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Gangs' Grenade Raids:

Fears of War Zones

Police worried at 'merciless' tussle for territory, drugs monopoly

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GANGSTERS' "stop-at-nothing" tactics of grenade and automatic rifle attacks have led police to fear Cape Flats neighbourhoods could be turned into war zones. There have been two handgrenade attacks in the past week, one last night which severely damaged a shebeen owner's home in Factoron and the other late last week on the home of an alleged Bishop Lavis druglord. Police are investigating a possible link between the attacks.

Police claim that merciless gangsters fighting for territorial control and drug trade monopoly are "armed to the teeth" and sending a "message of power" with the brutality of their attacks.

In last night's incident, shortly before midnight, a Factoron shebeen owner's home was extensively damaged in a handgrenade attack believed to be linked to the earlier shooting of a teenager, allegedly in a gang revenge attack, in another Factoron house.

The attack on the shebeen in Matroosplein came minutes after police raided the house and confiscated a legally owned firearm from the owner's wife.

Earlier yesterday 19-year-old William Jacobs, thought to be a supporter of the shebeen owner, was shot 10 times as he lay sleeping in the Ventura Street home of his grandfather, who was asleep just metres from his grandson but was unhurt. The shebeen owner and his wife escaped death "by minutes" when the handgrenade smashed through the window of their main bedroom and exploded.

Police cordoned off the street in front of the house to pick up grenade splinters to establish its origin and type.

Residents, including women and children dressed in nightwear, gathered around the shebeen, furious about gangsters who they said had taken the streets and parks away from the community.

One woman said complicity between gangsters and police in Kensington was rife and fanned the warfare.

The shebeen owner said he himself had been approached by police to drop charges which he had laid against rivals. A Kensington policeman said he was not aware of the allegations and would inform his superiors.

He added that police authorities were continuously monitoring gang activity and kept a close watch on alleged police involvement.

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Criminals are 'taking over' groups set up to fight crime

By RYAN CRESSWELL

THE South African National Civics Organisation is investigating allegations that criminals have infiltrated the anti-crime structures it set up to help the police in Port Elizabeth.

Last year the organisation appointed five senior members to investigate the allegations and a full report should be ready in March.

There are 21 anti-crime units with hundreds of members operating under the civic organisation's banner in the Port Elizabeth area.

The unit that allegedly has the most problems is that under the local chief-of-staff, Sicelo Apleni.

The civic's regional president, Thozamile Magqabi, said there had been dozens of reports about unit members committing serious crimes.

He said the anti-crime structures were supposed to be made up of responsible members of the organisation, but some criminals were using them as a cover.

Since 1990, when the organisation's admissions policy was relaxed, it had become relatively easy for undesirable people to join. They then infiltrated the anti-crime bodies, Mr Magqabi said.

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Anti-crime plan for Cape Town (35)

Visible force, better deployment of manpower

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Staff Reporter

A CRIME-PREVENTION strategy will be launched in Cape Town's central business district in early February.

The aim of the Proactive Policing Umbrella is highly visible policing and an improved distribution of manpower.

Motorcycles and patrol vehicles will be used in this manner for attempt to deter criminals.

All units employed, including rent-a-cops, or community patrol officers, will work together and co-ordinate activities.

The CBD has been divided into eight blocks in a style similar to business watches

and these will be patrolled by 25 uniformed police members.

Block A is bordered by Buitengracht, Buitengracht, Pepper and Long streets and is adjacent to Block B, bordered by Pepper, Buitengracht, Long and Church streets.

Block C is the area between Rose, Church, Long and Strand streets, and Block D extends from there to Hans Strijdom Avenue.

Block E is bordered by Bloem, Long, Church and Adderley streets, Block F by Long, Church, Adderley and Strand, and Block G by Strand, Long and Adderley streets and Hans Strijdom Avenue.

Block H stretches from Adderley Street to Shortmarket

and down to Buitenkant Street, and Block I is bordered by Strand and Buitenkant streets.

In addition, the St George's Mall kiosk will be manned by two members, and two vehicles will patrol blocks and react to complaints.

Hotels and accommodation establishments will be assisted by 12 members of the tourist assistance unit who will observe the general movement of tourists.

Once it has been established where they are headed, a police presence could be ensured.

The Crime Prevention Unit's 24 members work in three shifts, concentrating on

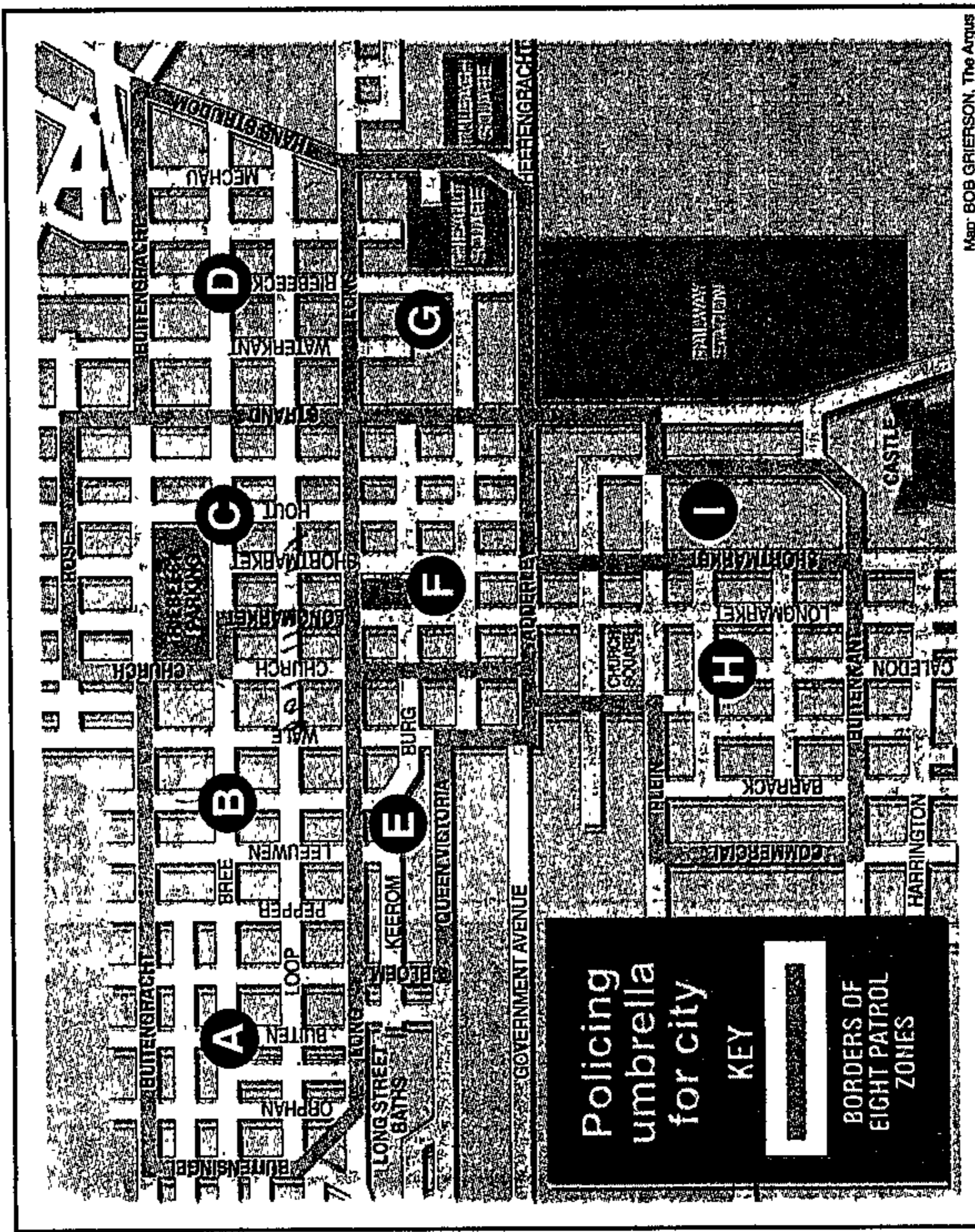
the city centre and residential areas.

SAPS patrol vehicles will react to complaints based on a division of the area into three blocks with one vehicle for each block.

At night patrols will be increased in Loop Street, with nightclubs a particular target.

About 20 community police officers have been deployed in the CBD and except in the case of emergencies, it has not been necessary to involve other units where they are stationed.

They patrol defined areas encompassing Greenmarket Square, Table Mountain, the Golden Acre, St George's Mall and outside the Capetonian Hotel.



Map: BOB GRIERSON, The Argus

Sophisticated plan to stop city muggings

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LINDSAY BARNES, Staff Reporters

NEW hi-tech, iron-fisted policing in Cape Town is poised to create a safer environment for overseas tourists, upcountry visitors and local residents, who have been at the mercy of muggers.

This follows revelations that statistics given by tourism groups and police on the number of tourists mugged or assaulted in the city centre may be well below the number of those treated in hospitals.

A City Park Hospital doctor said a large number of foreigners were treated at his hospital each month, and that figures quoted were grossly underestimated.

"On average in a month we see between 15 and 20 cases of assaulted tourists, and in January we treated one man who was mugged twice in one day," said Curt Minnie.

This conflicted with only six accounts of muggings of foreigners in the city between December 15 last year and January 8, quoted in an earlier report by police spokesman John Sterrenberg.

Last Friday Dr Minnie attended to seven tourists who were stabbed or mugged. He said that on Fridays the hospital generally treated five or six people who had been stabbed or had assault wounds from being pushed to the ground by muggers.

On Tuesday night, two Scottish visitors were stabbed by teenage muggers on the corner of Adderley and Strand streets before being rescued by police.

John Stewart, 66, and Eric Buchanan, 62, were treated for multiple stab wounds but, due to the quick action of members of the Police Tourism Unit, lost none of their possessions.

The attacks are believed to be carried out by knife-wielding gangs of youths preying on tourists, and a strong-arm campaign has been launched by police to rid the city centre of this type of crime.

Dr Minnie said most of the assault wounds he treated were to the chest or arms and, although most were superficial, some were deep.

Reaction by the victims ranged from embarrassment at being unable to pay due to their money and credit cards having been stolen, to shock at having been attacked.

The hospital had experienced an increase in these cases during the past nine months, probably in relation to the boom in tourism during the same period.

New Area Commissioner for Cape Town Raymond Dowd said his game plan to fight mugging included sophisticated computer analysis of crime

patterns, focusing especially on attacks on tourists, to provide the basis for an efficient pro-active policing approach.

A sophisticated operations room equipped with state-of-the-art radio communication and computer equipment was being set up in the old district headquarters which was being phased out to make way for the restructured police service.

Director Dowd said sector or "block system" patrolling would enhance visible policing and would be controlled from a satellite operations room at the city railway station.

He said "like never before" tourists were the Western Cape's most valuable investment, especially in the light of the bid for the 2004 Olympic Games.

"It is high time to give back our parks, avenues and walk ways to the community and our visitors.

"I want tourists to take home a positive message of life in Cape Town — a word of encouragement.

"Our overseas visitors must go home with smiles, not scars, on their faces," said Director Dowd

He said a point of departure was to compile and computerise statistics for analytical purposes.

"Once we have a clear picture from our computer programs of what is happening on the ground in terms of crime tendencies, popular modus operandis and perhaps high risk areas, we can act decisively to get results.

"I've been in consultation with overseas police agencies including those in Paris, Vienna, Sweden and Norway to get as much input to formulate our new strategy."

A second and equally important move cited by Director Dowd was to bring together the fragmented units such as the Tourism Unit, Business Watch, Community Police (Rent-a-Cop) and the normal Crime Prevention Police.

Director Dowd said it was important to eliminate overlapping between the units and instead to plan together under one "hands-on" management team with a central control mechanism.

He also highlighted human resources and availability of equipment in Cape Town as a third move to optimise policing.

"I will be looking at the redeployment of policemen and women into active policing from areas such as the courts and in our Logistic, Finance and Administrative departments.

"I want Cape Town to be a safe and secure haven for tourists, the business community and residents," said Director Dowd, who appealed to the entire community to "get on board" and take part in the anti-mugging drive.

Plan for tourist safety policy

Theo Rawana

THE tourism security task group set up last November to help formulate policy and develop strategies on tourist safety would meet this week to draw up action plans, spokesman Supt Eric Pelser said.

Pelser was responding to reports that five foreign tourists had been attacked in four incidents in Cape Town in the first six days of this month. Two of them were Scotsmen, both over 60, who were stabbed several times.

Tourism Minister Dawie de Villiers, at the launch of the task group, said it was designed to influence the Cabinet's crime prevention committee to have tourists' safety on its permanent agenda. It had been given the task of developing a strategic framework for security measures and providing guidelines on security structures at provincial and local levels.

Pelser said the meeting of the task group would be held in conjunction

with the Tourism Business Council of SA.

The incidents in Cape Town highlighted the need for the group's initiatives to be operational.

Cape Town police reported they had arrested a 16-year-old youth after he and six others allegedly stabbed and tried to rob the Scottish tourists in central Cape Town on Tuesday evening.

Inspector Virna Simon said John Stewart, 66, and Eric Buchanan, 62, were taken to hospital and discharged after treatment.

A Polish woman was robbed of her camera valued at R3 500 on February 1. On the same day an Israeli man was stabbed by six youths who tried to rob him of his wallet and wrist watch. A German man was robbed of his camera and cash on February 2.

Simon said Cape Town had tourism protection units which worked 24 hours a day to prevent crime, but the city covered a large area and police could not be everywhere.

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Gangs get together to win upmarket trade

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DRUG-PEDDLING GANGS in Cape Town are extending their operations, targeting adults and children in the southern suburbs and Sea Point — and eliminating rivals in drive-by shootings. **JACKIE CAMERON** reports.

AS COCAINE floods Cape Town's illicit drugs market, there has been an alarming shift in gang tactics — with several Cape Flats gangs grouping to fight off smaller gangs as they move into the city's more affluent areas.

At least eight notorious Cape Flats gangs have united under the name The Firm as they move to more sinister methods to fight their territorial battles with other gangs and sell drugs in the southern suburbs and Sea Point.

The gangs are also adopting assassin-style drive-by shootings to eliminate their opponents, rather than large-scale street battles which attract the attention of the

police, sources told the Cape Times yesterday.

The shift in gang tactics is sure to cause another headache for police as they continue to struggle to bring the Western Cape's biggest crime problem under control.

There are an estimated 100 000 gangsters in the Western Cape, not all of them active at any one time.

One senior police source said: "The Firm is a group of eight gangs with prominent leaders who are doing business together."

"They are trying to put the smaller gangs out of business. We understand there may be an opposition group developing."

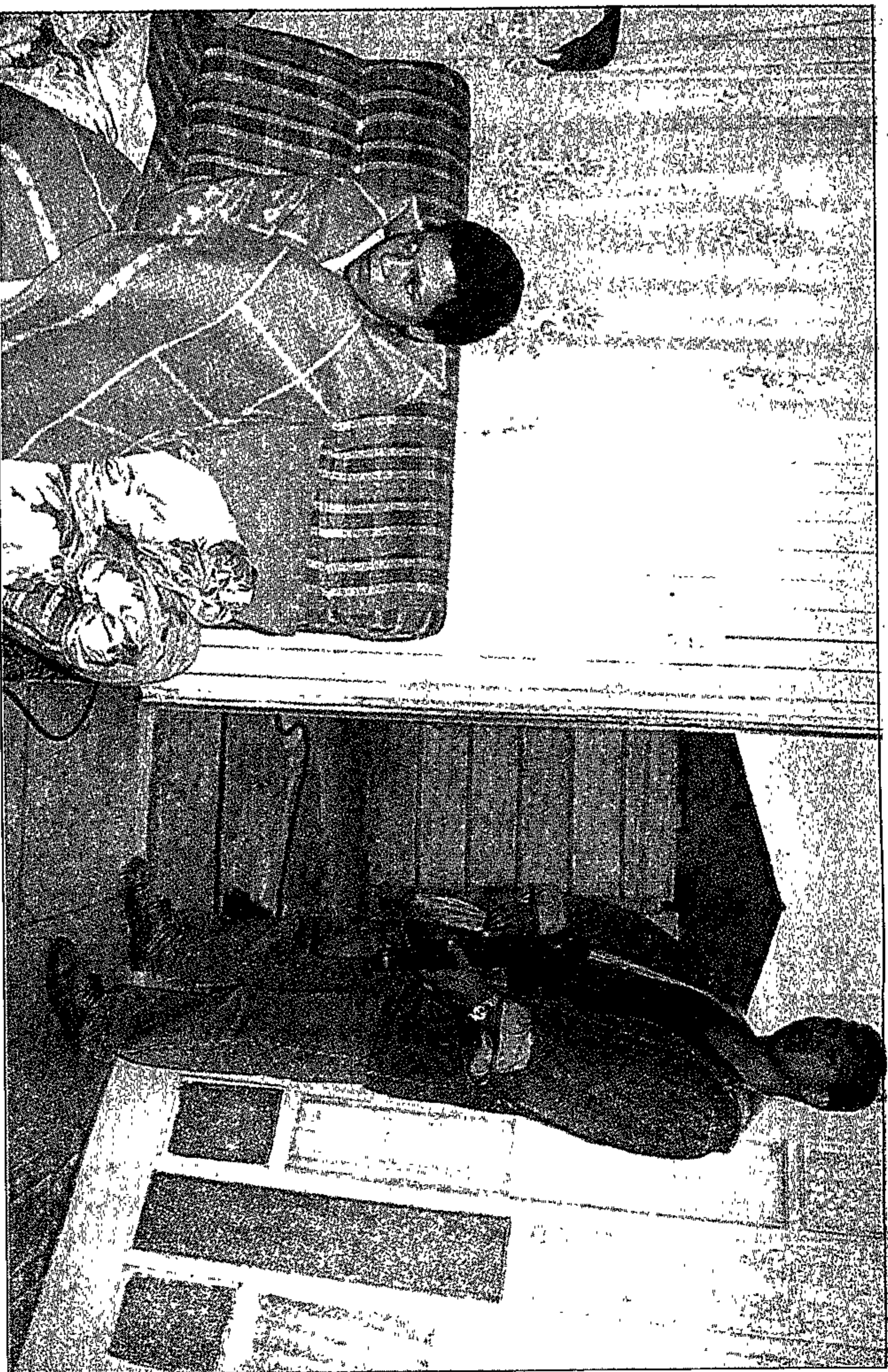
Gang crime had started spread-

ing from the traditional Cape Flats areas into the more affluent suburbs — including Hout Bay and Rondebosch — and police were concerned they were making a concerted effort to target adults and children in those areas, the source said.

"Gangs are also starting to specialise more in selling cocaine. Cocaine is more popular than it was in the past and it is also more lucrative. It is easier to sell in the wealthier areas than on the Cape Flats, where Mandrax is the popular drug."

Provincial MEC for Safety and Security Mr Patrick McKenzie said there was to be a strong police presence in every township and in the CBD.

There would be regular road-blocks, not just in the townships, but also in areas such as Camps Bay and near the Waterfront.



ANTI-GANG RAID: Police raided at least five houses early yesterday in connection with a new grouping of gangs calling themselves The Firm. The police visible gang unit member stands guard at the door of a Belhar home while his colleagues search the house for drugs. No drugs were found at this house and no arrests were made yesterday.

PICTURE: BENNY GOOL

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Mafia super-gangs,

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By YVETTE VAN BREDA

POLICE are battling a Mafia-like "super gang" which is changing the face of township crime with a business-orientated strategy aimed at dominating the Western Cape's lucrative drug trade.

A well-placed source at the National Crime Intelligence Service (NCIS) said this week that the unit had launched a crack-down on The Firm, a group of key individuals drawn mainly from the ranks of gang leaders.

Although they operate from the Western Cape, their tentacles spread across the country and beyond. They almost certainly have international links, said the source, and are involved with drug smuggling.

"They tolerate no competition in their rapidly growing criminal empire, he added. Small-time drug traffickers are made to pay protection money in the form of "taxes", and anyone who crosses them is ruthlessly eliminated.

"The Firm brings people into line. If you are affiliated you pay taxes to them, if not they'll wipe you out and kill you if necessary," said the source.

Taxi operators and shebeen owners were also subjected to the "Mafia-like" tactics of The Firm and paid protection money.

The gang's new goal was to corner the designer-drug market.

The source said The Firm was born after policing in townships was stepped up to eradicate gangs, and the drug traffickers found sales increasingly difficult.

Superintendent Jan Louw, head of the Visible Gang Unit, said there had been a steep fall in gang-related crime recently and this was due to The Firm "re-organising and strengthening themselves".

Supt Louw said prison gangs such as the notorious 28s were regrouping "on the outside" and contributing to The Firm's activities.

An incident at Pollsmoor Prison this week may have been evidence of that contribution: rival gangs turned the prison's parking area into a battlefield when they opened fire, injuring at least four people.

Seven licensed firearms were confiscated at the scene and 36 people were detained for questioning after the clash. Investigations are continuing.

The National Crime Intelligence source said jailed gangsters had a powerful influence over members on the outside.

"The 28s and the 26s kill each other outside. Gang generals will pull rank on lesser members to make them carry out orders."

Gangsters even "took the rap" for their superior if they carried out an order to kill an opponent. This meant the NCIS would have to concentrate on conspiracy charges.

"We also have to investigate the licensing of weapons to gangsters."

The unit will have its work cut out. An estimated 130 gangs operate in the Western Cape, of which over 100 are based in the Peninsula.

With the formation of the NCIS, leading gangsters had been identified, said the source.

"We know who they are and where they are... and we'll cut off all the tentacles until we get to the main culprits."

The unit's first breakthrough resulted in the arrest of four gang leaders. Their bail application is due to be heard in the Bellville Magistrate's Court tomorrow.

Meanwhile, the Justice Department is reportedly trying to set up an effective witness protection programme, a step that will significantly lighten the NCIS's load.

Crime soars in W Cape, insurance claims show

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CRIME in the Western Cape is worsening, a leading insurance company has found.

Statistics released by Santam show that their crime-related insurance claims in the Western Cape have increased by 23 per cent in the past six months.

Burglary claims have risen by almost 30 per cent and claims for motor vehicle theft by 10 per cent over the same period.

The claims figures for the Western Cape show a clear deviation from the national statistics, said Joe Roux, Santam assistant general manager of public relations.

According to statistics released by the police National Crime Investigation Service (NCIS), hijackings of vehicles in the Western Cape jumped 43 per cent between 1994 and 1995, compared with 12 per cent in the Witwatersrand in Gauteng, which is seen as the hijacking capital of the country.

House-breaking in the Western Cape increased by nine per cent during the same period, but vehicle theft fell by one per cent.

Vice-chairman of the South African Insurance Association Andrew Tainton said consumers were carrying the can for the high levels of crime by having to pay higher premiums to insure their possessions.

Hector Haskins, assistant general manager of SA Eagle Insurance, confirmed the apparent increase in crime, but said it had not yet been reflected in insurance premiums. Nationally, the big increase in vehicle theft between 1993 and 1995 appeared to have been stemmed, with statistics to the end of March 1996 showing the number of insurance claims had dropped about one per cent.

However, the value of the claims rose by almost seven per cent.

SEWERS OVERFLOW IN THE STREETS



Township police battle long hours and bullets

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DISILLUSIONED police officers in Khayelitsha, one of the poorest and most crime-ridden communities in the country, suspect police management "don't really care" about their predicament, writes **MELANIE GOSLING**.

IN JUST 2 1/2 years there have been 13 different station commanders and acting station commanders in Khayelitsha — an average stay of around three months.

It's not easy being a cop in that sad township. The hours are long, the pay is poor and police are shot at so often they have almost become used to it.

Captain Desmond Laing, head of the mobile crime prevention unit, was posted to Khayelitsha in 1993.

"The day I arrived in Khayelitsha was a big shock. I met one of the other policemen for the first time in the morning and three hours later he was shot dead. I realised that if we were going to get anywhere we would have to start working with communities. Without their help, we would get nowhere."

There is only one fully fledged police station in the township and three reporting points.

There are 267 police officers — about one for every 3 000 residents. About half the officers are untrained police assistants — the old "kitskonstabels" of the apartheid era who were trained primarily to guard police stations and little else. Many are unable to read or write properly so cannot work in the charge office because they have difficulty in taking statements.

The residents complain of drunkenness among the police assistants, but because they are not permanent SAPS members, departmental steps cannot be taken against them. They are just booked off for the day and lose a day's pay.

Constable Wayne Benjamin in the crime prevention unit has six years' experience, works 12-hour shifts and takes home R1 800 a month after tax. Four of his friends

Few of the hand radios work. When Laing's men disappear into the honeycomb of shacks at night, they usually have no radios.

"Anything could happen and I wouldn't know about it."

Laing had to buy his own binoculars to use for surveillance. He needs night sights, but cannot afford them.

It's Friday evening and the mobile unit gets ready for the night patrol. The Casspir won't start and they have to use jump leads.

Captain Laing makes his rounds. The electricity is out at the police caravan station in Site C. He gets the generator out but it doesn't work. Using a knife as a screwdriver he tries to get it going, but in the end the police stationed there spend the night doing their duties by torchlight.

It's nearly midnight and a group of cops takes a coffee break.

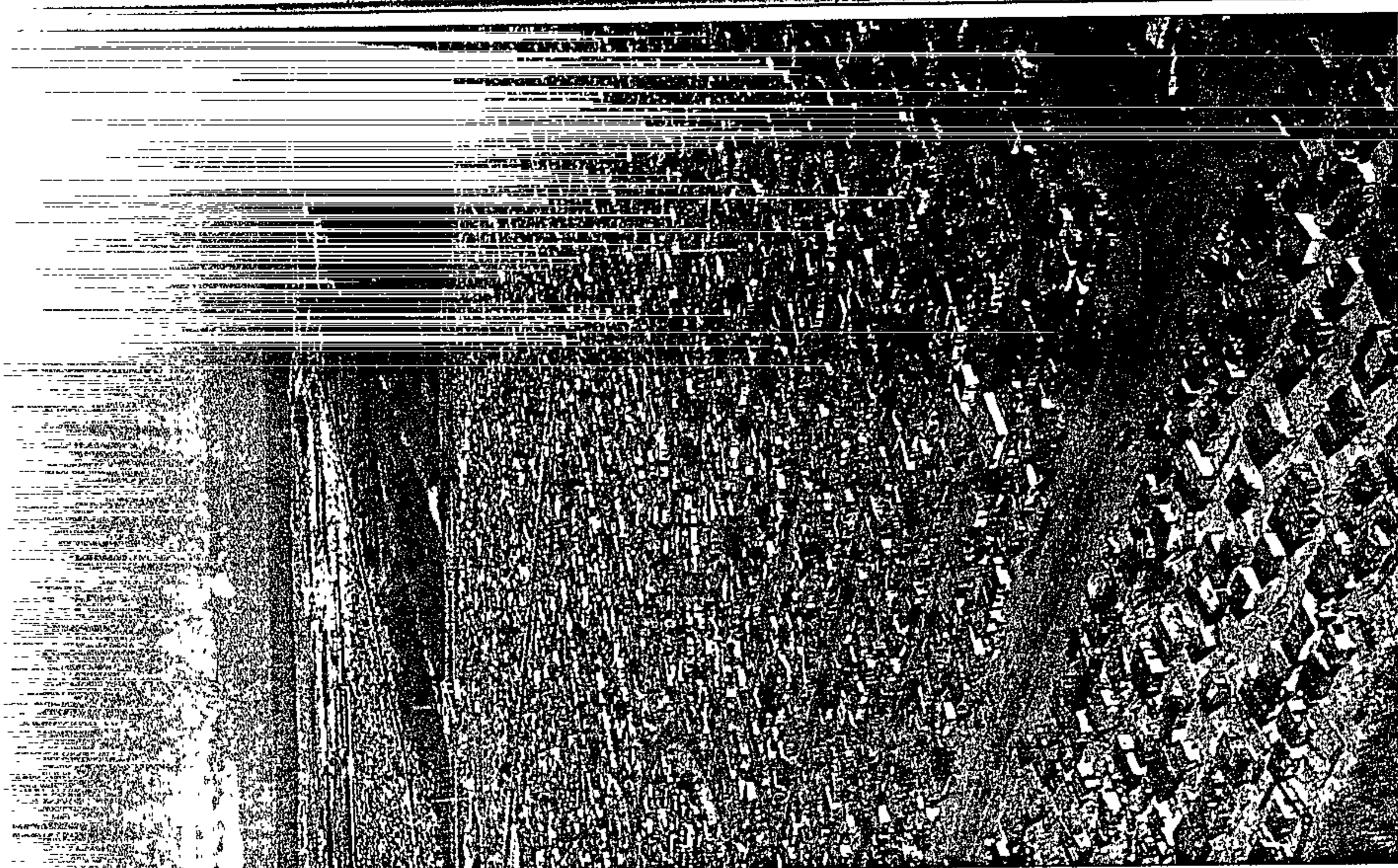
Says one: "I don't think the top management in the police really know what it's like to work out here. They are out of touch with the police on the ground. I don't think they really care."

One area in which Khayelitsha police have had some success is closer community liaison. They have weekly meetings between the crime prevention unit, the internal stability unit, the defence force, the Khayelitsha community policing forum and street committees.

The police give a breakdown of reported crime and the community provides feedback on the unreported crime. Together they plan where to focus their efforts for the coming week.

The toll the work takes on police emotionally is something they don't talk about. How do they cope, year after year, with the constant violence, the gruesome murders, a burned body, a raped baby?

"You just switch off. You don't think of them as people, just bodies. Maybe it's wrong to have no emotions for another human being. But how else do you handle it?"



TOUGHEST BEAT: With virtually no staff and little equipment, police are hard-pressed to contain the surging crime rate in the sprawling suburb of Khayelitsha. There have been 13 different station commanders here in under three years. **PICTURE: BENNY GOOL**

Police not evil, says Mufamadi

Stephen Laufer

CAPE TOWN — Those who bore ultimate responsibility for policy decisions which led to gross human rights violations by police should have been the first to testify at the truth commission, Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi told the Senate yesterday.

Speaking during the debate on his budget, the minister said it would be easy to conclude from "shocking evidence" to the commission that policemen and women were "inherently evil". That wrong conclusion could be corrected only if past police actions were placed in their proper historical context by the policy makers.

Without this understanding, communities would find it difficult to continue their efforts to encourage and support the dedicated members of the current police service, he said.

The system, its goals and vision, philosophy and character were changing, Mufamadi said. "It is important that the nature of the previous system be exposed so it may wither and die."

Sapa reports Mufamadi said that although KwaZulu-Natal's problems had developed out of the difficult social and political histories of the province's people, they had also been fanned and aggravated by a systematic campaign of violence and repression.

He said he had always maintained that many of KwaZulu-Natal's problems were of a political nature and would require political solutions.

Yet an important feature of strategies to solve the problems also had to include eradicating the "culture of impunity" that had set in, due to poor and biased policing characterising the province in the past. But last year saw far fewer murders in KwaZulu-Natal.

Crime on the rise in Cape

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CAPE TOWN — Serious crime in the Cape Peninsula had increased between 10% and 20% last year compared with 1994, Cape of Good Hope attorney-general Frank Kahn said in his annual report tabled in Parliament yesterday.

Unless there was a significant investment in the campaign against crime the community could not be expected to take political promises seriously, he said.

A total of 245 000 crimes had been reported in the Peninsula last year.

Kahn said prosecuting commercial crime was becoming a problem as his office did not have staff to cope. This included the investigation into Allan Boesak involving about R3m. Another 11 cases involving R500m were occupying 25% of his staff in the long term, he said. — Sapa.



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Crime increasing in Western Cape

Linda Ensor

CAPE TOWN — Crime was on the increase in the Western Cape and firm policing would be required to deal with it in the run-up to 2004 in the event Cape Town succeeded in its bid to host the Olympic Games, police MEC Gerald Morkel said in the provincial legislature yesterday.

In his speech on the police budget vote, Morkel said there had been 800 more incidents of crime in the first quarter of the year compared with the same period last year.

"These figures are worrying, especially when seen in the light that this province aims to prepare for the Olympic Games over the next eight years," Morkel said.

"Eight years is a short space of time for the necessary developments, not only for the infrastructure for the games themselves, but for the detailed preparation that will be necessary to ensure the safety of the participants, the spectators, and all those who come to enjoy this province as visitors.

The main flashpoints in the province in terms of crime were Khayelitsha, Mitchell's Plain, Nyanga, Bellville South, Kuilsrivier and Elsiesrivier, he said.

Morkel attacked the new constitution for making policing a central government function, on the grounds that the unique problems of each province were best dealt with at provincial level. He had made representations to the Constitutional Court to get more powers, as contained in the interim constitution.

The Western Cape was allocated 9,3% (R968m) of the national police budget this year.

Blitz on crime

Police out in force to reclaim the city streets

BIG business has contributed close to R1-million towards a major anti-crime programme aimed at bolstering police numbers in Cape Town's CBD with a further 150 fully-trained and armed police reservists.

The scheme is aimed at "taking the CBD away from the criminals and giving it back to the people," says Cape Town police chief Director Raymond Dowd.

More than 50 police reservists, also financed by big business, are already working on Metro trains where they have helped to dramatically reduce crime.

The security crackdown, currently underway in key sections of the CBD, is being operated by patrol officers from the Community Patrol Board, a section 21 company formed to run the new security scheme.

The officers are fully trained police reservists, whose salaries are paid by the contributing companies.

The concept was suggested to Cape Town city councillor Chris Joubert by former Police Minister Patrick McKenzie.

Mr Joubert then set up the Community Patrol Board and approached big business.

Companies contributing to the scheme include Sanlam, First National Bank, Woolworths, the Cape Sun, Golden Acre and the Metro Train Services.

Next step will be the installation of security cameras at strategic areas around the city, which will be monitored from a central operations headquarters allowing quick police response.

Similar camera monitors have been successfully implemented on Durban's beachfront and in several European cities where they have been credited with dramatically reducing crime.

On the success of the business-sponsorship, Mr Joubert said: "This is a great partnership between big business and the police and could become a national concept if it works well here."

The scheme, which was started six months ago, is being co-ordinated by Director Dowd.

"I fully intend taking back the streets of Cape Town from the criminals and returning them to the people of Cape Town," says Director Dowd, who is overseeing the new crackdown in the CBD.

Mr Dowd says he has split the CBD into nine areas which are now patrolled extensively throughout the day with a high police presence.

"The patrolling officers are armed and linked by phone to patrolling police vehicles. Our short term objective is to clear the CBD of criminals. Our medium term aim is to make Cape Town a safe city for everyone," says Mr Dowd.

"The crime figures have dropped already compared to last year.

"But we must have a completely safe city if tourism is to achieve its potential in the Cape and we are to have any chance in getting the Olympics here."

BY YVETTE VAN BREDA

CRIME in the centre of Cape Town dropped dramatically this weekend when large numbers of police converged on the city to coincide with a major new anti-crime programme code-named "Operation Safe City".

The operation, which began on Friday night, was the beginning of a proactive police plan intended to deter criminals, and formed part of the recently announced national police plan, said Cape Town police chief Director Raymond Dowd.

A total of 87 police and traffic officers, uniformed and plain-clothes, saturated the CBD and neighbouring residential areas.

They used 30 vehicles to carry out the eight-hour operation, which was described as largely successful.

Director Dowd said: "We must judge the success of the operation by the absence of crime."

Police spokeswoman Inspector Virna Simon said there had been a marked decrease in reported crimes.

City bowl residents welcomed the strong police presence and were completely supportive and co-operative throughout the operation.

One of the night's highlights involved police catching a thief in the act shortly after he had smashed the window of a Long Street pharmacy.

The man was caught red-handed inside the chemist and police believe he may have been involved in a second housebreaking report-

ed in the CBD.

Three people who had warrants out for their arrest, were also apprehended.

Three others, found with dagga, were arrested and 35 "reefers" were confiscated.

Seven night clubs were visited to make sure that there were no under-age patrons. No arrests were made at clubs, said Inspector Simon.

Police in groups of two and three patrolled the CBD all night exchanging banter with young strollers, straight and gay sex workers, withered vagrants, teen club-goers and tourists.

As the word spread that police were on the streets in droves, street corners visibly emptied of their usual loiterers.

There were several traffic violations and a few petty offences, "but nothing serious", said Director Dowd.

The two-pronged operation focused on proactive policing to reduce crime, and reactive policing to remove offenders from the city.

Director Dowd said there would be similar operations on a smaller scale at least once a month in future.

"We see this as making the city safe, not only in the light of the city's Olympic bid but also because we owe it to the community to make Cape Town safe and give the streets back to them."

He stressed that police were trying to enforce the law, "not set a value system for the city or spoil anyone's fun".

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BY JEREMY WOODS

gets a R1m boost

What we say

THE Cape Times fully endorses the anti-crime initiatives announced by the cabinet and the plans outlined on this page by regional police chief, Commissioner Leon Wessels.

But we want you, our readers, to join us in matching verbal support with deeds.

Crime has become the chief concern of most South Africans. The topic dominates conversation in pubs, at dinner parties and in our homes. But when we speak about crime, it is always as victims or in fear and loathing.

We are saying enough is enough. Now is the time to confront the crime scourge head-on because if we don't, we can forget about hosting the Olympics and see our cherished dream of a safe, free and prosperous South Africa trampled in the dust.

The Cape Times will in the next few weeks launch a campaign to help the police and other sectors of our society reclaim our city, suburbs and townships from the criminals. In conjunction with community business, the police and other state organisations, we will:

- Initiate campaigns to make our streets safe again.
- Promote and generate support for the police and police forums.
- Provide information and analyses of crime to broaden our understanding of the issue.
- Monitor the successes and failures of the campaigns announced by the police and government.
- Relate international experiences in combating crime and suggest possible solutions.

As South Africans, we have shown remarkable fortitude and courage to bring about our fledgling democracy. To ensure it is not destroyed, let's take on the thieves, murderers, rapists, gangs and drug lords.

The Editor

Cape cops declare war on crime

Chief vows to change city's image as murder capital

IN A NEW drive against crime, the SAPS plans massive monthly operations, including roadblocks and raids, reports Crime Writer JACKIE CAMERON.



PROVINCIAL police chief, Commissioner Leon Wessels will unveil a series of steps today designed to end Cape Town's dubious standing as the country's murder capital.

The strategy is part of his first annual police plan, which identifies the province's major crime problems and outlines steps that must be taken to reduce crime.

