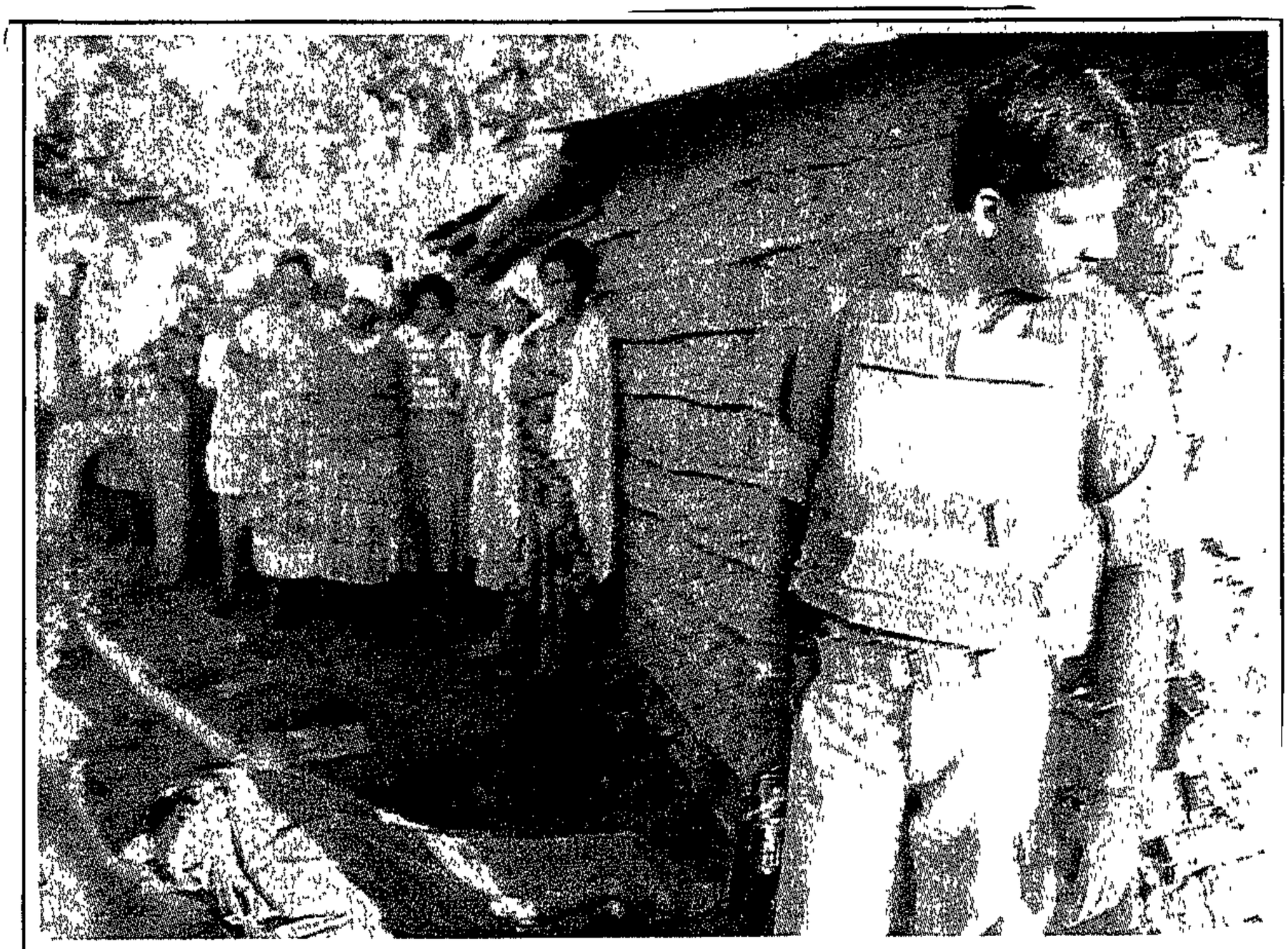
"I could not understand why the Government could not wait for a few days, at least until after the summit, before imposing the state of emergency. The problem now is not only the proclamation but also how it is implemented," the source said.

He said it would be unfortunate if the summit and international mediation, which was also expected to start this week, took place under a state of emergency.

Separately, the ANC has raised serious doubts about the effectiveness of the state of emergency after 13 of the organisation's supporters died in separate attacks in Port Shepstone and Estcourt on Saturday. The ANC's subregion offices in Umlazi, outside Durban, were shot at, allegedly by people using KwaZulu Police (KZP) vehicles.

The organisation said it was urgent that the powers of the state of emergency in relation to the KZP be clarified and

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KILLED AT PRAYER . . . A policeman keeps a look-out yesterday after Ms Ethel Darisa, 38, was killed while praying for peace at Easter in the troubled KwaZulu township of Bhambayi near Durban. Picture. AP

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SADF presence to double

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — More than 1 200 SA Defence Force troops are "on the ground" in KwaZulu/Natal after the proclamation of a state of emergency last week, and the number will be doubled in the last two weeks before this month's election.

This was said at a media briefing here at the weekend by army spokesman Colonel Franz Verfuss after a meeting between the joint commanders of the security forces in the province, Lieutenant-General Colin Steyn and Brigadier Deon Ferreira

Most of the troops were currently concentrated in strife-torn townships around Durban — Bhambayi, Ndwedwe and KwaMashu — and in the Murchison area of Port Shepstone

"We can't be everywhere at once and will make deployment decisions on a day-to-day basis," Col Verfuss said.

Three additional infantry companies — two from 44 parachute battalion and one from 2 SA infantry battalion — had been deployed, one each to the midlands, northern Natal and coastal areas, since the state of emergency was declared.

Five infantry companies and 18 infantry platoons — between 1 000 and 1 400 men — would be deployed in the province between April 15 and May 15

Col Verfuss said the emergency proclamation made no mention of limitations on the KwaZulu police.

However, the emergency regulations were "very clear" on the issue of illegal military or paramilitary training, including the training of KwaZulu self-protection units.

Col Verfuss said the SADF would crack down on illegal weapons

It was known there was a "continuous flow" of AK-47 rifles into the area and there had also been unconfirmed reports of RPG-7 rocket launchers being smuggled into the province.

Natal poll delay'

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Plan to get IFP involved

Political Staff

JOHANNESBURG. — The South African government would consider delaying regional voting in the troubled Natal-KwaZulu region to bring the Inkatha Freedom Party into the elections, a government source said last night.

Sapa-Reuter reports that the source, who did not want to be named, said a postponement could be on the agenda when President F W de Klerk African National Congress leader Mr Nelson Mandela, IFP leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi and Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini meet at their vital summit on Friday

The date of the summit was agreed on by the leaders at the huge Zion Christian Church prayer meeting at Moria yesterday

The venue will be an unidentified and remote location somewhere in the Transvaal so that the meeting can escape the glare of media attention and negotiations could develop in an "unpressured situation", a spokesman said

Earlier yesterday the London Sunday Times claimed that Mr De Klerk and Mr Mandela had agreed on a joint plan to defer the elections in Natal as part of a peace initiative to be put to King Goodwill and Chief Buthelezi

If the Zulus dropped their demands for independence King Goodwill would be given safeguards and "special powers

And, if this was accepted by the Zulu leaders at their meeting with Mr Mandela and Mr De Klerk this week, voting in Natal would be postponed 'for a few weeks so that Buthelezi s Inkatha Freedom Party can be included on ballot papers"

Elections would go ahead in all other regions as planned on April 27 and 28

The newspaper said security chiefs had warned that they did not have the manpower to pacify Natal if violence escalated

In a lengthy editorial the British Sunday paper also called for a nationwide postponement of the South African poll

BARRY STREEK writes that while the reports were last night dismissed by some including ANC sources as speculation" and kite-flying", it is understood that the possibility of a postponement of the polls in northern Natal but not the populous southern portion of the province has been raised in behind-the-scenes pre-summit negotiations

But, it was said, this is only one of many possibilities being discussed and the chairman of the Independent Electoral Commission, Mr Justice Johann Kriegler reiterated at the weekend that an election was still possible

Government spokesman Mr Dave Steward regarded the speculation of a postponement as having 'no basis'

● Mr Mandela said yesterday it would take time for the state of emergency in Natal to control violence

Mr Mandela, speaking to reporters near Pietersburg, said that the soldiers needed time to bring violence under control

"We shouldn't have exaggerated or unrealistic expectations

● SADF presence to double in KwaZulu/Natal

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PEACE PRAYERS . . . Mr Mandela, President De Klerk and Chief Buthelezi talk briefly after praying together for peace at an Easter service of the Zion Christian Church in Moria yesterday Behind them is Mr Pik Botha. Picture AP

Three leaders pray together for peace

MORIA. — South Africa's top three leaders went down on their knees together on Easter Sunday to pray for peace amid fresh bloodshed in Natal

President F W de Klerk, African National Congress leader Mr Nelson Mandela and Inkatha Freedom Party president Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi joined in prayer with other political leaders at a service for one million followers of the Zion Christian Church.

Mr De Klerk and Mr Mandela held brief but apparently cordial talks before the service

Mr Mandela and Mr De Klerk sat in the front pew of the Moria church, separated by Regional and Land Affairs Minister Mr Andre Fourie

Before the service began, they leant across Mr Fourie for an animated conversation lasting several minutes. Both leaders smiled broadly and Mr Mandela gave Mr De Klerk the thumbs-up sign

Mr Mandela also spoke to his neighbours on the other side. Independent Electoral Commission chairman Mr Justice Johann Kriegler and Democratic Party leader Dr Zach de Beer

During the service Zion Christian Church leader Bishop Barnabas Lekganyane said the country was on the brink of violence of "catastrophic proportion . . We have no option but to join hands in prayer for the birth of the new South Africa"

He warned followers of the various political parties that they were not giving their leaders "a chance to rest"

● Bishop Lekganyane has refuted claims that his church would not allow members to vote in the coming election or would at least forbid them to wear their church badges when they go to the polls — Sapa

Bloodshed continues

POLICE have reported a bloody start to the new year in Natal, with 65 killings since Friday. BIDAY

Most of the murders were crime-related. At least 180 people had died in faction fighting, crime and political violence during the past fortnight 4/1/94

Included in the toll were two deaths at Nqutu, northern Natal, where gunmen opened fire on security forces involved in an arms raid yesterday. (276)

A seven-year-old child and a 50-year-old man were killed in the crossfire, and three security force members were injured.

A police spokesman said the raid, involving members of the SAP, SADF and SAAF, followed a tip-off about the flow of AK-47s into the area.

Police recovered six AK-47s and a large quantity of ammunition.

ADELE BAILEY reports that a resurgence of violence has been seen in East Rand townships after a relatively peaceful period and the launch of several peace initiatives.

At least 17 bodies were found in the townships during the weekend, police said yesterday. In the week before Christmas, the daily body count had dropped to about one a day. — Sapa.

Kriel studying TEC demand on KwaZulu

GOVERNMENT has not yet decided whether to bow to the Transitional Executive Council's demands for police to be sent to KwaZulu. BIDAY

Sources close to government said yesterday Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel was considering the issue and no decision had been taken, Sapa-Reuter reports.

This was confirmed by Law and Order Ministry spokesman Craig Kotze. 4/1/94

Kotze said it was unfortunate the perception existed that the SAP could simply invade KwaZulu. It had to be borne in mind that an established basis for co-operation already existed between the two police forces, our Political Staff reports from Cape Town [illegible]

However, Kotze emphatically denied saying the SAP would probably ignore a demand to deploy police in KwaZulu.

The TEC said last month that national police should protect lives and property in four areas in northern Natal, two of them in the KwaZulu homeland.

The demand appeared to be a direct challenge to KwaZulu Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi, who refuses to recognise the council's authority.

The issue is likely to be the first real test of strength between the NP government, which is reluctant to interfere in KwaZulu, and the TEC.

The government says the TEC is an advisory body, but the council says it has executive powers over crucial areas in the run-up to the April 27 election.

The ANC yesterday rejected government's stated position that it and the TEC did not have the power to send security forces into black homelands.

"The TEC has got powers over self-governing territories . . . security forces can be ordered into any area of this country, including the self-governing territories," said ANC spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa.

Another area of potential friction between the TEC and KwaZulu involves the KwaZulu government's purchase of a R33m luxury jet.

INGRID SALGADO reports an ANC spokesman said yesterday the KwaZulu government's purchase of the eight-seater jet would contravene the Independent Electoral Commissions Act as Inkatha Freedom Party would use it during the elections to the disadvantage of other parties.

The spokesman said the TEC's independent elections commission should investigate the matter urgently.

It was questionable whether the KwaZulu government should be allowed to make the purchase during its final days, the ANC said.

The ANC, which had previously called on the TEC to impound the Hawker 800 jet, said the purchase was a "total abuse of taxpayers' money".

It said the TEC would look into the matter at its first sitting.

Meanwhile, Regional and Land Affairs Minister Andre Fourie has said the central government had no problems with the jet as the KwaZulu government had not asked for additional funds for its purchase.

The homeland government had stayed within its allocated budget, he said.

35 killed in Natal on New Year's Day

ET 4/1/94 (27b)

DURBAN. — At least 35 people were murdered in Natal on the first day of 1994, in a weekend in which 65 people were killed.

The South African Police said 51 people had been killed since Friday morning, and the KwaZulu Police reported 14 murders

Three security force members were injured, two civilians killed and three injured in a shoot-out during an arms raid in the Nqutu area yesterday.

As members of the SAP, SADF and four SAAF helicopters arrived they came under attack from people with automatic weapons.

The security forces returned fire and a 50-year-old man and a seven-year-old child, were killed in the crossfire.

In the Natal Midlands 20 people were killed, at least 10 in areas near Ladysmith.

The other killings were reported form areas throughout the province, including Inanda, Port Shepstone, KwaDabeka near Pinetown, Phoenix, north of Durban, Umlazi, Mpumalanga, Bambanani and Mpofini.

● At least 16 bodies were found in violence-torn East Rand townships over the weekend, police said. — Sapa and Own Correspondent

Natal death toll now 68

DURBAN. — Police yesterday reported a further two murders in Natal in the past two days, pushing the death toll from violence in the province since the start of the New Year weekend to at least 68. (276)

Police said a man was stabbed to death near the Point Yacht Club on Monday morning.

The body of 80-year-old Ms Bee Bee Khan was found dead at her Umkomaas home on Monday. CT 5/1/94

She had been bound and strangled. Contents valued at R10 000 had been stolen from a safe.

● The bodies of two men apparently burnt to death have been found in the boot of a car on the Koster/Rustenburg road in the western Transvaal. — Sapa

Man killed in Natal and 11 homes gutted

CT 6/1/94 (27b)

DURBAN. — A man was shot dead in the Natal Midlands, and 11 homes were gutted in Ematimatolo and in Ndwedwe on Tuesday.

Police spokesman Captain Henry Budhram said Mr Mthandeni Chamane, 25, was dragged out of his home and killed by three men.

On Tuesday five homes in Vulamlomo were gutted.

Meanwhile, the KwaZulu Police (KZP) yesterday reported that six huts were gutted in Nhlangakazi.

● Five bodies had been found on the East Rand, police said.

The burnt bodies of three women were found yesterday in the Zonkisiswe squatter camp, and in Katlehong, the bodies of two men were found, one at Mazibuko Hostel, the other in Skosana Section. The second man had been shot dead.

Gunmen and police traded gunfire and arsonists attacked a butchery and greengrocer on the East Rand yesterday. — Sapa

2 000 died last year in Natal strife

DURBAN. — Almost 2 000 people were killed in political violence in Natal during 1993, the Human Rights Commission said yesterday.

The commission said at least 211 people were killed in December, but this figure was expected to rise as late reports of political killings filtered in.

The preliminary toll in Natal was 1 978, almost 700 up on the previous year.

In 1992 the commission recorded 1 319 political killings and at least 965 people were murdered in 1991.

The toll for 1993 averages 165 deaths a month — almost six killings a day. The highest monthly toll was 221, in November.

Monitors fear a spate of killings as the April 27 elections draw nearer. — Sapa.

'IFP to blame for violence'

DURBAN. — IFP supporters are largely the aggressors in political violence in northern Natal, according to a confidential police report submitted to the Transitional Executive Council in December.

The report — apparently signed by Natal regional police commissioner Lt-Gen Colin Steyn — warns of an increase in unrest before the election.

IFP political director Mr Ziba Jiyane dismissed the commissioner's findings yesterday, saying IFP members were the victims. — Sapa

Violence claims 8 lives in Natal at the weekend

DURBAN — At least eight people were killed in Natal at the weekend, police said today.

The body of 12-year-old S I Thembiso was found in bushes at Stanger. He had been shot.

● Husband and wife Jeremiah and Eunice Dube were shot dead in their beds in the Madlankala area of Esikhawini on the North Coast.

● At Umlazi, south of Durban, Constable Sipho Zwane was stabbed to death when he interyened in an argument. (276) ARG 10/1/94

● In Durban's Point area, Jacobus van Wyk, 50, was found stabbed to death.

● In Pinetown West, Sithubu Mzimane, 60, was stabbed to death.

● In Port Shepstone, Mabele Ntunja, 30, was shot and killed in what appeared to be a politically motivated attack.

● Zamanguni Mkhize, 17, was fatally shot in a drive-by shooting north of Durban. — Sapa.

Journalism student killed in shoot-out with 'Apla'

ARG 18/1/94 (27b)

The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — Journalism student Mohseen Jeenah, one of three men killed in a police shoot-out with suspected Apla members, recently wrote a newspaper article warning of attacks by Apla in Natal.

His article appeared in the Sunday Tribune two weeks ago. It stated that one of Apla's "unit commanders" claimed that Natal would be the target of a series of attacks.

The article was one of several written by Jeenah for the Daily News and Sunday Tribune as a student journalist over a period of two years.

Jeenah referred to the commander as "Sizwe" and said that Apla's "Operation Shock and Show" campaign would be extended to the Natal region.

Jeenah's collegues at the Technikon described him as a bubbly and intelligent person.

Said one: "He was dedicated to the struggle for several years and despised any form of oppression."

A friend, Ms Gaynor Kast, said: "He was a positive person who always had the welfare of others at heart. He wanted everything to be right, just and fair."

In the Sunday Tribune article, Jeenah quoted Sizwe as saying orders were filtered down from the high command based outside the country to cadres within the country.

A police spokesman said police had no knowledge of an Apla cadre with the operational name of "Sizwe" based in the Durban area.

In August last year Jeenah protested at the Leon Commission investigating the students' representative council at the ML Sultan Technikon. He was general-secretary of the council at the time.

Natal ANC fights fire with water

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The surprise election of Jacob Zuma to the ANC's Natal premiership has strengthened the organisation's hand against the IFP, reports Farouk Chothia

THE African National Congress' surprise choice for the premiership in Natal, deputy secretary general Jacob Zuma, sent a powerful message of peace and reconciliation to the Inkatha Freedom Party this week in an apparent attempt to win the organisation's support for the April 27 election and to calm its fears of ANC rule.

As he is seen as a traditional Zulu, the 52-year-old Zuma's nomination has intensified calls among IFP moderates to participate in elections — or risk seeing a major haemorrhage of its support to the ANC, sources close to the IFP said.

Commented one source: "There are now two claimants to the aspirations of Zulus — one working under the banner of the IFP and the other under the banner of the ANC. If the one stays out, the other will draw support."

IFP national political director Ziba Jiyane said that while Zuma "respects" Zulu culture and tradition and this needed to be welcomed, it was unlikely he would pick up rural support as ANC hardliners were still determined to destroy the chieftaincy.

But some sources close to the IFP said that Zuma's nomination could harden Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi's resolve to boycott elections, as it has heightened the chances of an IFP defeat in elections in Natal.

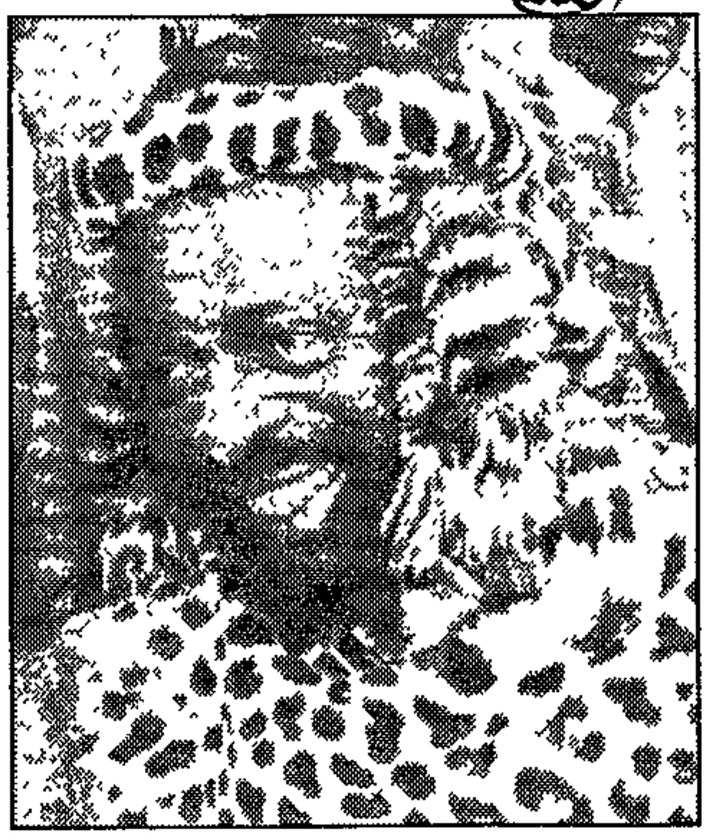
Zuma is not known to have publicly criticised the IFP on any occasion in the four years since the ANC's unbanning, and is the ANC's strongest advocate of peace talks with the IFP.

This is in sharp contrast to ANC Midlands leader Harry Gwala, who responds to fire with fire, and the movement's Southern Natal chief, Jeff Radebe, who adopts a mix of moderation and militancy in his approach to the IFP.

Zuma's victory at the ANC-led Patriotic Front's nomination conference last weekend in Durban was by the narrow margin of 17, polling 149 votes against Radebe's 132 and Gwala's 114.

Unlike the two defeated candidates, Zuma has forged ties with top IFP moderates and Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini.

ANC sources said Zuma's nomination could encourage both IFP leaders and



Monarch of Natal? King Goodwill Zwelithini
PHOTOGRAPH ELLEN ELMENDORP

Zwelithini to break away from the organisation in the countdown to the poll.

He is also said to have earned the respect of Buthelezi and alleged "warlords" like Thomas Mandla Shabalala and could contact them directly in a bid to ease tensions in the election run-up.

Spelling out his vision for the future of the volatile province to the *Mail & Guardian* this week, Zuma said he would have "no problem" if Natal was renamed kwaZulu or Zululand after elections, as the existing name, of Portuguese origin, was "meaningless" to him The IFP is demanding a name-change for the province as a precondition for participation in elections.

Zuma said he saw Zwelithini as the monarch of all Natalians and not only Zulus — a possible hint that the ANC plans to make the king the constitutional monarch of the province.

Pursuing his moderate line, he said a meeting between ANC president Nelson Mandela and IFP leader Buthelezi should take place in Ulundi, and that the two should jointly tour violence flashpoints in Natal — thus reviving, to the dismay of ANC hardliners, an agreement signed last year.

Zuma stressed he would propose a government of regional unity in Natal once the ANC came to power in the province. This will put the IFP in a bad light — particularly in the business sector, which sees stability as essential for economic growth — as it has not made a similar offer to the ANC if it contests and wins elections.

But Zuma adopted an uncompromising stance on several other issues, notably on the implementation of the Transitional Executive Council decision to deploy the South African Police in kwaZulu-controlled areas where free political activity is being thwarted. He added that the TEC should also intervene in cases where the ANC is found to be preventing free political activity

Zuma also insisted there be no further devolution of powers to the provinces, and that there should be a single ballot for both the national and provincial legislature in elections.

In the interview, Zuma said he believed Natal's whites, Indians and coloureds would not oppose the name kwaZulu for the province as they too "pledge their loyalty" to the king. Any name-change should be discussed at a provincial level and enshrined in a permanent constitution.

Zuma said the economy should incorporate both privatisation and state intervention, carried out "rationally, carefully and clearly" in a bid to address poverty. This could be used by the IFP to woo back the province's conservative business community.

He denied a National Party claim that he is a South African Communist Party member.

It is unclear how Zuma pulled off the victory at the nomination conference: some sources claimed that Congress of South African Trade Unions delegates — comprising a fifth of the representatives — tilted the balance in his favour.

There was a feeling in their ranks that Radebe, though a senior SACP member, was too close to the business community and, as ANC Southern Natal chairman, had not taken into account Cosatu's views on reconstruction and development.

Sources pointed out that Zuma was the ANC's first chairman in Southern Natal and still commanded support among key activists in the region. Radebe was seen as lacking the stature to be a formidable candidate against Buthelezi and to attract rural voters, they said.

It appears that Zuma was the favoured choice of the ANC head office — a claim he denied, saying head office had not backed any candidate.

Gwala's poor showing was a major setback for him. It reflects a rejection of his hardline stance by the ANC-led alliance's first and second-tier leadership — though he is still seen as the most popular leader with the rank and file.

While admitting that the nomination race was "competitive" and "tensions" developed, Zuma promised that the three would "work together" as a "collective".

Pupils desert Natal schools

DURBAN. — Pupils in the violence-torn Boboyi/Murchison area near Port Shepstone are leaving local schools for fear of their lives after two pupils were abducted and later found dead.

A principal said: "Only a few pupils have registered in my school. The situation is tense and pupils do not feel safe."

Last week two youths on their way to register for school were abducted by a group of men. Their bodies were found by police later.

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CT 20/11/94

100 slain this year in Natal 'killing fields'

ARG 22/11/94 (276)

DURBAN. — Political violence in Natal remains at horrific levels, with around 100 people killed this year and the Human Rights Commission reporting a total of 2 009 political deaths in the province during 1993.

The HRC yesterday released its revised death toll for last year, but noted that it could be higher as many killings went unreported.

Many areas of Natal have earned the unenviable label of South Africa's "killing fields", and with elections just three months away monitors fear that the already staggering statistics may rise.

A graphic representation of last year's statistics shows a steadily rising death toll, from 103 in January to 228 in December — a monthly average of 167 political murders.

"The violence in Natal is largely attributed to the conflict between supporters of the Inkatha Freedom Party and the African National Congress," says the HRC.

But the commission adds: "There was a high incidence of involvement of members of the security forces in violence, as victims, alleged attackers or colluders in the violence.

"Reports were received from various areas of Kwazulu policemen refusing to help victims they perceived to be ANC supporters."

The Transitional Executive Council has attempted to overcome this by requesting deployment of the SAP in at least four flashpoints in northern Natal/Kwazulu, especially Sundumbili near Stanger.

While at least 444 deaths were recorded in this region last year, the greater Durban area — which includes the sprawling Umlazi, Inanda and Kwamashu townships — was worst hit, with 683 political murders.

The South Coast, mostly the townships around Port Shepstone, and the Midlands, recorded tolls of 326 and 361 respectively.

Despite the high death counts, peace efforts intensified last year, and there are plans for increased initiatives in the months before and after the April 27 election.

While the National Peace Accord recorded dismal failures in some areas, successes were achieved in many others, and Natal's Regional Peace Committee has a comprehensive year plan to try to end the carnage in townships and rural areas.

This weekend sees a three-day peace conference for community and business leaders from in and around Inanda, one of Durban's largest townships. — Sapa.

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Pupils chased away by Inkatha ruling

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By SIPHO KHUMALO

THOUSANDS of pupils at four Umlazi schools bordering Inkatha-controlled squatter settlements were left roaming the streets this week following a demand by squatters that they prove their membership of Inkatha.

Sources said about 3 200 pupils were affected.

When City Press visited three of the schools – Umbelebele High, Shumayela Primary and Sandile Pre-primary – this week, they were all deserted and their gates locked.

At Umbelebele, close to Unit 17 hostel, Inkatha graffiti had been sprayed on the walls.

All the teachers, including the principals, had abandoned their schools and were reporting at the Circuit Inspectors' offices in Emaweleni.

Teachers who spoke to City Press on condition that they would not be named, said a group of hostel and squatter camp dwellers invaded their schools and told them they could not teach if they were not Inkatha members.

"At Umbelebele they said only Inkatha pupils should be enrolled because they were not being accepted elsewhere in the township," said one teacher.

City Press learnt that after the closure of schools a makeshift enrolment centre was set up at Section Q Hall.

But while teachers were busy enrolling pupils at the Hall on Tuesday they were attacked by a group of armed people who fired shots.

As a result of this and the general tension between the residents of Section Q in Umlazi and squatters, the Umlazi Peace Committee held an extraordinary meeting on Thursday to seek solutions to the problem. It was attended by representatives of Inkatha, the ANC, Sadtu and the SADF.

At the meeting it was agreed that special security forces would immediately start guarding the four schools 24 hours a day.

It is hoped that the schools will reopen tomorrow.

At least 3 500 people have been displaced since fighting started in the area on October 17 last year.

"An educational crisis meeting is to be held between circuit inspectors, principals, teachers, scholars and parents to resolve critical issues in relation to the reopening of the four schools," said Miller.

"ANC and Inkatha local leaders will also be holding a bilateral meetings as a matter of urgency."

New hope for peace in strife-torn Natal

(27b)

CT 24/1/94

DURBAN. — Peace prospects in the strife-torn areas of Bhambayi, Ntuzuma and Inanda, north of Durban, received a boost at the weekend when ANC and Inkatha Freedom Party community leaders committed themselves to working together to end violence

At a three-day peace conference the ANC and IFP agreed to hold a joint peace rally in a bid to combat violence in their areas.

Supporters of both parties slept in the same rooms, played sport together and held discussions about their parties' policies in a friendly atmosphere.

ANC official Mr Siphiwe Ximba said the meeting went very well and everybody showed they wanted peace.

IFP leader Mr Thomas Shabalala described the achievements as a "miracle".

● Four bystanders were injured in a politically-motivated shootout at the Ixopo taxi rank, near Kokstad, on Saturday, police said. — Own Correspondent, Sapa

Weekend violence claims 19 lives

B/Day 25/1/94

AT LEAST 13 people were killed in Natal at the weekend and six in Katlehong, Thokoza and Daveyton on the East Rand, police said yesterday.

Police said they had found the bodies of the six people who died in East Rand violence on Friday night and Saturday.

Nine people had died in two attacks near Durban, they said.

Five people were shot dead on Sunday in Ngonyameni, south of Durban, only days after an attack left four dead.

Maj Bala Naidoo said about 25 men armed with AK-47 rifles, shotguns and pangas had attacked a settlement about 11pm. Two people were wounded.

In the Ndwedwe district north of Durban, four people died early on Saturday when about 500 men attacked a residential area, setting fire to houses and torching the Mavundla store.

According to the Human Rights Commission 130 people died last year in Umbumbulu, the administrative area for Ngonyameni. In the same period 30 people were killed in Ndwedwe.

In other weekend violence a woman, aged 30, was fatally wounded by two gunmen in her home near Hibberdene on the South Coast on Saturday. Her husband escaped injury.

In Ladysmith's Ezakheni township, in the Midlands, a 26-year-old man was shot dead when a gunman burst into his home and opened fire with an AK-47 rifle on Saturday. Another man was wounded.

Const Mbongeni Ernest Sithole was murdered in his sleep by gunmen who burst into his parents' home in the Ekuvukeni area of Dundee, northern Natal, on Friday night, police reported. (276)

And one man was shot dead and another injured in an argument with a security guard in Maritzburg on Saturday.

Two policemen were captured by about 30 armed men in Vosloorus on Saturday night and their police vehicle, a red Volkswagen Fox, was stolen. One of their service pistols was also taken before the policemen were released.

And police also reported that earlier on Saturday the Vosloorus homes of two policemen were petrol-bombed. Damage to the houses had been estimated at R7 000 and R100 respectively.

Also on Saturday a man died and another was seriously injured when shots were fired from a red minibus in Tembisa.

Four men were arrested in Daveyton on Sunday for possession of petrol bombs.

And another seven people were arrested in Daveyton for the illegal possession of firearms.

In Katlehong's Motsomai section, a man was arrested in connection with the murder of a policeman. — Sapa.

Call to discipline pupils

KATHRYN STRACHAN

THE Congress of SA Students (Cosas) has called on teachers to take stronger disciplinary measures against errant pupils in a bid to restore a culture of learning in schools. B/Day

The call, made at a weekend education summit in Soweto, was supported by more than 200 delegates from 12 organisations.

Cosas southern Transvaal chairman Mahlomola Kekana said in an interview respect for adults had been abandoned in schools. "All this has been done on the pretext that it is in the name of the struggle."

Many teachers feared recriminations if they tried to discipline pupils, and very little punishment was meted out as a result 25/1/94

At a number of schools discipline had broken down to such an extent that the schools closed daily after only two hours of study.

"The situation at schools has dropped to zero, and we need discipline to create new standards," he said.

A code of conduct drawn up at the summit prescribed punishment for offences. However, Cosas opposed corporal punishment on the basis that it was inhuman and that in many cases it allowed teachers to abuse their powers. (50)

Failure to complete homework was singled out as one of the "punishable crimes", while expulsion should be applied only in cases of violent or destructive acts and rape, but never in the case of failure to pay fees, said Kekana.

The summit also addressed the problem of failed matriculants being refused readmission, and reports of irregularities in the process of registration.

Bid to resolve police dispute

B/Day

ERICA JANKOWITZ

AN SAP proposal to relocate an internal stability division unit from Pretoria to a disused army base near Delmas was part of its strategy to deploy personnel in trouble spots in the run-up to elections, a spokesman said yesterday.

He confirmed an SA Police Union (Sapu) allegation that officials had not discussed the move with members of unit 19 before informing them of the proposal. 25/1/94

Sapu and police officials met again yesterday to try to resolve the issue. (25)

Sapu national secretary Peter-Don Brandt said management had undertaken to solve the issue in cooperation with Sapu. But he warned of "confrontation" if personnel were relocated against their will.

Nine killed in village attack

ET 25/11/94 (276)

DURBAN. — At least nine people were killed when about 25 men armed with rifles and pangas attacked the Ngonyameni settlement near here on Sunday night.

Among the dead were Mr Reginald Dimba, 52, Mr Sifiso Nombela, 26, Mr Mlungisi Majozi, 50, Mr Makasazane Sithole, 40, and Mr Boyi Mngadi, 34.

Four people were killed in an attack on the settlement last week and five people were murdered there last month in what Umlazi Peace Committee co-ordinator Ms Stephanie Miller said was a traditional dispute.

● Four people died when about 500 men went on a rampage in the Ndwedwe district, torching houses and a store.

● In Hibberdene Ms Bakwapi Shezi, 30, was shot dead in her home by two gunmen.

● Constable Mbongeni Sithole was shot dead in bed in his home near Dundee on Friday.

● Six people were killed in the East Rand townships of Katlehong, Thokoza and Daveyton.

In one incident a man died and another was seriously injured when shots were fired from a red minibus in Tembisa.

● Two members of the ANC Youth League have been arrested in connection with the murder of two policemen. They are Mr Sunday Skosana and Mr Ngadla Oriel Pule. — Sapa

Natal weekend violence toll now 22

DURBAN. — Police say five more people have died violently in Natal, bringing the weekend toll to at least 22 by today.

All five were killed in separate attacks.

Welcome Zulu was fatally shot while sitting outside his Stanger, North Coast, home yesterday.

Mr B E Mkhize was shot dead while standing at a bus stop in Inanda, north of Durban.

At Ladysmith, Busisiwe Mbatha was fatally shot through the window of her Steadville home on Sunday.

An unidentified man was shot and killed when his Estcourt home was petrol-bombed on Sunday. One person was arrested.

In Sundumbili on the North Coast, Mpume Mzimela was shot dead and two people were injured in an attack on a home on Sunday.

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ARG 25/1/94

Murders: IFP man guilty

MARITZBURG. — An IFP supporter was convicted in the Supreme Court here yesterday of murdering eight people at a traditional meeting in the KwaNdeni reserve near Camperdown in 1992.

Baba Khomo, 26, of Woodyglen near Mpumalanga, was a key member of an armed gang that opened fire on the gathering held at the Ndlovu homestead

The Ndlovus were known ANC supporters while the Woodyglen reserve has been predominantly IFP-supporting since 1990

Nkomo was convicted on eight counts of murder and one of attempted murder

The attack took place on the evening of March 7, 1992 while the Ndlovus were holding a party for one of their daughters.

The court heard that Khomo had mingled with guests at the homestead.

A witness said Khomo later that night shot a guest at point-blank range. CT 27/1/94

He began whistling and signalling, which was followed by a burst of gunfire.

Khomo will sentenced on Monday. — Sapa (276)

BUSINESS DAY, Friday, January 28 1994

Black businessmen face harassment

BLACK businessmen were targets of physical attacks in some Natal areas as they did their share of promoting democracy and voter education, Fabcos public affairs director Mike Ntlatleng said yesterday.

Fabcos, with other black business organisations, has accepted the Consultative Business Movement (CBM) manifesto committing business to promoting voter education.

But Ntlatleng said the Independent Forum For Electoral Education needed to be made aware of the concerns of the black business sector.

One Fabcos member was assaulted as he collected people for a voter education session in Natal.

He said big business could shout the virtues of voting, allow employees to go and vote and get identity documents, "but they are doing this from the comfort of their offices.

"Black business — which is non-aligned — has to

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weigh whether to say to people vote, or even tell them how to vote.

"You have to mention things such as Codesa and the multiparty negotiations, and immediately you are seen to be taking a political stance," he said. Businessmen were seen to be taking sides by organisations like Azapo.

Taxis carrying the bumper sticker "Vote April 27th" could be a valuable vehicle for spreading the democracy message.

"But you have a taxi operator carry that in some part of Natal and you are throwing him into a lion's den," Ntlatleng said.

Independent Electoral Commission head of communication Humphrey Khoza said: "The IEC has been empowered to do whatever is necessary to ensure free and fair elections. If such incidents take place, the IEC will take whatever steps are necessary."

Natal unrest toll up to 40 for past week

CT 29/1/94 (27b)

DURBAN — The deaths of 11 more people in Natal over the past few days in unrest-related violence has brought the toll in the province to at least 40 for the past week.

Also, police have offered a R100 000 reward for information which will lead to the arrest of the killers of nine people at Ngoyameni near Isipingo, south of here. The nine died this week when about 15 people attacked residents while they were asleep.

In one of the latest incidents, police said Mr James Nhala and Mr Cele Madladla were shot dead outside Estcourt in the Natal Midlands on Thursday evening after they became involved in a shootout with the driver of the taxi they were travelling in.

The KwaZulu Police said Mr Victor Dlamini was fatally shot in Mpumalanga, halfway between Maritzburg and Durban, on Thursday night

Also on Thursday, the body of Mr Simon Dlamini, 30, was found at Durban's Brighton Beach.

Mr M Nxumalo was shot dead in Nongoma, KwaZulu, on Thursday when gunmen apparently attacked the kraal he was staying in

Adapt plan to Natal — ANC

CT 3/2/94 (276)

JOHANNESBURG. — The ANC wants adapted forms of the East Rand peace plan to be implemented in violent areas of Natal before the April election.

The ANC's TEC law and order sub-council member Mr Sydney Mufamadi said yesterday, as the plan was being implemented under protest from the IFP on the East Rand, that the primary aim would be to ensure the election was free and fair in Natal

However because conditions in Natal were different to those on the East Rand, the plan would have to be adapted.

"The philosophy that underpins the plans will be the same."

Mr Mufamadi's suggestion came as thousands of Inkatha Freedom Party supporters took to the streets of Thokoza to protest against the inplementation of the peace plan, particularly the withdrawal of th ISD

IFP Transvaal chairman Themba Khoza said the SADF was biased in favour of the ANC.

"This impromptu meeting is the consequence if the government and the ANC make decisions without consulting the IFP," he said

When the IFP group met army officers on the Khumalo Street bridge, they were invited by the SADF commanding officer in the area, Commandant Michael de Goede, to work closely with the SADF and even join patrols

This was rejected by the crowd shouting "stability, stability", and waving placards saying "why don't you listen to our cries", and "TEC is feeding us to the SADF"

Roads in Thokoza were sealed off by SADF patrols while inside the township a groupo of IFP supporters went on the rampage.

ANC supporters confronted the IFP marchers but peace monitors managed to disperse them

The gathering dispersed when Mr Khoza said he would request an urgent meeting with the Ministers of Defence and Law and Order to put forward the IFP's feelings

● The East Rand peace plan could lead to the ANC implementing ethnic cleansing in the townships, the Afrikaner Volksfront said yesterday. The AVF said it supported the Inkatha Freedom Party's rejection of the peace plan. — Own Correspondent, Sapa

Division will stay on East Rand

JOHANNESBURG. — The SA Police's internal stability division will not withdraw from the East Rand as a whole — only from the violent areas of Katlehong, Thokoza and Vosloorus, spokesman Colonel Ray Harrald said yesterday.

He said the ISD would still operate from the Alrode military base behind Natalspruit Hospital, but would no longer be responsible for containing violence or combating unrest in the three townships.

The ISD would revert to community-oriented policing, including patrolling surrounding industrial areas and acting to prevent crime.

He said the announced withdrawal had evoked mixed feelings among ISD members but the unit would abide by the decision and assist the SADF in bringing peace to the region.

SADF spokesman for the East Rand Major Christo Visser said soldiers would continue with normal tasks until the newly-appointed task group had finalised their operational framework.

BUSINESS DAY, Thursday, February 3 1994

ANC expects peace plan to be extended to Natal

THE ANC expects adapted versions of the East Rand peace plan to be implemented in strife-torn areas of Natal before the April elections.

The ANC's representative on the TEC law and order subcouncil, Sydney Mufamadi, said yesterday the primary aim would be to ensure the election was free and fair in so-called "stable crisis" or flashpoint areas.

Because Natal conditions were different from those on the East Rand, the plan would have to be adapted. "However, the philosophy which underpins the plans will be the same."

Mufamadi expected peace plans to be implemented in areas of northern and southern Natal which the TEC had identified as flashpoints.

Implementation of the East Rand peace plan began yesterday with the withdrawal of the controversial police internal stability unit from Katlehong, Thokoza and Vosloorus. SADF troops, which had moved into the area over the past few months, took charge.

SADF spokesman Maj Christo Visser said yesterday that as far as the SADF was concerned there were

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enough troops in the area. Extra troops would be deployed only on the instruction of the task group which, in consultation with the TEC, would oversee the peace plan.

Mufamadi said he expected the East Rand community to reject the deployment of any "mercenary SADF units" such as 32 Battalion. He did not rule out future deployment of members of the recently established national peacekeeping force.

Government would "obviously be obliged" to implement the East Rand peace plan, but he expected the TEC to monitor the project.

Once normal policing conditions had been restored in the area Mufamadi expected controversial ANC-aligned self-defence units and Inkatha self-protection units to cease operating. "If you have proper policing then that takes away the need for defence units and Inkatha self-protection units to exist."

Mufamadi expected the SADF to help with the socioeconomic reconstruction of the area, possibly in cooperation with members of the defence units and hostel-based self-protection units.

Sapa reports hundreds of Inkatha Freedom Party supporters took to the streets in Thokoza to protest against the withdrawal of the internal stability unit and deployment of SADF troops in the area.

Inkatha Transvaal chairman Themba Khoza said the SADF was biased in favour of the ANC and claimed the SADF had attacked Inkatha-supporting residents in Thokoza over the past few years.

Roads in Thokoza were sealed off by SADF patrols and inside the township Inkatha supporters terrorised about 100 pensioners collecting money from administration offices. As the elderly people huddled inside the building, men armed with knobkerries, axes and steel poles stripped cars and looted shops.

Meanwhile, the Afrikaner Volksfront claimed the East Rand peace plan could lead to the ANC implementing ethnic cleansing in the townships. It supported Inkatha's rejection of the withdrawal of the stability unit from East Rand townships.

NUM blames right-wing union for office bombing

NUM president James Motlatsi yesterday accused the right-wing-aligned Mine Workers' Union of being responsible for a bomb blast which caused damage of R250 000 to the NUM's Klerksdorp office.

He said the MWU's president said at a conference last year that miners had access to commercial explosives which they would use to disrupt their perceived enemies.

"It is abundantly clear that the recent threats of violence by the president of the racist and right-wing Mine Workers' Union are being carried out."

The union would discuss at a congress next week its reaction and plans to guard its property and members. Security had been added to the congress agenda as "an emergency item", but Motlatsi could not elaborate on what steps might be taken.

"The NUM is not going to be a sitting duck of the right-wing miners and their cohorts," he said.

ERICA JANKOWITZ

The NUM said the two-storey building in which its offices were situated had been extensively damaged and virtually all technical equipment destroyed.

Motlatsi said he was not absolutely sure commercial explosives had been used in the explosion, which occurred between 1am and 2am yesterday.

Sapa reports that 12 other buildings were damaged in the explosion.

A second, almost simultaneous explosion rocked the offices of the National Union of Metal Workers of SA in a building opposite in Klerksdorp's Commercial Street.

□ The SA Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers' Union yesterday claimed its Harrismith offices had been the real target of recent bombings, not the nearby ANC offices.

The union said it would not be intimidated into leaving the area.

Ciskei applies to join the TEC

ADRIAN HADLAND

PRETORIA — Ciskei submitted a formal application to join the TEC yesterday, Ciskei chief negotiator Mickey Webb said.

The application followed a TEC resolution earlier this week which said that unless Ciskei joined the council it would have to withdraw immediately from TEC structures such as the national peacekeeping force and the defence subcouncil.

Webb said Ciskei had intended its Supreme Court to give an opinion on whether joining the TEC was in conflict with the territory's Bill of Rights.

The TEC resolution had, however, forced Ciskei to cancel the court's consideration of the matter, Webb said.

Ciskei's application would be considered by the full TEC at its meeting next week. If approval is granted, President F W de Klerk would be required by the TEC Act to appoint Ciskei to the council.

Natal unrest claims six more lives

CRS/2/94

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DURBAN. — Police in Natal and KwaZulu reported yesterday six further deaths from unrest and crime in the province this week.

The SAP said a man was found stabbed to death in the Soweto area of Inanda, north of Durban, on Thursday afternoon.

In Greenwood Park, Durban North, 17-year-old T Nkosi was fatally stabbed after an argument in Umhlangane Road, on Thursday afternoon

The SAP also reported the death of Ms Essa Naicker, 25, who was stabbed to death in Chatsworth on Thursday night after an argument at her home A man has been arrested

The KwaZulu Police (KZP) reported the killing of Mr Phama Mthiyane, 32, in Kwa-Mashu's D Section on Thursday morning He was shot dead by a mob of youths

A 27-year-old man was found dead on Tuesday in Ulundi, the KZP said He had been stabbed several times

In rural KwaZulu a man was beaten to death by a stick-wielding assailant on Wednesday The arrested attacker claimed he had been bewitched by the dead man

● On the Reef, police arrested 20 suspects for train violence and took 53 people in for questioning after they met a train from Vereeniging at Johannesburg Station yesterday morning

Police spokesman Captain Eugene Henning said four people were arrested for carrying dangerous weapons, including a firearm, on a train

"We seized 18 knives, 15 of which were lying loose in the coaches" — Sapa

12 Natal villagers killed in sleep

Star 7/2/94

■ OWN CORRESPONDENT

Durban — Twelve people, including three children and three teenagers, were massacred near Richmond yesterday in a pre-dawn attack by about 20 heavily armed men.

SAP spokesman Captain Henry Budhram said police arrived at Masunkazane about 7 am to find the bodies of 12 people shot in five houses.

A group of about 20 men had arrived in the area about 4.30 am, entered seven houses and opened fire on the sleeping occupants, he said.

Police found seven 7,62 mm and nine 12-bore shotgun cartridges strewn around the area. Some of the houses had been looted (276)

The dead have been identified as Sandile Dlamini (7), Thuleleni Dlamini (17), Lalani Dlamini (65), Nonhlanhla Madondo (6), Hlompile Madondo (16), Kwazi Madondo (3), Rosaline Madondo (50), Ester Zaca (50), Zenzele Zaca (63), Fikilephi Zaca (17), Nceke Mchunu (50) and Petha Mtolo (80).

Police said they expected to make several arrests soon.

The chairman of the ANC in the Richmond area, Sifiso Nkabinde, said the dead were all ANC supporters.

"The massacre is a real shock to us," he said. "We call on the IFP in the area to come clean — if it's a declaration of war against ANC supporters in the area, then they must say it loud and clear."

In July last year there were two massacres in the Richmond area.

On July 2, eight IFP supporters were shot dead at Patheni, while seven ANC supporters were burnt to death and two shot dead at Hela Hela a day later.

SOWETAN Tuesday February 8 1994

● Village raid leaves 12 dead

27 die in bloody Natal weekend

Sowetan 8/2/94

AT LEAST 27 people were killed, three were injured and a woman was raped in a bloody weekend in Natal, police reported yesterday.

Twelve people were killed in a predawn attack on a community in Masunkazane, near Richmond on Sunday. Police suspect the killings were politically motivated.

A high-level police delegation sent to the area said it expected a breakthrough in investigations. (276)

On Saturday, a 25-year-old woman was killed during an argument with four men at Brighton Beach. Four people were arrested.

Mr Petros Dlamini was stabbed and killed after an argument over bus fares near a Verulam bus rank on Saturday, police spokesman Major Bala Naidoo said.

A security guard at Nkosibani School in Hambanathi on Natal's north coast was shot dead on the same day.

In Inanda, north of Durban, Lucky Williams (31) was shot dead on Saturday. And at Isipingo Mr Ashin Sukraj (20) was shot in the head on Saturday night after intervening when two men attempted to steal a woman's car.

