

# VIOLENCE AND POVERTY

In the last issue of *Apdusa Views*, various reasons were set out for the violence which has made this paradise into hell.

One important contribution to violence is the grinding poverty that people suffer. They need land to erect a dwelling house and to demarcate an area one can call one's own. Water is required for drinking and washing of bodies and clothes. Hence there is a race for scarce resources like land and water.

Earlier this month it was reported that in the Loskop area there was a terrible carnage — 25 people slaughtered and 100 huts destroyed by fire.

This carnage and destruction is part of on-going faction fights between the Ngondini and Myangweni clans because of a land dispute.

The Bambayi landless and land-starved inhabitants are at each others throats. The principal cause is also poverty.

Land, water supply, sewerage system, electricity, etc, is what is going to help. Not light blue ribbons.