Short-term goals include establishing task forces at every police station to concentrate on netting 8 000 crime suspects, and massive monthly crime operations — which will include roadblocks and raids.

In the plan, of which the Cape Times has a copy, local police have identified the following crimes for special attention:

- Vehicle theft: Police will identify and "eradicate" corrupt officials who issue fraudulent registration and clearance certificates, and will help develop a system to regulate the sales of vehicle parts.
- Theft from motor vehicles: Police will identify and patrol "high risk" areas.
- Housebreaking: Stake-outs and patrols are among plans to reduce the incidence of this type of crime at homes and businesses. The regulation of pawn and second-hand shops is also in the pipeline.
- Robbery: Intelligence-gathering on

crime rings and patrols near vulnerable businesses will be stepped up.

● Assault: Investigations, particularly into family violence, will be improved.

● Theft: Patrols and stake-outs, particularly in rural areas where stock theft is a serious problem, will be adjusted according to patterns of incidence.

● Drug and substance abuse: Entertainment venues, where liquor is sold to juveniles and drug-peddling is tolerated, can expect regular police raids.

● Rape: Police will identify "high-risk areas" and concentrate patrols in these areas.

● Murder: Police will step up their presence near shebeens and areas where alcohol-related crimes are high, and improve intelligence-gathering on illicit firearms dealing.

AT A GLANCE

- To reduce and solve priority crimes, which include murder, rape, theft, housebreaking and drug and substance abuse
- New "user-friendly" charge offices.
- A change in the shift system at a number of police stations to ensure that detectives are available to begin an investigation as soon as a crime is reported.
- Results-oriented regular evaluations of police actions, with a shift in tactics where necessary.
- Small provincial headquarters.
- More decision-making powers for police members at station level.
- A recruitment strategy which reflects the language and culture of the population.
- Improved information network.
- Needs-based budgeting and intelligence-driven investigations.
- Additional training to ensure a more professional, motivated police service

The instigators of violence in the taxi industry will also become the focus of covert police operations.

● Gang-related crimes: Police intend to improve the investigative capacity of gang-fighting units.

Police are giving themselves five years to reduce and solve the province's priority crimes and improve their service.

Each station will focus on solving crimes unique to their areas.

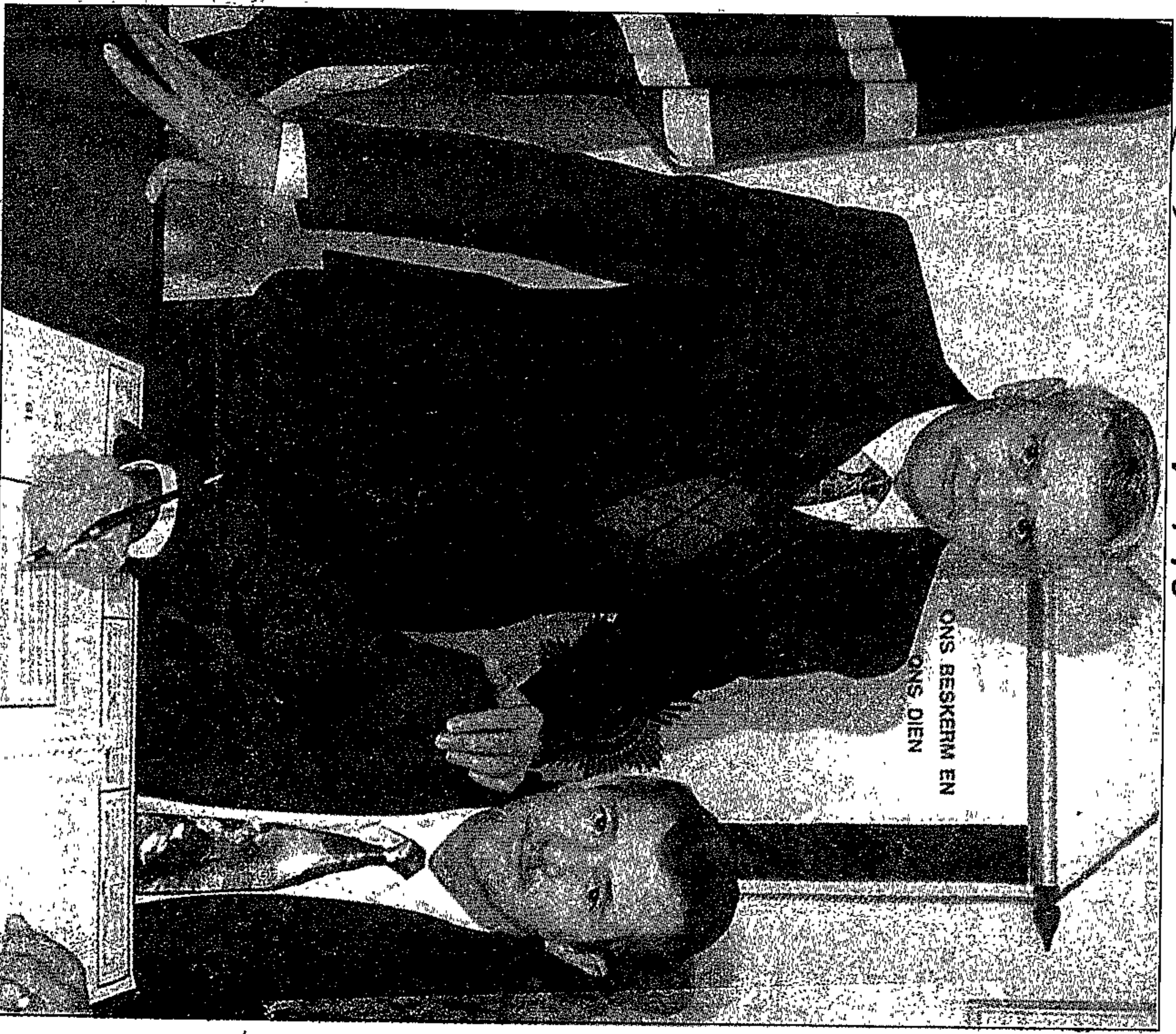
Nyanga police, for example, may set up "high chairs" from which police members will act as a "visible" deterrent and watch out for criminals in shopping areas.

External policing strategies include lobbying for change to legislation, where it can have an impact on crime, and establishing crisis and victim support centres.

According to the document, there are also too many police members deployed in administrative jobs.

"There is a limited focus on pro-active policing because of the difficulties in measuring success. Not all members of the SAPS are able to communicate effectively with the community, with regard to crime prevention and community problem-solving."

The document also criticises the "centralised organisational structure" in which "top management take most decisions... leading to a lack of responsibility at local level".



PREPARED: Provincial police chief Commissioner Leon Wessels (sitting) and Deputy Commissioner Dirk Craford on the eve of the release of a new police plan to clamp down on crime. They remained tight-lipped about the details of the campaign, to be unveiled today.

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Morkel criticises justice department for not prosecuting arrested gang leaders

Dockets opened, but no action taken, minister charges

LINDSAY BARNES
Staff Reporter

WESTERN Cape Minister of Police Gerald Morkel has blamed the justice department for the slaying of gang leader Rashaad Staggle.

He said the courts failed to prosecute drug barons after their arrest.

Since August last year, police dockets on certain warlords had been with the department but no action had been taken against them, Mr Morkel said.

end had been concentrated on taxi ranks where violence was anticipated.

as a deterrent to the big druglords or if they would bounce back to reassert their power base in the community.

He said he understood the frustration of members of the People Against Gangsters and Drugs (Pagad) group, but cautioned them against taking the law into their own hands.

Mr Powis said he feared that if the community meted out punishment to those in the drug trade, drug addicts would go underground.

“London Road is a familiar place to many of our clients,” he said.

Vigilante action ‘cannot be tolerated’

LINDSAY BARNES
Staff Reporter

THE actions of the vigilante group People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) will not be tolerated and police will leave no stone unturned in seeking the killers of Rashaad Staggle, says Fanie Bouwer, head of visible policing in the Western Cape.

No arrests had yet been made in response to last night's attacks and it was “difficult to say” if there were any suspects, Director Bouwer said.

“I understand the cause. We all worry about drugs and what they do to people but we cannot allow vigilante groups to take the law into their own hands,” he said.

ence to crack, a highly addictive and cheap derivative of cocaine.

Senior Superintendent Du Plessis appealed to community leaders and drug lords operated, to co-operate with police.

“If investigations are not handled sensitively it might lead to a community backlash,” he said.

Pagad urged to co-operate with police in fighting gangs

Staff Reporter

CRIMINOLOGIST Wilfred Scharf has called on militant groups such as the People Against Gangsterism and

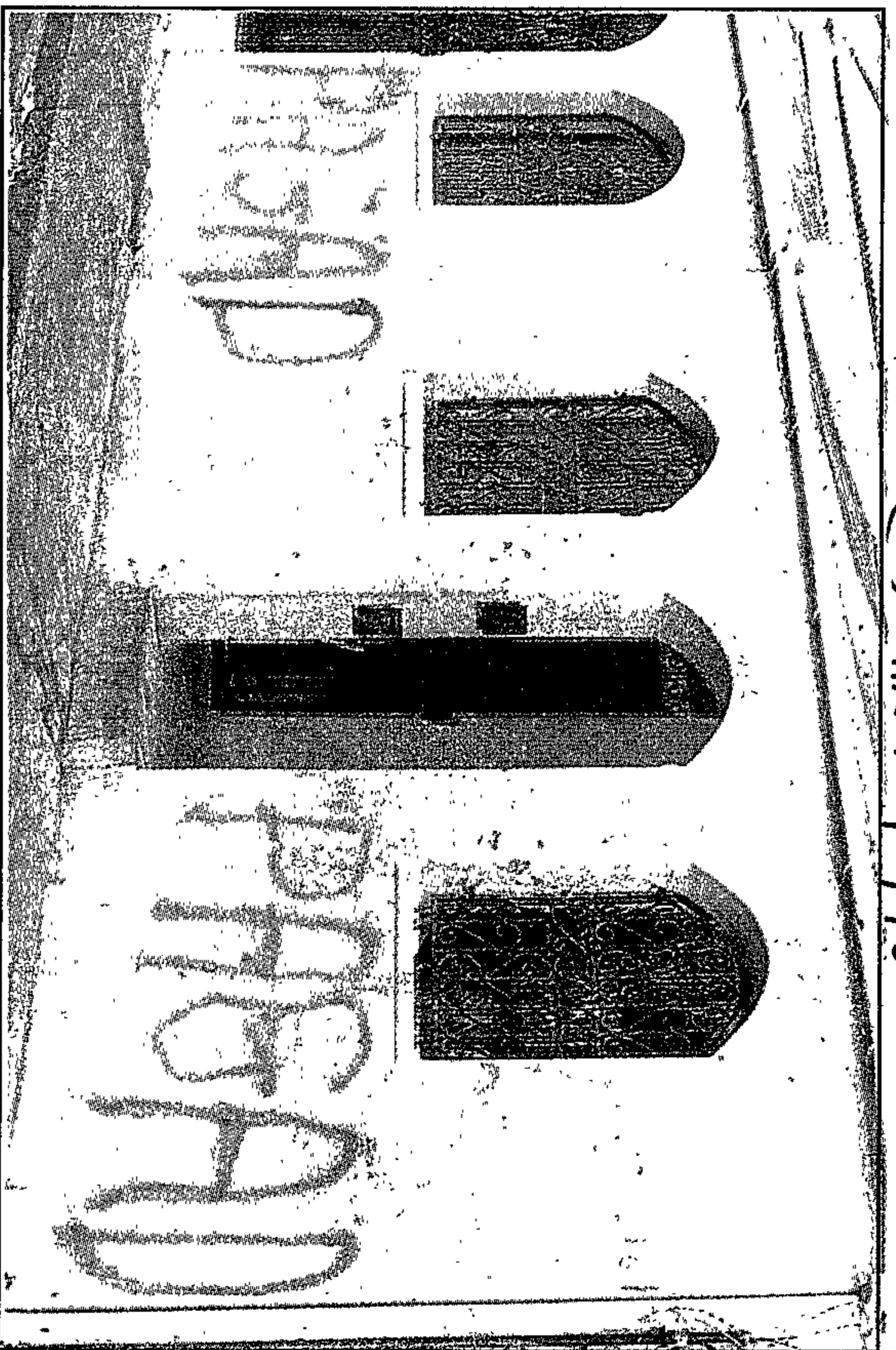
Drugs (Pagad) to co-operate with police in fighting gangsterism.

Professor Scharf, director of the criminology institute at the University of Cape Town, warned that inves-

He said last night's shooting must be seen in the context of increased gang activity during the past four years and the growing involvement of international drug syndicates.



SURVIVING TWIN: Hard Livings co-leader Rashed Staggle, whose brother Rashaad was gunned down and set alight last night.



SIGNS OF FURY: The house in London Road, Salt River, which came under siege last night. Apart from the obvious graffiti, the walls were peppered with bullet holes.

Night of terror for neighbour

Staff Reporter

WHEN Ashraf Dolan opened the security gate on his front stoep today he found a spent cartridge on the pavement and a deck of cards scattered in the street.

Further down the road curious shop owners and early morning pedestrians were looking at a trickle of congealed blood in the gutter.

The front porch of his house and the one next door were riddled with bullet holes.

Mr Dolan recalled the sight of the angry crowd that gathered outside his neighbour's house.

“I just grabbed my daughter and we crawled to a back room where we hid.”

“We were like hostages in our own house. I am a Muslim myself, but what these people have done is difficult to condone,” he said.

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Picture: ROY WIGLEY, The Argus.

TRC to focus on unrest in Cape Flats townships

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Death of Ashley Kriel to be recalled

JOHN YELD
on the Truth Commission

THE controversial death of one of the Cape's best-known uMkhonto weSizwe (MK) soldiers, Ashley Kriel, will be recalled at a hearing of the Truth Commission's human rights violations committee at the University of the Western Cape today.

About 30 victims of abuses or members of their families are expected to testify during the three-day hearing.

On Wednesday, the TRC will focus on abuses inflicted on women, in advance of National Women's Day on Friday.

The presiding panel of Truth commissioners and members of its committee for that day will consist only of women.

Mr Kriel, 20, of Bonteheuwel, was shot dead in a skirmish with two security policemen, disguised as city council sanitation workers, in a Hazendal, Athlone, house on July 9, 1987.

They were the only witnesses to his death, and said afterwards that Mr Kriel had been carrying clothing over his hand in a "suspicious" manner, indicating a hidden weapon.

When they had attempted to arrest him, there had been a "struggle" and Mr Kriel had been shot by one of the

security policemen - Jeff Benzien - with his (Mr Kriel's) own weapon, an inquest court heard later.

Mr Benzien admitted to the inquest that he had kept a poster of Mr Kriel in his office with the words "One down ... one to go" written on it.

Most of the cases at the Truth Commission hearing today and tomorrow relate to incidents in townships on the Cape Flats, such as Bonteheuwel, Elsies River and Khayelitsha, during the 1980s, but there are also some cases from the 1970s.

The decision to devote Wednesday's hearing to women had been taken because few women had come forward to tell their own stories of abuse, particularly of a sexual nature, Truth Commission media liaison officer Christelle Terreblanche said. "We hope more such hearings will be possible," she said.

The commission's sub-committee on gender issues was scheduled to be handed a document in Johannesburg on Thursday by a group of non-government organisations working with gender issues, Ms Terreblanche said.

"This document gives an overview of how apartheid affected women in particular and makes suggestions of how the commission can deal with gender issues."

Vigilante War

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Staff Reporters

PULL-SCALE war has broken out between gangsters and a militant Muslim lynch mob out to rid the city of drug dealers.

This follows last night's killing of Hard Livings gang boss Rashaad Staggie.

Police and medical personnel told how they stood by helplessly as Staggie was burnt alive by a mob which pumped bullets into him before he died in the gutter outside an alleged gang member's house in Salt River.

The killing followed a gunbattle between occupants of the besieged house and vigilantes from the group known as People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad), who had led a convoy to the house.

About 20 people, including Pagad leaders and two journalists, were wounded in the battle as police stood by, afraid to intervene for fear of aggravating the situation.

The slaying followed fears of a full-scale war between gangsters and vigilantes after gangsters threatened to burn down mosques unless the Pagad group stopped its military-style anti-drug operations.

Staggie was co-leader of the Hard Livings with his twin brother, Rashied. Many of the militant Muslim vigilantes who murdered him were masked.

They left his charred body on the street and marched to a nearby mosque to hold a prayer service.

"What has happened tonight shows what happens when you put your trust in Allah," a masked speaker told the crowd at the mosque. "Yes, we can clean our society and rid our society of scum," he said.

A policeman who saw the shooting of Mr Staggie said that being metres away but unable to do anything was the most horrifying experience of his career.

The policeman had followed a convoy of more than 500 vehicles packed with heavily armed Muslim anti-drug extremists that made its way from Athlone to Woodstock.

Heavily armed police, including members of the police reaction unit, arrived in armoured vehicles soon afterwards.

The 200-strong lynch mob, which had earlier exchanged fire with occupants of the London Road house occupied by members of the Hard Livings gang, surrounded Staggie when he arrived on the scene in his white four-wheel-drive vehicle.

He was shot in the head at close range while still in his vehicle. Then he was

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VIOLENT END: Rashaad Staggie, one of the leaders of the Cape Flats gang the Hard Livings, lies dead in gutter after being shot and set alight.

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ROY WIGLEY
The Argus.

UNDER FIRE: Policemen carry the body of Rashaad Staggie, who was shot and set alight by vigilantes in a Salt River street, while their colleagues offer them protection.

Police were threatened at gun-point and told they would die if they tried to interfere.

A policeman who had followed the Muslim convoy said: "The trouble came to a head near the corner of London and Albert roads, Woodstock

where the convoy stopped and the masked Muslims got out.

"They marched down London Road towards the Stagges' home and then let loose with their guns."

The occupants of the house, allegedly used as a shebeen and drug distribution point, emerged and returned fire.

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dragged out of the cab, and a petrol bomb was hurled at him, setting him alight.

The incident happened soon after Mr Staggie had arrived at the intersection near the besieged house of a suspected gang member, police said.

According to one version of events, the attack came after a gang member had opened fire on marchers with a shotgun.

Shortly afterwards there was an appeal on community radio asking doctors to come to a nearby mosque to treat wounded people. Ambulances took several wounded to hospital and others were taken from the scene in private transport.

The attack followed weeks of increasingly violent rhetoric against gangs from a loosely organised group linked to one of

Cape Town's most conservative mosques. Over the past few weeks, the Pagad group has led several marches and convoys to the homes of suspected drug dealers in the Cape Flats, and other gangsters.

But last night's protest spiralled out of control, possibly because people in the latest house to be targeted, in Salt River, began firing at the crowd outside.

Police arrived and cordoned off the area, but took no further steps to break up the crowd.

Police spokesman John Sterrenberg said police had physically been prevented from doing their job. The heavily armed crowd had outnumbered them by "hundreds".

"There were even snipers on the roofs."

Police look on as crowd of Muslim vigilantes shoot and burn gangster

OWN CORRESPONDENT

Cape Town – One of the most notorious figures in the Western Cape underworld, Rashaad Staggie, was shot in the head last night, set alight and a hail of bullets was pumped into his body by vigilante anti-drugs Muslims.

Police stood by in Salt River while guns were emptied in Staggie's direction from across the street and the a crowd bayed for his blood.

Staggie took a long time to die, apparently because he was protected from many of the gunshots by a bulletproof vest.

The murder came after several hundred members of the Muslim movement People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) drove from their mosque to the home of Staggie's twin brother, Rashid.

Awoken in Pretoria at midnight, Minister of Justice Dullah Omar was informed of the mob-killing, but chose not to comment.

The twins, in their early forties, were known as leaders of the "Hard Livings" gang, one of the groups whose internecine war has made Cape Town the murder capital of Africa.

The Pagad group came under fire as they approached the Staggie home in the Salt River district near the centre of Cape Town.

Scores of men, nearly all masked, produced firearms and there was shooting for more than

15 minutes.

Early this morning, the police and senior members of the underworld predicted all-out war between Pagad and gangsters.

Police superintendent John Sterrenberg said: "I shudder to think of the repercussions."

He said the police were at times "physically restrained" by Pagad members from taking action to stop Staggie's slaying.

"These members can no longer be considered victims of crime, but criminals themselves." The police were following up a number of leads, he said.

Earlier, a house in London Road belonging to the Staggies was fired on hundreds of times by members of Pagad, who had set out in a convoy stretching kilometres down the N2 after prayers at the Gatesville Mosque.

Pagad members claim they were fired on first last night. Either way, reporters counted at least 10 people shot, among them a reporter and photographer from Die Burger and Pagad leader Muhammed Ali (Phantom) Parker.

Parker said he was the first person shot. After this, Staggie, who was evidently called to London Road during the house-shooting, arrived angry, gesticulating at the crowd blocking the corner of Lower Main and London Roads demanding to know why the house had been shot.

Then he was recognised:

"What's your name, what's your name?" the crowd insisted. "It's Staggie, we've got Staggie." They surrounded the van and a man shot Staggie in the side of the head. He slumped, then fell into the street. He lay in the centre of Lower Main Road, face-down.

Medics, at the scene to treat those wounded in the earlier shooting, tried to keep the crowd back. But Staggie was hit with a shotgun-butt, kicked and jumped on. Several rounds were fired into his inert body then he was set alight with a petrol bomb. Miraculously, he got up again – burning – and managed to stumble a few metres down London Road.

Several more rounds were fired into him, then a fire-extinguisher was used to douse the flames. And then about 30 more shots were fired at him.

The Muslim Judicial Council last week allegedly received an anonymous threat that mosques were to be attacked. Pagad considers itself in the throes of a Jihad, a holy war. Leaders declare themselves and their followers more than willing to die for the cause. Their stated aim is to kill all drug merchants. When members returned to the Gatesville Mosque, last night's operation was declared a victory.

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Police will have to answer tough queries

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Staff Reporters

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NATIONAL police commissioner George Fivaz is flying to Cape Town tomorrow to demand an explanation from police why they stood by and allowed militant Muslims to execute gang leader Rashaad Staggie.

Two of his deputy commissioners, John Manuel and Mike Bester, will accompany him on the fact-finding mission, which will visit the scene of Sunday night's slaying in Salt River.

It is understood Commissioner Fivaz will demand to know:

- Why police allowed the situation to escalate without stepping in to prevent the convoy of hundreds of cars carrying armed members of the militant Muslim group People Against Gangsterism And Drugs (Pagad) from attacking a house in Salt River.

- Why police did nothing to prevent the mob from executing Staggie - he was shot repeatedly and set alight with a petrol bomb.

Western Cape police spokesman John Sterrenberg said police would have been unable to prevent the killing even if there had been 100 000 of them at the scene.

National Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi has accused Western Cape provincial police minister Gerald Morkel of abdicating his responsibilities by not being able to tackle the problem of gangsterism.

Mr Mufamadi said a provincial police plan had prioritised gangsterism as a serious problem in the region, and it was unacceptable for any group of individuals to take the law into their own hands.

He said he had a preliminary report from provincial commissioner of police Leon Wessels about the killing.

"I am extremely concerned that the police have not been able to give me a satisfactory explanation why this incident could not have been avoided.

"The action by members of Pagad must be condemned in the strongest possible terms. At the same time gangsterism in all its forms must not be tolerated by the police," Mr Mufamadi said.

- Western Cape police were investigating the run-up to the slaying of Rashaad Staggie and the performance of police in whose presence he was killed.

Police confirmed that they knew about the planned after-dark parade to the Salt River house on Sunday and had patrols monitoring the convoy of cars transporting armed and masked anti-drug activists.

But investigators monitoring the activities of Pagad said they had not expected the protest to result in a bloody gun battle and murder.

According to Superintendent Sterrenberg, all aspects were being properly investigated.

He today confirmed that police were aware of the demonstration well before the time and had a contingency plan but were not expecting a bloody gun battle.

"We were promised on the scene by the leader of the Muslim group that there would not be trouble, but his words were not cold when gunfire started," said Superintendent Sterrenberg.

"By then our hands were tied. There were hundreds of onlookers around, it was too late, even if we were 14 000 strong, it was too late - many more could have died.

"If we had tried to stop the march earlier we would also have had a serious problem," he said.

Tembisa guards 'aggressive'

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. - Security guards were aggressive and had refused to allow commuters with valid tickets on to the platform, a commission of inquiry investigating last week's stampede at the Tembisa railway station heard.

Patrick Manele, who was one of five witnesses who testified before a four-man panel at the Kempton Park Civic Centre yesterday, said a security guard told him: "You dogs are troublesome," and: "You dogs are very stubborn, you so-called clever people from the location."

Mr Manele said there were around 1 300 people at the station and although only about six of them did not have tickets, the security guards

and ticket examiners treated all the commuters with suspicion.

He said when he asked security guards why they were so aggressive, he was told he "should not try any funny tricks to go to the other side or you will get injured badly".

"Then they switched on their shocking sticks and I saw sparks of fire coming out.

"I was terrified," said Mr Manele.

The inquiry was prompted after 16 commuters were killed and about 65 injured in a stampede last Wednesday after security guards began using shock sticks to prevent commuters without tickets from boarding the 5:55am train.

Ticket examiners had opened only two of the four gates to check tickets and allow commuters through.

Ruthless vigilantes ... or heroes?

With the vigilante killing of Hard Livings gang boss Rashaad Staggie by members of the anti-drug extremists group, Pagad, Cape Town may be in the throes of a 'jihad', as Staff Reporter OWEN COETZER explains; and a Pagad spokesman tells ESANNE DE KOCK why the group took the law into their own hands.

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BUS BLAST: Rescue workers examine the body of a victim who was killed when a suicide bomber blew up a bus in Jerusalem on March 3.

lim anti-drug militants left them alone. So far, militancy has been encountered in Israel, Iran, Egypt, the Lebanon, Algeria, Afghanistan and North Africa. Now, apparently, it has reached Cape Town. And with it, the question, has Hamas (the Islamic Resistance Movement)? Or Hizbollah (Party of God), too?

Hamas was quick to claim the bombings of the Jerusalem (and Tel Aviv) buses. They were quick, too, to proclaim the bombers as heroes and martyrs.

Today, there are many people in Cape Town who will readily proclaim the militant members of Pagad as heroes.

Hamas lives by its Covenant. Articles 8 and 9 state clearly that "death for the sake of Allah" is its credo. Jihad its path and the Koran its constitution.

Also, Article 9 reads: "The Islamic Resistance Movement finds itself in an age when Islam is absent from daily reality. Its aims are to stand against and overthrow the impostor ..."

While the Covenant is aimed solely at Israel's presence in a land Hamas considers holy ("Muslim until the end of time"), Article 12 reads: "Nothing is stronger or deeper than nationalism when the enemy trespass on Muslim land. Then Jihad and volunteering against the enemy becomes a religious obligation, incumbent on every Muslim man and woman; a woman may join battle without her husband's permission ..."

The precursor of the Islamic Resistance Movement was the Muslim Brotherhood and the

A MID the bus-bomb carnage in Jaffa Road, Jerusalem, lay the remains of the bomber. Earlier this year, Muslim "fanatics," as they were labelled, died for their cause - as they have been doing since the Laws of Sharia were compiled and codified by the great Muslim jurists of the 8th and 9th centuries.

Some call it Jihad, loosely translated as Holy War.

But to others, Sharia has become a way of life, literally. Translated, it means the Road (or way) to the Watering Hole. In a desert, any deviation from that path would lead to death. Sharia is a strict code of religious law that applies to the smallest detail of everyday life, in conjunction with a Hadith - an oral, or traditional, quotation from the Prophet. And adherents are prepared to die for it.

And last night, after the battle of London Street in Salt River, in which alleged drug dealer Rashaad Staggie was shot and burned to death, members of the militant vigilante group, People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) were quoted as saying they were prepared to die for their cause - to rid the Cape of its notorious gangsters.

The name of Allah was invoked often.

They were quoted also as saying they were in the throes of a "Jihad". In Sharia terms, Jihad is when Islam (as a religion), Muhammed, or mosques are threatened, as was allegedly the case in Cape Town last week when gangsters reportedly threatened to burn down mosques unless Mus-

Islamic Congress which was given life, first in Egypt, and then in Gaza, to bring back Koranic traditions to Islam, which its cleric founder - Sheikh Ahmed Ismail Yassin, an expert in Muslim law - felt had been eroded and often destroyed by Western influences, like loose women, alcohol and,

significantly, drugs.

Pharmacists who did not cooperate in the war against drugs were threatened with death.

Many important daily and family functions - for instance, weddings - were brought back into strict Sharia line, and the movement gained respect for promoting a return to the law.

Initially, Yassin forbade his followers to use violence. But in the riots of 1987 which spawned the Intifada (loosely, uprising) against Israel, his followers

urged him to adopt a more militant line.

Reluctantly, Yassin agreed and the Islamic Resistance Movement was born. He called it Hamas, and his followers launched an all-out crusade against Israel.

Paradoxically, while Hamas became a monster, attacking Israeli soldiers, citizens and causing havoc, in the Territories (the old West Bank, now under Palestinian autonomous control) they built orphanages, infirmaries, hospitals, libraries and seminaries - madrasas.

Yassin himself took over al-Azhar, the Islamic University in Gaza, turning it and the student body of some 700, into a reserve of disciplined soldiers.

Hamas brought about a resurgence in Islam. New mosques were built at an enormous rate. Many were used as community centres.

Women took to covering their heads and wearing robes over the clothing. Young men began growing traditional beards, in terms of Koranic injunctions.

Soccer teams were formed, karate clubs took root.

Sharia was in place and being accepted, even by the Israeli authorities who viewed Palestine Liberation Organisation leader Yasser Arafat's mainstream Patah movement as the real threat.

But it was Hamas who took the credit for the beginning of the Intifada. Arafat protested - it was

its Force 17 that had begun it with the Gaza murder of an Israeli shopkeeper.

But as the PLO and other militant factions began losing ground, Hamas, through Sharia, gained.

Violent Hamas factions struck time and time again against soft Israeli targets.

And as this year's Israeli elections drew closer, fears of extra attacks were very much in the news.

Instead, Hamas took a back seat. The group ordered its members not to vote, and certainly not to vote for the PLO which they had often termed "Pork eaters and wine drinkers."

But Hamas has not disappeared. It is still very, much alive.

Hizbollah involvement in South Africa has been denied. Rumours of training camps in the Cape were dispelled some months ago.

Apart from that, it is a movement that seeks to keep the Israelis out of the Lebanon, and nothing else. If Hizbollah is in South Africa clandestinely, it will be the first time it has operated outside of Lebanon.

Islam does not promote terrorism. Indeed, in its strict doctrines, Islam is the most tolerant of the world's monotheistic religions.

Article 31 of the Hamas Covenant states: "The Islamic Resistance Movement is a humane movement that safeguards human rights and adheres to Islamic tolerances in its relation with members of other religions."

"It is not hostile towards them unless they are antagonistic towards it or stand in its way to obstruct its progress or frustrate its efforts."

But it ends when mosques are threatened.

THE anti-drug and gangsterism group, People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad), has pledged to continue its attacks on drug dealers and gangsters, following last night's killing of Rashaad Staggie - one of the most notorious gangsters in the Western Cape.

The killing occurred after Pagad members allegedly were fired at from a house in Salt River belonging to Rashaad Staggie and his brother, Rashied, co-leaders of the Hard Livings gang.

Farouk Jaffer, spokesman for Pagad, said the police "are a bunch of jokers" and should not blame the community for taking the law into their own hands.

Last week, some gangsters threatened to burn down mosques if Pagad did not stop its military-style operations.

"How the devil can we stand by and do nothing when these people are threatening to burn down mosques and churches ... when the police are not taking action," Mr Jaffer asked.

Police and parliamentarians were corrupt and were not thinking clearly, he said.

"People are dying. Our children are dying. We are building one rehabilitation centre after the other for drug addicts and the police are doing nothing.

"We want these people removed from the face of the earth."

In the past few weeks, Pagad had met with various people from the Ministry of Justice, the National Intelligence Agency (NIA), the attorney-general's office and the director of the visible policing unit.

All of these meetings lasted well over two hours, according to Mr Jaffer, but Pagad was concerned that it did not solve anything on a practical level.

Pagad, he said, understood the need for the police and other agencies to have the support of communities, but felt the police were not following cases through and were not doing thorough investigations.

"The NIA wanted to know what our modus operandi was and whether we had any hidden agendas.

"We spelt it out to them that we are an open book. We have nothing to hide."

Pagad, he said, was interdenominational and its support base included thousands of people from all races and all communities across the Western Cape.

A full investigation into gangsterism and drugs preceded the launch of the organisation in November last year when its members decided to take it upon themselves to address these problems and "not leave it up to the police".

Mr Jaffer said he had overheard a police officer on the scene of the Staggie killing say to a colleague that he would not enter the crossfire, because he had a wife and children at home.

"But we also have wives and children. We are doing their work for them. I don't have a firearm," Mr Jaffer said.

Pagad, he added, wanted to know why the police were not making any examples of how the law dealt with drug dealers and gangsters.

"We don't hate the people. We want them to be a part of society.

"But, we hate their acts. They are killing people and this is where my heart is bleeding."

Mr Jaffer said it was "open war" until the drug dealers and gangsters repented publicly.

And, even after such a public admission and apology, Pagad would monitor them 24 hours a day to ensure they stuck to it.



VIGILANTE VICTIM: Rashaad Staggie's body lies in London Road, Salt River after he was shot and set alight by Pagad members.

We cannot stand by while
our mosques are threatened

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Killing linked to failure of justice system

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Wyndham Hartley

CAPE TOWN — Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi said last night he was concerned about the inability of police to explain satisfactorily why the execution of a Cape Flats gang leader on Sunday night could not have been avoided.

He also criticised provincial safety and security MEC Gerald Morkel for saying he was unable to do anything about gangsters as his powers had been taken away. This, said Mufamadi, was an abdication of responsibility.

A task team of 20 dedicated detectives and a police contingent of about

300 people had been deployed to prevent the situation escalating into "uncontrollable violence".

Opposition parties said the criminal justice system's failure lay behind the execution of Hard Livings gang leader Rashaad Staggie in Cape Town.

Staggie was shot, set alight and shot again repeatedly late on Sunday when a mob from the militant Muslim organisation, People against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad), confronted him near his Salt River home. Eighteen people were injured in the shoot-out between hundreds of Pagad members and gangsters.

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Kriel called for calm but said he understood the frustration of people who acted against gangs. He also called on Justice Minister Dullah Omar to give serious attention to residents' frustrations and demanded that Mufamadi appointed a judicial commission to investigate the killing.

DP justice spokesman Douglas Gibson said his party had repeatedly warned that communities would take the law into their own hands if the criminal justice system failed. People were "sick to death" of crime, gangsters, the inability of police to appre-

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hend criminals and ineffective courts. The DP deplored jungle justice but asked what was expected when crime was clearly seen to pay. He challenged government to prove it was prepared to act against gangsters and criminals.

Omar said crime, gangsterism and drug trafficking could not be dealt with by people taking the law into their own hands. Arresting criminals was the province of police and the community had to co-operate with them to eradicate gangsterism and drug trafficking.

His view was echoed by the ANC, which said it appreciated residents' frustration and anger but that "vigilantism" was not the answer. Communities should work with police. The ANC also called for urgent action from Mufamadi and Omar.

Lawyers for Human Rights said the attack on Staggie was an indictment of the police and the criminal justice system. It condemned the killing of Staggie, but pointed out that Pagad had broad support. Sapa reports the organisation said the execution was an expression of the much larger problem of gangsterism that had held hostage whole communities, handicapped by years of socioeconomic deprivation.

'Holy war' on drug lords threatened

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Leader of Pagad militants warns that if any Cape Town mosques are torched by gangs, retaliatory suicide bombers will not be far behind

STAFF REPORTERS AND OWN CORRESPONDENT

President Mandela and other political leaders have condemned the mob murder on a Cape Town street of a drug-peddling gangster Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi has demanded an explanation from police who watched but did not intervene in the shootout and burning alive of Rashaad Staggie on Sunday night.

Staggie, a leader of the Hard Livings gang, was killed by Muslim anti-drug militants called the People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) in Salt River and 18 people, including a reporter, were injured in a gunfight between gangsters and Pagad vigilantes.

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Police said afterwards they could do nothing to stop the murder and shootout but Mufamadi says it was unacceptable for any group of individuals to take the law into its own hands.

"I have instructed Western Cape police commissioner Leon Messels to put adequate measures in place so that the situation does not escalate into uncontrollable violence," Mufamadi said last night.

But the violence is likely to get worse. Speaking from a safe house yesterday, the wounded Pagad leader Muhammed Ali "Phantom" Parker warned the Mother City it should brace itself for a new phenomenon: suicide bombers.

"The blood-letting was actually very helpful. In my mind it strengthens our cause. The war will be intensified," he said.

"It is going into a jihad (holy war) now. All the signs are there. Each soldier of Allah is equivalent to 5 000 gangsters. We are clean, God-loving people, and we are not afraid to die." Parker wore a bloodied scarf with an Arabic

message: "There is only one God, one Allah. We fear none but Allah."

A task team of 20 detectives and 300 policemen were deployed in the area yesterday.

Mufamadi is to meet senior police officers and Western Cape Safety and Security MEC Gerald Morkei tomorrow to discuss the bloodbath. He met Minister of Justice Dullah Omar and Deputy Minister of Intelligence Joe Nhlamhla in Pretoria yesterday. They have been urged by the local intelligence and police community to go to Cape Town urgently to meet Pagad's leadership.

Pagad, an alliance of various community organisations and neighbourhood watches, is a relatively new organisation. Its leader, "Phantom" Parker,

was shot in the chest during the gunfight at Staggie's home on London Road. He said he was encouraged by the way events had unfolded, and warned gangsters and drug dealers about the suicide bombings: "If they are not going to listen then I will pack myself full of explosives and pay somebody a visit. Then they will know."

But the underworld has threatened to destroy mosques and small businesses belonging to Muslims whose schools have been closed in case they are targeted by the gangsters. Said Parker: "If they dare to burn a mosque, if they burn just one mosque, there will be jihad. Aftan will smoulder."

Police maintained a watch at several Cape Flats mosques yesterday and requested military assistance.