In Montclair, Durban, Mr Frans Marareni (45) was stabbed to death on Saturday night and Mr Clive Kanniah was stabbed to death with a screwdriver in Phoenix on Sunday.

Mr Vusi Kalaeluti was stabbed and killed on the way to a shop in Verulam.

The body of an unknown man with head injuries, was found at Glebelands hostel.

Mr Jeffrey Nyathikazi (18) was shot dead on Sunday night when three intruders burst into his Cato Manor house.

Mr Junis Myeni died instantly when shots were fired through the window of his kraal in Nyandezulu. — *Sapa*

Gunmen with AK-47s mow down residents.

Children killed by gunmen in Natal

Star 8/2/94

Durban — At least 27 people were killed in a spate of bloody attacks in Natal at the weekend, police said yesterday.

In the worst attack, 12 people, including six children, were massacred when about 20 gunmen with AK-47 rifles mowed down residents indiscriminately at Masunkazane, near Richmond, early on Sunday.

Initial reports said the gunmen ran through the rural settlement shooting people in their homes, and in some cases looting the dwellings during the predawn attack.

A suspect was detained and police said a breakthrough in investigations was imminent.

Natal CID chief General Johan Meintjies said 18 detectives had been sent to the area to investigate. (276)

"We are confident we will get them.

"We have an experienced team and we must make a breakthrough," Meintjies said.

The KwaZulu Police, meanwhile, said Raymond Ndlovu (45) was found dead on a road in Mpumalanga outside Durban on Sunday morning. Police believe he was killed on Saturday night.

In KwaMashu, north of Durban, Paul Msukwini (29) was shot dead after he was kidnapped from his house. The motive is unknown.

And the bullet-riddled body of a 37-year-old man was found at Umlazi railway station, south of Durban, on Sunday morning, said the KwaZulu Police.

IFP hostel attacked by 2 000

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DURBAN — At least 10 rooms were gutted and 50 others looted when more than 2 000 ANC supporters attacked an Inkatha Freedom Party block at the Glebelands hostel, near here, early yesterday

Police rushed to the scene to quell the fighting and the fire brigade put out the fires No deaths were reported.

On Saturday, a meeting between IFP supporters in the block and ANC supporters living in an ajacent block also turned violent Shots were fired but no one was injured.

● On the Reef a young man was shot and killed and another was wounded yesterday when unknown gunmen in a car shot at residents of Eldorado Park.

● Police have arrested 38 people after an armed attack at the Zevenfontein squatter camp north of Johannesburg in which four people died and nine were wounded The victims were reportedly ANC supporters

● A youth was "necklaced" to death in Tembisa last night, police said

● In the Eastern Cape, one person was killed and three were wounded in two separate attacks on minibuses in the Border region at the weekend

● The Human Rights Commission, the SAP, the IFP and the ANC agree that violence in Katlehong, Thokoza and Vosloorus appears to be abating — Own Correspondent, Sapa

'Natal, city terror link'

ST 17/2/94 (2C)

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — Police believe that six men arrested in connection with the shooting at a Richards Bay municipal swimming pool on February 5 may have been involved in the St James massacre and Heidelberg Tavern attack in the city last year.

This was revealed in a Supreme Court application here brought in terms of the Internal Security Act by the chief of the crime prevention and investigation unit, Brigadier Phillippus Petrus Olivier, to extend the detention period of the six men.

Mr Justice Levinsohn granted the order in chambers, extending the detention of Mr Bongani Hopewell Mwakapuke, Mr Simon Chippo Latliala, Mr Luyuyo Namba, Mr Patrick Hadebe, Mr Trevor Mavundla Zama and Mr Patrick Jabulani Dube from today until February 27.

The brigadier's affidavit pointed to a "strong possibility" that information made known to the team investigating the Richards Bay shooting allegedly also linked the six to the St James massacre on July 27 and Heidelberg Tavern attack on December 30 last year. Brig Olivier said that in all three attacks the same modus operandi had been used.

A name given by a suspect being held in connection with the Heidelberg Tavern attack was the same as the alias belonging to one of the six detainees.

The brigadier submitted that, in the light of this information, it was important to detain the six for an extra 10 days so that Natal's investigation team could liaise with the Cape unit. He said the possibility existed that investigations would be hampered if the six were released.

● Police are still remaining tight-lipped about the political affiliations of the nine suspects arrested after this week's shooting at a Newcastle nightclub.

Although police have said the modus operandi was similar to that used by Apla, the weapons used were not the type normally used by Apla.

● **Apla claims attack on traffic cops — Page 2**

15 die in massacre on eve of voting workshop

By GEORGE MAHABEER

IN ONE of the most shocking political massacres in Natal in recent months, 15 young people, including a boy believed to be just 10 years old, were gunned down in an abandoned house early yesterday morning. ST Timed

Hardened policemen described the slaying of the group of ANC supporters at Creighton in southern Natal as "one of the most brutal" they had seen in the province's notorious killing fields. 20/2/94

The killings come after a week of rising tension in Ulundi, the capital of IFP-controlled Kwazulu, where a pamphlet with an ANC letterhead ominously named 21 people, including senior civil servants and IFP official and Kwazulu cabinet minister Chief Simon Gumede.

At least five of those named have fled Ulundi. SABC radio reports that scores were fleeing could not be confirmed.

At Creighton, 11 bullet-riddled bodies were found on the blood-soaked floor of a tiny, roofless room.

Another three bodies were found close to the house — apparently killed as they tried to escape through a small window.

Two victims, found wounded but alive in the hut, were rushed to hospital where one of them, Mr Samuel Ndzimbovu, 25, later died. The sole survivor of the attack, who has not been named, was in a satisfactory condition in the Edendale Hospital last night. (276)

Residents of the close-knit Mahehle community at Creighton — a small village south-west of Maritzburg — gave three different versions of the killings.

Some claimed the group had gathered at the house to discuss plans for the ANC's voter-education programme, which was to have been held at the Mahehle school yesterday afternoon. Others said the ANC supporters were forced out of their homes at gunpoint by four armed men.

The third theory is that the ANC youths were toyi-toying in the village and were lured into the house.

All the bodies were found around a wood fire, at which it seems they were braaing mealies. The youths had been shot several times with high-calibre firearms.

Ixopo branch ANC chairman Emmanuel Magubane, who was at the scene, said: "Politics has gone mad in South Africa.

"One of the dead men, Duduzi Miya, 28, was an organiser for the ANC in Mahehle. He stayed with me for more than a year and it is tragedy we have lost him.

"We have more than 4 000 supporters in this area, and we have no doubt the IFP is behind these killings."

Retired railway ticket examiner Tobigunya Miya, 58, said he last saw his 28-year-old son Duduzi at 9pm on Friday night — Duduzi is now dead.

Among those who died were Mdeni Malunga, 15, Mbuso Nxasane, 17, Dumusani Duzela, 13, Thamsanqa Ngubo, 14, and his brother Siyabonga, 17, Sokelazwa Mbanjwa, 16, Bongwela Mbanjwa, 16, Tholozami Cyril Shobo, 10, Mandlenkosi Mbhele, 26, Sifiso Ndlovu, 13, Givi Ndlovu, 13, Sibusiso Dusuzi Maphumalo, 15, Duduzi Miya, 28 and Kulama Madlala, 16.

(News by George Mahabeer, 11 Diagonal Street, Johannesburg).

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Thirteen kids among slain supporters

By SIPHO KHUMALO and Sapa

FIFTEEN people, mostly youths, were gunned down in a dawn massacre that shocked the tiny village of Mahehle near Creighton in the Natal Midlands yesterday morning.

The dead were trapped inside an abandoned house, where they were camping before an ANC elections meeting that was scheduled to take place in the area yesterday

The house was attacked with an assortment of firearms, while some of the victims were hacked to death.

When City Press arrived at the scene yesterday afternoon bodies were still scattered all over the three-roomed house.

Shocked friends and family members lined the streets and watched in disbelief as police removed the bodies

This massacre comes shortly after 12 ANC supporters were shot dead outside Richmond, 15km from yesterday's bloodbath

Residents said a group of 16 youths had gathered in the village the previous night and decided to camp in the house

Police spokesman Major Bala Naidoo said four people were suspected to be behind the attack

Speaking at the scene, local station commander Sergeant Ben Lombaard said an assortment of weapons were used in the attack Police suspected the attackers to be outsiders, he said

Fourteen of the victims died on the spot and one died in hospital Two of the victims were adults

An ANC branch was launched in the area a fortnight ago.

■ Scores of people have begun fleeing the KwaZulu capital of Ulundi following attacks on residents suspected to be ANC activists, SABC radio news reported yesterday



LAST SALUTE ... Hundreds of PAC supporters were at Jan Smuts Airport yesterday to welcome the body of PAC secretary of defence and Apla commander Sabelo Phama, who died in a car accident in Tanzania. On the plane were his wife Dudu, their twins Andile and Sandile, top PAC officials and 14 Apla officers. The PAC has declared Wednesday a day of mourning. Memorial services will be held countrywide, with the main one at the Jabulani Amphitheatre from 5pm. Phama will be buried in Baziya near Umtata next Saturday.

■ Pic: MIKE MZILENI

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preted as a softening of his previous attitude of outright rejection of the elections It is also seen as indicating a willingness to take part in the elections if they are postponed.

However, at this stage prospects of postponing the elections to a later date in order to accommodate Inkatha do not look bright.

On Friday, ANC president Nelson Mandela told Dutch businessmen. "April 27 is sacrosanct. We cannot and will not move that date. The risk of violence is far greater if the elections are postponed"

Buthelezi reiterated that government/ANC concessions on interim constitution amendments designed to bring the FA into the election were "nothing new", and said

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This frail granny is charged with murder!



LEADER? ... Gladys Olifant, 79.

By MARTIN NTSOELENGOE

GRANNY Gladys "Gogo" Olifant, 79, was described in the Rand Supreme Court this week as a ringleader in a bizarre fight which ended in death for her son-in-law.

Frail Olifant, who walks with the assistance of a stick, was charged with organising a minibus-load of her children to drive from Soweto to the East Rand where they killed her son-in-law, Phillip Malesela Ledwaba.

His sin at was alleged, was that he had fought with one of Olifant's children, Godfrey It is alleged Godfrey had tried to take Ledwaba's children away. Godfrey sustained a finger injury in the fight.

This week Olifant and seven co-accused pleaded not guilty to a murder charge

However, once on the witness stand the co-accused resorted to blaming each other

Jamangile Xolo, 6 and his son Xolile Xol 24, both of White Ci Jabavu in Soweto, told court packed mainly wi family, how a relativ Alfred Mandla Thabeth stabbed Ledwaba death with a screwdriv

Massacre: Mandela blames Buthelezi

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JOHANNESBURG. — ANC leader Mr Nelson Mandela yesterday blamed Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi for a massacre of 15 young ANC election workers in Natal.

He said the Inkatha Freedom Party leader was fanning violence with his opposition to the April elections

Chief Buthelezi said he "regretted conjecture" by the ANC about who was responsible for the carnage.

He condemned the killings, saying: "We are never going to have peace and prosperity in South Africa by eliminating each other through such terrible acts of violence."

Attackers used automatic weapons and knives early on Saturday to kill the 15 ANC supporters — 13 of them teenagers — preparing to conduct a voter education programme in the rural Natal village of Mahehle near Creighton

One survivor is in Edendale Hospital, Maritzburg Another survived the initial assault but died soon afterwards in the hospital.

A police spokesman 'said the survivor was in no condition to be questioned yesterday but investigators would talk to him as soon as he was fit enough

Police have offered a "substantial" reward for information leading to the killers' capture. After SAP crime combating unit chief Major-General Johan Meintjies visited the scene on Saturday, a senior Port Shepstone police officer was appointed to head the investigation.

Mr Mandela told reporters yesterday the massacre was the result of what "we regard as irresponsible talk".

He did not name Chief Buthelezi, but referred to calls from leaders in the Natal region to resist the election.

ANC deputy secretary-general Mr Jacob Zuma said the massacre was an indication of what rural ANC supporters might face in the run-up to elections.— Sapa

53 die as Natal's violence continues

ARG 22/2/94 (276)

DURBAN. — At least 10 people have been murdered in Natal, adding to a weekend toll of 43.

The worst affected region was Stanger on the North Coast, police said.

A bus passenger was shot dead through the vehicle's window by gunmen. Nearby, a Mr Mathabulo was fatally stabbed and fell into a stream, and a security guard shot and killed a man.

Stanger police said these attacks appeared to be linked to political rivalry in the area, but declined to comment further.

Also in Stanger, the body of an unidentified man, aged about 20, was found with stab wounds near a bridge. The body of a man of about 34 was found in Doringkop, and another man was stabbed to death in an argument.

In Verulam, north of Durban, a 26-year-old man was stabbed to death in a fight over cigarettes.

In Inanda, a 36-year-old woman was found shot dead and the body of an unidentified woman was found with gunshot wounds in the head.

In KwaDabeka, near Pinetown, the body of a 29-year-old woman was found with gunshot or stab wounds in the face.

The Network of Independent Monitors said so-called faction fighting which claimed seven lives in Loskop in the Midlands at the weekend was politically linked.

A NIM source said conflict broke out between Inkatha Freedom Party supporters and people who were perceived to be African National Congress supporters because the latter failed to pay traditional taxes.

In nearby Bergville, the NIM source said, a Mr Gamede was killed on Sunday after allegedly refusing to attend an IFP gathering at Taylor's Halt near Pietermaritzburg. This brings to eight the number of deaths linked to the rally. — Sapa.

42 killed since Friday

Bloody weekend in Natal

Star 22/2/94

Durban — At least 42 people have been killed in Natal since Friday, in the province's bloodiest weekend this year.

Most of the killings were politically linked, police said.

In the worst incident, 15 people, mostly youths, were killed in an attack on a group of ANC supporters preparing for a voter education workshop in Mahehle, near Creighton, in southern Natal on Saturday morning.

Six people were killed in the Ntembeni area, about 10 km from an IFP rally in Taylor's Halt, outside Maritzburg, on Sunday.

One other person was killed and seven injured around Maritzburg in attacks apparently linked to the IFP rally.

A doctor at Edendale Hospital said a man had been shot dead in the area on Sunday. Buses to and from the rally had also come under fire, police said.

In other weekend reports, police said seven people were killed at Loskop near Estcourt.

Police said two security guards were shot dead at the KwaThandaza railway station in Camperdown on Saturday.

The KwaZulu Police reported five apparently politically linked weekend killings.

MOST of the latest spate of Natal killings were politically motivated, according to the police (276)

Four people were killed in separate attacks in Durban's Umlazi township on Saturday.

On Friday, police said former Maritzburg attorney John Lovell Greene (76) and Richmond farmer Mike Morris (55) were shot dead at their homes.

In Inanda, Durban, the body of Wellington Zungu (61) was found in a road on Sunday.

In Phoenix, the body of a man was found on Saturday.

A woman was stabbed to death at Maydon Wharf in Durban harbour on Sunday, and Nellie Body was found dead near Victoria Embankment.

KwaZulu Police reported the killing of a shop assistant in Mvutshini Reserve on Friday night. Three colleagues were injured when gunmen opened fire on their vehicle as they were travelling home. The killers fled with R3 500. — Sapa.

35 die violently in grim Natal weekend

CT 22/2/94 (276)

DURBAN — At least 35 people were killed in another bloody weekend in Natal, police reported yesterday.

In the worst incident 15 people, mostly youths, were massacred in Saturday morning's attack on ANC supporters preparing for a voter education workshop in southern Natal.

● Two security guards were shot dead on duty at KwaThandaza railway station in Camperdown on Saturday.

● Seven people were killed in what police called a "faction fight" in Loskop, near Estcourt.

● KwaZulu police said four people died in attacks in Umlazi on Saturday.

● One person died and eight were hurt in attacks related to an Inkatha rally in Taylor's Halt near Maritzburg on Sunday, police said.

● Schools were closed in Bekkersdal on the West Rand yesterday after Sunday's fighting between municipal police and internal stability division members. IFP Youth Brigade spokesman Mr Charles Lilowe said his house and about 23 others were torched. He said IFP and Azapo members lost homes in fighting between ISD members defending IFP houses and municipal police upset at ISD action against Azapo members.

● A boy, 13, was injured when two men — one allegedly white and one black — threw him off a train near Johannesburg yesterday, police said.

● Police said the man shot and burnt to death in Alberton industrial area at the weekend was Mr Peter Bajick, 45, of Germiston. — Sapa



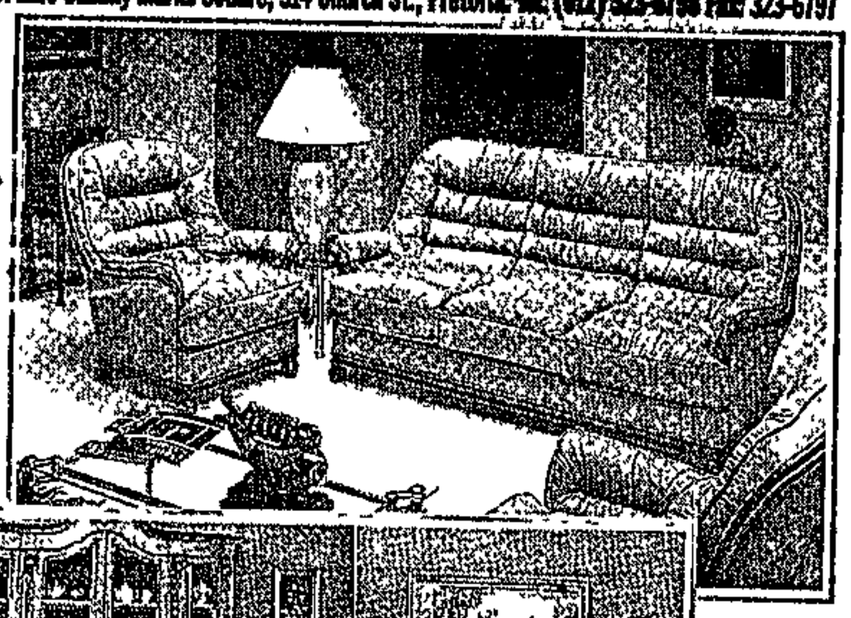


The Ncityana family of Bekkersdal surveys the damage to their torched house while the Modisane family (left) have loaded their belongings on a truck and is about to leave the strife-torn township near Westonaria. About 15 houses were burned over the weekend.

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Families flee Reef violence

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By Mokgadi Pela and *Sapa*

SCORES OF FAMILIES IN Bekkersdal on the West Rand fled their homes yesterday after alleged Inkatha Freedom Party supporters left a trail of destruction, burning 15 houses resulting in injuries to nine people

And in Natal, at least 41 people were killed during another bloody weekend In the worst attack, 15 youths were massacred when four men shot and stabbed them during a voter education workshop

Six of those killed were attacked near an Inkatha Freedom Party rally at Taylor's Halt, outside Maritzburg, on Sunday The dead included a four-year-old boy, Smoyt Dlamini They were shot dead in the Ntembeni area, about 10km from the event

Most people spoken to in Bekkersdal yesterday said they did not know the cause of the violence All they could say was that a group of men wielding an assortment of weapons entered their homes looking for their sons and husbands, stole valuable items and then gutted their houses

IFP spokesman Mr Humphrey Ndlovu dismissed the claims and blamed the Azanian People's Organisation and the African National Congress for the violence "Their members burned seven houses belonging to the IFP on Sunday," Ndlovu added

Residents told *Sowetan* the first house to be burned belonged to a member of Azapo The house was deserted and the whereabouts of the family could not be established

Late yesterday Azapo leaders were locked in a meeting with members in the area to address the situation

The ANC said it would send its monitors to the area in an effort to bring calm

Confusion reigned in the township with many schoolchildren staying at home and the local town council releasing workers early to be with their families

Among those who packed their goods for safer areas were members of the Modisane family

"The situation here is unpredictable and we had better leave while we still have time," said Mr Abel Modisane

● Five people, including a policeman, were killed on the East Rand The 24-year-old constable was shot in the stomach by gunmen in front of his house in Daveyton on Sunday

Natal death toll rises to 45

DURBAN — At least 13 people were murdered in Natal on Monday, and the weekend toll rose to 45 with further killings reported yesterday.

The region worst affected was Stanger where the police reported six people killed Details of the other killings were not given.

KwaZulu Police said three people were murdered in homeland-administered areas on Monday, and three people were killed at the weekend

Mr Mandlenkosi Qumbisa, 33, was shot dead in Umlazi and Mr Mondi Cele was shot dead in KwaMashu.

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In Mpumalanga Mr Zwelakhe Hlongwa, 50, was killed while waiting at a bus stop

On Sunday in the Montebello area of Ndwedwe, Natal Midlands, Mr Ndabayakhe Elliot Luthuli, 65, and Ms Khethiwe Rosaline Luthuli, 65, were killed in the same area, but it could not be immediately established if the murders were connected or the victims related

Ms Evelinah Bahlangene Hlongwane, 70, was killed at her home in the Matholamnyama area of Ndwedwe — Sapa

Natal violence kills 22 since weekend

(276) CT 24/2/94

DURBAN. — Twenty two people have been killed in violent episodes in Natal since Monday.

Three men were shot dead by men armed with AK47 rifles in Ngonyameni, south of Durban, on Tuesday, the South African Police said yesterday.

KwaZulu Police said a man was killed in nearby Umlazi on the same day, pushing Tuesday's toll through violence to nine.

● On the reef, an ANC Youth League member was attacked by a mob wielding iron bars and sharp objects while he was putting up election posters near Farraday Station in Johannesburg on Tuesday night, the organisation said.

● In Johannesburg, a member of the South African Defence Force deployed in Vosloorus on the East Rand was killed when unidentified gunmen opened fire on an army checkpoint late on Tuesday night. — Sapa

22 slain in Natal since Monday

Sowetan 24/12/94

THREE men were shot dead in Ngonyameni, south of Durban, on Tuesday, police said yesterday.

KwaZulu Police said a man was killed in nearby Umlazi on the same day, pushing Tuesday's toll through violence to nine, and bringing to 22 the number of people killed in Natal since Monday. (276)

SAP spokesman Major Bala Naidoo said the three were murdered by men armed with AK-47 rifles and shotguns while they were having a drink. They were Alfred Mdaba (53), Africa Mngadi (53) and Wilberforce Mpanza, age not known.

At Bhambayi, north of Durban, an unidentified man was shot dead by police who came under attack in the shack settlement.

Police said the man pointed a gun at them and a handgrenade thrown at their police vehicle exploded.

At Mtunzini on the North Coast, Sipho Cele and Sipho Dladla were shot dead in their house by four men armed with AK-47 rifles.

At KwaMbonambi, also on the North Coast, Thulani Ndlovu (25) was found shot dead in the Nhalbosini Reserve on Monday. His firearm had been taken.

A member of the South African Army deployed in Vosloorus on the East Rand was killed when unidentified gunmen opened fire on an army checkpoint late on Tuesday night.

Witwatersrand Command Headquarters said in a statement on Wednesday the name of the victim was being withheld until his next of kin had been informed.

A house was burnt down — police estimate damage at R10 000 — in Tsakane. Police who arrived on the scene were stoned but there were no injuries and no arrests. And at a funeral service at Vosloorus a motor vehicle was set alight. No-one was injured and no arrests have been made. — *Sapa*.

Killings may threaten free, fair elections in Natal

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A rise in violence in Natal, coupled with Inkatha's threat to boycott the elections, puts campaigners and voters at risk, reports Farouk Chothia

THE massacre of 15 people in a Natal village last weekend has raised the question: are free and fair elections possible in Natal?

In recent weeks, violence in strife-torn kwaZulu/Natal appears to have shifted to less politicised rural areas where election fever is sweeping through communities. And, in another ominous sign, key peace-brokers have been targetted for attacks.

Peace-workers fear that if the Inkatha Freedom Party confirms its boycott of elections, anyone engaging in voter-education could be targeted — while anyone going to the polls could be identified as an ANC supporter and thus vulnerable to attack.

In the Southern Natal village of Mahehle, where 15 people aged between 12 and 28 were shot and hacked to death by unknown gunmen last Saturday evening, no political violence has previously been recorded.

The massacre took place hours after ANC activists embarked on their first major recruitment drive in the village, putting up posters offering "Jobs, peace, freedom". They planned a voter-education workshop the following day.

A similar massacre in nearby Richmond a few weeks ago, where 12 people were killed, has left residents fearful of exercising their vote.

"The idea is to instil maximum fear in those communities which are on the verge of making a political decision and to intimidate them from voting," said the Reverend Danny Chetty, of the Practical Ministries in Port Shepstone, who chairs the local peace committee.

Chetty warned that with the IFP having now decided to boycott elections — thus moving away from its previous ambivalent position — anyone engaged in voter education could be targeted.

"Even if (people) vote there may be a large number of spoilt ballot papers because of a lack of voter education," said Chetty.

Of great concern, said Chetty, were attacks on peace-brokers along the Natal South Coast. Recently, ANC leader George Mbhele and church leader Reverend Richard Kgetsi, both of executive members of the Port Shepstone Peace Committee, were killed. Mbhele was killed in the hitherto peaceful Umzumbi district where only one politically-related death has been recorded in the last five years.

"We have a campaign of terror which is aimed at destabilising any peace process and the election would be bloody," said Chetty.

He added that he himself had received several death threats, forcing his family to leave their home.

Meanwhile, the ANC said this week that its voter-education programmes had run into trouble in Northern Natal — seen as the traditional stronghold of the IFP.

Bongumusa Diadla, head of the ANC's voter organisation and training team in the area, said IFP supporters attacked a workshop venue in Nhlabane village last Friday, shooting and wounding one person.

In the Khoza area near Eshowe, a voter education meeting was called off after rumours that IFP supporters planned to attack the venue while in Ncotshane, near Pongola, the ANC was forced to stop door-to-door canvassing after election co-ordinator Busi Mvelase received death threats.

Chetty said, however, some IFP supporters on the South Coast were taking part in voter-education programmes, without any hindrance.

Strategies adopted to overcome communities' fear include trainers visiting residents' homes before leaving them with study material which could be passed on to friends and holding smaller meetings to reduce the potential for conflict.

■Report by Farouk Chothia, 139 Smit Street, Johannesburg



Waiting for the president ... Media representatives and a young patient await the arrival of FW de Klerk at Tumahole Hospital this week. De Klerk officially opened the hospital in his capacity as state president
PHOTOGRAPH STEVE HILTON-BARBER

ANC seeks protection in Ulundi

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Farouk Chothia

THE ANC has called for the deployment of the South African Defence Force and the South African Police in Ulundi in the wake of Inkatha Freedom Party supporters flushing out suspected ANC members from the homeland capital.

ANC Northern Natal deputy chairman Willies Mchunu said a combined force of the SADF and SAP — overseen by international policemen — needed to replace the kwaZulu Police in Ulundi and other violence-torn areas in Northern Natal, including Mandini, Ubombo and kwaMthethwa.

Mchunu said a "credible security force" was needed in Northern Natal immediately — and not two weeks before elections — to reduce intimidation in the region.

He said recent incidents in Ulundi were intended to strike fear into residents to prevent them from going to polling booths on April 27.

"Even if (IFP leader Chief Mangosuthu) Buthelezi says people are free to go and vote, no one will dare to do so for fear of being identified. It is not only the ANC that will suffer — but also the Democratic Party and the National Party," said Mchunu.

He said it was therefore imperative a "credible security force" not only patrol Northern Natal, but also investigate crimes which have remained unsolved.

Among the incidents the ANC wants investigated in Ulundi are:

- The burning of homes of suspected ANC members in 1992.
- The recent killing of an alleged ANC-sympathising member of the Zulu Royal Family, Prince Petrus Zulu, at his Ulundi home and that of educationist Thabiso Ngubane.
- The distribution of a forged ANC pamphlet which identifies alleged members of the organisation in the kwaZulu administration Both Zulu and Ngubane's names appeared on the pamphlet.

IFP deputy secretary general Simon Gumede, whose name also appeared on the list, has announced his resignation from the organisation. However, he said he had decided prior to the publication of the list to quit.

Since the distribution of the pamphlet a fortnight ago, Ulundi has been in the grip of fear — and several residents have fled the homeland capital.

A cashier in the kwaZulu Department of Finance, a Mrs Hlanti, left Ulundi after her name appeared on the list, and her home has been broken into and her furniture burnt.

IFP supporters held a meeting in Ulundi last Sunday and, sources said, they decided to set up defence units to protect themselves against possible attacks from the ANC. Some residents said they attended the meeting because they feared that if they did not do so they would be labelled ANC members.

While the meeting was in progress, the atmosphere in Ulundi was tense and the KZP stepped up patrols to protect residents from possible intimidation and attacks. The meeting, however, went off peacefully.

KZP station commander Thalente Mhlongo is also named on the list as an ANC member. He has denied the charge.

IFP central committee member Muzikayise Ngema said while he had no idea where the pamphlet originated from, he did not believe the ANC had drafted it, nor did he believe the IFP had drafted it to flush out suspected ANC members.

Another IFP central committee member, Joseph Masango, appealed for political tolerance among Ulundi residents who had to realise there were supporters of various political parties living in the homeland capital.

He said if the identities of the culprits became known, the IFP would ensure they are brought to book. Ngema said the IFP would not prevent any Ulundi resident from exercising their "democratic right" to vote in elections.

ANC, IFP youth collaborate

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DURBAN. — National leaders of the African National Congress Youth League and Inkatha Freedom Party Youth Brigade met here and agreed to work together to resolve specific problems plaguing the country.

working committees were set up yesterday to deal with violence and problems in education and to establish youth structures.

The working groups would make recommendations to their principals.

An IFP source said the committees would respond during the ANCYL's and IFPYB's next joint summit on April 4.

The organisations undertook to work side by side, particularly in areas troubled by violence. — Sapa.

(News by C Govender, 330 West Street, Durban)

Weekend attacks claim 11 lives

Sowetan 7/3/94

■ WAR-TORN BHAMBAYI 'Red' and 'green' gangs clash:

GROUPS of killers swept through an ANC stronghold in the war-torn Bhambayi shack settlement north of Durban late on Saturday night, leaving 11 people dead.

There were conflicting reports as to the number of people killed. Residents said eight people were dead and seven injured, while police said 11 were murdered.

What prompted the killings mystified residents, but a local ANC leader attributed the slayings to the ongoing conflict between the rival "red" and "green" gangs. The two gangs are linked to the ANC and Inkatha Freedom Party, respectively.

Residents in the ANC strongholds of Angola and Cuba — an area of about 3km square — reported that gunmen attacked different homes between 10pm and midnight. (276)

Sinali Mgcasana was shot dead when intruders burst into his house while he was dining with a group of sangomas, one of whom was injured

"The gunshots shocked me and I pulled somebody who was walking past my house inside We went down for cover. I heard shooting for about four minutes," said an Angola resident, who did not want to be named.

In nearby Cuba, shopkeeper Patience Ndlelem said two of her vehicles were set on fire by a group of men who broke into her store.

About 50m away, gunmen burst into another house which they set on fire before murdering Betty Dlamini, Mildred Khumalo, and Bizo Mbatha.

A nearby house was also gutted by fire, but no injuries were reported. However, immediately behind this house, a Mr Mthiyane was killed in his one-room dwelling.

A stone's throw away across a dirt road, gunmen killed Ndleleni Shozi and Lindiwe Cele. Shozi's 14-year-old niece escaped.

ANC secretary-general Mr Cyril Ramaphosa and other regional leaders were due to visit the area late yesterday. — *Sapa.*





Confrontation ... Hostel residents set to defend themselves against angry township residents (right) in Duduza yesterday. The police and peace monitors intervened to prevent more bloodshed. PIC: MOFFAT ZUNGU

Violence claims 13 lives

Sowetan 7/3/94

AT LEAST 13 PEOPLE were killed in Natal and the Transvaal as political violence spread at the weekend to what were relatively peaceful areas

Eleven people were reported killed on Saturday in the Bhambayi shack settlement north of Durban when groups of killers went on the rampage there.

Two people were killed and three injured in Duduza near Nigel yesterday morning.

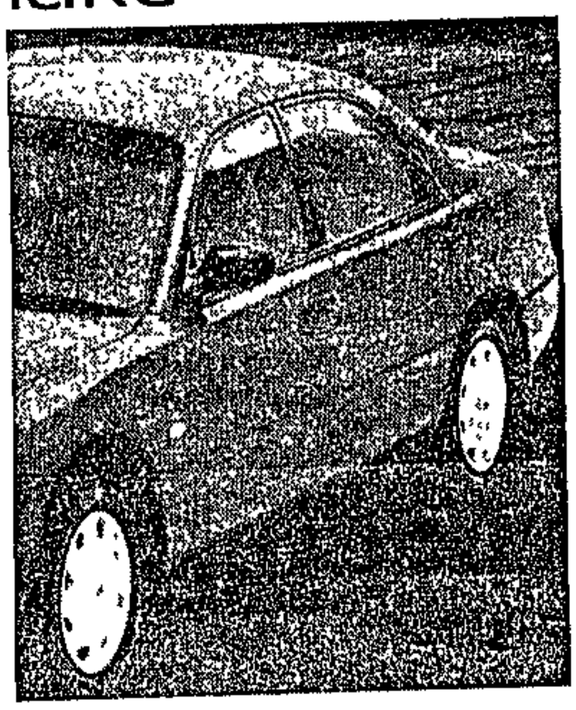
Warring factions in Bhambayi had made peace last month and this held up until Saturday.

Duduza has been quiet since the turbulent 1980s when the first necklace victim in the country was executed there. The weekend violence appears to give credence to the theory that political violence changes locations and is switched on at will by "an invisible hand" (278) (276)

Since the Government and the ANC agreed on an South African Defence Force clampdown in Tokoza and Katlehong, the epicentre of the violence for some months, the East Rand has been quiet. The violence has instead spread to Bekkersdal on the West Rand and this weekend to Duduza on the East Rand. ANC leader in the Duduza hostel Mr Isaac Vimba and another member were shot dead in their beds in different parts of the hostel.

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11 killed in Durban township

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DURBAN. — At least 11 people were killed and 20 homes were gutted by fire when gangs of AK-47 and shotgun-wielding marauders went on the rampage through the war-torn shack settlement of Bhambayi at the weekend.

ANC secretary-general Mr Cyril Ramaphosa yesterday blamed the SA Police's internal stability division for the massacre and demanded it be disbanded.

Law and Order Minister Mr Hernus Kriel said yesterday the latest killings were a grim warning that the intolerance of ANC and IFP supporters would deprive people of freely exercising their democratic right of choice during the elections.

The first victim of the latest wave of violence was Mr Sinali Mgcisana who was in his hut with a group of sangomas when the shooting started at 10pm.

A resident told how she heard a relative, Mrs Mildred Khumalo, pleading and praying for her life before she was silenced by gunfire and an explosion.

Two others, Mrs Betty Dlamini and Mrs Bizo Mbatha, were also burnt beyond recognition in the same house.

An elderly man, known only as Mr Mthiyane, was gunned down in another nearby shack.

A 14-year-old girl told how she hid while the attackers gunned down her uncle, Mr Ndleleni Shozi, and Ms Lindiwe Cele.

Two other victims were named as Mr Lucas Dlamini and Mr Bheki Ndlovu. Two victims have not been identified. — Own Correspondent

NEWS Soldiers quit peace force ● No

More resign from NPKF

Sowetan 8/3/94

ABOUT 117 members of the National Peacekeeping Force in training at the General De Wet Training Centre near Bloemfontein have resigned since the start of last weekend.

An NPKF spokesman said yesterday their reasons varied from domestic problems to dissatisfaction with conditions at the base. About 70 members resigned last week as a result of a strike over pay.

The spokesman said, however, that conditions at the base had returned to normal and training had been resumed.

A delegation from the Transitional Executive Council was due to visit the base yesterday afternoon to help deal with personnel problems.

In another development, Law and Order Ministry spokesman Captain Craig Kotze said yesterday police were investigating charges of assault following a knife fight involving members of the NPKF in Bloemfontein at the weekend in which three were injured.

Meanwhile, the Inkatha Freedom Party said yesterday that the R129 million allocated to the NPKF was a waste of taxpayers' money. — *Sowetan Reporter and Sapa*



Natal killing spree now 27

AT LEAST 27 people were murdered in Natal at the weekend, 11 of them in a killing spree in Bhambayi, north of Durban. Sowetan 8/3/94

At Madadeni, near Newcastle, teenagers Thokozani Ngema, Veli Ngema and Musa Masondo were shot dead on Sunday, KwaZulu police said.

Gunmen swept through the Bhambayi settlement on Saturday night killing at least eight people. Police said 11 bodies had been recovered (27 6)

There had been no arrests for the Bhambayi killings by yesterday afternoon. — *Sapa.*

Ulundi's own 'peace force' assembly line

CIPNEWS 13/3/94

'These boys are going to stop MK's reign in Natal'

By SIPHO KHUMALO

CLAD in military uniforms with their heads camouflaged with leaves, a group of KwaZulu self-protection trainees moved in to ambush a kombi in guerrilla fashion.

The sound of gunfire echoed throughout Ulundi.

Women ululated and sang the praises of Zulu heroes of past battles.

And proudly looking on stood AWB Southern Natal region commander Morton Christie, who said he helped train the fighters.

It was a mock attack on Thursday to mark the passing out of a further 1 400 KwaZulu Self-Protection Unit members in Ulundi.

The graduates engaged in mock attacks and counter-attacks to display what they have learnt from an intensive four-week military training.

It was the third passing-out parade – pushing the number of recruits trained since KwaZulu Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi, called for the establishment of this force last year to more than 3 000.

And a fresh batch of 1 500 trainees are to undergo yet another four weeks' training.

Philip Powell, commander of the KwaMlaba camp where the trainees study defence tactics, told City Press that these men signalled the end of Umkhonto weSizwe's "free reign" in Natal and KwaZulu.

"MK has had a free reign – now they are going to face a challenge. These boys are going to stop them," Powell said. He did not elaborate.

The trainees are drawn from throughout KwaZulu/Natal and from Transvaal hostels, Powell said.

"Each chief or mayor provides 10 people from his area to undergo training. They then go back to their communities to form a core leadership group that will further train the locals."

Trainees undergo physical training and are taught how to use and maintain firearms, organisational and marshalling skills, said Powell. (276)

In particular they are trained in the use of pump-action guns, 9 mm pistols, German-made G-3 rifles, R1's and R4's

"These are firearms used by KwaZulu police – and if you know how to use an R4 you will also be able to use an AK-47," said Powell.

The philosophy behind this training, he said, was to extend community policing.

Each trainee is provided with a competence certificate to facilitate their applications for firearm licences, said Powell.

"Since the introduction of this training there has been a definite decrease in violence in the amaKhosi areas in KwaZulu," he said.

Powell dismissed as "propaganda" the ANC's charge that since the deployment of these units there has been an increase of violence in the Natal Midlands.

"Take Phateni area in Richmond," said Powell. "In the past there was an attack almost every week but now that has stopped."

Phateni is the Inkatha stronghold in the Natal Midlands. The ANC in the Natal Midlands has claimed this area serves as a springboard for attacks in the neighbouring areas in Richmond.



EAGLE EYE . . . AWB Southern Natal region commander Morton Christie. ■ Pics: FRANCE DWAYISA



COMRADES? . . . REC chairman Pat Hlongwane with AWB members at the parade.

while a light aircraft circled overhead to monitor the crowd.

Sporadic shooting was heard in the vicinity of the stadium on Saturday night but there were no reports of casualties. — *Sapa.*

3 killed in church

Sowetan

THREE members of the Ba'hai faith were shot dead by gunmen during a service in Mdanstane, near East London, yesterday. 14/3/94

A local Ba'hai leader said six armed men had entered during the service and ordered whites present to stand aside.

Three Iranians, who had been living in South Africa for some years, were then shot. Black congregants were not harmed.

At Umlazi in Durban, four people were killed in clashes between the Inkatha Freedom party and African National Congress yesterday. Three were killed in the afternoon following the killing earlier in the day of an IFP supporter. (276)

The three were killed after ANC supporters left their gathering place near King Zwelithini Stadium in the township.

Police reinforcements were deployed in the township last night.

The stadium was occupied by IFP supporters earlier yesterday ahead of a planned ANC rally there, resulting in increased tension between supporters of the two parties. — *Sapa.*

and was shot dead by police as he

a Ms Moeng (24), no address given.

Inkatha won't be in April election

Sowetan 14/3/94

By Donwald Pressly
Political Staff

THE Inkatha Freedom Party will definitely not be contesting next month's election, a senior MP and central committee member confirmed yesterday.

But the Freedom Front, led by former Afrikaner Volksfront leader General Constand Viljoen, will be contesting the poll. Several Conservative Party MPs — including Dr Pieter Mulder and his brother Corné — are expected to be nominees under its banner when candidates' lists are announced this week.

The Freedom Alliance is now all but in tatters, with former Bophuthatswana President Lucas Mangope deposed by the TEC this weekend, announcing he would participate in the election under the banner of the North West Christian Democratic Party. (HB 3/4/94)

Ciskei's Brigadier Oupa Gqozo left the FA last month.

Now only the severely split Conservative Party, the IFP, and the shattered AVF are part of the alliance.

The IFP, meanwhile, will discuss its strategy of opposition to the constitution and the election at its central committee meeting in two weeks, said Mr Farook Cassim, nominated MP in the House of Delegates.

However, IFP spokesman Ms Suzanne Voss said it was possible the State President could, in consultation with the Transitional Executive Council, extend the deadline for registration of candidates.

She was optimistic that some way around could be found for the IFP to participate, including the possibility of discussing with other parties the delaying of the election.

(Report by D Pressly, 61 Commando Road, Industria, Johannesburg.)

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*Talk***back**

IEC defuses tense situation as calm returns to Umlazi

ARG 14/3/94 (276)

☐ Five killed during clashes between ANC and IFP

Political Staff

DURBAN. — The situation was back to normal in Umlazi today after KwaZulu police reported that at least five people were killed and several injured in clashes between the Inkatha Freedom Party and the African National Congress yesterday.

Major conflict on the streets of the township, south of Durban, was prevented after the Independent Electoral Commission stepped in during a tense standoff between the IFP and the ANC

Monitors worked through the weekend at the King Zwelithini Stadium — which hundreds of IFP supporters, some with guns and traditional weapons, had invaded in an apparent move to prevent an ANC election meeting from taking place yesterday

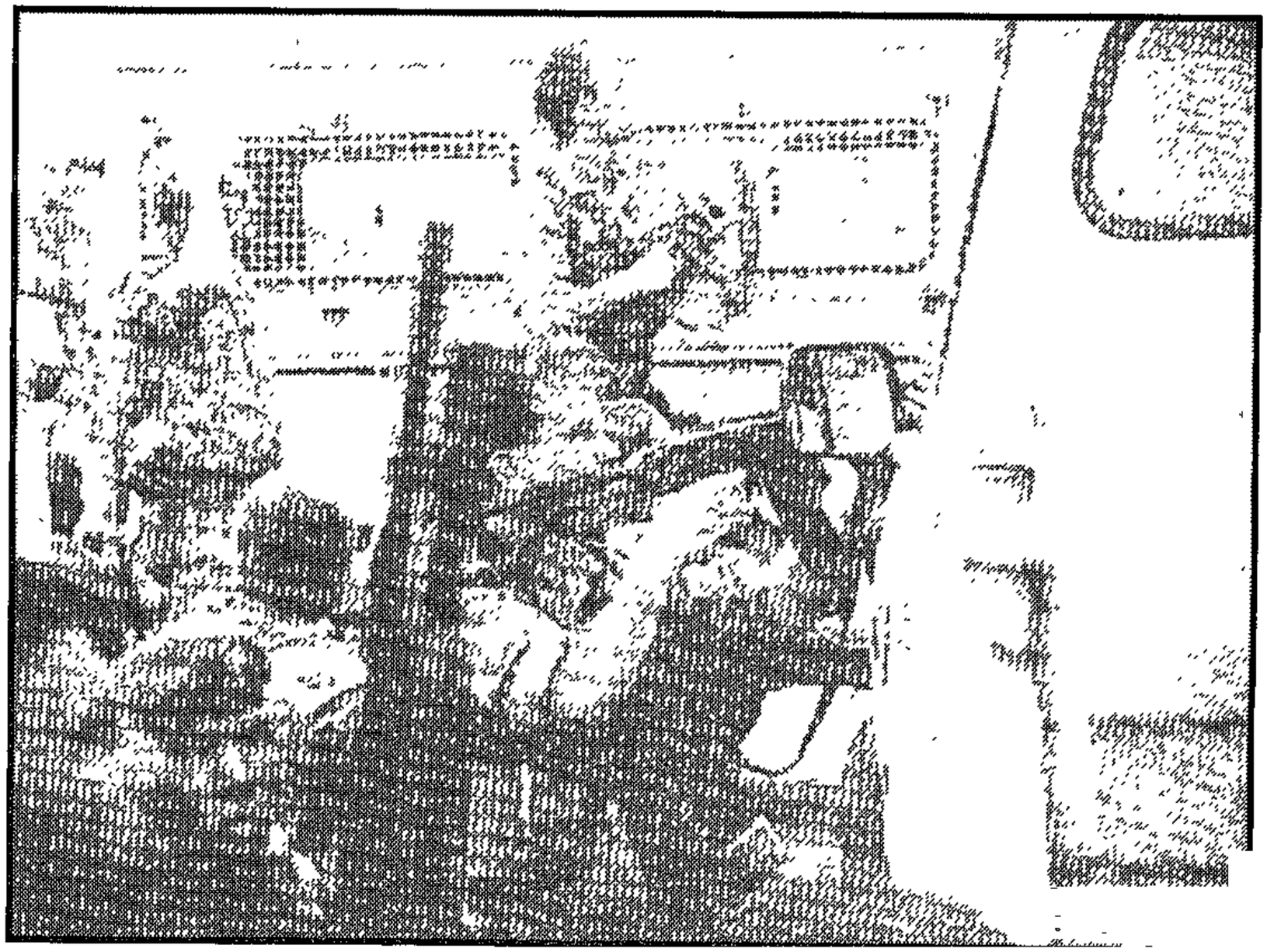
About 2 000 IFP supporters arrived on Saturday while ANC officials were preparing the venue at which ANC national chairman Thabo Mbeki was due to speak

Their numbers dwindled to about 500 by yesterday when they were persuaded to leave after negotiations led by IEC Natal representative Steve Collins.

The ANC went ahead with its rally plans Mr Mbeki, Transkei military leader Bantu Holomisa and local ANC leaders addressed several thousand supporters on the streets of Umlazi outside the stadium.

The Umlazi Peace Centre reported that two people were injured after being shot, several vehicles were damaged, a hand-granade exploded within the stadium, a policeman was robbed of his gun and a house was shot at.

(News by V Angamuthu, 18 Osborne Street, Durban)



NO-GO AREA: Police took cover yesterday as gunshots were heard outside the King Goodwill Zwelithini stadium in Umlazi near Durban. IFP supporters had barred ANC supporters from entering the stadium to attend an election rally. The ANC held the rally in the street outside the stadium.

Cracks in ANC support, says Bester

GEORGE. — Jay Naidoo's tongue-lashing of delegates to the Cosatu Western Cape congress at the weekend was a taste of what voters would get if they brought the ANC to power, says Democratic Party Western Cape premiership candidate Hennie Bester

He said cracks in ANC support in the Western Cape region were beginning to show.

"It is becoming more and more evident that Western Cape voters are deserting the ANC in droves because they realise that the ANC will not be able to deliver after the election, but will lead us to economic ruin."

Mr Naidoo said at Cosatu's regional congress on Saturday. "I am angry that the region did not get its act together. We are six weeks away from the election and a lot depends on how we mobilise our ranks. If we can't organise a regional congress, how are we expected to win an election?"

Mr Bester said it was not surprising that unionists and workers were reticent to work for an ANC election campaign.

"It is not the role of unions to run political campaigns."

Mr Bester asked: "The ANC blatantly disregarded the interests of Western Cape clothing and textile workers when it placed the order for ANC election T-shirts with foreign companies."

Mr Bester added that Mr Naidoo's "tirade" was unlikely to have much effect. — Sapa.

(News by D van Zyl, Nedbank Centre, Strand Street Cape Town)

Right does its in, out, in, out election dance



WHILE Bophuthatswana was calm last night, violence flared sporadically elsehere, and divisions within far right ranks became more obvious.

The National Party welcomed the decision by former Afrikaner Volksfront leader Constand Viljoen to take part in the election under the banner of the Freedom Alliance but said in a statement in Pretoria last night that General Viljoen was naive if he believed he could retain his post as military adviser to Conservative Party leader Ferdie Hartzenberg.

"Mr Viljoen has ignored warnings by the NP and other people that he was making a big mistake by associating with the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging," said the statement.

● The rightwing Pretoria Boerekommando is uncowed by the public execution of AWB members in Mmabatho, saying they would not follow General Viljoen into the election.

Commandant Willem Ratte, a former 32 Battalion commander, said at the Wonderboom Fort occupied in Pretoria yesterday: "We can't agree with General Viljoen. We can't take part in our own funeral by taking part in the Azanian election."

● The Inkatha Freedom Party would not contest the election in spite of the "progress" made at Friday's meeting on international mediation between the party and the African National Congress, IFP central committee members confirmed yesterday.

Walter Felgate and Ziba Jiyane said the central committee meeting in Ulundi before the successful round of talks with the ANC finally decided against taking part in the election.

● The IFP's self-protection units trained in Natal and Transvaal would be deployed in communities hit by violence, IFP president Mangosuthu Buthelezi said yesterday.

He told about 500 people at a rally in Kimberley — most of them mineworkers bussed in from other areas — that these units would protect Inkatha supporters from the ANC, which he accused of murdering much of his leadership.

"No matter how many of us you kill, you cannot kill our resolve. We will fight to the last man," he told the crowd, which was armed with sticks and knobkieries.