Police spokesman Senior Superintendent John Sterrenberg said the Cape Flats was calm last night after Staggie's funeral in Constantia yesterday afternoon. "There is nothing to indicate there will be trouble tonight, but



Final journey ... mourners carry the body of slain gang leader Rashaad Staggie yesterday as it leaves his Mitchell's Plain home. He was shot and burned to death by Muslim vigilantes on Sunday. Despite condemnation, calls for restraint and warnings the law of the jungle will soon rule, vigilantes have vowed to carry on the fight.

the possibility of retaliation attacks does exist. We are prepared for anything that might occur."

The Truth Commission deputy chairman, Alex Boraine, warned that the country was so caught up in a culture of violence that it could easily slip into a situation where the law of the jungle ruled. Dr Boraine said the violence

was so close to the surface and exploded suddenly whether it was a group of commuters stampeding a railway station or vigilantes killing drug lords and gangsters.

Gangster's blood for peddling drugs

By Rafiq Rohan

A BLOODBATH is feared in Salt River, Cape Town, one of the country's gangland capitals, after the "wild west" style shootout at a notorious gangster's home this weekend.

On Sunday night, angry Muslims marched on the home of Rashad Staggie and within minutes the bloody shootout took place.

Staggie was not at the house but a man arrived on the scene a few minutes later in his stylish Sani jeep. Before he could get out of the jeep the angry crowd surrounded the vehicle. Someone from the crowd screamed: "It's Staggie. We've got Staggie!"

A single shot rang out and blood oozed out of Staggie's ear. He slumped forward and fell into the street. Paramedics tried to attend to the injured man but they were pushed aside as one man smashed the butt of a shotgun into Staggie's face. He was hit, kicked and then several rounds of bullets slammed into his body as the seething crowd emptied their guns into the dying man.

Then someone threw a petrol bomb at him. It exploded, turning the gangster into a human fireball. With almost superhuman effort Staggie rose to his feet and took a few more steps down the street.

Again several bullets penetrated his body. A paramedic used a fire extinguisher to douse the burning man. He collapsed to the ground in a gutter and died in a pool of his own blood.

The scene was almost surreal. It could have been a scene from one of the new genre of violent Hollywood action movie - but the smell of gun-smoke reminded one that it was all very real.

A woman in traditional Muslim

dress said to the *Sowetan* as Staggie breathed his last: "*Daai ding* (that thing) brought untold families' children into the gutters with his drugs, gangland fights, prostitution and murder. It is so fitting that he should die like this - in the gutter."

Now police are fearing the worst. "I shudder to think about the repercussions of this thing," Superintendent John Sterrenberg said yesterday.

The Muslim-led group that marched on the gangster's house developed out of concern for the serious breakdown in family life on the Cape Flats and surrounding areas because of drug abuse and escalating crimes that are all gang-related.

The group functions under the name People Against Gangsterism (Pagad) and is known to operate from the Gatesville Mosque on the Cape Flats.

Pagad has taken it upon itself to operate as an armed unit and focuses on drug lords and gangsters because they say the police have had no success in stemming the lawlessness.

Crime and gangsterism have made certain areas in the Cape no-go areas.

Series of attacks

Last week death threats, allegedly from the Muslim group, were made against Minister of Justice Dullah Omar. Omar lives in the heart of the Cape Flats and security around him has been increased.

The attack on the home of Staggie is not the first on a gang leader. There has been a series of attacks.

Last Thursday Pagad members gathered outside Mr Richard Stenmet's home, gave him a warning and set his minibus on fire.

The Staggie brothers were the



"Gangster" Rashad Staggie was shot and torched by people fed up with crime.

subject of a BBC documentary recently where he boasted about their way of life including the people they killed.

The mere mention of the two men's names evoked fear in the Cape because of their leadership of probably the largest gang, the Hard Livings.

Although Staggie was killed under extremely violent circumstances, there was little sympathy from the community in which he lived.

A nearby neighbour who may not be identified, said: "That man and his followers must go straight to hell. His sins have finally caught up with him."

Ismail Adams, a Salt River resident, said: "The police should seriously consider deputising the members of Pagad to get them to legally

rid our communities of the causes of our fear. The police have failed hopelessly to ease our fears. Pagad gives us hope."

A member of Pagad told the *Sowetan*: "What Pagad is doing is the best thing that could happen to the Cape. The police cannot make the communities safer so we are taking the law into our own hands."

Pagad has made its intentions clear.

It has stated categorically that it is out to kill all drug merchants.

One of their members at the scene of Sunday night's killing screamed out: "Death to the merchants! Death to the drug peddlers!"

His chants were taken up by other Muslims who lined the sidewalk.

Sterrenberg has warned: "We do not condone vigilantism. The minute people take the law into their own hands they become criminals."

He said his concern was that innocent people would get caught up in the crossfire.

He also predicted that after Sunday night's incident an all-out war between gangsters and the anti-drug campaigners is bound to erupt.

"We are not going to rest until we have a community that is drug-free and until the multimillion rand drug industry has been made bankrupt," a Pagad member said at the scene of the slaying on Sunday.

(The writer lives in Salt River and witnessed the events of Sunday night).

Omar: don't take law into own hands

PROBLEMS linked to crime, drug trafficking and gangsterism could not be solved by people taking the law into their own hands, Justice Minister Mr Dullah Omar said yesterday.

He was commenting on clashes in Salt River, Cape Town, on Sunday night when running gun battles developed between militant Muslims and drug dealers at a house in London Road.

Hard Living gang leader Rashaad Staggie was set alight and shot dead, allegedly by members of a vigilante group who call themselves People Against Gangs and Drugs.

Eighteen people, including a reporter of Cape Town morning newspaper *Die Burger*, were injured.

Omar said whether Staggie was a gang leader or drug dealer were issues for investigation by the police.

"Arresting criminals, investigating their cases and bringing them to court is the function and responsibility of the police - not the Justice Department," Omar said.

The community had to act in cooperation with the police to eradicate gangsterism and drug trafficking.

Police had established a task group to investigate the Salt River incident, as well as a number of other cases of gang activities during the past few weeks.

Police spokesman Senior Superintendent John Sterrenberg said there was a danger of a full-scale gang war. He said police were investigating cases of murder, attempted murder and damage to property.

"We hope this will not escalate as it will only be innocent people who will be caught in the crossfire," Sterrenberg said. - *Sapa*

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Kahn accuses Morkel of 'cheap politics' over Staggie

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CAPE Attorney-General Frank Kahn has accused Western Cape Minister of Police Gerald Morkel of "cheap political opportunism" for blaming the justice department for the public murder of gang leader Rashaad Staggie.

Mr Kahn was reacting to Mr Morkel's statement accusing the courts of failing to prosecute drug barons after their arrest.

Lashing back at Mr Morkel, Mr Kahn said the police would be judged by their own actions by a community who saw the spectacle of police "standing by" and watching the execution-style killing on Sunday night.

However, he added that when a community resorted to lawlessness, it was a clear sign that the system and all its departments, including the police and justice departments, had failed the public.

"This is the time for some honest soul-searching and self-scrutiny by all the departments involved instead of looking for scapegoats," Mr Kahn said.

Defending his own department's actions, the attorney-general said the gang-related cases received priority when they landed on his desk, but unfortunately because of the complex nature of the cases it often took the police a long time to bring them to court.

"I sympathise with the police, because internationally, gang-related cases are very difficult. Gangs are very well-organised groups and their leaders are shielded by lower menials."

He said that if there had been any limitations in the justice department, they could only be blamed on the National Party, of which Mr Morkel was a member.

Mr Kahn said the party had taken double pensions for themselves and had left anti-crime departments with insufficient funds.

Mr Kahn said Mr Morkel was new to his portfolio and was not aware of co-operation that existed between the police and justice department over gang-related cases.

He said he would continue to improve his department and urged Mr Morkel to do likewise, instead of "making reckless statements in a tense atmosphere."

Mass action on gangs

Pagad gives drug merchants till Sunday to quit dealing – or be 'taken out'

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Staff Reporter

A HEAVILY ARMED unit linked to People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) made its appearance in a tense Pagad march through the streets of Gatesville in Cape Town early today.

The unit formed a human shield around Pagad marchers to protect them against a possible attack from gangsters.

Marchers gave gangsters until Sunday to stop drug-dealing – or else “we will take them out”.

This comes amid new allegations reported by AFP, quoting a senior government source, that secret cells of foreign-trained Muslim militants are operating in the Western Cape and in Durban. Libya has been reported to be the main source of the training.

However Pagad has strongly denied it is a Muslim militant vigilante group, after its battle with gangsters in Salt River and the lynching of Hard Livings gang co-leader Rashaad Staggie.

As fears grow of gangster reprisal attacks, the Democratic Party's Western Cape leader, Hennie Bester, has asked for the provincial legislature to convene urgently to discuss the conflict.

Meanwhile a new Western Cape anti-crime front was launched at a meeting at parliament last night in response to all-out war breaking out between Pagad and Cape Town gangsters.

According to AFP's government source, the foreign-trained Muslim cells were discovered by South Africa's secret service after an Israeli newspaper claimed in April that fundamentalists of the Hizbollah movement were training militants at five bases inside South Africa.

The source said that the secret service had discovered only a small group of around 20 foreign-trained militants in the cells, which operated out of private homes. The South African government was monitoring the cells, the source added.

However, the Libyan ambassador to South Africa, Abdullah al-Zubeida, denied any Libyan link to Pagad.

“We do not know these people,” he said. “We do not have any relations with this group. We do not have any information about what they are claiming. All this is



Pictures: OBED ZILWA, The Argus
ARMED WITH A PRAYER: A Pagad member reads the Quran while a shotgun lies within grabbing distance during the protest against gangsterism.



BIG SUPPORT: A large crowd of marchers listens to a speaker.

wrong. It is a concocted story,” he said.

Tensions were high early today when Pagad marched through the streets of Gatesville in Athlone.

The thousand-strong crowd marched in defiance of the underworld's threat to avenge the murder of Rashaad Staggie.

A large convoy of police vehicles kept a watchful eye as the marchers entered Bridgetown, a stronghold of the Americans gang. Pagad called on children to return to Muslim schools today, despite fears that the Cape Flats community might face an onslaught from gangsters.

“We are not afraid of the gangsters, although we are taking their threats seriously. All the drug merchants in the Western Cape have until Sunday to stop all forms of business relating to drugs, or we are going to march on them with an even greater number of people and we are going to take them out,” said a Pagad spokesman who did not want to be identified.

Earlier, there were fears that a full-scale confrontation between Pagad and the Hard Livings gang was imminent, when a Pagad meeting at the Gatesville mosque was interrupted by reports that gangsters

were coming to the mosque.

There were also false rumours that the Muslim radio station, Radio 786, in Gatesville, was under attack by gangsters. Outside the mosque, heavily armed Pagad members prepared for an attack, while about 2 000 Muslims were locked inside.

Rashed Staggie, twin brother of the slain gangleader, had reportedly visited the Salt River Mosque about 7.30 pm, to inform the imam that his gang would not attack mosques.

Although the confrontation did not materialise, Pagad was taking seriously rumours that the Americans and the Hard Livings had forged an alliance to destroy Pagad. During the meeting inside the mosque, Pagad leaders told residents to organise themselves into street committees and to be alert “every day of their lives”.

Rejecting reports that the organisation was comprised of Muslims only, Pagad said it had supporters from all sections of the Cape Flats community.

They have called a community meeting to be held on Sunday at either the Vygieskraals or Athlone stadium.

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Police failed us, says gangs drug cartel leader Rashied

Staff Reporter

A GROUP of Hard Livings gang members stands guard outside the Salt River house, looking casual but alert.

In the front room, small shards of glass lie where they fell. The bullet holes are clearly visible through the window panes.

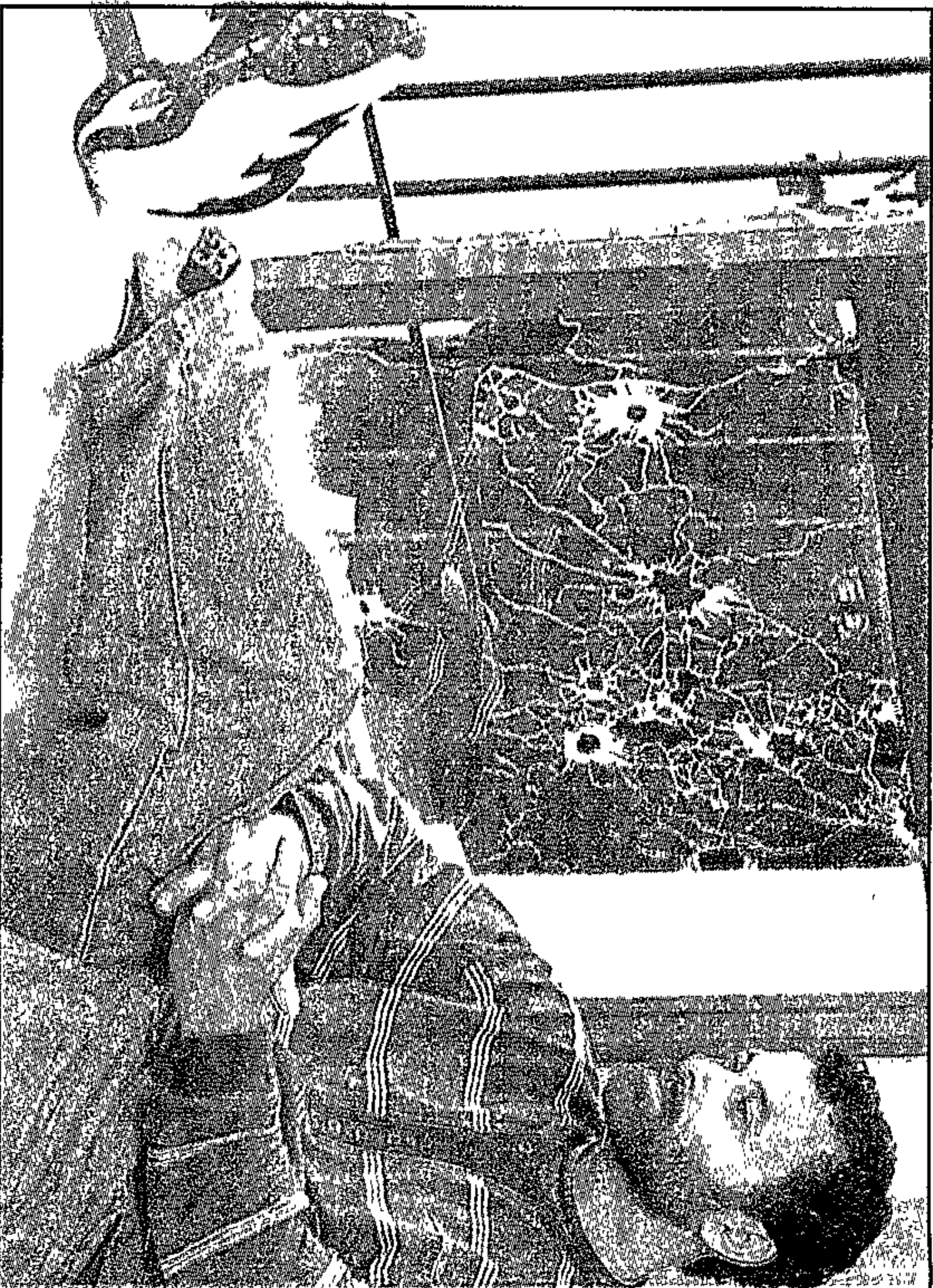
Rashed Staggie hastily clears glass so that he can sit down. It is only two days since his brother Rashaad, co-leader of the Hard Livings, was killed by members of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) on the road outside.

His loyal followers crowd in around him, intent on adding their voices. At 40, Rashed is much older than most of them.

Ironically, he claims the police failed his organisation that night when they allowed the convoy to descend on the house in London Road.

But exactly what organisation he refers to is not clear. The youngsters present say they are members of the Hard Livings gang, one of the most notorious on the Cape Flats. Rashed confirms he is a leader of The Firm, a drug cartel headed by leaders of various gangs and believed to have far-reaching tentacles in the Peninsula.

Leonard Knipe, head of the police's serious violent crimes division in the Western Cape, said The Firm had been launched a year ago after suc-



Picture: HANNES THIAART, The Argus. **LONE LEADER NOW:** Rashied Staggie sits next to one of the windows blasted with gunfire when members of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs marched on the London Road, Salt River house used by him.

cessful police action that had stifled drug operations in the Mother City.

Since the police's gang unit was formed in 1994, many people have appeared in court on

drug charges. "Life for the gang leaders has not been as easy," he said. The gangsters had combined forces to "improve their lot against the police".

"There are a lot of drug lords

Pagad's accusations follow widespread condemnation of the gruesome attack on the Hard Livings co-leader and threats of reprisals from gangsters.

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crime in the country," according to the statement.

Referring to Sunday's events, Pagad claimed that Mr Staggie's "arrogant and highly provocative behaviour" when the crowd was highly volatile and panic-stricken, led to his death.

The group claimed to have acted in self-defence, after coming under fire from the gang house and snipers when delivering an ultimatum to the Salt River house of Rashaad and

because of their abuse of drugs and alcohol, and said although the gang leader had called for restraint after the death of his brother, "there are a lot of wild men out there".

The gang's base is a house known as Die Groot Huis in Vahlalla Park, owned by a relative of Colin Stansfield, another leader in the group.

A former hitman for The Firm, who declined to give his name, said its members were "armed to the teeth" and the organisation had police and soldiers on its payroll.

Rashed Staggie said the group was armed but refused to divulge details of weapons.

The Firm comprises members of the Hard Livings, Dixie Boys, Mongrels and Cape Town Scorpions, among others. The former hitman said they had banded together in opposition to the Americans gang, which had been becoming too strong a few years back.

Rashed, he said, was a "captain of his troops", with the rank of lieutenant in The Firm.

In his mind, Rashed justifies his followers' stand against Pagad: "The community is not against us. They are against drugs." Gangsters were largely people from disadvantaged communities and they did not

ply the drug trade by choice. They would leave the illegal industry if they could.

Said Rashied: "Just give our people jobs with a good salary."

Rashed Staggie.

The ultimatum was the latest in 16 similar warnings handed to various druglords over the past two weeks without any significant incident, Pagad claimed.

When asked how a public execution could be termed "moderate", Mr Jaffer refused to reply.

Meanwhile, Senior Superintendent John Sterrenberg said police had been "very cautious" not to "tag" any group in their investigation.

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Picture: OBEID ZILWA, The Argus. **FRONTLINE:** Delegates listen to a speaker during a meeting in parliament at which a united front including government, non-governmental organisations and religious groups was launched against gangsterism.

New group aims to unite Cape Town in anti-crime battle (35)

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Political Staff

A NEW Western Cape anti-crime front has been created in response to all-out war breaking out between People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) and Cape Town gangsters.

The new anti-crime front, announced at a meeting in parliament in Cape Town last night, will mediate between Pagad and the gangs.

Last night saw the formation, announced by the Western Cape Anti-Crime Forum, of a committee charged with developing proposals from community groups, religious leaders, Justice Minister Dullah Omar, provincial police commissioner Leon Wessels, the office of Attorney-General Frank Kahn, Cape Town mayor Theresa Solomon and the Department of Correctional Services.

Other figures at the three-hour meeting were Western Cape Health and Welfare Minister Ebrahim Rasool, African National Congress national executive member and MP Carl Niehaus, provincial correctional services commissioner Stephen Korabie, and Willie Hotheyr, member of the parliamentary justice and safety and security committees.

The hastily composed steering committee, comprising about 20 volunteers from dif-

ferent organisations, will meet again this evening.

This will be an opportunity for representatives to deal with the detail of how to unite the people of Cape Town in the wake of the killing by gunfire and burning of gang leader and drug dealer Rashaad Staggie.

Speakers at last night's meeting called for concerted, community-driven initiatives against crime, and emphasised the need to involve everybody.

Rowan Smith, representing the Anglican Church, warned against a "racial solution" that involved only black communities, and said the concern with which crime was being tackled after the Staggie killing had to be broadened to include such issues as taxi violence.

After the horrific scenes of Pagad attackers kicking Staggie and stamping on his body after he was dead, it was essential to restore everyone's sense of morality once again, he said.

Short-term ideas under consideration by the committee of volunteers include a public rally or vigils against crime, and special prayers at mosques and churches, as well as meetings with Pagad and between Pagad and the attorney-general's office.

Sheikh Achmat Sedick, secretary-general of the Muslim Judicial Council (MJC), reassured the meeting that even in the face of gangster threats against mosques, the situation had been calmed.

Indeed, certain gangsters had asked for a meeting with the MJC, which represented 90 per cent of Muslims in the Western Cape. Although the MJC was not a part of Pagad and did not approve of its strategies, the MJC supported the organisation's sentiments.

Long-term proposals mooted last night included crackdowns on corrupt police, closer contact between community police forums and the attorney-general's office, improved communication between all involved in the fight against crime and an education-based focus on keeping young people away from drugs and criminal activity.

Mr Omar said that, while he was opposed to vigilantes, it was "quite wrong" to demonise organisations such as Pagad.

"The tragedy of what happened in Salt River has suddenly mobilised the community and it can have good results. (But) I am not saying we need to kill people to have good results," he said.

Suddenly, said Mr Omar, communities and authorities, including the police, were sitting up and planning how to combat crime.

"We must make sure that we use the atmosphere that has been created to good effect."

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Pagad slams media for labelling it 'militant, extremist'

CHENIE BUGCMAUT
Staff Reporter

PEOPLE Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) has accused the media of "falsely and inaccurately" branding it as a militant, blood-thirsty vigilante organisation.

The group, which described itself as "moderate" was involved in the public execution of Cape Flats gang leader Rashaad Staggie on Sunday night.

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'Mob killing

POLICE TOP BRASS, including Commissioner George Fivaz are to evaluate the situation in the Western Cape today following the killing of alleged Cape Flats druglord and gang leader Rashaad Staggie at the weekend.

THE mob killing of an alleged Cape Flats druglord and the perceived inability of the police to anticipate or prevent it, had sent shockwaves through South Africa, Police Commissioner George Fivaz said yesterday.

He was commenting on the setting alight and shooting of Hard Livings gang co-leader Rashaad Staggie in Salt River on Sunday night.

Eighteen people were injured when members and supporters of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) clashed with gangsters at a house in London Road.

Fivaz said he was concerned about the inevitable perception that police in the area apparently had been unable to anticipate, through intelligence, the events and grim consequences.

"This issue is important because the combating of gang violence in the Western Cape is a priority in terms of the Sword and Shield

police plan," Fivaz said.

"It is of vital importance that the South African Police Service and the entire criminal justice system (should) not be perceived impotent in the face of issues such as the mob murder of an alleged druglord."

It was important to prevent violence from spilling over other areas in the country, Fivaz said.

Commissioners who had related problems in their provinces had been instructed to take steps to avert similar occurrences, he said.

Among the problem areas were Eersterus in Pretoria, Westbury in Johannesburg, certain parts of Elizabeth, and the Western Cape.

"It is clear that specific strategies and programmes will have to be initiated to establish the authority of the police and criminal justice system, especially on the Cape Flats," Fivaz said.

"Such efforts must therefore

Gang investigations complex

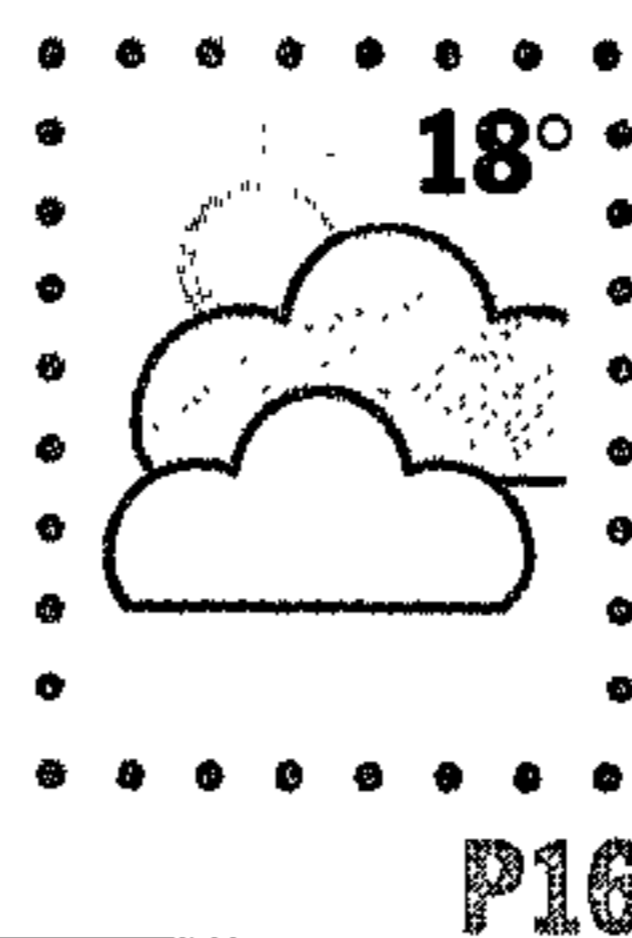
POLICE investigations into gang activities were complex, time-consuming and difficult and it was easy for the perception to be created that nothing was being done about them, criminologist Professor Wilfried Schärf said yesterday.

Schärf, director of the University of Cape Town's Institute of Criminology, was commenting on the killing of gang leader Rashaad Staggie by the Muslim vigilante group, People

Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad).

He expected arrests of members and intensified investigations into gang activities. However, when police people who had taken the law into their own hands, they had to be perceived as police.

Gangs operated in a clandestine way. It was easy

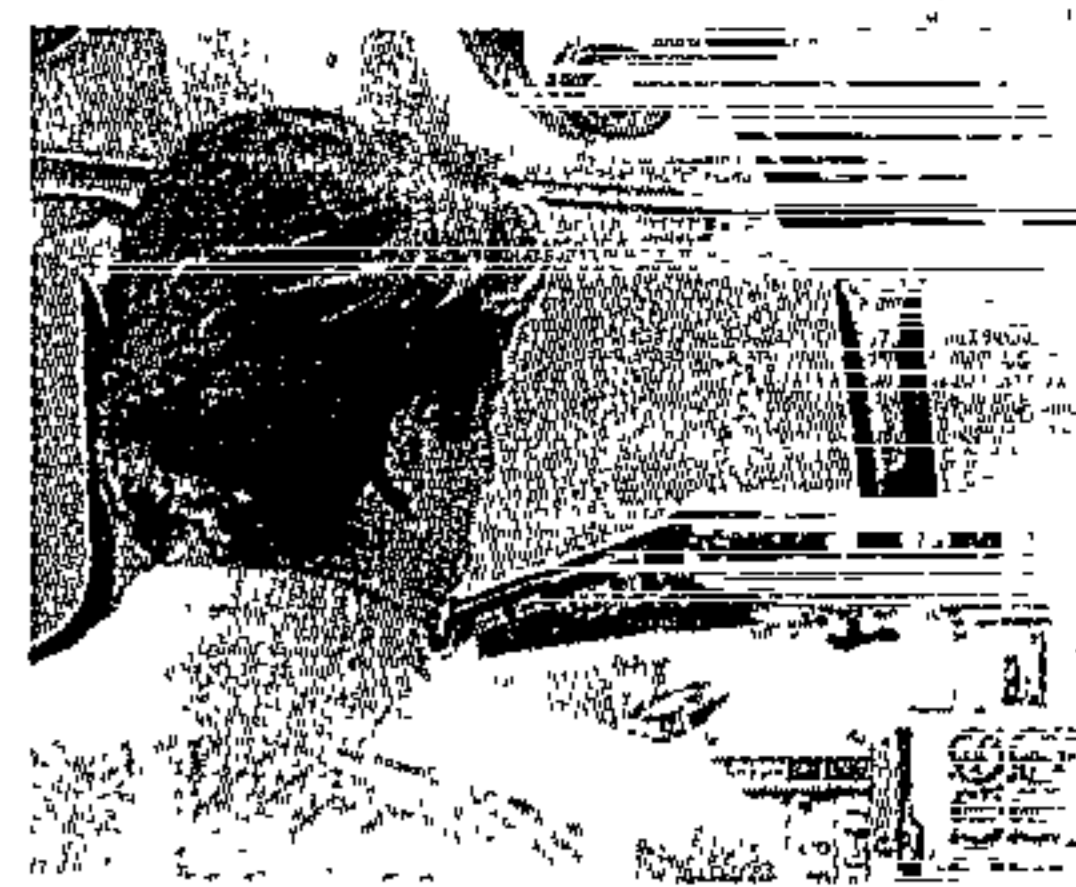


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24-HOUR WARNING TO GANGS

Mass march by defiant, armed crowd

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POLICE were last night given until Sunday to act against gangsters — or members of People against Gangsterism and Drugs would march "to take them out". **ROGER FRIEDMAN** reports.

women of all ages, many of the wearing balacavas or masks. They carried their firearms openly. Handguns, shotguns, rifles and semi-automatic weapons.

THOUSANDS of people — about half of them armed — gathered last night in a massive show of support for People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) and their militant tactics.

In spite of warnings from gangsters following the Sunday lynching of Hard Livings leader Rashaad Staggie, a defiant crowd of between 2000 and 3000 people gathered at the Gatesville Mosque.

During a march later they warned the Peninsula's gangsters that they had 24 hours to cease their business, and police were given until Sunday — described as "D-Day" — to "do something about gangsterism in our communities".

About 10.40pm the people moved on foot from the mosque down Klipfontein Road towards Cape Town, chanting "kill the merchants, kill!". They were closely monitored by a huge police contingent in cars, trucks and a helicopter with a searchlight.

As they proceeded, every few minutes a siren sounded through a loudspeaker and the marchers prostrated themselves on the tarmac.

The demonstration then turned right into Blossom Road in the direction of the home of an alleged American gang drug dealer, where a direct warning was issued to Staggie's surviving twin Mr Rashied

Staggie — now sole leader of the Hard Livings.

The demonstrators, lying face down, chanted: "Let the Staggie incident be a lesson unto you. We did not put any price on Staggie's head because his head had no value. Rashied Staggie, you had better stop your nonsense now. This is your final warning. Rashied Staggie and all your cronies, and The Firm (a gangster conglomerate), we are going to make you infirm. We will ensure that we are responsible for liquidating The Firm. Hard Livings, you had better watch out because you are going to become Easy Dying."

"Let us just give a warning to all merchants and gangsters... you will have to face the mandate of the community, which reads: The drug merchants and the gangsters shall be killed."

The marchers were told that children — many of whom did not go to school or attend madrassas (religious Muslim schools) yesterday — would return to their classrooms today. The gangs were warned that if a single child were hurt "not one of them will be saved".

"You just dare intimidate our sisters and our mothers, and you'll find the mass of a thousand times more people than are here on your head," the marchers also heard.

The crowd included men and

Back in Klipfontein Road, the crowd lay down in the middle of the road, blocking all traffic. The police tried to move them forward by advancing slowly up the road, their vehicles, but a section of the crowd advanced towards the police with their guns drawn and the traffic stopped once more.

A masked leader told the marchers Pagad would hold its mass meeting on Sunday at Vygieskraal or Athlone Stadium.

"After that, we are going to march to take them out. You will get from now until Sunday to do something about gangsterism, drugs in our communities," the police were told. "Or else we are going to see to it that we clean our society. After Sunday's meeting we will march to take them out one by one. Sunday is D-Day. On Sunday we will start and we won't stop until our society is clean."

● Pagad issued a warning to the media to stop projecting the organisation — on pain of death — "vigilantes, extremists, or fundamentalists".

What do you think should be done about the public taking the law into their own hands? Phone in your comments between 10am and 12 noon on 488-4722 or 488-4710.



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ZAMBIA SEEKS TRADE DEAL

Zambia is set to demand a preferential trade agreement with South Africa after last week's trade pact with Zimbabwe.

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Taxi violence: Only 0,4% convicted

ALTHOUGH 589 cases of taxi violence had been reported to the police last year, these had led to only nine prosecutions, in only two of which the accused were found guilty and sentenced, Minister of Safety and Security Mr Sydney Mufamadi disclosed yesterday. This meant there had been prosecutions in only 1,5% of the cases — and convictions in 0,3%.

Mufamadi was replying to a question by Democratic Party leader Mr Tony Leon.

He said that recently, 469 cases were being investigated, but 57 had been withdrawn and in a further 54 the accused could not be traced.

SA's biggest robbery

DURBAN: No arrests have been made since five armed men stormed the offices of a Pine-town security firm and stole more than R40 million in cash yesterday. The gang also escaped with firearms and two cars. Police said: "This is the biggest armed robbery in memory."

NP office petrol-bombed

THE National Party office in, Halt Road, Elsie's River, was set alight late last night in what the fire brigade say was a petrol-bomb attack. Police said, however, that they were still "awaiting feedback" from the scene. A spokesman for the fire brigade said no-one was injured and the damage was minimal.

Gunmen rob De Niro's

NEW YORK: Two gunmen robbed De Niro's popular sushi restaurant in the early hours of Monday. The sushi chef, a waitress and two robbers fled with cash, but shortly after the robbery attempted murder, assault three employees were treated for shot wounds.

Was there life on Mars

HOUSTON: US scientists' discovery of possible life on Mars from a Martian meteorite. The discovery that points to the primitive form of microorganisms that existed on Mars more than 3.5 billion years ago, NASA administrator D.



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United front formed to combat gangsterism

ROGER FRIEDMAN
STAFF WRITER

IN an unprecedented move, a united front against gangsterism, which includes government, non-governmental organisations and religious groups, was formed at a meeting at Parliament last night.

The front, which has the backing of Justice Minister Mr Dullah Omar, will meet for the first time today, when a task group will assess gangsterism and crime — as well as groups such as People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) — in the Western Cape.

The front, formed by the Western Cape Anti-crime Forum, includes the Departments of Justice and Welfare, prisons, non-governmental organisations and religious groups belonging to a range of denominations.

The Mayor of Cape Town, Ms Teresa Solomons, told the gathering that the events leading to the Sunday night lynching of Hard Livings gang leader Rashaad Staggie required a united response.

Solomons has suggested that city leaders organise an urgent "peace march" to unite a community teetering on the brink of lawlessness.

Although the lynching by members and supporters of Pagad could not be condoned, it had to be viewed in the context of widespread frustration at the high incidence of crime and the perception that the government was making little headway in addressing the problem, she said.

Solomons suggested that to restore a semblance of normality to a highly-stressed community, the city should unite behind a peace march and enter into immediate negotiations with Pagad and gang leaders.

Mr Chris Ferndale, chairman of the Western Cape Anti-Crime Forum, which called the meeting, said sworn enemies in the underworld were uniting in the wake of the Staggie killing.

There were widespread perceptions within the community of police complicity with gangsters — and while some police dockets had the habit of disappearing from courts, others were "gathering dust" in the office of the attorney-general, he said.

Provincial police commissioner Mr Leon Wessels said the police were doing the best they could, but acknowledged this was not enough. He said Staggie was arrested seven times by the police in the past two or three years — but never convicted.

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Rousing welcome for team

JOHANNESBURG: The South African Olympic team returned home yesterday to a rousing welcome from a crowd of 2 000 at the airport here.

A banner proclaiming "To us you are all worth gold" caught the mood of the welcome as the athletes appeared on a balcony to accept the crowd's adulation.

The biggest cheers were for swimming double gold medallist Penny Heyns and the crowd's undoubted favourite, unassuming marathon gold medallist Josiah Thugwane.

"Josiah Thugwane: Mpumalanga loves you" declared a huge banner.

The team was welcomed back by Gauteng Premier Mr Tokyo Sexwale at a media conference at the airport.

Heyns, Thugwane, Hezekiel Sepeng (silver) and swimmer Marianne Kriel (bronze) wore their medals for the occasion.

Today team members will join a victory parade through central Johannesburg before attending a banquet in their honour. — Sapa

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'Abducted' ANC members OK

SIX ANC members, who were allegedly kidnapped by Cape Town taxi drivers yesterday morning, reappeared at ANC offices late in the afternoon, police spokeswoman Inspector Verna Simon said. No charge of kidnapping is being investigated. According to earlier reports, the members were in Nyanga East handing out pamphlets calling for a taxi boycott when taxi drivers abducted them.

Art out the door

MOSCOW: A whimsical painting showing top Russian political figures — including President Boris Yeltsin and Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin — bathing nude at the Kremlin was banned from an exhibition, then stolen. The canvas was to have been exhibited, but just before the private opening yesterday the gallery "received orders from above" not to show the painting. While it was being transported, the driver was stopped by police. As he was talking to them, a door of the van was forced open and the painting was taken.

Personal touch

VIENNA: Austrian Mr Karl Machhammer — who says "everyone has a right to a personal sculpture" — has invented a "liquid condom", which users paint on and allow to set, creating a custom-made, skin-tight contraceptive. Some users have complained that it takes too long to dry, but they can speed the process up with a blow-dryer.

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Cape continues to simmer after mob murder

ANNA ZIEMINSKI / AFP



Show of strength ... members of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) display their firearms while doing a military-style leopard-crawl during a march in Cape Town last night. A similar march took place early today. Police made no attempt to disarm the private army although the Fire Arms Act prohibits the public display of all firearms: they have to be holstered. Last night, a committee was formed in a bid to prevent more clashes between gangsters and anti-crime groups.

OWN CORRESPONDENT AND STAFF REPORTERS

A committee was launched last night to defuse an all-out war between Pagad (People Against Gangsterism and Drugs) and the gangsters who have threatened to avenge Sunday night's mob murder of a drug baron and leader of the Hard Livings gang.

The launch of the committee was handled by the Western Cape Anti-Crime Forum, and was at-

tended by Justice Minister Dullah Omar, provincial police commissioner Leon Wessels, the mayor Theresa Solomons and religious and other community leaders.

Omar said he was opposed to vigilante activity but it was "quite wrong" to demonise organisations such as Pagad by simply calling them vigilantes, something he denied doing himself.

"The tragedy of what happened in Salt River has suddenly mobilised the community and it

can have good results. (But) I am not saying we need to kill people to have good results," he said.

Sheikh Achmat Sedick of the Muslim Judicial Council (MJC) said that despite gangster threats against mosques (Pagad is Muslim), certain gangsters had asked for a meeting with the MJC, which represents 90% of Muslims in the Western Cape. He said the MJC was not a part of Pagad and did not approve of its strategies but supported its sentiments.

Police Commissioner George Fivaz will be in Cape Town today to conduct a first-hand inquiry into why police did not intervene when Rashaad Staggie was killed by a mob. The brutal action has ignited another round of recriminations between the police and the justice department.