● Home Affairs Minister Danie Schutte hinted yesterday that senior IFP members were to join the NP.

Mr Schutte told members of the Italian community in Durban that the NP would accommodate some of the IFP leaders in the candidate list for the National Assembly.

He said several IFP leaders had indicated willingness to join the NP, but declined to say who.

● Law and Order Minister Hernus Kriel has lifted unrest restrictions placed on 52 areas during the violence in Bophuthatswana.

● The fate of University of Durban-Westville's deputy public affairs director, Jeya Wilson, hangs in the balance after weekend disclosures that she was not eligible to use the title of "Doctor". She also withdrew from the Democratic Party's national assembly and provincial list of election candidates soon after informing the DP of her uncompleted Oxford doctorate.

● There had been no infiltration of Ciskei's security forces by Umkhonto we Sizwe cadres, as claimed by Returned Exiles Committee member Patrick Hlongwane, Ciskei's council of state said yesterday. Mr Hlongwane's claims to this effect were intended to incite unrest and discontent.

● The DP demanded that the government and the Transitional Executive Council immediately introduce measures to prevent the unauthorised carrying of weapons.

"We are sick and tired of provocative behaviour by parties, trade unions and politicians, and by the roaming gangs of armed criminals, in paramilitary units or not, shooting indiscriminately at innocent people," said DP PWV leader Tony Leon.

(Compiled by H'S Roberton, 122 St George's Mall, Cape Town)

Economy growth linked to need for more teachers

PRESIDENT De Klerk and Pan Africanist Congress leader Clarence Makwetu answered On the Line questions from readers of The Argus yesterday.

President De Klerk was asked: How are you to solve the problem of unemployment, especially in education where so many teachers are unemployed, although bursaries are still going to students to learn teaching?

THE precondition for solving the problem of unemployment among teachers is the same as that for solving the general problem of unemployment — a growing economy.

If the economy grows, more jobs will be created and the problem of unemployment will be reduced. This, of course, can only happen if an environment friendly to investment is created, such as opportunities for private enterprise, guarantees regarding private property, security for investment, peace and stability, and an absence of negative factors such as nationalisation and social engineering.

If the economy grows, it would yield growing means for social spending, ie, on education. This would enable the education authorities to employ more teachers.

It is estimated that to accommodate the growth in the black student population, something like 14 000 additional teachers will have to be employed each year

Teacher training is not something that can be turned on and off at short notice and, therefore, training has to go ahead even in less prosperous times in order to make provision for the future

Trained teachers often find employment in other sectors where their training is also an asset to their employers and the community Such teachers often return to the profession once opportunities open up again.

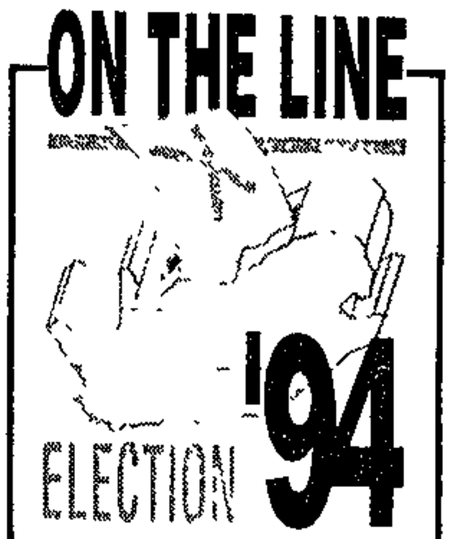
One reason for the current overproduction of teachers has been that political pressure was brought to bear on especially the Department of Education and Training to accept more teachers into the training colleges than their projections indicated.

Mr Makwetu was asked: The PAC attacks "settlers", meaning whites, and says they have no place in South Africa. But what of the future of the coloured people?

SINCE inception, the PAC has committed itself to safeguard fundamental democratic rights for each individual in the country. The policy position is to guarantee material, spiritual and intellectual needs of the individual in a society characterised by non-racialism.

Politics is a matter for material interests, a life-and-death struggle with eyes on the prize — political power. Colonialism has robbed African people of their land and personality. The years of struggle have been to contend the land with the settlers.

The concept of "coloured" people is a racial ploy with intentions to divide and rule. To accept this concept is to internalise the mirror-image of the oppressor. The PAC regards as Africans all the indigenous people and those who identify with Africa and are willing to serve under African majority rule. Your "coloured" people are Africans as far as pan-Africanism goes.



On the Line, an election service by The Argus, seeks to establish what issues voters feel strongly about. Questions can be phoned to 488 4157 After the electronic signal, please state your name and telephone number, then dictate your question and to which leader it is addressed. Please keep it brief. Names will not be published.

NEWS 23 killed in Natal

5 die in tense stand-off

Sowetan 15/3/94

■ OCCUPIED STADIUM

IFP, ANC supporters clash:

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Police said Patrick Sibiya (40), Muzodukile Dlamini (20), Nonhlanhla Mbanjwa (28), Wycliff Cele (40) and Clifford Ngidi (44) were shot dead in different sections of Umlazi on Sunday night. In Eshowe, on the Natal north coast, a man armed with an AK-47 rifle on Saturday opened fire on a taxi rank, killing N Ndlovu (29), ZG Shandu (45), D Mthethwa (39) and J Cele (46). Five others were injured in the attack, which police attributed to an ongoing taxi feud.

Basil George was shot dead by robbers who tried to hijack his car in Wentworth, south of Durban, on Sunday morning.

In Umbumbulu, on the south coast, a 78-year-old woman was stabbed to death on Sunday and Ephraim Mangazi and his wife Agnes, both 62, were shot to death by unknown gunmen on Saturday.

An unidentified body was found at the Glebelands soccer stadium, south of Durban, on Saturday.

The unidentified body of a man was found in Umlazi's B section on Saturday morning.

In Port Shepstone, on the Natal south coast, Mlungisi Nzimakwe (21), and Xolani Nkiwe (22), were shot dead by gunmen on Saturday.

Percy Mncanyana (20) was found strangled to death in Amanzimtoti, on the south coast, on Saturday.

In Tongaat, on the north coast, the stabbed body of Amos Mpanza (43) was discovered in the Sea Tides area on Saturday. Constable Mlungisi Mdluli was shot dead in Umlazi's J Section on Friday night. — *Sapa*.

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Fears of upsurge in bloodshed for Natal

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By RODNEY PINDER

DURBAN — A free and fair election looks like an impossible dream for thousands of black people in Natal, trapped in a never-ending nightmare of bloodshed.

Violence monitors and other analysts say political storm clouds are building fast before polling next month.

They fear an upsurge of killing and intimidation that will make a free vote impossible over large parts of the province, where 25% of all South Africans live.

More than 10 000 people have died in 10 years of warfare in Natal between Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi's Inkatha Freedom Party and Nelson Mandela's African National Congress. An Inkatha election boycott will make things worse, regional experts say.

Popular uprising

Inkatha is refusing to take part in the April 26-28 poll, which is expected to produce an ANC-dominated government, unless its demands for virtual regional autonomy are met.

The time for a deal appears to have run out.

Buthelezi vows to fight "to the last man" against an ANC government and President F W de Klerk says he fears a repeat in Natal of the popular uprising that last week ousted another black homeland leader, Bophuthatswana President Lucas Mangope.

"No way can there be a free and fair election in big chunks of Natal if Inkatha doesn't come in," says church peace activist Paddy Kearney.

Gavin Woods of the Inkatha Institute, a research body, predicts that "the civil war, now contained and localised, will be stepped up" as a result of the boycott.

He says political turf wars and population shifts as people flee fighting in townships, villages and valleys have made 90% of Natal's black communities — where most of its 8,5 million people live — no-go areas for one party or another.

Authoritarian chiefs

"Secrecy goes out of the window" with an Inkatha boycott, says Karen MacGregor, editor of Natal University's *Indicator South Africa* research publication. "Anyone going to the polls will be seen as voting against Inkatha."

The situation would be acute in Inkatha's rural strongholds run by authoritarian chiefs who see their traditional power structures threatened by ANC revolutionaries.

Voting would be impossible for those tied to their homes with no escape to the anonymity of the workplace — women, the unemployed, the ailing and the old, she says.

Monitors say the long conflict in Natal, where more than half of South Africa's political violence occurs, has produced a unique tapestry of death featuring warlords, druglords, blood feuds, robbers, renegades and agents provocateurs as well as ANC-Inkatha battles and infighting even within these groups.

Peace monitors

Hatreds and suspicions are such that even a black commuter train crash that killed 64 people last week was widely perceived as being political. Many blacks are convinced it was a sort of a kamikaze express — derailed by an extremist driver.

Peace monitors says actual deaths from violence are slightly down — at least 330 killed in the first two months of this year — but violence is rising.

Some Inkatha chieftains in rural areas are confiscating their subjects' identification documents to prevent them voting and refusing to allow in voter education workshops by churches and other independent groups, some human rights activists say.

Sinister reminder

A concerned Inkatha official, who cannot be named for fear of reprisal, told a human rights group in a sworn affidavit that one powerful chief had told a clan gathering "there will be no voting in kwaZulu" — the Zulu homeland created by apartheid and ruled by Buthelezi. He added that Inkatha loyalists would be given guns "to be used against people who will vote".

Woods says ANC thugs mark waverers' doors with ink blots and stroll down streets rattling matchboxes in a sinister reminder of a favoured method of dispatching political enemies with burning tyres around their necks.

A sad-eyed woman at a hospital in Natal's hauntingly lovely but hellish "killing fields" says Inkatha warriors killed her 14-year-old son two nights earlier, sliced off the top of his head and scooped out his brains.

A priest says similar tales are recounted by many refugees. Mythology has it that vital parts of youths and enemies impart strength to their killers.

Violence monitors say they have reports of white neo-nazis training Inkatha fighters on farms and equipping them with weapons that are flooding into the province by sea and road.

Mass action

The ANC, which polls show is followed by at least half the Zulu people, has vowed to resist any attempt to deny blacks their first vote.

Southern Natal publicity head Dumisani Makhaye predicted "unprecedented mass action" in support of a democratic election if Inkatha sought to deny voters their long-awaited rights.

"If the majority of South Africans' demands are disregarded through undemocratic means, then South Africa will experience violence it has never thought of," he declared. — Sapa-Reuter

Three more killed in Natal

DURBAN — Three people were killed in Natal on Wednesday, police said yesterday.

In Port Shepstone's Quinabout location, Mr Makaya Mshuqana, 45, was shot and stoned to death after he and two others were attacked and robbed by a gang.

Police said one of Mr Mshuqana's companions was stabbed but was not seriously injured.

Three shacks were later burnt in what appeared to have been a revenge attack

In KwaMbonambi on the Natal North Coast, a Constable Ngobese was shot dead fby a group of men who attacked him and a colleague, a Constable Mzimela, who was injured

In Durban's Queensburgh area, the unidentified body of a man was found at a dump He had been stabbed.

At Vosloorus yesterday afternoon Mr Jacobus Gabriel van der Venter, 43, a former police dog handler from Alberton, was shot in the head while sitting in his car at the Lesedi Shopping Centre.

Witwatersrand police spokesman Colonel Dave Bruce said he was shot when a group approached the car.

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Mr Van der Venter managed to drive for some distance before losing control and crashing into a fence. He was admitted to hospital, where he had immediate surgery. — Sapa

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Policeman: Massacre cover-up

JOHANNESBURG. — A former investigating officer into a massacre of 11 ANC supporters, Lieutenant Westleigh Mbatha, suggested yesterday he had deliberately been put on sick leave by the KwaZulu Police because he was about to make a breakthrough in his investigations.

Lt Mbatha was giving evidence here to a Goldstone commission of inquiry into allegations of a cover-up to protect the perpetrators of the massacre in Nqutu, northern Natal, in November last year. He implicated senior KwaZulu police officer and Nqutu district commissioner Brigadier B Ndlovu.

Mr Justice Richard Goldstone said he hoped to give a ruling on the inquiry next week — Sapa



ARMED: IFP supporters armed with AK-47s and other automatic rifles stage a display of strength for fellow supporters as they arrive at an Ulundi umbizo (gathering). **Further reports on page 16.**

Confrontation looms . . .

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CHRIS WHITFIELD and VENILLA YOGANATHAN
Weekend Argus Political Staff

ULUNDI. — Clouds of confrontation have begun to gather over KwaZulu after King Goodwill Zwelethini suggested that the region was on the point of UDI.

The atmosphere is extremely tense and addresses by leaders have taken on an increasingly belligerent tone.

Speaking here yesterday at the Imbizo — gathering of the king's subjects — which was to have been addressed by ANC president Nelson Mandela, the Zulu king urged Zulus to defend "at all costs" their freedom and sovereignty.

He added that such sovereignty would be denied by an election under the interim constitution.

The ANC announced that it would embark on a plan of rolling mass action to prove to the world that it had the majority support of Zulus in Natal, ANC spokesman Dumisane Makhaye said yesterday.

Reacting to the king's proclamation, Mr Makhaye said: "We will organise events and marches that will clearly show that Zulus want to take part in the election.

"We warn everybody that our people, especially Zulus, are sick and tired of people abusing their history and their title.

"If the king is used by any political party to retain an apartheid structure such as the KwaZulu bantustan, then it is a sad day for the Zulu kingdom because it will precipitate the demise of the kingdom," he said.

Mr Makhaye also warned that should the king decide to secede KwaZulu/Natal from the rest of the country, a mass rising would be sparked.

"It will precipitate resistance from ordinary Zulus, chiefs who have not been consulted and 95 percent of princes and princesses."

He said that while the ANC did not believe in ethnicity, it might become important for the organisation to prove that Zulus wanted to take part in the election and were mature enough to do so.

After the rally volleys of gunshots were heard through Ulundi as the crowd dispersed. The firing was apparently directed into the air by what an Inkatha Freedom Party official described as civilians with AK-47s and other arms. One youth was apparently wounded in the hand.

Mr Mandela has cancelled his appearance at an ANC festival at the University of Zululand in Empangeni today following assassination threats.

IFP Empangeni leader Muzi Blessed Gwala, speaking at the Imbizo, called on the crowd to attend the festival. The king, who KwaZulu officials claimed was offended by Mr Mandela's absence, said he hoped there was no substance in the assassination allegation.

"It would be rank foolishness for anyone to attempt such a thing. A thing like that would literally burn this country to ashes. I hope that is no more than a scare story".

(News by C Whitfield, 47 Sauer St, Johannesburg and V Yoganathan, 18 Osborne Street, Durban)

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TAKE COVER: Riot police shelter behind an armoured vehicle as they come under automatic gunfire during clashes yesterday between ANC and IFP supporters in the Durban township of KwaMashu.

30 die in weekend of Natal political violence

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DURBAN. — At least 30 people were murdered in Natal at the weekend in political conflict and criminal incidents, according to police and the African National Congress.

Twenty-eight appeared to be politically linked.

Among the dead were four Richmond ANC supporters.

Prominent media officer and regional Youth League official Mzwandile Mbongwe was among those killed.

The ANC said at least 11 people were reported killed at Ndwedwe, Bhambayi, KwaMashu and near Port Shepstone. Police could not confirm all reports.

ANC spokesman Roy Ainslie said five people were killed in the Sonkombo area of Ndwedwe, north of here.

At least 26 homes were torched, he said.

Mr Ainslie claimed police shot dead three people in the Bhambayi shack settlement near here and two people were killed in Port Shepstone's KwaMadala area on Saturday night. Police confirmed the murders and reported a further two at nearby Mehlomnyama and one at Bhambayi.

A man was stabbed to death and at least seven people injured at Princess Magogo Stadium in KwaMashu, north of here, yesterday during a stand-off between ANC and Inkatha Freedom Party supporters, police said.

They reported six other weekend deaths.

Spokesman Major Bala Naidoo said Lance Sergeant R Khan, 28, was shot dead in Umlazi's T Section yesterday. Two other policemen were injured.

A man was killed at Malukazi when a police station came under fire on Saturday night.

Police returned fire, killing Xolani Ntombela.

Police discovered the body of T Mthethwa, 59, near Greytown, a man was killed at Umkomaas on Saturday and another man was killed at Stanger after an argument on Saturday, and Sunil Sewlall, 22, was shot dead at Phoenix.

KwaZulu Police reported seven killings in that territory at the weekend.

The KZP said three people were killed in Umlazi township, two at Sundumbili on the North Coast, one at KwaMashu and another near Vryheid. — Sapa.

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In the line of fire



Aim . . . police open fire in KwaMashu, outside Durban, where they allegedly killed a youth whom they say had shot at them yesterday. Residents said police placed a weapon near the youth after shooting him. PICTURE AFP

Senior ANC member killed in Natal

Star 22/3/94

■ **CRIME STAFF and SAPA**

At least 31 people, including a senior Natal Midlands ANC member and a policeman, were killed in politically related violence in Natal/KwaZulu at the weekend, said the police

Early today, police were still receiving reports of intimidation and violence in KwaMashu Durban SAP spokesman Major Bala Naidoo said five houses were gutted in the area during the night, but police media liaison personnel had not received detailed reports of violence in other areas.

He said it was possible that the death toll could have risen through the night and violence continued to ravage the province

Natal Midlands SAP spokesman Captain Henry Budhram said four people, including ANC Midlands official and Richmond ANC Youth League leader Mzwandile Mbongwe, were shot dead in Ndaleni on Sunday. The ANC confirmed the killings and said it was investigating.

Mbongwe was a prominent ANC Midlands spokesman and was on the organisation's candidates' list for the provincial legislature.

The others killed in the attack were Mzo Mkhize (22), Mfaniseni Latha (21) and Muziwendoda Ximba (22).

R-4 cartridges were found at the scene. (27b)

Budhram said five people were killed in separate attacks in Ndwedwe, a rural area north of Durban, and three more were killed in the squatter settlement of Bhambayi, outside Durban Police earlier reported only one killing in Bhambayi.

ANC spokesman Roy Ainslie told **Sapa** that two more people were killed near Port Shepstone late on Sunday.

He said the deaths followed clashes between IFP and ANC in KwaMashu.

Ainslie said three people were wounded in KwaMashu when hundreds of IFP supporters refused to allow an ANC election rally to take place. Police reported that one man had been killed and seven injured in the clash.

They also reported six other weekend deaths, including that of a policeman in Umlazi on Sunday night. They said Lance-Sergeant R Khan (28) died instantly when he and colleagues came under fire.

KwaZulu Police reported 10 killings at the weekend.

Hundreds flee

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15 more die as violence grips Natal townships

DURBAN. — At least 15 more people have been killed in Natal township violence and hundreds are fleeing the fighting, police and the African National Congress said today.

The toll climbed to at least 46 since the weekend and there are fears of further onslaughts this week.

In volatile KwaMashu, north of Durban, three people were killed overnight and at least nine houses were burned down.

Police spokesman John Gwala said two bodies were found near the KwaMashu Hostel, while one man was shot dead in B Section in fighting between hostel dwellers and residents

KwaMashu has been tense since the weekend occupation of a stadium booked for an ANC rally

ANC Youth League member Dumisani Ngema said ANC supporters in sections of the township were confined to their homes today after IFP members at the KwaMashu men's hostel and the Siyanda hostel in B and D sections respectively attacked them overnight

He said a train travelling between Tembalihle station and Duffs Road station stopped and was boarded by IFP supporters who attacked commuters Police could not immediately confirm this

Mr Ngema said people were taking refuge at the Newlands East community hall

ANC spokesman Roy Ainslie said 13 houses were torched and others were being looted, adding that access to the hostel could "easily" be contained

The IFP's Ed Tillet described the violence as a "counter attack" after hostel dwellers were allegedly shot at while returning from work yesterday

He claimed IFP supporters were intimidated at railway stations and said further trouble was expected this afternoon

Mr Tillet said IFP members had returned to the area about three months ago after fleeing in the late 1980s Attacks against them by ANC supporters had culminated in the latest furore

In the rural village of Sonkombo, on Natal's north coast, three people died in renewed fighting between resettled IFP supporters and ANC members

Mr Ainslie claimed Inkatha supporters were being bused to Sonkombo, about 40km north of Durban, from surrounding areas, escorted by the KwaZulu Police and the SA Police Internal Stability Division

Shops in the area were closed, residents were seeking refuge in sugar cane plantations and an ANC-aligned tribal chief had fled, said Mr Ainslie

"There is a complete breakdown of law and order despite the fact that the KZP and ISD are milling around"

"The Inkatha supporters have threatened openly that no one can stop them And they are quite right, who can stop them?" asked Mr Ainslie.

IFP affiliates had said they intended wiping out all voters and had threatened a "final onslaught" at the weekend

● The ANC's Southern Natal regional secretary, Sbusiso Ndebele, led a regional delegation of the party to KwaMashu yesterday, the ANC said today. It said residents expected more violence — Sapa

(News by Clive Govender 330 West St, Durban)



Picture STEVEN NAIDOO, Argus Group Picture

BOMB ATTACK: A policeman holds one of the bottles used in a petrol bombing on Zulu residents in the section of KwaMashu near Durban in which at least three people died and 14 were injured.

Face of the Strangler

☐ Police compile identikit of killer as witnesses emerge

STEFAANS BRÜMMER
Staff Reporter

POLICE are today compiling an identikit of a man who could be the Strangler after the latest victim was identified and new witnesses emerged

Detectives now believe they may be close to identifying the Strangler, who has claimed the lives of 21 or more victims on the Cape Flats

A body found in a shallow grave in dunes at Kleinvlei on Saturday was yesterday identified by Mary van Rooyen of Strand as her son Elroy, 10

Louisa van Rooyen, Elroy's grandmother and guardian, today told how he was lured away by the killer

She said Elroy's cousin, who will not be identified for his own safety, was with him on March 11.

"They were at a game shop near Pick 'n Pay The man was also there. He also played games, with the kids.

"When the children finished playing games, they went towards Pick 'n Pay, where they ate chips they got from a fish and chips place That man came again and threw some boxes on the ground

"He asked them to help him take the boxes to Firgrove and he would bring them back"

He offered them R10 each, and each took a box Soon the cousin said they should return, as he was scared. Before they reached Strand railway station, the cousin dropped his box and turned back He saw Elroy leave on a train towards Firgrove with the man.



Pictures OBED ZILWA, The Argus.

BEREAVED: Elroy van Rooyen's mother, Mary, left, and grandmother Louisa

Mrs Van Rooyen said police had questioned the cousin extensively.

Police spokesman Raymond Dowd today confirmed Elroy was last been at Strand railway station on March 11, from where he caught a train

Colonel Dowd would not confirm that Elroy's cousin had been with him, but did say that police had been given a description of the man by a child and an attempt would be made today to compile a satisfactory identikit

Colonel Dowd said "people who can give information" had been interviewed after Elroy was identified and leads were being followed

At Kleinvlei, where Elroy's body was found, an extensive search failed to yield more bodies

Elroy was found face down in the sand with a pair of tracksuit pants tied tightly around his neck

As with other Strangler victims, his hands were tied behind his back

Colonel Dowd said the tracksuit and a shirt were being tested forensically There were indications of sodomy, but further tests had to be done

About 100 police recruits, led by detectives, yesterday scoured the 7 sq km of bushy dunes where the body was found They started soon after 9 and by 11 30am the area had been covered

Articles of clothing — including a child's jacket with a name tag — and other scraps of possible evidence were collected from the dunes.

Kleinvlei residents seemed unaware of the purpose of the search and did not join in

Colonel Dowd said the fact that the latest body had been found far from Mitchell's Plain did not mean it was someone else's work.

Fire death swift for inmates in cell No 6

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DENNIS CRUYWAGEN
Staff Reporter

DEATH for the 21 convicted medium-term prisoners in No 6 at Queenstown P[illegible] came quickly

The men's bodies were found at 12 10pm yesterday, 25 minutes after prison authorities noticed the cell was on fire

The death toll was the worst in the history of the Department of Correctional Services, said spokesman Chris Olckers

The men barricaded themselves into the cell with mattresses after unsuccessful talks with prison head F de Villiers about limits on their voting rights, Brigadier Olckers said.

Then they set their mattresses alight.

Warders tried to enter the cell but could not do so because of the intense heat.

● Independent Election Commission voter education programmes in Western Cape prisons were postponed today pending the Transitional Executive Council decision on prisoners' right to vote

(News by D Cruywagen, 122 St George's Mall Cape Town and G A Dekenah Independent Centre Strand Street Cape Town)

Judge Kriegler sent to volatile Natal

Sowetan 22/3/94

By Mathatha Tsedu
Political Editor

PRESIDENT FW de Klerk and ANC leader Nelson Mandela yesterday dispatched Independent Electoral Commission chairman Mr Justice Johann Kriegler to Natal as the province totters on the brink of all-out clashes.

The decision was taken in Pretoria yesterday at a meeting between the three men to discuss the situation in Natal and look at methods to ensure free and fair elections in Natal.

Kriegler is to meet King Goodwill Zwelithini and Inkatha Freedom Party leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi at Ulundi tomorrow. He is expected to make an announcement after the meeting tomorrow.

De Klerk and Mandela yesterday declined to comment on the matter, thus indicating the sensitivity of the situation and fear of exacerbating an already tense and dangerous situation.

■ MASS ACTION ANC to hold a rally on Friday in Durban:

With the ANC and IFP both launching opposing mass action campaigns around Durban in particular, and Natal generally, tensions are already running high. At least 36 people were killed and over 26 houses torched in violence this past weekend in the province.

Humiliated

The ANC has over the past two weekends been humiliated by alleged IFP supporters who have occupied stadiums and barred the organisation from holding election rallies around Durban.

The people identified themselves simply as "Zulus" but IFP officials were seen at the scene giving instructions.

The ANC said it would launch the "mother of all mass actions" on Friday to demonstrate that the people of Natal, especially those who speak Zulu, supported the holding of elections.

"The main motivation is the deteriorating situation here in Natal where the IFP and some rightwingers are determined to block our campaign, Southern Natal ANC chairman Mr Jeff Radebe, said yesterday.

The IFP central committee, also claiming majority Zulu support for the rejection of the interim constitution, has pledged to "devise national, regional and community action programmes to give people constructive ways of opposing the ... elections".

(Report by Mathatha Tsedu, 61 Commando Road, Industria West, Johannesburg.)



UNDER FIRE: Police face a crowd in KwaMashu, near Durban. A boy was shot dead by police after he had allegedly fired at them, but residents said police put a firearm next to him after they had shot him.

Homes torched in flare-up of Natal violence

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DURBAN. — Fresh political violence has erupted in areas of KwaMashu, near Durban, with the African National Congress reporting four homes burned down in clashes between hostel dwellers and residents.

Police spokesman Bala Naidoo confirmed that reinforcements had been sent to KwaMashu, but he had no details.

Earlier unconfirmed reports said hostels had been torched.

ANC Southern Natal official Roy Ainslie said four houses had been torched and looted in B section near the hostel.

He said the Defence Force was deployed in the area last night and appeared to be preventing further conflict.

KwaMashu has been the site of recent violent political conflict between Inkatha Freedom Party supporters and ANC members.

Mr Ainslie said two people were killed in the Sonkombo area of Ndwedwe, near KwaMashu, on Sunday night and 17 houses had been burned down.

This follows the weekend killing of five people. — Sapa.

250 ANC supporters in Sonkombo beg police to assist their escape

Scores die in Natal violence

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HUNDREDS flee from their homes as the death toll rises in townships and rural areas in the bloody region



Escaping the killings . . . some of the residents of strife-torn KwaMashu, north of Durban, flee the area with their belongings yesterday following heavy fighting in the area on Monday night.

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Durban — More than 60 people have died in the political violence that has swept through Natal since Friday Hundreds have fled their homes and there are fears of further casualties.

The toll rose steadily last night as reports of killings streamed in from rural areas and townships throughout Natal and KwaZulu.

Last night attackers shot and seriously wounded a 22-year-old SAP officer in KwaMashu, who was inspecting a Casspir. Police said the occupants of a vehicle opened fire as they sped past the armoured vehicle.

SAP spokesman Major Bala Naidoo said the townships were "relatively quiet" last night.

KwaZulu Police spokesman Sergeant Sebenzile Sibiya said two more people were killed in violence in KwaMakutha township, south of Durban, and another two were killed in Umlazi.

She said the KZP was having difficulty keeping track of the number of deaths in townships, especially KwaMashu, because residents' "hated the police".

The worst affected areas were north of Durban, with the KZP reporting at least 11 killings in the Sonkombo area of Ndwedwe since Sunday. At least three people died in KwaMashu.

Six deaths since Sunday in Madadeni, near Newcastle, and three killings in Vryheid's Mondlo township pushed the confirmed toll to 61 in five days.

In Sonkombo, more than 250 ANC supporters prepared to flee their homes yesterday. A group of about 20 pleaded with members of the SAP to arrange transportation for them.

They said they had been sleeping in nearby forests since the latest offensive began on Sunday, and which has claimed at least 13 lives — police in Ndwedwe reported 11 deaths and 48 houses burnt.

Ndwedwe was tense yesterday, with residents scattering at the sight of a car. The area was mostly deserted and houses were gutted by fire.

Angry ANC residents said: "They (the IFP and KZP) came here for a meeting on Sunday and left burning houses and dead people because this place is an ANC stronghold. They want to finish the ANC in this area."

The residents claimed the attackers came from hostels in nearby Lindelani.

The recent killings could have been in retaliation to last month's suspected ANC attack on Sonkombo commuters which left nine people dead, a KZP source said.

He said the usual territorial and battle lines had been drawn along the hills of Ndwedwe, with the Nhlangakazi, Wosiyana, and Mwolokohlo areas being declared virtual no-go zones.

Local KZP station commander Lieutenant M Zondi dismissed allegations of police complicity in the violence.

In KwaMashu, scores of residents fled B section, fearing overnight attacks from hostel dwellers.

The IFP's Ed Tillett said the violence was sparked by the drive-by shooting of a hostel dweller yesterday afternoon.

Naidoo said three members of a Gingindlovu, North Coast, family were gunned down by a group of men who burst into their homestead.

In Port Shepstone, on the south coast, Dennis Meyer (67) was found shot dead on Saturday at the Oribi game ranch, where he was a supervisor.

Two firearms were apparently stolen.

Two youths were gunned down at their Mtubatuba home in northern Natal, the KZP said.

In Umlazi's Q section, the body of Richard Sishi (30) was found on Monday. In nearby P section, two bodies with gunshot wounds were found. — Sapa.

Natal set for new violence

□ Crisis could be coming to a head as death toll hits 52

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KWAZULU/NATAL appears to be set for a sharp increase in the vicious strife sweeping the province.

A series of developments — amid the deepening isolation of Ulundi — yesterday suggested that the simmering crisis could be coming to a head. They included:

● More political violence in townships across the province. Since Sunday morning an estimated 52 people have lost their lives in surging conflict.

● A blunt comment by President De Klerk that the "point of no return" had been reached with the Inkatha Freedom Party, apparently ruling out any chance of its participation in the election.

● The announcement by Cosatu of KwaZulu public service protests to demand the paying out of pensions.

● The release to the Goldstone Commission by the IFP of a document it says reveals an African National Congress-Communist Party plot to destabilise the province.

In his surprisingly direct comment, Mr De Klerk appeared to rule out finally any chance of a last-minute IFP entry into the election.

"The point of no return has been reached. The matter must be settled democratically in the election," he told Sapa in Port Elizabeth.

The President had been discussing the IFP rejection of his proposal that it contest regional elections. He had offered to facilitate a late registration for a regional poll.

He added that contingency plans were in place if violence erupted in KwaZulu, but dismissed suggestions that there was a plan to destabilise the region.

KwaZulu Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi has warned that if the contingency plans amount to armed action against those opposing the election, it would spawn a "struggle for liberation" with no parallel in Africa.

Last night it was reported from Durban that hundreds of township residents in the area were fleeing their homes. Fighting in the tense Kwamashu township was reported to be spreading to neighbouring areas.

Yesterday Cosatu alleged in a statement that the the "low intensity civil war in Natal has flared up into an open war of terror against the democratic forces".

It appeared as if Zulu King Goodwill Zwelethini's hints last week at secession had "been used as a signal to unleash the vigilante elements who have been trained in northern Natal".

The IFP moved to portray the ANC and its allies as the aggressors. Earlier yesterday it asked the Goldstone Commission to investigate alleged ANC plans to make KwaZulu ungovernable and prepare the territory for South African military intervention.

On Monday night Chief Buthelezi, delivering what he described as "my last policy speech to this august (Legislative) Assembly" in Ulundi, said: "What was planned for Bophuthatswana is now being planned for KwaZulu."

He was referring to "plans" to disrupt the KwaZulu public service, a development that the Ulundi administration has tried to prevent by reassuring people of job and pension security.

But teachers in Durban's Umlazi township are expected to march today to demand that their pensions be paid out and another protest is being planned for tomorrow.

Cosatu sources said they could not give details of tomorrow's event at this stage but it would be "bigger" and involve a wider spread of public servants

(News by C Whitfield, 47 Sauer Street, Johannesburg)

Peace worker among 12 killed in Natal

The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — Violence in the killing fields of Natal continued today with reports of at least 12 people killed overnight.

One of the victims is believed to be a Peace Accord fieldworker, Isaac Shandu, and four people were killed in an attack on Ngonyameni, near Umlazi.

Mr Shandu worked at the offices of the Umlazi Peace Centre. Co-ordinator of the centre Stephanie Miller said she was "outraged" at this latest incident of violence on an unarmed official of the National Peace Accord.

It is believed that Mr Shandu, an Inkatha member, was ambushed last night.

In their daily report the police reported seven others being killed. However, not all were politically related.

Police said two people were killed at the Mvuthuni Reserve, near Port Shepstone, on the Natal South Coast.

Police said a group of about 200 went on the rampage in the reserve, setting fire to two houses.

A 27-year-old man, Wiseman Sima, and 13-year-old Thembiso Khusi were killed in the attack, which was politically motivated.

Scores flee in terror as Natal death toll climbs

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DURBAN. — Spiralling violence in Natal, which has claimed at least 60 lives since Friday night, has resulted in scores of people fleeing their homes.

The worst hit areas are KwaMashu near Durban, Ndwedwe and Ntuzuma on the north coast and Mondlo at Vryheid where homes were torched and people attacked in night-time raids by armed men.

The African National Congress in southern Natal yesterday called for the immediate deployment of the National Peacekeeping Force and the Defence Force to bring the situation under control.

ANC organiser Bheki Cele accused the security forces of "seeming paralysis" in the face of Inkatha Freedom Party occupation of venues booked by the ANC for election meetings.

Mr Cele said at best the security forces were powerless, at worst they were acting in collusion with the IFP.

In KwaMashu, where violence forced many people from their homes when hostel dwellers from Section A rampaged through Section B on Monday, community organisations and the ANC declared a stayaway for tomorrow.

The area is under virtual siege with many people unable to get to work.

Southern Natal Communist Party chairman Important Mkhize was hospitalised after being attacked near the hostels. His car was set alight.

Mr Mkhize said his life was saved by Cosatu members living in the hostel.

But IFP spokesman Ed Tillett said the renewed outbreak of violence in the township was sparked by the drive-by shooting of a hostel dweller on Monday.

At Mondlo, near Vryheid, the ANC said six people were killed and ANC offices were stoned by IFP supporters.

However, KwaZulu police said one person was shot dead and two were stabbed to death.

At Sonkombo in Ndwedwe, at least 11 ANC members have been killed since Sunday. ANC monitor Roy Ainslee said as many as 200 homes could have been torched.

Mr Ainslee said refugees were living in sugar cane fields and appealed to the Red Cross to assist.

In a statement released by Cosatu assistant general secretary Zwelinzima Vavi, the trade union movement said the low intensity civil war in Natal had flared into "an open war of terror against democratic forces".

Mr Vavi said it appeared as if Zulu King Goodwill's announcement of KwaZulu as a monarchy on Friday was used as a signal to unleash vigilante elements who had been trained in northern Natal

Cosatu warned that it was not prepared to stand by while its members and leaders in Natal were attacked.

(News by V Angamuthu, 18 Osborne Street, Durban)

Peace Accord worker killed

The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — A Peace Accord fieldworker and four other people were killed in an attack at Nkonyameni, near Umlazi.

Isaac Shandu worked at the offices of the Umlazi Peace Centre, near Durban.

Centre co-ordinator Stephanie Miller said she was "outraged" at this latest attack on an unarmed official of the National Peace Accord.

Another 19 murdered in Natal

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Durban — Violence has claimed at least 19 more lives in Natal townships and rural areas this week, bringing to 80 the number of people killed since Friday.

On Tuesday, Sipho Mkhize was shot dead in Pinetown's KwaDabeka township and C Majola was fatally shot in Chesterville, south of Durban.

An unidentified man was stabbed to death at the KwaMashu men's hostel. (276)

At the Ntambanana Clinic in Zululand, Khulekani Mazibuko was hacked to death and in the nothern Natal area of Mondlo, outside Vryheid, Michael Mthethwa was stabbed to death after he opened fire on a group of people with an AK-47.

In Esikhaweni, on the North Coast, S Mkhize was stabbed to death.

On Monday, 10 people were reported killed in Pinetown West and two bodies were discovered in KwaMashu's B section.

In Port Shepstone's Myuthuni reserve, two were killed in an attack by about 200 people.

In Vryheid, a man was hauled out of a taxi and shot dead.

One man was shot dead in KwaDabeka, two were gunned down in Umlazi and another was shot and killed at KwaMakutha. — Sapa.

52 die in four days of Natal violence

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POLITICAL violence continued to rage in Natal townships with hundreds of people fleeing their homes yesterday.

Over the past four days an estimated 52 people have lost their lives in this province, as the country edges towards its first all-race elections. (276)

In the tense KwaMashu area, three people were killed on Monday night and at least 13 houses razed.

Scores of residents in KwaMashu's B Section fled the area yesterday fearing fresh onslaughts, allegedly from hostel dwellers. Those who remained were preparing to repel impending attacks.

Local police station commander Major Sipho Zondi said: "We are investigating an allegation that hostel dwellers attacked B-Section."

He strongly denied ANC claims that his men had failed to repel the attackers and were openly siding with the IFP hostel inmates.

"It was at night. We can't watch 20 000 hostel dwellers Look, my men are here now and they've been here all night."

The IFP's Mr Ed Tillet said the violence in B Section appeared to be in retaliation for an alleged attack on hostel dwellers alighting from a nearby train on their way home from work on Monday.

KwaMashu has been tense since the weekend occupation of a stadium booked for an African National Congress rally, by men claiming to be "Zulus". At least six people had been killed since Sunday in Madadeni, Newcastle, KwaZulu police officer Captain Dumisani Nkabinde said yesterday. — *Sapa.*

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Dying in name of peace

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Respect . . . a peace flag covers Isaac Shandu's body. PICTURE AP

■ BY CYRIL MADLALA

His dream was to see peace in South Africa before April 27, but this week Isaac Shandu, IFP peace field worker at Port Natal Peace Operations Centre in Umlazi, died in the name of peace.

Shandu (55) was shot dead while mediating between the feuding Msomi and Khwela factions at Engonyameni, near Umlazi, on Tuesday night. His body, and that of local induna Petros Mphathekhaleni Mbokazi, were found not far from the venue.

In an interview last week Shandu said his aim in life was to stop the killing and bring peace to the Umbumbulu region through initiating peace committees and peace meetings.

He worked closely with ANC peace field worker Vasco Hlengwa, setting a good example of politicians from opposing parties collaborating for peace.

"My vision is to see stability, and then our people can establish themselves economically, because it's peace and economic growth which we need in our country," he said.

Shandu's murder comes two days after Hlengwa escaped injury when his car was burnt after an attack at Kwa-Makhutha, also while on duty.

The KwaZulu/Natal executive of the Regional Peace Committee yesterday arranged with the National Peace Secretariat to call a special meeting of all political leaders in the region to discuss their attitudes towards the Peace Accord. (276)

A distraught Stephanie Miller, co-ordinator of the Port Natal Operations Centre, said Shandu's murder was a tragedy for the whole peace process.

The IFP expressed "disbelief and revulsion" at the assassination of Shandu, who was also a senior leader in the organisation.

IFP spokesman Ed Tillet said three other IFP members had been killed during the attack. Police said only two other bodies were found.

DE KLERK anxious to meet Buthelezi in last-ditch bid to prevent 'painful action' being taken in his territory

■ BY CHRIS WHITFIELD and JOVIAL RANTAO

The Government is poised for a security crackdown in KwaZulu/Natal as the death toll in the violence sweeping the province continues to spiral amid massive tension over next month's election.

The first step being considered after a series of meetings yesterday includes mass deployment of troops in the province. This could take place after the weekend.

President de Klerk said after a meeting on the issue with ANC president Nelson Mandela last night that he would be seeking urgent talks with KwaZulu Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi. De Klerk added that his main task would be to prevent "painful action being taken in his (Buthelezi's) territory".

After their meeting, both Mandela and De Klerk declined to disclose details of the plans they had discussed, but De Klerk stressed that they did not include the toppling of the KwaZulu government.

Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) chairman Mr Justice Johann Kriegler — who had attended part of the Mandela-De Klerk talks — said last night that free electioneering would not be possible in Natal unless "appropriate political and governmental action" was taken to obtain the co-operation of the KwaZulu government.

"In order for the IEC to conduct free and fair elections in KwaZulu/Natal the requisite degree of stability and co-operation has to be established in that province as a matter of urgency."

The developments came amid tension over a march planned by Cosatu through central Durban later today to demand free and fair political activity in the province. The organisers told The Star yesterday that they expected a crowd of 50 000.

1 000 policemen

There have been claims that "Zulu loyalists" plan to disrupt the march, which marks the launch of the ANC alliance's mass action campaign in Natal.

By early today, more than 1 000 policemen lined the route of the planned march from Currie's Fountain to central Durban. There was no evidence this morning of any Zulus in the march area.

The streets of Durban were quieter this morning with businesses open as usual. But the CBD is set to close up early.

Sources said last night that speculation of a fallout between De Klerk and Mandela during last night's two-hour meeting were exaggerated. A Government source said: "They just wanted a bit more than we wanted."

According to the sources, the Government favours a series of steps over time. The first — to take place almost immediately — would be designed to address the current violence and then others would be implemented if free and fair political activity continues to be hampered.

Earlier yesterday in Durban, De Klerk had hinted at the security crackdown, saying: "We will definitely talk about making wider use of the SADF."

It is understood some in Government have proposed a state of emergency being declared in the region, but De Klerk said last night this was not being considered.

It is understood that efforts to arrange a meeting between De Klerk and Buthelezi were under way last night.

Patrick Laurence reports from Ulundi that a huge

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Govt considers troop deployment as violence escalates

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march in support of Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi ended outside the police station yesterday with the burning of the South African flag.

The burning flag symbolised the anger which Buthelezi loyalists feel towards President de Klerk for his perceived betrayal of their leader King Goodwill Zwelithini and the Inkatha Freedom Party, and his "collusion" with the ANC.

The marchers — who numbered about 8 000 — were led by formally dressed civil servants and augmented by ordi-

IFP, said his office had recruited more members in the past three days than it had in the previous three months.

De Klerk yesterday criticised ANC leader Cyril Ramaphosa for reportedly saying the TEC should appoint administrators to run KwaZulu.

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Natal election may be postponed

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Spiralling violence and a recalcitrant IFP mean the elections in Natal/kwaZulu may not be possible. **Farouk Chothia** reports

AS a siege mentality gripped Ulundi and violent deaths in Natal surged this week, the prospect of any election in the province became increasingly remote.

Sources close to the Independent Electoral Commission said this week they had "considered several options" to combat violence. If these failed, they would postpone elections in kwaZulu/Natal.

The sources said while the IEC would try to resolve problems with the Inkatha Freedom Party through negotiations, it might be driven to more drastic options. These included the massive deployment of the South African Defence Force, cutting funding for the kwaZulu government and stripping chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi of his powers.

"The feeling is that if none of this works, it may be necessary to postpone elections in kwaZulu/Natal. It cannot hold back the rest of the country. Necessary changes would be made to (electoral) laws to allow this to happen," said one source.

There is concern that if most Natalians — comprising almost a quarter of the national voting population — cannot cast their ballots, it will be difficult to declare the election as a whole "substantially free and fair".

"The thinking is that rather than creating a national problem, it should be confined to Natal and left to the new government," said one source.

Sources said this option was also under consideration in some ANC circles in kwaZulu/Natal — though the party publicly said this week the province would be "liberated" on April 27.

Arguments against a postponement, they said, were that it would give credence to IFP claims that the province was a separate entity and that its secessionist tendencies could gain momentum. There was also concern that a postponement could trigger violence by angry ANC supporters.

Hopes of a negotiated agreement with the IFP on free political activity in kwaZulu faded on Wednesday with IEC chairman Justice Johann Kriegler's hostile reception from the kwaZulu Legislative Assembly.

As Kriegler was heckled and booed, Prince Vincent Zulu — a key negotiator in earlier talks with president FW de Klerk on behalf of Zulu king Goodwill Zwelithini — told him: "The Zulu people remember what happened in Boputhatswana. They also remember it happened the day after you, sir, visited (the homeland)."

The attitude of senior IFP leaders mirrored that of their grassroots supporters. In kwaMashu last Sunday — where IFP supporters occupied the Princess Magogo stadium to prevent the ANC from holding a rally — IEC officials were threatened with attacks.

In Gamalakhe on the South Coast a situation similar to kwaMashu unfolded, leaving two people dead. The IEC failed to deploy its staff out of concern for their safety.

The personalities in evidence during the IFP action in kwaMashu gave an ominous sign of where power now lies in the IFP. Carrying a gun, Philip Powell — a key figure in the military training of IFP supporters (see Page 4) — was present. Lindelani squatter baron and alleged "warlord" Thomas Mandla Shabalala was also in attendance.

The ANC's candidate for the premiership in the province, Jacob Zuma, stayed away. A Zulu traditionalist with close ties to senior IFP leaders, Zuma has fought shy of all flashpoints in the province, indicating that he either does not want to antagonise the IFP or that he is being gradually marginalised in Natal.

Sources said Zuma had contacted senior IFP leaders in an unsuccesful bid to stop IFP supporters from occupying ANC-booked venues.

Against this backdrop, the ANC is moving towards a militant approach, announcing the start of a mass action campaign. Hundreds of thousands of its supporters are expected to march in Durban today to protest against the violence and to show Zulu support for elections.

The Human Rights Commission reported that 84 Natalians had been killed since the weekend, compared to the previous average of 25 a week. IEC officials say their election preparations have been severly hampered to the point where it may be impossible to set up polling booths in kwaZulu-controlled territory.

At this Wedenesday indaba with the KLA, Kriegler outlined a host of problems facing the IEC, including:

- The reluctance of the homeland's Department of Interior to help issue voter documents and of the Department of Justice in setting up electoral courts.
- IEC officials were being barred from schools and government buildings needed as polling booths.
- The KZP's refusal to co-operate with the IEC. Kriegler pointed out that it was the only police force in the country not serving in IEC structures.

Sources said that in kwaZulu-controlled territory one of the critical issues is that of policing jurisdiction, and that Kriegler had failed to raise this issue adequately with the KLA. "He needed to seek Buthelezi's agreement on the right of both the SAP — and more importantly the SADF — to operate freely in the homeland," said one source.

But the problems of the IEC and TEC run much deeper in Natal/kwaZulu: there they lack the power to force the SAP, let alone the KZP, to carry out their orders.

In kwaMashu last weekend, the SAP Internal Stability Unit refused to take orders from TEC chairman Pravin Gordhan and senior IEC officials, insisting it was in charge.

It was abundantly clear that the policemen and spear-wielding Inkatha supporters — who occupied the stadium under the disguise of holding a "Zulu prayer meeting" in defence of Zwelithini's kingdom — were colluding.

The ISU allowed the Inkatha supporters to occupy the stadium from Saturday, refusing to confiscate their weapons — which included several automatic rifles — or to arrest them. As Inkatha supporters continued pouring into the stadium on the day of the ANC rally, police still refused to take action.

A Major General Bezuidenhout said he feared a retaliation from IFP supporters and did not want to put the lives of his men at risk. His position was supported by Johann Steenkamp, the NP representative on the National Peace Secretariat.

By contrast, the ISU were swift to clamp down on ANC supporters, firing teargas and arresting 10 for alleged possession of unlicensed firearms.

ANC bid to rescue homeless

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THE African National Congress was yesterday preparing to rescue more than 150 supporters from Sonkombo, about 40km from Durban, after their homes were burnt down on Wednesday night. (276)

ANC spokesman Mr Saleem Kader said a police escort was being arranged to ferry the residents to Verulam. A number of people were killed and injured in the attack.

Police said yesterday that at least 11 people had been killed in Sonkombo since Sunday and a number of houses torched.

Homeless

Kader said he visited the area on Wednesday night and saw homeless people standing on the dirt roads with their belongings.

"We couldn't get them out last night. This morning we are arranging buses with a police escort to get them out," he said.

A crisis meeting has been planned in Verulam for community leaders to discuss how best to accommodate the refugees. Kader said they would be housed at the local civic hall.

On Tuesday about 20 ANC members pleaded with members of the SA Police to arrange transport out of the area.

They said they were trying to "get out" before they were killed in fighting between the Inkatha Freedom Party and the ANC.

Residents reported that about 20 armed strangers visited the area on Monday looking for ANC members. Residents said they had been sleeping in nearby forests since Sunday.

Police said 48 houses had been burned down since then. — *Sapa.*

70 000 march for fair poll

Weekend Argus Correspondents

DURBAN. — More than 70 000 people marched peacefully through the city streets yesterday to join in the African National Congress's call for free and fair elections in KwaZulu/Natal.

In a memorandum read out at the Curries Fountain Stadium, near the city centre, the ANC called for an extension for special voting in Natal/KwaZulu and the immediate deployment of the SADF and National Peacekeeping Force in the region.

It warned of "unprecedented mass action" if its demands were not met, saying the KwaZulu administration might prevent voting on April 26 to 28.

The memorandum, read by ANC Southern Natal chairman Jeff Radebe, called for an "extension of special votes to all voters in KwaZulu and Natal".

Marchers, many of whom were armed with spears, pangas, sticks, knives and firearms, appeared to heed the ANC's call for discipline as they sang, danced and toyi-toyied through the streets.

A few broken shop windows were the only damage to businesses in the city centre. No incidents of violence or looting were reported.

Shops in the area closed early and many windows were cleared of stock in West Street. Curious workers watched the proceedings from their office blocks.

Police set up razor wire along the route as a preventative measure against damage to property.

The atmosphere at Curries Fountain was electric as people started arriving in buses from about noon.

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'Mother of all rallies'

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route," said a store manager.

Durban Regional Chamber of Business chief executive officer Geoff Tyler said the advance planning and consultation with all the parties involved had paid off.

"Obviously there was a loss in business, which won't be made up, but at least retailers can open up shop as normal tomorrow and not pick up the pieces, as has happened in the past."

The ANC described the march as the "mother of all rallies", claiming 200 000 participants. "The rally put an end to the fallacy that Zulus are opposed to the April 27 elections. The people proved that the ANC calls the shots in Natal," said Southern Natal spokesman Dumisani Makhaye.

Ed Tillett, from the IFP information centre, described the march as "a spectacular failure for the ANC". He claimed that the ANC had bused in "imports" from the Transkei to "bolster and reinforce their sadly-depleted numbers".

Some supporters raised banners making derogatory statements about Zulu King Goodwill Zwelethini, and people responded in loud agreement to Jay Naidoo's declaration: "Natal is part of South Africa. In five weeks there will be no more bantustan. We are marching to the new South Africa."

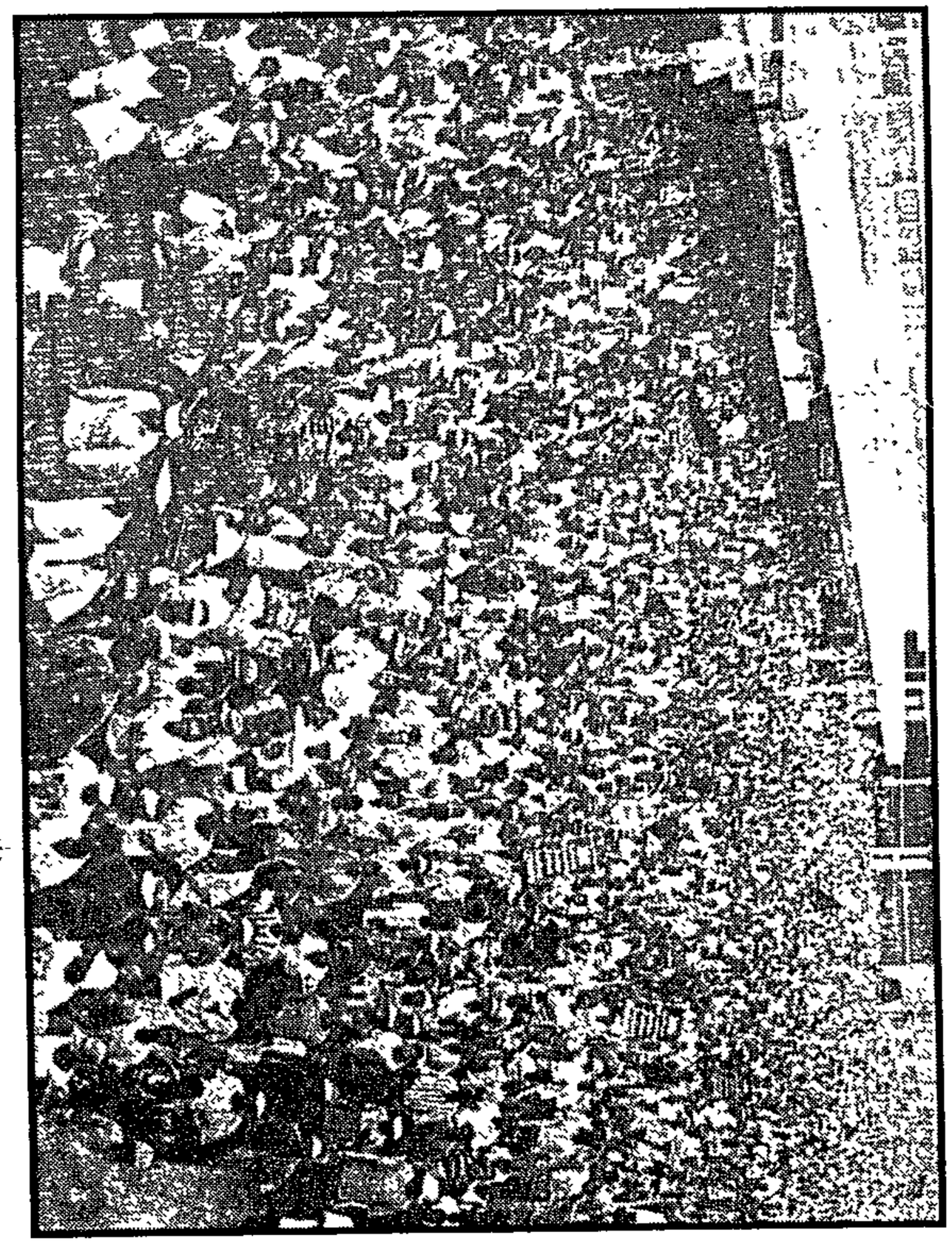
Most stores covered their windows with heavy wrought iron security gates.

"We expected chaos, especially after rumours that the IFP were going to march at the same time," said one retailer.

The saving grace, according to businessmen, was the strong, armed police presence and the quick-thinking action of marshals who prevented the chanting throng from running out of control.

"The razor wire kept people in check and stopped them from moving off the designated

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☐ **MARCHING FOR PEACE:** Tens of thousands of African National Congress supporters made their way down West Street in the Durban city centre yesterday. Police estimated the crowd at 60 000 while the ANC claimed 200 000 people had turned up.

Violence mars end of march

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — Incidents of violence last night marred the conclusion of a peaceful march by more than 70 000 ANC supporters through central Durban yesterday.

Four people were found shot dead in Bhambayi township and several shacks in the IFP "Greens" area were torched, according to observers and violence monitors

Police reacting to a report of the shooting were fired on. A policeman was hit on the hand.

And in another incident after the march, a bus ferrying ANC supporters home to KwaMashu was stoned when a commuter allegedly shot at pedestrians

Police said the townships around Durban were tense but they had not received any other reports of violent outbreaks.

Durban ground to a halt yesterday as the ANC marchers sought to disprove the IFP claim that most Zulus in Natal are opposed to the elections.

At a rally the ANC called for an extension of special voting in Natal/KwaZulu and the immediate deployment of the SADF and National Peacekeeping Force in the region.

It warned of "unprecedented mass action" if its demands were not met

Marchers, many armed, appeared to heed the ANC's call for discipline

Fears of mayhem proved unfounded as no incidents of violence or looting were reported during the march, although several shops had windows smashed.

A Chamber of Business spokesman said advance planning and consultation paid off

The ANC described the march as a "resounding success".

However, Mr Ed Tillett of the IFP's information centre described the march as "a spectacular failure for the ANC"

He claimed the ANC bused in "imports" from the Transkei to "bolster and reinforce their sadly depleted numbers".

Natal death toll over 100

DURBAN. — The death toll in Natal this past week rose to over 100 after police reported seven more deaths.

In Umbilo, Mr M Shange was found stabbed to death at the Dalton Men's Hostel, an unidentified body was found near the Shallcross railway station in Chatsworth and two bodies with gunshot wounds were found in Bhambayi.

An unidentified body was found with stab wounds on Thursday in Stanger. Also on Thursday, Mr Justice Osborne was shot and killed in Port Shepstone.

Mr Dumisani Mkhize was abducted from his kraal in KwaMbonambi earlier this week and stabbed to death.

● Damage of about R100 000 was caused and goods worth R80 000 were stolen when Hostel One and Hostel Two at Duduza on the East Rand were set alight by about 500 youths on Thursday.

Police arrested two 16-year-olds.

The IFP claimed yesterday seven of its members died when ANC members demolished Hostel One. The police denied knowledge of the deaths. — Own Correspondent, Sapa



ELECTION MARCH . . . Tens of thousands of ANC supporters marched through downtown Durban yesterday to demand the right to uninhibited election campaigning in KwaZulu. Picture AP

23 die in Natal violence

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DURBAN. — Violence erupted in KwaMashu last night with at least one person being shot dead and three others wounded in drive-by shootings.

This brought to at least 13 the number of confirmed deaths since the start of the weekend.

But violence monitor Ms Mary de Haas and the ANC said they had unconfirmed reports of another 10 killings, mostly in northern Natal

Ms De Haas said the situation in areas around Eshowe on Natal's North Coast, was worsening. Well-known Durban attorney Mr Mafika P Mbuli was shot dead and his car set alight in the township

The SA Police said two people were killed in KwaMakutha and two people were fatally shot in Ndwedwe. In Bhambayi four people were murdered. An ANC northern Natal spokesman said six people were believed killed in Ntambanana.

● East London police are probing a failed rifle grenade attack on the Highgate Hotel — where five people died in an attack last May — on Friday night. — Sapa

Natal death toll rises to 120 as more people die in violent clashes

DURBAN — Twelve people were killed in Natal at the weekend, bringing the death toll in the province in the past nine days to 120 as clashes between ANC and Inkatha Freedom Party supporters continued.

One of those who had died was a baby who had been snatched from its mother's arms and thrown into a burning house, police said.

Inkatha members yesterday occupied a stadium in Vryheid ahead of a scheduled ANC rally. ANC parliamentary candidate Jay Naidoo and ANC Natal premiership candidate Jacob Zuma were due to speak.

Zuma said his house at Nkandla, near Ulundi, had been set alight on Saturday night, allegedly by Inkatha supporters.

He said the occupation of stadiums before ANC meetings and the climate of violence showed Inkatha was out to prevent people from voting "and they have got to be stopped". Inkatha supporters have twice this month occupied stadiums booked for ANC rallies in Natal.

By late afternoon, few ANC supporters had arrived at the Vryheid rally. Those who did were prevented from entering by the SAP's internal stability unit. An Independent Election Commission member was flown to the stadium.

LLOYD COUTTS

ANC leaders conducted a gruelling electioneering tour of the province at the weekend. Most of the meetings went off without incident.

Sapa reports that violence monitor Mary de Haas said there were unconfirmed reports of 10 other killings in Natal at the weekend.

She said the situation in areas around Eshowe on Natal's North Coast was worsening. People were fleeing their homes and sleeping in the bushes after a number of homes had been attacked.

Continuing violence in Natal was the subject of urgent talks between President FW de Klerk and Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi in Durban on Saturday.

While they met, about 10 000 ANC supporters marched through Maritzburg to demand free political activity in the province. On Friday, the ANC brought Durban to a standstill when about 80 000 supporters demonstrated for the same reason. Both marches went off without incident.

SA soldiers had moved into Bhambayi squatter settlement, south of Durban, on Saturday after four people, including two toddlers, had been shot dead in overnight clashes, witnesses and police said.

Meanwhile in Johannesburg, Transvaal deputy chairman of Zulu indunas Joseph Zulu appealed to Zulus to stay away from work today and rally at the Library Gardens to support King Goodwill Zwelithini's demand for a sovereign kingdom in Natal.

Reports by L Coutts, TML, 11 Diagonal St, Jhb; G van Oudtshoorn, Sapa, 141 Commissioner Street, Jhb; and G Arde', Sapa, 330 West Street, Dbn

Bree Street ● Choice for voters abroad

Three die in bus ambush

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■ HUNT LAUNCHED 18 seriously injured

in pre-dawn attack on commuters:

THREE PEOPLE were slaughtered and 18 seriously wounded in a pre-dawn attack when a busload of commuters was ambushed at Tongaat yesterday.

The bus was approaching the Tongaat and Emona river bridge near Ndwedwe when armed men came out of the bushes and sprayed the bus with bullets.

Police said that at least 62 people had been killed in Natal since Friday.

However, all of them were not political killings. (276) (~~279~~)

In the North Coast bus ambush the driver, Mr Robert Mthetwa, who was wounded in the head, bravely drove off to a bus depot where he reported the incident to owner Mr Chan Ramnudan.

Screaming passengers jumped out of the bloodied bus, some with gunshot wounds in the head and body.

It was then found that three people had been shot dead.

Local police and Internal Stability Unit members were summoned and an intensive search was launched for the attackers.

The total number of deaths in political violence in the province in the past nine days is 123.

The Emona area is believed to be an IFP stronghold — for 10 days there has been violence around Ndwedwe.

Quite dark

A passenger, Mr Kenneth Mncwanga, said it was quite dark when the gunmen struck. "All I heard was gunshots and people began to scream.

"Luckily for us the driver sped away, otherwise more passengers might have been killed."

(A Singh and S Miller, 18 Osborne Street, Durban)

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Judge to probe corporation

JACQUIE GOLDING

BOPHUTHATSWANA's joint administrators yesterday appointed Judge JAM Khumalo to head a commission of inquiry into the financial and general affairs of the Bophuthatswana National Development Corporation.

The commission will investigate all affairs of the corporation and its affiliates' administration, management and control. It would also inquire whether sufficient cause existed for the removal of the corporation's MD, Johan Maree.

The homeland's administration decided last week that several senior corporation directors-general should take "voluntary leave" pending investigations into alleged corruption and mismanagement.

A Bophuthatswana spokesman said yesterday the investigation had been prompted by junior staff members' demanding the dismissal of senior officials.

He said the day-to-day running of the homeland had been thrown into disarray by the suspension of top development officials, who were forced to leave the administration of projects and major loans to middle-management and SA administrators.

Report by J Golding, TML, 11 Diagonal St, Jhb.

Mangope seeks court order

ADRIAN HADLAND

PRETORIA — Former Bophuthatswana president Lucas Mangope has filed an urgent Supreme Court application seeking to set aside the appointment of two administrators for the territory.

In a notice of motion before the Bophuthatswana Supreme Court, Mangope also challenges the decree which suspended Bophuthatswana's constitution, which he said should be declared "null and void".

The suspension was decreed by President FW De Klerk following the recent collapse of the homeland's government.

Mangope has proposed the appointment of an interim executive council, headed by himself, which would take control of Bophuthatswana from current administrators Tjaart van der Walt and Job Mokgoro.

He also asks the Supreme Court to award costs against the administrators.

The TEC, which along with government appointed the administrators, was given until 4pm yesterday to file answering affidavits. The application is scheduled to be heard in Mmabatho tomorrow.

TEC joint executive secretary Fanie van der Merwe said the TEC had appointed a legal team to fight the application.

Van der Merwe said the fact that Mangope had proposed the creation of an interim executive council, rather than the reinstatement of the former Bophuthatswana government, suggested that he "acknowledged and accepted" that government's replacement.

The TEC had mandated its management committee to do whatever was necessary to oppose the application.

In a report back on the current situation in Bophuthatswana, Van der Merwe said law and order had been restored to the territory.

Report by A Hadland, TML, 11 Diagonal St, Jhb.



Police armed with machine pistols patrol the street outside the ANC headquarters in Johannesburg yesterday after Monday's street gunbattles. Picture: RUVAN BOSHOFF

Natal toll is highest at 266

DURBAN — The Human Rights Commission yesterday said there were at least 266 politically motivated killings in Natal this month.

The commission said the monthly toll, the highest it had recorded, would probably be higher as more reports were expected. Since Friday, at least 47 people had been murdered. A total of 354 people had been injured in violence during the month.

KwaZulu police said the death toll from political violence had risen to 69 in the past four days. This included seven murders recorded by the SAP yesterday.

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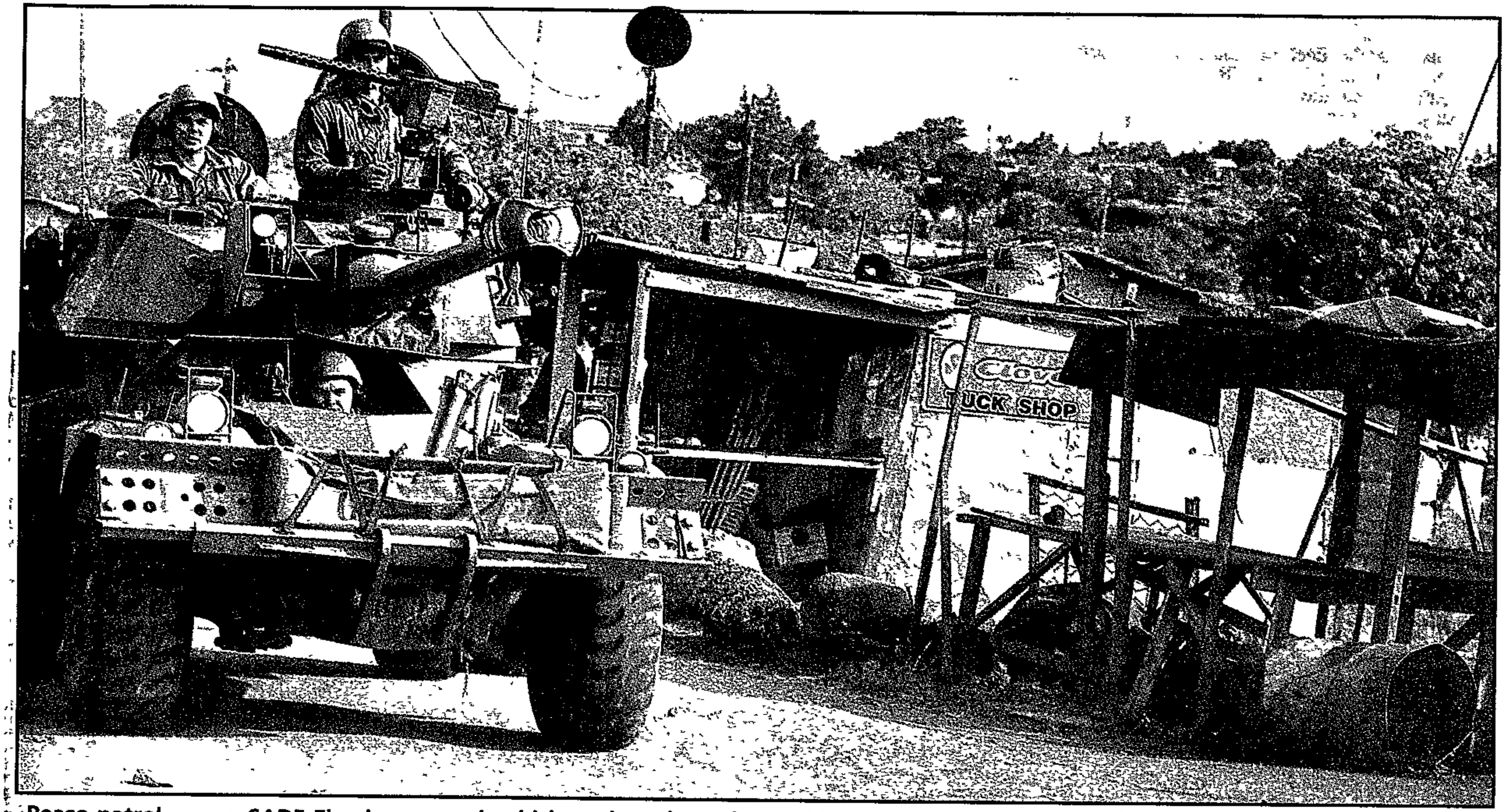
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Peace patrol . . . an SADF Eland armoured vehicle cruises through KwaMashu, outside Durban, at the weekend in a bid to stop the violence that has claimed scores of lives in the troubled township. PICTURE KEN OOSTERBROEK



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60 000 IFP members to march in Empangeni

BY CHARMEELA BHAGOWAT and JASPER MORTIMER

At least 60 000 IFP supporters are expected to march through Empangeni today in the first show of Inkatha strength since the state of emergency was declared in KwaZulu/Natal.

Police Colonel Bill Dennis has confirmed that the march will be allowed despite the deaths of more than 64 people in the region since Thursday night.

IFP Durban chairman John Aulsebrook said the march was intended to protest over the killing of Zulu demonstrators in Johannesburg last Monday.

He said the organisers would decide today whether the protesters would carry spears, knobkerries and other "cultural" weapons

The emergency regulations, gazetted on Thursday, banned the carrying and display of certain weapons.

But yesterday Dennis said a police legal team was studying the regulations to clarify their "ambiguities".

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He said police lawyers would observe the march to advise on the confiscation of weapons and the arrest of their owners.

Meanwhile, the SADF has said it intends to clamp down on the paramilitary training being conducted in KwaZulu "self-defence camps".

Captain Kim van Niekerk of Natal Command said the emergency regulations had "enabled" the SADF to act against the camps. She did not know when the crackdown would come, but quoted her superior, Colonel Frans Verfuss, as saying "the self-training is to stop".

Yesterday the SADF completed the deployment of about 400 extra troops in KwaZulu/Natal, bringing its total strength in the region to 1 200.

Asked why the deployment was so meagre in what is the country's most violent province, Van Niekerk said: "We are deploying as we get the manpower. The SADF has a vital manpower shortage."

The SADF hoped to send more troops to the region after Citizen Force troops reported for duty on April 15.

In one of the worst attacks in KwaZulu/Natal this weekend, nine family members, including a five-month-old baby, were murdered in their home near Gamalakhe, about 20 km from Port Shepstone.

Local ANC leaders blamed the IFP for the attack.

Natal Easter violence soars

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PORT SHEPSTONE. — Political violence soared in Natal at the Easter weekend with police yesterday reporting at least 19 deaths. This brings to about 64 the death toll in the embattled province since the declaration of the state of emergency last Thursday.

And an unrest monitor said yesterday that four people were killed near Eshowe.

Monitor Ms Mary de Haas named the dead as Mr Wiseman Mkhize, Ms Linda Mkhize, Ms Linda Mazibuko and Mr Mkosa Dludla. Mr Dludla's facial skin was removed and his genitals hacked off, she said.

Violence initially appeared to be subsiding after the emergency was declared, but reports of killings have continued to stream in.

Meanwhile, the ANC has

64 have died since emergency

claimed that the massacre of nine members of the Mzelemu family in Nkulu at the weekend was the work of IFP supporters

The ANC also called yesterday for increased deployment of the SA Defence Force following the killings and said violence in the area was escalating

Commenting on the family massacre, a member of the regional executive of the ANC here, Dr Siyabonga Cwele, said a witness to the shooting was adamant that one of the attackers was an IFP member.

Mr Ravi Pillay, the sub-regional secretary of the ANC, said that for a local leader of the IFP, Mr James Zulu, to visit the home of the murdered family was the "height of deceit" after he had made threats against ANC supporters at a recent Inkatha rally here.

IFP spokesman Mr Ed Tillett said it was "grossly irresponsible" for the ANC to jump to these conclusions before the matter had been properly investigated.

He said it was "mischievous" of the ANC to link Mr Zulu's remark with the weekend massacre.

And Ms Noreen Ramsden of the recently-formed Coalition for Child Survivors of Violence coalition has condemned the killings. — Sapa

ANC urges 'greater SADF presence'

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PORT SHEPSTONE. — ANC officials in Port Shepstone have urged a greater South African Defence Force presence in townships and rural areas near the South Coast town, where nine family members were killed in a single attack at the weekend.

Local leaders told a media conference they would meet regional ANC chiefs to press for wider SADF deployment in the area after the massacre, near Gamalakhe, about 20km from Port Shepstone.

ANC South Coast official Siyabonga Cwele said the massacre, in a rural homestead, was not an isolated incident.

He and local ANC officials alleged at the media conference that "third-force" elements were sabotaging efforts at honest policing.

They said continued violence in the greater Port Shepstone area was not properly investigated in most cases because of interference by top policemen who were using "any means", including criminal elements, to destabilise the area.

Local ANC secretary Ravi Pillay said: "I'm convinced that when the Goldstone Commission releases its report on the 'third force', top Port Shepstone security officials will be exposed."

Investigations into violence under a certain policeman had been more of a "headache than a help", he said, adding that this had been reported to the Goldstone Commission with the blessing of some policemen. Independent investigators should look into police probes. — Sapa.

Carnage follows Natal emergency

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■ VIOLENCE ESCALATES No arrests made by security forces:

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AT LEAST 64 people have been killed in Natal since the State of Emergency was declared last Thursday — an average of about 12 deaths a day.

But, Natal police spokesman Colonel Bill Dennis said there had not yet been any arrests or detentions under the emergency regulations.

At least 19 people were reported killed in ongoing political violence in Natal townships during Saturday and Sunday alone.

Three people were shot dead on Sunday night in Mtunzini, Northern Natal, according to Dennis. He said five men armed with AK-47s and other firearms attacked a group of people. Twenty were wounded. Another man was stabbed to death near his burnt-out car in KwaMashu, north of Durban, at about 6pm on Sunday.

Four more people were killed in separate attacks in Umlazi, near Durban, on Saturday. Three were stabbed to death and the other was shot.

In Mandini, on Natal's North Coast, two people were killed and three injured when gunmen burst into their house and fired at them on Saturday morning. Nonhlanhla Nkwayana and Bongani Nxumalo died instantly.

And in Umbumbulu, a man was shot dead by unknown gunmen on Friday.

The ANC in Southern Natal claims that Inkatha attackers carried out Saturday night's brutal killing of nine ANC supporters in Port Shepstone.

About 10.30pm on Saturday night, a large group of armed men attacked the Mzelemu kraal at KwaMavundla near Port Shepstone, and killed most of its occupants.

Mildred Mzelemu escaped. She is in a serious condition in hospital. Five of the dead are children.

The dead were Doris Mzelemu (45), Elena Mzelemu (60), Hlengiwe Mzelemu (13), Phumelele Mzemelu (18), Klululekile Mzelemu (12), Phindile Mzemelu (8), Pholelisiwe Mzelemu (3) and Cindy Mzelemu (5 months).

Zulu chiefs calling for memorial stayaway

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By Sowetan Reporter and Sapa

ZULU tribal chiefs of the Natal Midlands have called a stayaway today in memory of victims who died during the march in central Johannesburg last week.

Inkatha Freedom Party chairman for the Vulindlela area Mr David Ntombela said a memorial meeting was planned to take place at 11.30am at the KwaMncane Sports Ground and at Mahashini, near Wembezi, also at 11.30am.

Ntombela stressed that "only those truly sympathetic to those who died and their families should attend".

About 53 people were killed during the day when thousands of IFP men marched through the streets of Johannesburg to show support for King Goodwill Zwelithini's call for a sovereign Zulu state

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Of the 53 people killed about nine were shot dead by ANC security personnel outside Shell House in Plein Street.

Meanwhile, a clash between IFP Mpumuza chairman Mr Philip Zondi and ANC Natal Midlands chairman Mr Harry Gwala, arising from the current strike at Edendale Hospital, seems likely to have a sequel in court.

The IFP has laid a charge of *crimen injuria* against Gwala after he allegedly addressed striking workers and made defamatory statements against Zondi.

Gwala has denied the claims.

Zondi said he was deeply concerned and feared for his life and employment at the KwaZulu run hospital.

focus on Natal

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At least 64 people died in Natal during last weekend's spiralling violence, just three weeks before the forthcoming elections. Political Editor **Mathatha Tsedu** examines the implications of emergency measures: (276)



THE HORROR KILLING in Natal at the weekend, in which nine people — including a five-month-old baby — were hacked to death, underlines the level of anarchy in the region.

ANC member Mr Ndukuzephi Mzelemu, has blamed the killing of his family on the Inkatha Freedom Party, and asserts that the mass murder was designed to stop him from voting.

Port Shepstone, on the South Coast, was still reeling yesterday from the killings in which an entire family aged between five months and 70 years was wiped out by men who entered their homestead by force, claiming to be policemen.

The incident happened less than 48 hours after State President FW de Klerk declared a state of emergency throughout Natal last Thursday, empowering security forces to deal with the spiral of violence that has claimed at least 64 people over the past weekend alone.

The Mzelemu killings are particularly significant in relation to the emergency regulations, for behind the need for the regulations is a desire to create conditions in which free elections can be held in Natal

Natal, from urban areas to rural areas, is divided today into either ANC or IFP strongholds.

Such areas are under the strict control of the respective organisations, and residents have to behave in a way that conforms with the dictates of the ruling power of the area.

It is not possible for anyone who does not owe allegiance to the dominant power to remain in an area while publicly displaying disloyalty.

The Nkulu ward, in which Mzelemu lived, is an IFP stronghold. Mzelemu is an ANC member who refuses to leave and has now paid the price Which brings in the soldiers who now roam the plains of KwaZulu in their iron monsters, hoping to quell the violence.

Means of control

Given this kind of situation where strongholds are a means of control, the soldiers are facing a losing battle. For if indeed the purpose is to ensure free and fair elections, an IFP stronghold area cannot be reasonably expected to vote while the party is outside the process.

And no one in such an area will dare take risks, lest they face what Mzelemu experienced on Saturday night.

It is therefore a political solution that is needed to ensure Natal cools down a bit to allow for free and fair elections. But even this can only be theoretical, for the entry into the elections by the IFP would not mean the opening of its strongholds to other organisations, especially the ANC.

It can only mean freedom for the IFP to campaign in its own areas and the ANC to do the same in its own.

De Klerk said last Thursday that intelligence reports he had received had shown more violence was planned.



Mangosuthu Buthelezi ... making a political point or pointing to the fate of the IFP if it contests the April elections?

The duty of the state is to protect its citizens and this was why he put Natal under iron rule.

In doing so, however, De Klerk also left the political door open for KwaZulu chief minister Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi to come into the process. He is using the stick, but leaving the carrot dangling in front of the chief.

Friday will see the stalled summit with Nelson Mandela, King Goodwill Zwelithini, Buthelezi and De Klerk on the go again.

Buthelezi has already said his decision to go into the elections would depend on the outcome of international mediation that still has to begin. If he is satisfied with the outcome, he will then be able to contest the elections.

For the moment he wants the king to be given sufficient powers to rule Natal and appoint his own cabinet, probably headed by Buthelezi himself.

Postponed

Both scenarios do not take cognisance of April 27 and the elections due to begin on that date. Buthelezi has in fact said the elections would have to be postponed if he was to take part.

There is already talk of Friday's summit deciding to postpone elections in Natal, but such a step would first need a parliamentary sitting to amend the Electoral Act.

This is the easy part.

The second and difficult part is for the ANC to convince its members in Natal that this move is not succumbing to Buthelezi. The ANC is unlikely to agree to this because the date, in so far as its members are concerned, is cast in stone.

The only solution would be to recognise that no free and fair elections are possible in Natal under present conditions but that they should nevertheless be held because of political considerations.

The Independent Electoral Commission would then declare such voting unfree and unfair, and order a second round of voting which would take place after international mediation has run its full course, and would hopefully include IFP participation.

Given those conditions, the state of emergency would merely serve to stem the tide of open warfare and occupation of stadiums, and not ensure free elections.

The outcome of the summit on Friday can therefore not bring peace to Natal, but can only offer hope of possibilities of peace in the distant future.

And until that future dawns, those like Mzelemu, who find themselves in one stronghold or another, will continue to be subjected to coercion that can only be disregarded at one's own peril.

ANC, IFP mediation postponed

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THE international mediation between the ANC and the Inkatha Freedom Party has been postponed until after Friday's summit meeting.

President F W de Klerk, ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela, IFP leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi and Zulu King Goodwill Zwelethini will all attend the summit.

"The parties remain committed to international mediation," a joint IFP/ANC statement said.

"It is hoped the leaders' summit will help build consensus on the purpose and terms of reference of the international mediation."

Inkatha national chairman Dr Frank Mdlalose said last night Inkatha still wanted to participate in elections but it could not look beyond Friday's summit of leaders how this could be achieved.

The mediators now proposed include Lord Carrington of Britain, former US Secretary of State Mr Henry Kissinger, Justice Antonio la Pergola of Italy, Prof A J Laponce of Canada, Judge Leon Higginbotham of the US, and former Chief Justice H K Bhakwati of India.

In New York yesterday Mr Kissinger urged the ANC and IFP to make a "huge effort" at conciliation before the mediators arrived. — Political Staff, Own Correspondent, Sapa

BRIEFING Edited by Mike Siluma

*The violence that has racked Natal has put a question mark over being held in parts of the province. **John Perlman** and photographer spent a week in the war-torn townships and settlements aroun*

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More than IFP versus

Even on a quiet day the building in the centre of Bhambayi stands as a grim reminder of the deep, dangerous gulf between peaceful intentions and peace itself.

At the turn of the century it housed Mahatma Gandhi's printing press and was the heart of the settlement where he lived and worked on his philosophy of passive resistance Today the graceful old building is a roofless ruin, daubed inside and out with the slogans of war: AK-47, Umkhonto weSizwe, AWB

That, sadly, reflects reality. While most of Natal took a brief break from brotherly hate last Friday, Bhambayi by mid-afternoon was convulsed in a recurring nightmare. It started with a volley of rifle fire from the "green" side, IFP territory, and the "reds" of the ANC immediately responded.

The battle all around us was chaotic as gun shots rang out from every side, and bands of ragged fighters, including women, rushed past carrying pangas, spears and sticks in one hand, and shields and fighting blankets in the other. The "greens" — until two years ago ANC members themselves — began weaving their way through the rundown shacks, closing in on enemy territory. The "reds" gathered in numbers to fight back.

It was only the presence of three armoured police vehicles, including men from the Internal Stability Unit, which prevented carnage. But as the security forces went about their work, the stark limits of how much they can do became painfully clear. As grim-faced men filed slowly past the armoured cars they made no effort to conceal their axes, sticks and spears. The guns, however, were quickly stowed out of sight to use another day. Nobody greeted the peacekeepers with thanks; nobody even waved.

Not every place in Natal is as relentlessly fratricidal as Bhambayi, but currents at play there wash over every single place in the province. The state of emergency may help to dampen some fires. But people in the province say the place to start is with the warlords, the gun-runners, the men whose role in the conflict is to plan and plot. Why, they ask, have there been no arrests, no raids?



More importantly, the security forces cannot be expected to deal with a conflict that simply cannot be reduced to IFP versus ANC, and which grows more complex by the day. Events like the Johannesburg shootings add another layer of bitterness to a situation already steeped in vengeance and grudge.

Sipho Mlaba, an IFP leader in Mpumalanga who has fought successfully for peace, says: "One young boy came to me yesterday and said 'are you still saying to us there is peace when our people are dying like this in the Transvaal?'"

ANC leaders in the province are acutely aware of this. "They were made to be boys when they thought they were men," said one "And they were killed in front of women, humiliated in front of women. They will not be able to tolerate that the ANC can exist in their areas."

In Natal itself each incident of violence deepens bitterness and drives unaligned people to take sides. "Any person from the township who goes into the hostel gets killed," said one KwaMashu woman. "Now we've decided that any person from the hostel who comes into the township will be killed. Then it is 50-50."

Even in places where there are no violent clashes, people talk of tension and grievance infusing daily life. "Some of my teachers are ANC," said one young man. "They know my father is IFP so they are keeping me down."

These are the issues that come up when ordinary people talk of politics, not the great debating points, like federalism, regional powers or even a Zulu kingdom. And often the quarrels are as much over tradition and attitude as they are over political ideas.

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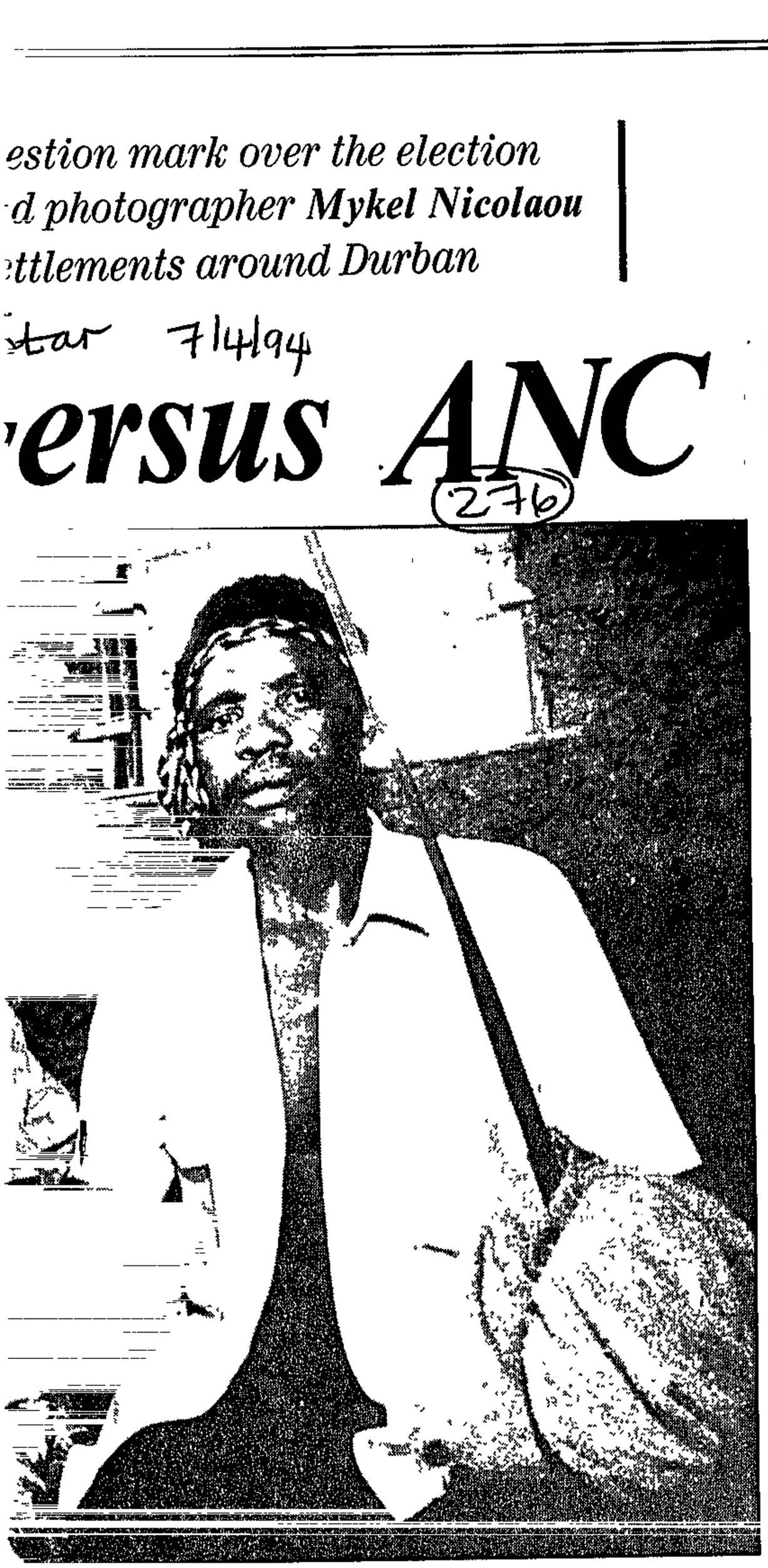
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■ **Peace in pieces . . . a peace monitor (above) takes a brief respite in the shadow of a ruined building which once housed Mahatma Gandhi's printing press in Bhambayi.**

■ **At the sharp end . . . some of the fighters in Natal's war are shadowy men with machine guns, but most of the foot soldiers are ordinary people like this Bhambayi man (left), who fights on the side of the ANC.**

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rades in the townships who come to older men in the hostel and tell them they must stay away," says an IFP leader "They show no respect Can you imagine how much hurt that causes?"

Similarly, you don't often hear people criticising their opponents for their policies. Instead, ANC followers talk of the IFP faithful as ignorant, uneducated, misguided

IFP supporters, in turn, caricature the ANC as destructive, disruptive and dominated by unruly youth "I used to be a UDF member," said a young man, "but I changed because we were just burning buses and throwing stones. The children are in charge of politics, but in the IFP we are united and disciplined "

Perhaps the bitterest conflict of all is over the Zulu king, where ANC supporters angrily insist that Zwelithini is their king too. "Where I come from 31 people were killed and they were all loyal to the king," said one supporter from Empangeni. "He can say anything, swear at us, but he is our king," said a senior Umkhonto commander "I could never point a gun against him because he is our king "

One thing both sides agree on is that neither side will back off from a fight because "that thing is in us. We grew up in rural areas where we would take our sticks and fight until one surrenders", says Meshack Radebe, ANC leader in Mpumalanga. "Even now if I go back to Greytown, I will take my sticks with and just fight someone I know to see if I can still beat him "

Says Phindi Duma, an ANC Women's League member who runs a shelter for KwaMashu refugees "We said we will take women and children and the sick who can't fight and defend their houses The men must stay behind That is what is expected of them." But one KwaMashu woman, whose 17-year-old son was in the township helping to hold the line didn't see it like that: "I'm not proud, I am afraid," she said

She, like many others, feels like she is caught in a storm "I've never been safe," says Sibonginkosi Mzimela, principal of a high school in Mpumalanga, with a rueful smile. "The left say I belong to the right, the right say I belong to the left "

Hostel dwellers, too, are victims of this. One man in KwaMashu said the local "big shot" called a meeting to say that anyone who went home for Easter should "not bother to come back. . It is the only place I can stay", he says. "I had friends in the township but there is no trust now "

On both sides of the conflict there is a deep-rooted belief that the best way to end the conflict is to pound the enemy into submission "People are saying let's drive them out once and for all," says one ANC leader "The IFP say the same thing "

But the biggest problem facing the peacekeeping forces is that many people in Natal have a hard-nosed view of justice and an even tougher attitude to security "When people do get arrested they are outside the next day," said one young man. As for disarming people as a first step towards peace, one young combatant in Bhambayi put the prevailing view quite simply. "It is not OK to take our weapons because I am likely to be attacked at any time "

If anyone from outside wants to persuade people that laying down arms is a better route, then the people of Natal and KwaZulu will need some iron-cast guarantees — guarantees that personal safety and justice can be secured without taking matters into your own hands

NEWS

800 extra troops to be deployed

SADF builds up muscle in Natal

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■ BY JASPER MORTIMER
and OWN CORRESPONDENT

The SADF is deploying about 800 extra troops in KwaZulu/Natal, raising its total strength in the region to roughly 2 000 men, an SADF spokesman said yesterday.

Colonel Frans Verfuss said the mechanised units in the new deployment would enable the SADF to cover wider and less accessible areas of Natal.

The additional five companies began arriving in the region yesterday and would be fully deployed by tomorrow.

Last weekend the SADF deployed about 400 extra soldiers in KwaZulu/Natal, raising its complement in the troubled province to about 1 200.

Now fewer than 105 people have died in the region since the state of emergency was imposed last Thursday, the SADF-SAP joint security committee said yesterday.

Asked whether 2 000 troops were sufficient, Verfuss said: "If unrest does not break out simultaneously all over Natal, we will be able to make a substantial contribution to containing the violence."

Meanwhile, the SADF boosted its troop tally with a squadron of

COMMANDER is confident of success — if violence does not break out simultaneously all over the province (276)

Ratel armoured vehicles armed with 90 mm cannons.

The Ratels and soldiers rolled into Ladysmith's 5 SA Infantry Battalion from Bloemfontein at 3 am, after a short-notice call-up recently by Durban's 8 Division, and were deployed to northern Natal and the coastal belt.

Asked about the need for 90 mm cannons, a lieutenant, who asked not to be named, said: "I only hope we don't have to use them — they are here more as a show of force than anything else."

A joint commander of the security forces in the province and Natal Command officer commanding, Brigadier Deon Ferreira, flew into Ladysmith to welcome the soldiers.

He told them: "A lack of tolerance has led to the callous murder of thousands of people, thousands have had their homes destroyed and have had to flee for their lives.

"This situation can no longer be tolerated. Failure by the opposing factions to achieve a settlement can only lead to anarchy with the resultant massacres, murders and destruction that could turn Natal into a second Bosnia or Beirut."

The soldiers' task was to assist the SAP in ensuring peace and stability.

Actions should never be aimed "at the innocent, but you must be prepared to act decisively against the perpetrators of terrorism and violence", the lieutenant said.

He warned the soldiers that their presence in the province "must not be viewed as an invasion. Nor must it be viewed as support for any party. It is purely directed at combating violence, which is our only enemy."

The men have been drawn from Durban Light Infantry, Natal Field Artillery, Regiment Port Natal, 19 Field Regiment, 84 Signal Unit, 15 Maintenance Unit, 38 Field Workshop, 2 Light Horse Regiment, Regiment Overvaal, 8 Provost Unit and 1 Medical Battalion.

More than 90 percent are from Natal and they are under the command of Durban Light Infantry officer commanding Commandant Bill Oliver.

KwaZulu death toll now at 105

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The death toll in KwaZulu/Natal has risen to 105 since the state of emergency was declared last Thursday.

The SADF is deploying more troops in the region.

Mechanised units are included in the new deployment, which will raise the number of soldiers enforcing the state of emergency to about 2 000.

The province remains tense this week, which has seen a further 13 killings following carnage at the weekend.

The latest deaths are the result of several unrelated incidents spread over Natal from the coast to the Midlands.

They include a shooting at Batania Mission, near Port Shepstone, where a member of the mission was killed and several others injured.

A woman was shot dead in the Bhambayi settlement, north of Durban and a man and child killed in KwaMbonambi on the North Coast.

Three more people died in attacks in Newcastle and seven others were injured in an attack at the Mfolozi Reserve.

Three houses were burnt down in the Drycott area of Estcourt, two petrol-bombed in Dundee and a woman was burnt to death in Inanda. (276)(467)

IFP supporters en route to Empangeni in two buses for the march on Tuesday were stopped, and a shotgun, ammunition and three homemade guns confiscated.

Six more people were reported dead following a shooting in Nongoma, Zululand.

According to police, gunmen opened fire on passengers in a taxi, killing four men, a woman and a baby. — Crime Staff.

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Natal summit is the last

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Political leaders at today's summit meeting are unlikely to postpone elections in Natal — but their talks might be the last chance to bring the province back from the brink of civil war, reports Chris Louw

TODAY'S four-way summit between Inkatha Freedom Party leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi, King Goodwill Zwelithini, President FW de Klerk and ANC leader Nelson Mandela will present the last chance to defuse the mounting conflict in kwaZulu/Natal.

Elections in the region are unlikely to be postponed. That much was clear from informal discussions this week with both ANC and NP leaders.

Although it is expected that Buthelezi may arrive with a slightly adjusted set of constitutional proposals from those he tabled at last year's multiparty negotiations, the meeting is expected to focus on the position of the Zulu monarchy rather than any changes to the transitional constitution.

Buthelezi will enter the meeting under the Damoclean sword of Transitional Executive Council recommendations that the involvement of his office in hit squad activities be thoroughly investigated.

It is understood that high-ranking kwaZulu government officials are named in a report handed last week to the international team investigating "third force" activities.

Strong pressure will be put on Buthelezi at today's meeting to allow free and fair elections in his homeland on the scheduled dates this month. Government and ANC demands will be backed by a combination of political and security strategies, which ultimately may include — if Buthelezi insists on a campaign of subversion — the removal of the present kwaZulu administration.

The first indication that steps may be taken against the kwaZulu administration, incrementally eroding Buthelezi's power, came when the TEC task group probing hit squad activities in the kwaZulu Police force recently recommended the revocation of the kwaZulu government's right to establish its own police force.

The task group — consisting of Professor "Fink" Haysom, Howard Varney and General Wynand van der Merwe — also recommended that provisions in the transitional constitution providing for the integration of the KZP and the South African Police into a new South African Police Service be "anticipated" before the elections.

If implemented, this will effectively strip Buthelezi of his authority over his security forces.

The *Mail & Guardian* learned this week that the second Haysom report on hit squads has already been handed to the recently appointed international investigating team. The team combines the work of the Goldstone Commission with that of the TEC task group into hit squads.

Serving in the team are Transvaal Attorney General Jan D'Oliveira, French police colonel and CID member Gilles Aubry, Zimbabwean assistant police commissioner FB Mapuranga, SAP Major General MJ Nel and advocate Arthur Chaskalson.

It is understood that the task group may expose more high-ranking officials as soon as indemnity can be assured for sources, who sometimes took part in criminal activities themselves.

KWAZULU CLAMPDOWN: More troops move in but death toll continues to mount ...

Emergency fails to halt the

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Security forces seem to have neither the will nor the manpower to enforce the state of emergency in Natal, reports **Farouk Chothia**

THE week-long state of emergency in kwaZulu/Natal has been a spectacular failure, with the death toll still soaring and the South African Police and South African Defence Force largely failing to implement the regulations.

There are clear signs that the focus of attacks has shifted from the urban areas sparsely patrolled by the security forces to remote rural settlements beyond their range.

The ANC, a prime mover behind President FW de Klerk's emergency declaration, accused him this week of pulling a publicity stunt and lacking the will to take decisive action against Inkatha Freedom Party supporters. Implementation of this state of emergency has been in sharp contrast to the one in 1985, when troops cast a ring of steel around ANC strongholds.

A media spokesman at CR Swart Square police headquarters in Durban, Lieutenant Marzedt de Beer, signalled his opposition to the regulations. "I don't think anybody in their wildest dreams thought we were going to have a state of emergency. Previous emergencies haven't solved anything, and I don't think it will solve anything now," he said.

"Feedback from the ground is that police are acting only against the IFP. Where does that leave us to act impartially?"

De Beer's comments suggest that De Klerk did not act on the advice of his security and intelligence officers, but succumbed to pressure from the Transitional Executive Council.

The SADF also hinted that it had been caught off guard by De Klerk's announcement. Spokesman Colonel Franz Verfuss said citizen force call-ups had been planned for the April 15 to May 15 period, when an upsurge in violence was expected.