While Fivaz and Omar both condemned the attack, a snap survey by The Star in Johannesburg yesterday showed some empathy for vigilante groups taking the

law into their own hands.

One woman, identified only as Bernice but who said her daughter was a drug addict, said she believed vigilantes had a role to play in society "if they are organised".

A resident from Westbury - an area with gang-related problems - said: "In the street where I live there are always drug sellers. The police patrol, but after they (drug dealers) are arrested, they are soon back on the streets to sell drugs to our children."

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Fears of intensified gang violence in Cape Town as leaders trade

Kevin O'Grady, Wymndham Hartley and Farouk Chothia

THE prospect of intensified gang-related violence in the Western Cape loomed yesterday after the brother of the gang chief killed by Muslim vigilantes on Sunday and the vigilante leader traded threats.

Provincial DP leader Hennie Bester asked the speaker of the Western Cape legislature, Willie Doman, to call a special sitting to discuss gang and vigilante violence. In a letter to Doman,

Bester said the Staggie killing "has the potential for massive bloodshed and disruption of communities in the city".

Sapa reports that Rashied Staggie, twin brother of murdered Hard Livings gang leader Rashaad Staggie, warned that revenge was inevitable. "It looks like war but we didn't proclaim it. We are armed and prepared."

Staggie, at the Salt River home besieged on Sunday night by members of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad), denied innocent people would be targeted or that Muslim shop

owners would be attacked and their wives and children killed. However, gang members had recognised about half the Pagad members involved in killing his brother and knew where they lived. They would bear the brunt, he said.

Pagad leader Mohammed Ali Parker reportedly warned the city to expect suicide bombers in the war against gangsters and drug dealers. Parker told a Cape newspaper he had no regrets about the Sunday operation. "The war will be intensified. It is going

into jihad (holy war) now. Each soldier of Allah is equal to 5 000 gangsters."

Police said they were investigating charges against Pagad leaders in the wake of eight military-style operations against alleged drug dealers in three weeks.

The Muslim Judicial Council said more than 70 Muslim leaders had taken note of threats against Muslims. If any child or innocent person was harmed by drug merchants, the "anger this would generate would be difficult to control".

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nied any knowledge of Pagad members receiving training from the Libyan government. A senior government source told AFP secret cells of foreign-trained Muslim militants were operating in the Western Cape and Durban. Government was monitoring the cells.

Gauteng police spokesman Capt Jan Combrinck said police in his province had received reports that residents of suburbs plagued by gang violence — including Laudium and Esterus in Pretoria and Westbury, Johannesburg — planned to form vigilante groups similar to Pagad. He appealed to communities not to take the law into their own hands.

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Islamic scholars yesterday condemned the killing of Staggie as un-Islamic, but said the vigilante-style action should be seen in the context of growing anger over government's apparent failure to crack down on drugs and gangsterism.

University of Western Cape senior religion lecturer Farid Esack said Pagad had "99.9%" support among local residents, who saw gangsters in jail one day and back on the streets the next. However, the process of law had to be followed.

Other sources said elements within Qibla, a militant Muslim group previously seen as being PAC-aligned, seemed to be involved. The crowd that attacked Staggie had chanted "one peddler, one bullet".

Police commissioner George Fivaz said he and two deputy commissioners would fly to Cape Town today to examine public perceptions that police had not prevented Pagad members from executing Staggie. The killing and the perceived inability of police to anticipate or prevent it had sent shock waves through SA. Specific steps were needed to establish police authority in the Cape Flats, he said.

Meanwhile, foreign affairs has de-

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Threats

'War' tensions mount in Cape of Fear

Sowetan 7/8/96
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By Rafiq Rohan
Political Correspondent

THE once-fabled Cape of Good Hope, which turns to the Cape of Storms in winter, has become the Cape of Fear as communities prepare for the possibility of an all-out war in the fight against gangsterism.

The feud that saw the dramatic shooting and petrol-bombing on Sunday of notorious gang leader Rashaad Staggie in Salt River, Cape Town, has led to increased tension in the city between gangsters and the Muslim group People Against Gangsters And Drugs (Pagad).

It has resulted in Muslim schools and businesses being closed and mosques being placed under 24-hour guard.

An ominous threat has also been made by one of the leaders of Pagad that the element of suicide bombing will be introduced as the battle intensifies.

Police liaison officer Superintendent John Sterrenberg told *Sowetan* that he was "scared" at the degree of community support for Pagad and called on communities rather to get involved in combating crime through legal channels such as the neighbourhood watch.

To try and calm the tense situation, Sterrenberg said an increased "visible police unit" was on the scene. He added that while charges of murder, attempted murder and damage to property were being investigated, the police could not infringe on the constitutional rights of people by simply "arresting people all over the show".

Minister of Police Mr Sydney Mufamadi will be coming to the city today to meet his local counterparts to discuss the crisis.

The activities of the vigilante organisation, although widely discredited by the Government, including Minister of

Justice Mr Dullah Omar - who lives in the area - and Mufamadi, has been widely welcomed by communities in the Cape.

Members of Pagad should be awarded medals and not prosecuted, a caller to the *Cape Times* said. Another said: "I suggest they (Pagad) get 10 percent of our RDP funds to combat crime in Cape Town."

Yesterday morning the Muslim radio Station 786 had its switchboard bombarded by callers of all religions, praising the actions of Pagad.

One caller said: "I am not a Muslim but I am married to a man who has become a drug addict. My son is also a drug addict and there is nothing left in my home ... all because of these gangsters. I am full of praise for the people's action against the gangsters."

Revenge attacks

Threats have been received from gangster circles that they are planning revenge attacks on the Muslim community. Threats include the abduction of children attending Muslim schools and attacking mosques and businesses owned by Muslims.

The whole evening on Monday and yesterday Muslim radio stations in the area issued calls to parents to keep their children at home. Creches have been closed for the next few days and regular classes at mosques for adults have also been suspended following Sunday night's harrowing shootout in Salt River outside the house of gang-leader twin brothers Rashied and Rashaad Staggie.

On Monday night *Sowetan* visited the Gatesville Mosque, where Pagad is believed to have its headquarters, but all was quiet even though many attended evening prayers. Two police Casspirs stood outside the mosque.

'G-Force' march gives gangsters until Sunday to stop drug dealing

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OWN CORRESPONDENT

Cape Town - A heavily armed "G-Force" unit linked to Pagad (People Against Gangsterism and Crime) escorted an anti-drugs protest march through Gatesville today, after threats of revenge by gangsters for Sunday night's killing of a drug baron.

Today's marchers gave gangsters until Sunday to stop drug-dealing - or else "we will take them out" - following the Salt River murder of Hard Livings gang leader, Rashaad Staggie.

As fears grow of gangster reprisal attacks against Pagad, Democratic Party Western Cape leader Hennie Bester has asked for the provincial legislature to convene urgently to discuss the conflict between what he called

"gangs and vigilante groups".

Tensions were high early today when Pagad marched through the streets of Gatesville in Athlone. The thousand-strong crowd marched in defiance of the underworld's threat to avenge the "execution-style" murder of Rashaad Staggie.

A large convoy of police vehicles kept a watchful eye as the marchers entered Bridgetown, a stronghold of the Americans gang. Pagad called on children to return to Muslim schools today, despite fears that the community was bracing itself for an onslaught from gangsters.

"We are not afraid of the gangsters, although we are taking their threats seriously. All the drug merchants in the Western Cape have till Sunday to stop all forms

of business relating to drugs or we are going to march on them with an even greater number of people and we are going to take them out," said a Pagad spokesman, who did not want to be identified.

Earlier in the night, there were fears that a full-scale confrontation between Pagad and the Hard Livings gang was imminent, when a Pagad meeting at the Gatesville Mosque was interrupted by reports that gangsters were travelling from Salt River to the mosque.

Rejecting reports that the organisation was composed only of Muslims, Pagad said they had members from all sections of the community.

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Police raid Staggie home

Pagad taxi driver shot dead as tensions escalate

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JOHAN SCHRONEN, LINDSAY BARNES
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Staff Reporters

SIX petrol bombs which police suspect may have been prepared for revenge attacks, were found in a police raid on the Sea Point home of Hard Livings gang leader Rashaad Staggie early today.

Mr Staggie's twin brother Rashaad, a co-leader of the gang, was lynched by members of the group People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) on Sunday.

In an apparent revenge attack, suspected gangsters last night gunned down taxi driver Faizel Ryklief, 29, a Pagad member, in Bridgetown. Two other people were wounded in the attack.

At 3am today, hours after the attack, police launched three simultaneous raids on gang strongholds in Sea Point, Woodstock and Kensington, netting the petrol bombs, drugs, guns and stolen property.

The police raids came as the Defence Force was being mobilised to restore order in the Cape Town area where tensions are escalating between gangsters and anti-drug militants.

National Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi has also announced that a special investigation task team of 20 detectives and 10 special task force members has been established to investigate the death of Rashaad Staggie.

It was "highly likely" that criminal charges would flow from this investigation in which individuals, and not organisations, were being targeted, Mr Mufamadi said in Cape Town last night.

About 350 police members were patrolling flashpoints and protecting mosques, while 200 members of the Public Order Policing Unit in Pretoria were on standby. The SA National Defence Force would also be called in to protect the community, he said.

After last night's shooting, Mr Ryklief's father removed his son's body from the murder scene before police could complete their investigation.

Pagad spokesman Farouk Jaffer said Mr Ryklief was shot by gangsters because he was member of the movement. The shooting occurred at the intersection where Pagad held a mass meeting on Tuesday night.

A police anti-gang unit spokesman said the Conifer Street, Sea Point, home of Mr Staggie was deserted when police raided.

No arrests were made there, but the possibility would be investigated that the six petrol bombs found were to be used in revenge attacks. A quantity of cocaine, mandrax and suspected stolen property were also found in the house.

And in Francis Street Woodstock police found several firearms including handguns and a shotgun.

The spokesman said all the guns were licensed but were nevertheless confiscated for further investigation.

The raid on a house in Glider Street, Kensington netted a rifle telescope and a firearm-cleaning kit.

Information which surfaced during this raid led to the arrest of an 18 year-old man wanted for kidnapping and attempted murder, but the cases were not connected to the current drug war.

Mr Mufamadi has accepted the police's



STREET VENGEANCE: Mourners surround the body of taxi driver Faizel Ryklief, a Pagad member who was killed last night in an ambush by gangsters in Bridgetown.

explanation of why they could not prevent the death of Mr Staggie on Sunday night but he refused to divulge the details.

This emerged at a conference called by Mr Mufamadi, national Police Commissioner George Fivaz and Western Cape Police Commissioner Leon Wessels last night to explain plans to restore order to the area after the bloody Sunday.

In a meeting yesterday with high-ranking police officials and a delegation from the

newly-formed United Front against Crime (UFC), Mr Mufamadi asked that the UFC create a public platform for the police to present their explanation to concerned communities.

Mr Mufamadi admitted he had not met gangsters nor members of Pagad. He could not answer allegations of police and official complicity with gangsters which meant that few were prosecuted for gang-related crimes.

He said that people's refusal to testify in court against gangsters was a problem and this essentially allowed criminals to continue their illegal activities without fear of punishment.

Before Rashaad Staggie's death on Sunday at the hands of Pagad, the gang leader had been arrested seven times in two years. Five of those cases were withdrawn because the complainants were not willing to testify against him.

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GRIEF-STRICKEN:
Relatives comfort one another at the scene where taxi driver Faizel Ryklief was shot in an apparent revenge attack for the killing of gang boss Rashaad Staggie.

Pictures: DAVID BAILEY.

Urgent debate on Cape drug war

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ARG 8/8/96

Staff Reporter

THE Western Cape provincial legislature will hold a snap debate on Monday to discuss the conflict between Cape Flats gangsters and the People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad).

Provincial Democratic Party leader Henrie Bester called for the extraordinary sitting of the legislature and the Speaker, Willem Doman, acceded to his request.

The legislature, which is presently in recess, will convene on Monday for 90 minutes to discuss the growing conflict and the influence the level of violence is having on investments, economic growth, the creation of jobs and the ability to counteract poverty.

Committee meetings scheduled for the day will go ahead and will only be suspended for the special sitting.

● South African Muslims are receiving military training at a secret camp near Cape Town to combat what they see as the

moral corruption permeating the country, reports Reuter.

"There is one training camp... about 20km outside Cape Town," Muslim journalist Fu'ad Rahman, who has visited the camp and sympathises with its aims, told the news agency.

Government officials said they had no knowledge of the camp, but Police Minister Sydney Mufamadi said last week the government proposed to introduce legislation barring paramilitary training for any political or religious group.

"I've spoken to the guys, they are fearless," Mr Rahman said. "They are prepared to die for a cause. They're very religious and they've got fighting in their blood."

Reports of military training for South Africa's Muslim community emerged after Islamic vigilantes from the People Against Gangsterism and Drugs killed drug baron Rashaad Staggie in Cape Town on Sunday night.

We don't want full-scale war, say gang leaders

CHENÉ BUDNAUT
and **ASHLEY SMITH**
Staff Reporters

HOURS before a member of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) was gunned down by alleged gangsters last night, Western Cape gang leaders told the Press they did not want a full-scale war against Pagad.

An ultimatum was, however, issued by The Firm - a syndicate of several Cape Flats gangs - that if Pagad did not stop its "illegal" activities by Monday, Muslim businesses would be "disrupted".

At 8pm yesterday, taxi driver Faizel Rylkief, a Pagad member, was ambushed and killed at the corner of Blossom and Loeerie roads in Bridgetown.

Two people were wounded in the attack, which has sent shock waves through the Cape Flats and fuelled fears that full-scale war between Pagad and The Firm is imminent.

The murder was seen as the first retaliatory attack by gangsters after the public slaying of Hard Livings gang leader Rashad Staggle during a Pagad march on Sunday night.

Barely two hours before last night's killing, five senior members of The Firm told the Press they did not want a war.

"We don't want a war with Pagad, because we know what we can do and it is much worse than what they are threatening," said a spokesman for The Firm, Ernie La Peza. He claimed the five members

of The Firm had a mandate to speak on behalf of all the gangs in the Western Cape. Mr La Peza said that The Firm was willing to negotiate with Pagad and had "nothing against" them.

He said that rival gangs, which included the Hard Livings and the Americans, had become friends and had joined forces against Pagad.

"We are a mighty force," Mr La Peza said, claiming there were eight gangsters for every member of Pagad.

The ultimatum issued by The Firm had been in response to an earlier warning by Pagad, whose members yesterday vowed to "take out" gangsters unless all forms of drug dealing were stopped by Sunday.

Commenting on Pagad's calls to The Firm to surrender, Mr La Peza said the organisation had nothing to surrender to the movement.

He denied that gang members had ever threatened to burn down mosques.

"We don't want innocent people to get hurt," the gang leader said.

GANGSTERS AND THE PASTOR

Four of the gang leaders of the Firm, from left, Ernie La Peza, Dolf, Figaro and Hempies. On the right is pastor Albert Martins from the Faith welfare organisation.



'We'll die to clear streets'

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PIETER MALAN
Staff Reporter

THE Muslim movement, People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad), says it is prepared to die for the cause of clearing the streets of drug merchants whom members say are "scum living off the blood of innocent children".

Speaking at a Press conference at the Ottery Hypermarket late yesterday, Pagad co-leader Farouk Jaffer, flanked by four masked men and a woman, said the movement would continue to target gangsters and drug lords in their fight to rid the streets of gangsters and make life safe again.

Reacting to earlier threats by members of the gang syndicate, The Firm, that they would "disrupt" Muslim businesses, the group said they would not yield to any threats from any gangster.

"The Firm's ultimatum (that the Pagad action be halted) shows the degree of impunity with which they act," said one of the masked men.

"They believe they are above the law and perceive that they are untouchable."

Another said that "arrogant" gang leader Rashad Staggle was killed after he barged through a police cordon on Sunday night.

Asked whether they regretted setting the gang leader alight, one man said they did not believe in torching anybody.

"The question you should ask is how many people did this man kill during his life. Why wasn't this question asked when he was alive?"

The organisation would counter violence with violence, he said.

Group members emphasised they were not the militant, vigilante movement they were made out to be.

When asked about threats at a meeting on Tuesday night that unrepentant drug lords would be killed on Sunday, one man said: "Killing can mean different things."

One of his colleagues then interjected: "What we meant was that we would kill their illegal acts."

Asked how Pagad would react if some of its members were prosecuted for Mr Staggle's murder, one said it would be impossible to prosecute an entire community.

Mr Jaffer said he received "up to 40 calls a day" from people supporting Pagad.

He said the organisation would not stop until the whole community was freed of drugs.

"Our vision is to clear South Africa of drugs," said Mr Jaffer.

He said they started taking a more militant line after Justice minister Dullah Omar failed to respond to a memorandum.

The Press conference started almost an hour late as groups of masked men stood around - apparently discussing the attack on taxi driver Faizel Rylkief, a Pagad member, who was killed in Bridgetown about 6pm.

The conference was attended by scores of national and international journalists, including reporters from community radio stations - one of whom called on media colleagues to support Pagad.



MASKED MEN: Pagad chief co-ordinator Farouk Jaffer, flanked by two masked lieutenants, speaks to journalists at a Press conference last night.

Picture: ANDREW INGRAM, The Argus.

Army will be deployed to protect mosques around Cape peninsula

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Wyndham Hartley

CAPE TOWN — The army is to be deployed on the Cape peninsula to help police protect mosques and prevent fresh clashes between gangsters and Muslim militants People's Party against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad). After meeting interested parties yesterday, Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi said he had asked Defence Minister Joe Modise for military reinforcements. This came in the wake of the vigilante killing of gang

leader Rashaad Staggie. Pagad repeated its ultimatum to gangsters on Tuesday, saying that if they did not halt drug trafficking activities they would be "taken out" and that more known gangsters would be visited this weekend. Gangsters retaliated by threatening revenge, saying this could include attacks at mosques. Mufamadi and national police commissioner George Fivaz promised Western Cape safety and security MEC Gerald Morkel any additional resources which might be needed to con-

tain the situation.

Mufamadi said he understood people's concerns, but it did not justify taking the law into their own hands. He said Staggie had been arrested seven times in the past two years; charges had been withdrawn on five occasions as complainants had refused to testify. Mufamadi promised an independent probe of what investigating policemen had done in these cases.

Public protector Selby Baqwa would be asked to investigate whether the cases were handled improperly and

whether witnesses were intimidated. Mufamadi also said he had asked Cape attorney-general Frank Khan for a dedicated witness protection programme to counter the problem of gangsters intimidating witnesses. Sapa reports that a Cape Flats taxi driver was shot dead and two passengers injured in Bridgetown, Athlone, yesterday.

Police were unable to say whether the shooting was connected to recent taxi violence or was linked to vigilante action, but Pagad claimed the driver,

Faizel Ryklief, had been identified by Athlone during a Pagad march in gangsters on Tuesday. Farouk Chothia reports that Durban Muslim leader Rashid Suleman charged with attempted murder after drawing a gun on a Chatsworth child-murderer and rapist, has called for an urgent meeting with Justice Minister Dullah Omar and Mufamadi to press them to unveil a plan to root out gangsterism and the drug trade. If they failed to do so a Pagad-styled campaign would be launched in Durban, he said.

Full-scale gang war threatens Flats

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POLICE failed to heed warnings which could have prevented the Cape Town vigilante killing of an alleged gang leader, said the former head of a watchdog group overseeing investigations into police corruption.

As war psychosis simmering in the Cape Flats threatens to erupt into full-scale war, criminologist Wilfred Schärf said the police had been aware that vigilantes were ready to resort to violence against alleged drug dealers.

"A week before a group of these people marched on the house of a dealer and opened fire on the house. It was a clear sign that things were coming to a head."

Schärf, who has stepped down from his watchdog position, said he had little success in rooting out "systematic corruption".

As criticisms of police inaction flooded in from the National Police Commissioner George Fivaz and Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi, local representative Captain John Sterrenberg admitted that insufficient men had been on duty to monitor the demonstration on Sunday night.

"We had been assured the march would be peaceful, by the time the shooting started it was too late to call in reinforcement."

Meanwhile People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad), the organisation responsible for the brutal murder of gang leader Rashaad Staggie, appears to be gearing up for further clashes with gangsters.

On Tuesday night, Pagad marshalled about 3 000 people to march down one of the busiest roads on the Cape Flats. They carried automatic and semi-automatic rifles, shotguns and a host of handguns openly or hidden under clothing. Police looked on as they set off down Klipfontein Road, Gatesville. Two police Casspirs parked nearby and a police helicopter swept the area constantly.

The crowd massed on a field at 10.30pm. A young man began issuing commands, herding people into lines and cajoling them to be disciplined. He called for the "G-men" (gunmen) to move to the front, and there was an almost instantaneous response from pistol-wielding people.

"We are going to a gangster place nearby, we are going to march there tonight. Are you prepared?" he shouted. The response was heartily affirmative. "Who are we?" he asked. "The people of the Cape Flats against drugs," was the roared response.

"Kill the merchants [drug dealers]," he exhorted. "We are going to take back the streets tonight."

At 11.15pm, the crowd set off. Accompanied by a convoy of police vehicles, they entered Klipfontein Road. The young man used the loud-hailer's siren to drill the marchers in their cue to fall to the ground, while the "G-men" took up position on the flank of the marchers.

One block down, six police vehicles were parked outside a house. Members of the crowd explained the house belonged to a suspected drug dealer and was bombarded by gunfire by



Too late: Police enter the scene of Rashaad Staggie's murder in time to remove his body PHOTO: MIKE HUTCHINGS



Brothers-in-arms: Rashaad (left) and Rashied Staggie

'They killed the wrong brother'

THE Staggie brothers were a double act. Identical twins who grew to rule their deprived neighbourhood through bullying and kindness. They created one of the biggest gangs on the Cape Flats.

Rashaad Staggie was the flamboyant one — a drug dealer with a "heart of gold". He would often drive through Manenberg (a former coloured township) throwing paper money out the window, people running behind cheering as they collected their share of his drug earnings.

Rashaad was also reckless. It was this rashness that led to his vigilante killing last weekend.

He had been out drinking when a call came that a mob led by members of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) had converged in front of his house. Rashaad rushed to be with his family despite Rashied's warning that it was a dangerous move. He was convinced no one would dare to openly challenge a Staggie. He had miscalculated the people's anger.

Rashaad, a member of the 28 prison gang (who sodomised and murdered prisoners) was the softer of the brothers. According to friends, he had wanted to leave the gangs, but could not tear himself away.

He is survived by his wife Denise and four daughters.

Rashied, or "mad dog" as his brother nicknamed him, was said to be the criminal brains behind the Hard Livings gang. It was he who organised their alleged drug trafficking.

During the making of a fly-on-the-wall British Broadcasting Corporation documentary on the gang's activities, Rashied admitted he had been placed in the psychiatric ward during one of his spells in prison.

"He made his money in the early days by robbing other gangsters and built up a formidable reputation as a man never to cross," explained the film's producer, Dan Read.

Rashied used his reputation to pull together one of the most feared gangs in the Cape. "They killed the wrong brother," said a community member. "They have left the most dangerous to wreak havoc. The mad dog now has full-blown rabies and I don't want to imagine what he is capable of doing."

Man behind 'Phantom' mask

CAPE TOWN gang buster leader Muhammed Ali "Phantom" Parker is not the caped crusader his nickname suggests, but a man who has tasted death and is prepared to die for the cause he believes in, friends and relatives said this week.

Parker was shot in the chest at the siege of gang leader Rashaad Staggie's home last Sunday, and is reportedly in hiding following police threats to arrest People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) leaders on charges of sedition.

He has threatened to embark on "suicide bombing" missions, claiming he will strap explosives to his body on visits to gang leaders.

A community crime activist, who attended several meetings in the run-up to Pagad's militant cam-

paign, said he was astounded by Parker's zeal. "When that man says he will do something, the city better sit up and take note."

According to mythology, Parker's conversion to anti-drug zealot came after he was set upon by thugs, beaten to within inches of his life and tossed into a river to drown while on a trip to India eight years ago.

Rescued by a passerby who took him to a police station where he remained fever-ridden for several months, Parker embarked on his mission to stamp out crime.

"I saw him shortly after he returned and heard his story. He said he knew what it felt like to die," said a friend.

"I think what is motivating him now is that he fought for his own soul and won. He wants to ensure that other young people don't succumb to

drugs and suffer the way he did."

Parker's anti-gang sentiments were also fuelled by blasphemous statements made by Rashied Staggie about two years ago when the Muslim community began rallying against drugs. (Staggie said he would *naai* Allah.)

Although his friends said he was not a fervent Muslim, he was committed to God and tried to live as moral a life as possible.

"He is a moral person and his morals are driving him to do what he is doing today. He is a charismatic leader and is certainly the driving force behind Pagad," said a relative.

"Most importantly, he has guts. He's not the kind of leader who hides in the background while others take action. When he says something has to be done, he goes out himself to make sure it is done properly."

Pagad members last Thursday.

"Do you see what is happening? The police are warning the merchants that we are coming. They're protecting the merchants from us," shouted an almost hysterical woman.

The crowd dispersed peacefully at 12.30am, except for the armed guards who stayed to protect the Gatesville mosque through the night.

Support for Pagad came from an unusual source this week. Justice Minister Dullah Omar said the organisation had "wakened the soul of the community".

"You can't brand a group of people committed to fighting crime vigilantes. To attach such a label is wrong, it demonises people," said Omar.

"The tragedy of what happened in Salt River has suddenly mobilised communities and can have good results. I am not saying you have to

kill people to have good results, but now the authorities are sitting up, listening and planning. We should use the atmosphere that has been created to good effect."

He said people who committed crime had to be arrested after proper investigation, corruption among law enforcers had to be eradicated and the community had to assist by giving statements to the police and testifying in court.

Despite many of Pagad's members reportedly describing their war against drugs as a *jihad*, the organisation says it is not comprised solely of Muslims.

Pagad said Omar was given an "ultimatum" on May 11, with 60 days to take decisive action. Omar was told if the deadline was not met, the process would change to peaceful

action on the streets.

On July 1, Pagad decided to deliver "ultimatums" to gang leaders calling on them to end their illegal activities. In the past two weeks, they claim to have delivered 16 warnings.

The visit to Staggie's home on Sunday was organised to hand over a warning to him and his twin brother Rashied Staggie, co-leader of the Hard Livings gang. The organisation claimed Rashaad Staggie arrived and, in a "highly provocative manner", drove his vehicle through a police cordon in the direction of the crowd.

"Converging at that point in time on to the highly volatile, enraged and panic-stricken crowd ultimately led to his death," was the only explanation given for the shot to Staggie's head which immediately disabled him, the petrol bomb flung at him and the bullets which shattered his body.

MINISTER TO SEND IN TROOPS

Pagad member shot dead

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THE WAR between the anti-crime group Pagad and the underworld escalated further last night when a Pagad member was shot dead in Bridgetown. Staff Writers **ROGER FRIEDMAN** and **ERIC NTABAZALILA** report.

IN what appears to be the first revenge attack by gangsters after Sunday's killing of gang co-leader Rashaad Staggie, a member of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) was shot dead last night.

Shortly before the killing, Safety and Security Minister Mr Sydney Mufamadi announced that soldiers would be deployed on the Cape Flats before the threatened onslaught by Pagad against gangsters and drug lords on Sunday.

Mr Faizel Ryklief, 29, of Rylands Estate, was shot dead on the corner of Loerie and Cornflower roads in Bridgetown while driving a taxi.

Two passengers were also wounded in the shooting. A man was shot in the leg and the woman in the ankle.

The shooting follows a threat by gangsters that they would target individual Pagad members, after the organisation killed Hard Livings co-leader Rashaad Staggie in Salt River on Sunday night.

A witness, who wished to remain anonymous, said she saw four men in a blue car wearing balaclavas. It is believed they waited for him at the traffic lights at the intersection.

Police could not provide further information last night.

Making an announcement earlier yesterday at Parliament, Mufamadi said the army would guard mosques "and such places as we feel deserve protection because they may be targeted for attack".

The military deployment is a

result of soaring tension in the city following the lynching of Staggie.

On Tuesday, Pagad issued an ultimatum to gangsters and drug lords to "stop your nonsense" by Sunday, or they would be "taken out ... one by one".

Yesterday, executive members of The Firm — a conglomerate of senior gang leaders in the Western Cape — issued an ultimatum of their own: "We don't want to get involved in a war with Pagad. Such a war would not contribute to development or Cape Town's hosting of the Olympic Games.

"We are giving Pagad a chance until Sunday to stop their lawlessness. If Pagad won't listen, on Monday we will begin.

"All Muslim shops in our areas will be disrupted. We can close them down, we can burn them down, we can bomb them, we can do anything," said Ernie "Lapepa", who declined to give his full name.

Lapepa denied that The Firm intended targeting mosques or schools: "It is not our way to hurt innocents."

In response to The Firm's ultimatum, Pagad said last night "that under no circumstances are we going to yield to or fear any threats whether from the Hard Livings, The Firm or whoever they may be. We are going to take our streets."

Pagad also said that the organisation was not a solely Muslim one and that they could not be considered vigilantes in spite of the lynching of Rashaad Staggie.

Pagad said the police had to

answer why Staggie had been allowed to drive through their barricade in Lower Main Road, Salt River, into a clearly volatile crowd.

"We in Pagad do not believe in torching anybody. We never, ever will accept that in our society. But how many people did this particular man kill?"

They claimed that they had come under fire first, after going to the Staggie house to hand over a memorandum.

Mufamadi was in the city for a series of crisis meetings with organisations, police and law authorities.

"We fully understand the concern of the people about gang-related crime," he said.

Mufamadi also said he "fully understood" perceptions in the community that law-enforcement agencies were not combating the problem.

But no amount of frustration could justify the notion of people taking the law into their own hands, he said.

Mufamadi said Staggie had been arrested seven times in two years, and five cases had been withdrawn because complainants did not want to testify. He said it was necessary to find out why.

He had consulted Justice Minister Mr Dullah Omar and they had decided to refer it to public protector Mr Selby Baqwa for investigation.

Mufamadi said he hoped the matter would be handled "expeditiously, and help to normalise the situation in the Western Cape".

Mufamadi and national police Commissioner George Fivaz have demanded an explanation from local police as to why they did not stop the Staggie killing.

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Pagad blames Omar

Lawyer 8/8/96 (35)

By Rafiq Rohan and Sapa

AN ULTIMATUM to Justice Minister Dullah Omar in May which was ignored to take action against drug lords in Cape Town, could have led to the community's decision to defy the police and take the law into their own hands.

Chief coordinator of the People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad), Mr Farouk Jaffer said an ultimatum had been sent to Omar on May 11 to take action against drug lords.

Pagad had called on him to take decisive action within 60 days, failing which they would protest peacefully. The group said if lives were lost after

the ultimatum expired, the Government and Omar would be held accountable. Jaffer said that after July 11, Pagad delivered ultimatums to gang leaders, calling on them to cease their illegal activities immediately.

"Sixteen such ultimatums were handed over to various drug lords in the past two weeks without significant incident."

He said before the death of gang leader Rashaad Staggie, Pagad members resolved to hand an ultimatum to him and his brother Rashied, the two leaders of the Hard Livings gang, at London Street in Sali River. The delegation was accompanied by a police escort and a crowd of concerned onlookers.

"On arrival at London Street, Pagad delegates approached the Staggie residence and immediately came under fire from the house and from the snipers concealed on surrounding roof tops."

"As a result, two members of the Press and 18 Pagad members were wounded. In self-defence, a few members of the crowd and the police returned fire, forcing the crowd that had gathered in London Street to seek cover," Jaffer said.

Jaffer said Staggie then drove his off-road motor vehicle through a police cordon towards the crowd that had taken cover. He suggested that Staggie had caused his own death at the hands of what he described as a "highly volatile,

enraged and panic-stricken crowd."

"Pagad and the South African society were the victims at London Street, and will continue to be the victims until the authorities take effective action against gangsterism and crime."

Jaffer said Pagad had been acting in self-defence. Pagad comprised "sincere, law-abiding people from all walks of life, religious beliefs and cultures, who are opposed to the inordinately high level of drug trafficking and associated crimes prevalent in South African society," he said.

Pagad warned that if by Sunday no serious action is taken against gangsters and drug-barons, Pagad would continue its activities "to take them out".



Armed Pagad member

Army to keep gangs,

gangs, vigilantes apart

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GARY BERNARD



Anti-drugs taxi driver gunned down in revenge attack: police swoop on strongholds in Seapoint, Woodstock

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The national defence force is being mobilised to help the police maintain peace in areas where tension is rising between gangsters and vigilantes which led to the tit-for-tat murder of taxi driver Faizel Ryklief last night.

He was an anti-drugs vigilante and was gunned down in Bridgetown with two people wounded when shots were fired at his vehicle.

Early today, six petrol bombs were found in a raid on the Sea Point home of Rashied Staggie, whose twin brother, Rashaad, was shot and burned by Pagad (People Against Gangs and Drugs) vigilantes on Sunday.

Police had launched simultaneous pre-dawn raids on gang strongholds in Sea Point, Woodstock and Kensington, and confiscated the petrol bombs as well as drugs, firearms and stolen property.

About 350 police members are patrolling likely flash points and protecting mosques, while 200 members of the Public Order Policing Unit in Pretoria are on standby.

And a team of 30 detectives is to probe the mob murder on Sunday night of Rashaad Staggie, co-leader of the Hard Livings gang, by vigilantes when police were present but failed to intervene.

Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi said in Cape Town last night it was "highly

likely" criminal charges would flow from this investigation in which individuals, and not organisations, were being targeted.

Mufamadi has accepted the police explanations of why they could not prevent the death of Staggie but he refused to divulge the details.

He was with National Police Commissioner George Fivaz, who had flown down from Pretoria, and provincial commissioner Leon Wessels to explain top-level plans to restore order after the bloody Sunday.

Pagad members say taxi driver Ryklief took part in their heavily-armed anti-gang march on Tuesday and an eyewitness to last night's shooting said she saw four men wearing balaclavas waiting in a blue car for Ryklief at the intersection where he was attacked.

Mufamadi and Fivaz held discussions in Cape Town yesterday and said afterwards: "A clear message must be sent that we have no intention of abdicating responsibility to fight all crime."

"The Government and the SAPS intend showing in no uncertain terms that we have the will to fully support the community in its life-and-death struggle against gangsterism, drug trafficking and vigilantism."

Cape Town police yesterday undertook to investigate incidents where Pagad members were seen brandishing firearms in public, despite the Firearms Act prohibiting this. The law requires handguns to be holstered and rifles to be carried in a suitable bag.

Home sweet home ... Josia Thugwane (left) with President Mandela at his Pretoria residence.

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Seventy percent of callers believe Pagad were

LISA TEMPLETON
STAFF WRITER

PEOPLE Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) — whose members publicly executed gang leader Mr Kashaad Staggie on Sunday — were right to take the law into their own hands, according to 70% of callers to a Cape Times phone-in poll yesterday.

The callers, many of whom live in gang-infested areas, said they were fed up with gang activities

and the failure of the police and justice system to stop them.

Thirty percent of callers condemned the vigilantes, saying the authorities should be relied upon to stop gangs and crime.

"As an ex-resident of London Road, Salt River (where Staggie was executed outside his home), I say that the community have had enough of gangsters and they have lost faith in the justice system and the police," said a caller who asked not to be named.

"A lot of policemen are involved in gang corruption and if the community wants a clean society they have to take the law into their own hands.

"You can only understand if you live in a township," said Mrs Mavis Felix, of Bonteheuwel.

"The government should not spend R2 billion on warships when the enemy is among us — the police force should rather be doubled," said Mr George Sutherland, of Newlands.

ordinary people," said Mr P Robinson, of Claremont.

Parents said they feared for their children in the face of rising gangsterism and police inadequacy.

"I have a young son and I worry about him growing up.
"When I see how drugs break up families, I stand by Pagad 100%," said Mrs Shameez Harris, of Primrose Park.
"As a white mother I pledge my support to Pagad.
"I just see the situation getting

Many callers congratulated Pagad's aggressive move against gangsters.

"All the people who claim to be outraged by Staggie's timely departure in the gutter are hypocrites. They have been baying for his blood all these years, knowing about his drug peddling, blackmail and bribes of God knows whom," said Miss Shahida Rahman, of Cape Town.

"I think this is long overdue. The Staggies showed no respect

whatsoever for life, I support Pagad wholeheartedly," said Mr Ismael Moses.

"I hope the police gun them down one by one, including my own son — I would not even bother to bury him," said an embittered Mitchell's Plain mother.

"I supported the armed struggle against racism and I support the struggle against gangsterism for the same moral reason.
"Pagad are not vigilantes and they have the support of decent,

worse and the government's reluctance to control it and I live in panic — knowing I cannot rely on the police," said Mrs Dee Swift, of Camps Bay.

However, other callers were against Pagad's aggressive steps against gangsterism.

"Pagad are fighting gangsterism with gangsterism, which can only start a spiral of violence which will be impossible to quell," said Mr Derek Collins of Camps Bay.
"The Muslims are a minority

group and for them to do this, after the whole country decided against the death penalty, is totally unacceptable," said Mr Thomas Telando, of Observatory.

"I fully agree with Pagad's motives, but I cannot condone the killing of the unarmed Staggie — the act was downright cowardly and irresponsible," said Mr C Links of Claremont.
There were some Muslim callers who felt that the actions of Pagad went against their religion.

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Omar had 60 day ultimatum'

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ROGER FRIEDMAN

PAGAD had given the government a 60-day ultimatum, which ended on July 17, to address community concerns regarding gangsterism, drug-trafficking and lawlessness.

Nothing was done so "the people" were now doing the job themselves, Pagad's leadership said, at the organisation's first press conference held at the Ottery Hypermarket last night.

Gangsters and drug-lords were conducting their businesses with impunity. They were perceived as untouchables, but the community was taking a stand that would show they were not untouchable.

It was a press conference with a difference, as all the leadership — bar chief co-ordinator Mr Farouk Jaffa — had their faces covered, due to alleged death threats from criminal elements.

Jaffa said the 60-day ultimatum was given to Minister of Justice Mr Dullah Omar at a meeting on May 11. Other government departments had also received memorandums.

The organisation's demands to Omar included: The introduction of a mandatory death penalty for drug-dealers, the confiscation of their assets, R10 000 bail for drug users and no bail for drug-dealers, more severe sentences for first offenders, and stricter controls at harbours and airports.