The SADF has deployed only 450 troops in Natal flashpoints since De Klerk's declaration, beefing up its presence from 750 to 1 200. Verfuss said that from mid-April, another 1 200 members from citizen force regiments and infantry units would be deployed. This would bring the total SADF presence in kwaZulu/-Natal to 2 400.

As the troops work in shifts, only about 1 500 would be on duty at a time — in a province with an estimated population of around eight million.

Journalists this week drove through the townships for several days, coming across the odd security force group after long searches.

Verfuss said the emergency was different in two respects from that of 1985. It was meant to create a climate for free elections rather than "clamping down" on any political party, and there were no plans to "saturate" townships with troops.

"We cannot be in all places at all times. We just do not have the manpower," said Verfuss.

ANC violence monitor Roy Ainslie said he preferred the "optimal" use of the security forces rather than their widespread deployment. "We do not have a situation where townships are up in flames. There are pockets of violence. The best course of action would be to search, disarm and arrest people who break the law," he said.

Ainslie believes the violence in the townships around Durban is instigated by Inkatha supporters from seven or eight IFP strongholds — for instance, the hostel in kwaMashu's A Section. The security forces should, therefore, act as as a buffer by patrolling the road which divides the hostel-dwellers from the residents.

Verfuss disagrees. "There are different access routes. Forces that are static can't contain violence entirely. They need to be mobile," he said.

He added that the SADF and SAP would set up joint operation centres where, after intelligence was gleaned, daily decisions would be taken.

"If there is a potential for conflict in Bhambayi on a particular day, we'll deploy troops there. The next day we may be somewhere else. It will depend on the situation on the ground." It is rural Natal which has borne the brunt of the recent violence. In Ndwedwe on the North Coast, at least 30 people have died, hundreds of homes have been burnt and thousands have fled the area. In the Port Shepstone area, gunmen killed nine people in an attack on a single home on Monday night.

After the earlier killing of two peace-brokers, the situation in the Port Shepstone area is explosive: local ANC leaders said their supporters were now demanding weapons.

And since the declaration of the emergency, the violence has taken a new turn — the first known attacks on church gatherings took place over the Easter weekend.

In Bhambayi, near Durban, gunmen opened fire on members of the conservative Zion Christian Church, killing a woman. An attack on a similar gathering in an ANC-stronghold in Wem-

... as bloodshed continues unabated in troubled province

carnage in Natal

ıezi, near Estcourt, left five people dead — ncluding the minister.

Although Wembezi has for months been a lashpoint of violence, Verfuss said the SADF ıas no plans to send in troops at this stage as it ras being adequately patrolled by the SAP's ıternal Stability Unit.

Conceding that enforcing the emergency in ıral areas could pose a problem as "faceless" unmen carry out "terrorist-style" attacks, ıainly at night, Ainslie said the security forces hould confiscate the G-3 rifles issued to IFP-ligned chiefs by the kwaZulu government.

Verfuss also conceded that it was "almost ıpossible" to prevent outbreaks of violence in leep" rural areas, where roads were poor, omesteads scattered and the terrain often ıountainous.

But he added: "One of the mechanisms we ave available is the commando system. Their sk is to co-operate (with security forces) and act to violence."

At the time of writing, 88 Natalians had been lled since the declaration of the emergency. At is rate the 266 political deaths recorded last onth — the highest to date — will be easily sur-ssed.



Meeting in Moria ... ANC leader Nelson Mandela, President FW de Klerk and IFP leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi sat together at Moria but they have yet to meet to discuss the crisis in Natal

PHOTO AP

ANC Natal Midlands spokesman Blade Nzimande accused the government of "lacking the political will to act. The violence suits him because it is hitting the ANC and affecting our election campaign." Nzimande wants swift action, including the detention of IFP "warlords" and the party's military trainer, Phillip Powell And he insists police should have confiscated weapons — possibly through roadblocks — of the estimated 30 000 IFP supporters who marched in Empangeni on Tuesday.

Police argue that the confiscation of weapons could endanger them SAP legal adviser Major Margaret Kruger told reporters on the scene that the organisers of the march — including IFP Women's Brigade chairman Faith Gasa and Northern Natal chairman Blessed Gwala — would be charged with contravening the emergency regulations.

The docket would be sent to the attorney general's office for a decision on prosecution, indicating that police want the law to take its normal course.

Differences between the ANC and government are not confined to strategy on dealing with the IFP. They go to the heart of the emergency regulations: who should be their prime enforcers, the SAP or the SADF?

Though the ANC wants the SADF to be the primary law enforcement agency, the force insists that it will merely play a supplementary role to the 115 000-strong SAP.

"The main role player will be the SAP. If they feel they need extra forces, they will approach the SADF," said Verfuss.

Relations between the ANC and the 7 000-strong ISU — likely to continue as the backbone of the SAP during the state of emergency — is at a low ebb. After the ISU's failure to act against IFP supporters occupying the stadium in kwa-Mashu last month, the ANC called for the ISU to be disbanded and for its members to be "court-martialled".

The Southern Africa correspondent of *Jane's Defence Weekly*, Heitmen Helmoed, believes the fundamental problem is that the ISU is the old

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Elections will go ahead — IEC

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The report states:

"In the event of a positive change in the political climate by not later than Friday, 8 April 1994, it will be feasible to mount an election in kwaZulu provided that the requirements of the IEC ... are met."

The working group acknowledges that some of their requirements have already been met by Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

The following requirements are set out in the report:

●That the kwaZulu Department of Education allow the IEC to use schools in kwaZulu as voting stations.

●That school principals allow Telkom to install telephones.

●That the IEC be afforded the use of government buildings, including tribal authority and magistrate's offices.

●That the Department of the Interior co-operate with the election administration directorate of the IEC in identifying and setting up voting stations.

●That the Department of Justice co-operate with the adjudication secretariat of the IEC by making available space for electoral courts.

●That chiefs and other kwaZulu officials give IEC staff and voter educations groups the necessary asistance, allow IEC monitors and observers unhindered access to areas under their jurisdiction, and allow the appointment and training of the necessary election staff resident in kwaZulu.

The kwaZulu Police is also expected to provide the necessary security for IEC staff and to secure the election process.

The police are requested to participate in the national strategic planning working group on a policing policy and a security plan for the elections.

The working group also asked for a directive to be issued to the Department of Education to allow "community schools" to be used as voting stations, and that all kwaZulu civil servants "and the public at large" be encouraged to offer their services and facilities to the IEC.

It is significant that the report was co-signed by by the kwaZulu appointed members on the working committee

Voter education under threat

Emergency regulations in Natal/kwaZulu give the security forces powers to act against both anti- and pro-election parties, reports **Farouk Chothia**



Police keep IFP supporters at bay during a march in Empangeni PHOTO AP

THE state of emergency declared in kwaZulu/Natal may backfire on the ANC Regulations promulgated under the emergency could lead to the banning of its election rallies and voter education workshops

Announced last week by President FW de Klerk and backed by ANC president Nelson Mandela, the emergency regulations are couched in language similar to those of the mid-1980s, and give the security security forces sweeping powers to act against both anti- and pro-election parties.

Several incidents in the Natal Midlands during an earlier regional emergency there — lifted after ANC mass action — sound an ominous warning for the ANC They include·

●The SAP's detention of ANC regional secretary Sifiso Nkabinde after he returned to Richmond, having moved to Pietermaritzburg because his house had been burnt down

The clause cited to detain Nkabinde is similar to one in the current regulations, giving the security forces the power to order any non-resident to leave a particular area if he is seen as a threat to the "safety of the public, the maintenance of public order or the termination of the state of emergency"

●In Bruntville, the SAP arrested 20 ANC supporters on charges of burning a hostel When their lawyers indicated that they wanted to bring a bail action, police refused, saying the detentions were under unrest regulations. Charges against them were later withdrawn.

Before the emergency, the ANC did not need permission to hold marches in the Midlands townships of Imbali and Edendale, as no local authority exists there Now, it will have to apply for magisterial permission.

Magistrates will have to consult the "control officer" and "all interested parties" before making a decision They will also have to give "good reason" for refusing permission

ANC meetings may be affected by the regulations, as parties will to send a "written notice" to the magistrate four working days in advance telling him of a planned gathering

The party would then have to obtain a "receipt" from the magistrate — if the magistrate refuses to issue one, the meeting could be interpreted as an illegal gathering

The regulations do not specify what a "gathering" comprises As a result, a voter education workshop — or a meeting to discuss election strategy — could be regarded as illegal

The regulations ostensibly bar future stadium occupations by "Zulus at prayer".

In the first test of the dangerous weapons regulations in Empangeni on Tuesday, police did not disarm 20 000 IFP marchers

The IFP may exploit a loophole in the clause which prohibits the "carry(ing) and display" of weapons At the Empangeni march, IFP leaders asked people to put away their spears and cover the pointed ends of their sticks

De Klerk said last week that in implementing the dangerous weapons regulations, security forces would note the "sensitivities" around "culture and tradition". This may mean IFP supporters marching to an *imbizo* called by Zulu king Goodwill Zwelithini or to a "Zulu prayer meeting" could argue that the regulation did not affect them

The clause prohibiting military and paramilitary training appears to be watertight· the kwaZulu government's Umfolozi training camp, where 5 000 soldiers have already been trained, can no longer operate.

However, the training instructor at the camp, Phillip Powell, said he had been advised by his lawyers that the training was legal, as it is being conducted under the authority of the kwaZulu government.

In a regulation which flies in the face of Bill of Rights, security forces may, without a warrant of arrest, detain anyone for 30 days if they consider them a threat to "public safety, the maintenance of law and order or to the termination of the state of emergency"

An order ratifying the detention must be obtained from a senior officer within 24 hours — an improvement on other emergencies Detainees will also access to their lawyers, families and a "special adviser" not employed by the state, who watch for abuses

The regulations don't mention the media, enabling the security forces to remove journalists from an area because their presence threatens the "maintenance of public order or the termination of the state of emergency"

The Human Rights Commission said sufficient powers existed within the law to restore order in kwaZulu/Natal· security forces could have been deployed in the province with "normal powers available under permanent law".

The HRC said the Regulation on Gatherings Act No 205 of 1993 — passed but not yet proclaimed by parliament — could have been "immediately brought into operation" and the carrying and display of weapons banned

It says kwaZulu should have been disbanded in terms of Constitution Act No 200 of 1993, which allows the disbandment to take place before April 27 The KZP should have been brought under the control of the SAP or the TEC's law and order sub-council.

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Peacemaker for how long?

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There is also a training centre where women are taught various skills, including sewing and cooking Shabalala said he wanted to introduce new courses with funds from South Africa's Department of Manpower

"We want to train people to become plumbers and electricians and everything," said Shabalala

But with the state of emergency, would Shabala live to see his dream come true — or would he flee? "Why should I be afraid? Why should I go into hiding? We have lived under a state of emergency before We have been targetted from the times of the British "

He projects himself as a non-racist rather than a Zulu nationalist.

"I do not like someone because he is a Zulu I like the God-loving people of all races I am married to a Xhosa (like King Goodwill Zwelithini) and I had Basotho girlfriends " Shabalala adds "I lived with Indians in Springfield before separate development came about I ate with them beryani and I used to go to the Bhakri Eid jholl. Yeah, I want it to be like that again," said Shabalala

But he fears that if the political parties fail to hammer out a negotiated settlement, South Africa will become another Angola

"After elections it was not peaceful I believe they voted for war I do not want this country to become another Angola There must be a political solution," said Shabalala

But should Zwelithini declare war, Shabalala would readily take up arms

"I will do anything — even sacrifice my life to do whatever he tells me to do But the king is a Christian He doesn't like blood being spilled I know it won't come to that."

But the traits of a hardliner are still within him — and the heightened tensions in the province have led to antagonism towards ANC Zulu traditionalist Jacob Zuma

Whereas Shabalala would once have refrained from taking a swipe at the ANC's premiership candidate for the province, he now said "I don't know what he (Zuma) is standing for He can stand up next month and say he is the king In our culture and tradition, we have the king and Chief Buthelezi is appointed as the traditional prime minister. Zuma will never be my prime minister."

Shabalala's area is heavily-armed· "Most of my people have licensed firearms," he said He insisted his people would never launch attacks, but would fight back if targeted

"We have taught how to defend ourselves," said Shabalala But there aren't only weapons galore in Lindelani during the IFP-occupation of the stadium in kwaMashu last month, peace monitors reported seeing tracer bullets being fired — an ominous sign that war preparations were at an advanced stage.

In the meantime, Shabalala plays the peacemaker, encouraging jaw-jaw rather than war-war among the kwaMashu hostel dwellers. But the question is· for how much longer?

Emergency fails

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riot squad which cracked down on United Democratic Front activists in the pre-1990 era. He also believes the the ISU, understaffed and overworked, has become "hardened" and "careless".

Observers believe the problem between the ANC and SAP goes even deeper. In ANC circles, SAP regional commissioner Lieutenant General Colin Steyn is seen as a conservative — and the security forces will fall under the command of his and SADF Brigadier Deon Ferreira during the emergency.

Verfuss said the SAP would be "entirely responsible" for manning polling stations on election day, while the SADF would patrol townships.

While he has allowed the SADF to operate in parts of kwaZulu, Buthelezi will resist any troop deployments.

In clashes in Mpumalanga in the 1980s, 121 Battalion earned the respect of the ANC as a non-partisan force. But it was removed from the area after pressure from Buthelezi.

This week Mandela called for the confinement of the KZP to barracks — but the SADF indicated the security forces would at this stage not antagonise Buthelezi.

While the KZP is not empowered by the emergency regulations, Verfuss said it would continue with its policing duties in kwaZulu-controlled territories. If the KZP needed assistance, it would seek this from the SAP and, if this failed, the SADF would be deployed. This arrangement applied prior to the emergency.

A week since the declaration of the emergency to quell the violence in KwaZulu/Natal, the death toll is unchecked, and questions are being asked about the ability of the stretched security forces to enforce the peace. ***Jasper Mortimer*** *reports*

Natal force 'far too small to do job'

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Despite the declaration of a state of emergency in KwaZulu/Natal by President de Klerk, more people have died in the region. Could the 2 000 SADF troops deployed so far be too few to contain the burgeoning violence?

Democratic Party spokesman for law and order Peter Gastrow said the deployment is "way below" what was needed to curb a situation where the daily death toll — 17 since the state of emergency was imposed last week — has surpassed that of Bosnia.

The paucity of the security forces in Natal, which includes 14 000 SAP members, was highlighted on Tuesday when they found themselves unable to enforce the ban on spears and knobkerries against about 25 000 Zulus marching through Empangeni. The police said afterwards that trying to apply the emergency regulations against such a crowd would have risked a bloody riot.

While persons as far apart as Carl Niehaus of the ANC, and Steven Maninger of the Freedom Front, believe the police made the right decision, it did seem to set a dangerous precedent

"You need more security forces (in KwaZulu/Natal) otherwise the emergency regulations will become a complete farce," Gastrow said. Without reinforcements, the regulations will only be applied to small groups when they should be applied to everyone with equal determination".

However, marches such as in Empangeni are occasional events. What makes for a death toll as high as 300 last month are the consistent daily attacks.

University of Natal (Durban) anthropologist Mary de Haas said that in the villages along the Natal north coast, "the SADF mounts patrols, but people watch them and attack after they've left. The SADF is overstretched".

Yet De Haas, Gastrow, Maninger and Niehaus decline to say what would constitute adequate troop deployment.

One person who is at home with military statistics is Helmut Heitman, the SA correspondent for Jane's Defence Weekly. He said if KwaZulu/Natal continued to deteriorate, "the army hasn't a hope in hell of containing the violence even with doubled numbers.

"If KwaZulu/Natal turns into an insurgency, you're going to need 20 000 to 30 000 troops to contain it." In Heitman's assessment, 2 000 men were too few, "but I don't think the SADF has the bodies to spare".

The SADF refused to divulge its force numbers, but Heitman believed the army had a current complement of about 36 000 men. That comprises 16 000 permanent force, 10 000 short-service troops, and another 10 000 national servicemen and citizen force trainees. Of the 36 000, 16 000 are not suitable for field deployment as they are senior officers, stores personnel, computer boffins and other specialists Another 13 200 are already deployed in unrest areas such as the East Rand, Bophuthatswana, Ciskei and KwaZulu/Natal.

If Heitman's calculations are accurate, this would mean that the once-mighty SADF now has a mere 6 800 troops in reserve. In other words, bigger deployments would demand citizen force call-ups. The SADF has ordered one for next Friday. Heitman predicted about 20 000 troops would then report for duty.

Will this be sufficient? Colonel Frans Verfuss, of SADF Natal, who admitted the limitations of the present deployment, said the test of next Friday's call-up could come today.

If the summit of De Klerk, Nelson Mandela, Mangosuthu Buthelezi, and King Goodwill Zwelithini ends in a political agreement, "then the force will be sufficient".

"If there is no accommodation and the violence increases, then the force might not be sufficient."

Inkatha's national chairman, Frank Mdlalose, did not think that even 100 000 troops would stop the strife, adding that "there must be a political agreement".

But if a settlement proves as elusive today as it has for the past two years, there is at least one factor that could be improved in the meantime: the prosecution of the killers.

Gastrow said the number of assailants currently being charged in Natal's courts was "pathetically low".

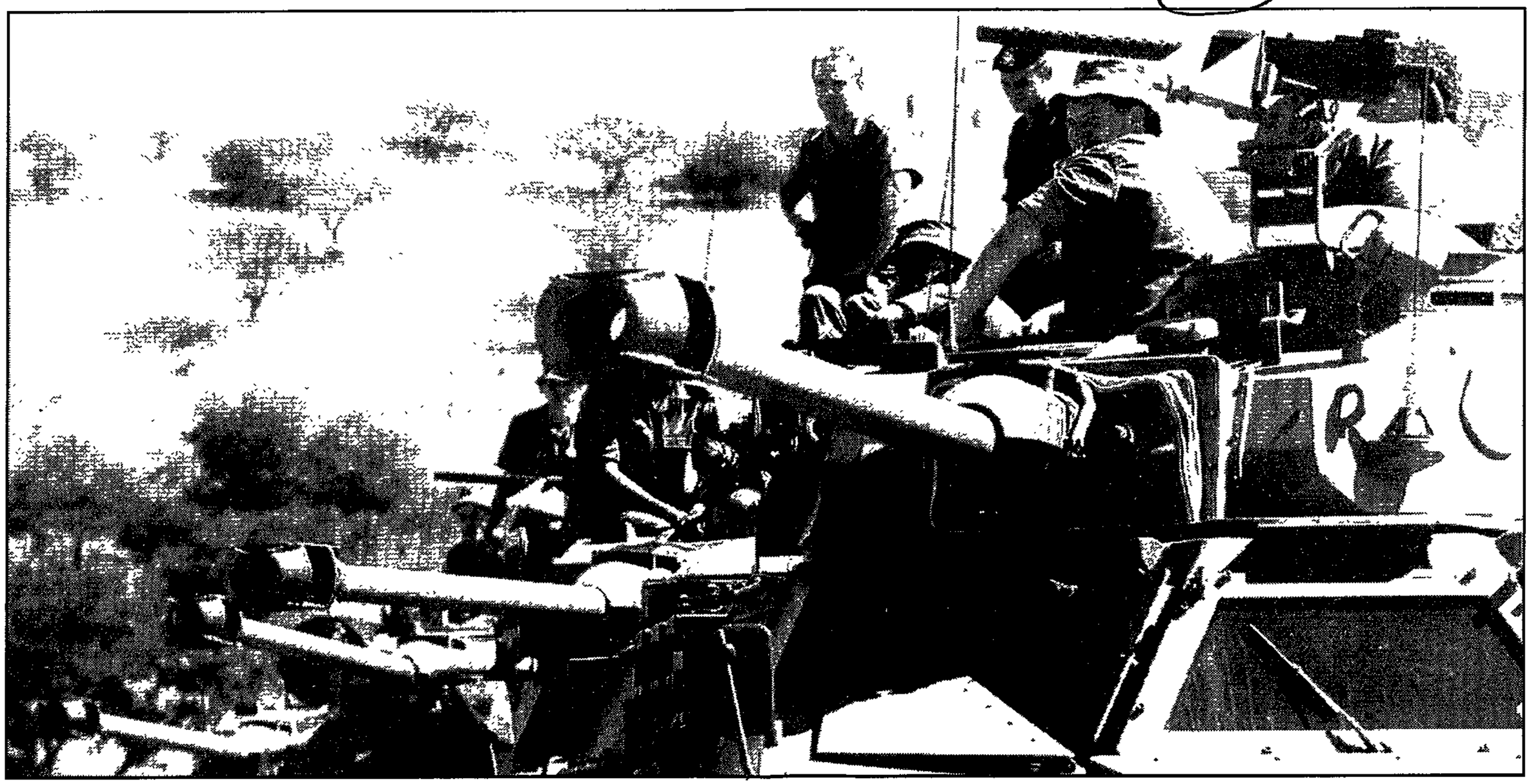
De Haas saw this as central to the violence's endurance. "The only real deterrent is to arrest and charge the people responsible." She has details of killings in the Eshowe area, Esikhawini and Appelsbosch. "I'm prepared to bet that the same group of people have been involved. When you talk to the survivors, certain names keep cropping up. And yet there is no progress in getting convictions." De Haas accused the SAP of siding with Inkatha, pointing out that many policemen knew Inkatha officials well and had even joined the KwaZulu Police.

Colonel Coert Marais, of the SAP in Natal, admitted that a "minority" of policemen were unhappy with the new South Africa, and that some had joined the KwaZulu force. But he denied the SAP sided with Inkatha.

Marais said the lack of prosecutions stemmed from the lack of co-operation between the public and the police.

Gastrow agreed. He has seen an ANC supporter refuse to testify even after seeing someone kill his own brother. But Gastrow criticised De Haas's theory as simplistic. The violence was sustained by the many deficiencies in the rural areas. The people needed more police stations, mobile police stations, more courts and, most of all, witness-protection schemes backed by local leaders.

Overall, Gastrow argued, the SAP Natal and KwaZulu Police needed to be restructured into what would be perceived as a legitimatelaw-enforcement agency. This would require a change of administration, a change of heart from certain political leaders, and time. "We are talking of a couple of years," Gastrow said.



Ready for action . . . SADF troops wait on top of Ratels as the huge armoured column gets ready to move into KwaZulu yesterday. PICTURE AP

Natal toll rises as armoured troops arrive

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DURBAN. — A further 23 killings have been reported in Natal townships and rural settlements, pushing the toll to at least 124 in the first week since a state of emergency was declared in the province.

Sporadic incidents of violence occurred in Kwa-Zulu/Natal as SADF Citizen Force members with Ratel armoured vehicles were being deployed at strategic points in Northern Natal and along the coast yesterday.

Two people were stoned to death at Esikhaweni, near Empangeni, and two others were shot dead at Ntuzuma, near Durban. Another man was shot dead at Lindelani.

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● Police reported four unidentified bodies had been found on the East Rand this week. All four men had been shot.

● More than 300 employees at East Rand Proprietary Mines in Boksburg are not reporting for work following political antagonism between IFP and ANC supporters. — Sapa

23 more are slain in Natal

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POLICE and the South African Defence Force yesterday reported a further 23 killings in Natal townships and rural settlements this week, pushing the toll to at least 124 in the first week since a state of emergency was declared in the province.

On Wednesday 21 people were killed in violence in townships and rural areas, said reports by the South African Police, KwaZulu police and SADF.

Most of the deaths appeared to have been politically linked. (276)

An average of 17 people a day have died violently since last Thursday's emergency declaration, according to confirmed reports. Many reports of killings remain unverified.

In the latest reports, police said five people were killed in a faction fight at Ekuvukeni. They named the dead as P Ntsihgila (62), S Khumbuza (26), V Ntsihgila (22), G Nyembe (73) and K Maguga (25).

At KwaMbonambi, a gang of armed men in military uniforms dragged a man into the street and shot him dead.

North of Durban, at Ntuzuma, a man was "necklaced" (a tyre was placed around his neck and set alight).

In KwaMashu near Durban, the bullet-riddled body of an unidentified man was found on Wednesday and another man was shot dead in KwaManciza Section.

Two people were shot dead in separate incidents in the Bhambayi area. — *Sapa.*

Emergency brings little relief to Natal



HOPEFUL ... SADF troops in Eshowe were in a peaceful mood Picture: RICHARD SHOREY

ALMOST nothing has changed in tortured Kwazulu Natal since a state of emergency was imposed nearly two weeks ago. ST Times 10/4/94

The killings, burnings and intimidation continue. And as the election date nears, fear of widespread retribution is growing. (276)

Worried monitors and researchers in the province feel the SADF is taking too long to deploy its troops and the police are not using their new-found powers.

But the security forces said it was too early to say whether the emergency powers would succeed, as the effect had not been felt on the ground.

Monitors, mainly from Natal, were



HOMELESS ... this 84-year-old woman, being fed some cereal at a refugee camp, was forced to flee her home this week after it was torched because she was thought to be an ANC supporter Picture: JUHAN KUUS

deployed in the province this week, bringing the total of troops now operating in the region to 3 000.

From April 15 to May 15, the 18 commando units in Natal will each provide a further platoon for deployment.

Radley Keys, regional director for the DP in the Natal Midlands, said he did not think the emergancy had "produced the required results" so far.

"I don't think people feel any safer. Intimidation is still rife and people on the ground are looking ahead at the election with trepidation," he said.

"A major question is whether the security forces will be able to stop individuals and small groups from going from house to house and telling people what to do.

"I don't think so. The army can't be in every nook and cranny."

Human Rights Commission researcher Linda McLean said it appeared the state of emergency had "still not got off the ground".

She estimated that at least 100 people had been killed in political murders since March 31.

She said this was "extremely high" and, so far, matched the record killing rate last month, when the organisation reported 311 politically related deaths.

"The SADF is taking a long time to deploy, and the police do not seem to be using their full powers. Monitors in the north say the security forces need to be motivated," she said.

On Tuesday, police made a half-hearted attempt to confiscate traditional weapons from some members of a 20 000-strong crowd of IFP supporters who gathered to march in Empangeni in Zululand.

But they soon gave up rather than inflame the situation, and the IFP supporters were allowed to march through the town with their weapons.

Thousands of armed Zulus defied the restrictions on weapons when they marched through Nongoma in Zululand on Wednesday to protest against the emergency.

One monitor on the lower South Coast said violence was continuing unabated in the region and there did not appear to be a noticeable troop presence in the troubled area.

The security forces face tactical problems in the divided region.

Even locals find it difficult to identify ANC and IFP turf and their exact boundaries in the province, so it will be even harder for soldiers from other regions to figure out where they are.

Each small area has a different type of local leader — either a chief, gang leader, party leader, church leader or warlord — and the province has some extremely rugged terrain.

An SADF spokesman said the success of the emergency could not be determined because the troops' presence had not yet "been felt" on the ground.

Police spokesman Major Bala Naidoo said: "It is still too early to say whether the measures are adequate."

He said at least 100 Internal Stability Division members from the Transvaal had been deployed on the North Coast since the beginning of the emergency, and more police from other provinces may be called in at some stage.

(News by Ryan Cresswell, 18 Osborne St, Durban)

Mother's night of terror as two sons are executed



GRIEVING ... Mrs Sarah Ndamande heard her two sons and two of their friends being executed outside her house Picture: RICHARD SHOREY

By RYAN CRESSWELL

A HORRIFIED mother listened at the wall of her home while gunmen forced two of her sons and two close friends to lie down outside and shot them in the back of their heads with pistols.

The brutal slaying of four young ANC supporters took place in the troubled rural township of Folweni south of Durban on Monday night.

Brothers Edmund, 18, and Mduduse Ndamande, 17, and their friends Mandla Shange, 18, and Xolane Shange, 18, had gathered at the Ndamande home to watch television when four gunmen arrived.

The mother of the Ndamande brothers, Mrs Sarah Ndamande, said she heard a voice ordering her to open the door.

"They said they were policemen. All the men had short guns and one of them even had a camouflage uniform. They said the boys must hand over their guns but I told the men they did not own guns."

Mrs Ndamande said one of the men walked in and the frightened youths climbed out a back window.

"The men caught the boys just outside and told them to lie down on the ground. Then they shot them in the back of their heads.

"I am very sad about the death of my firstborn. We were very close," she said.

A relative said he believed the killers were IFP supporters because one of the young men argued with an IFP member last week.

He also said shortly after a massacre at nearby Mpushini in 1992, in which 20 people died, IFP members accused the youngsters of being involved.

ANC monitor for the area, Mr Landa Hlengwa, said the attack on the youths was probably an "IFP revenge killing".

Dr Ziba Jiyane, national spokesman for the IFP, said: "We do not condone violence such as this."

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Chris Hani's daughter Nomakwezi at a memorial service for the slain SACP secretary-general at St Anthony's Roman Catholic Church in Boksburg, yesterday. Picture: GARTH LUMLEY

More die in East Rand and Natal violence

JOHANNES NGCOBO

SIX people had died in unrest in Vosloorus and Daveyton townships in the East Rand at the weekend, police said yesterday.

SAP spokesman Capt Janine Smith said two people had been shot dead by unknown assassins in a Vosloorus tavern, while three others had been killed in Daveyton.

Police in Vosloorus said four suspects had been arrested in connection with the tavern shootings.

Meanwhile, ANC East Rand subregion chairman Vuyane Mpofu said yesterday members of the SADF turned back supporters who wanted to attend a memorial service to mark the first anniversary of the assassination of Communist Party leader Chris Hani at Vosloorus stadium.

SADF spokesman Maj Andries Greyling confirmed yesterday that SADF members had turned back the ANC supporters, advising them to attend memorial services in Katlehong and Thokoza, where permission had been granted to hold them.

Sapa reports police said the body of an unidentified man had been found outside a hostel in Daveyton on Saturday morning. He had been shot.

In central Johannesburg on Saturday, the bodies of two men were found with bullet wounds in their heads, police said. Acccording to a witness, one man's body had been thrown from a minibus.

Police arrested an ANC security staff member on a charge of attempted murder after a pedestrian was wounded on Saturday outside the Summit Club in Hillbrow during a memorial rally for Hani.

Reuter reports that in Natal five gunmen firing randomly on pedestrians with AK-47s had killed three people, including a 14-year-old, and wounded two others near Stanger, north of Durban, on Friday night, police said on Saturday. At least one person had been also killed in Inanda outside Durban, bringing the death toll to at least 130 since President FW de Klerk declared a state of emergency in KwaZulu/Natal on March 31.

Sapa reports that the Natal Security Committee said yesterday that 175 home-made firearms had been seized since the state of emergency had been declared.

Also seized were 22 AK-47s, 16 other rifles, 46 pistols, 22 revolvers and five hand grenades. A firearms workshop had been discovered at Buyingoma, near Empangeni, on Saturday. Eight people had been arrested.

Two policemen and two civilians had been killed in separate incidents on Saturday, the committee said. One policeman had been killed in Bhongweni, near Kokstad while the other had been shot dead in Madadeni, near Newcastle.

One man was shot dead in Bulwer in the Natal Midlands, while the body of a man was found in KwaMashu, near Durban.

In the Transkei, a 17 year-old youth had been shot dead on Saturday in Umtata during the funeral service of Port St Johns PAC branch chairman Mvumelwano Mapipa, police said.

New SADF is now taking shape

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By Themba Molefe
Political Correspondent

■ ASSEMBLY POINTS Plans for integrated force at an advanced stage:

PLANS to establish a new integrated defence force in South Africa are at an advanced stage.

The integration could begin as early as next week with troops being sent to assembly points by the various forces involved.

The new army would comprise the current South African Defence Force; Umkhonto weSizwe, the armed wing of the African National Congress; defence forces of the TBVC states and the Pan Africanist Congress's Azanian People's Liberation Army.

With the exception of Apla, all the other forces are represented in the Joint Military Co-ordinating Council established in terms of the sub-council on defence of the Transitional Executive Council.

Apla manpower and training director Mr Willie Brown said his army "sees itself as a participant in a new defence force".

He spoke to *Sowetan* hours before a scheduled bilateral meeting between Apla and the SADF to discuss a new defence force.

Focus on amnesty

This meeting would also have a bearing on talks planned for later this week between State President FW de Klerk and PAC president Mr Clarence Makwetu which will focus on amnesty for the organisation's members and the return of those still in exile.

Brown cautioned that a new army could not be formed overnight because a lot of planning was necessary before integrating the forces.

This was supported by JMCC spokesman and SADF liaison officer Major Margaret Neethling. She said total integration would take between three and six months because of the large numbers of personnel involved.

MK yesterday confirmed it had already sent an advance party of 400 soldiers to one of the points at the Walmansthal camp near Pretoria. The camp can take 8 000.

MK media liaison officer Mr Mbulelo Muzi said other ANC-administered points were Bourke's Luck in the Eastern Transvaal which can take 2 500 soldiers and Hoedspruit also in the Eastern Transvaal which can accommodate 1 500.

34 more die in violence

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Sowetan Correspondent and Sapa

AT LEAST another 34 people were reported killed in KwaZulu-Natal at the weekend, bringing to at least 167 the number murdered in the embattled province since a state of emergency was imposed more than a week ago.

Most deaths have been politically linked, while some have resulted from ordinary crime. (276)

The SAP yesterday reported three further killings in separate weekend attacks in Ladysmith's Ezakheni township. In total, four people were killed there since Friday. The KwaZulu police, reported 10 killings in the territory.

Reports indicated violence was widespread in Natal at the weekend. Among the dead are three people who were shot dead in Stanger on Friday night when gunmen opened fire on pedestrians. 12/4/94

Violence flared at KwaMashu in Durban yesterday morning with reports of gunshots being fired at B Section and houses burned at J Section.

He said it was fascinating how past he used to interfere with the

Security forces under heavy fire

Star 12/4/94

■ BY NORMAN CHANDLER

Durban — Security forces enforcing the state of emergency in KwaZulu/Natal came under extensive fire when a patrol clashed with unknown men near KwaMashu yesterday.

The incident, in which one man was killed, came as the number of SADF troops in the province was increased to 2 400.

A war of words broke out between the IFP and the Natal Joint Security Committee following the shooting.

The SADF said a hail of bullets sent soldiers and police running for cover in Ntuzuma near KwaMashu outside Durban. In the resultant battle a 19-year-old man was killed and four others were injured, the SA Army said, adding that the dead teenager was heavily armed.

The IFP said the dead person was a 13-year-old boy who was shot dead by soldiers.

Thirty-nine murders were reported in KwaZulu/Natal at the weekend. The Joint Security Committee reported 29 murders from midnight on Friday to 6 am yesterday. The KwaZulu Police reported 10 murders for the same period. Five more people were killed yesterday.

Fighting continued in KwaMashu and Bhambayi early today, and at least one person was killed.

The death toll since the state of emergency was declared on March 31 is nearly 170 (276).

The army said more than 300 shots had been fired at the security patrol.

It was the first firefight involving the security forces in KwaZulu/Natal since the Skukuza summit of leaders on Friday.

There are now 2 400 troops in place in the province to maintain law and order in terms of the state of emergency regulations, with more likely to be drafted in as a result of the month-long national call-up of white Citizen Force soldiers which takes effect from Friday.

The call-up was announced two weeks ago as a security measure.

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Just in case . . . IFP posters, slogans and promises keep voters guessing in Durban. PICTURE: GARY BERNARD

7 killed over voting pamphlets in Natal

Star 13/4/94

Durban — Seven people who were distributing voting procedure pamphlets in Ndwedwe, north of Durban, were found stabbed, hacked and burnt to death yesterday.

Six men were arrested late yesterday.

The victims went missing on Monday. Two of their colleagues were still missing early today.

The driver and another passenger managed to escape.

The men were apparently addressing a gathering at the Tokomele school when they were chased by a group of men, who bundled them into a room at the school and interrogated them.

They were tied up and taken to the bush where they were hacked to death.

Their bodies were only discovered by police searching the area yesterday afternoon.

The men are believed to be employees of Natal Pamphlet Distributors.

Joint Security Committee spokesman Captain van Niekerk said 30 people had so far been detained under emergency laws.

— Own Correspondent.

Deaths top 200 since emergency

CT 13/4/94

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DURBAN. — The death toll from violence in KwaZulu/Natal has topped 200 in less than two weeks.

The toll, including confirmed reports of deaths from the SAP, SADF and KwaZulu Police, was 205 since the state of emergency was declared at the end of March.

Reports of a further 27 killings in the region this week were received yesterday.

The toll comprises mostly politically-linked killings and excludes murders obviously motivated by crime.

The African National Congress in northern Natal, where much of the recent violence has occurred, yesterday called for the Transitional Executive Council to immediately intervene in the region which, it said, was "in flames".

A statement from regional ANC deputy chairman Mr Willies Mchunu said in spite of the state of emergency there was still inadequate security in many trouble spots.

"The non-deployment of security forces in flashpoints will definitely leave people with no alternative but to stay away from the polling stations," he said. "The elections in this region will definitely be severely affected unless the TEC intervenes."

Five people, apparently ANC supporters, were killed in an attack on a homestead at Dube near Empangeni late on Tuesday.

Reports of killings and fighting continued to be received from KwaMashu, Inanda and Ntuzuma, all north of here, and from the north and south coasts.

● Police said the body of an unidentified man was found in the carriage of an East Rand passenger train yesterday morning. He had been stabbed.

● A total of 103 people died and 47 were injured in countrywide violence since April 6, according to the Human Rights Commission's weekly report issued yesterday.

Of the 103, 75 were killed in Natal; 24 in the PWV region and four elsewhere in the country.

The report said the PWV toll was double that of the previous week and expressed concern violence could be on the increase in the region. — Sapa

Seven election workers slain

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☐ Slashed bodies of pamphlet distributors found in Natal forest

The Argus Correspondents

DURBAN. — Seven men were hacked to death near here while distributing Transitional Executive Council voter education pamphlets, one was seriously injured and one is missing

The men were attacked at Ndwedwe, outside Durban Seven bodies were found tied to one another in a forest late yesterday.

Six suspects have been arrested

An 18-year-old survivor, bleeding from numerous hack wounds, arrived at the home of his mother's employer in Montclair today Two of his fingers are severely injured and it is likely that he will lose them

"He arrived at our home at 8am today He was in quite a serious condition," said a woman who did not wish to be identified

The man, who had not eaten since Monday, was taken to hospital

Police said they were looking for a man missing since the killings

The men were in a group of 11 from Natal Pamphlet Distributors, hired by the TEC to distribute leaflets urging residents to vote

The pamphlets, in Zulu, explained the election, what changes it would mean in the everyday lives of people, how the new government would be formed and the concept of a government of national unity

Also explained were matters such as the secrecy of the ballot, what documents were required by voters and why they were needed and how the election would be supervised

Late yesterday, soon after the bodies were discovered, Internal Stability Unit police arrested six suspects pointed out by two survivors who escaped and raised the alarm The suspects are being held under the emergency regulations.

It is believed that the killings could be a case of mistaken identity

Police said the 11 went to Ndwedwe in a minibus They were at a school talking to people when they were approached by a group of men

The men ordered the driver and another man to go to the police station to report that they were in the area On the way they were ambushed and the minibus was set alight

The two escaped and went to the police station to report the attack

Police went to the school but the nine other workers had disappeared

● Meanwhile, relief organisations in KwaZulu-Natal say they are ready to deal with violence

The International Committee of the Red Cross said a new co-ordinating committee of organisations was launched this week to deal with relief measures

Spokesman Claude Voillat said areas of potential conflict had been identified and during the week of the election a Red Cross team of about 3 000 volunteers, 40 ambulances and permanent staff would be on 24-hour standby

● About 1 500 soldiers, including some who finished their training at Koeberg yesterday, will be deployed in KwaZulu-Natal next week.

The Koeberg contingent consisted mainly of former Umkonto we Sizwe members, with some Defence Force members and policemen

Inkatha Freedom Party spokesman Ed Tillett said the party was alarmed about "the cynical plan of the government to move members of MK operating within the NPKF into KwaZulu-Natal and the East Rand"

● About 100 international church peace monitors have arrived in Natal to help local churches' efforts under the auspices of the Natal Church Leaders' Group to try to ensure a free and fair election in the province

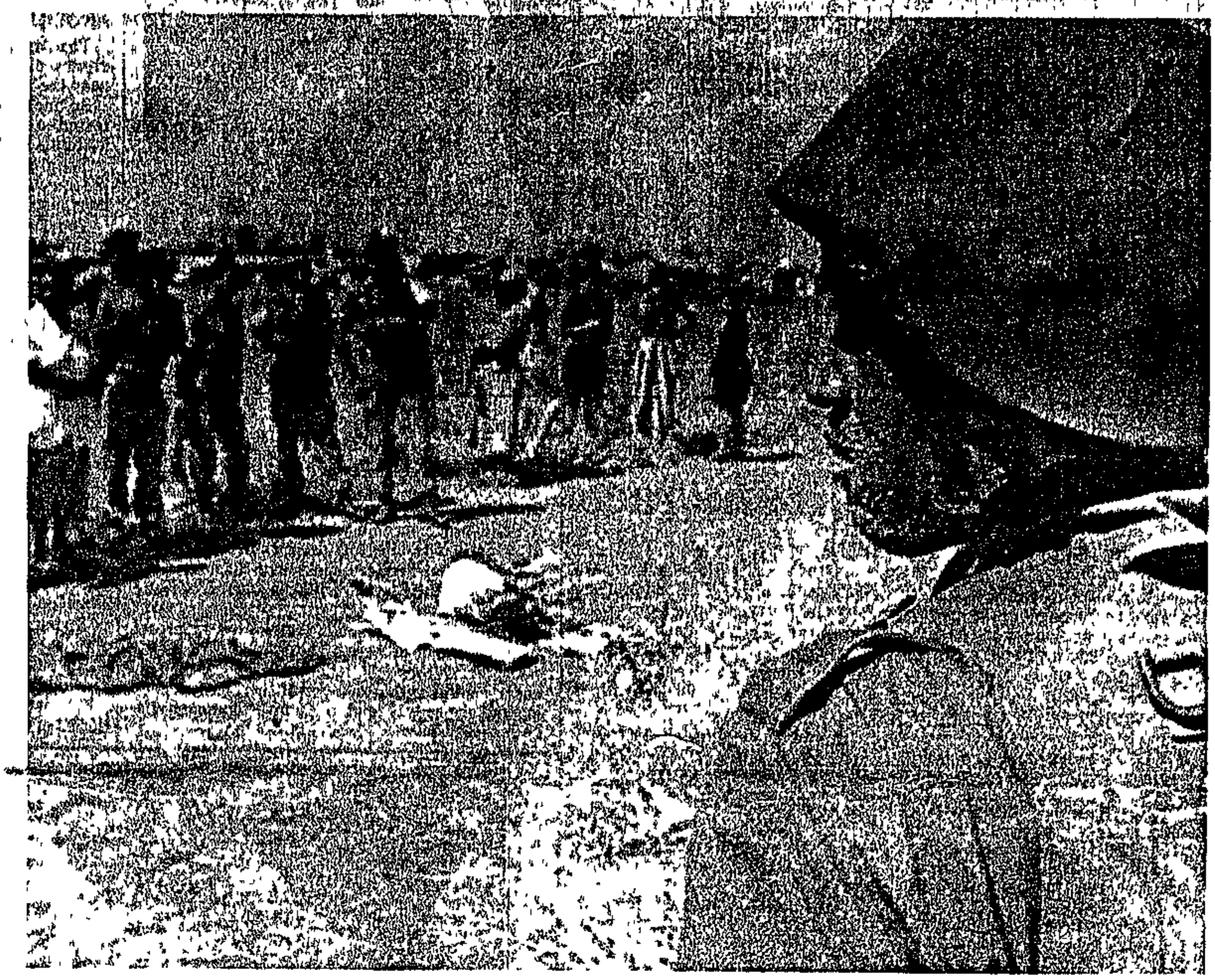
● International mediation on the interim constitution ground to an abrupt halt today when KwaZulu Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi accused the government and the African National Congress of changing the terms of reference unilaterally.

Chief Buthelezi accused them of colluding to keep the Inkatha Freedom Party out of the election by not allowing the mediators to consider a change in the election dates.

He also accused them of reneging on the terms of reference agreed to between the ANC and the IFP at the weekend

The international mediators, including Henry Kissinger and Lord Carrington, were in a Johannesburg hotel for discussions while Chief Buthelezi and his team waited in the lobby.

(News by V Angamuthu, R M Challenor and A Singh, 18 Osborne Street, Durban)



Picture: The Associated Press

OBSERVER: A member of the National Peace Keeping Force watches over one of three bodies found by the South African Defence Force in Tokoza township, east of Johannesburg The NPKF will replace SADF troops in the eastern townships and the official hand over ceremony takes place today.

West Cape poll preparations 'ahead of target'

Staff Reporter

PREPARATIONS for the elections in the Western Cape are ahead of target, say representatives of the Independent Electoral Commission.

Commissioners responsible for the Western Cape, Dawn Mokhobo and Almare Tekle, today said the Western Cape was well within the guideline dates stipulated in the Electoral Readiness Plan.

The IEC's 16 commissioners have begun inspecting all regions of South Africa this week, and will report back to a plenary session on Saturday.

Eritrean Dr Tekle and Ms Mokhobo dismissed the Western Cape's heated campaign as "normal mud-slinging", and "far below the level of endangering free and fair elections".

Ms Mokhobo described the Western Cape's readiness as being the source of "a great sense of comfort".

She said it had to be accepted that politicking in South Africa was "fairly robust"

"Given the realities of the South African situation it is very easy to cross the boundaries — especially where allegations of racism occur".

The IEC tribunals had been set up expressly to deal with allegations of this sort, she said.

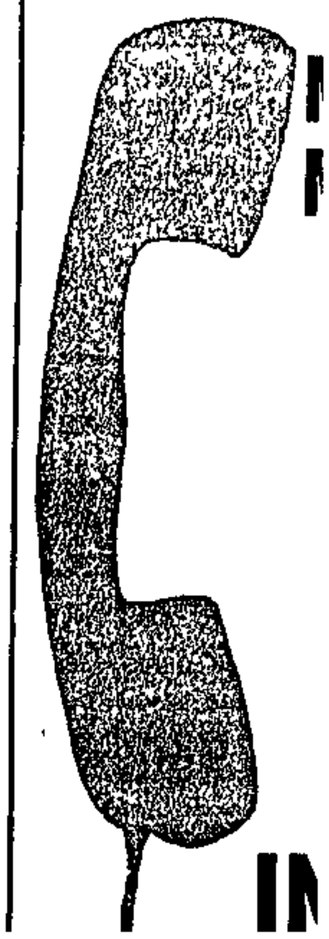
The two commissioners have been in Cape Town since Monday, holding discussions with IEC structures, civic and community groups, the police and

Bomb kills 6 Israelis, hurts 30 in bus 'full of children'

HADERA (Israel) — A bomb exploded on a crowded bus in ... cide car bomb attack by the militant Hamas group killed ...

Airy canaries are chirpy again

LONDON. — Firemen used breathing apparatus to revive ...



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'KwaZulu violence down — poll goes on'

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Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — The elections would go ahead as planned in the Natal/KwaZulu region because there had been a downward trend in violence since the declaration of the state of emergency, Independent Electoral Commission vice-chairman Mr Dikgang Moseneke said yesterday.

He was speaking at the University of Natal here, where he was invited by the student publication Dome to address students on why people should vote.

Mr Moseneke said it appeared there was a reduction of violence over the past 48 hours in comparison with the preceding 48 hours. His comments were based on briefings the IEC receives from the army generals in the security forces.

He said 18 million ballot papers had already been printed to be distributed to the 9 000 voting stations.

Asked if he could be certain that there would be free and fair elections in Natal, he conceded that the IEC had had difficulties in running voter education in large areas of KwaZulu and in setting up voting stations.

"We will try to make voting as near perfect as possible," he said.

He told the students it would make sense to vote, and urged them to make themselves available to work as IEC electoral officers.

Mr Moseneke's IEC colleague Ms Gay McDougall described the elections as a moment of history that would signal a break with the past and offer opportunities for the start of a healing process.

"Your vote is going to place your destiny in your own hands and create opportunities for you to transform this country into a society of equality between the rich and the poor, man and woman, city dwellers and the rural folk," said Ms McDougall.

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Chief wary of Blue Berets' role in Natal

JOHANNESBURG — Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, KwaZulu's Chief Minister and Minister of Police, has expressed strong reservations about the deployment of the National Peacekeeping Force

He said many NPKF members were ANC military wing uMkhonto weSizwe operatives like those who had been killing his supporters

He had told SA Police Commissioner General Johan van der Merwe and SA Defence Force chief General Georg Meiring that the KwaZulu Police force was minuscule and he could not spare members to serve in the NPKF while there was so much violence.

Already there was controversy over the NPKF as he had received a report on Tuesday night and been shown evidence that 10 MK members serving in the NPKF had fired rockets at a hostel in KwaMashu in Durban, Chief Buthelezi said.

Chief Buthelezi said he was shown evidence that rockets were fired at the hostel.

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● NPKF commander General Gabriel Ramushwana pledged yesterday to act against any member who took sides in the divided East Rand townships in which the force is being deployed.

He also pledged his men would "maintain peace" and uphold public order. — Sapa

15 a day are being murdered in Natal

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The toll from violence in KwaZulu/Natal has reached 219 in less than two weeks and police continued to report killings in the province yesterday.

An average of more than 15 people a day have been killed in the 13 days since a state of emergency was declared (276).

The ANC in northern Natal, where much of the recent violence has occurred, yesterday called for the Transitional Executive Council to intervene immediately in the region.

Five people, apparently ANC supporters, were killed in an attack on a homestead at Dube near Empangeni late on Tuesday. Police said the killers used AK-47s and 9 mm pistols.

Earlier in the week, seven people distributing voter education pamphlets in Ndwedwe, outside Durban, were hacked and burnt to death.