With regard to the lynching, the organisation said the police had to answer why Staggie had been allowed through their barricade in Lower Main Road, Salt River — to drive into a clearly volatile and emotional crowd.

Referring to Sunday — when Pagad plans to hold its first mass meeting at Vygieskraal Stadium and have threatened to start "taking out" gangsters and drug-dealers who have not yet repented — the organisation said it had heard the police were threatening to arrest members to prevent the action.

Messages of support have been pouring in to Pagad, from all areas of Cape Town. Further rallies were envisaged at Green Point Stadium and possibly in the northern suburbs.

Fivaz is rebuked in row over subpoenas

By KEN VERNON

THE Attorney General of the Western Cape, Frank Kahn, has attacked Police Commissioner George Fivaz for criticising the attempt to force journalists to hand over information about Pagad (People Against Gangsterism and Drugs).

Kahn said that if Fivaz was opposed to the subpoenas being served this week he should have stopped his men from asking for them.

He said police needed to subpoena journalists under Section 205 of the Criminal Procedure Act "because they (the police) are not doing their job properly".

"If Fivaz gave the police more video equipment they would not be forced to demand photographic material from journalists," he said.

Editors of Cape Town newspapers and representatives of the SABC and Associated Press met this

week to discuss ways to resist the attempt to force them to hand over photographs, TV footage and information on Pagad, saying journalists would not do the work of the police.

Kahn has also refused to issue warrants for the arrest of several Pagad leaders on charges of sedition, saying the police did not have sufficient evidence to support the charges.

There are strong indica-

tions that the charge of sedition against Pagad leader Nadhmie Edriés will soon be dropped.

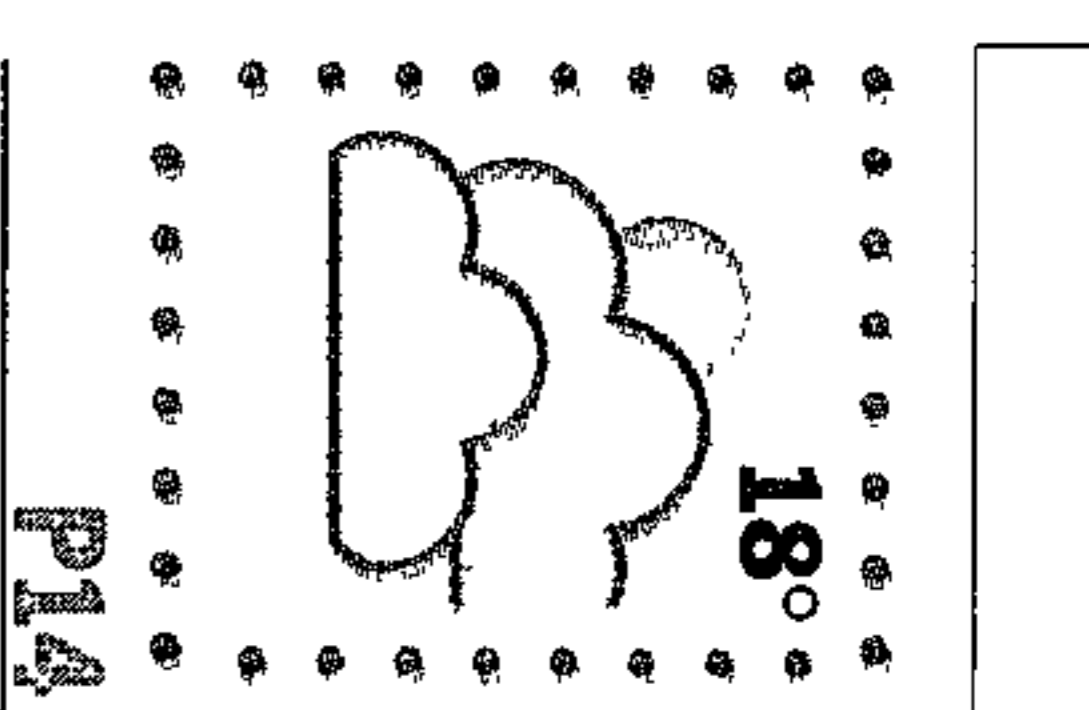
But sources said he and other Pagad leaders might be charged with the lesser offence of public violence.

Meanwhile, Kahn has called for the creation of a super-squad of police, public prosecutors, accountants and tax investigators to combat gangsterism and drug dealing.

He said he had proposed the formation of a multidisciplinary "super-squad" to the Minister of Justice, Dullah Omar, as the only way to combat the gangs and to restore credibility to a justice system battered by the activities of Pagad.

"The multidisciplinary system has worked for the Office for Serious Economic Offences and, if we are to deal with a crisis of alarming proportions, then an imaginative approach is going to have to be made," Kahn said.

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FIVAZ IN CITY TO MEET PAGAD

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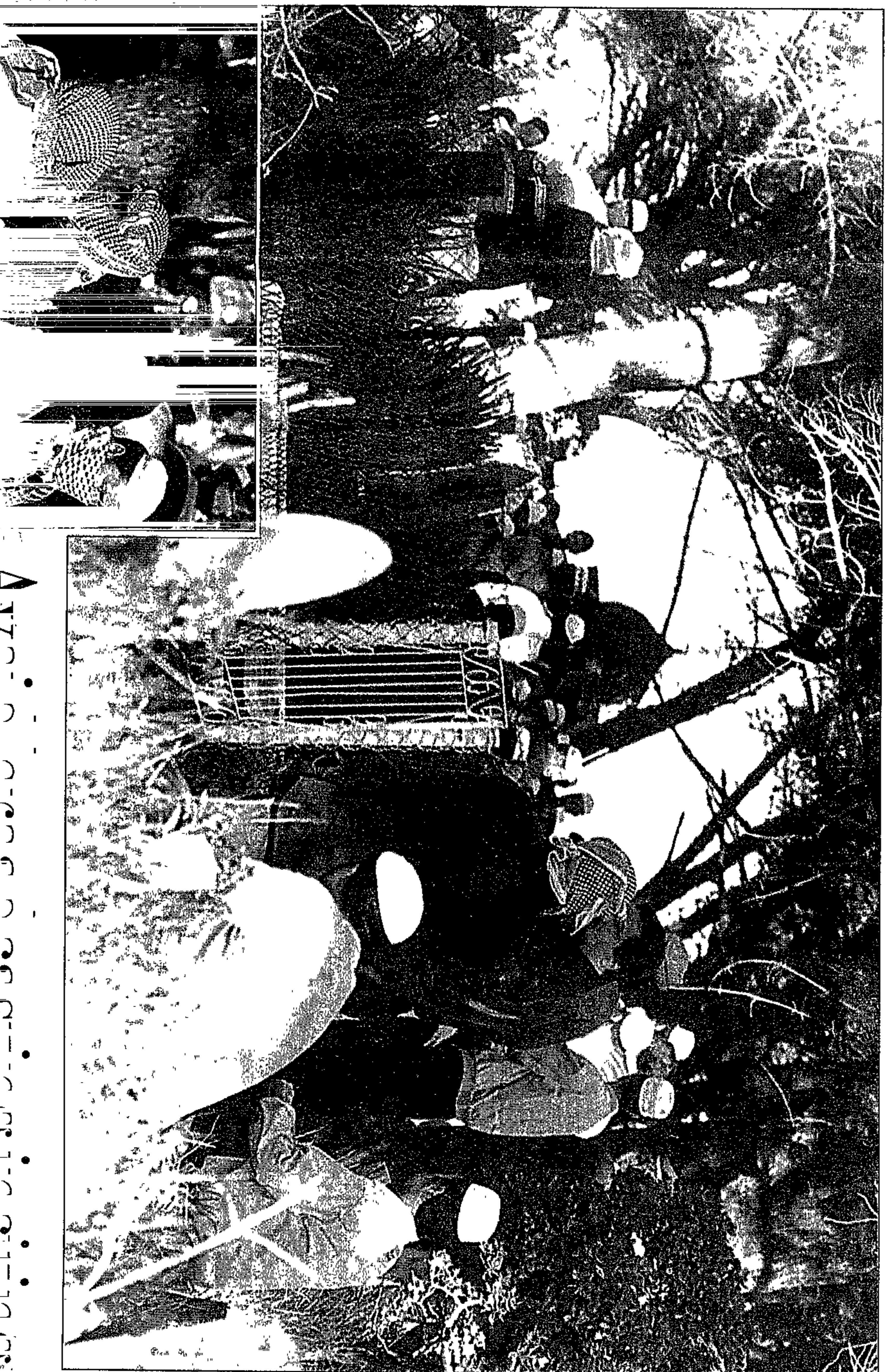
PAGAD MEMBERS buried taxi driver Faizel Ryklief under heavy police guard yesterday, and reiterated their ultimatum to gang members, writes **ROGER FRIEDMAN**.

DESPERATE attempts to prevent the further spilling of blood this weekend are under way following the declaration by People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) of Sunday as "D-Day" for all unrepentant

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of violence. Ryklief was shot by masked men on Wednesday in what is believed to be the first reprisal against Staggle's killing.

As the coffin arrived at the Gatesville Mosque, photographers were warned at gunpoint not to photograph the mourners. It was said that Ryklief was identified by gangsters after appearing in television footage of a march to Bridgetown on Tuesday. Photographers were warned they would be killed if they did not heed the warning. But the imam of the mosque, Sheikh Sa'Adullah Khan, appealed to those present not to target the media for victimisation but to focus on the drug



the twin of notorious gang-leader Mr. Rashad Staggie who was killed by Pagad on Sunday — said on television last night that although Pagad had declared war by killing his brother he was in a state of readiness for war or peace. The choice was Pagad's.

National police chief Commissioner George Fivaz will meet Pagad representatives in Cape Town tomorrow as Cape Flats residents batten down the hatches in preparation for Sunday.

Meanwhile a new group, comprising members of the government, non-governmental organisations and religious groups — the United Front Against Crime — is attempting to mediate between the sides.

Yesterday about 500 fatigued and tense Pagad members and supporters buried taxi-driver Mr Faizel Rylkief. Many are thought to have stayed away out of

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The relationship between Pagad and the media is not a very happy one, with Pagad objecting to being labelled "extremist" or "vigilantes".

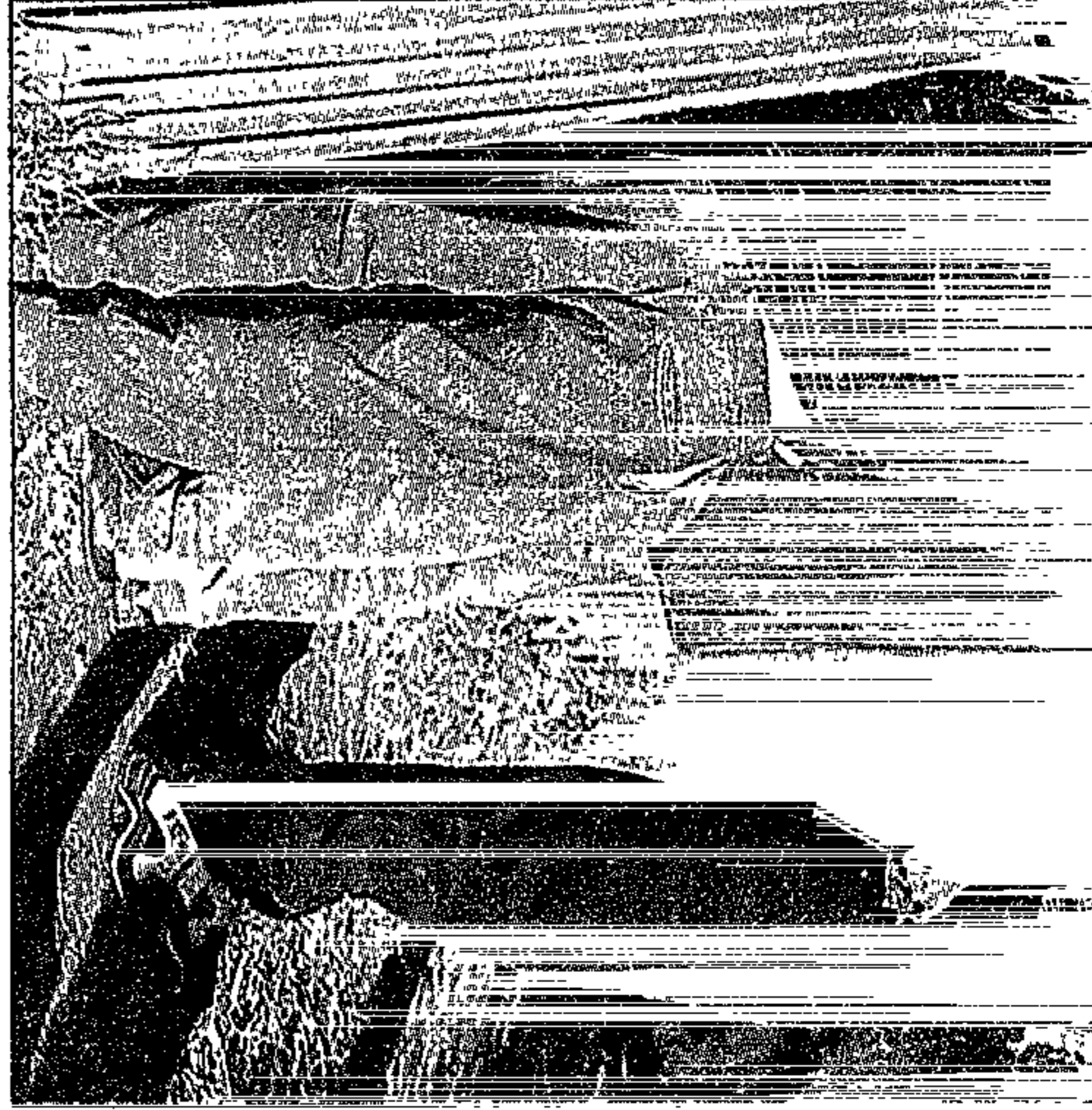
Rylkief's funeral was one of the most heavily-guarded funerals seen in Cape Town, with a large police contingent backed-up by about 100 armed Pagad members. Although Minister of Safety and Security Mr Sydney Mufamadi said on Wednesday soldiers would be deployed to assist the police, The Cape Times did not notice any soldiers.

He was buried at the Observatory Cemetery. Photographers were permitted into the cemetery but warned against taking photographs which could identify the people present.

The funeral was interrupted several times as mourners got itchy about the cameras in their midst, although a masked Pagad guard being shown the virtues of the latest telephoto lens by one press photographer helped alleviate the tension.

It also emerged yesterday that some Pagad members had used police radios and bullet-proof jackets during their operations — including during the attack in Salt River which preceded Staggie's killing.

Apparently some members of the Manenberg police had to go without bullet-proof jackets last week. But police spokesman Superintendent John Sterrenberg said yesterday all the radios and flak-



LAST RITES: Pagad members at Observatory cemetery mourn Mr Faizel Rylkief who was shot dead on Wednesday night. **BELOW:** Pagad members openly display their weapons at the funeral. **PICTURES: GUY ADAMS**

Pagad items, station told

EUNICE RIDER

THE Independent Broadcasting Authority (IBA) warned the Muslim community radio station, Radio 786, yesterday to avoid broadcasting inciting items about Pagad, which could lead its "volatile" Muslim community to possible violence.

After the Sunday slaying of gang co-leader Rashad Staggie by Pagad (People Against Gangsterism and Drugs), the IBA prevented Radio 786 from broadcasting any material from the group.

IBA counsellor Mr John Matsuom said at yesterday's hearing in the city with Radio 786 that the community station had been linked to the vigilante group in newspaper reports and had called on their listeners to attend Pagad meetings.

Matsuom said this was the most serious community radio problem the IBA had had to deal with so far and that his advice to Radio 786 was "common sense" — they had to exercise due care not to call listeners to possible situations of violence.

Mr Ganiief Hendricks, the public relations officer for the Islamic Unity Convention and the site (30) of 918196

tion it controls. Radio 786, answered that his station had simply read out community notices about the Pagad events and that the SABC was still announcing venues of Pagad meetings as recently as Wednesday.

Matsuom answered that Radio 786 was a community station which was close to its community and would not be able to fall back on the SABC's defence of not having been aware of the consequences their coverage of Pagad activities.

He again warned Radio 786 to exercise due care in

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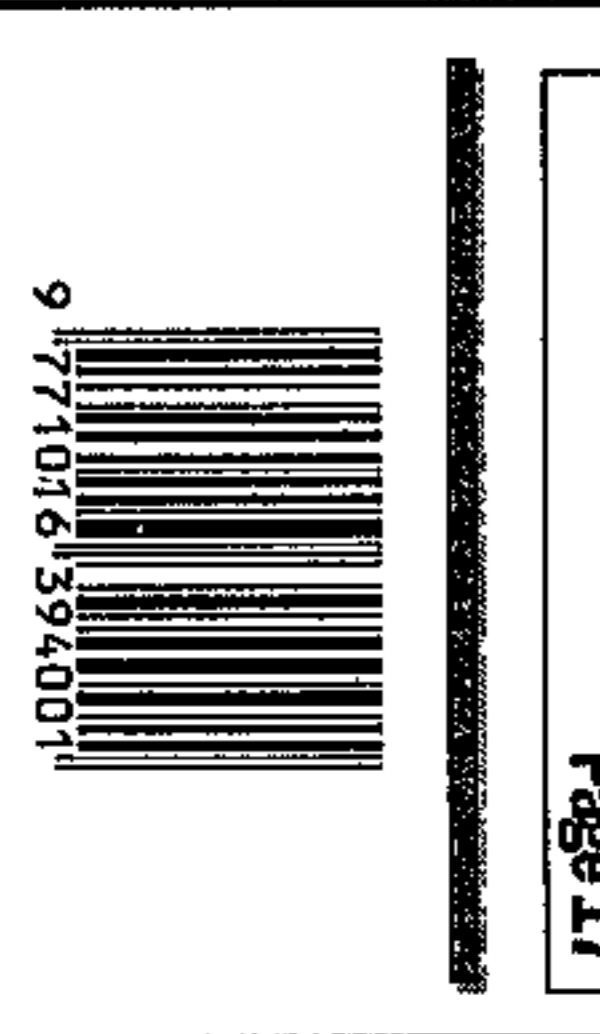
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STALS CALMS MARKETS:

Governor of the Reserve Bank Chris Stals moved to calm financial markets yesterday, saying he would not increase the Bank Rate now.

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Diplomats carjacked

JOHANNESBURG: Three foreign diplomats were abducted by car hijackers here last night, less than two hours after arriving in South Africa.

The three men, whose nationalities have not been confirmed, had been collected at Johannesburg Airport by a minibus and were on their way to a Sandton hotel when the car was hijacked in Sandton.

A police spokesman said the driver had been ordered out of the car and the carjacker had driven in the direction of Alexandra. By late last night the men had still not been found.

Row over killing

A MEMBER of the Khayelitsha Community Policing Forum (KCPF) was shot dead last month while on patrol — allegedly by a policeman. Now a row has broken out over the killing.

A forum spokesman claims the police were negligent and are "operating the way they used to in the past", while the police say they were investigating a robbery and shot a man with a firearm in his hand. "He should have identified himself," they said.

School food poisoned

POLICE are investigating the poisoning of peanut butter at an Umtata school. Area Commissioner Trevor Hayes said last night several bottles of peanut butter had been confiscated at Umtata Community School and sent away for analysis. The peanut butter is used for school feeding. "Indications are burglars apparently sprayed the containers with battery acid before they left."

Floods devastate China

BEIJING: Nearly three-quarters of a million people have been evacuated from their homes near the Yellow River as flood waters surge downstream. Chinese officials said yesterday. Officials in Henan province in Southern China said about 724 800 people had been moved to higher ground. An undisclosed number of people had also been killed by the floods.

Willing to lose liberty

LOS ANGELES: 58% of Americans are willing to accept curtailed civil liberties in the fight against terrorism, according to a poll published yesterday by the Los Angeles Times.

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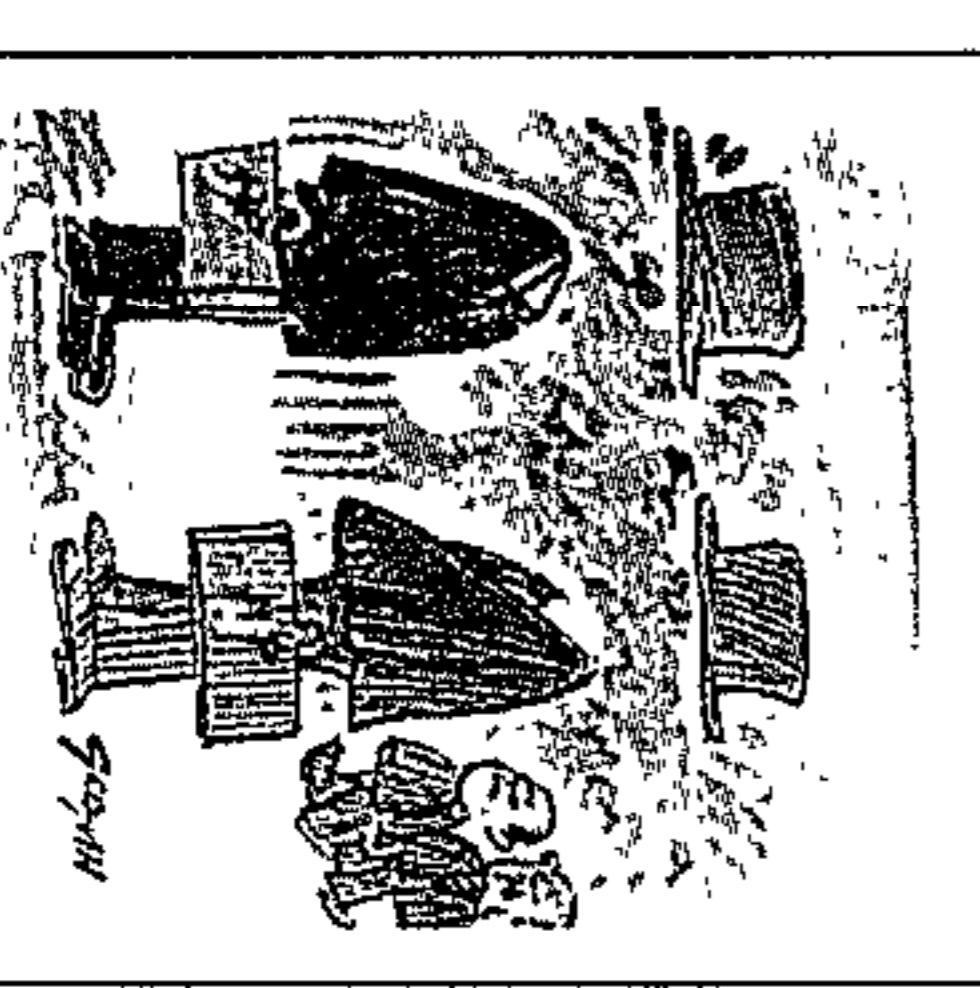
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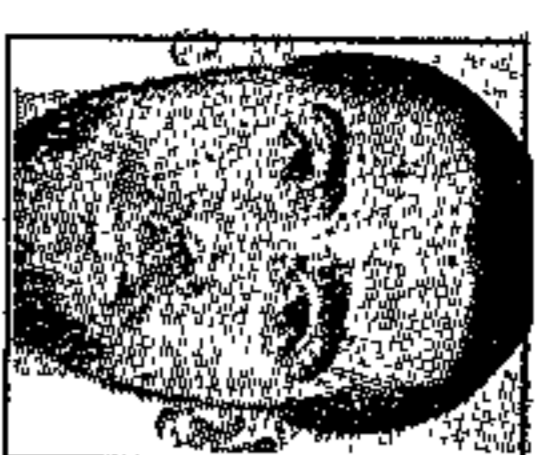
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'Government must shoulder the blame for the bloody drug violence'



ROGER FRIEDMAN gives his opinion of the factors that have contributed to the violent conflict in the Western Cape.

RESPONSIBILITY for the bloody clashes unfolding in Cape Town between the militant community organisation People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) and the underworld lies squarely at the door of the government.

Two vital ingredients have been absent from the community policing mix: Policing and the necessary back-up from a committed justice department.

Since the concept of community policing was introduced to the as-yet unborn new South Africa in the early 1990s, ordinary residents have flocked to join community policing forums, anti-crime-forums and neighbourhood watches. They

have attended meetings after meetings where they have raised concern after concern — all, seemingly, to very little avail.

It is not necessarily true that gangsterism has intensified under the new government — or that people's lives on the Cape Flats have got any more miserable — but expectations that things would improve have not been fulfilled.

Last year a similar number of people died in gang-related crime on the Cape Flats as died on the so-called killing fields of KwaZulu-Natal. Yet Cape police were deployed to calm the KwaZulu-

Natal crisis. Why?

There have been ongoing allegations of police corruption and complicity with gangs. For more than three years there have been calls for an independent investigation into these allegations, but the calls have not been heeded.

Completed police dockets concerning major underworld players have been gathering dust at the office of the attorney-general — some since last year. This not only creates the impression that underworld figures can act with impunity, but it directly allows drug-lords

to continue wreaking havoc on their communities. Why are these prosecutions not tackled with urgency?

Two years into the new South Africa there are still a disproportionate number of policemen and women stationed in former white areas. Why?

And why did the police allow notorious Hard Livings leader Rashaad Staggie to be lynched under their noses in Salt River on Sunday?

Taking all this into account, is it any wonder that people are taking the law into their own hands?

It is not good enough for luminaries such as Minister of Safety and Security Mr Sydney Mutamadi, Minister of Justice Mr Dullah Omar, and provincial police chief Commissioner Leon Wessels to say they "understand" people's frustrations.

And the latest undertaking from the attorney-general's office that gang-related prosecutions will be dealt with expeditiously is also not good enough.

Anybody who saw Staggie's brutal lynching — the manner in which Pagad supporters jumped on his dying body, the torching,

the bloodlust — will realise that the time for talking, the time for promises, the time for expressing understanding at frustration is over.

Mutamadi and Omar's joint decision to refer the case of Staggie being charged seven times in the past two years, but never being convicted, to the public protector for investigation is a start. And deploying the army alongside the police in an attempt to prevent an all-out war between Pagad and the underworld should also be applauded.

But the state's commitment to

dealing with the scourges of gangsterism and drugs should be a serious, long-term commitment.

The police need to be perceived as operating independently of the gangsters, the attorney-general's office needs to get a move on with the dockets in its possession — the matter how complicated — the welfare department and non-governmental organisations need to get to work to create viable alternatives for rehabilitated gangsters, and the courts need to start reflecting the frustrations in the community.

Now is the time.

POLICE SEEK PICTURES OF KILLING

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Cape Times 'will not sacrifice impartiality'

THE Editor of the Cape Times has appealed to all those involved in the current conflict in the city to allow the media to continue its work of bringing information to the public.

ROGER FRIEDMAN reports.

CAPE TIMES Editor Mr Moegsten Williams has confirmed that he was approached this week by members of the police seeking pictures of the Rashaad Staggie lynching and related events.

Williams said, however, that he would not voluntarily co-operate with the police because of the need to safeguard the impartiality of the newspaper.

On Wednesday, Minister of Safety and Security Mr Sydney Mutamadi said of the issue: "Anybody who witnesses a crime has a moral obligation to assist the authorities to solve this crime."

Williams said: "We obviously do not want to stymie the police investigation into Sunday's events, but with emotions running high — and bearing the safe-

ing hand-in-hand with the police, Pagad or the underworld."

Williams described the incident at Gatesville Mosque yesterday, where news photographers were prevented from taking pictures at gunpoint as "understandable but regrettable".

"I appeal to all parties involved in the conflict to allow members of the media to bring objective information to the public," he said.

Williams said the approach not to compromise the newspaper's integrity was shared by Mr Shaun Johnson, editor of The Argus.

Meanwhile, responding to allegations that Western Cape police were incapable of combating drugs and gangsterism, provincial police commissioner Mr Leon Wessels said four case dockets featuring "four of the most prominent stridi-

office of the attorney-general. "A decision in three of the four cases is still awaited," he said.

The narcotics bureau had made 1 026 arrests between January and June 30 this year, while the gang investigation unit handled 364 criminal investigations. Of these 287 were "solved and sent to court (a 79% success rate)".

Said Wessels: "Investigations of this nature are extremely difficult ... due to the code of silence practised by gangsters (and at times, the communities they operate in), as well as the fact that witnesses are intimidated.

"Due to the lapse of time as a result of the intricate nature of these investigations, the impression created is that the police are either powerless to act, are dragging their heels or in cahoots with gangsters. Which is definitely not the case.

"Once again allegations of police corruption and collusion with gangsters are being bandied about; although this may be true to a lesser extent, do not and will not



WARNED: Mr Ganief Hendricks, right, public relations officer for the Islamic Unity Convention and the Muslim radio station Radio 786, addresses an Independent Broadcasting Authority

Gangsters 'ready'

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jackets borrowed by the Surrey Estate Neighbourhood Watch were returned yesterday — barring one radio in the possession of a senior member. "They were booked out, ostensibly, for legal purposes," Stenberg said.

President Nelson Mandela has condemned Staggie's lynching, and hinted that the government had plans up its sleeve to address crime.

● The KwaZulu-Natal chapter of the Jihad Movement of South Africa yesterday pledged spiritual, financial and physical support for Pagad in its fight against "the combined satanic forces of the gangsters and the overlords".

● In a statement issued from its Shell House headquarters in Johannesburg, the ANC called on the police to examine the perception that the service was ineffective or colluding with gangsters; and on the justice department to probe the lack of successful convictions against suspected drug dealers.

● The police confirmed yesterday they had compiled a document in which concern was expressed about the danger of Islamic extremism to South Africa's internal security.

The report gave details of 11 Muslim extremist groups organised in secret cells. Members were receiving military training in such countries as Libya, Afghanistan and Iran, the document said.

The organisation called Qibla was "the most militant in the Western Cape". According to police analysis, Pagad includes some Qibla members in its ranks.

Legislature to debate gangs crisis

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A SNAP debate on the gangs crisis on the Cape Flats is to be held in the Western Cape legislature on Monday.

DP provincial leader Mr Henrie Bester, who called for the sitting, said potential existed for "unprecedented bloodletting and community disruption".

Speaker Mr Wilhelm Doman said the debate would focus on the growing conflict between gangs and vigilante groups and its economic consequences.

Bester said the murder by vigilantes had placed a serious question mark over the capability of the state to maintain law and order and to overcome drug-related crime.

Earlier, Premier Mr Hennus Kriel said the province's police service was 17% understaffed and attacked Police Minister Mr Sydney Mufamadi for "failing" to devolve police powers to local Police Services MEC Mr Gerald Morkel.

He called for a commission of inquiry into the vigilante murder and its causes and demanded that Mufamadi "immediately send more police to the Western Cape".

He said his Police Services MEC was "clearly frustrated" by the "obvious inability of the judicial system" to handle drug and gang-related problems.

'Struggle against evil of drugs will continue'

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AT a meeting of more than 70 Ulama of the Western Cape, held at the offices of the Muslim Judicial Council on August 5 1996, the incident which resulted in the death of one of the Cape's notorious drug merchants was discussed.

The meeting unanimously reaffirmed the Ulama's and the community's commitment to continue their struggle against the evil and scourge of drugs in our society.

The drug merchants and the financiers of the drug industry came under severe attack at the meeting. It was resolved that every effort will be made to eliminate this evil from our society.

The government and particularly the police came under severe criticism for their inability to deal effectively with the growing drug industry in our areas. It was clearly pointed out by some speakers

that there is collusion between police and merchants and this, together with the ineffective justice system, seems to be partly responsible for the ineffectiveness of the police.

As a result of the very concerns raised above, an anti-drug group called Pagad (People Against Gangsterism and Drugs) embarked upon a peaceful march youths in Salt River on August 4 1996. At this peaceful march, where emotions ran high, there was a confrontation with drug merchant (Rashad) Staggie.

In a heated verbal encounter between marchers and the drug smugglers, gunshots went off which resulted in the injuring of marchers and the eventual death of Staggie.

It is not quite clear as to the exact circumstances under which Staggie died due to conflicting

reports. According to pictures in the newspaper Staggie was also torched.

While fully understanding the frustrations and emotional state of the marchers, the Ulama wish to make it clear that the Shariah does not condone that people take the law in their own hands and indulge in excesses of torching.

Because of the death of Staggie, the organised crime underworld conveyed threats that they intend to abduct children from madrassas and damage and burn masajid, and attack Imams during prayer times.

These threats are taken extremely seriously by the Ulama. It was unanimously agreed that if any of these threats are proved to have been carried out by the drug merchants and/or their allies, appropriate retaliation will be meted out against these perpetrators.

The Ulama also warn that if any child or innocent person is going to be harmed in any way by the drug merchants or their allies, unprecedented anger will be generated in the Muslim community which will be very difficult to control.

The drug merchants are thus timely warned to refrain from their evil activities and threats in the community and to stop destroying the society for monetary gain or face the consequences.

An appropriate plan of action was agreed upon which includes

among others:

- A meeting with the Minister of Justice and other relevant authorities;
- Meetings in masjid to keep congregations informed;
- Communication with community-based service organisations;
- Awareness programmes;
- To co-ordinate activities of the different sectors of the community;
- The legal recognition and development of support programmes for the neighbourhood watches and patrols which play an important function in our community.

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Warning to station over Pagad

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selecting which announcements should be broadcast, saying incitement had to be avoided.

"The community is in a volatile mood — perhaps understandably — but incitement has to be avoided," Matisson stressed. He said it appeared as though the radio station was being "used" by Pagad and that it had been reported that those at Radio 786 and in the Islamic Unity Convention knew who the members of Pagad were.

Matisson said he did not wish to have the station's application for a new broadcasting licence refused, as those at the station and at the IBA had worked very hard to make it a success.

The current licence expires at the end of August and Radio 786 has applied for a new one, as well as a stronger broadcasting signal and an extension to be able to cover Worcester, Paarl and Stellenbosch.

Matisson said although the IBA had asked for recordings of Radio 786 broadcasts following complaints, there had not been adequate time yet for a full investigation.

Hendricks said since supplying the IBA with the requested recordings and being told to stop broadcasting Pagad statements, it had done so despite the possibility that it would be seen as favouring those opposed to Pagad.

He said they had stopped the broadcasts because of the risk of not being granted a new broadcasting licence.

Hendricks said the station had "no links whatsoever with Pagad" and undertook to be careful in its future selection of statements for broadcast.

Matisson will make his recommendations to the IBA's full council to decide on whether or not the station's licence will be renewed.

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Grenade blast winds up Cape Flats tension

JOHAN SCHRÖNIEN and PIETER MALAN
Staff Reporters

FRESH acts of violence, including a hand-grenade attack, have heightened tensions on the Cape Flats as the minutes tick away towards Sunday's deadline in the war on drugs and gangsterism.

As police Commissioner George Fivaz announced his intention to try to meet the leadership of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad), the organisation buried its first casualty, Faizel Rykklief, at a tense funeral service yesterday.

Mr Fivaz's request for a meeting was later accepted by Pagad.

Mr Rykklief was shot dead during an attack on his taxi on Wednesday. It was later alleged he had been targeted after he was identified from video footage of a Pagad march on Tuesday.

A Pagad spokesman said today the organisation had accepted Mr Fivaz's invitation and would meet him tomorrow — a day

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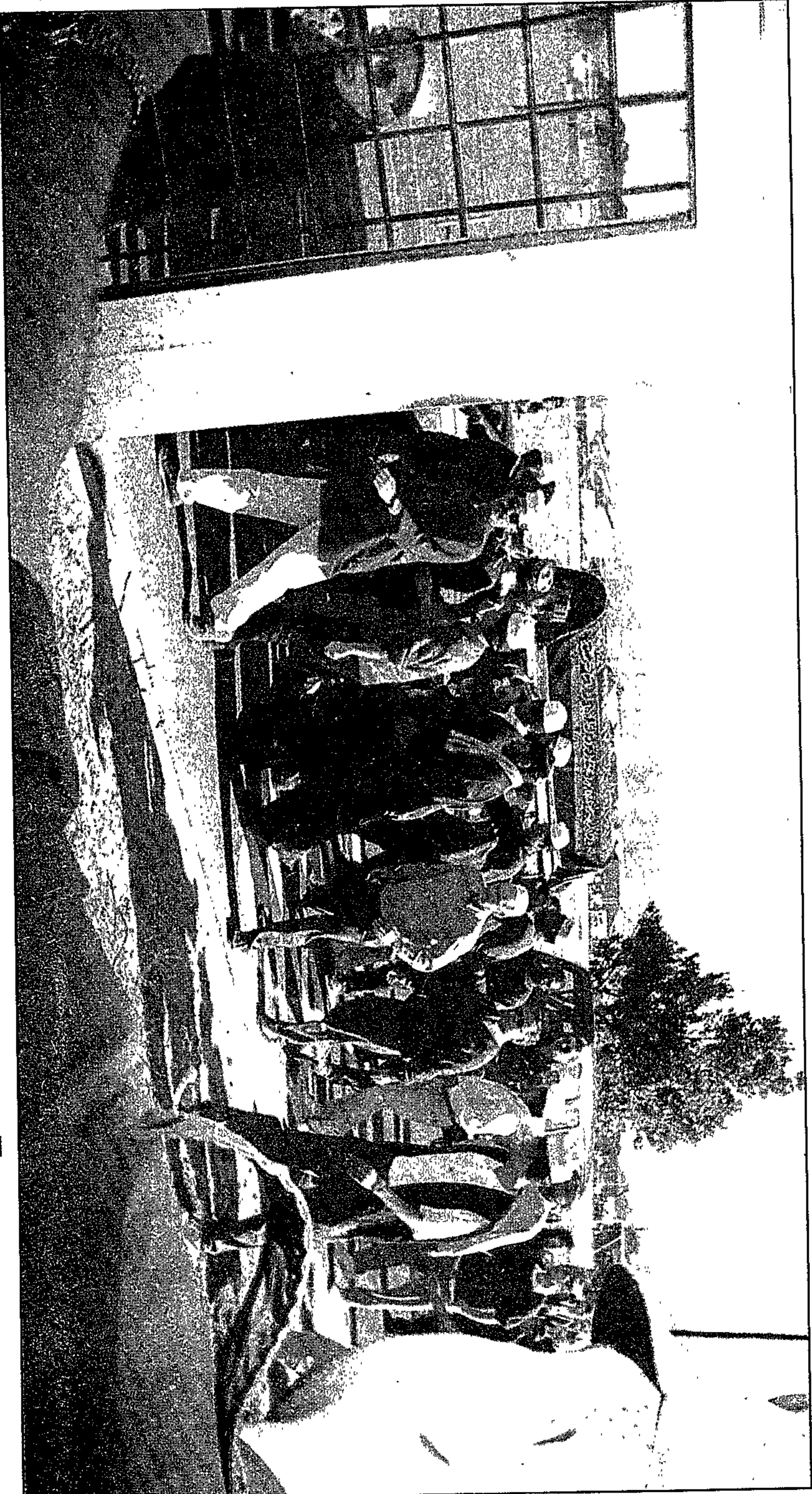
before the expiry of Pagad's warning to gangsters to give up their activities or face all-out war.