One of two men who escaped from the scene was found yesterday in a serious state. The 18-year-old Lucky Mkwanazi, bleeding from hack wounds, arrived at the home of his mother's employer in Montclair. Mkwanazi, who is likely to lose two fingers, had not eaten since Monday. Police said they were still looking for another missing man.

Soon after the bodies were found, members of the SAP's Internal Stability Division arrested six suspects. They had been pointed out by two of the survivors who managed to escape and raised the alarm. — Sapa and Own Correspondent.

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POLITICS ROUNDUP They scour KwaZulu-Natal for the story of the day ● Nightmare

Catching the Zulu action

Sowetan 15/4/94

■ BETTER WAR Reporters make use of varying codes to communicate:

THEY CRUISE in packs through the violence-torn black townships ringing Durban, hunting for corpses, burning houses, police in action and — the choicest prize of all — a battle in full cry.

Flak jackets at the ready, armed with cellular phones, two-way radios, digital diaries and pagers, they speed daily down pot-holed roads through KwaMashu A, B, J and K sections, Richmond Hill, Bhambayi's "red" and "green" zones and the P, Q and T sections of Umlazi.

For news agency photographers and reporters covering the low-intensity civil war in KwaZulu-Natal between the Inkatha Freedom Party and the African National Congress, early morning and late afternoon patrols of the main flashpoints have become routine

Apart from night-time, when most of the killings occur but it is too dangerous for anyone but the security forces to venture out, dawn and dusk are regarded as the best times to "catch the action"

The most obvious places to look for it are in areas with a history of violence — generally where ANC supporters occupy a section adjoining an IFP stronghold.

Fighting ranges from a single gun or knife attack on rivals caught in the wrong place at the wrong time, to the burning of victims in the street or in their cars, to full-scale battles in which war parties armed with assault rifles, spears, zip guns and knives rampage through rival areas, killing and burning at random

Eyes scanning the horizon for the telltale smoke of burning houses, ears straining for the sound of gunfire, reporters communicate in ever-changing codes (276)

"Hit in Bhambayi", or "Going down in B section", or "Boom boom, Richmond Farm" over phone and walkie-talkies point to the locations of gunbattles, dead people, burning barricades and military operations.

But because of the unpredictable nature of the conflict — which has led to more than 10 000 deaths in the past eight years — in Natal province and the KwaZulu it surrounds, news coverage is still largely hit-and-miss.

"Where a clash outwardly appears motivated by political rivalry, scratching deeper often reveals a history of faction feuds, land clashes, thuggery, economic jealousy and drug and taxi wars"

An area that seems quiet can suddenly turn violent, while calm can return within hours of a fierce gunbattle

Because the rival groups use the conflict for their own propaganda purposes, eyewitness accounts are always suspect — which is why journalists try to see as much as they can for themselves

Even then, the picture that emerges is clouded.

Where a clash outwardly appears motivated by political rivalry, scratching deeper often reveals a history of faction feuds, land clashes, thuggery, economic jealousy and drug and taxi wars

But apart from being involved in a "hi-tech deathwatch", as one correspondent put it, writers and photographers sometimes help by calling ambulances, alerting police and ferrying the wounded to hospitals

The main focus, however, is to be "on the spot".

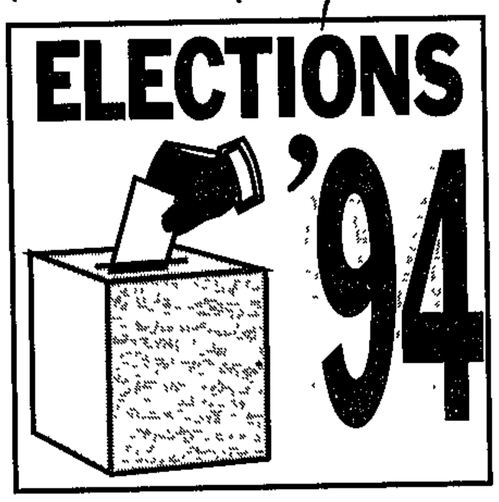
Which explains why in mid-interview or mid-picture, reporters may race for their cars and speed off in response to a pager call announcing an attack elsewhere, leaving interviewees confused and sometimes angry.

"You have found a better war?" one man in Richmond Farm asked bitterly this week as journalists dashed past him.

For some it is the adrenalin, for others a kamikaze-like death wish — for most, however, it is to arrive at Newspaper House, Durban's main media centre, with shocking pictures and horrifying stories.

In KwaZulu-Natal, those are never too far away. — *Sapa-AFP.*

(Report by Brian Pearson, 141 Commissioner Street, Johannesburg)









Top: KwaZulu police searching for clues at the scene of the shooting in Ndwedwe where seven people were killed.
PIC: MBUZENI ZULU

Centre: Members of the Internal Stability Unit pin a suspect to the ground during a raid on a rural settlement in the Ndwedwe region, north of Durban, yesterday. The man was caught in possession of a homemade shotgun, which was confiscated. The man was later released.
PIC. ADIL BRADLOW (AF

Left: A quiet start for these two boys on their way to school in the trouble-torn KwaMashu Township
PIC: SEAN WOOD

Hospital crisis as bodies pile up fast at mortuary

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Weekend Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — Corpses are piling up five times faster than normal at the mortuary at King Edward VIII Hospital, which resembles a war zone in the face of increasing violence and a crippling health crisis.

The mortuary, which normally receives about 25 bodies a day, was on Wednesday alone packed with 108 corpses, said hospital superintendent Lal Dwarikapersadh.

Bodies were piled on top of each other because of the shortage of space created by the closure of some strike-hit Natal hospitals and escalating violence in the province.

Prince Mysheni Hospital, where workers have downed tools, operated with few employees this week and most of its patients have been transferred to other hospitals, mainly King Edward.

Although provincial ambulance drivers returned to work on Thursday, the effect of their industrial action lingers.

In the midst of the two-week-old health crisis, King Edward came close to being closed, said despondent Dr Dwarikapersadh.

The 2 000-bed hospital, which normally treats about 1 500 inpatients daily, had 2 075 patients.

The maternity ward, which handles about 35 deliveries a day, coped with an estimated 55 daily. Dr Dwarikapersadh said the figure did not include babies born at night.

Mothers with newborn babies slept on mattresses on the floor or shared beds and sat on benches to have their meals.

Maternity staff tried to improvise by turning the ward's veranda into a ward but this did not ease the pressure, a matron said.

"My staff are at the end of their tether. Most are saying they can't take any more," Dr Dwarikapersadh said.

He said if King Edward employees went on strike there would most definitely be deaths as a result. "We're fortunate that we have had no deaths as a result of the extra work so far.

"If the situation continues I will have to close the hospital

'Boere' bid to train Zulu soldiers

ROBERT BRAND
Weekend Argus Political Staff

PRETORIA. — Members of the rightwing Pretoria Boerekommando (PBK) are being recruited as military instructors to train Zulus in KwaZulu/Natal

Disaffected members of the PBK said they were being offered salaries of R4 000 a month and a car to become military instructors in "Zululand".

The PBK is under the command of Commandant Willem Ratte, who is wanted by police for his involvement in the "occupation" of Fort Schanskop in Pretoria.

The IFP has denied any involvement in the recruitment campaign. (276)

The men, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said they had refused the offer because they feared a repeat of the Mmabatho fiasco, when rightwingers rushed to President Lucas Mangope's defence only to be repulsed by the local populace. AEG 16/4/94

"We don't want to train blacks so that they can turn their weapons on us," said one.

Intelligence sources reporting to the Transitional Executive Council (TEC) suspect about 5 000 Zulus have received or are receiving training under the guise of "self-defence units"

■ In another development, the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging yesterday confirmed Zulus were being trained on the Ventersdorp farm of AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche.

■ Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini last night appealed to all Zulus — irrespective of political affiliation — to "stop the senseless killings" in KwaZulu/Natal

■ Similar pleas for peace were also made last night by the chairman of the National Peace Accord, John Hall and Archibishop Tutu

The appeals came in the wake of a day of drama in which more than 1 000 soldiers were mobilised to be deployed in KwaZulu/Natal where five more people were reported killed

Archbishop Tutu, Johan Heyns and Louw Alberts of the NGK, Bishop Stanley Mogaba and Khoza Mgojo of the Methodist Church and Ray McCauley of the Rhema Church, headed for KwaZulu on the peace mission following the failed attempt at mediation to draw the IFP into the political process. Mr Hall said yesterday he believed the church group and the king had reached common ground on the way forward.

■ **The dirty election, page 5. More politics on pages 16, 18 and 19.**

NATAL: *The last outpost has become the next nightmare for the SADF as it prepares for showdown with IFP's rag-tag impis*

Bloody test for iron fist

Star 16/4/94

(27b)

AS THE crisis in KwaZulu/Natal continues, the unspeakable spectre of widescale guerilla warfare looms. Such a conflict would not be something the SADF could contain easily, even with massive troop deployment. BRENDAN SEERY, military correspondent of the Natal-based Sunday Tribune, explains why.

NATAL's daily death toll is comparable to that of Bosnia — a telling reminder that despite the differences in terrain, culture and climate, both have the potential to become bloody military morasses.

In the hills of the former Yugoslavia during World War 2, the partisans of Tito and other leaders tied up tens of thousands of Hitler's finest troops, who were backed up by sophisticated artillery and aircraft.

NATO's commanders, who today are equipped with airborne computer-guided weapons of destruction aboard American F-16 warplanes, know that a ground war against the Serbs would be costly and all but unwinnable.

Like the Wehrmacht and NATO, the SADF has deployed its iron fist in the hills and valleys of Zululand. Its men on the ground are backed by the SAAF's Dakota transport planes, Cessna 185 spotter aircraft and Puma and Alouette helicopters.



READY: An SADF soldier prepares to deploy from Ladysmith *PHOTOGRAPH: AFP*

The air force says that although no jet strike aircraft — Impalas or Mirages — are on specific standby for Natal, they are available.

Against them is ranged a motley assortment of impis armed with anything from AK-47s, shotguns, G-3s, pistols and revolvers (including homemade items) to spears and knobkerries.

On paper the SADF should win a battle against them without so much as working up a sweat.

However, the fighting — if the current violence escalates into that — will not be on a piece of paper on some desk in a staff college.

An acknowledgement of the seriousness of the situation, in military terms, came last week with the report (so far not denied) that the SADF was considering deploying one of the navy's replenishment ships — probably the former Russian icebreaker SAS Outeniqua — to Richards Bay to act as a floating hospital.

The SADF has downplayed the story, but the thinking behind the move is illuminating. For one, the ship could be staffed by trained medics and doctors of the SA Medical Services, closer to the action than hospitals in Durban or elsewhere. A hospital ship would also have adequate stocks of "clean" blood.

These are important considerations for the morale of men in the field if what is essentially a policing exercise turns into a war.

Richards Bay harbour is also more secure than many other centres in Zululand are likely to be if the Inkatha Freedom Party's supporters turn to guerilla-type warfare.

This is of particular concern when considering use of 10-ton Puma helicopters, which will be the primary means of rapid troop deployment. They can operate fully loaded for less than three hours. If refuelling depots cannot be secured adequately, the helicopters will lose their effectiveness, and it will take longer to deploy ground troops.

Ships like the SAS Drakensberg and Outeniqua — both around 20 000 tons displacement — can carry tens of thousands of litres of fuel for helicopters. Both have flight decks that will accommodate Pumas as well as Alouettes.

Security of the Pumas must be one of the prime areas of concern for the SADF planners, particularly in the light of the incident in Tembisa last week in which a single 9 mm bullet downed a civilian helicopter.

The SAAF has said only that precautions are being taken to protect the aircraft and crews, and has not gone into detail.

THESE precautions are likely to include measures to diffuse the heat of jet turbine engines to reduce the infrared "signatures" of aircraft. There have been no indications that weapons like the shoulder-launch, heat-seaking SAM-7 are common in Natal, but police have picked up at least one during operations to find illegal weapons along the Mozambique and Swaziland borders.

Many of the helicopter pilots, from 15 Squadron in Durban and elsewhere, have years of experience, learning a few tricks about avoiding fire during the bush war in Namibia and Angola.

But sometimes not even experience is enough to cope with weapons like the SAM-7 or the RPG-7 grenade launcher Also a shoulder-launch weapon, the RPG-7 is easy to use and extremely accurate, even in the hands of a comparative novice That much the US military learnt in Somalia, where the weapons downed a number of US Marine Sikorksy Blackhawk helicopters.

If the shooting gets serious in Natal, it will be a whole new ball game, even for veterans of Angola and Namibia

The enemy will be ill-defined — hiding out in crowds of demonstrators, slipping down narrow alleys between township houses, moving through valleys in the dead of night — and the "rules of engagement" will be far more strictly defined than they were in Angola.

"Collateral damage" — the euphemism for the deaths of innocent civilians — is something the peacekeeping SADF will have to avoid at all costs.

IN PLACES like the crowded townships of KwaMashu, Inanda and Mbumbulu, near Durban, the heavy 90 mm guns mounted on the Ratel and Eland armoured cars will be next to useless because of the indiscriminate destruction they wreak.

Heavy-calibre 0,50 or 12,7 mm machine-guns would also cause heavy destruction if levelled against township houses and shanties or hillside huts.

Ratels and Elands, despite their fearsome appearance, are vulnerable to RPG fire, as such grenades can penetrate armour up to 20 mm thick.

The SADF troops first deployed in the townships of the East Rand proved highly effective, not least because they were treated with great respect by ANC-aligned self-defence units, which discovered that the "brown jobs" would counter-attack aggressively, unlike SAP units.

Less respectful of the troops have



GOOD MORNING, KWAMASHU: An armoured column of SADF troops rolls through the township near Durban on March 31 after President de Klerk declared a state of emergency *PHOTOGRAPH· KEN OOSTERBROEK*



MUSCLE: SADF members outside an Umlazi police station to prevent clashes between residents and KwaZulu police. *PHOTOGRAPH REUTER*

been hostel residents, although few have dared to really "mix it" with the soldiers.

However, the IFP's "R-5 Brigade", made up largely of unemployed rural KwaZulu men and imbued with the fighting spirit and history of the Zulus, might be a tougher nut to crack.

Believing in the divine purpose of their mission to defend their kingdom and backed up on occasion by protection from the spirits against bullets, the warriors and their Kamikaze approach will be difficult to deal with.

THEY will also have the invaluable benefit of being on their own turf, knowing their hills and valleys far better than the SADF

Indeed, security force members with the most experience in the area are to be found in the KwaZulu and SA police forces.

The KwaZulu Police look set to remain loyal to King Goodwill Zwelithini and the KwaZulu government.

Despite the markedly better training of the SADF, the advantage in bushcraft terms will be even more marked for the SADF's adversaries when they are compared with black soldiers conscripted from other areas or with white troops doing call-ups.

White conscription is probably going to provide the biggest headache for the SADF in dealing with the Natal problem.

After April 27, very few white Citizen Force soldiers will be willing to give up their time — and very possibly their lives — to fight in what is in many ways regarded as a black man's war. And these white part-time soldiers will definitely be needed to help the SADF cope

Military expert Helmoed Romer-Heitman has said that if the Natal situation does degenerate into guerilla warfare, the SADF will need about 20 000 troops to contain it. These troops are simply not available in the regular ranks.

The SADF has fewer than 40 000 regular members, about 13 000 of whom have already been deployed to help stabilise the homelands.

About 3 000 troops are in Natal, and more will be on their way there after units in the East Rand are freed by deployment of the National Peacekeeping Force.

The NPKF is generally regarded as inadequate for deployment in really "hot" areas, and — for now, at least — will be put into only those areas already stabilised by the SADF.

Zulus 'prepare for civil war'

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LONDON. — Hundreds of heavily armed Zulus are on secret military manoeuvres in the hills of northern Natal preparing for civil war, a report in the Sunday Times said.

The newspaper's South African correspondent, Andrew Hogg, said he had gained "unprecedented access" to a camp hidden in scrubland near the Mozambique border, where he saw "several hundred Zulus, armed with semi-automatic weapons... preparing to fight the forces of an ANC-led government."

According to the weekly, the guerillas being trained by a white former police intelligence officer, Mr Philip Powell, are only "part of a 5 000-strong force formed in recent months by King Goodwill Zwelethini, the Zulu monarch, and Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi," leader of the IFP, which is boycotting the election.

The paper said the men were "preparing for war with the SADF, which they expect will begin shortly after the ANC wins the election in 10 days."

It said government intelligence officers had warned both ANC president Mr Nelson Mandela and President F W de Klerk "that a war against the Zulu royalists could leave more than 50 000 dead".

They had also been warned of growing disquiet in the largely white South African army, which the ANC is relying on to defeat the Zulus, about its task

Mr Powell reported the guerillas were turning into an efficient force.

"Zulus are born fighters, but they have to be taught the mechanics of war." — Sapa-AFP

Post-poll conflict ruled out

HARARE. — The chances of South Africa being plunged into civil war after the elections were ruled out at the weekend by Commonwealth observer mission head Mr Michael Manley.

Speaking after meeting President Robert Mugabe, the former Jamaican prime minister said this was because of the "the tremendous efforts that have been made to contain the situation".

However, he conceded KwaZulu could be "a real problem" and said it was almost impossible to include the IFP in the election.

As for the postponement of the elections, Mr Manley said: "I do not think anything can stop that ... That is historically irreversible." — Sapa

Death toll in Natal now 226

SOWETAN 18/4/94

THE Natal Security Committee yesterday reported five more killings in the province since Friday night, four of them in KwaMashu and nearby areas north of Durban. (276)

The murders are in addition to earlier reports of four deaths on Saturday. The most recent report brings to 226 the number of people killed in strife-torn Natal-KwaZulu since the declaration of the state of emergency.

Security forces said a taxi driver was shot dead near the Ntuzuma court in KwaMashu about 11.30pm on Friday.

In the nearby Amawoti area of Inanda, Mr M Zondi was shot dead before midnight.

On Saturday afternoon an unidentified man was killed at the KwaMashu men's hostel.

On Saturday night, Mr Petros Felekazi was shot dead in the Siyandu shack settlement at KwaMashu.

At the Philani valley near the North Coast town of Stanger, a Mr Gumede was shot dead on Saturday.

Earlier it was reported that Mr Lucky Mkhize (25) was shot dead at KwaMashu's D Section and 61-year-old Mr Lucas Lushaba was fatally shot at K Section of the township on Saturday morning.

At Umlazi, south of Durban, a man identified only as Gumede was shot and killed. Nearby at Malagazi, Mr M Gumede was shot dead.

A spokesman at the Natal Security Committee operation centre in Durban said yesterday that KwaMashu and surrounding areas were quiet despite the weekend killings. — *Sapa.*

Natal death toll highest yet

Star 19/4/94

■ OWN CORRESPONDENT

Durban — Natal recorded its highest monthly death toll last month, sparking concern that violence levels had reached proportions approaching civil war, the Human Rights Commission said in a statement yesterday.

At least 311 people were killed last month, a toll attributed largely to the conflict between those supporting the election and those against it.

The HRC said that while an election would in all likelihood be held, the prospects for it being free and fair in the current climate were "dubious" unless there was decisive intervention.

An average of 14 people a day died in the political violence in Natal/KwaZulu last month, with a threefold increase in deaths in the second half of the month.

The HRC said the upsurge in violence corresponded with the occupation of Umlazi's King Zwelithini Stadium, which the ANC had booked, on March 13 by Inkatha-supporting Zulus. (276)

"This occupation, compounded the following week by a similar occupation of KwaMashu's Princess Magogo Stadium, triggered an upward spiralling of violence in the Greater Durban area."

The HRC said the IFP was openly mobilising on an ethnic basis, adding that this had obvious dangerous implications given that a vast number of Zulus did not support the IFP.

"Given the location of most of the unrest breaking out in strongholds of the ANC, it cannot be ruled out that this may be an orchestrated campaign on the part of elements wishing to disrupt the elections."

The HRC said also that an unprecedented number of refugees was fleeing from areas such as Ndwedwe, KwaMashu and Murchison.

Levels of intolerance and intimidation were high.

Natal toll the highest since 1988

DURBAN — Violence claimed 311 lives in Natal during March — the highest monthly toll since 1988, the Human Rights Commission said in a report this week.

The organisation said the "phenomenal" increase in deaths from the 183 in February and the 172 in January could be largely attributed to conflict between those supporting the elections and those against them. BIDay 2014994

"Of significance is the upsurge in violence in the second half of March. From March 1 to 14, 81 people were killed and 70 injured; from the 15th onwards, 230 people died and 297 were injured."

The commission said the upsurge corresponded with the March 13 occupation of

Own Correspondent

Umlazi's King Zwelithini Stadium — which the ANC had booked for a rally — by Inkatha-supporting Zulus. (276)

Given that most of the unrest broke out in ANC strongholds, it could not be ruled out that this might be an orchestrated campaign by elements wishing to disrupt the elections, the commission said.

Sapa reports that the Natal Security Committee yesterday gave the number of people killed in Natal since the state of emergency was declared as 254.

Among the dead was Maritzburg magistrate Elias Jabulani Nduma Ximba, gunned down at his home early yesterday.

City adopts affirmative action plan

21/4/94

Municipal Reporter

CAPE TOWN yesterday became the first municipality in the country to adopt an affirmative action programme.

The historic accord was signed by the council and its three unions or staff associations.

Although the council had tried for decades to behave as an equal opportunity employer, the "bureaucratic face" it presented was almost universally white.

This was unacceptable, exco chairman Mr Clive Keegan said.

Mr Keegan said people who had been excluded would get the training they needed to advance in their careers.

The council was not "bent on the potentially destructive quota system ... the emphasis is on training". (276)

The Professional Staff Association's spokesman Mr George Gittins said he admired the council's stance.

"We look forward to the accord being implemented in the spirit in which it was intended."

■ *Order restored on East Rand* ■ *Tensions ease in parts of Natal*

Violence levels plum

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■ BY CHARMEELA BHAGOWAT
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Violence on the East Rand has dropped dramatically and has also fallen in some areas of KwaZulu/Natal.

Police on the East Rand reported the townships to be "very quiet" with no deaths overnight. And the Joint Security Committee said that of the seven deaths reported to them in Natal/KwaZulu yesterday, only one was believed to be politically related.

On the East Rand, order was largely restored when the SADF moved in and replaced the National Peacekeeping Force, whose troops returned to barracks early yesterday.

In Natal, the announcement that the Inkatha Freedom Party is to take part in the election saw the levels of violence in a number of areas plummet, but in some regions the announcement did not quell clashes.

Joint Security Committee spokesman Captain Kim van Niekerk said nine people had been killed in clashes in KwaZulu/Natal since Tuesday. Two were slain after the IFP election announcement.

Tensions were still high in some areas. **Sapa** reports that six houses in Ntuzuma were burnt down in the previous 48 hours, and gangsters armed with petrol bombs threatened to sack a Catholic church housing refugees.

TOWNSHIP battles subside as NPKF troops return to barracks and the SADF takes over

KwaZulu/Natal regional peace committee spokesman Dennis Nkosi said the number of battles between ANC and IFP supporters would probably decline, but so-called Third Force activity, criminal violence and traditional disputes would continue.

On the East Rand, the reins were put on battles between township residents and hostel dwellers when the SADF resumed its policing role on Tuesday night. The NPKF was withdrawn from patrolling yesterday after just four days in the area.

Yesterday, Wit Command spokesman Major Christo Visser said that, on the orders of the Chief of the Army, Lieutenant-General Hattingh Pretorius, the NPKF would remain in barracks until the group had "reorganised themselves".

"The defence force is going to be responsible for restabilising the Katlehong/Tokoza/Vosloorus area," Visser said.

Thereafter the NPKF would fall under the auspices of the SADF, engaging in security and self-protection tasks.

However, today NPKF tactical commander Colonel Vic Walker said the SADF and NPKF would be taking joint control and conducting joint operations with the SA Army.

He said the decision was taken late last night and that

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'NPKF shot Oosterbroek'

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is still in a serious condition in hospital. Reuters photographer Juda Ngwenya was shot in the hand. Oosterbroek died on the scene.

Star photographer Gary Bernard said: "Some NPKF guys were behind us. As the shooting from the hostel intensified, one of them appeared to panic and started shooting at us. Then there was shooting from all sides. I saw Ken drop to the ground. Then Greg screamed 'I'm injured'. I'm sure it was the NPKF guys who shot at us."

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Reef, Natal violence plummets

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the NPKF would also take part in the planning of operations with the SA Army.

Walker, however, said that the control of NPKF troops would remain under NPKF command.

He said the operations of NPKF troops would be "restricted in certain levels" and they would be taking on areas and operations of a "less aggressive nature". The force would not be patrolling Tokoza where the recent violence occurred. (278)

A joint statement detailing the operations of both armies on the East Rand would be released later in the day, said Walker (276)

It is understood tasks of the NPKF are likely to include escorting people and delivery vans.

East Rand violence increased dramatically in the last week, after the NPKF had been sent to keep the peace.

Reacting to the NPKF withdrawal, IFP Transvaal leader Themba Khoza said: "God is great. Our prayers have been answered."

However, he wanted the SADF to be deployed only in areas "where they have support".

But they also needed to bring the ISU back into the IFP areas, Khoza added, referring to the controversial Internal Stability Unit of the SAP.

ANC spokesman Carl Niehaus said the redeployment of the ISU was not really an option, but the ANC welcomed the redeployment of the SADF which had played a stabilising role.

(47 Sauer St, Johannesburg)

Zuma's home is attacked again

27/4/94 (276)

DURBAN. — At least 13 people have been killed in Natal in the past two days and ANC premier candidate Mr Jacob Zuma's house has been set alight in the second attack on his home in two months.

The attack on Mr Zuma's home followed rumours — which he has quashed — that he would no longer stand for the premiership.

In the worst attack in the province, four people were killed and three injured when a shack was set alight in Steadville, Ladysmith, on Monday.

KwaMashu, north of Durban, was again the scene of bitter feuding, when three people died in separate attacks on Sunday and Monday.

In Trust Feed, Maritzburg, Ms Bertina Hadebe burnt to death after her house was razed.

● On the Reef, four bodies have been found by police since Sunday.

The body of a man who had been shot dead was found at a railway station in Benoni yesterday.

Five men opened fire on passing cars on the Old Vereeniging Road on Monday night, fatally wounding a man in one vehicle and injuring three people in another car. — Sapa

IEC officials flee

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ST 29/4/94

DURBAN. — IEC officials fled for their lives after an Umlazi polling station was attacked by gunmen on Wednesday night.

The officials had locked the ballot boxes in the school safe before fleeing, police said.

Also in Umlazi, a policman was shot in the knee while investigating some shootings.

At least three people died in Natal unrest, police said.

In Newark, the hacked body of an unidentified man was found on Tuesday. The body of Mr Johannes Simelane, 22, was found near Cezwana.

In Himeville, Mr Zithulele Hadebe was shot dead by a hitch-hiker he had given a ride.

● On the Reef, police found two bodies with bullet wounds in front of the Nguni Hostel, in Vosloorus. — Own Correspondent, Sapa

Conflict over emergency

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Chris Louw

DIFFERING interpretations of what a state of emergency in Natal will entail may spark conflict between the government and the ANC.

The Transitional Executive Council intends drafting regulations for a state of emergency in Natal "in a matter of days" to ensure free and fair elections.

After a meeting on Tuesday, government representative Roelf Meyer emphasised the declaration of a state of emergency would depend on the security situation in the area.

ANC representative Cyril Ramaphosa and the South African Communist Party's Joe Slovo, on the other hand, said a state of emergency would be implemented the moment lawyers had drawn up the regulations. The final decision would, however, rest with President FW de Klerk.

A TEC resolution noted that intensified security action was necessary to secure the safety of those who wanted to vote and participate in election campaigns.

The TEC resolved that, in co-operation with the government and security forces, regulations would be drafted to provide the security forces with special powers to secure the safety of voters, the election process and electioneering through party political activity.

The regulations would be put into operation as soon as necessary, through the declaration of a state of emergency or of unrest areas. They would be monitored by the government, the TEC and the Independent Electoral Commission.

Ramaphosa said after the meeting that the exact number of troops to be deployed had not yet been decided.

He insisted the state of emergency would not be declared "against any party", but "to bring stability to the region, and to ensure effective action is taken against those perpetrating violence and to prevent further loss of life and destruction of property".

Slovo said the emergency regulations, to be drawn up by De Klerk, would give more powers to the South African Defence Force. The police, who already have extensive powers, would provide back-up.

Natal violence flares again but East Rand remains quiet

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WHILE at least 30 people died as violence flared in KwaZulu/Natal at the weekend after a lull during the elections, the East Rand appears to have remained relatively quiet, with police reporting three deaths.

Our Durban correspondent reports that one of the worst-hit areas was Umlazi, where nine people were killed and seven injured in separate incidents.

According to the Natal security committee, two people were killed and five injured when the occupants of a minibus opened fire on them on Saturday. Deaths were also reported in incidents in Keates Drift, Colenso, Maritzburg, KwaMbonambi, Greytown, Ekuvukheni, Esikhawini, Harding, Empangeni, Mtunzini and Wasbank.

JOHANNES NGCOBO reports that police in the East Rand townships of Katlehong, Thokoza and Vosloorus said yesterday they had found only three bodies in the past week — a dramatic drop from recent tolls. In January, shortly before the SADF took over from the internal stability unit in the area, the monthly average was 174.

SAP spokesman Lt Deon Peens said two bodies were found in Thokoza and Daveyton. He said a member of the National Peacekeeping Force had been arrested by internal stability unit members after he had shot at the unit's base.

The Inkatha Freedom Party and the ANC said the relative quietness of the East Rand townships showed people wanted to vote and achieve peace. (27b)

Inkatha Thokoza chairman Abram Mzizi said elections proceeded without violence and people went to the voting stations without being intimidated.

ANC PWV spokesman Vusi Gunene said the peace that prevailed during the elections, with Inkatha supporters queueing side by side with ANC supporters, showed how badly people wanted change.

Sapa reports that seven bodies, including that of a newborn baby, have been found on the West Rand over the past four days. In Lusaka squatter camp, Randfontein, Wilson Ntaka, 34, was killed by eight men armed with knobkerries on Sunday when he tried to stop them assaulting another man. He was then necklaced.

At least 30 die in Natal violence

(276) cr 3/5/94

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — Despite a quiet election week in KwaZulu/Natal, violence flared again at the weekend with at least 30 people killed in isolated incidents.

One of the worst-hit areas was Umlazi, south of here, where at least nine people were killed and seven injured in separate incidents.

According to the Natal Security Committee, two people were killed and five injured when the occupants of a minibus opened fire on them on Saturday.

Seven people were killed and three injured in several other incidents.

Also near here, a bus driver, Mr Cedric Shozi, 31, was shot dead by three men as they alighted at a bus stop in Ndwedwe; Mr Mduduzi Nzama, 29, was hacked to death in Umlazi; Mrs Thembani Ndima, 49, was killed in E Section KwaMashu, and two men, Mr Bigboy Dube and Mr Sizwe Dube, both 20, were shot dead near J1 Section KwaMashu on Friday.

Umlazi was worst-hit with eight killings. Two men were shot dead and five wounded in a drive-by shooting in P Section. Also in P Section, three men were shot and hacked to death.

A youth was shot dead in U Section and a police patrol discovered an unidentified body. Mr Mduduzi Nzama, 29, was stabbed to death on Sunday.

In Lindelani, KwaMashu, a man burnt to death when his home was set alight. The body of Ms Thembani Ndima, 49, was found in E Section.

In Colenso, two men were shot dead when gunmen opened fire on a group on Saturday.

In KwaMbonambi, a man was shot dead on Saturday by a gunman using an AK-47 rifle.

Union's concern over bid to sell rifles to KwaZulu

ARG 6/5/94

JOHANNESBURG. — The National Union of Mineworkers was concerned about the role of Police Commissioner General Johan van der Merwe and of Eskom in the aborted sales of 1 000 semi-automatic rifles to the KwaZulu Police.

A preliminary hearing by the Goldstone Commission said on Wednesday it was unfortunate General Van der Merwe had not consulted Minister of Law and Order Hernus Kriel before authorising an export permit for 1 000 LM4 rifles destined for the KwaZulu Police.

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A union statement said the Ministry of Law and Order should curtail the general's powers, which appeared to put him above the law. — Sapa.

28 die in Natal as violence flares up

CT 10/5/94 (27b)

DURBAN. — Hopes that the elections would reduce violence in strife-torn KwaZulu/Natal were squashed yesterday when police and security forces reported at least 28 people killed at the weekend.

On the East Rand, six people have died in the townships of Katlehong, Thokoza and Vosloorus since Thursday.

In Natal, five of the people killed were shot dead at an engagement party in the North Coast area of KwaMbonambi on Sunday night.

Police said three people were murdered in separate incidents in the Ndwedwe area, about 30km north of Durban.

The remaining 20 deaths were scattered across the province.

Eight people were killed in areas north of Durban, including three deaths in Inanda and KwaMashu.

In separate incidents, four people were murdered in residential areas south of Durban.

The other eight killings were isolated incidents on the South and North coast and in Zululand.

Meanwhile, police said five people and a policeman were injured in downtown Durban on Saturday in a shooting which was sparked by an argument over a car collision.

"A policeman was shot at, and during the exchange of gunfire five others were injured," a police statement said.

Over 390 people have been killed in KwaZulu/Natal since the state of emergency was declared in the province.

On the East Rand, the bodies of two men were found in Zonkizizwe squatter settlement and the body of another man was found in Skhosana section in Katlehong.

A man was shot dead in Ramokonopi West,the body of another man was found with hack wounds in Elandsfontein on Thursday and in Alrode the body of a man was found on Sunday.

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Nine slain in 'isolated' KwaZulu/Natal violence

The police reported nine more killings in Natal yesterday, in what they described as isolated cases of violence.

The latest killings bring to 37 the number of people killed in criminally and politically motivated murders in KwaZulu/Natal since Friday.

KwaZulu Police did not release a report on violence yesterday.

In addition, the South African National Defence Force reported that its camp at Tugela Ferry near Greytown was attacked by a group of unidentified men on Monday night.

Soldiers returned fire and believed they had shot some of the attackers, said an SANDF statement.

No soldiers were injured in the shootout.

A South African Police spokesman said that in one of the cases, five people were attacked while attending an engagement party at KwaMbonambi.

He added that a gang of gunmen opened fire on partygoers, killing five and injuring six others, before fleeing into the night. (276)

In another incident, a man was killed in Port Shepstone when a gang of men walking past him opened fire.

No motive for the murder had been established. — Crime Reporter.

9 more die in Natal violence

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J.11/5/94

DURBAN — Police reported yesterday nine more killings in KwaZulu/Natal since the start of the weekend, pushing the provincial violence toll to 37 since Friday.

Since the state of emergency was imposed in the province at the end of March, more than 400 people have been killed.

Most murders were isolated incidents, but killings were concentrated around Durban and on the South Coast.

Police reports indicate there was a criminal motivation in less than half the cases.

And, in separate incidents, three people were injured in attacks in the province.

The SANDF said its camp in the Tugela Ferry, near the Midlands village of Greytown, came under attack late on Monday night.

No soldiers were injured in the attack, but shouts from the attackers led soldiers to believe some were injured when they returned fire. — Sapa

KwaZulu toll goes up to 51 for this week

ST 14/6/94

DURBAN. — Another four murders have been reported in KwaZulu/Natal, pushing the death toll to 51 in the past seven days, police said yesterday.

The latest murders bring to more than 413 the number of lives lost since a state of emergency was declared in the province more than a month ago.

This figure does not include two deaths in KwaZulu reported by SABC radio news and five people killed in the north coast area of Empangeni on Tuesday during presidential inauguration celebrations.

Police said the unidentified body of a man was found in the north coast area of Stanger on Thursday and the charred body of a man was found further north, in KwaMthethwa.

A man who was assaulted in Greenwood Park, north of Durban, on Monday, died from his injuries on Thursday.

● Two people have been shot dead in separate incidents in KwaZulu, SABC radio news reported yesterday.

In one incident, a man was killed and his wife and children were wounded in an AK-47 attack on their home at the Maqumbi Reserve at Umfolozi.

A man who had locked himself in a storeroom was shot dead after gunmen opened fire through the door, at Ezatheni. — Sapa

ANC offices stormed during MK protest

ET 16/5/94 (276)

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — The ANC's regional leadership will meet with the regional commanders of uMkhonto weSizwe today following the storming of the ANC's offices here by about 200 young MK members on Saturday.

Plate glass windows at Albert Luthuli House in St Georges Street were smashed and shots were fired during a standoff between the MK members and ANC security officials.

The MK members were protesting about being left out of the integration process between MK and the SA National Defence Force.

They had demanded to be sent for training at a camp near Ladysmith.

Police spokesman Maj Henry Budhram said police had been called to the scene, but when they arrived the violence was already over and negotiations were under way.

He said it was impossible to identify suspects, so no one was arrested for malicious damage to property and the police took no action other than standing by to preserve the peace.

The protesters were taken home by bus and told they would be contacted about possible employment in the new army at a later stage.

The dispute had arisen between MK's commanders and its members and did not involve the political leadership of the ANC, ANC southern Natal deputy regional secretary Mr Mpho Scott said.

Two gunned down at Natal store

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The Argus Correspondent

DURBAN. — Two people sitting on the verandah of a food store at Mangete, near Mandini on the North Coast, were gunned down when shots were fired from bushes.

Police said Meshack Mjali, 50, and Thulaleni Sibiya, 45, were killed about 8.30am yesterday.

● Two people were shot dead at Ndwedwe, north of Durban, on Saturday night.

● At Cato Crest squatter camp, police rescued three people facing certain death by an illegal people's court on Saturday night. Eighteen suspects were arrested.

● The body of a man who had been stabbed to death arrived at Maritzburg's Greys Hospital at midday on Saturday. Police did not know where the stabbing of Sibusiso Majola, 45, had taken place. ARG 16/5/94

● No arrests have been made after three men, including two policemen, were wounded during an armed robbery at a supermarket in Phoenix.

Lance-Sergeant Ramesh Ganesh and Constable Anesh Singh were shot at Bhoola's Supermarket after they had responded to a panic alarm. Bhoola director Rajesh Bhoola was also injured in the robbery.

The policemen are in a stable but critical condition.

Natal Inkatha leader killed on way to work

CT 18/5/94 (276)

DURBAN. — An Inkatha Freedom Party leader was killed yesterday outside his home in Mvutshini Reserve, near Margate, as he was setting off for work.

Mr Wilson Xolo, 51, was attacked by an unidentified group of people about 6.30am.

An urgent meeting involving the police, ANC and IFP delegations will be held tomorrow to try and establish peace in the area.

Meanwhile, it was reported that nine more people were murdered since the start of the weekend, bringing to 22 the number killed in the past four days.

The killings push the violence toll to 434 murdered since the state of emergency was declared in the region at the end of March.

The North Coast area of Mtunzini, where four people were killed, was the worst hit, according to reports. The remaining murders were isolated incidents which occurred across the region, among them were two killings with clear criminal motives.

● Thokoza on the East Rand was quiet yesterday. — Sapa

Lift state of emergency in Natal, pleads Black Sash

THE Black Sash has called for the state of emergency in KwaZulu-Natal to be lifted when parliament sits next week — but for troops to be kept in the troubled province. (276) ARG 19/5/94

In a plea to President Mandela today, the human rights group said the far-reaching powers given to security forces should not be allowed to remain in force.

This, the Black Sash "legislation watch" group said, was regardless of the fact that all detainees had been released or charged and that detainees had not been abused.

"Now that the 21 days allowed under chapter 3, section 34 of the interim constitution have lapsed, it is incumbent upon you and the National Assembly to act," the Black Sash said in a letter to Mr Mandela. — Sapa.

focus on Natal

Sowetan 2/5/94

High hopes for lasting peace and an end to years of political killings may hang on the outcome of the election in KwaZulu-Natal, argues *Sapa-Reuter*'s **Kurt Schork:** (276)

NELSON MANDELA'S ANC SEEMS assured of victory in South Africa's all-race elections, but the result in the Zulu heartland may hold the key to peace under black majority rule.

The battle of the ballot box in the new province of KwaZulu-Natal pits the ANC against the Inkatha Freedom Party — whose rival supporters have shot, hacked, burned and slashed one another to death there in a decade of political violence.

But with Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini urging peace and Inkatha Freedom Party leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi promising to abide by the result, the early omens looked promising.

At stake is control of a provincial government serving roughly one-fifth of the country's 40 million people.

Buthelezi, former chief minister of the black homeland of KwaZulu that ceased to exist constitutionally after polling began last Tuesday, is no match for Mandela nationally.

But the Inkatha leader, whose supporters carry spears, clubs, shields and other traditional weapons, desperately wants to win control of the newly integrated KwaZulu-Natal region to secure a future power base for himself and his party.

Both parties say they have the support of South Africa's 8,5 million Zulus — the country's largest single ethnic group.

The ANC hopes to show Buthelezi is isolated even within his home region and that Inkatha's free-market, federalist prescription for what ails South Africa is no alternative to Mandela's compassionate African socialism

Thousands of civil service appointments and government contracts, the life-blood of every political party, are up for grabs.

Fighting between Inkatha and ANC supporters killed 10 000 people in the region over the past decade. Almost 300 have died in political violence there since State President FW de Klerk slapped a state of emergency on the region on March 31 and sent in the army.

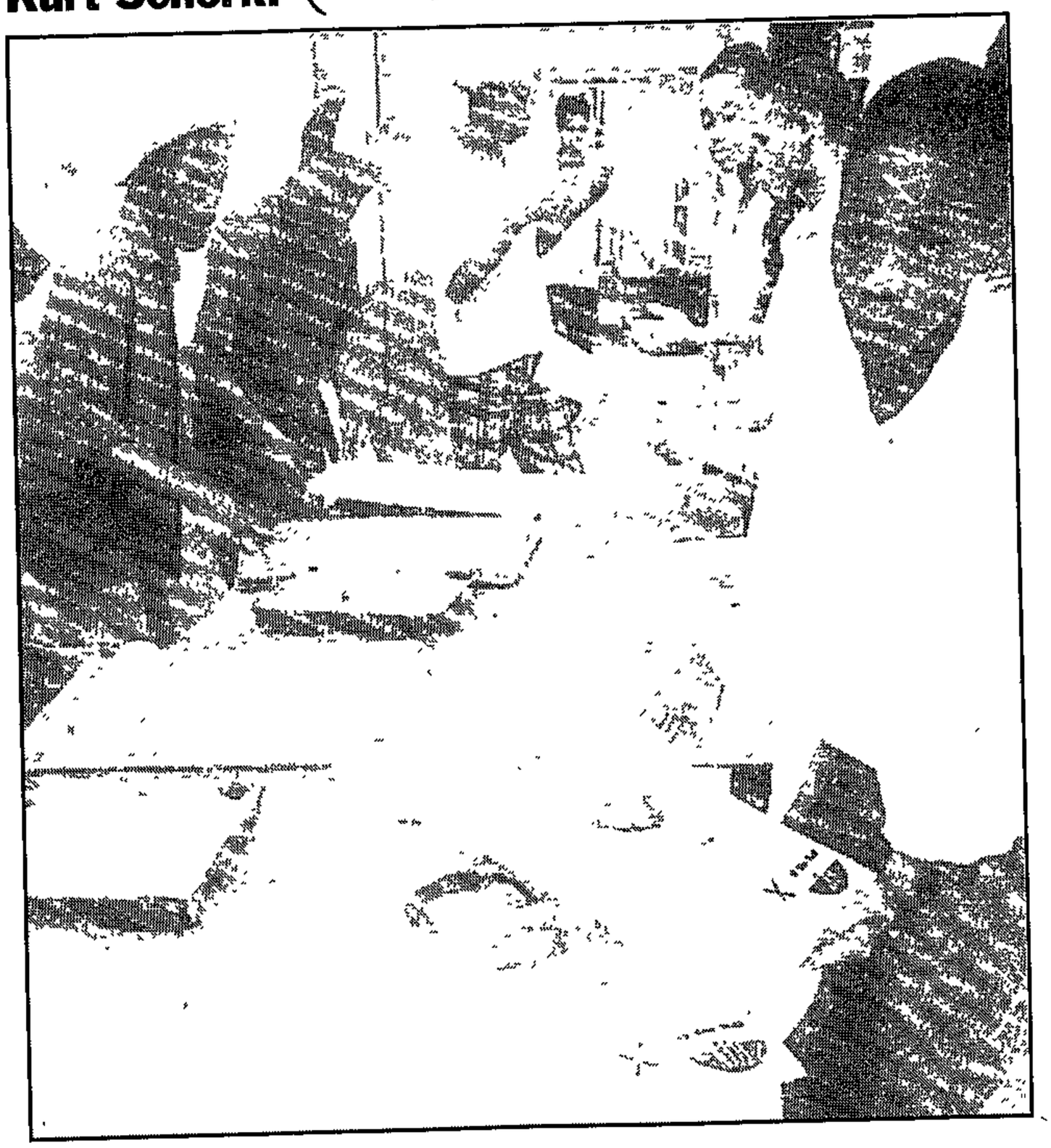
Inkatha entered the elections a week before polling after securing a deal on the constitutional position of the Zulu monarchy.

Early returns gave it a comfortable lead, but nothing was certain in the region where the election was marked by serious irregularities.

Shortages of ballot papers, ballot boxes and other voting supplies forced many KwaZulu polling stations to delay opening their doors by a day or more. Some stations never opened at all. Busloads of ANC supporters travelled from Transkei province into KwaZulu-Natal to cast their votes, possibly altering the final outcome here.

The Independent Electoral Commission, running the poll, was keeping ballots cast on an extra fourth day of voting here separate in case of challenges.

Each party has charged the other with intimidating its voters and election officials. Three ANC campaigners were killed in Ulundi, capital of the old KwaZulu homeland, on the weekend before of the poll.



The IFP fighting in the battle of the ballot box in KwaZulu-Natal.

With so much evidence of mischief, a close result could be challenged by either Inkatha or ANC, or declared invalid by the Electoral Commission, triggering a re-vote.

Lurking behind these procedural niceties is the constant threat of violence in black townships surrounding the city Durban, where well-armed Inkatha and ANC youth are liable to engage in gang warfare at the slightest provocation.

Mandela has called for calm.

Zwelethini, who was instrumental in bringing Inkatha into the elections, has given the poll his seal of approval. "I wish to appeal to the people of KwaZulu and the rest of South Africa to turn their backs against violence," he told his people on state television on Saturday.

"I wish to ... challenge the people of this country (who) fought and won the battle for political freedom. Let us now join hands and fight and win (the) battles of poverty, disease and ignorance ... that is the final attainment of freedom."

Buthelezi (65) says he will accept the verdict of the balloting in KwaZulu-Natal even if he and Inkatha lose, but warns he cannot vouch for his followers. "You must remember that in Angola the election went through, it was certified free and fair, but there was never any peace there (even) until now." — *Sapa-Reuter*.

End Natal emergency — Sash

CT 23/5/94

Political Staff (266)

PRESIDENT Nelson Mandela and the National Assembly should act on the continued state of emergency in KwaZulu/Natal, the Black Sash said yesterday.

It said the state of emergency should be lifted immediately and it endorsed a similar call by the Human Rights Committee.

The South African National Defence Force presence in the area should be used to deal with any emergencies, said the statement, which was issued by Mrs Martha Bridgman on behalf of its legislation watch group

"Regardless of the fact that all detainees have been either been charged or released, and that the special advisers saw that the detainees were handled without abuse, the far-reaching powers according to the security forces should not be allowed to remain in force. (276)

"Now that the 21 days allowed under Chapter Three, Section 34 of the Interim Constitution have lapsed, it is incumbent upon you and the National Assembly to act."

The Black Sash urged Mr Mandela to lift the state of emergency in Parliament this week.

'People should vote on capital'

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DURBAN. — If the KwaZulu/Natal legislature cannot agree on a provincial capital, the people of the region should hold a referendum on the issue, Home Affairs Minister Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi said.

He was presenting the premier of KwaZulu/Natal and his cabinet to people outside the former KwaZulu legislative assembly building in Ulundi on Friday.

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Millions

Chief Buthelezi said he found it strange "there should be qualms about Ulundi" when the legislature of the eastern Transvaal could meet in the parliamentary buildings of the former Bophuthatswana.

"If there is no agreement, let the people of KwaZulu/Natal vote on it in a referendum."

He said that apart from the fact that Ulundi was the capital of King Cetshwayo, the buildings in Ulundi cost millions.

"We have ministerial houses and flats for members of the KwaZulu legislative assembly and housing for senior officials of the government."

ANC, IFP to meet on cabinet row

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The allocation of portfolios to the ANC in the KwaZulu-Natal cabinet will be discussed formally by ANC and Inkatha Freedom Party delegations in Durban today.

The stand-off between regional premier Dr Frank Mdlalose and the ANC over key portfolios in the provincial cabinet follows a crucial miscalculation by ANC Natal leader Mr Jacob Zuma, ANC sources said.

They said Mr Zuma agreed to accept an IFP win at a meeting with Mr Nelson Mandela on April 30. The decision was based on Mr Zuma's confidence Dr Mdlalose would "co-operate". ANC lawyers claim to have sworn affidavits from IEC officials that the IFP victory followed "massive fraud".

The ANC has not discarded the possibility of resorting to court action.

Three ANC ministers appointed to the regional cabinet refused to accept the portfolios and demanded the police portfolio, described by ANC Midlands chairman Mr Harry Gwala as "the difference between liberation and oppression in Natal".

...their houses in Pretoria as well R470 000 a year and MPs R161 000

Guard on land row documents

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By BARRY STREEK
Political Staff

THE Minister of Land Affairs, Mr Derek Hanekom, has ordered a 24-hour guard on his office in Pretoria to prevent the disappearance of any documents in connection with the controversial KwaZulu land transfer.