"We will go to the meeting with an open mind to discuss alternative ways of law enforcement to curtail the activities of gangsters."

He said the movement's earlier memorandum to Justice Minister Dullah Omar would form the departure point for discussions with the police commissioner.

The document outlines Pagad's strong anti-drug stand and proposes severe sentences for those selling and buying drugs. Announcing his intention to meet the organisation, Commissioner Fivaz said Pagad clearly enjoyed strong community support on the Cape Flats and the police should recognise this.

"I believe that on the Cape Flats we are in essence dealing with the manifestation of the righteous and justified anger of a



KEEPING WATCH: A policeman in an armoured vehicle keeps watch as mourners attend the funeral of Faizel Rykklief who was gunned down in his taxi in Bridgetown on Wednesday night.

crime-battered community," he said.

"But crime cannot be reduced by more crime and a good cause must not be discredited through methods which reduce law-abiding citizens to the level of violent criminals."

He said the invitation should not be interpreted as a lack of will to identify and prosecute the killers of Rashaad Stagie. Early today, mere hours after the fune-

al service for Mr Rykklief, police reported that a handgrenade had exploded in Hanover Park, damaging shop windows and a concrete slab in a parking lot, and in Bontheuvel arsonists broke open the security mesh of a Muslim-owned shop and tried to set the premises alight.

Underworld sources said gangsters were not responsible, but Pagad leaders said the attacks must be seen in the context of

recent pronouncements by gangsters.

Residents in Hanover Park heard a loud bang when the grenade went off in the parking lot behind Terminus Shopping Centre in Civic Street.

No one was injured in the attack. The fire brigade was called to the Bontheuvel shop soon after a fire started and firemen prevented the building from catching alight.

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Drugs, gangs rule lives of many Flats

Schoolchildren

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ESANN DE KOCK
Education Reporter

ASHRAF is 16-years-old, a member of a gang in Heideveld and a drug addict.

He recently sold his parents' toaster, kettle and some of his mother's clothes for money for drugs.

The problem of gangs and drugs on the Cape Flats led this week to the killing of notorious gangster Rashaad Staggie by anti-drug and gangster group, the People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad).

It is a problem which has woven its way into the lives of thousands of helpless, scared people.

It is also a problem which dramatically affects many schoolchildren.

Ashraf, who says he has to use dagga and Mandrax every day, is just one example of the many youngsters whose lives are being ruled by drugs.

"Around here we have to belong to gangs - for our own survival," he says.

Ashraf wants to finish Std 7 this year but, after temporarily leaving school a few months ago to go to work and earn a living to help his family, he says his old school won't have him back.

"Can they do this? Every person has the right to finish their education. I know if I don't finish, I'll be sorry in 10 or 20 years' time."

Ashraf says many of his friends are in the same boat. "I started using the drugs to keep my mind off things.

"Now, it's too much for me. My friends are getting shot. If I

can go back to school, I'll stop using drugs."

Humphrey Boughwa, a Heideveld school principal with first-hand knowledge of the problem, says his school is in a difficult position.

There are a lot of gangs in the area and the community is putting pressure on the school and making demands.

"There are social problems which the school just isn't equipped to deal with and which should be handled by the state."

Mr Boughwa says people in the community have taken steps to handle gangsterism and deal with the problem. Many of them have sympathy with Pagad - even if they don't agree with their methods.

His school has its share of gang problems, although it is not rampant, he says.

Recently, when there was no teacher in a certain classroom, a gang member came onto the premises to attack a pupil.

Ashraf, who also used to go to school in the area, says some pupils who are members of the two rival gangs operating in the area - the Americans and the New Yorkers - sometimes came to his school with homemade shotguns and other weapons.

"They might just come to get the girls out of the classrooms. And they have fired shots at each other across the school grounds."

Four months ago a pupil standing close to the school fence during a shoot-out was shot and killed, says Ashraf. He remembers another youngster in the neighbourhood who

was struck by 17 bullets during a gang attack.

"It's war here. Children of 13 and 14 are buying drugs from the gangs and if you turn to buying from another gang, they come after you."

Ashraf says his family has no idea that he is no longer attending school.

"I get up every day and dress in my school clothes and then I hang around. "Sometimes I sleep in the veld. It's dangerous. I don't feel free. I'm in a corner."

He says the safest place to be is in school.

"I know, of course I'm not stupid. I want to go back to school.

"I've never been concerned about school, but now..."

Mr Boughwa says gangsterism and drug problems, although not particularly big at his school, are socio-economic issues which have been ignored for too long.

"These gangs could have been eradicated a decade ago," he says.

But apartheid, and the fact that it was not a "white" problem, prevented the issue getting proper attention.

He says children and teachers might be safe inside the school, "but then they leave here and go home to that environment".

"It's no use sending a policeman to drive through this area a few times a day. In fact, it's totally ineffective," he says. "The government should help find "real solutions".

"I don't believe people choose this life. It's a miserable existence."

Community station denies Pagad links

Staff Reporter

THE Independent Broadcasting Authority (IBA) has been told in a licensing hearing that there are no links between the Muslim community radio station 786 and the organisation People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad).

The IBA questioned the station's management after reports from the public that Radio 786 had broadcast the location of potentially volatile meetings

between Pagad and other groups.

John Matisonn, a member of the IBA council, said that although the calls could not be verified, the IBA had asked Radio 786 to refrain from directing the community to possible confrontations.

Radio 786's public relations officer, Gantje Hendricks, said the station had respected the IBA call because licensing was on the IBA agenda. But he said that the station's

management was "perturbed by the request, because the SABC announced the movements of Pagad on the evening news the same night (that 786 had)".

Mr Hendricks said the station "passed on information only in a way that would not excite the community".

Mr Matisonn appealed to the station to exercise reason in what it broadcast. Mr Hendricks asked for advice on the proper steps.



IN MOURNING: The bier with the body of slain taxi driver Faizel Rykklief leaves his family's home on its way to the Gatesville mosque.

Guns pulled on newsmen at burial

PIETERMALAN
Staff Reporter

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ANGRY Muslims have hurled taxi driver Faizel Rykklief, who was allegedly shot by gangsters in a revenge attack for the killing of gang boss Rashaad Staggie.

The ceremony at the Mowbray cemetery was attended by about 300 people, some of whom covered their faces.

Members of the organisation People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) pulled guns on several television cameramen to try to prevent them from filming a group of men on their way to the Gatesville mosque for the funeral.

The men claimed the gangsters identified Mr Rykklief from video footage of an earlier march shown on television news. Cameramen who filmed a group of about 300 men walking towards the

Gatesville mosque were taken by surprise as individuals ordered that they stop filming the procession.

In one incident two gun-toting men charged towards a television cameraman telling him to stop filming.

He and his producer retreated towards a police vehicle but found that the policemen had closed the doors of the armoured vehicle.

After Pagad leaders calmed down their followers, it was agreed that photographers could take film and pictures, but only from a distance.

Mr Rykklief was shot on Wednesday night by three men who had waited for his taxi at the same Bridgetown intersection where Pagad held a huge rally on Monday night.

Two other people were injured in the incident.

Meanwhile, a source close to Pagad said reports about a secret military training camp near Cape Town had been exaggerated.

He said such a training camp did exist but it was mainly used for self-defence and small arms training.

"It has a basic shooting range for target shooting and they train the guys in basic survival tactics like how to live off the veld."

Police Commissioner George Fivaz said on Wednesday it was clear from video footage he had seen of Sunday's incident when Rashaad Staggie had been shot that Pagad members were well trained in the handling of fire arms.

Sapa reports that the police confirmed the existence of a document expressing concern about the danger of Islamic extremism to South Africa's internal

security. Police spokesman Reg Crewe said in Pretoria the paper had been drawn up on the basis of various intelligence reports.

The police report gave details of 11 Muslim extremist groups organised in secret cells.

Members were receiving military training in countries such as Afghanistan, Libya and Iran.

Director Crewe said the document was compiled by the internal security department as an information document for use by police who investigated violations of the law by religious extremist groups.

The internal security department of the police monitored the activities of all extremist groupings that posed a possible threat to South Africa's internal security.

Staggie twins' reign of terror

By Sonti Maseko

THIS week's clashes between Muslim vigilantes and Cape Flats gangs, which brought a violent end to Hard Livings gang boss Rashaad Staggie's life and dealt a heavy blow to the gang, was not the kind of exit envisaged by Cape Town's most feared twins.

Rashaad and his twin brother, Rashied, held the Cape Flats in a grip of fear since 1971 like the Kray twins who terrorised London in the 50s. He was shot and set alight by the vigilantes in Salt River last Sunday.

Rashied has threatened bloody revenge after his brother's death, which has ended a unique partnership that underpinned one of the most powerful gangs in the Cape Flats.

The history of the Staggie brothers is the creation of apartheid's Group Areas Act, which separated communities that lived together and scattered them all over the bleak, sandy townships far away from Cape Town.

"After the Group Areas Act removals, kids on the Flats went wild. There was nothing for them to do, nowhere to go. In Cape Town, there was always the city, the sea, the harbour, the shops, the mountain and everyone was together. Here there was nothing except sand. The Cape Flats became a gangland, and there wasn't a single estate that didn't have at least a

dozen gangs with exotic American-style names."

The Staggie family was moved from Diepivier to Manenberg, some 20km outside Cape Town.

The name Hard Livings was coined by Rashied, who said it came "out of the blue" considering his English was not good in those years. The twins were said to have been thrown out of school in Standard 1 and could hardly read.

As they grew up, they were in and out of jail for housebreaking, robbery, possession of illegal firearms and assault ... until a judge sentenced them in their mid-20s to 14 years for being a menace to society.

In jail they survived by becoming members of prison gangs. Rashied became a member of the 26s, becoming a general with four stars tattooed on his shoulders. He learned to kill in jail, always protected by the gang's rule of silence. There he was declared a psychopath and prison authorities, having decided he was a danger to other prisoners, threw him together with the most violent inmates.

Rashaad, on the other hand, joined the 28s gang and became a well-known figure at Pollsmoor Prison. Unlike his brother, who was ruthless, Rashaad gained the confidence of prison authorities and was allowed to walk out of the prison gates at will. He even became a

Christian preacher despite being born a Muslim.

Rashaad earned money in prison by protecting wealthier inmates. He would ensure that a man under his protection would not be beaten up or no one would "make a woman of him".

When Rashaad came out of prison, he went back to revive the Hard Livings gang, and with his worldly wealth of R90 bought 30 mandrax tablets.

Rashaad set himself up as a mandrax dealer. At that time, in the late 1980s, Cape Town was consuming 90 percent of the world's mandrax, most of it being used by Coloured youths in the Cape Flats.

When Rashied came out of prison later, the two began working successfully as a team. Rashied taught the young gangsters how to launch armed robberies and took care of "the violent side" of the business while Rashaad, who had a feel for money, took care of the business side, and even set up a prostitution business in Cape Town's upmarket Eastside suburb.

The twins complemented each other perfectly, Rashied being charismatic, dynamic and vicious; and Rashaad, cunning, practical, the financier.

Rashaad once said about his twin brother: "Rashied is the power behind the Hard Livings. People know he is a killer. Rashied is a psychopath, a mad dog. He feels nothing for the people."

All he wants is to be a leader".

Life as a gang leader has taken its toll on Rashied who, it is said, cannot eat strong curries, has only one kidney and one lung, having lost the other through being shot in the chest and then rammed against a lamp-post by a car. A piece of his tongue was ripped off by a bullet which smashed through the back of his neck and came out through his mouth. He also has seven bullet wounds in his left leg, sustained when a woman shot him in the local police station, mistakenly believing he had raped her daughter.

Rashaad was known to sometimes gather local children and adults and toss banknotes in the air while they scrambled to catch the money.

In the early '90s, Rashaad - interviewed by a journalist - intimated that he and Rashied were toying with the idea of retiring from being gang leaders. Looking back at their career then, Rashaad said: "People know us all over the country. We've got nothing to prove. I don't want power.

"What I like is money, and my children. But Rashied can never retire. People won't leave him alone. We have only a few years to live. What difference does it make? There's no rest. This fighting will never end till we die."

● This story is based on the book *Beloved Country* by BBC reporter Daniel Reed.



Where to Hard Livings?... Rashied Staggie, now without his twin brother, Rashaad. Together they formed a "perfect partnership" that made the Hard Livings gang one of the most powerful and feared in Cape Town - until last Sunday.

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- **Sunday, August 4** - Pagad members led by leader Muhammed Ali "Phantom" Parker march to the home of Hard Livings gang leader Rashad Staggie. A gun battle ensues. Staggie arrives on the scene and is shot in the head, set alight and then has bullets pumped into his burning body. Parker is shot in the chest but survives.
- **Monday, August 5** - Safety and Security Minister Mr Sydney Mufamadi sets up a task team of 20 "dedicated detectives" and deploys a group of 300 visible police officers to watch over the situation on the Cape Peninsula. Rashad Staggie is buried without incident at a Muslim cemetery in Constantia.
- **Tuesday, August 6** - Muslim schools close as gangsters allegedly threaten to attack mosques in revenge for Staggie's killing. About 3 000 Pagad members march in Athlone on the Cape Flats, chanting "kill the merchants, kill". A united front is formed in Cape Town to deal with the crisis.
- **Wednesday, August 7** - Taxi driver Mr Faizel Rykklief is killed by gangsters. Pagad claims it is a revenge killing.
- **Thursday, August 8** - Drug cartel The Firm says blood will flow if Pagad does not lay down its arms.

Tension mounts

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Gangs warn Pagad to lay down arms or face the music

By Wagnied Milsbach

GANG LEADERS have warned that "blood will flow" in Cape Town this weekend if members of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) do not lay down their weapons.

However, President Nelson Mandela warned yesterday that the Government would announce measures in the next few days to crack down on crime in the Western Cape.

The Firm, an umbrella group of gang leaders, issued its warning yesterday as Pagad prepared for a mass rally at a Cape Town stadium to launch their campaign to "take the streets" from the gangs.

A strong contingent of police and army personnel is also expected at the mass meeting in Athlone. Mandela said in Parliament yes-

terday that he had been in contact with the Ministers of Safety and Security and Defence to discuss ways to deal with the crisis.

"We are taking precautions in the next few days so that everyone can see that the Government is taking strong measures to crack down on all forms of crime in the country, especially in the Western Cape and Johannesburg," the President said.

No to violence

Speaking at a Press conference with New Zealand prime minister Mr Jim Bolger, Mandela said he "did not condone any group of people taking the law into their own hands".

The police and army are also expected to be deployed to protect mosques in the area and to defuse the tension. Pagad warned yesterday that if the

gangsters did not cease their activities then they would be "taken out".

In response, The Firm, which consists of leaders of the major gangs in the Western Cape - including the Hard Livings' Rashied Staggie, the twin brother of Rashad Staggie who was killed by Pagad members on Sunday - has vowed to target Muslim shops and schools if Pagad members did not lay down their weapons.

The Firm's leader, Ernie Lapepa, warned yesterday that "die bloed sal vloei" (the blood will flow) if Pagad members did not heed the warning. "The Firm is prepared to negotiate at any time with Pagad provided they lay down their weapons before Monday. "If that does not happen, we will attack Muslim shops and schools and blood will definitely flow."

Lapepa said. He denied that The Firm had threatened to attack mosques on the Cape Flats.

Already, a taxi driver, Mr Faizel Rykklief was shot and killed on Wednesday night.

While police could not confirm whether it was gang-related, Pagad claimed that Rykklief was killed by gangsters after being recognised at a Pagad march earlier this week.

Mass meeting

Pagad spokesman Mr Farouk Jaffer confirmed yesterday that the mass meeting at Vryheid Stadium in Athlone would go ahead.

He said Pagad members were not vigilantes but were concerned, law-abiding citizens who had merely defended themselves on Sunday when gang leader Rashad Staggie

was killed in Salt River.

He added that Pagad did not only consist of Muslims but of people from other religions, including Christians, who were all involved in the campaign against gangsterism.

He said the slogan, "Death to Gangsterism" did not call for the death of gang leaders but was aimed at eradicating the problem of gangsterism.

Meanwhile, reports indicate that members of the Muslim Judicial Council, a grouping of clerics in the Western Cape, have distanced themselves from the methods of Pagad, which include armed conflict and suicide bombings.

Some of these methods were spelt out this week by Pagad leader Mr Muhammad Ali "Phantom" Parker.

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Fivaz to meet Muslim militants as threats of anti-drugs attacks spread

By LARA SMITH, OWN
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Police Commissioner George Fivaz is to meet Cape Flats Muslim vigilante group People against Gangs and Drugs (Pagad) on Sunday as threats of similar anti-drug action spread to other places in the country.

Pagad is supported by Muslim groups in Johannesburg, Port Elizabeth and Pietermaritzburg.

These groups have threatened to follow Pagad's action in the Western Cape if police do not act against gangsterism in their cities soon.

In Johannesburg, members of the Youth for Enlightenment and Education, held a demonstration along the Golden Highway yesterday, while Gauteng MEC for Safety and Security Jessie Duarte promised to take strong action against any groups taking the law

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into their own hands.

The KwaZulu Natal chapter of the Jihad Movement of South Africa has also pledged support for the Cape Flats movement.

Tensions are still running high after Pagad members assassinated Hard Livings gang leader Rashaad Staggie in Salt River on Sunday night.

Tensions were heightened on Wednesday when taxi driver Faizel Rykief, who is believed to be a Pagad member, was gunned down.

Two passengers who were in his taxi at the time of the attack were wounded.

Extending an invitation to the militant Muslim organisation yes-

terday, Fivaz said it was not too late for Pagad to achieve its stated objectives - to rid the Cape Flats of drugs and gangsterism - with police co-operation and within the framework of the law.

"Pagad clearly enjoys great community support (on) the Cape Flats and therefore the SA Police Service, with its community policing policy, must recognise this," he said.

Fivaz said the police shared Pagad's stated objective of drug and crime-free streets, but crime could not be reduced by more crime.

Pagad members have said they are willing to die in the war to take back Cape Town's streets for their children.

After Staggie's murder, police presence on the Cape Flats was dramatically stepped up with about 350 policemen patrolling likely flashpoints and protecting mosques. About 200 public order policing unit members were put on standby.

After Rykief's alleged tit-for-tat killing on Wednesday, the defence force was also mobilised to help police maintain peace.

Sapa reports that attendances at Muslim schools on the Cape Flats and Muslim businesses continued as normal yesterday.

Police made simultaneous pre-dawn raids on houses of suspected druglords in Sea Point, Woodstock and Kensington yesterday.

Six petrol bombs thought to have been prepared for revenge attacks as well as drugs, firearms and stolen property were confiscated.

Among the houses raided was that of Staggie's twin brother,

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Rashied, who has sworn to avenge his brother's death.

Meanwhile, Western Cape Police Commissioner Leon Wessels announced last night that Staggie was facing criminal charges at the time of his death.

Wessels said Staggie's home was searched on June 25 and that 50 units of crack cocaine and an unlicensed firearm were found.

Staggie was arrested and was due to appear in court.

Wessels said Staggie had been the accused in nine criminal investigations since 1994, but all the charges were withdrawn by the complainants.

Cape Town police spokesman Inspector Virna Simon said last night the Cape Flats area was tense after Rykief's funeral yesterday afternoon.

According to Simon, about 300 mourners attended the funeral in Observatory. A strong police presence monitored the proceedings, which were peaceful.

At this stage there was no evidence Rykief was a Pagad member, Simon added. Pagad, however, said after the shooting that "it was a hit".

Meanwhile, police have confirmed a local newspaper report that they fear Islamic fundamentalists could be trying to gain a foothold in the country.

An Afrikaans daily reported that it had obtained a confidential police document drafted in April which expressed concern that Islamic extremism could threaten South Africa's internal stability.

"The threat of Islamic extremist fundamentalism is now on South Africa's threshold," the paper quoted the document as saying.

Police spokesman Reg Crewe confirmed the document was authentic and said police regretted that it had been made public.

The document was quoted as saying South African Muslims had received military training in countries like Afghanistan, Iran and Libya and were now organised in secret cells.

Cape Flats gangs a legacy of neglect

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Police success has forced leaders to co-operate in a syndicate called The Firm

By HELEN GRANGE AND OWN CORRESPONDENTS

Gangsters on the Cape Flats dance with death nearly every day. The Staggie murder was simply the first ugly exposition of a society which has been deeply fractured as a result of unbridled drug dealing and other criminal activity arising from poverty and hopelessness.

Like the Italian Mafiosi, the toughest, most influential men rise to leadership positions and the myriad gangs mushroom out of complex power struggles related mostly to drug dealing "turfs".

The Staggie brothers, Rashaad and Rashied, were among the toughest and most notorious of them, assuming god-like status in the minds of their young supporters.

Typically, gang members belong to more than one gang. Rashied, although he co-lead the Hard Livings gang with his brother, is also a leader of a gang syndicate known as The Firm, a

drug cartel headed by leaders of various gangs and believed to have far-reaching tentacles in the Cape Peninsula.

The brothers formed the Hard Livings in 1971 when their family were forcibly removed from the mixed suburb of Diep River to the gang-ridden township of Marenberg - and they then fought their way to prominence in the impoverished Cape Flats.

The Firm was launched only a year ago - in the wake of successful police action that had stifled drug operations, according to Leonard Knipe, head of the police's serious violent crimes division in the Western Cape.

Knipe said that since the police's gang unit was formed in 1994, many people had appeared in court on drug charges. "Life for the gang leaders has not been as easy," he said. The gangsters combined forces to "improve their lot against the police".

"There are a lot of druglords and each has their own turf and power base. Each occupies a dif-



Notorious ... Rashied Staggie co-lead the Hard Livings gang with slain brother Rashaad.

ferent position in the structure," he said.

He questioned Rashied Staggie's ability to control his men because of their abuse of drugs and alcohol, and said that though the gang leader had called for restraint after the death of his brother, "there are a

lot of wild men out there".

The gang's base is a house known as Die Groot Huis in Valhalla Park, owned by a relative of Colin Stansfield, who is another leader in the gang syndicate The Firm. His nickname is Die Nek.

A former hitman for The Firm, who declined to give his name, said its members are "armed to the teeth" and have police and defence force members on their payroll. Boys about 11 and 12 years old are used by the gang to break into cars and houses, he said.

The Firm comprises members of the Hard Livings, Dixie Boys, Mongrels and Cape Town Scorpions, among others.

The former hitman said the gangs had banded together in opposition to the Americans, which was becoming too strong a few years back. Rashied, he said, is a "captain of his troops", a soldier who holds the rank of lieutenant in The Firm.

Before his death, Rashaad had been attacked several times by outraged community mem-

bers. Less than a year ago, he was attacked and beaten several times with a shotgun on the head, body and face by an angry mob of Surrey Estate residents, after one of his gang members allegedly sold drugs to children.

Community opposition to the gangs spawned the group People against Gangs and Drugs (Pagad), launched in November last year following an intensive investigation into gangsterism and drugs in the Flats.

According to Pagad spokesman Farouk Jaffer, it is an inter-denominational and mixed-race group with thousands of supporters across the Western Cape. Cape Flats residents decided to launch the organisation to take it upon themselves to address the drug problems and "not leave it up to the police".

On Sunday, Rashaad Staggie became the first victim of the rage which has slowly consumed supporters of Pagad, which has become increasingly tight knit over recent months.

Police inactivity ⁽³⁵⁾ led to Pagad's birth

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By Rafiq Rohan
Political Correspondent

MUSTAPHA CARELSE is a 59-year-old grandfather who lives in a tiny semi-detached house in Manenberg. His and his family's life have been almost destroyed by drugs and gangsterism.

"I have three sons and two daughters. All my sons have been turned into drug addicts. In fact, two of them became gangsters with the Hard Livings," the weary man recounts.

Many in the drug and gangster-infested area can relate to this experience. While we spoke outside the Gatesville Mosque, a number of people nodded knowingly.

"Being a labourer, I have never been financially well off, but one thing I can say with pride is that when I brought up my children, I taught them to be God-fearing people and to respect themselves and their elders."

Changed lives

Their lives changed drastically during the 1980s when gangs started moving into areas where unemployment was the main problem.

"The two main gangs in our area were the Hard Livings and the Americans, and my eldest son joined the HLs. Drug-taking and consuming alcohol are absolutely forbidden in the life of a Muslim and it was very hard for me to see my son's life falling apart because of these evils.

"My other two sons followed suit and they too were soon hooked. Our lives became hell. Not only had my sons lost all their self-respect but they also lost respect for me and my wife. It became common for them to beat us up to get money for drugs.

"Another terrible thing was that things started going missing from the house - crockery and electric appliances and even our clothes. It got so

Mufamadi should visit Manenberg, headquarters for many gangs

bad we would come home from work and find furniture missing."

Life, Carelse said, revolved around protecting their last remaining possessions, intervening to save his sons from gang fights and dealing with complaints of his sons' crimes, like stealing from cars and robberies.

"All I wanted was a decent life for my family and myself, but while my life was leading to the gutter, the gang leaders' lives symbolised prosperity, high living and fancy cars. Our destruction meant their material success.

"It has to end somewhere. The police cannot do anything, they are powerless. No matter what anyone says, Pagad (People against Gangsterism and Drugs) offers us salvation.

"For the first time someone is doing something meaningful because they come from the community and fully understand what we go through. The Government ministers and the law have failed us."

Like Carelse, there are many in the Cape and possibly throughout the country, who have reached the end of their tether. If they do not do something themselves, they deduce, no-one else will.

Don't trust police

Despite the new government and the emerging democracy, many still do not trust the police because of the dual role police played in the past and the many claims of them being in cahoots with criminals.

Safety and Security Minister Mr Sydney Mufamadi has repeatedly defended the police, saying that people should bring forward evidence of corruption within the police force.

The fact of the matter is that most people fear coming forward. Perhaps

Mufamadi should pay a visit to Manenberg, an area noted for gang clashes and which is the headquarters of gangs like the Hard Livings and the Americans.

A lot of people there will tell him, like they have told journalists on numerous occasions, that if a crime is committed in their area they would rather report it at a police station outside Manenberg.

Asked why, they whisper: "*Die polisie is saam met die bendes* (The police work with the gangsters)."

It is in that kind of climate that many people have been nurtured and that has given rise to those who have become totally fed up with the lack of protection by the law.

Last year saw the celebrated case of Harry Joshua, who lived in the nearby area of Delft. The police station there was hopelessly ill-equipped.

Robbed and attacked

Joshua and his wife Desmain had been on the receiving end of gangster harassment. The final straw came when his wife was robbed and attacked by members of the Hard Livings for the umpteenth time.

Even then he turned to the police for help, but they offered none. Hours later he decided: "Enough is enough." He armed himself with a shotgun and went out in search of the men - and found them.

When Joshua was done, five people lay dead. Today he is in prison serving a 25-year sentence.

The emergence of Pagad, however, is a whole new ball game. For the first time an entire community has mobilised itself against gangsters.

That the law has gone soft on criminals is a sentiment that is uttered far too often around dinner tables, religious



A Pagad member in Cape Town after the anti-drug group attacked and killed a gang leader this week.
PIC: RIDWAAN MATHEWS

centres and in neighbourhood watches.

Another all-too-often uttered sentiment is that the legal system and the focus of police have shifted from protecting the victim to protecting the criminal.

"Criminals have rights too, seems to be the buzz word these days. That's all very well, but the rights of the vic-

tims are what are more important," a Pagad member outside the Gatesville Mosque told *Sowetan*.

Until the police get their act together and really take on the criminals toe to toe, and until they truly take on the mantle of protectors of society, organisations like Pagad will be born and people like Harry Joshua will rise.

WAR ON GANGS: The crusade continues

Pagad plans huge rally on 'D-Day'

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Muslim leaders back campaign

MORE than 70 Islamic theologians have expressed support for the anti-drugs and anti-gang crusade of the People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad), but have not condoned the killing of gang leader Rashaad Staggie in Salt River.

Staggie was shot and set on fire, allegedly after a heated exchange with Pagad marchers, including women, youths and a number of men brandishing firearms.

The anti-drug and gangsterism campaign, as well as the incident which resulted in the death of one of the Cape's most notorious drug merchants, was discussed at a meeting in the offices of the Muslim Judicial Council.

The group issued a statement which criticised the government, and particularly the police, for not effectively dealing with the growing drug industry in "our areas".

The statement went on to say: "With the full understanding of the frustrations and emotional state of the marchers, the Ulama (imams and sheikhs) wish to make it clear that the Shariah (Islamic law) does not condone that people take the law into their own hands."

According to a series of photographs published this week, Staggie had his hands in the air to show he was unarmed when the first shot hit him in the neck. Photographs also show how Staggie staggered to his feet and collapsed when he was set on fire after being repeatedly shot.

■ The standoff between the militant Pagad and Cape Town druglords continues as plans are made for a mass anti-drug rally.

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Staff Reporter

MORE than 500 members of the militant anti-drugs organisation Pagad met last night under tight security to adopt an agenda for a mass rally planned for tomorrow.

The meeting at the Athlone Technical College in Wynberg comes two days before D-Day - the expiry of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs' ultimatum to drug dealers to stop their activities.

Although the media was prohibited from attending a SATURDAY Argus reporter who had made prior arrangements for an interview with one of Pagad's leaders was allowed in after strict security checks by armed and masked men.

The gathering follows a week of violence in which Cape Town gang leader Rashaad Staggie was killed by Pagad members, and a Pagad member was killed in an apparent revenge attack by the Hard Livings gang.

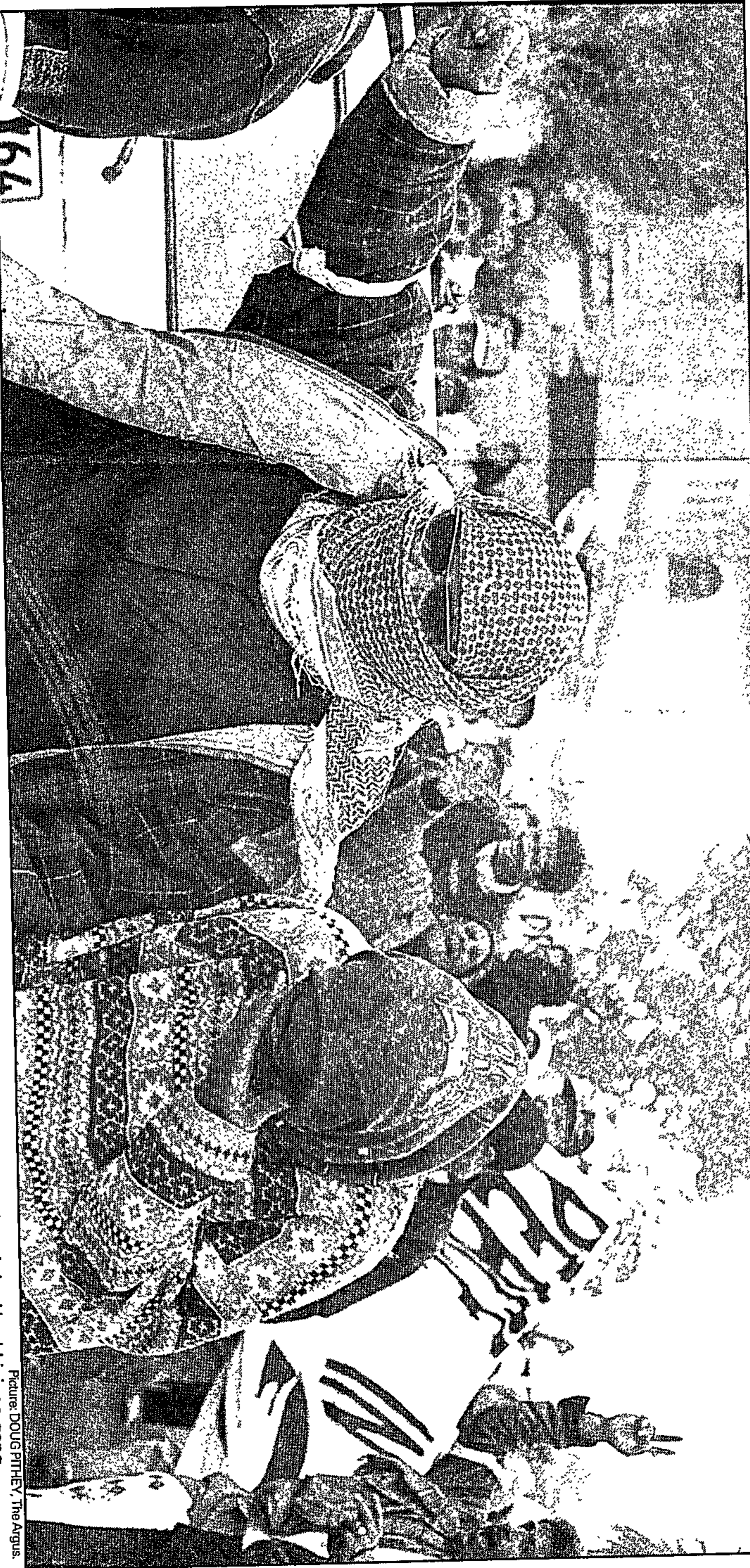
The objective of tomorrow's mass meeting is to mobilise support for Pagad's crusade against drugs.

The rally is to be held in Athlone, but the exact venue will only be announced later for security reasons.

One speaker described the planned rally as "crucial" in determining the organisation's "way forward in the drive to clean our society of drugs and all imperfections".

After some misunderstanding about the plans for the rally, the overwhelming majority at last night's gathering voted in favour of the proposed agenda.

After the vote, one speaker said Pagad believed in democracy. It



Picture: DOUG PITHNEY, The Argus.

□ ON THE MARCH: Some of the Manenberg residents who marched yesterday in protest over ongoing wars between Pagad and the Hard Livings gang.

was important that the energies expended in the discussion around the agenda be used in the struggle to build a democratic society free of drugs, he said.

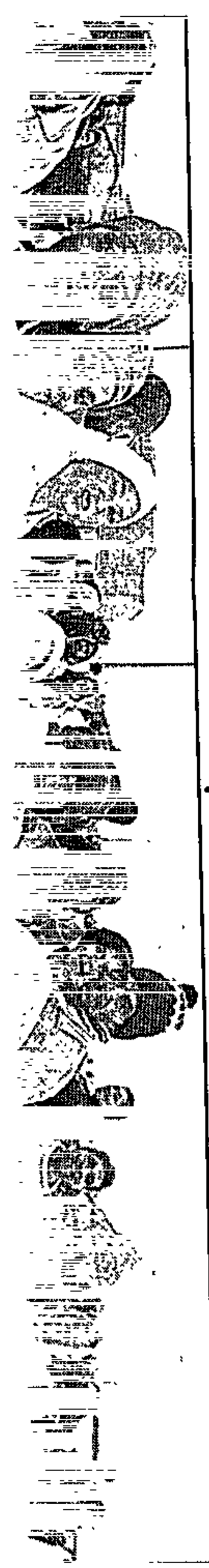
The media was severely criticised for allegedly misrepresenting Pagad's image and for claiming that the organisation was a fundamentalist vigilante group.

But one speaker said: "We should not be afraid to be called vigilante or fundamentalist.

Argus when he was taken from the meeting in a hurry with other leaders for security reasons.

The lynching of Rashaad Staggie sparked fears of an escalating war between the members of mainly Muslim organisations and rampant Cape Town gangs. Throughout the week police conducted raids on gang strongholds and increased their presence at possible flash-points.

Manenberg on the march



Three bomb attacks not linked, says NP

INDRIVANA N. JOSEPH

HUNDREDS of Manenberg residents and gangsters took to the streets yesterday to protest against on-going feuds involving People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) and the Hard Livings gang.

About 500 angry residents and children, waving placards with slogans such as "We don't want Pagad, we want peace" walked through several roads of the suburb calling for peace on the Cape Flats.

The march took place ahead of tomorrow's huge Pagad march.

The group issued an ultimatum to all druglords in gang strongholds this week to stop their activities or face the consequences.

One resident, who broke down weeping, said the current war was having a negative effect on school-going children and said it was very important the "trouble stopped immediately".

Another resident said that the atmosphere in the vicinity of mosques and in predominantly Muslim areas was very tense at the moment.

"Any suspicious vehicles or people seen in Manenberg arouse immediate reaction from the community," said a protester.

Gangsters who mingled with the marchers called for an end to the animosity between the two groups.

Watched by a large police contingent, the march ended peacefully in Manenberg Avenue.



ENOUGH: Residents and children vent their anger during a Manenberg march in protest against war involving Pagad and the Hard Livings gang.

Picture: BRENTON GEACH, Staff Photographer.

TOP MEETING: National police chief Commissioner George Fivaz, Western Cape police commissioner Leon Wessels, Minister of Safety and Security Sydney Mufamadi and provincial police minister Gerald Morkel met in Cape Town this week to discuss gang and drug related violence in the province and why the police were unable to prevent the execution of gang leader Rashaad Staggle.



Extra trains for eager rugby fans

Staff Reporter

SPECIAL commuter trains have been organised for rugby fans who want to avoid the usual traffic congestion before and after the Test match at Newlands today.

Cape Metro Rail says 16 trains will run to Newlands. Eight trains will depart from Cape Town station between 2.15pm and 4.50pm, while seven will leave from Fish Hoek/Simon's Town station between 1.50pm and 4.18pm.

An express train leaves Kraaifontein station at 2.33pm.

After the match more trains will be running from 6.56pm to carry fans home.

On Saturday evening, secure parking will be provided for free for almost 400 cars in the parking lot next to Cape Town station at the Paul Sauer building in Adderley Street.

More police fly in as gang 'war' deadline approaches

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Western Cape police commissioner Leon Wessels told SATURDAY Argus the police had done what they could "under the circumstances" on Sunday night.

If they had tried to arrest anybody that night there would have been an even bigger bloodbath, he said.

But there would be no repeat of what happened on Sunday night as police and troops were ready for action.

Mr Wessels said a task team of 350 security force members not deployed was also available on standby.

Police said allegations that the SAPS in the Western Cape was "incapable of combating gangsterism and drugs" were unfounded.

As a result of intelligence gathering operations and investigations, police have forwarded four case dockets featuring four of the most prominent syndicates operating in the Western Cape to the office of the Attorney General.

A decision on three of these cases was still pending, police said. The late Rashaad Staggle featured as an accused in nine criminal investigations.

"All of these charges were withdrawn by the complainants after he had been charged," a police spokesman said.

On June 25 Rashaad Staggle was arrested for being in possession of 50 units of crack and possessing an unlicensed firearm.

The court case was pending when he died, police said.

All hell will break loose, gangs threaten

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tum, he said: "They have not moved from their position."

Meanwhile the Western Cape Trader's Association (WCTA) has called on Minister for Safety and Security Sydney Mufamadi and national police commissioner George Fivaz to "provide traders with the necessary protection" as a full-scale war between Pagad and the gangsters becomes imminent.

A spokesperson for association said: "We demand they deploy the police force and army immediately to the Cape Flats and that these forces are placed as closely to stores as possible.

"The forces must be alert and ready to act - and not just be observers like they seem to be quite often - and they should provide 24-hour protection for as long as possible."

Reacting to The Firm's threat to attack Muslim businesses on Monday, he said: "Whenever people want a soft target, our members are the first to suffer."

WCTA has called on The Firm to direct their anger at the people who they are "at war with" and not at WCTA members on the Cape Flats.

Although the WCTA executive "supports" most of the broader aims of Pagad, they said they did not support the fact that Pagad had taken the law into their own hands by killing Rashaad Staggle.

Robbery suspect killed by civilians

Staff Reporter

THE growing anger against criminals in the Western Cape claimed another victim when three Heidelberg residents allegedly shot dead an armed robber who was trying to rob two people in Banhoek Street.

The armed suspect allegedly held up two people yesterday afternoon.

He was confronted by three men who were walking down the same street. The suspect ran away but was pursued by the three men who wanted to make a citizen's arrest.

When the suspect turned on his pursuers and fired at them, they shot back. The suspect was fatally wounded. A watch and a ring were recovered.

In another incident yesterday 49-year old Agnes Luicks of Valhalla Park was fatally wounded when she was hit by a stray bullet at a dance at Hammonds Sport Club in Sea Point.

A fight apparently broke out among some men at the dance. One of the men pulled a gun and fired a few shots in the direction of the other men in the group. Ms Luicks was hit in the chest and died on the scene. A man has been arrested.

A young boy, Lionel Adams of Valhalla Park, was stabbed to death in Louise Street by an unidentified man early yesterday morning. No one has been arrested and the police are investigating.

Passersby found the body of an unidentified man in the 16th Avenue, Farceton early yesterday morning. He had a fatal stabwound to the neck.

THREE separate attacks involving petrol bombs and a handgrenade on the Cape Flats were not connected to the forthcoming Bontehewel by-elections scheduled for August 21, said National Party media director Patrick McKenzie.

He said he believed there were no links between this week's petrol bomb attacks on the party's Eisies River branch building, a Bontehewel corner shop and a handgrenade attack on a Hanover Park bakery. At all the sites NP posters were ripped from lampposts.

Mr McKenzie said the attacks had nothing to do with the actions of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad).

Pagad has expressed unhappiness at the NP-controlled police, which it claims are unable to halt drug lords from peddling their merchandise.

But Mr McKenzie said he suspected unhappy Bontehewel residents might soon support Pagad to rid the suburb of gangsterism and shebeens.

In Bontehewel Avenue a petrol bomb exploded early yesterday morning at a cafe, shortly before Mr McKenzie and local NP councillor Basil van der Ross arrived on the scene.

Police spokeswoman Vivienne Lentoer said five suspects were arrested in connection with the attack, which caused damage estimated at R4 000 to Branbridge Cafe.

Mr McKenzie said he and Mr Van der Ross had been on a fact-finding drive through the suburb, after Mr McKenzie received complaints regarding gangsterism and shebeen operations acting as outlets to crime.

Yesterday morning a handgrenade was thrown through the windows of Instant Bakery in Hanover Park.

Minor damage was caused.

Sergeant Lentoer said no arrests had been made. Earlier this week the NP's Eisies River branch building was damaged when a petrol bomb was hurled from a moving vehicle. No arrests were made.

NP members have moved operations to their Goodwood branch.

... and PE may be next, says police chief

ANDREW WHITLOCK
GAM Correspondent

EASTERN CAPE provincial commissioner Gerrie Beuidenthout and other regional police chiefs instructing them to re-assess the situation of gangs in their provinces.

Mr Fiyaz said certain areas of Port Elizabeth were among places identified as cause for concern following the Cape Flats gang leader assassination

and fire horror last Sunday. Tension has been building in Port Elizabeth's northern suburbs, where gangland violence has claimed the lives of 83 people since July last year.

In reaction, Mr Beuidenthout said police in the region were prepared and ready to curb any vigilante action, similar to that which had occurred

on the Cape Flats. And in Port Elizabeth a Hamas movement spokesman issued an urgent call for calm following the bloody clash between druglords and Muslims.

The spokesman - who would refer to himself only as Ibrahim - said his organisation had received more than 20 phone calls from people in four local

Muslim communities demanding that "we sort out the drug dealers here".

"But I told them that it is not the right time for physical action. We must negotiate. If the courts continue the way they are doing at present and we are provoked by gangsters, then we will take a stand," he said.

It is understood that local Mus-

lim leaders met on Thursday night and a meeting involving Muslim leaders in the greater city area was due to take place at a secret venue yesterday.

In the past few months Port Elizabeth gangland violence has spiralled out of control and court records reveal that five out of eight gang-related cases brought to court ended in

acquittals, Justice Minister Dullah Omar said.

In a letter to ANC MP Danny Jordaan in response to his concern about growing crime in the northern suburbs and the threat of vigilante action, Mr Omar said he had taken the matter up with the Port Elizabeth deputy attorney-general.

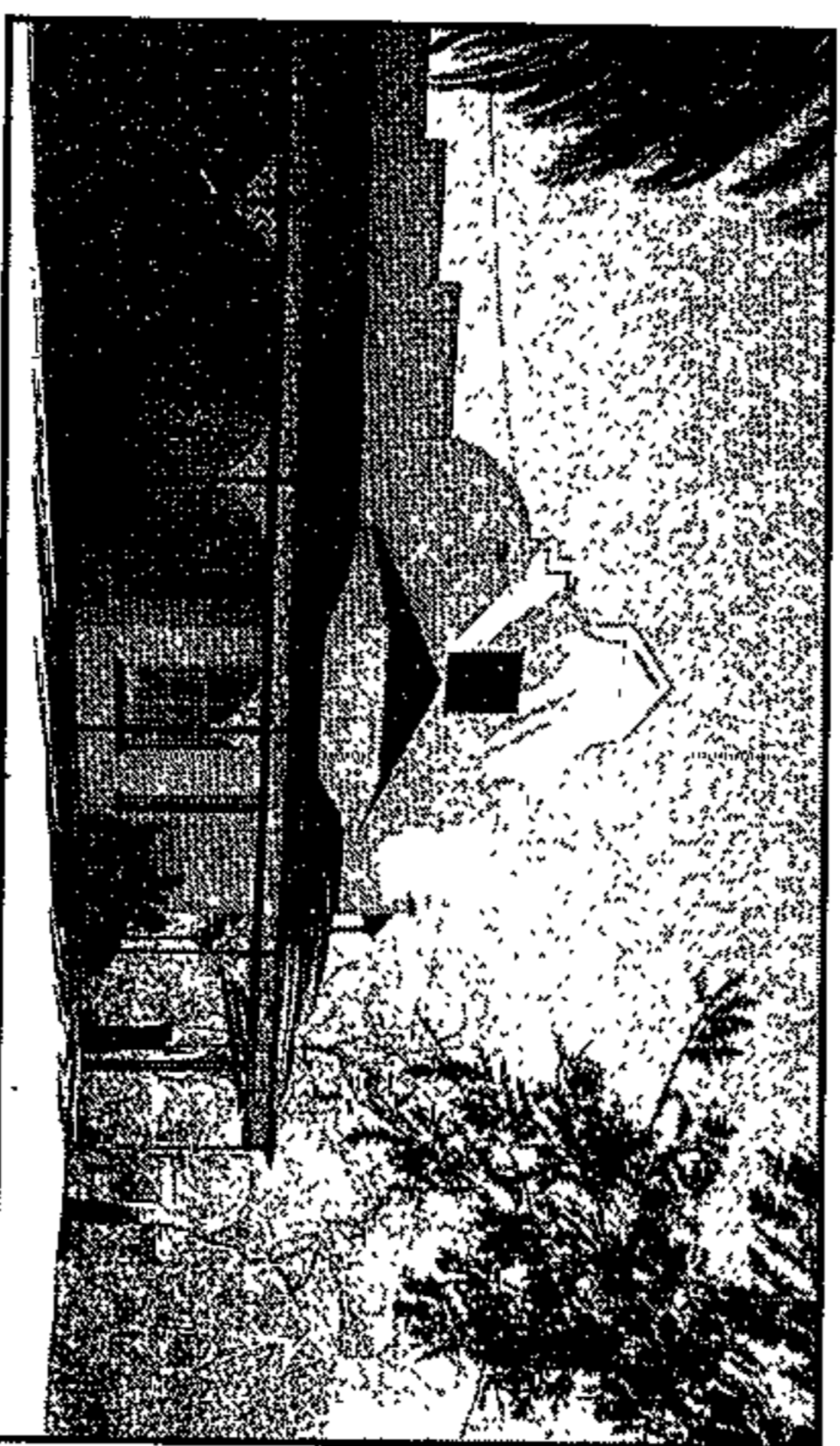
He said the deputy attorney-

general's office planned to arraign a number of gang-related matters for trial in the Supreme Court due to the "extremely serious nature of the allegations, despite prospects of prosecution being poor".

But many criminals were not apprehended because witnesses and victims were often too terrified to testify in court, he said.

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World spotlight on SA crime after tourists abducted

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shed light on the identities of the men. Late last night police widened their search beyond Alexandra and were again questioning the driver, 42-year-old Peter Manyekane, in case he had forgotten something, said a spokesman.

The incident has sparked considerable international media interest, particularly in Britain. It follows widespread international coverage of this week's anti-gang violence in Cape Town and is bound to heighten concern over tourism to South Africa.

Mr Manyekane said he picked up the men while touring for passengers at the airport's domestic arrivals area. The tourists had apparently not booked a hotel and asked Mr Manyekane to recommend a good place to stay. He described them as businessmen aged between 35 and 45 who sounded very British.

"I know when someone is a foreigner. Besides, you could tell they were foreign because of the questions they were asking about Johannesburg," Mr Manyekane said. The driver said two of the men were smartly dressed - both wore ties and one was in a suit - and the third was casually dressed in a lumber jacket.

Just minutes before they were hijacked, the passengers had asked the driver about crime and violence in Johannesburg. "I told them that things were getting

much better than before," he recounted.

He had taken the Marlboro turn-off from the N3 around 9.30pm, in the direction of Sandton, when he saw a flashlight shining in the distance.

"When I stopped at the robot, five men surrounded the car and shouted to me in Zulu to unlock the door. I refused until a gun was pointed at me through the window and I saw they were all armed.

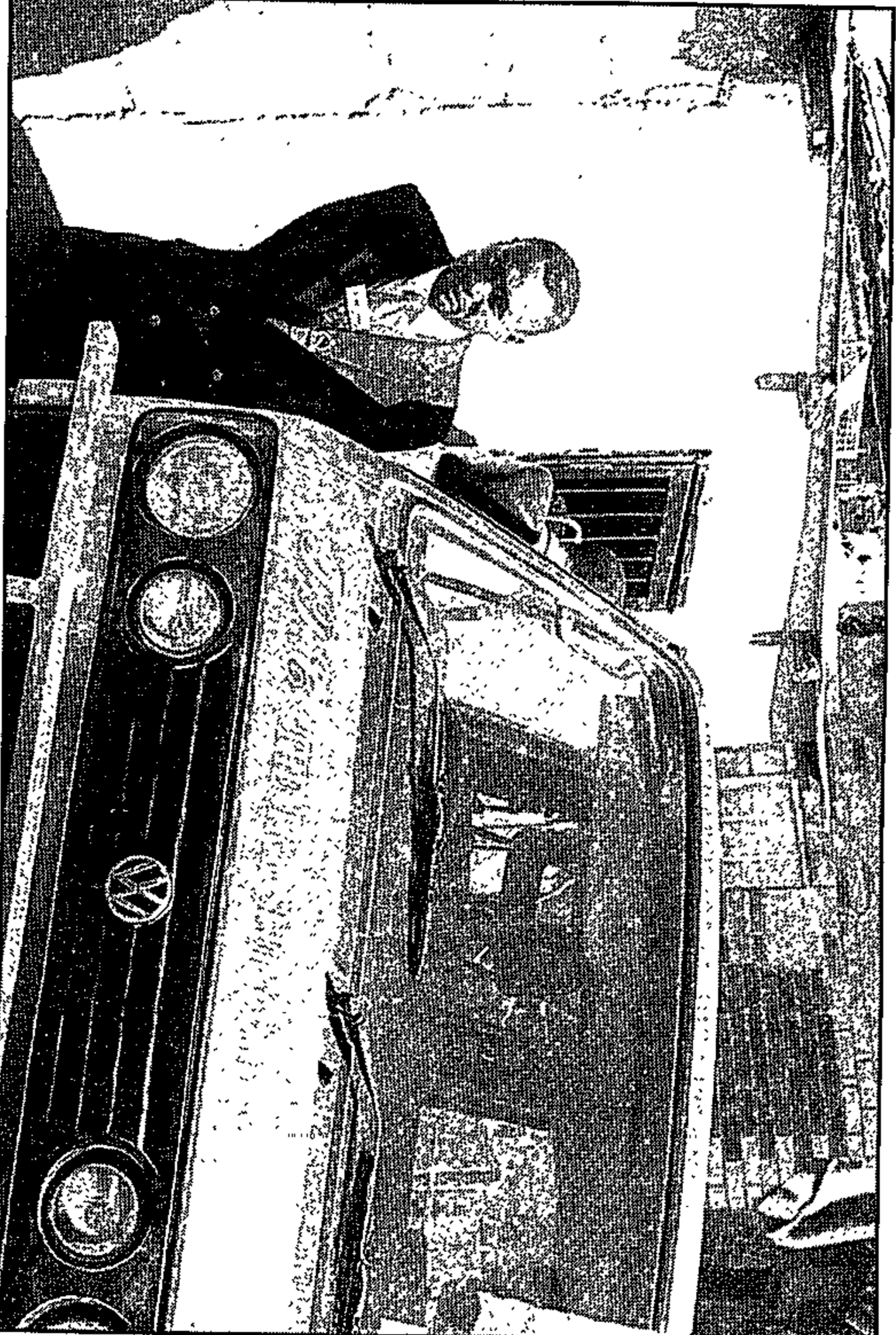
"They jumped in, told me to give them my gun, but I don't carry one. Then they threw me out of the car," Mr Manyekane said.

He said the last time he saw his passengers, one in the seat behind him and two at the back, they looked terrified but said nothing during the hijack. He watched the vehicle drive off in the direction of Alexandra. He said he saw there were a number of cars behind the microbus when the hijacking occurred.

Police have dismissed reports that the three men were diplomats.

Meanwhile, Jamie Seaton reports that the shuttle bus company has slammed the reaction of the police to the incident.

Transfer Tours' Audra Joseph said she was flabbergasted that police had begun their search for the bus only two hours after the hijacking had been reported to them. "If only they had gone out immediately, they would have found the van and the passengers. It has the company logo all around it," said Ms Joseph.



HJACKED MINIBUS: Peter Manyekane, a driver from a luxury taxi firm, stands next to the vehicle in Alexandra. The minibus was hijacked in the township north of Johannesburg yesterday and three middle-aged men - believed to be foreigners - who were travelling in the van have disappeared.

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More police fly in as 'war' deadline nears

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As attempts at peace negotiations continued around the clock, police reinforcements were flown into Cape Town from Pretoria yesterday to prevent more blood from being spilled in the war on drugs and gangsterism.

GLYNNIS UNDERHILL
Chief Reporter

POLICE reinforcements were flown into Cape Town as tomorrow's deadline for members of the Cape Flats gang The Firm to publicly hand over their drugs approaches.

With peace negotiations continuing between the leadership of People against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) and the gangsters more than 100 members of the South African Police Services flew in from Pretoria yesterday to bolster the dedicated task team.

LATE FLASH

TWO men were wounded when several shots were fired in a poolroom belonging to the Staggie brothers in Manenberg last night. A police spokesman confirmed the incident happened in Seinshof, Manenberg. The motive for the shooting is not known at this stage. When police arrived at the scene the wounded men had already been taken to a hospital. Investigations are continuing.

that includes members of South African National Defence Force, deployed on the Cape Flats.

The troops are on standby, ready to be moved to any "flashpoint". There is also strong police presence on the Cape Flats to try to prevent the further spilling of blood in the war on drugs and gangsterism.

Chris Ferndale, spokesman for the newly-formed Western Cape United Front, made up of government representatives, community leaders and religious groups, said mediators had been sent to The Firm yesterday and that they had agreed to withdraw their threats against Muslim shopkeepers if Pagad would meet them.

But Pagad has issued tomorrow as a deadline for gangs to hand over their drugs, and by yesterday its leaders still stood firm.

The Western Cape United Front held a meeting with Pagad yesterday to discuss its position, and the rally planned for tomorrow in Athlone.

In further attempts to bring about peace, an urgent meeting was arranged for this morning in Cape Town between national Police Commissioner George Fivaz and the leadership of Pagad to try to find a solution to the escalating violence.

The Western Cape United Front is working around the clock to seek peace and is operating from an emergency control room at the Civic Centre.

Police spokesman John Sterrenberg said visible police presence had been stepped up and that the police could respond at any given time to any flash-point area.

The task team is further bolstered by more than 120 members of the SANDF.

Police said yesterday they would be able to mobilise the task force within minutes if trouble broke out.

"But we are hoping we will not have cause to mobilise the force and we are urging the people to remain calm," said Superintendent Sterrenberg.

Police top brass were huddled around a boardroom in the parliamentary office in Cape Town this week to discuss the events surrounding the killing of gang leader Rashaad Staggie, who was shot and burnt last Sunday during an attack on one of his homes by members of Pagad.

Taxi driver Faizel Ryklief was shot dead during an attack on his vehicle on Wednesday.

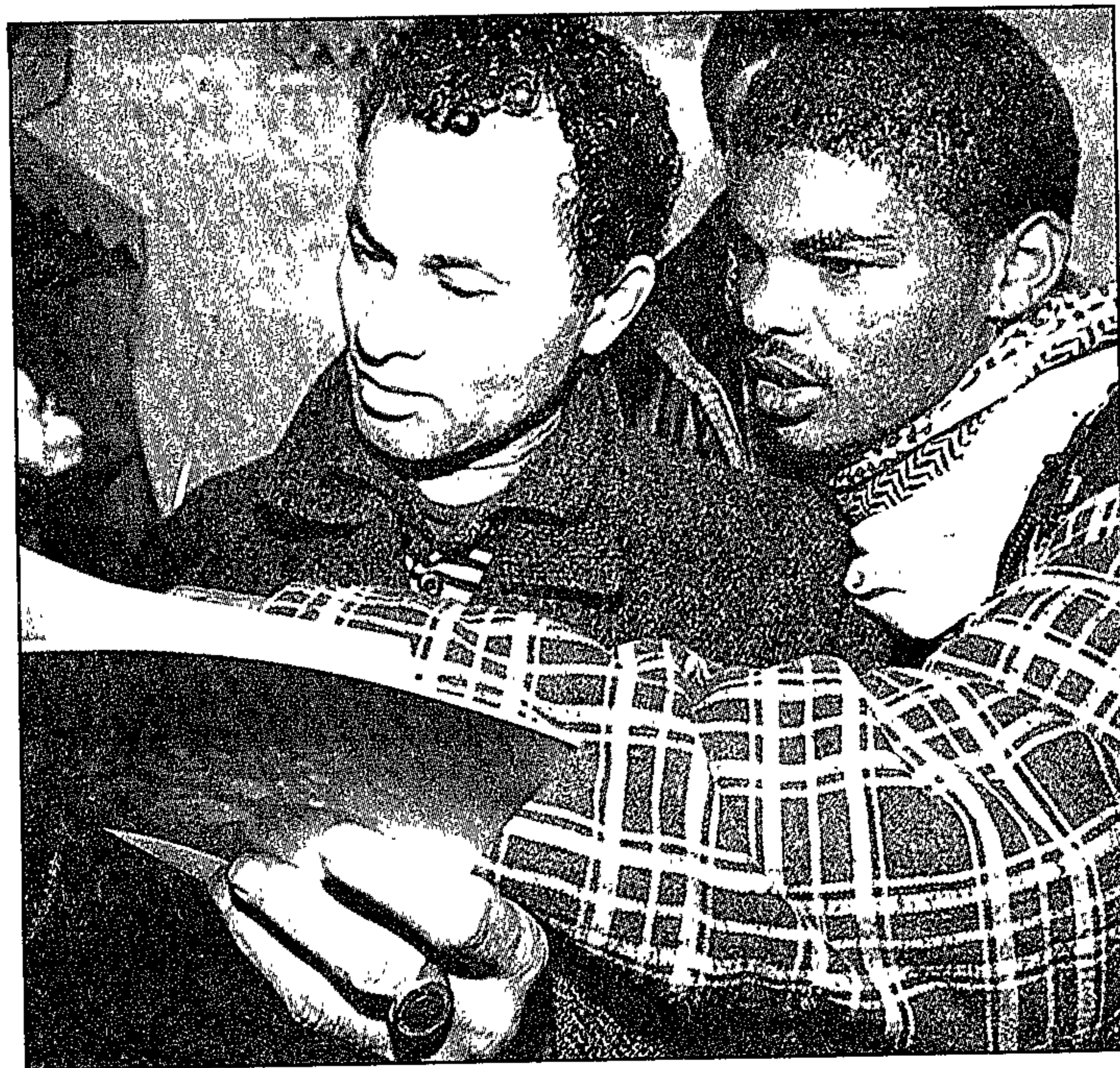
It was later alleged he was targeted after he had been identified from video footage of a Pagad march on Tuesday.

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Picture: LEON MULLER, Chief Photographer

TROOPS BOLSTERED: Police reinforcements arrive in Cape Town from Pretoria to bolster the police troops on standby for any gang-related violence this weekend.



AT HOME: A clean-shaved Rashed Staggie studies some papers in his Salt River home yesterday as an unidentified man looks on.

'All hell will break loose on Sunday' - gangs

ADELE BALETA and
ASHLEY SMITH
Staff Reporters

AT least 150 gang leaders have reportedly met in the Peninsula to plan their response to the People Against Gangsterism And Drugs (Pagad) ultimatum to stop all drug dealing by tomorrow.

According to inside sources, leaders are keeping a low profile. Sources who spoke to drug merchants in Johannesburg yesterday said they were told that "all hell will break loose on Sunday".

Albert Martins from the Faith Welfare Organisation, who told SATURDAY ARGUS he was acting as the "mouth-piece" for gang syndicate The Firm, said the meeting had been called by the gang leaders yesterday to decide what the strategy would be if Pagad did not back down from their ultimatum.

Pastor Martins said gangs that normally opposed each other had now joined The Firm in response to Pagad's execution of Hard Livings' gang leader Rashaad Staggie on Sunday night.

Arch rivals, the Americans gang

and The Hard Livings, were now sitting side by side planning their next move, he said.

Pagad has given the drug dealers until Sunday to "repent" and stop dealing. If not they will be "taken out one by one".

Earlier in the week, The Firm had also issued an ultimatum to Pagad, saying that if they carried out their threat Muslim shops would be targeted by gang members from Monday.

The Firm has emphasised it is "a mighty force" and outnumbered Pagad by eight to one.

Pagad are planning to hold a mass meeting at Vygieskraal stadium tomorrow.

The organisation said if gang members have not stopped trading in drugs by then they would march to the houses of known drug dealers in the area.

A spokesperson for the newly established Western Cape Anti-Crime Forum confirmed that meetings were taking place between various gang members and mediators from the forum.

Commenting on the Pagad ultimatum
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Tension as rampant Pagad forges ahead

By CHIARA CARTER

TENSION is mounting in Cape Town as a Cape Flats anti-drug rally organised by the militant group, People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad), is set to go ahead.

Most of the city's top gangsters have put aside their feuds and met to plan a joint strategy to counter the militant anti-crime crusade.

Pagad intends continuing its programme of demonstrations outside the homes of alleged drug dealers, but has assured police that today's meeting will be peaceful.

This week the gangsters threatened to target Muslim businesses if Pagad continued its campaign, but they are understood to be looking for a way out of the feud with Pagad.

A large contingent of troops and police are on standby and the SAPS gang busting unit is patrolling the Cape Flats.

Pagad leaders and police top brass met for three hours yesterday.

After the meeting SAPS commis-

sioner George Fivaz said police hoped to form a partnership with Pagad, but would not tolerate the organisation stepping outside the law.

Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi said they would launch a joint police and military operation similar to the one in KwaZulu-Natal just before the 1994 national elections to bring peace to the Cape Flats.

Fivaz said the police were not prepared to meet with gangsters.

Pagad spokesman Nadthmie Edries said Pagad would go ahead with its rally at the Vygieskraal stadium in Athlone this afternoon, and the organisation would outline its plans to fight drugs - including setting up the largest drug rehabilitation centre in the southern hemisphere.

He said Pagad members would discuss the question of forming a partnership with the police.

Police are taking precautionary measures in Boland towns as well as Port Elizabeth where they fear similar conflict could occur.

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The Western Cape has long been in the grip of a culture of drugs, crime and patronage. Now the business is even deadlier, and the community is striking back. Ironically, the tension will probably raise the stakes even higher. CHLARA CARTER (right) reports.



All quiet on the drug front

WOODSTOCK/Salt River, the area where I live, has for years been the pulse of Cape Town's drug trade.

Close to the city centre and the harbour, it's an area where drugs and sex are readily bought.

Woodstock's legendary Gynpie Street was a by-word for illicit drugs. Its tenements might have been demolished, but the drug trade continued.

Here "white pipes" have been a common sight in alleys and backyards for years.

Returning to Cape Town earlier this year, I discovered that the merchandise had begun to change. Crack, a derivative of cocaine, had largely come to be the chief drug sold by the people who used to be "putton merchants". Most residents know who the

drug runners, the local merchants and the drug lords are, some of whom live in spectacular mansions on the hill.

They live with the consequences of the trade - the addicts who turn to prostitution, and break into cars and houses to feed their habits.

But this week the streets were different - most merchants had opted for caution rather than profit.

The brutal murder of gang boss Rashaad Staggie and the volatile atmosphere in the city meant many closed shop - at least for a while.

"I'm not selling anymore. Not for a while, anyway," said one. "Rocks, crack. I don't know what that is," said another. "The price is going to rocket because of the risks and shortage," said a third.

25 years of crime poured over boy fire

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TWINS Rashaad and Rashied Staggie shared more than just a birthday. They were co-leaders of one of the most daring gangs in Cape Town - the "Hard Livings" and leading members of a gangster conglomerate called "the Firm".

But now Rashied (40) is left alone to lead the underworld: Rashaad was murdered by a mob outside his home in Salt River last Sunday and buried by Muslim rites the following day.

They were born half an hour apart. Rashaad as the elder took the lead even as a youngster growing up in the deprived township of Manenberg on the Cape Flats.

The brothers set up the gang 25 years ago to "get rich quickly" - crime, including drug trafficking and gun running was Rashaad's business. In a BBC documentary screened in 1993, Rashaad said: "When I was a

child I sold newspapers and food. Eventually we started stealing."

However, the law seemingly couldn't touch him - he was arrested seven times during the past three years but never convicted.

Those close to the Staggie two said Rashaad was the thinker; Rashied the volatile man of action.

Rashaad told the BBC interviewer that he was Rashied's "boss".

"I am the only one who can get into Rashied's mind. He is a psychopath - a real killer. If I go away, Rashied is big trouble," Rashaad said.

He said that he liked money, but Rashied liked violence and power. Despite periodic rows between the twins, there was little doubt that they shared the intimacy most twins do - not only did they have a common interest in turning crime into a paying business but they often joked around

and teased each other.

This week they were torn apart when Rashaad was murdered in front of his family and friends in Salt River near the city centre.

A large Paggad crowd marched on the gang's house in London Road to demand an end to drug dealing.

The crowd had earlier gathered at the Gatesville Mosque and travelled in convoy down the N2 national road.

They apparently intended to deliver an ultimatum to the Staggie brothers to stop crime - the 19th such ultimatum which they had served on alleged criminals.

But this time things became violent. According to bystanders a gun battle broke out. Shots were fired from within the house and the crowd, as well as police fired on the house.

At least ten people, including Paggad's military commander

Muhammed Ali "Phantom" Parker, were shot and injured.

Then Rashaad arrived at the scene in his four wheel drive vehicle. It is still unclear how he managed to get through a police cordon.

When the crowd recognised Rashaad, people attempted to pull the underworld boss from the van.

A shot rang out wounding Rashaad in the head. He fell into the street.

He was hit, kicked and stamped on before several shots were fired into his body and he was set alight with a petrol bomb.

As medics tried to put the flames out, more shots were fired.

Rashaad lay in the street critically wounded for more than an hour before he was driven away from the scene in a mortuary van.

Police said they were threatened by the crowd when they tried to inter-

vene.

While for many, Rashaad Staggie's name was a synonym for crime and violence, his supporters viewed him as a "Robin Hood" hero who never turned away anyone in need - and about 2 000 people attended his funeral.

They repaid the gang's system of patronage which saw the Staggie brothers paying people's rent and bills in return for favours, by praising the dead gang leader.

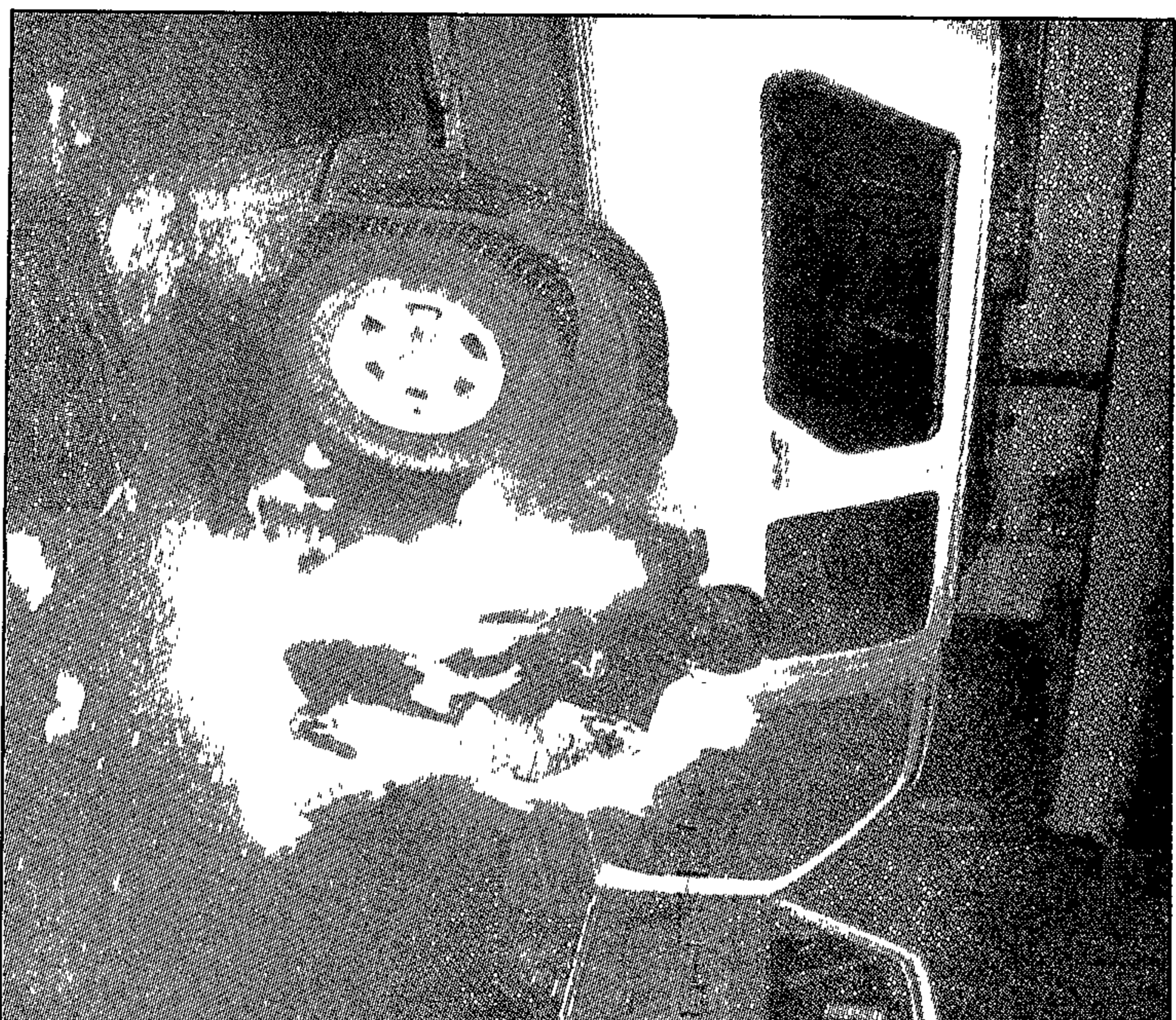
Some even said Rashaad had himself "paid" some of the striking clothing workers because he did not want to think of families going hungry.

Meanwhile, Rashied warned that Rashaad's death would not go unavenged - and this week gang leaders said unless Paggad stopped its campaign, Muslim small businesses would be targeted.



DO UNTO OTHERS . . .
Rashied Staggie (above) warned that his twin gangster brother's horrific death would not go unavenged. Rashaad (right) was shot, assaulted and burnt alive while the crowd, helpless medics and police watched.

■ PICS: NEW NATION



'Pagad is not out to seek blood'

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PEOPLE Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) has warned the media against labelling it a group of "bloodthirsty vigilantes".

Pagad was allegedly involved in the murder of Cape Flats gang leader Rashaad Staggie in Salt River, Cape Town, on Sunday.

"It is not a militant fundamentalist or extremist organisation, is not comprised solely of Muslims and is not a vigilante group," Pagad chief co-ordinator Farouk Jaffer said in a statement.

He said Pagad took exception to misinformation being spread by local and national media about its composition, aims and objectives.

"It is in fact comprised of sincere, law-abiding people from all walks of life, religious beliefs and cultures, who are opposed to the inordinately high level of drug trafficking and associated crimes prevalent in South African society."

Jaffer said an ultimatum had been sent to Justice Minister Dullah Omar on May 11 this year to take action against drug lords.

Pagad had called on him to take decisive action within 60 days - failing which they would protest peacefully at street level.

The group said that if lives were lost after the ultimatum period, the government and Omar would be held accountable.

Jaffer said that after the ultimatum expired on July 11, Pagad had delivered ultimatums to gang leaders, calling on them to cease their illegal activities immediately.

"Sixteen such ultimatums were handed over to various drug lords in the past two weeks without significant incident," Jaffer said.

He said before Staggie's death Pagad members had resolved to hand such an ultimatum to him and his brother Rashied, the two leaders of the Hard Livings gang, at London Street in Salt River.

The delegation was accompanied by a police escort and a crowd

of concerned onlookers.

"On arrival at London Street, Pagad delegates approached the Staggie residence and immediately came under fire from the residence and from snipers concealed on surrounding rooftops. As a result two members of the press and 18 Pagad members were wounded.

"In self-defence a few members of the crowd and the police returned fire, which enabled the crowd that had gathered in London Street to seek cover," Jaffer said.

The wounded and injured were ferried to hospitals and nearby doctors' surgeries for treatment, he said.

Jaffer said Rashaad Staggie, in a highly provocative and arrogant manner, then drove his off-road motor vehicle through a police cordon in the direction of the crowd that had sought cover.

He suggested Staggie had caused his own death at the hands of what he described as a volatile, enraged and panic-stricken crowd.

Jaffer said Pagad took exception to media attempts to use the incident to their advantage and to inaccurately and falsely label it as a group of bloodthirsty vigilantes.

"Pagad and every member of South African society was the victim at London Street, and will continue to be the victim until the authorities take effective action against gangsterism and crime."

Jaffer said Pagad had been acting in self-defence and called on all moderate South Africans and the authorities to help reduce crime, which had led to the "paralysis of our society".

□ About 2 000 people, half of them armed, marched from the Gatesville mosque near Athlone, and down Klipfontein Road in a show of support for Pagad late on Tuesday night. The group was closely monitored by a large police contingent but police said no incidents were reported. - Sapa

Cape crack trade 'under the Firm'

GANGSTERISM is to the Western Cape what hijacking is to Johannesburg – and more.

The Western Cape Anti-Crime Forum chairman Chris Fernadale this week said the region was "gripped in a culture of drug dealing and crime".

Police agree. They have identified gangsterism as the region's number one priority crime.

It's a crime with a long history. Whereas hijacking is a relatively new phenomenon, gangs have been part and parcel of Cape life for decades and their formation was closely linked to the Group Areas removals.

However, the last two years have seen changes in the Western Cape's gangs – and not for the better.

A gangster conglomerate called "The Firm" now functions as an umbrella organisation or super-syndicate, co-ordinating the Cape's underworld activities.

Its tentacles stretch to the West Coast and rural towns.

The Firm is believed to have smuggled an arsenal of hi-tech weapons into the peninsula, particularly the Elsie's River area north of the city.

The Firm is also thought to have issued a directive instructing gangs

to switch from the decades-old trade in mandrax, known as "buttons", to crack – a relatively cheap and highly addictive form of cocaine which is smoked.

Crack, the drug favoured in American ghettos, has made considerable inroads in the Cape, not least because Cape addicts like to smoke their drugs.

The multi-million rand drug trade is closely linked to a range of other crimes including prostitution, robbery and theft, murder and rape.