Mr Hanekom also disclosed yesterday that there was a possibility that the records of the deal had been meddled with and that some officials in his department could be suspended "pending an investigation"

An ANC source said the land row posed the first serious challenge to President Nelson Mandela's two-week-old government

A scheduled meeting last night between Mr Mandela and the Inkatha Freedom Party leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi to discuss the transfer of 1,2 million hectares to the Zulu monarch before the election, is now likely to be held this morning, before today's cabinet meeting.

Earlier, Mr Mandela said as he left an ANC caucus meeting in Parliament "We are dealing with very serious matters"

He also said the issue had been raised by various members of the cabinet and "one might expect it will be on the agenda" of this morning's cabinet meeting.

Sensitive

He is also expected to discuss the dispute in KwaZulu-Natal over the composition of the provincial cabinet with Chief Buthelezi, who is Minister of Home Affairs.

Mr Mandela said he would try to defuse tensions over the transfer of the tribal lands.

"These are very sensitive matters ... we will discuss everything necessary to remove the tensions the land issue and other issues," he said

Land redistribution after 340 years of white rule is one of the priorities of the country's new government and ANC officials said the unilateral deal was in violation of an agreed moratorium on the transfer of state land

Acting leader of the Democratic Party, Mr Tony Leon, said that Deputy President F W de Klerk should be called on to explain the "squalid" KwaZulu land deal, which he had signed.

But the Pan-Africanist Congress said there was no reason to believe that King Goodwill Zwelethini would abuse his powers regarding the Ingonyama land trust PAC economic director Mr Sipho Shabalala said in a statement that "the land is to be held in trust for the born and unborn citizens" of South Africa.

● The cabinet meeting this morning, due to begin at 11am, will be the first time the government of national unity cabinet meets.

Suicide causes

13 more people die in Natal violence

CT 24/5/94 (276)

DURBAN. — At least 13 people were killed in KwaZulu/Natal at the weekend, the SAPS and KwaZulu Police reported yesterday.

Altogether 461 have died since a state of emergency there on March 31.

Mr Sthembile Guliwe, 25, was stabbed to death in Umlazi on Saturday night.

In nearby Umbumbulu, the decomposed body of a 60-year-old woman was found on Saturday morning.

● In KwaThema near Springs, the body of an unidentified man was found about 1am on Sunday.

Also in the township, 24-year-old Mr Johannes Mnguni, from Duduza, was found shot dead on Saturday night and the body of Mr Thomas Mahlong, 36, was found on Saturday morning. — Sapa

KwaZulu death toll rises to 42

DURBAN. — KwaZulu/Natal police today reported a further 15 murders in the province since Friday, bringing to 42 the number killed in the region from the start of the weekend to midweek.

Three people were shot dead in a taxi ambush yesterday near Mtunzini on the North Coast.

Six others were murdered on the North Coast, including Siyavuka Cele who was shot dead in Stanger on Sunday and Prize Lofekene who was shot and killed when he opened his front door and was confronted by gunmen on Monday.

Also in Stanger on Monday, residents killed a suspected housebreaker.

Near Port Shepstone's Quinabout township sniffer dogs discovered the body of P Madondo on Tuesday.

In the Umbumbulu area, the body of 34-year-old man was found with stab wounds in Nkonka Reserve on Sunday.

In the Mvuzane area of Umbumbulu on Saturday, a 30-year-old man was stabbed to death.

In Umlazi, south of Durban, two men aged 27 and 28 were stabbed to death. — Sapa.

Parliament in kwaZulu/ Natal now operational

CT 2/6/94

(276)

Own Correspondent

DURBAN. — The official swearing-in of the three African National Congress ministers at a ceremony in Maritzburg today is expected to pave the way for the kwaZulu/Natal provincial parliament to start functioning in its executive role immediately, political observers said yesterday.

The three ANC MEC's — Mr Jacob Zuma, who holds the economic affairs and tourism portfolio, Mr S'bu Ndebele, roads, transport and traffic control and Dr Zweli Mkhize, who holds the health portfolio, will be officially sworn-in as ministers today.

The regional parliament's first sitting was thrown into a state of confusion recently when the ANC ministers walked out in disagreement over the portfolios, which were initially allocated by the IFP-dominated regional government.

The region's Minister of Education and Culture, Dr Vincent Zulu, held meetings with the education chiefs of the former own affairs administrations yesterday. Speculation is that this could be the first step to a single education department in kwaZulu/Natal.

Mtetwa 'visited' camp

Weekly Mail Reporters

NEWLY installed Natal/kwaZulu Police Minister Celani Mtetwa is named in a recent Transitional Executive Council report as having "visited" the Mlaba camp in northern Natal, where the Inkatha Freedom Party has given military training to up to 5 000 members.

In an interview this week, Mtetwa brushed aside charges by the TEC task group investigating hit squad activity in Natal that the training was unlawful. He said that the ANC and PAC had also trained members of their "private armies" illegally. (276)

By reputation a hardliner, Mtetwa (68) is said to have suggested the formation of a kwaZulu security wing as early as 1980. He also reportedly called on vigilante groups to join police reservists in order to ensure better protection for communities.

As kwaZulu justice minister since 1976, Mtetwa would have been aware of the SADF's secret military training of 200 Inkatha members in the Caprivi Strip in the mid-1980s, and of their subsequent absorption into the kwaZulu Police WM 3-9/6/94

The TEC task force report suggests a link between Inkatha military preparations before the election and the Caprivi graduates.

In the interview, Mtetwa said it was "unlikely" that trainees from the Mlaba training camp would be incorporated into the new provincial police force.

"Nearly half of them are working — some in Johannesburg and Durban. They are not kept as a group waiting for policing," he said.

Mtetwa declined to say what role kwaZulu's deputy commissioner of police, Major General Sipho Mathe, would play in the new force, but said: "He is a general. Goldstone did not prove him guilty."

Mathe is scathingly attacked in the TEC task force's second hit squad report, which recommends his immediate suspension.

Mtetwa said this week that there was no need for a major clean-up in the KZP. "Like all other police, the KZP also have their mistakes but I don't think they are as bad as they were pictured," said Mtetwa.

He added that he did not want to see the police impose peace in strife-torn kwaZulu/Natal through the iron fist.

"If peace is forced by the police, it will be a mistake. It will not be peace. It will be suppression," said Mtetwa.

He added that he hoped to work closely with the ANC leadership to "educate" its supporters to accept the new force.

Mtetwa said he would have no objections if an ANC leader became his deputy, as the two parties are already in government together in kwaZulu/Natal.

Mtetwa said policemen would undergo a reorientation programme if central government introduced such a course.

"They are the big boss. We will wait to see what is their thinking and what are their plans," added Mtetwa.

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Farouk Chothia

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Minister linked to gun-running

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Senior IFP and KZP members have been linked to gun-running and hit squad activities.

Paul Stober and **Farouk Chothia** report

THE Goldstone Commission has information linking the new minister of police in kwaZulu/Natal, Celani Mtetwa, to illegal gun-running for Inkatha.

Sources inside and outside the commission confirmed this week that they have information tying Mtetwa to the receipt of weapons from the network alleged to have been set up by renegade South African Police members.

The police portfolio in the Natal cabinet has been at the centre of this week's battle between the ANC and the Inkatha Freedom Party in Natal over regional executive positions. (See story below).

It has also emerged that the government of national unity is keeping new details of the involvement of key former South African Police and IFP officials in political violence under close wraps for fear of the political repercussions.

The *Mail & Guardian* has been leaked the second report of the Transitional Executive Council task group on hit squads in the kwaZulu Police, which names IFP PWV leader Themba Khoza, IFP PWV parliamentarian Humphrey Ndlovu, and 16 senior kwaZulu (KZP) policemen who are said to have taken part in hit squad activity. No action has been taken on this, although it is dated March 29. And a new Goldstone report, which was expected to have been made public, has been sent to the international team investigating the involvement of IFP and SAP officials in "third force" activity.

This report, dealing with covert operations against anti-apartheid activists, corruption and other criminal activities by policemen, was expected to be released three weeks ago, according to sources in the ANC.

Sources in the commission have confirmed that such a report was drawn up. "There was going to be a report but it was decided it was inappropriate for Goldstone to have his own report now that the international team was investigating," said a source close to the minister of safety and security. Goldstone is understood to have discussed the report with the minister, Sidney Mufamadi.

Judge Richard Goldstone confirmed his commission had handed over the relevant information to the international team. "All information has been submitted to the international team," he said. Asked if his commission would produce further reports on the matter, he said: "It depends very much on what comes out of the international investigation. There may or may not be, I really can't say."

The second report by the TEC task group investigating hitsquads in the kwaZulu Police recommends the immediate suspension of the deputy commissioner of the KZP, Major General Sipho Mathe, on grounds that he aided and concealed the activities of hit men in the KZP. Among other things, he is accused of "disgraceful conduct" by failing to investigate hit squad claims against three senior Inkatha members.

The report paints a frightening picture of the systematic concealment, failure to investigate and conniving at hit squad activity in the KZP by senior officers. It recommends the suspension of two KZP brigadiers, CP Mzimela and BL Ndlovu, and a district commander, Lieutenant Colonel Sipho Mdluli. It also calls for charges of defeating the ends of justice to be investigated against LA Hlengwa, a former policeman and currently an IFP head office official in Ulundi. Also recommended is the suspension of two majors, two captains and a lieutenant and the investigation of a brigadier, a major and two captains.

The TEC report says an investigation into a massacre at Nqutu, Natal, by a kwaZulu policeman, Lieutenant Mbatha, "revealed that the rest of the suspects were members of a hit squad that operated from hostels in East Rand and that Themba Khoza and Humphrey Ndlovu were involved in the planning of the massacre".

The reluctance to take firm action against "third force" suspects reflects differences in both the ANC and the government about how to deal with criminal rightwing elements in the security forces.

In the ANC, there are those who are urging a "softly-softly" approach, in an attempt to win these elements over. They appear to have the backing of State President Nelson Mandela.

Others feel the quick removal of those who were involved in orchestrating violence is the only way to finally stop those involved in political destabilisation and get to the bottom of the political violence which has rocked South Africa since 1990.

The debate around indemnity is also crucial. The authors of the TEC report urge the TEC to grant selective indemnity to witnesses who are prepared to give further details of "third force" activity. They warn that without being able to offer potential witnesses indemnity, there is "little or no prospect of rooting out those orchestrating this significant cause of political violence".

The government has made no substantial moves towards addressing this particular indemnity issue. Senior former South African Police officers are pushing for a blanket indemnity for all political crimes after a cut off date, without disclosure of the crime. They apparently hope this will prevent lower ranking officers from testifying against their seniors.

The ANC and human rights activists have been pushing for the full disclosure by those involved in political violence to help them with their investigations At the moment, the government is taking the view that they cannot defy the generals without destabilising the security forces — something they are not prepared to risk.

Meanwhile, all Judge Goldstone's witnesses — the mystery "Qs" who were sent to Denmark for safety in the wake of the release of the "third force" report — were brought back to South Africa three weeks ago.

The men confessed to the killings and named another five men Mbatha's investigations revealed that the rest of the suspects were members of a hit squad that operated from hostels in the East Rand and that Temba Khoza and Humphrey Ndlovu were involved in the planning of the massacre On the basis of this information Mbatha approached Brigadier Ndlovu to obtain a private vehicle to travel to Johannesburg to arrest the suspects Brigadier Ndlovu refused to issue a vehicle to Mbata During the week following the massacre Brigadier Ndlovu removed Mbatha from the case and handed it over to a

TEC report names IFP members involved in killings

'Inkatha factions incited violence'

By CARMEL RICKARD

THE sudden surge of violence in Natal, immediately before the elections, was the result of a well-planned and co-ordinated strategy by anti-election factions within the Inkatha Freedom Party.

This is claimed in a report issued this week in Johannesburg by the Human Rights Committee.

The report notes that political violence in Natal reached unprecedented levels in March when 311 deaths were recorded. April was even worse: 338 people died — a figure double the 1993 monthly average.

To support their claim that the surge in violence was part of a deliberate strategy by IFP elements, HRC researchers refer to:

- **Statistical evidence of the sudden increase in deaths.**
- **Reports by international observers; the IFP campaign of disrupting rallies through "occupying" venues booked by the African National Congress and the deaths and injuries associated with this strategy.**
- **The busing of armed IFP supporters — often trained allegedly in controversial para-military camps — into pro-ANC areas with disastrous consequences.**
- **The training in the camps themselves, during the period immediately before the elections.**

HRC's claims of deliberate IFP incitement to violence follow two reports to the Transitional Executive Council and a still unpublished Goldstone commission report which name prominent officials of the IFP, the former Kwazulu government and the Kwazulu Police as involved allegedly in a series of covert activities including gun running.

Among others, these reports have named IFP senator Phillip Powell, the new Kwazulu Natal Minister of Police Celani Mtetwa, the KZP deputy commissioner Sipho Mathe, IFP PWV leader Themba Khoza and IFP PWV parliamentarian Humphrey Ndlovu.

Weekend unrest leaves 19 dead

CT 7/6/94

DURBAN. — A three-year-old girl was shot dead in kwaMashu yesterday morning, bringing to at least 19 the number of people killed in kwaZulu/Natal since the start of the weekend, police reported.

Three-year-old Nomaswazi Nkwanyana was killed in a rural homestead by an unidentified gunman.

In nearby F section, the body of Mr Siyabonga Khoza, 20, was found shot dead. In L section, Mr Mandlakayise Shabalala was stabbed to death on Sunday.

Mr Celi Zulu, 30, was stabbed to death in Mandini, on the North Coast, on Sunday night.

A 57-year-old woman fell into a ditch and broke her neck after she was chased by an assailant.

● Five people — including two policemen and two women — were killed, and two others were wounded in violence in East Rand townships during the weekend, a police spokesman said.

● The national toll in unrest-related incidents dropped by more than half from April's 487 to 195 in May, the Human Rights Committee said yesterday.

The HRC said the decrease was a "clear signal" the peace which prevailed during the election period had been maintained. — Sapa

'Gun-running' denied

DURBAN. — KwaZulu/Natal's new MEC for police Mr Celani Mtetwa has slammed as "slanderous" press reports linking him to alleged gun-running for the Inkatha Freedom Party.

He rejected as unfounded the "rumours" against him.

Mr Mtetwa was referring to a Weekly Mail report that he was linked to the receiving of weapons from renegade South African Police members for the IFP.

A statement from his office yesterday said the allegations were not contained in any of the official reports of the Goldstone Commission, given the task of investigating violence.

He said that until the commission approached him directly, he would not respond to rumours except to reject them. (27b) CT8/6/94

The Weekly Mail said the commission has compiled a report on IFP-SAP complicity in "third force" activities, which has been forwarded to an international investigating team. — Sapa

Murder toll rises in kwaZulu/Natal

CT 8/6/94 (27b)

DURBAN. — Police yesterday reported at least 13 more people were killed in kwaZulu/Natal since Friday, bringing to at least 32 the number of murders in the province in the past five days.

The high toll follows a Human Rights Committee report that noted a decline in violence in kwaZulu/Natal in spite of tension in the province. May's toll of 104 was the lowest since January 1993, the HRC said.

Police said three of the latest killings were apparently in retaliation for attacks which left nine dead on the South Coast at the weekend.

One was a suspected rapist who was beaten by family members of the alleged victim and died in hospital.

● The bodies of two men — one with burns and the other with bullet wounds — were found in Katlehong on the East Rand on Monday. — Sapa

2 more die in kwaZulu/Natal

ST 11/6/94

DURBAN. — At least two people were killed in kwaZulu/Natal over the past two days, the kwaZulu Police said yesterday (276)

Dinga Sibiya, 13, was shot dead at her Mandini home on Wednesday.

And in Umbumbulu the body of an unidentified 20-year-old man was found on Thursday.

● Safety and Security Minister Mr Sidney Mufamadi yesterday said the magisterial districts of Johannesburg, Krugersdorp, Randburg, Roodepoort and Westonaria were no longer unrest areas. — Sapa

12 murdered in kwaZulu/Natal

276 CT 14/6/94

DURBAN. — At least 12 people were murdered in kwaZulu/Natal at the weekend, police said.

In Newcastle on Sunday two men were attacked by a knife-wielding man who stabbed one to death. In Mahlabatini Samuel Dlamini was shot dead on Friday.

In Port Shepstone's Albersville area Mdudusi Cele was stabbed to death on Saturday. In the Umbumbulu area Ntombithini Makhanya was stabbed to death on Saturday.

In Stanger on the North Coast Mr N Ngcobo was stabbed to death when he opened his front door on Friday. In nearby Eshowe a man was killed when he and four others came under fire as they were travelling in Zundophi Reserve on Friday.

In Umlazi's J Section Richard Nglongo was shot dead in his taxi on Friday. On Saturday Mlungisi Soqinase was shot dead in K Section and three men were killed in Q Section. — Sapa

Durban's house of horrors

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A mountain of unclaimed, decomposing corpses was just one of the nightmares **Farouk Chothia** recently discovered at the largest mortuary in Natal/kwaZulu

A CLANDESTINE visit to Durban's Gale Street mortuary, the largest in Natal/kwaZulu, has exposed nightmare working conditions and claims of serious irregularities These include.

●Unclaimed and decomposing corpses, some of which have been at the mortuary for a month or longer

●A shortage of cold-room space and cutting rooms for autopsies.

●Allegations that district surgeons have written post-mortem reports without carrying out examinations, and that undertakers are touting for business.

●Complaints of racism and victimisation by black staff. The sight greeting the *Mail & Guardian* reporter who was smuggled into the Gale Street mortuary was gruesome: between 40 and 50 corpses lay in a cold room built to accommodate 24 bodies. Lying strewn on the floor, some corpses had been there for a month or more

Speaking on condition of anonymity, staffers blamed the logjam on the absence of mortuaries in townships and the failure of police to track down families of the dead.

They argued that in terms of police procedure, investigating officers had to obtain fingerprints within seven days and to try to track down families within 14 days, failing which the dead had to be given a pauper's funeral

Police spokesman Major Bala Naidoo said police preferred to give families more time to identify bodies He denied overloading at Gale Street, saying there were mortuaries throughout the province and that a new one had been built in Phoenix, south of Durban.

But staffers said that on most occasions, except with politically motivated deaths, police made no effort to track down families. Investigating officers broke standing orders by relying on black policemen and staffers at the mortuary to take fingerprints.

"These are then sent to Pretoria, and it takes six weeks or more before we receive replies on identification. Many decent people are given paupers' burials because relatives have not been traced," said one staffer

The workers also complained about the shortage of cutting rooms "The cutting rooms look like dirty abattoirs Bodies are shoved around on the floor and there s blood everywhere," said one worker

The sources also said that police had recently caught three district surgeons who had written out post-mortem reports without conducting examinations The bodies had been brought to the Gale Street mortuary, where "in one instance we found that the report showed a man had sustained two stab wounds in the chest and neck when he had sustained gunshot wounds. Apart from it being illegal, the failure to conduct proper post-mortems could mean families lose insurance claims".

Professor Jan Botha, a state pathologist who conducted post-mortems at Gale Street, declined to comment as "the matter is sub judice".

Insiders said another snag at Gale Street was that staffers were forced to tout for undertakers. They claimed a husband and wife team — the man was a warrant officer at the mortuary police station and the woman an undertaker — expected them to tout for them on pain of "victimisation"

The source added that a black policeman had been accused of selling state fridges to another funeral parlour.

Naidoo said while the possibility of touting "cannot be ruled out", there had been no substantial proof of the allegations.

New path for pathology

AN independent medico-legal unit, the first of its kind in Africa, is lobbying the government for changes in forensic pathology.

Formed earlier this year with a grant from the Danish government, the Durban-based unit also offers the services of independent forensic or medical assessments in cases of political or state violence, in an attempt to prevent pathologists covering up for police.

Unit co-ordinator Wendy Watson said services were offered to families across the country.

The unit was lobbying government "to formulate a protocol which will stimulate discussion on changes in the system of state pathology".

For example, the handling of politically motivated deaths should shift from the Department of Safety and Security to the Department of Justice. "If a person dies in a cell, you cannot expect police to investigate themselves," said Watson.

The unit believes post-mortems should be conducted at a provincial level, "rather than in the police laboratories. This would result in more efficiency and accuracy".

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Eleven killed in kwaZulu/Natal

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DURBAN. — At least 11 people were killed in kwaZulu/Natal at the weekend, including a suspected rapist and murderer who was shot dead while trying to escape, police said yesterday.

Miss L Govender, 20, and Mr V Rajcoomar were abducted by three armed men at Pinetown's Sanlam Centre on Friday and both were stabbed.

The next day Mr Rajcoomar was found in a critical condition and Miss Govender's body was discovered in a sugar cane plantation at the outskirts of nearby Hillcrest.

Police spotted suspects driving a car with Mr Rajcoomar's stolen registration plate, and chased it. They shot and killed one suspect and the other two were arrested. Police said they were investigating rape and murder charges.

Of the remaining murders at the weekend, four were reported on the South Coast, three on the North Coast, and two in the greater Durban area.

In three of these cases the murder motive was "obviously criminal", police said. — Sapa

25 more violent deaths in kwaZulu

(276)
CT 22/6/94

DURBAN. — At least 25 people have died violently in the kwaZulu/Natal area since the weekend with 14 new deaths reported yesterday.

Four people were executed by a pair of robbers who broke into a store on Sunday in Gingindlovu.

On Monday, near Empangeni, Mr Phazamisa Biyela, 45, was shot dead outside his kraal.

Nearby Mr Bhekumuzi Sibiya was killed while walking with friends.

Mr Ntombeningi Mandlovu was stabbed to death on a Umhlali farm.

In Pinetown Mr Sahik Ramathula's battered body was found in his bed. His car was stolen.

Mr Themba Dlamini was stabbed to death in a kwaMashu hostel.

Two people were shot dead in separate incidents in Umbumbulu. They were Mr Sifiso Maphumulo, 50, and Ms Miriam Makhanya, 43.

Robbers killed a Port Shepstone security guard, Mr Mansfield Judd, 35. — Sapa

Murders push toll up to 30

CT 23/6/94 (276) (254)

DURBAN — KwaZulu/Natal police yesterday reported another five murders in the province this week, bringing to at least 30 the number of people killed in the region since Friday.

● While the state of emergency in kwaZulu/Natal has lapsed legally, police in the region say it still stands, and the national cabinet has yet to decide on whether to maintain it.

A SANDF spokesman yesterday told a press briefing that while the security legislation lapsed 21 days after the new government came to power, the emergency had not been lifted.

The regional peace committee is in favour of continued troop deployment to deter violence. — Sapa

Marchers 'fired on from ANC building'

☐ Minister denies obstruction of investigation

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Political Staff

POLICE investigations indicate that an attack on marchers in Johannesburg on March 28 was launched from the African National Congress's headquarters, Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi has told parliament.

He added: "Shots were also fired at the marchers from the roof of Shell House (the headquarters building)."

Eleven people died in a hail of bullets outside the Plein Street offices during the incident, which threatened to derail South Africa's transition. It came during a day of widespread bloodshed in central Johannesburg as "Zulu royalists" protested againt the impending election.

Yesterday the row over whether the ANC was obstructing the police investigation flared again, this time in parliament.

Responding to questions tabled by Democratic Party acting leader Tony Leon, Mr Mufamadi said the police were conducting an investigation, which was yet to be completed.

"From the investigation, it is clear that the attack on the marchers was launched from within Shell House," he said.

On the day of the incident, ANC spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa claimed the head office was attacked from three directions by armed marchers and that ANC security personnel returned the fire.

The minister said yesterday it was possible that arrests would be made and charges laid "as soon as suspects have been identified and sufficient evidence has been collected".

Police investigators had not been denied access to the ANC headquarters after the incident.

Mr Leon said the ANC's actions suggested a cover-up and an obstruction of justice.

He was "advised" that so far there had been no co-operation from the ANC in the investigation and that President Nelson Mandela had withdrawn his undertaking that the ANC would co-operate fully in handing over guns used in the incident.

Natal death toll up to 31

Sowetan 1/7/94

KWAZULU-NATAL police yesterday said two more people were murdered this week, bringing to 31 the number of people killed in the province since last Friday.

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The Human Rights Committee in KwaZulu-Natal this week reacted to the contradiction between its weekly report of fatalities and police reports.

HRC spokesman Linda McLean said the organisation was meticulous in determining whether killings were politically motivated. (276)

Explaining the difference in a police report of at least 31 deaths in the past six days compared with the HRC account of five, she said criminal violence had overtaken political violence.

Said McLean: "Violence levels have dropped since the elections, but are still unacceptably high. It has become harder to determine which murders are political. Police reports show that a minimum of these are politically motivated."

But, she added, many issues had to be resolved before killings stopped.

McLean cited problems with tribal authorities, policing, self-defence units, an abundance of weapons and increased faction fighting. — *Sapa.*

Star 11/7/94

31 killed in Natal during past week

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She said the HRC was meticulous in establishing whether killings were politically motivated. If they were, they were documented by the HRC.

■ Four people were killed in a shootout with police in KwaMashu township outside Durban yesterday, police said. — Sapa-Reuter.

ANC, Inkatha rally for peace

(276) CT 4/8/94

Goodwill comes to hot spot

DURBAN. — Inkatha Freedom Party and ANC residents of formerly embattled townships north of here thronged to a joint peace rally in the area yesterday, some of them venturing into "enemy" territory for the first time since the election.

The event, at Ntuzuma's Gugulabasha sports field, drew over a 1 000 supporters, and bore testimony to the new atmosphere of goodwill that prevails in the formerly volatile area.

Leading their supporters into the venue, IFP and ANC provincial MPs Mr Thomas Shabalala and Mr Bheki Cele embraced, putting past acrimonies behind them in order to facilitate peace.

ANC supporters and local church groups arrived first, many wondering if their past rivals in neighbouring Lindelani would show up

But IFP supporters, many of them collected in traditional impis, eventually arrived at the field, led by Mr Shabalala

Among his supporters was Sipho Shembe, who described the occasion as "a good day"

ANC supporters had similar reactions to the rally. One who did not want to be identified said "There was too much fighting, now we want peace"

Meanwhile, Mr Cele and Mr Shabalala made a joint plea for peace, and encouraged supporters to fight crime and reject violence.

Mr Cele said parents should guide their children and encourage youths to enjoy their youth, "instead of running around the country with matches, tyres and guns".

He said residents should resist drug dealers and gun smugglers and concentrate on demonstrating peace.

Mr Shabalala said residents should sustain their efforts for peace because these had paid off during the election, when people had expected a Rwanda-type situation.

Mr Cele said the area had the potential to become one of the most peaceful owing to IFP/ANC co-operation. — Sapa

Six killed in kwaZulu/Natal

DURBAN. — kwaZulu/Natal police said yesterday that at least six people were killed at the weekend, all of them on Friday.

In half of the killings a criminal motive was obvious. But in the remaining three murders, committed in Durban's Umlazi township, the motives were unknown.

Police said Mr Alson Ntshangase, 70, was shot dead while asleep in his home in the township. An unidentified 20-year-old man was stabbed in the same area, and Mr Membona Mbehle, 25, was shot dead.

In Phoenix, north of Durban, a suspected robber was killed when residents returned his gunfire after they were alerted to the robbery. Police said another suspect was injured.

In Maritzburg, Mr Mabuyi Damakude, 35, was stabbed to death during an argument at an hotel. A suspect was arrested.

In the northern kwaZulu/Natal area of Greytown, 16-year-old Meschar Naidoo died after being hit over the head by a masked assailant who attacked him and his girlfriend while they were in a park in the evening.

His girlfriend managed to escape and call the police. — Sapa (276) CT 4/7/94

More kwaZulu political deaths

DURBAN. — Political violence claimed two more lives in kwaZulu/Natal, raising to 15 the number of people killed in the past five days.

Police said they had arrested three suspects in connection with the fatal stabbing of Mr Sibongiseni Mkhungo, 26, in Umlazi township at the weekend.

In the South Coast area of Umbumbulu, Mr Phelelani Shange, 25, was shot dead and a woman companion wounded when they were attacked at the weekend. — Sapa

Man bound and murdered

JOHANNESBURG. — An elderly man has been found dead, with his hands and legs tied up, at his Malanshof home.

Police said Jacobus Luyten, 62, a Netherlands citizen, lived with Rodney Mogorosi at Malanshof, in Linden, west of Johannesburg.

Mr Mogorosi returned home at about 7.15pm last night to find Mr Luyten dead in his bedroom. His hands and legs were bound.

Police said the Mr Luyten had no visible wounds. It is suspected he was strangled.

The telephone lines to the house had been cut and the safe opened.

Police added that Mr Luyten's 9mm pistol and jewellery estimated at about R7 000 were missing. — Sapa.

Tax levy will hit new pensioners hard

ARG 6/7/94.

☐ Makes nonsense of principle, says expert

ALIDE DASNOIS
Business Staff

PEOPLE who retire or are retrenched this year are likely to be hard hit by the 5 percent transitional levy.

Old Mutual tax expert Abri Meiring says people who take large lump sums in the course of the current tax year might have to pay 3,3 percent more tax on the taxable part of their payment.

The 5 percent levy is payable on income over R50 000 — or R175 000 in the case of married women.

It is to be paid in two parts — 3,3 percent in the current financial year and 1,67 percent next year.

The first R120 000 of a retrenchment package or pension payout is exempt from tax, with the excess taxed at the taxpayer's average rate of tax in the year of retirement or retrenchment.

Mr Meiring says it is a tax principle that abnormal accruals be taxed at the average rate. This applies to retrenchment payments as well as to lump-sum pension payouts.

The Department of Inland Revenue's intention to impose the levy on lump sums "makes nonsense of this principle," he says.

The life assurance industry is making representations to the minister of finance on the matter.

The system could be particularly damaging to people who retired or were retrenched this year, who have invested their lump sum, and who are left without ready cash to pay this unexpected tax.

More KwaZulu-Natal killings bring toll to 21 in five days

DURBAN. — At least six more people were murdered in KwaZulu/Natal this week, including two people who were shot dead in a taxi ambush on the South Coast yesterday, police reported today.

The latest killings bring to 21 the number of people murdered in the province since last Friday (276)

At least two others were wounded in the taxi ambush, near Margate, apparently by AK 47 fire. ARG 6/7/94

A spokesman at the Port Shepstone Peace Committee said one of the men killed in the ambush was an Inkatha Freedom Party-aligned induna, or traditional headman.

He said that since the ambush yesterday there had been more fighting in the area, and "several deaths and injuries".

He said problems in the area had become more acute since the local chief fled late last year after an attempt was made on his life.

Meanwhile, in Durban's Cato Manor area, Bertina Msomi was shot dead in the early hours of Tuesday.

The suspected killer, later arrested, also smashed the windows of her house. — Sapa.

NEWS IFP-aligned induna dies in ambush ● Demand for sitting of legislature

More clashes push Natal toll to 21

■ **DEATH TRAIL** Violence intensifies after attempt on chief's life:

AT LEAST six more people were murdered in KwaZulu-Natal this week, including at least two people who were shot dead in a taxi ambush in the South Coast area of Gcilima on Tuesday, police reported yesterday. The latest killings bring to 21 the number of people murdered in the province since Friday. In the Gcilima ambush, at least two other people were wounded when gunmen opened fire — reportedly with AK-47 rifles — on the taxi. An employee of the Port Shepstone Peace Committee said one of the men killed in the ambush was an Inkatha Freedom Party-aligned induna or traditional headman. He said between the ambush on Tuesday afternoon and yesterday morning, there had been more fighting in Gcilima, leading to "a number of deaths and injuries". He suggested the ambush and subsequent fighting was linked to ongoing problems in the area. The violence had intensified since a local chief fled the area late last year after an attempt on his life.

● Meanwhile, in Durban's Cato Manor area, Bertina Msomi was shot dead early on Tuesday. A suspect was arrested. In Verulam, on the North Coast, a suspected robber was shot dead by police after he allegedly attacked a policeman following him and two other suspects after an attempted housebreaking on Tuesday. In Pinetown's KwaDabeka area, taxi driver Mr ME Ngubane was shot dead on Monday by three of his passengers when he refused to hand over the keys to his vehicle. In Durban's Sydenham area, the body of Manzi Gumede was found on Monday. — *Sapa.*

kwaZulu's 500 000 refugees

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PORT SHEPSTONE. — Years of political warfare have created 500 000 refugees in kwaZulu/Natal and peace workers say the problem is too urgent to be ignored any longer.

Regional peace committee director Mr Dennis Nkosi said he was compiling a report to alert the government to the crisis.

Hundreds of refugees fled Gcilima near Margate on the South Coast yesterday after the toll in violence rose to six.

Fighting erupted on Tuesday after the murder of a local IFP leader. Two more people were killed, and police yesterday reported a further three killings.

Elsewhere in the province, Mr Dumisani Msomi, 22, was killed near kwaMakutha, and Mr Alex Dludla, 20, was killed in Umlazi.

Police insisted the investigation satis- awaiting trial, he said.

Political violence death toll now six

DURBAN — The toll in political violence at Gcilima, near Margate on the KwaZulu/Natal south coast had risen to six, and hundreds of refugees were leaving the area, police said yesterday.

Fighting erupted on Tuesday after the murder of a local Inkatha Freedom Party leader.

Scores of houses were destroyed, leaving hundreds homeless, police said. Yesterday a shop was also burnt down.

Police said 15 people had been injured in the conflict.

"Reinforcements have been sent to the area," said a police spokesman.

Police also reported two violent deaths in other parts of the province.

Dumisani Msomi, 22, was killed in the south coast area of KwaMakutha, and Alex Dludla, 20, in Durban's Umlazi township. BDay 8/7/94

The political warfare in the province has created 500 000 refugees and peace workers say the problem is too urgent to be ignored by government. (276)

Regional peace committee director Dennis Nkosi said he was compiling a comprehensive report to "wake up government" to the enormity of the crisis.

"We have up to 500 000 refugees in this province and we need the government to make land, houses and other resources available," he said. — Sapa-Reuter.

Local govt talks on track

BDay 8/7/94

WILSON ZWANE

THE country's nine provincial premiers and their local government MECs will meet in Pretoria next week in what is seen as the biggest push yet for local government transformation.

Sources said yesterday that the summit meeting of the leaders would be convened by Constitutional Development, Provincial Affairs and Local Government Minister Roelf Meyer.

The meeting would discuss ways — including amendments to the Local Government Transition Act — to expedite the process of democratising local government, said sources.

The news of the meeting coincided with an announcement by the Transvaal Municipal Association (TMA) that it was expecting disputes between itself and civic associations over "transition models" for 11 CP-controlled towns.

These towns included Witbank, Secunda, Krugersdorp and Springs.

It appears that the TMA's fears of a confrontation stem from a dispute which has arisen between the Duduza Civic Association and Nigel Town Council over a transition model for the East Rand area.

TMA vice-president Paul Fouche said the civic association wanted the nullification of an agreement endorsed in May by a local government transition forum stating that the area should have a co-ordinating committee rather than a joint council.

A co-ordinating committee is a "super council" to which existing local authorities will appoint representatives and a joint council is a body, comprising an equal number of statutory and non-statutory organisations, which will replace existing municipalities.

According to Fouche, one of the civic association's objections to the co-ordinating committee was that it perpetuated "apartheid" structures.

He said it had been agreed by the ANC and the previous government that joint councils would be mandatory for metropolitan areas such as Johannesburg, while co-ordinating committees would be established in small, CP-controlled towns.

Fouche added that there was an agreement between his organisation and the ANC that, should a dispute over the transition models arise in medium-sized, CP-controlled towns such as Witbank, the ANC would prevail on the civic organisations to opt for the co-ordinating committees.

Govt urged to tackle Natal refugee crisis

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Port Shepstone — Years of political warfare have created a refugee population of up to 500 000 in KwaZulu/Natal and peace workers say the problem is too urgent to be ignored any longer by the new Government.

KwaZulu/Natal regional peace committee director Dennis Nkosi said he was compiling a comprehensive report to alert the Government to the size of the crisis.

"We want to conscientise the Government about displacees. We have up to 500 000 in this province and we need the Government to make land, houses and other resources available," he said.

"People are getting impatient. They hear about the new South Africa, but many people are sleeping in the bushes or with relatives. They don't feel the change. Displacees must be addressed as a matter of priority and should be a part of the Reconstruction and Development Programme so that the process of nation-building is all-inclusive.

"When people flee their homes we are left with countless problems. People have nowhere to go ... and whole families are left leading a nomadic lifestyle," said Port Shepstone Peace Committee chairman Danny Chetty.

Peace worker Bruce Walker said the Government had yet to address the crisis and "come up with a strategy of reconciliation which has to be implemented from the highest political level and then filter down to the ground."

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"This should lead to either building new homes for displacees or making plans for them to return to their communities."

■ The toll in political violence at Gcilima near Margate on the KwaZulu/Natal South Coast has risen to six, and hundreds of refugees are leaving the area, police said yesterday.

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Scores of houses were destroyed and a shop was burnt down yesterday morning.

Police said 15 people had been injured in the conflict.

"Reinforcements have been sent in," said a spokesman.

Southbroom resident Anton Hendriksz said he was housing 13 refugees in his home. A friend was accommodating 19.

Police reported two violent deaths in other parts of the province. Dumisani Msomi (22) was killed in KwaMakutha and Alex Dludla (20) in Durban's Umlazi township. — Sapa-Reuter.

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IFP calls for end of emergency

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ULUNDI. — The Inkatha Freedom Party emerged from its annual conference with a new constitution aimed at bolstering its image and strengthening it for future elections.

The party also adopted several resolutions, including a call for President Nelson Mandela to lift the state of emergency in KwaZulu-Natal and a demand that international mediation begin soon on Inkatha's constitutional differences with the African National Congress.

Former president F W De Klerk declared a state of emergency in KwaZulu-Natal to halt soaring violence in the run-up to the elections.

Violence is still claiming a high death toll in the province, from criminal attacks and political fighting between Inkatha and ANC supporters.

An Inkatha statement yesterday said: "The continuation of the state of emergency is an aberration both in respect of the spirit of goodwill and of the promise of the interim constitution."

Inkatha also reinforced its demand for Ulundi to become KwaZulu-Natal's new capital in place of the old Natal capital of Pietermaritzburg.

Ulundi was the capital of the former KwaZulu black homeland, which merged with Natal after the elections.

The location of a capital has been the most contentious issue facing the new provincial government and the emotional response by several thousand conference delegates on the issue appeared set to keep Inkatha and the ANC at odds on the issue.

The party also adopted an amended constitution, which officials said strengthened Inkatha's federal structure and entrenched democratic principles to carry it into the 21st century. — Reuter.

kwaZulu/Natal death toll at 31

DURBAN. — At least five more people were murdered in kwaZulu/Natal this week, police said yesterday, bringing to 31 the number of people killed in the past seven days. (27b)

Yesterday in Durban's kwaMashu township, two bodies were discovered in a cemetery. One of them was identified as Khela Mnyandu who appeared to have been shot dead. The other body was burnt.

On Thursday in the northern kwaZulu/Natal district of Nongoma, Nyawo Hadebe, 37, was shot dead in an ambush and his companion injured.

In Durban's Montclair area, Ndukuzempi Ngidi, 45, was murdered near the Glebelands hostel.

In the South Coast area of Izingolweni, the burnt remains of an unidentified man were found.

● The body of an unkown man, about 20, was found in Thokoza on Thursday night.

At least 22 people have died in violence in Katlehong and Thokoza since Saturday when four people were shot dead. — Sapa CT 9/7/94

Natal violence claims 15 lives

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DURBAN. — At least 15 people were killed in violence in kwaZulu/Natal at the weekend.

Police reported two more deaths in the violence-torn Margate area — local IFP leader Mr Lotus Ngoba and a 16-year-old youth.

Since Tuesday last week, at least eight people have been killed and hundreds left homeless during fighting in the rural areas around Margate.

Unconfirmed reports claim two other people were shot and killed at Folweni, south of Durban.

Also in the Durban area, Mr Gerry Treloar, 70, was stabbed and strangled to death at his home on Friday night, and Mr Rodney Driman was stabbed to death during a fight early yesterday.

On Saturday a man was killed after he allegedly fired a shot at Mr Pragasen Pillay.

Also on Saturday police found the bodies of three unidentified men, and the body of Mr Thembinkosi Mazibuko was found early yesterday.

The kwaZulu police also reported five weekend deaths — three men in the Umlazi area, a woman in the Ulundi area and a man at Umbogintwini.

among refugees.

Picture: ALLEN VAN DER LINDE

22 murdered in continuing KwaZulu/Natal violence

TWENTY-two people were murdered in KwaZulu/Natal at the weekend as political and criminal violence continued.

More than half the deaths were linked to political disputes, while robberies and other criminal activities accounted for the rest, a police spokesman said.

In the south coast region 11 people had been killed in the past seven days.Continuing fighting between Inkatha Freedom Party and ANC supporters was blamed.

The province also reported six attempted murders, a petrol bombing and four arson attacks. B/Day

An Inkatha monitor said rumours, suspicions, revenge and poverty had contributed to the atmosphere. 12/7/94

Inkatha supporters felt attacks on party members had not been sufficiently followed up by police or the Goldstone commission.

Reports suggesting factional disputes

ADRIAN HADLAND

within ANC structures, that self defence units had switched to criminal activities and alleging that police had armed Inkatha had exacerbated the situtation, he said.

SA Communist Party Southern Natal deputy secretary Nhlanhla Buthelezi said violence and intimidation was rife in the Eshowe district.

He had written to Public Safety and Security Minister Sidney Mufamadi asking for an investigation of the recent arrest of six people who had allegedly been caught with AK-47s, revolvers and ammunition.

Regional police spokesman Maj Bala Naidoo said he could find no evidence of the arrests. (276)

Naidoo said the number of incidents of political violence had plunged since the elections.

Joint ANC/Inkatha peace initiatives and rallies had helped, he said.

Health department project assists millions

PRETORIA — More than 6-million people were helped by the Health Department's nutrition and social development programme in the past financial year, the department said yesterday. B/Day

About 5 000 programmes and 11 000 projects had been funded from a budget of R400m. The scheme focused on the poorest 2% of the population.

"The aim is to enable communities to achieve and sustain self-reliance in food and nutrition. Emphasis is on young children and pregnant and lactating women," the department said. 12/7/94

"Direct food assistance is, however, making way for more development-oriented programmes with household food security as the main aim." (285)

The department said it was actively involved in the primary school nutrition scheme announced by the President in his state of the nation address. — Sapa.

26 weekend deaths, hundreds homeless

Violence toll soars in KwaZulu/Natal

Durban — At least 26 people have died in KwaZulu/Natal violence since Friday night, police said yesterday.

Three people were killed in volatile rural areas around Margate on the south coast, where hundreds of people have been left homeless since violence flared last week.

Local IFP leader Lotus Ngobo was killed at Moboyi on Friday night and a youth killed in the Umvuchini area. Another man was stabbed to death there on Saturday.

The latest killings bring the death toll in the area to at least nine since last Tuesday, when a local Inkatha leader was killed.

Violence monitors said the area was tense yesterday and hundreds of people had fled their homes.

Police said two men were shot and killed in Umbumbulu, south of Durban, at the weekend and another man was stabbed to death there.

Two men were shot and killed at Folweni, south of Durban.

At least five other people were killed in the province at the weekend.

A man was stabbed to death in Stanger, north of Durban, during a fight on Sunday and a man was killed at Isipingo Beach. A man was killed at a hostel in Durban on Saturday and men armed with AK-47s killed a man in Stanger.

Also in Stanger, a man was found dead in the Nkukhwini area.

A woman was shot in Isipingo, south of Durban, and died in hospital.

A shopkeeper was shot and killed in Newcastle and his wife and child were wounded. Four men were stabbed to death in Durban suburbs and another man was stabbed to death in Maritzburg.

Natal's civil war goes underground

Star 16/7/94

IF war is the continuation of diplomacy by other means, the new politics in KwaZulu/Natal looks like continuing the bitter war between the ANC and IFP — albeit in more peaceful ways, SAM SOLE of the Sunday Tribune reports.

VIOLENCE in KwaZulu/Natal has dropped to a third of its pre-election levels, according to the Human Rights Committee, but most observers agree that the underlying tensions remain. So too the structural problems which contributed to the conflict — poverty, and competition for scarce resources.

Clearly, the post-election politics in the region contain the seeds of more conflict. Despite a nominal regional government of national unity, the battle between the ANC and the IFP for provincial Cabinet posts and over the location of the capital suggests the struggle for supremacy is far from over.

The war before was an overt political struggle backed by a covert paramilitary contest. Now it has become largely political and, while losing none of its intensity, it has assumed a covert character — perhaps to maintain the cordial face of a government of national unity. (276)

As Mervyn Frost, professor of politics at the University of Natal, Durban, observes: "It's significant that politics in Natal has disappeared from view, it's gone underground — inside the parties and inside the bureaucracy."

The basis of the new political situation in the province is, of course, the IFP's unexpected election victory.

Both Frost and ANC sources suggest the ANC/SACP/COSATU alliance miscalculated in the run-up to the election. "They believed Inkatha would stay out, and come the election they'd win hands-down. The IFP would be cleaned up afterwards," says Frost.

But the IFP did take part and took control of the province. And the failure of the Independent Electoral Commission to deal with arguments over the legitimacy of the result has left the ANC with a dangerous moral loophole.

Says Blade Nzimande, senior ANC and SACP strategist: "We still believe the IFP victory was fraudulent."

This ANC perception of the "illegitimacy" of the IFP-led government provides a justification for a continuation of the power struggle at all levels and a temptation for the ANC again to ignore unpalatable realities.

As political scientist Alexander Johnston comments in the latest issue of Indicator SA: "The election result makes the confident assertions of those who said that all that was required for the Inkatha phenomenon to disintegrate was for the taps of patronage to be turned off look less than compelling."

Yet both the ANC and the IFP appear to have defined the "taps of patronage" — the delivery of services and development — as the new terrain of the ongoing "struggle".

Says Nzimande: "Our strategy for the next five years is to organise around the implementation of the Reconstruction and Development Programme. People must see who is really behind the implementation of the RDP. We must take the communities behind us — people can't be fooled if they are part of the process."

Devolution

The IFP is no less aware of the importance of being seen to deliver.

Says IFP spokesman Chris Edmunds: "We realise if we get this province working properly in five years the IFP will walk the election."

This partly explains the struggle over the devolution powers to the province and desire to base the provincial administration in Ulundi.

The IFP embarked on its own initiative two months ago with the formation of the United Housing and Development Foundation. Nominally independent, it is staffed by figures close to the IFP including Edmunds and former KwaZulu Legislative Assembly member Thanda Dingile. The foundation aims to work through the tribal authority structures.

But the politicisation of development has grave dangers, expert observers warn. Said one: "It's going to be another ANC-IFP dog-fight. By making the RDP an ideological campaign it will lead people into a tense situation."

8 killed in Natal violence

(27b) CT 19/7/94

DURBAN. — At least eight people were murdered in kwaZulu/Natal at the weekend, police said yesterday

In the southern part of the province, near Creighton, the unidentified bodies of a man and woman were found shot on Sunday.

Police believe the deaths may be related to taxi disputes in the area.

In Isipingo, south of Durban, Mr S P Majola, 29, was found stabbed to death on Sunday.

In Durban's Newlands East suburb, Mr Gavin Grant, 31, was stabbed to death during a domestic argument on Sunday. A suspect was arrested.

In the North Coast area of Tongaat, Mr X Mtolo was stabbed to death during an argument on Sunday.

In Durban's Umlazi township, Mr Mfanafuthi Cele, 19, was stabbed to death on Sunday.

In kwaNdengezi, near Pinetown, Mr Edwin Mhlongo, 31, was shot dead on Friday.

In the North Coast area of Sundumbili, Mr Jabulani Mhlongo, 31, was fatally stabbed on Friday.

● A North-West policeman, Sergeant M D Chulu, who was assaulted by a mob two weeks ago, died at a Rustenburg hospital yesterday.

A police spokesman said sergeants Chulu and M Sebobe were attacked by a mob in the village of Kanana. Sgt Sebobe died at the scene after being doused with petrol and set alight. — Sapa

Confusion over kwaZulu emergency

(276) CT 19/7/94

DURBAN. — The Ministry of Safety and Security and the South African National Defence Force were yesterday at odds over whether the state of emergency was still in force in kwaZulu/Natal.

Police spokesmen said the state of emergency was in force because the new government had not passed a proclamation withdrawing the regulation.

The Inkatha Freedom Party adopted a resolution at its conference at the weekend, that a call be made to President Nelson Mandela to lift the state of emergency in the province.

IFP president Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi said at his party's annual conference at Ulundi on Saturday that violence and the state of emergency in kwaZulu/Natal were threatening South Africa's future and the government.

Violence is still claiming a high death toll in the province, from criminal attacks and political fighting between IFP and ANC supporters.

An IFP statement said: "The continuation of the state of emergency is an aberration both in respect of the spirit of good will and of the promise of the interim constitution."

But a SANDF spokesman said the emergency had lapsed because Mr Mandela's government had not reimposed it.

He said said the law required the government to reimpose it within 21 days of taking office, or else it would lapse. — Sapa

Emergency has lapsed – Minister

Ulundi — National Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi said yesterday the state of emergency in KwaZulu/Natal had lapsed with the new Constitution.

But the Government still intended to announce formally that it had been lifted, Mufamadi said.

"Constitutionally I'm made to understand the state of emergency has lapsed . . .

"However, it's important to demonstrate the will of the new Government of National Unity and for it to be lifted formally," Mufamadi said after meeting KwaZulu/Natal Police Minister Celani Mtetwa and Premier Frank Mdlalose.

In terms of the new Constitution, the emergency lapsed 21 days after the Government took office, but police in KwaZulu/Natal insist it is still in place.

Mufamadi announced that he and Mtetwa would visit townships around Port Shepstone which are still hit by violence.

About the recent KwaZulu Police strikes, Mufamadi said amalgamation and rationalisation would address grievances on pay and promotions.

He said he would push for the new Police Act to go through Parliament early in its next session, leading to full amalgamation of South Africa's 11 police agencies. — Reuter.

Natal death toll now at 28

CT 22/7/94 (21b)

DURBAN. — At least three more people were murdered in the kwaZulu/Natal province this week, one of them in Ndwedwe, where seven people were killed on Tuesday, police said yesterday.

Ms Fikile Ngcobese, 54, was shot dead on Wednesday in the Emona area of Ndwedwe, about 20km from Tuesday's attack.

A police spokesman could not say whether the two incidents were related, except that Ms Ngcobese was an Inkatha Freedom Party supporter, as were the Ngcobo family who were killed on Tuesday.

In the northern town of Melmoth, Mr Majuba Sibiya, 34, was shot dead about 25m from his burnt-out vehicle on Tuesday.

In Empangeni Ntombifikile Mkhize, 14, was shot dead and her mother injured on Tuesday when gunmen attacked their kraal and demanded money.

The latest killings bring to at least 28 the number of murders in the province since Friday.

● Three people were arrested and two guns with ammunition were seized during a funeral procession in Daveyton on the East Rand on Wednesday.

● Eastern Transvaal police are investigating 10 charges of attempted murder against two Nelspruit security guards who allegedly shot at a group of about 80 people at a White River taxi rank on Wednesday during an argument between a taxi driver and driver of a vehicle owned by the security company. — Sapa

Mdlalose calls for tolerance

CT 29/7/94

DURBAN. — kwaZulu/-Natal premier Dr Frank Mdlalose yesterday urged political tolerance in the wake of Wednesday's slaying of eight people in Ndwedwe near Durban and called for "immediate and stern" action by police (276)

Addressing a press conference here, Dr Mdlalose said apportioning blame was of no use, but the motive for the killings seemed largely political so more had to be done to persuade political opponents to accept each other. — Sapa

Natal killing toll up to 34

DURBAN. — kwaZulu/Natal police yesterday reported five more people killed, bringing to 34 the number slain in the province in the past seven days. (276)

On the North Coast, Empangeni cashier Mr Philip Dladla was shot dead by gunmen who tried to rob a petrol station on Thursday.

Three other people were killed on the the same day. Mr Albert Mthembu, 55, was found shot dead in his home at Mandini, Mr James Mkhize, 40, was fatally stabbed in a domestic dispute over money at Pinetown, and at Melmoth in the north Mr Mpiyonke Zungu, 76, was shot dead. CT 30/7/94

On Wednesday Mr M Nyathi was shot dead and his friend Ms B Mthomani wounded by robbers who demanded money at their home in Stanger. — Sapa

Natal violence 'intolerable'

DURBAN — Safety and Security Minister Mr Sidney Mufamadi told police members at a mass meeting at Kingsmead Stadium here yesterday that they should come up with a violence prevention programme in kwaZulu/Natal. CT 1/8/94

Mr Mufamadi said that although conflict levels had decreased in the province since elections, they still "remain intolerable".

He said police partiality in the new SA Police Service would be severely punished (276)

"We must be seen as working in partnership with the community ... and the challenge is even greater in this province," he said

He suggested that a violence prevention programme needed to be drawn up in the province with designated roles for the participation of various sectors, including political leaders and police.

● Four people, including two policemen investigating a murder, died in a hail of bullets in Soweto on Saturday morning when men thought to be the murder suspects fired wildly at them.

Constable N L Mokoena, 24, Sergeant Vincent Maphalala, 28, and witnesses Mr Kenneth Lengani, 26, and Mr Patrick Ntombela, 30, were killed. — Sapa

KwaZulu/Natal plans to combat violence

Bilday 2/8/94

DURBAN — KwaZulu/Natal premier Frank Mdlalose yesterday met ANC provincial leader Jacob Zuma, and they announced plans to combat violence in the province.

The meeting was also attended by SA Police Service regional commissioner Lt-Gen Colin Steyn, peace secretariat regional chairman MC Pretorius, and Inkatha Freedom Party and ANC regional MPs.

The talks were prompted by two recent massacres at Ndwedwe, a rural area near Durban, in which 15 people were killed.

Mdlalose told the meeting "strong and immediate" police action would be taken to catch the killers.

Leaders would jointly address meetings in the area, and in areas throughout KwaZulu/Natal if necessary, to urge tolerance and public assistance of the police in catching perpetrators of violence.

He said this was part of a longer-term plan to stem fighting. In the short term there would be more police patrols and roadblocks at Ndwedwe.

More satellite police stations would also be set up.

The weekend death toll from violence in KwaZulu/Natal rose to 22 yesterday afternoon when police confirmed more killings in the province, including five murders in the north coast area of Esikhawini.

Sgt Lawrence Mbatha said five people had been murdered in four incidents at about the same time on Saturday night.

Although police had established no link, they were investigating the possibility that the killings were in response to people watching the controversial television TV feature, The Line.

Midlands police spokesman Maj Henry Budhram said a man had been killed at Impendle near Maritzburg in an attack in which two others were injured and a number of houses set alight. Police were investigating the possibility of a political motive.

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He said a man had been shot dead at nearby Imbali, and his girlfriend was wounded in the attack. — Sapa.

Police, KwaZulu/Natal leaders confer

Plan to tackle political killings

Star 2/8/94

Durban — Police and KwaZulu/Natal political leaders yesterday announced a plan to stem political killings in the province, where at least 23 people were killed at the weekend.

KwaZulu/Natal police commissioner Lieutenant-General Colin Steyn met regional leaders of the ANC and IFP, including provincial premier and IFP chairman Dr Frank Mdlalose and ANC leader Jacob Zuma.

The plan will include increased policing in violent areas and greater community co-operation in curbing fighting.

Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi told a gathering of policemen in Durban on Sunday that a comprehensive plan should be drawn up to combat violence in KwaZulu/Natal.

"We must draw up a comprehensive violence-prevention programme which designates roles for all our communities," he said.

It followed a recent upsurge in apparently politically linked killings in the volatile province, notably in Ndwedwe, about 40 km north of Durban, where 15 members of two families were murdered in separate attacks in the past two weeks. (27b)

There has also been increased violence in townships around Empangeni, where at least five people were killed on Saturday night.

Reward

"In terms of immediate action there will be an attempt to get more police force members to move around. We are expecting police services to spread by way of having a mobile police station and by having roadblocks (in Ndwedwe)," Mdlalose told reporters. He said senior ANC and Inkatha leaders would soon visit the Ndwedwe district.

"We are looking forward to combined visits to the area by combined political members .. in an attempt to let the people know that peace has to be established."

Mdlalose appealed to people with information about the recent violence to come forward. Police spokesman Major Bala Naidoo later said police would consider a reward of up to R250 000 for information leading to convictions.

"We appeal to the public to co-operate with the police and the political leaders in identifying the people who are the cause of this violence. Please come forward with information. This is a scourge to the community," said Mdlalose.

He said a long-term plan to stop killings in KwaZulu/Natal, where more than 10 000 people had been killed in a decade of political fighting, included establishing a committee to look into ways of stopping the murders.

Provincial ANC safety and security spokesman Bheki Cele said the aim was to strengthen the National Peace Accord. — Reuter.

King calls for peace in KwaZulu/Natal

ZULU King Goodwill Zwelithini yesterday appealed to people in KwaZulu/Natal to stop killing and to start protecting each other. BIDay 31819b

He said he was concerned about a surge in violence in the province which was hampering reconstruction. Investors would avoid KwaZulu/Natal unless they were assured their money was safe.

KwaZulu/Natal premier Frank Mdlalose appealed to business in the province to help create an environment which would curtail violence.

Addressing business people in Durban, Mdlalose said the top structures of all political parties in the region were determined to counter violence. 276

"Rogue policemen, hit squads, people's courts, banditry, revenge killings and any form of taking the law into one's own hands has no political support in this region.

"Anyone, no matter how high an office he or she holds, or in what estimation they are held by their supporters, who takes the law into their own hands can expect the full wrath of the authorities."

But crime and violence could not be eliminated while the region was beset with "ignorance, poverty and deprivation".

He appealed to the business community to develop an economy that would offer the necessary business opportunities, jobs, schooling, health care and housing.

With the "magnificent" resources and potential KwaZulu/Natal possessed, "all we need is the elimination of the scourge of violence to ensure an economic miracle", he said. — Sapa.

Killing in Natal continues

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DURBAN. — At least five more people were reported murdered in kwaZulu/Natal this week, bringing to 35 the number of people killed here since last Friday, police said yesterday.

The government was poised to lift the state of emergency in the area yesterday after discussions between President Nelson Mandela and Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi to find a solution to conflict.

In Newlands, Durban, a man was fatally stabbed and the unidentified body of a man was found on Tuesday.

A man died in Clairwood on Tuesday as a result of an earlier attack. In the North Coast area of kwaMbonambi a man was fatally stabbed on Monday, and another man was shot dead at Nyoni. CT 4/8/94

● Sixteen people died in incidents related to political violence in the week ending on Tuesday, the Human Rights Committee reported yesterday. — Sapa

NEWS Suspect kills policeman, in

Emergency stays on

Sowetan 4/8/94 (276)

By Ismail Lagardien
Political Correspondent

THE state of emergency in KwaZulu-Natal will remain in force until peace and stability has been restored in the province, Minister of Justice Mr Dullah Omar told Parliament yesterday. Responding to a question from the Inkatha Freedom Party's Mr Mohammed Farouk Cassim, the minister said it was wrong to assume that the state of emergency had been of no use as "it was introduced to help solve the problem of violence" in the province.

Omar said there was wide agreement among the relevant people, including his colleague, Minister for Safety and Security Mr Sydney Mufamadi, that the state of emergency should be lifted and "Government wished to bring it to an end as soon as possible". However, while President Nelson Mandela and the leader of the IFP were discussing the matter and an announcement was imminent, no efforts would be spared "to ensure that violence is eradicated from our land".

State of emergency remains

BIDay 4/18/94

TIM COHEN

CAPE TOWN — Government has decided not to lift the state of emergency in KwaZulu/Natal just yet, but it would be scrapped soon — pending discussions between the ANC and Inkatha Freedom Party, Justice Minister Dullah Omar said yesterday.

In a mini-debate in Parliament, Inkatha MP Farouk Cassim said the new constitution required that Parliament — not the executive — made decisions on a state of emergency. The emergency had been declared in terms of legislation under the previous regime. "We must decide whether the constitution is being undermined," he said. In terms of the constitution, an emergency lapsed in 21 days. Its re-imposition should have been brought to the national assembly for approval.

Omar said government recognised that new requirements for the existence of an emergency applied in terms of the constitution. Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi supported lifting the emergency in Natal and the matter had been refered to President Nelson Mandela, who would be holding discussions with Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi. However, until existing laws were abolished, they remained valid.

Government would lift the emergency "as soon as possible". A statement was likely to be issued soon. (276)

Buthelezi said he was "very troubled" that violence remained a factor in the province despite the public display of reconciliation between leaders. It was important that the leaders went to their constituencies and preached peace. "We must take the message and filter it down to the grassroots."

Sapa reports police said at least five more people were reported murdered in

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Emergency

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KwaZulu/Natal this week, taking to 35 the number of people killed since Friday.

The surge in violence prompted the provincial government to take action this week, promising steps to curb the fighting. Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini has also appealed for peace. (276)

Violence monitor Mary de Haas appealed to President Nelson Mandela to put in place mechanisms to protect people once the emergency was lifted. She suggested that steps to counter violence included "the continued deployment of large numbers of soldiers" in flash points.

Police said: "The problem is that there is a lot of discussion and negotiating at the top but nothing is filtering through. We had suggestions of joint rallies but we've had only one or two."

10 murdered in kwaZulu/Natal

DURBAN. — kwaZulu/Natal police yesterday said at least 10 people had been murdered in the province since Friday, four of them in the South Coast township of Folweni.

The four were killed in separate incidents on Saturday. The bodies of Gilbert Gumede, 65, and Thandekile Mkhize, 25, were both found with gunshot wounds. (276) CT 23/8/94

On Saturday night Sibongiseni Khuzwayo, 24, and Khumbulani Ntshapha, 21, were found shot dead.

In Umlazi, south of Durban, Mbongi Ngcobo, 32, and an unidentified body of a man were found on Saturday. Both had been shot.

On the South Coast at Izingolweni, Mr M Zuma and Mrs I Zuma were shot dead in their home on Saturday. A seven-year-old girl in the house at the time was injured in the shooting.

On the North Coast at Mtunzini, Kwanyaza Khubisa, 30, was found dead in a shebeen toilet. Police suspect robbery was the motive for the killing.

In kwaDabeka, near Pinetown, Msayeneni Mazibuko, 28, was shot dead in his room by three gunmen.

● At least four people were killed in attacks on the East Rand at the weekend, police said yesterday. — Sapa

Blood flows in KwaZulu/Natal

Durban — At least 31 people had been killed in violence in KwaZulu/Natal since Friday night — one of the bloodiest weekends in the province since the April election, police said late yesterday.

The toll included three people who died after a handgrenade exploded in a packed beer hall in Umlazi's Glebelands Hostel complex on Friday night.

Eight people had been killed in other incidents in Umlazi township since Friday, police said. — Reuter

Security forces made recommendations

State of emergency in KwaZulu/Natal to go

Star 1/9/94

■ **BY CHRIS WHITFIELD**
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

Cape Town — The state of emergency in KwaZulu/Natal is to be lifted, the Cabinet decided yesterday.

A statement issued last night after a Cabinet meeting said: "The further promotion of peace and stability in that region will hopefully be served by the formal lifting of the state of emergency."

The emergency was imposed on the region in March amid increasing tensions over the impending election.

The statement said the decision had been taken after recommendations to President Mandela by the SA National Defence Force, the SA Police Service and the Department of Justice.

The statement also indicated that the president had emphasised the need to communicate to the public the content of Cabinet decisions.

It referred specifically to ongoing confusion over the task of the Minister's committee probing parliamentary arrangements.

There was a perception that this committee would make recommendations about the siting of Parliament.

Its findings would, however, "be the basis for an informed public debate on all relevant aspects of this matter, not merely whether Parliament should be relocated". (276)

The Cabinet also decided:

■ South Africa would follow a policy of non-proliferation and arms control.

■ The Government would "associate itself with the concept of a zone of peace and co-operation in the south Atlantic by attending the forthcoming meeting of the zone in Brazil".

■ SA should become a signatory to the convention on the prohibition or restrictions on the use of certain conventional weapons.

ANC's Shaka Day coup

By CHRIS BATEMAN

IN a major coup for the ANC, Deputy President Thabo Mbeki announced last night President Nelson Mandela will attend the Shaka celebrations at the invitation of Zulu King Goodwill Zwelethini.

This comes in the face of strenuous objections by Inkatha leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi that protocol was not followed by the king in inviting Mr Mandela to the emotional Zulu event without consulting him.

Mr Mbeki told the Senate he had met Chief Buthelezi to discuss the issue and said Mr Mandela believed it would be in the interests of the country to attend the Stanger celebrations later this month "to promote peace and reconciliation".

Mr Mbeki said the king had informed kwaZulu/Natal Premier Dr Frank Mdlalose he wished Mr Mandela to attend the celebrations on September 24.

The rift between Home Affairs Minister Chief Buthelezi, who is the king's uncle and political chief, and the king yesterday widened dramatically.

In one of his most frank statements on the issue, he told the Cape Times he doubted whether the king's aspirations to executive powers — which would include appointing the chief minister — had "gone away".

He agreed the controversy "seemed" to be a manoeuvre by the king for greater power and said this was the basis for Lesotho's problems, citing King Moshoeshoe's attempts to wrest power.

"ANC leaders are having a field day boasting the king is now in their pocket," he said.

Chief Buthelezi confirmed that an urgent meeting between his traditional headmen and those of the king had taken place to urge the two leaders to "hold a family discussion" over perceptions of a quarrel".

He claimed King Goodwill had broken internationally accepted protocol by inviting Mr Mandela without first informing him.

"No less than 27" concerned Zulu indunas from the Reef and two members of the royal Zulu house had come to his home in kwaZulu asking about the presidential invitation, but he was unable to enlighten them.

In spite of repeated requests from him, the king this year "dilly-dallied" unusually over dates for the traditional Reed Dance and the King Shaka celebrations, Chief Buthelezi said.

Emergency in kwaZulu lifted

THE state of emergency in kwaZulu/Natal was lifted by a proclamation published in the Government Gazette yesterday, the Department of Justice announced.

kwaZulu/Natal police yesterday said another six people were murdered in the province this week, raising the toll to 34. — Sapa

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15 murdered in KwaZulu

DURBAN. — Fifteen people have been murdered in KwaZulu/Natal, police said.

Among the 15 were three people shot dead yesterday in an attack on a kraal near the north coast town of Mtunzini. A 10-year-old was also wounded.

At Inanda, north of Durban, four people were killed in two attacks. (27b) ARG 12/9/94

In one of them, a three-year-old survived when killers hacked up her parents in their kitchen on Saturday night.

The bodies of two men were found yesterday in Bhambayi, near Durban.

In Umlazi, south of the city, two people were shot dead and two were critically injured by gunmen who attacked their house early on Saturday.

The other murders occurred in different areas in and around Durban. — Sapa.

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Showdown over KZP hit squads

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Inkatha officials are refusing to co-operate with an official probe into alleged kwaZulu Police hit squads, report **Chris Louw, Farouk Chothia** and **Ann Eveleth**

NATIONAL Minister of Safety and Security Sydney Mufamadi faces a showdown with the Inkatha Freedom Party in his bid to root out suspected hit squad policemen from the kwaZulu Police (KZP) force.

Developments pointing to this are:

● kwaZulu/Natal premier Frank Mdlalose and his provincial safety and security minister, Celani Mthethwa, have rejected any suggestion that they co-operate with the official hit squad investigation appointed by Mufamadi last week;

● Home Affairs Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi has issued a veiled threat that he will quit the government of national unity (GNU) over the hit squad probe; and

● controversial former KZP Sundumbili station commander Major Owen Zama has challenged Mufamadi's constitutional right to suspend him in the Durban Supreme Court.

Zama's challenge suggests that suspected hit squad members will put up a fight to remain in the force — and Mufamadi may have to resort to long, drawn-out court battles as a way to oust the policemen.

The station commander has brazenly defied Mufamadi by continuing to serve in his post — and is receiving his full salary and benefits. Mufamadi's spokesman, Craig Kotze, said this was being done for "humanitarian reasons".

In papers before Mr Justice Levinsohn last week, Zama argued that Mufamadi lacked the authority to suspend him as, in terms of the kwaZulu Police Act, only the kwaZulu cabinet had such power.

Although the kwaZulu cabinet no longer exists, the KZP remains intact pending the passage of the new Police Bill through parliament

Mufamadi has to prove that the interim constitution gives him or the cabinet power to act against Zama.

Judge Levinsohn has asked legal representatives of the two parties to prepare heads of argument so he can determine whether Mufamadi has the authority to suspend Zama.

Zama is mentioned in a Transitional Executive Council report on hit squads dated March 31 this year, in which his involvement in an attack last year on ANC supporters in Sundumbili, Northern Natal, is alleged.

He was suspended in July after Natal's attorney general, Tim McNally, decided to prosecute him for allegedly defeating the ends of justice.

As Mufamadi attempts to clean up the KZP, he also faces stiff opposition from the IFP majority in the kwaZulu/Natal government, and from Buthelezi at central government level.

Asked whether he would co-operate with the probe into KZP hit squads, Mdlalose replied: "No, certainly not."

Mthethwa commented similarly: "How can you co-operate with something you are not involved in?"

Mufamadi announced a commission of inquiry last week, headed by former Goldstone Commission investigator Lieutenant Frank Dutton, to investigate alleged KZP hit squads.

Mufamadi's decision followed fresh claims by retired KZP commissioner General Roy During in July that he was "almost certain" of the existence of hit squads in the force.

Mthethwa said that while Mufamadi had publicly announced he would be "consulted" about the commission, he had merely been "informed" about it.

The *Mail & Guardian* reported earlier this year that the Goldstone Commission had information Mthethwa had received weapons for the IFP from renegade South African policemen.

Mthethwa's name also featured during a recent bail application by the former commander of the SAP's Vlakplaas hit squad base, Major Eugene de Kock, where it was alleged that the two had contact with each other.

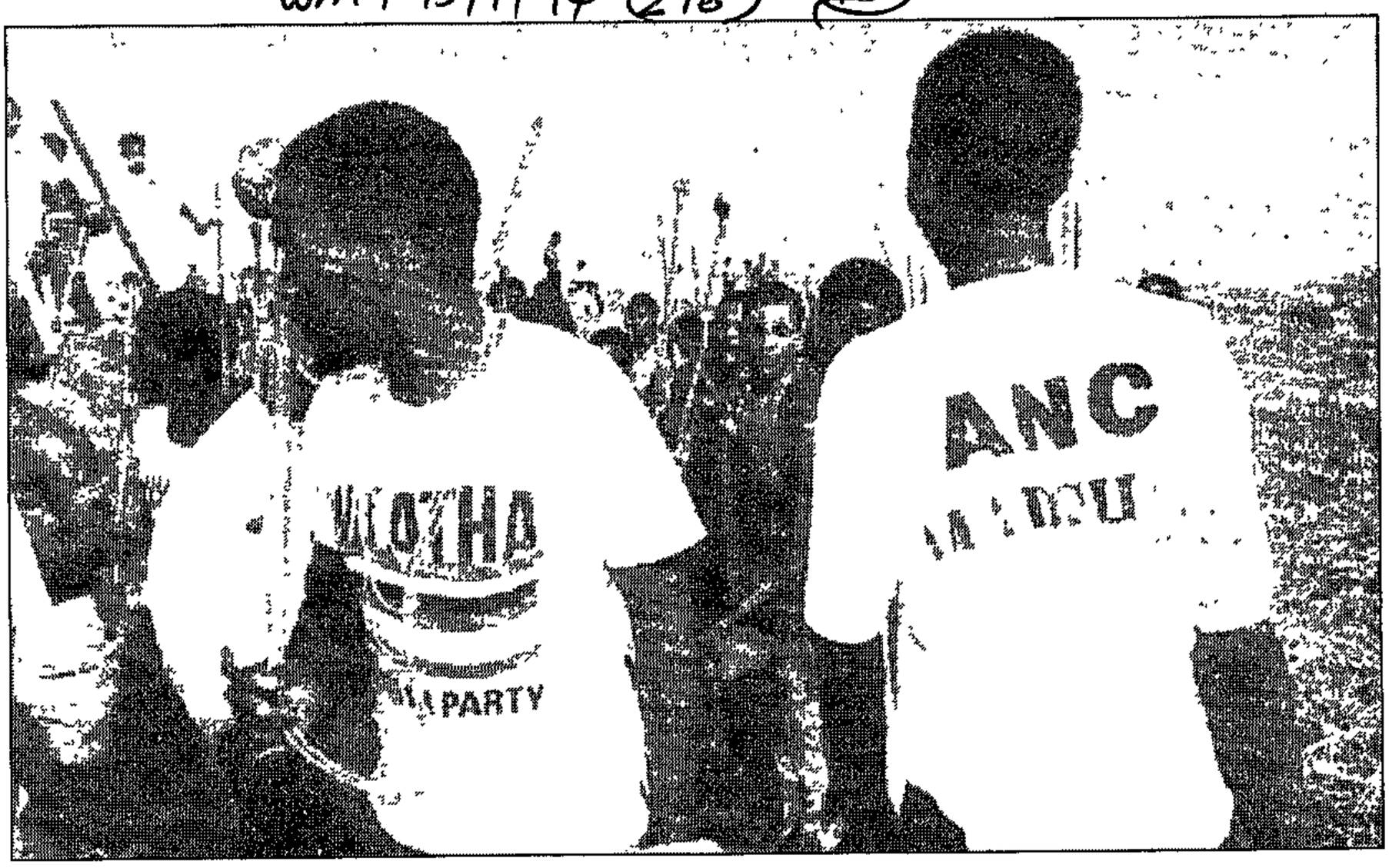
Kotze said if the "IFP, as an institution, refuses to co-operate it is one thing, but if individuals (refuse) then the law will take its course".

Asked whether this meant action would be taken against Mthethwa if he refused to testify, Kotze replied: "We can't conjure what might happen before it happens."

In a bid to halt the hit squad probe, Buthelezi sent a letter on August 19 to both Mufamadi and Deputy President Thabo Mbeki warning that the inquiry would force him to "weigh up the value of my being in the GNU against the costs of being in it"

Arguing that Mufamadi's decision was beyond "comprehension" as it could upset "brittle" relations between the ANC and IFP, Buthelezi said it was unfair to single out the KZP — one of 11 police forces in the country — for a probe. He believed "normal procedures" should be used to investigate allegations against KZP members.

Asked by the *WM&G* whether he intended to resign in the wake of Mufamadi's decision to go ahead with the inquiry, Buthelezi replied: "... I wish to state that if and when the time is ripe, I will do so and it will be at the right time for the right reasons."



Joining forces: ANC and IFP rivals rallied together for peace in Bhambayi, near Durban, last weekend

PHOTO RAJESH JANTILAL

IFP chairman on murder rap after rally

Farouk Chothia

A SENIOR Inkatha Freedom Party leader has been charged with the murder of two IFP members who were shot dead after organising a joint IFP and ANC peace rally in the Bhambayi squatter settlement, near Durban, last weekend.

A police spokesman said this week that Bhambayi's IFP chairman, Victor Shawe (49), and two other men had been charged with fatally shooting Johnson Nqambi and Mnyamezeli Nzuzwana in an attack in which two other IFP members were wounded.

Shawe, who is out on bail of R1 000 pending a decision by Natal's attorney general on whether or not to prosecute him for the murder of two other people shot dead in Bhambayi in August last year, appeared in the Verulam Magistrate's Court on Tuesday. He and his co-accused, Zandisile Maduma (21) and Mboneni Khonjwayo (21), have been charged with two counts of murder, two counts of attempted murder and with illegal possession of firearms and ammunition. A bail application is to be heard today.

Nqambi was the IFP's chief representative in peace talks with the ANC in Bhambayi. He took over this function from Shawe about six months ago, according to National Peace Accord (NPA) spokesman Dennis Nkosi.

The attack last Sunday evening came after about 1 000 people had pledged their commitment to peace at the IFP/ANC rally in Bhambayi the previous day.

The settlement has been a flashpoint for violence. About 200 people died there in the 12 months leading up to the April poll — and a Goldstone Commission report said that kwaZulu Police hit squad members had been deployed in the settlement.

The NPA's Nkosi said Nqambi and his colleagues formed part of an IFP/ANC/police team that monitors Bhambayi on a 24-hour basis in a bid to prevent violence in the area.

According to the police, Nqambi's attackers followed him home after he had ended a monitoring shift, and shot him. When Sokhanyile and Cele went to his aid, they were shot and wounded. The killers then went to Nzuzwana's home and gunned him down.

Speaking to the *Mail & Guardian*, Nkosi said attempts by "anti-peace elements" to stoke violence in the settlement had backfired.

IFP spokesman Ed Tillet said that while he had not investigated the case, he would "caution against jumping to false conclusions".

He said it could be "purely coincidental" that those attacked were involved in peace initiatives, and that there could have been other motives behind the incident.

The IFP believed the accused should "fall under the harsh scrutiny of the law" but should be presumed innocent until proven guilty, Tillet said.

Zulu rift threat as king cuts ties with Buthelezi

NONGOMA. — A major rift threatened to split the Zulu nation today after King Goodwill Zwelithini cut ties with Home Affairs Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

Sources in the Zulu royal palace said King Goodwill had announced early today he was breaking all ties with Chief Buthelezi, leader of the Inkatha Freedom Party, who claims the title of the king's traditional prime minister.

"The king is cutting off all ties with Chief Buthelezi and has said he is no longer his prime minister," a source said.

"Relations have soured and this threatens to be one of the major rifts in the Zulu nation," another source said.

The king also cancelled Saturday's Shaka Day celebrations marking the founding of the Zulu nation by King Shaka in the early 19th century.

The palace sources said King Goodwill and his advisers decided to break with Chief Buthelezi after Inkatha members stormed the palace and stoned President Mandela's helicopter during a meeting between the three menyesterday.

"His Majesty and members of the royal house have decided to cancel all Shaka Day commemoration services for 1994 and that the king must not meet Chief Buthelezi again," a source said.

Mr Mandela, the king and Chief Buthelezi met yesterday to discuss whether Mr Mandela should attend the festivities held during the last week of September every year.

Mr Mandela received a hostile reception in the heart of Zulu territory and said he would stay away from the Shaka Day celebrations because of fears for his safety.

Chief Buthelezi had insisted that any invitation to Mr Mandela to attend the celebrations had to go through his office. — Reuter.

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KING GOODWILL: Celebrations cancelled.

Mandela cancels Shaka Day visit

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Safety in kwaZulu can't be guaranteed



THE BIG LEAP Gearing up for a big jump at Stellenbosch are (standing, from left) Damian Cooke, Mr Bruce Niland and Mrs Woutenen Matthew, and kneeling, Lee Dowling and Mrs Katinka Groenewald. ● **Report Page 3** Picture ANNE LAING

Own Correspondent
and Sapa-Reuter

NONGOMA. — President Nelson Mandela has decided not to attend the Shaka Day celebration in kwaZulu/Natal.

The President cancelled his visit after he received a hostile reception in the heart of Zulu territory yesterday and said he would stay away from a tribal festival because of fears for his safety.

Angered

Mr Mandela travelled for the first time into the rural heartland of kwaZulu/Natal for talks at the Zulu royal residence with King Goodwill Zwelethini and Inkatha Freedom Party leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi

After a 40-minute meeting, Mr Mandela told reporters both men had advised him not to attend festivities on Saturday to commemorate King Shaka, the 19th-century warrior credited with founding the Zulu nation.

"They indicated to me we are faced with people who have become so angered as a result of this controversy that we can give no assurance of how they will behave at the actual celebrations," Mr Mandela said

"Both leaders made it clear to me that they would advise against going there at the present stage."

While Mr Mandela was briefing reporters, Inkatha supporters shouted anti-ANC slogans and chanted "Down with Mandela" outside the king's residence in Nongoma, 200km north of Durban.

Protesters stoned the President's helicopter while it waited on the ground for his departure



SAFETY FEAR . . . President Nelson Mandela has decided not to attend the Shaka Day gathering.

Mr Mandela's possible attendance at the Shaka Day celebrations this year sparked a row last month when Chief Buthelezi objected that this would be an unacceptable violation of protocol

Chief Buthelezi, who claims the post of traditional prime minister to the king through ancestry, said any invitation to Mr Mandela would have had to go through him.

Chief Buthelezi's objections followed reports that the king had invited Mr Mandela directly, but the President said yesterday that no invitation had been extended.

Mr Mandela, for the first time, said he had not been invited to the celebration, but that he had expressed the wish to attend when he met the king at a recent graduation ceremony at the University of Zululand where King Goodwill was awarded an honorary degree.

"At no time whatsoever did his majesty invite me to the Shaka Day celebrations," Mr Mandela said, adding that he had indicated to King Goodwill at an earlier meeting that he would like to attend the celebrations.

Mr Mandela said yesterday he had told the king he would like to visit the region at a more suitable time and that the king had agreed to this request.

Chief Buthelezi, whose Inkatha polled third nationally in the elections in April but won power in kwaZulu/Natal, said he was satisfied that the matter had been settled.

"This way we hope it is the end of the matter . . now that we have a black president we believe that we should all gird our loins and get on with the reconstruction programme," he said.

Armoured car

"We hope that the Zulu people, those who were angered by seeing that infringement of protocol, accept the king was not to blame at all," he added.

Chief Buthelezi denied reports that there was a rift between himself and the Zulu monarch, saying "All the rubbish about the rift between me and the king, where is this rift between us?"

Mr Mandela left the royal compound under tight security Police armed with assault rifles kept guard and he was driven the 300m to his helicopter in an armoured car

Buthelezi accuses ANC MP of lying

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AN angry Mangosuthu Buthelezi abruptly rose in parliament yesterday, wagged a finger at African National Congress MP Blade Nzimande and accused him of lying.

But Dr Nzimande, who was delivering a blistering attack on the Inkatha Freedom Party during the snap parliamentary debate on the controversy about the Shaka Day celebrations, appeared unmoved — and continued.

Later Correctional Services Minister Sipho Mzimela said Dr Nzimande had a "babalaza" (a hangover) and was asked to withdraw the remark.

These were some of the dramatic scenes in the most heated debate in the new parliament.

ANC MPs accused the IFP of taking the country to the brink of violence by planning to defy Goodwill Zwelithini's orders to cancel the Shaka Day celebrations.

Others expressed concern that President Mandela, who has decided not to attend the event for security reasons, could not freely move around the coutry.

King Goodwill took the step after protesters stoned Mr Mandela's helicopter when he visited the Zulu king this week.

Dr Nzimande, who is a Zulu from KwaZulu-Natal, urged the IFP not to hijack the Shaka Day celebrations for its own political ends.

By planning to go ahead, the IFP was defying King Goodwill, whom Chief Buthelezi had once described as "having a mouth that doesn't tell lies".

Throughout Dr Nzimande's speech, IFP members interjected with shouts of "You are telling lies" and "You know nothing about Zuluness".

Earlier Chief Buthelezi, who was repeatedly jeered by ANC members, said the planned Shaka Day celebrations would go ahead and he did not expect any problems.

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Shaka Day: IFP attacked

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INKATHA came under sustained attack in Parliament yesterday for forging ahead with tomorrow's Shaka Day celebrations and fostering tension in violence-racked kwaZulu/Natal.

In a snap debate, ANC speakers criticised Inkatha Freedom Party leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi for politicising the "non-partisan" celebrations — although he was not mentioned by name.

But Chief Buthelezi defended the IFP-dominated kwaZulu/Natal cabinet decision to proceed with the event

He accused the ANC of "double standards" in demanding that the Lesotho king act constitutionally, but not the Zulu king.

In a further indication that relations between the IFP and the royal house had reached a new low, he said the kwaZulu/Natal cabinet had the constitutional right to take the final decision to honour Shaka.

Safety and Security Deputy Minister, the IFP's Mr Joe Matthews, predicted that tomorrow's events at Stanger would be peaceful, if people didn't exploit "a non-existent issue".

He said it was a historical duty to revere Shaka and had little to do with the wishes of politicians or monarchs.

He did, however, apologise for the behaviour of toyi-toyi-ing Inkatha supporters who had protested against President Nelson Mandela's presence at a meeting on Monday with King Goodwill Zwelethini at one of his Nongoma palaces.

Earlier yesterday Mr Mandela appealed to KwaZulu/Natal residents to "keep the peace" this weekend and respect "a solemn occasion to honour a national hero".

The SAPS and SANDF are on standby for any eventuality which may arise in the province SANDF spokesman Col Franz Verfuss said troops would be assisting the police tomorrow.

Strict security measures will be taken to protect the life of King Goodwill.

IFP and ANC leaders are to meet, as well as representatives of their youth wings, and senior security force officers

Mandela: Avoid violence

PRESIDENT Nelson Mandela appealed to all parties yesterday to ensure that Shaka Day celebrations in kwaZulu/Natal this weekend are not marred by violence.

He said he was concerned about possible violence following the controversy over Zulu King Goodwill Zwelethini's decision to cancel this year's celebrations.

"I want to appeal to all parties to respect this day, which should be a solemn occasion marking the achievements of a true national hero."

Mr Mandela said he was hesitant to mediate personally in the conflict between King Goodwill and Inkatha Freedom Party leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi — matters "which can best be dealt with by the parties involved".

Deputy President F W de Klerk conceded in Edinburgh yesterday that the conflict between the Zulu king and Chief Buthelezi had the potential for violence.

● Mr Mandela received copies yesterday of a video and commemorative publication entitled Many Cultures, One Nation, which record the May 10 presidential inauguration ceremony.

He said the inauguration marked the crowning of the efforts of all South Africans and their leaders.

The presentation was made by Deputy President Thabo Mbeki. — Sapa

Picture: BENNY GOOL

Civil servants set to strike

By BARRY STREEK, Political Staff

NEGOTIATIONS between the government and civil service unions broke down yesterday, opening the way for a strike by a large number of South Africa's 1,2 million civil servants.

Public Service and Administration Minister Dr Zola Skweyiya said last night the unions had rejected the cabinet's request that they be given another month to consider the unions' demands.

Dr Skweyiya said: "It was explained to them that the democratic process requires broader consultation before an informed decision can be taken."

The breakdown in negotiations — a deadlock was declared in Pretoria yesterday by the chairperson of the Bargaining Council — opens the way for a strike by civil servants.

Last night Public Service League (PSL) national chairman Mr Malcolm Domingo said the PSL would immediately begin a strike ballot.

Cosatu and Nehawu last night distanced themselves from the dispute, saying it had been "engineered by various right-wing staff associations to entrench their positions of accumulated privilege, and to resist democratisation of the public service".

Dr Skweyiya said the employee organisations had demanded a general salary increase of 15% and a minimum wage of R18 000 a year from December 1 this year.

"To implement the demand, an amount of R4,4bn will have to be provided in this financial year. R13,3bn will have to be provided for the 1995/6 financial year." CT 23/9/94

Personal tax in SA 'too high'

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PRETORIA. — Personal income tax must come down, Finance Minister Mr Chris Liebenberg said here yesterday.

"But I can give no time span," he added, at a press conference in his office.

He added that corporate contributions to income tax were too low in comparison with those from individuals.

On international investor confidence he said he had come across "enormous goodwill" towards South Africa during his recent European visit.

Mr Liebenberg said the country now needed an economic vision and plan. It should be presented with built-in milestones on which South Africa's performance could be judged.

"We have to spell out a track record and stick to it. That is when the investors will start investing."

He added that an investment code should not only be aimed at foreign investors but also those inside the country. — Sapa

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I believe Tokyo Sexwale was so upset at the racist behaviour of rent boycotters in the Transvaal he felt like throwing up his food in despair.

Another liver op for Jessica

AILING liver transplant patient Jessica Lennon was on the operating table again early this morning receiving her second liver transplant — three weeks after the first organ was rejected.

A Red Cross Children's Hospital spokeswomen said last night that Jessica was in a critical condition when the transplant team began the marathon transplant operation about 10.30pm.

The operation was expected to last about 10 hours.

● **Jessica gets a new liver — Page 3**

'King' chants drown Natal premier's speech

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DURBAN. — Hundreds of students at the University of Durban-Westville shouted down kwaZulu/Natal Premier Dr Frank Mdlalose yesterday, forcing him to abandon his speech.

Shortly before, shouts from the audience prompted Dr Mdlalose to ask if he had spoken too long.

Students shouted "Isilo, isilo (king, king)", followed by cat calls and laughter. Dr Mdlalose sat down.

ANC provincial leader Mr Jacob Zuma took the podium to applause and cheers of "ANC, ANC".

He reprimanded students for their intolerance and said until political attitudes were overcome issues such as Zulu King Goodwill Zwelethini's Shaka Day invitation to the invitation to President Nelson Mandela to attend Shaka Day would continue to cause problems and delay upliftment in kwaZulu/Natal.

Dr Mdalose said Shaka Day celebrations had never been sectarian, but certain people had politicised them.

When he finished students left the hall without applause or thanks to the speakers.

Mr Zuma said the ANC would heed the king's call to replace the celebrations with a period of prayer. — Sapa

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'Desperate' royal family running scared

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GREG KNOWLER
Weekend Argus Reporter

MEMBERS of the Zulu royal family were running scared on the eve of today's controversy-wracked Shaka Day celebrations in Stanger.

A royal family spokesman, Prince Sfiso Zulu, said after a mass prayer meeting in Umlazi yesterday that all members of the family "desperately" needed protection.

The defence force said this week it had deployed soldiers to protect King Goodwill Zwelithini, but no mention was made of the region's scores of princes and princesses.

"We have put the matter to the central government, but are still waiting to hear from them. There is a very real threat to all of us," said the prince.

The Zulu monarch flew to Johannesburg on Thursday after being picked up from his Enyokeni palace in Nongoma by an Air Force helicopter. However, Prince Sfiso said the king was not in hiding and would be in his palace this weekend.

In other developments yesterday:

■ Cosatu joined the call by the king and the African National Congress for prayer meetings to be held instead of people attending the Shaka Day celebrations;

■ The National Party said Shaka Day would be a test of whether the celebrations would be used for cultural purposes or to whip up emotions;

■ ANC leadership in KwaZulu-Natal called on the security forces to ensure no "life, limb or property" was lost or destroyed during Shaka Day;

■ Inkatha Freedom Party leader and Home Affairs Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi again insisted the celebrations would go ahead as planned; and

■ ANC regional leader Jacob Zuma said the government had launched an investigation into the the use of KwaZulu buses to transport IFP members to the king's palace this week to demonstrate against President Nelson Mandela's presence.

At a Press conference in Durban, Mr Zuma said the ANC was not siding with the king and "we have no ploy of doing anything like that. We would not dare try to get the king on our side. He can't be seen to be aligned to any political party".

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Battle lines drawn for Shaka Day

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Weekend Argus
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WHEN thousands of Zulus — mostly supporters of Home Affairs Minister Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi's Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) — descend on Stanger today to celebrate Shaka's Day, they will be making the strongest possible statement against their embattled monarch, King Goodwill Zwelithini.

Under normal circumstances the king would be the main speaker at the function, where he would appear dressed in his traditional regalia and make a speech approved in advance by his uncle and "traditional prime minister" Chief Buthelezi.

In return the IFP leader would publicly pledge his allegiance to his king and nephew and then proceed to deliver a stinging attack on his political opponents.

Only last year, when the IFP had pulled out of multiparty negotiations at the World Trade Centre and had thrown its lot with the Freedom Alliance, the king spoke in the most glowing terms about Chief Buthelezi, who he "sacked" this week as his chief adviser.

Last year not only did the king unabashedly endorse the IFP's constitutional demands, he also described Chief Buthelezi as "a most bold and true Zulu" he would trust with his very life.

But that was last year. Today, as the "most bold and true Zulu" and his legion of supporters take centre stage in Stanger in the full glare of the media, the king and some members of his immediate family are believed to have taken refuge at a Sandton hotel (where he was seen yesterday), fearing for his life.

A day earlier he was flown away from his main palace, Enyokeni outside Nongoma, by the South African National Defence Force. He was not a happy man, as the look on his face showed when he boarded the Durban-based 15 Squadron's helicopter, try though he did to smile.

Not for the first time, the king has come up against his uncle in a squabble which has torn Zulus down the middle. There are those who side with the former KwaZulu Chief Minister, a master strategist, most of whom will be in Stanger today. And there are those who will take the monarch's side, most of whom will be in their homes today.

Strangely, the overwhelming majority of people in the heartland of rural KwaZulu — where one would expect allegiance to the king to be greater — are solidly behind Chief Buthelezi.

The controversy goes deeper than just the king's surprise cancellation of Shaka Day celebrations after IFP members on buses and trucks bearing KwaZulu government registration numbers, ZG, behaved improperly at the palace and even damaged property when the two men met President Nelson Mandela on Monday.

Ordinary people find themselves having to choose between the two most important Zulu leaders, and they are having no difficulty siding with Chief Buthelezi. For them the issue is simple: Without Chief Buthelezi, who they credit with having done a lot for the king and his family, there is no King Goodwill.

But there is another explanation and that is that in places like Ulundi and Nongoma, Chief Buthelezi has become an institution and just about everyone is a member of the IFP.

Zulu royals fear for lives, want protection

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DURBAN. — Members of the Zulu royal family said they were running scared on the eve of today's controversy-racked Shaka Day celebrations in Stanger, despite massive safety arrangements by security forces.

A royal family spokesman, Prince Sfiso Zulu, said after a mass prayer meeting in Umlazi yesterday that all members of the family "desperately" needed protection from the state.

The defence force said this week it had deployed soldiers to protect King Goodwill Zwelethini, but no mention was made of the scores of princes and princesses in the region.

"We have put the matter to the central government but are still waiting to hear from them. There is a very real threat to all of us," the prince said.

The Zulu monarch flew to Johannesburg on Thursday after being picked up from his Enyokeni palace in Nongoma by an Air Force helicopter. However, Prince Zulu said the king was not in hiding and would be in his palace this weekend.

Last night the IFP and ANC gave their blessing to security plans for the celebrations.

Prayer

According to regional peace committee spokesman Mr Nicholas Claude, security forces met the IFP and the ANC. He said both parties were satisfied with the security arrangements which include the deployment of 700 personnel at Stanger today and in kwaMashu tomorrow.

About a hundred Zulu royalists gathered at the city hall in Durban yesterday for singing and prayer. They carried banners supporting King Goodwill.

ANC regional leader Mr Jacob Zuma said the ANC was not siding with the king.

"We have no ploy of doing anything like that. We would not dare try to get the king on our side. He can't be seen to be aligned to any political party.

"The king is above politics because he is the king," he said.

In other developments:

● Cosatu joined the call by the monarch and the ANC for prayer meetings to be held instead of the Shaka Day celebrations.

● The National Party said Shaka Day would be a test of whether the celebrations would be used for cultural purposes or to whip up emotions.

● IFP leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi again insisted the celebrations would go ahead as planned. — Own Correspondent, Sapa

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Royal lineage affirmed

DURBAN. — Sfiso Zulu, the man who was confronted by Inkatha Freedom Party leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi during a live television interview on Sunday, is a descendant of Mthonga, a brother of Mpande, one of the original Zulu kings.

His royal lineage is affirmed by a senior member of the Zulu royal house, Clement Zulu, and his public appearances over the past week as spokesman for the royal committee have not been disputed by the king, Goodwill Zwelithini.



Sfiso Zulu

Prince Sfiso is thus a prince of the royal house. His status, however, is that of a relatively junior prince compared to the direct descendants of Mpande's successor, Ceteswayo.

Chief Buthelezi and his great rival, Israel Mcwayizeni Zulu, an ANC MP and national executive member, are both direct descendants of Ceteswayo.

Prince Sfiso is almost a generation younger than Chief Buthelezi. He is in his early 40s while the IFP leader is in his mid-60s.

Chief Buthelezi has challenged Prince Sfiso's right to speak on behalf of the Zulu king, dismissing him as a "youngster" whom he had never seen.

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But well-placed observers insist Prince Sfiso was unanimously elected as spokesman for the interim royal committee.

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Mandela praises king for 'dignity'

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PRESIDENT Nelson Mandela last night complimented King Goodwill Zwelethini for the "dignified manner" in which he had conducted himself in the wake of Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi's sensational interruption of a live Agenda TV broadcast — saying "he deliberately elected not to get involved".

And Prince Sifiso Zulu, who was about to be interviewed by presenter Freek Robinson when the Minister of Home Affairs and his bodyguards burst in, has accused the chief of assaulting him and says he plans to sue.

The incident could be raised at tomorrow's cabinet meeting, a reliable source said yesterday.

Mr Mandela, asked in Stellenbosch last night whether he had spoken to Chief Buthelezi or if he intended to, replied: "No, I have not ... I would like to handle the matter a little more carefully ..."

Later he appealed to journalists not to "put pressure on me ... I also have not got his side of the story yet".

Last night Prince Sifiso, sporting a bandaged right hand, spoke on television about Sunday's incident and denied he had pulled out a firearm.

Appearing on CCV's Newsline, the prince repeated his claim that the Inkatha Freedom Party president was not a traditional prime minister of King Goodwill.

He said Chief Buthelezi had never been appointed as the king's prime minister.

"Chief Buthelezi was a chief minister during the time of the kwaZulu government and that system was overtaken by the new democratic government. The current premier of kwaZulu/Natal is Dr (Frank) Mdlalose."

Inquiry

Prince Sifiso claimed he was warned that his days were numbered.

Yesterday the IFP claimed a weekend bid was made to assassinate Chief Buthelezi, saying an ANC member drew a gun on him when he disrupted the Agenda programme.

The party has hinted the apparent culprit was Prince Sifiso.

SABC chief executive Mr Zwelakhe Sisulu said yesterday he had ordered an inquiry.

And in a letter expressing "deep concern" at the incident, ANC MPs and senators said the ouster represented an "absolute denial" of the government's commitment to press freedom.

The Democratic Party said the IFP minister's intervention in a live television programme "makes Mr P W Botha's telephonic interruptions look tame", noting that the Durban studio drama "makes one wonder whether independent TV and radio will be possible in kwaZulu/Natal".

The National Party said the Inkatha leader's actions had neither promoted press freedom nor his own image.

The Conservative Party said it fully supported Chief Buthelezi in his struggle to maintain the integrity of the Zulu nation.

Media organisations rallied to condemn Chief Buthelezi. They included the South African Union of Journalists, the Media Monitoring Project, the Media Workers' Association of South Africa and the Freedom of Expression Institute. — Political Staff, Sapa

25 killed in Natal violence

DURBAN. — kwaZulu/Natal police have reported that 25 people were killed in the province at the weekend.

Three people were killed in an incident near Nongoma in northern kwaZulu/Natal on Sunday. Police said the three were all elderly men, aged between 75 and 80. (276)

They were shot by unknown gunmen driving a white car on the opposite side of the road to theirs. The old men were en route to Nongoma.

Police also said six people were killed in separate incidents in Durban's crime-ridden Umlazi township. ET 6/12/94

Three people were arrested in connection with some of the weekend killings

Among the victims was Mr Wilfred Percock, 45, shot by three men at his Mtunzini home on the north coast on Friday. The killers confronted him after chasing his daughter home and asking where her brother was. Mr Percock's daughter and wife were assaulted.

Constable Z J Mbokazi was shot dead in Umlazi on Friday.

At kwaMbonambi on the north coast, a gang set a kraal alight on Friday and Jabulani Mbokazi, 16, was burnt to death. — Sapa