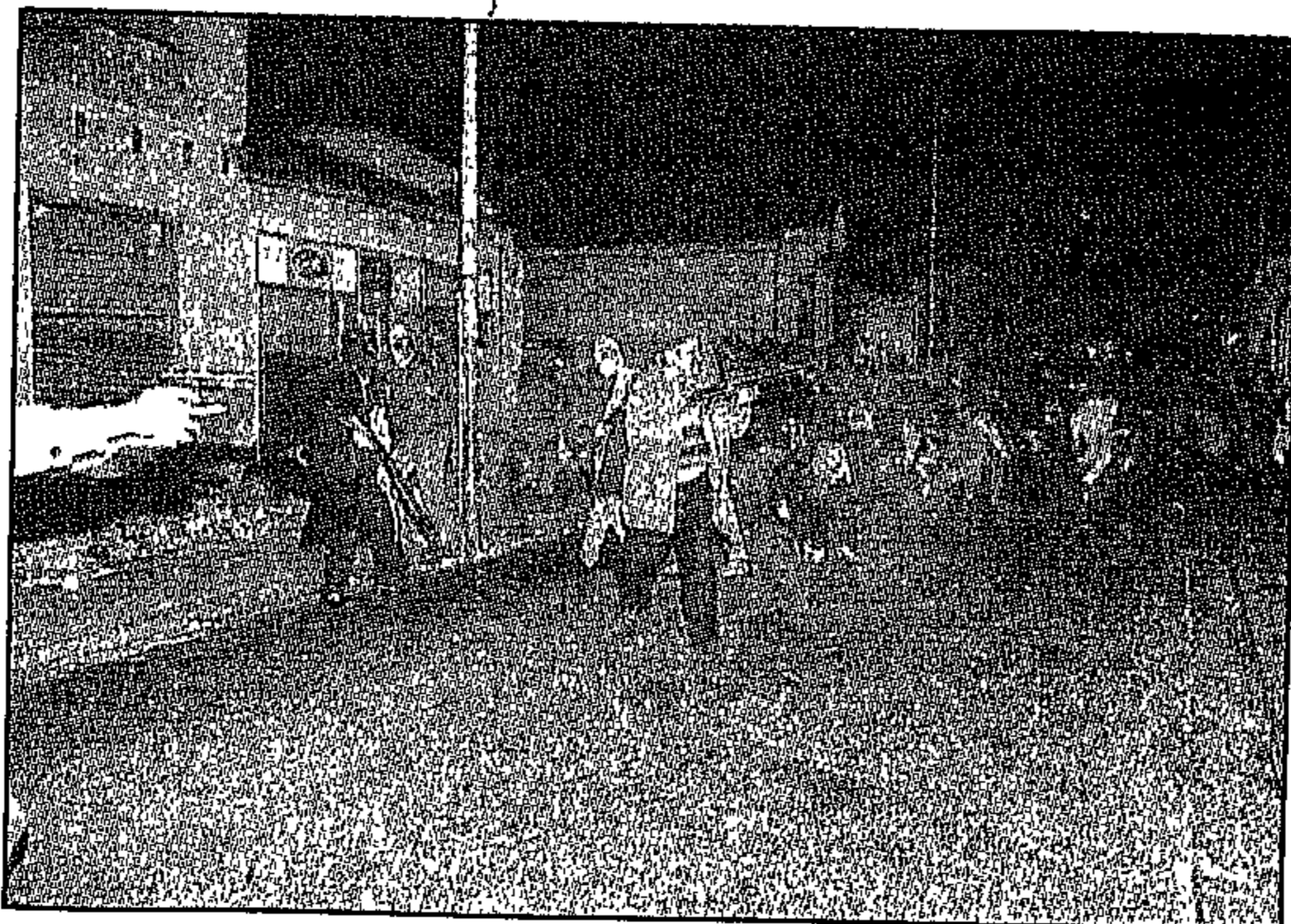
The high visibility of the gangsters, notably the drug merchants, has left many ordinary people frustrated.

There have been repeated claims that the police have not only failed to take decisive action but in some cases have been in cahoots with the gangsters.

Provincial Commissioner Leon Wessels said the narcotics division of the police arrested and charged about 700 people for drug dealing between January and June this year.

He said police were trying their best but conceded that this was perhaps not enough.

"It's easy to catch the runner on the street; it's not easy to catch the drug lords," Wessels said.



GUN BATTLES . . . Shots were fired when a Pagad crowd marched in Salt River last Sunday, demanding an end to drug dealing.

Beware! Pagad is coming

PAGAD leaders this week said their group was set to expand throughout the Peninsula and beyond.

Pagad co-ordinator Farouk Jaffer said Pagad had received requests from all over the country for help in organising community initiatives against crime.

Jaffer and other Pagad leaders emphasised that they were not extremists or vigilantes.

They did not believe in mob rule. "Pagad is not judge, jury and executioner," they said.

But they added that the furore over the murder of Rashaad Staggie rang hollow when one thought about how much blood

was on Staggie's hands.

"How many people did this man kill?" the group said.

They said that they had begun a series of "peaceful protests" outside the homes of alleged drug dealers after they lost hope in the authorities taking action.

Earlier this year, they delivered a memorandum of their demands to Justice Minister Dullah Omar, various justice departments as well as the National Intelligence Agency and the police.

Jaffer said Pagad was not only for Muslims but all members of the public and the group was not linked to any political organisation.



TOO MUCH TO BEAR . . . A wall collapsed from the pressure of the crowds at the home of Rashaad Staggie's sister in Lentegour, Mitchell's Plain, where his funeral was held.

Cape set for 'Holy War'

BENEATH the watchful eyes of snipers patrolling the roof of the Gatesville mosque near Athlone on the Cape Flats, more than three thousand people gathered this week to show their support for People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad).

The largely Muslim grouping has declared a jihad (holy war) on criminals.

"Kill the merchants kill. Kill the gangsters!" the leader shouted.

The marchers took up the chant as they moved slowly towards Klipfontein Road . . .

Periodically a siren sounded and the marchers immediately fell prostrate to the ground. "Allah Akbar" (God is great) they shouted as they headed through the stamping ground of the Americans, one of the Cape's most feared gangs.

The highly-disciplined crowd marched past the home of an alleged drug dealer, shouted warnings and returned to the mosque.

A masked Pagad spokesman said drug lords had until this weekend to stop their trade.

"After that we are going to take them out," he said.

Pagad is strongly influenced by the militant Muslim group Qibla, which identifies with the Iranian revolution and was formerly linked to the PAC, and the fundamentalist Islamic Unity Convention.

But, while some Pagad leaders cheered Sunday's mob murder of Rashaad Staggie, the influential Muslim Judicial Council condemned it as "not Islamic".

Seventy MJC theologians said they supported Pagad's anti-crime campaign, but that Shari'ah (Muslim law) did not allow people to take the law into their own hands and indulge in the "excesses of torching".

The statement is likely to have wide implications, because anyone acting against Shari'ah is regarded as acting against Islam.

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'Phantom' versus 'scum'

MUHAMMED Ali Parker, the Pagad military commander known as "Phantom", is a legendary figure in the Cape's Muslim community.

Parker, a devout Muslim who leads Pagad's armed members, was shot and injured last Sunday night during the Staggie killing.

Parker was once a drug user but pulled himself straight and has since devoted much of his life to crimebusting: particularly targeting drug merchants, whom he regards as the "scum of society".

Last Sunday was not the first time Parker experienced a violent confrontation with criminals, as several years ago on a trip to India, he was assaulted by gangsters and thrown into the Ganges river.

He was then incarcerated in an Indian jail, where he languished with amnesia for several months before his family rescued him.



CONVALESCING . . . 'Phantom' Parker after his Sunday injury.

Parker, who was recovering from his wounds in a safe house in Cape Town this week, has apparently vowed to step up Pagad's war on criminals - saying that each follower of Allah engaged in a holy war equalled 500 gangsters and threatening suicide bomber missions on drug merchants.



LEFT WITH THE AFTERMATH . . . Rashaad Staggie's widow and child must live with the consequences of his actions.

Drug lords' homes raided

POLICE confiscated six petrol bombs when they conducted simultaneous raids on a number of homes believed to be owned by Cape Town drug lords in the Peninsula on Thursday.

The raids, between 3 am and 4 am, followed the killing of a Muslim taxi driver, believed to have been a member of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad), in Bridgetown, at about 6 pm on Wednesday.

Police spokeswoman Inspector Virna Simon said the public order policing units searched a flat in Conifer Road, Sea Point which yielded six petrol bombs, R3 900 in car radios, nine grams of cocaine and nine Mandrax tablets.

At the same time police, who earlier obtained search warrants, raided gang strongholds in Woodstock and Kensington.

An 18-year-old Kensington man was arrested after a Weber shotgun with telescopic sights and cleaning kit was found, and a shotgun and six grams of cocaine were seized at a Woodstock house.

The latest police raids follow an announcement by Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi that a special task team of 20 detectives and 10 special task force members was to investigate Rashaad Staggie's death.

More than 300 policemen were patrolling flashpoints and protecting mosques. - Sapa

D-Day for drug dealers as vigilantes threaten Gangs face bloody

By NORMAN WEST,
KEN VERNON, CHARL
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VAN BREDA

CAPE Town is bracing itself for a bloody Sunday after vigilantes yesterday vowed to "take out" the city's gangsters.

The People Against Gangsterism and Drugs told Police Commissioner George Fivaz that they would not call off their war against the drug-dealing gangs unless they met today's deadline to hand over weapons and drugs.

In response, gang leaders, who have been stocking up on arms, were due to meet secretly last night to finalise battle plans.

Pagad leader Nadjim Edries said Pagad's threat to "take out" gangsters who did not meet the deadline remained in place.

"That is the people's decision, and we have to abide by it — there will be no olive branch to gangsters."

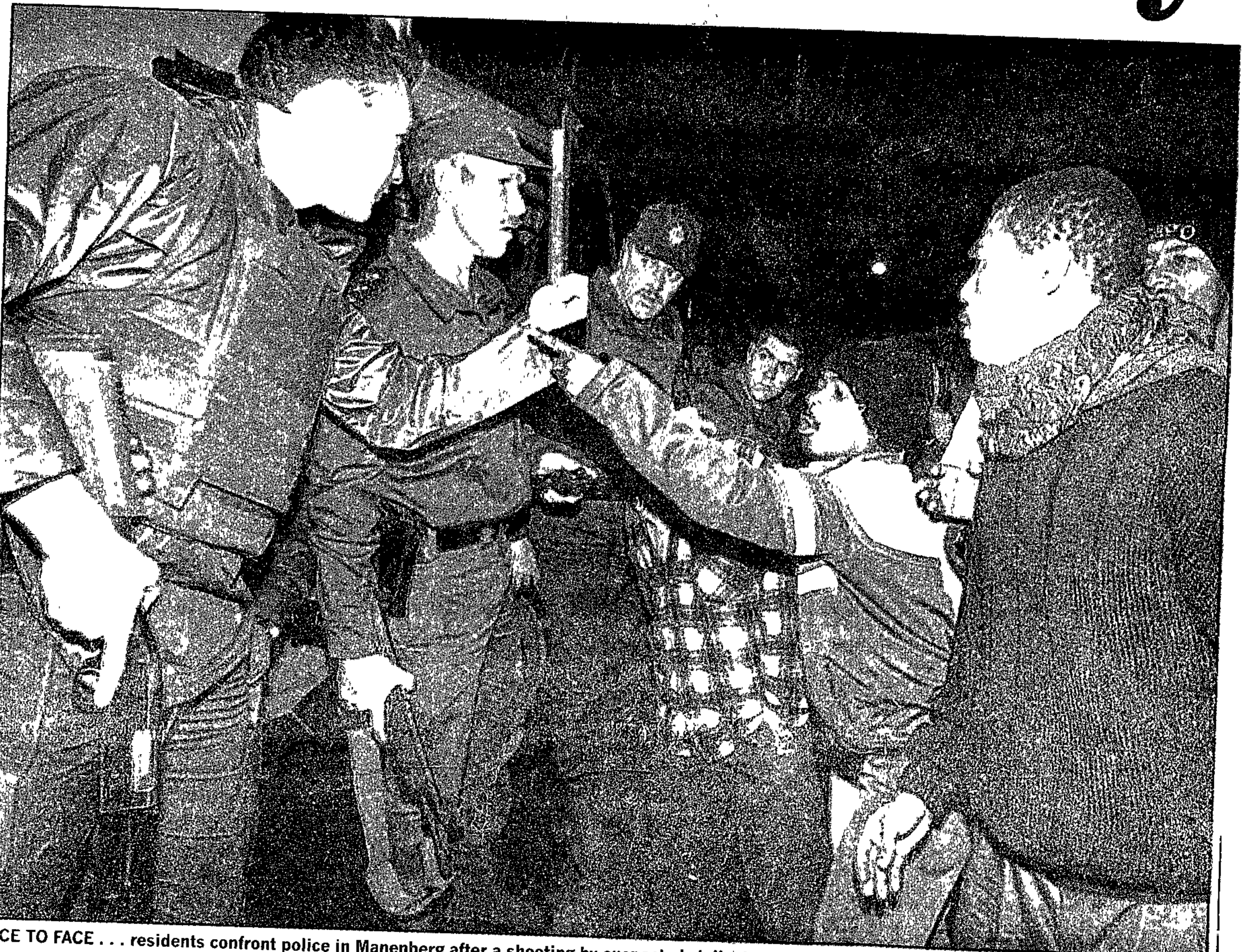
Hard Livings gang leader Rashied Staggie, whose twin brother Rashaad was shot and burnt to death last Sunday, said yesterday it was "obvious" what gang leaders would be discussing.

"Monday's the day to watch. You'll hear from us," the Hard Living man added as workmen installed iron bars at the Salt River home outside which his brother was killed.

Pagad chief co-ordinator Farouk Jaffer told a news conference after an urgent meeting with Police Commissioner George Fivaz yesterday that a mass gathering called by Pagad for today would go ahead as planned.

Gangsters have reportedly sent out an SOS to drug dealers countrywide to send them more weapons. Their numbers have also been bolstered by 99 youngsters who broke out of a place of safety in Wynberg on Friday morning in response to a call for help in the fight against Pagad.

By late yesterday only 19 of the youths had been redetained, a police spokesman said. The youngsters were sent to Pollsmoor prison as the Wynberg facility had been badly damaged during the breakout. Meanwhile, Senior Superintendent Arno Lamoer, chief of visible policing in the Western Cape, said that Operation Civil Order would swing



FACE TO FACE . . . residents confront police in Manenberg after a shooting by suspected vigilantes

Picture: ADIL BRADLOW, AP



PARTNERS . . . Commissioner George Fivaz and Pagad's Farouk Jaffer

Picture: JON HRUSA

into operation today in an attempt to avert the threatened war.

He said police patrols had been bolstered by 400 policemen, backed up by 100 members of the defence force, bomb disposal squads and mobile units in armoured vehicles.

He said that, if necessary, police would search every vehicle coming into Cape Town to prevent armed men entering the city.

Commissioner Fivaz described yesterday's meeting with Pagad's leader-

ship as "constructive" and hinted at a police "partnership" with the movement in fighting crime.

"We will work closer on crime fighting, especially gang and drug fighting," he said, referring to a "Police Plan" he said was based on partnerships with communities and interest groups to combat crime.

At the news conference, after the meeting with Fivaz, Pagad leaders appeared unbowed and untroubled by the media attention their campaign has drawn.

"The gangsters must come to the community and confess what they have done and what they have profited and hand over their drugs and weapons or the campaign against them will continue" said Edries.

He said Pagad had agreed to a police request that firearms not be displayed openly during marches, adding that, following threats made to the media, the safety of journalists covering Pagad events would be assured.

Both Fivaz and Jaffer ruled out any possibility of talks with gangsters.

● In Clanwilliam, police fired rubber bullets and teargas to disperse a mob after four alleged drug dealers were removed from the town.

On Friday residents of the town stormed a house allegedly bought by a senior member of the Cape Town drugs syndicate, The Firm, and apparently occupied by his henchmen.

After negotiations with police, the alleged dealers asked to be escorted safely out of Clanwilliam.

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to 'take them out'
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By YVETTE VAN BREDA
and KEN VERNON

RASHAAD STAGGIE began his career in drug dealing by saving R90 to buy a stock of mandrax. He went on to make a fortune. The man who died last Sunday after being shot and burnt by vigilantes was not shy about his wealth.

Rashaad was known for throwing notes out of the window of his car when visiting his old neighbourhood in Manenberg, to which his family were forcibly removed under apartheid.

It was this arrogance — born of a lifetime of fighting and cheating death — that led Staggie to his fiery death at the hands of enraged members of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) last weekend.

Arriving at his Salt River home at the very time that observers say gangsters inside the house were exchanging gunfire with the vigilantes, the man who had been stabbed and shot more times than he could remember in a lifetime of crime, did not hesitate.

He gunned the engine of his luxury 4x4 and, according to Pagad members at the scene, drove in a "highly provocative and arrogant manner" through a police cordon, straight up to the angry crowd.

It was the spark that finally released the high tension caused by the Pagad campaign against drug-dealing gangsters — and it triggered an outbreak of deadly violence.

Staggie demanded to know why the crowd were shooting at his house and a murmur buzzed through the crowd: "It's Staggie. We've got Staggie."

As the enraged crowd tried to drag the gangster from his bakkie, an unknown person shot him once in the head and he slumped over the steering wheel, before slowly falling out onto the road.

His inert body, apparently dead, was kicked, jumped on, hit with the butt of a shotgun and shot several more times before a petrol bomb was hurled at the body.

Miraculously, this revived the mortally wounded man and he rose and tried to run away, only to be brought down by a volley of gunfire from the crowd.

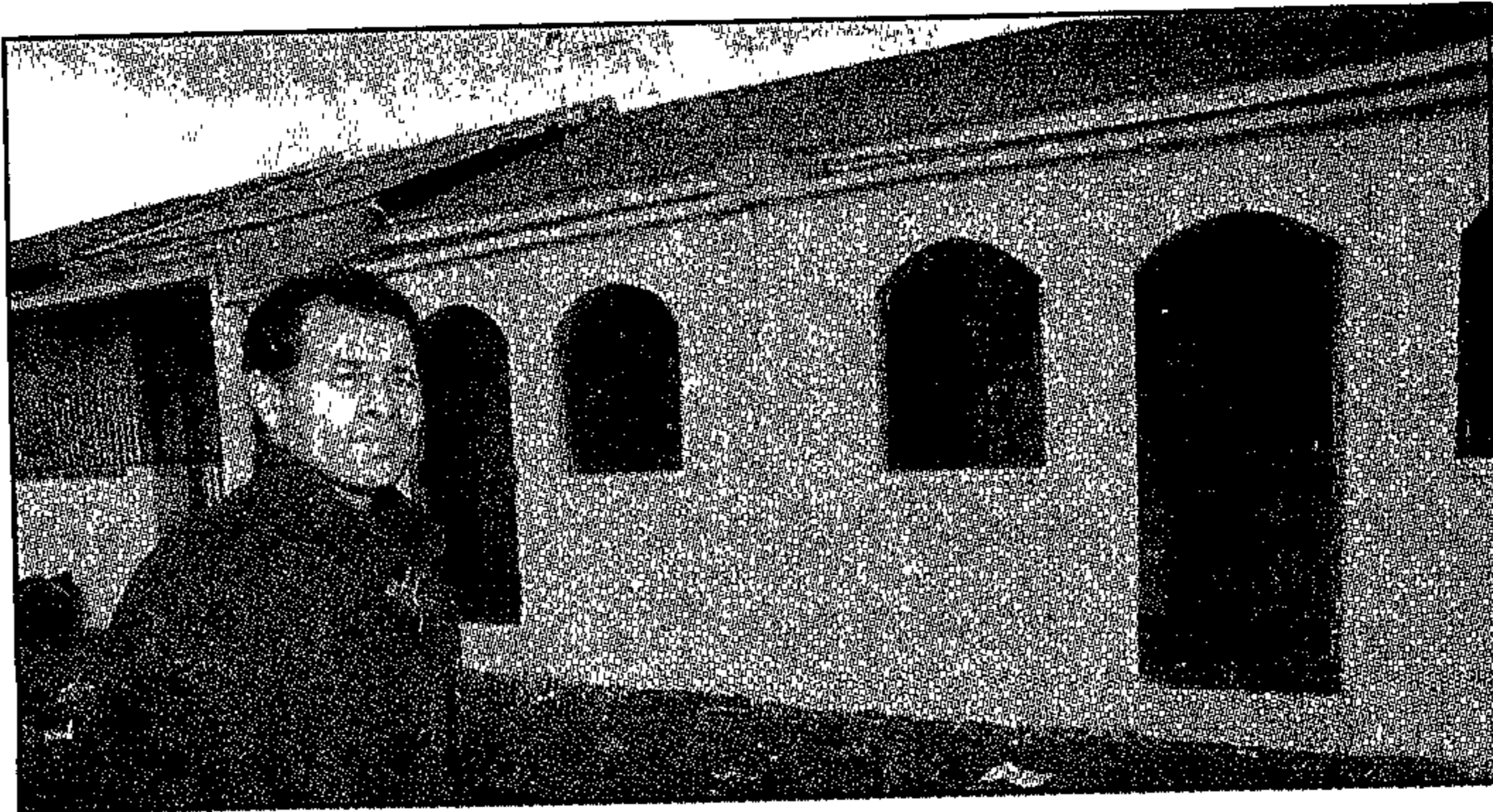
A paramedic at the scene managed to douse the burning body using a fire extinguisher but, before the police could move in, more than 30 more shots were fired into the prostrate body.

The assault on the Staggie house seems to have been a spontaneous decision taken by the Pagad crowd after sunset prayers at the Gatesville Mosque, 15km away, where most of the leadership of Pagad worship.

A young woman member of Pagad at the scene said a decision was taken at Gatesville to deliver a message to the Staggie brothers to "stop their business".

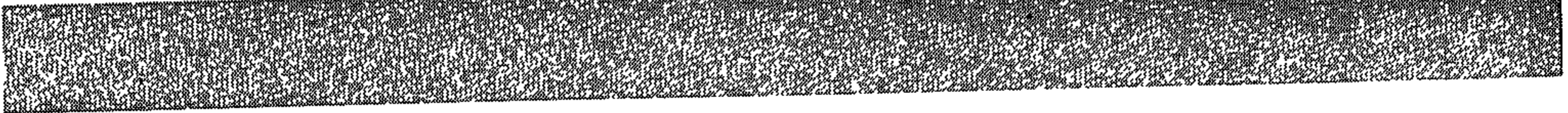
The group drove in convoy to Rashaad Staggie's

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NO REGRETS: Rashaad Staggie's twin brother Rashied told a BBC camera crew he felt remorse for only two of the people he'd killed

Picture: JUSTIN SHOLK



HOMEgrown HOOLIGANS . . . members of the Americans gang, who rule the Cape Flats area of Manenberg, the Staggies' childhood neighbourhood
Picture: AMBROSE PETERS

house and had gathered outside when gangsters inside opened fire on them.

"One minute we were standing in a group outside the house and the next minute we were scattering for cover," she said.

Staggie arrived some time later.

"I don't think anyone deserves to die like that, but when you think about what he had done and the life he led . . . If you live by the sword, you'll die by the sword."

It is a quote that aptly fitted Staggie and his surviving twin, Rashied.

In a BBC documentary entitled *Cape of Fear*, screened in Britain two years ago, the Staggie brothers admitted their gang affiliations and dealing in drugs and guns, with Rashaad bragging that he was the "boss" of the feared Hard Livings gang.

In one sequence in the documentary showing the assault and baiting of a captured member of the rival Mongrels Gang, Rashaad called his brother a psychopath and a killer. "If I tell Rashied to kill him, he'll kill him, because I'm the boss," he said.

"We are the Hard Livings and we are in these people," he went on, pointing to the squalid Cape Flats landscape.

"I'm not a cruel man. Life makes me cruel — for me to survive, my enemy must die.

"If I should go away I'm sure the people would miss me."

But for the men charged with combating the Staggies' activities, the police, Rashaad was far from a modern-day Robin Hood.

"He was a killer and a rapist," said a senior policeman who asked not to be named.

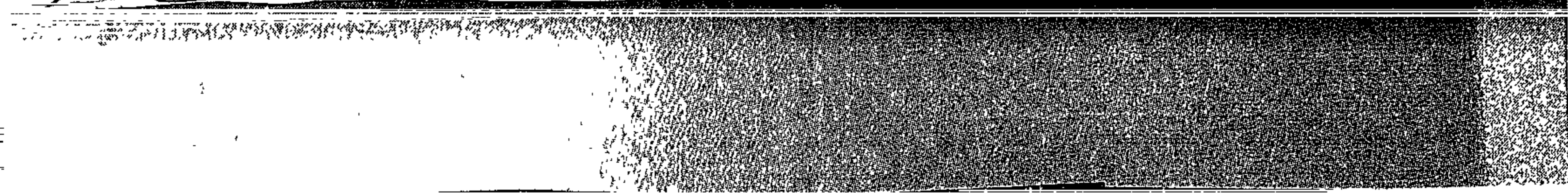
"In the past five years alone, he was implicated in 11 cases ranging from murder to selling narcotics and the rape of minors, but cases were never finalised because witnesses were either killed or too afraid to testify."

Rashied Staggie said as much in the documentary. Relating how he killed a member of the Americans gang, he said he would not go to jail because he would shoot the witness.

Surprisingly articulate about his life of crime, Rashied admitted to feeling remorse for just two of the people he had killed.

He blamed apartheid for many of his ills: "We have been cast into the sewer of society."

Later, faced with a prosecution in which the police were going to use the documentary as evidence, the Staggies recanted, saying they had only been bragging for the camera in their "confessions".





RIGHTEOUS BROTHER: Wearing both a mask and a scarf, a Muslim gesticulates with both hands to make a point during the violence wracking the Flats

Pagad born of anger at drug lords' freedom

By KEN VERNON

DESPITE its wide public support, the leadership of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs was unprepared for the media attention that the killing of gang leader Rashaad Staggie has generated.

Pagad's leaders, including Muhammed Ali "Phantom" Parker, who was wounded in last Sunday's attack on Staggie, have gone into hiding on the Cape Flats, both out of fear of retaliation and to regroup, according to sources close to the organisation.

Pagad's only public statement has stressed that it is not a fundamentalist Muslim organisation.

"Pagad is comprised of sincere, law-abiding people from all walks of life, religious beliefs and cultures, who are opposed to the inordinately high level of drug trafficking and associated crimes prevalent in the South African society. It is not comprised solely of Muslims and is not a vigilante organisation," the statement said.

However, there are indications that Pagad has been strongly influenced by Qibla, a secret Muslim organisation, whose stated aim is to establish a Muslim state in South Africa by fanning the religious zeal of Muslim youth.

Pagad has dismissed suggestions in the media that it has links to Libya and the Hizbollah fundamentalist movement, calling such suggestions "anti-Muslim propaganda".

Farouk Jaffer, Pagad's chief co-ordinator, has taken over as its public spokesman since Parker went into hiding. Before Staggie's shooting, he said his organisation was "not just talking about getting rid of the gangsters on the street corners, we are talking about the gang leaders."

"If ordinary people owe the tax man R500 they are hauled into court, but these drug lords operate openly. If the police do not act against them we will."

The following day Rashaad Staggie was killed.

Pagad first came into public view early this year when it petitioned the government and the police to take action against what it saw as the gangs' targeting of Muslim youth for drug sales.

In March this year members of the organisation are believed to have comprised most of a group of gun-waving men who invaded the home of Justice Minister Dullah Omar and threatened his life unless he acted against the drug lords.

In Pagad's public statement it says it delivered an "ultimatum" to Omar in May, giving him 60 days "to take decisive action, failing which the process (by Pagad) would change character".

Pagad says that after the deadline expired it delivered ultimatums to the drug lords directly. During one such delivery Rashaad Staggie was killed.

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By YVETTE VAN BREDA

THEY work to pay the bills, they go to church on Sundays or the mosque on Fridays, watch television behind barred windows and get drunk at suburban nightclubs on Saturday nights.

These are the people of the Cape Flats.

But theirs is no quiet suburban existence. They have also become used to being jolted from their sleep by gunfire, to seeing innocents mowed down in the crossfire between rival gangs and to being mugged on their way to the cafe.

As in any war zone, they try to live as normal lives as possible.

"We're no different to anyone else, maybe a bit poorer," said one woman.

Said another, Anna, a mother of two: "You learn to live with these things."

"Anyway the gangs are not so bad. They help people who cannot pay their rent or do not have money to buy food."

It is this Robin Hood perception of the gangs that this week led many of the people living in the heart of the war zone to support

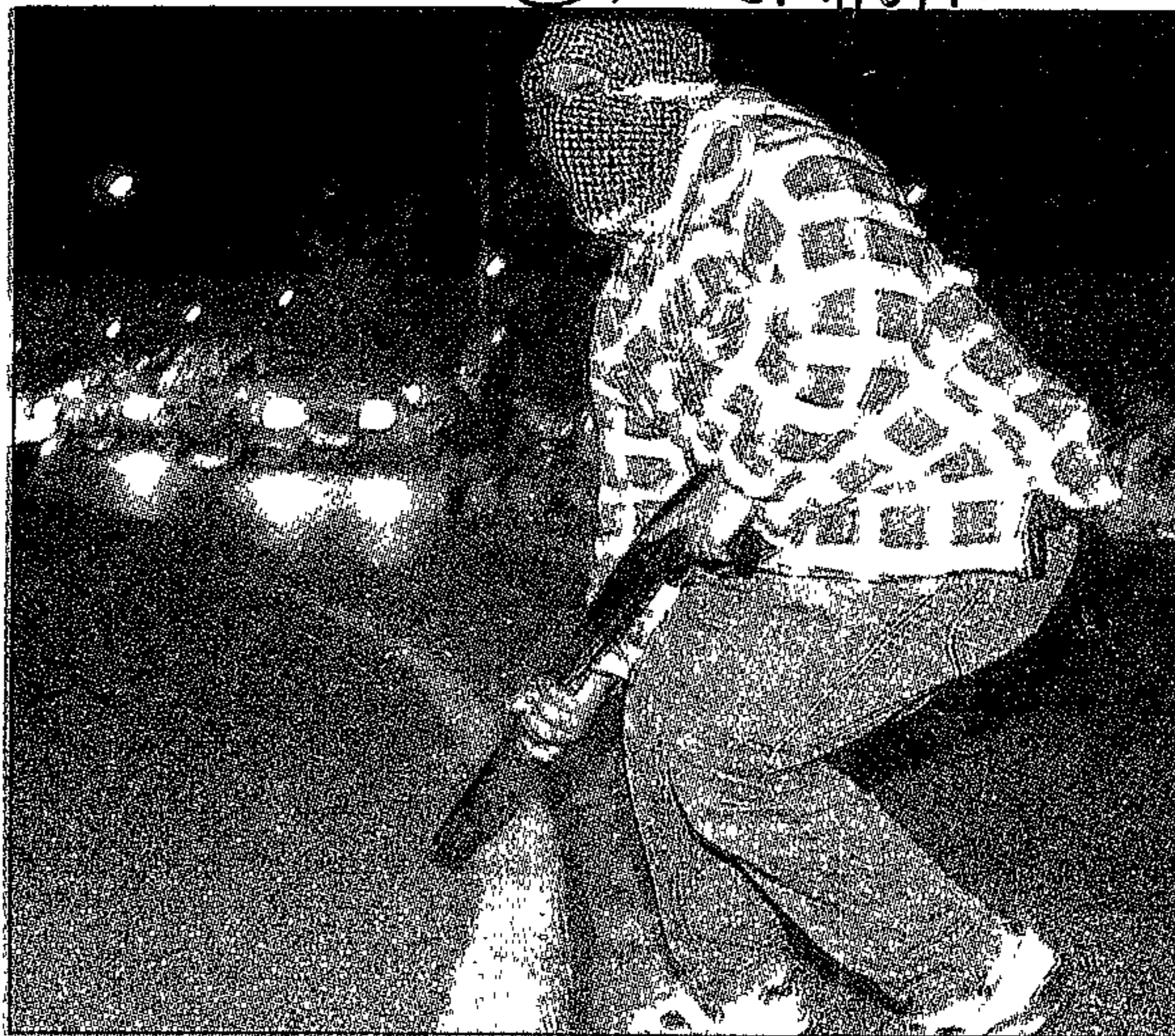
the gangsters rather than People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad).

About 200 people from Manenberg, the childhood home of the Hard Livings gang leaders, Rashied and Rashaad Staggie, marched to the police station on Friday to condemn last Sunday's violent lynching of Rashaad.

"I don't have trouble with the gangsters and they don't interfere with me," said a 77-year-old resident of Hanover Park — where Pagad set fire to a minibus outside the home of an alleged drug dealer last week as police looked on.

"I know them all and they grew up in front of me. When they shoot each other, they leave me alone."

Said another elderly woman: "These are just boys I know who are sometimes a



GUNS AGAINST DRUGS ... a Pagad member crouches with a shotgun, waiting to use it in a holy war
Picture: SASHA KRALJ

The naughty boys who often play Robin Hood

bit naughty, but they don't harm me."

A man living in the same street as an alleged drug dealer shrugged, saying: "They shoot each other now and then, but I live all right. We are so used to it."

A housewife with a baby on her hip said the gangsters protected their neighbours from trouble and other gangs — and sometimes gave them money when they needed it.

Manenberg and Hanover Park, like so many gang-ravaged, litter-strewn areas on the vast Cape Flats, is dominated by unattractive two and three-storey sub-economic council flats and plagued by unemployment, crime and poverty.

Growing up here often means automatic affiliation with a gang.

Deciding on which gang to join is not

difficult: youngsters join the one that controls the area where they live.

Several blamed apartheid and years of living in poverty.

"We suffered and could not get jobs," said one tattooed youngster. "Our parents suffered. We had no choice but to turn to crime to eat. Now the gangs are our family, our life..."

Some youths escape the gang culture; many find themselves caught up in it for life.

"We peddle (sell drugs) because it's a way to make money," said one gangster.

"When I wake up in the morning and there's f***-all in the house, I have to make a way. The only way to is to sell alcohol or drugs."

Many turn to crimes ranging from

murder to car theft and shoplifting.

"Who will employ me with these tattoos and my criminal record?" asked one.

Said another: "I don't like living the way I am, but what can I do?"

All agreed they were prepared to die fighting Pagad to protect their livelihoods.

"Pagad say they are willing to die for their cause. I will die for my bread and butter," said one.

Rival gangs, until Rashaad's death sworn enemies for life, said they were joining forces to fight Pagad and arming themselves in preparation for "a blood-bath" this weekend.

But both Rashied Staggie and senior members of the notorious Americans, who rule Hanover Park, say they will not target mosques or schools.

"We will not target innocent people. We will attack those who come for us," said one leader.

"Some of us are Muslim, why should we attack mosques?"

A general in the toughest gangs of all

By CHARL DE VILLIERS

THE Staggie twins, joint commanders of Cape Town's Hard Livings gang, were graduates of South Africa's "criminal academy" — prison.

Criminologists this week said the two burst on to the gang scene in 1971, having ruthlessly laid the foundations for their empire while in jail several times, mainly for housebreaking.

Rashaad, who was shot and torched this week, leaves his 40-year-old twin, Rashied, to run their gang, a key player in a Cape Town-based drug cartel called The Firm. Criminologists said the history of the Hard Livings gang could not be disentangled from the violent underworld that operates in prisons countrywide.

"There is a brutally simple law in prisons: join a gang, or suffer the consequences.

Gangs mean protection and favours," said a source who asked not to be named.

Prison gangs are organised into three main areas of influence and operation, cynically mimicking the institutions and symbols of the society which locked their members away.

Each gangster is tattooed with an identification number, or *tiappie*, linking him to the "twenty-sixes", "twenty-sevens" or "twenty-eights".

In prison Rashaad was reportedly a general of the 26s.

"Top-ranking gang officers are called generals. They achieve status through fear, killings and violent initiation," a source said.

Ranks are often tattooed on shoulders like a military officer's pips.

"The 26s are into dealing in drugs or money. They're called *sonop* because, in

prison lore, they work under the rising sun," the source said.

"The 27s resource and organise escapes. They're known as the *airforce*."

"The 28s, *nongalozi*, believe in sodomy as punishment. They also make and provide *nyfies* (wives). They're *son-af* because they work after dark.

Gang lore, called the Book of Nineveh by inmates, deems it a sin to be above a 28 and attempts to set up a higher-ranking gang, the 29s, have been quelled by the 28s.

In his book *The Brotherhoods*, criminologist Don Pinnock refers to prison codes, *Die Boek, Die Wet, Die Plank*, which prisoners say have to be learnt by heart.

Each gang has its judge, magistrate, doctor and office man, who records the names of new recruits.

Prison gangs administer their own brand of violent justice.

Guilt is punished with a stabbing. A "magistrate's" sentence means being stabbed with a short-bladed weapon, while a longer blade is involved in stabbing "sentences" handed down by "judges".

Pinnock quotes a convict source: "Now, if it's a 26, they stab you in this way. A light sentence, the first, is in six minutes, the second in six hours, the third in six days, the fourth in six weeks, and the fifth in six years.

"So, like for the last one, you know they're going to stab you for what you've done, but don't know when for six years. Even if you're transferred to another prison, the sentence goes with you.

"You think nobody knows you, but they're there, just waiting. That's how prison life is."

That is the world the Staggie twins would have been part of in jail.

The short arm of the law

By CHARL DE VILLIERS

RASHAAD STAGGIE, the gang leader who was slain live on TV last Sunday, had been the subject of nine police investigations in the past two years, but charges had to be dropped because witnesses were too scared to testify.

J C Gerber, a senior lawyer at the Cape Town attorney general's office, said: "I cannot force a witness to testify. My hands are tied as long as witnesses are intimidated into silence." He added that witnesses had been held in a safe house for their protection in about 14 gang-related cases since the beginning of the year.

At the time of his death, Staggie was out on bail after police found crack and an unlicensed gun at his home.

Urban Monitoring and Awareness Committee spokesman Stef Nel said there were gangsters who were self-confessed serial killers, but that the Department of Justice could do nothing because the gangs had such a hold over the criminal justice system.

His remarks follow disclosures earlier this year by Justice Minister Dullah Omar that dockets disappeared in gang-related

cases and that there was alleged collusion between court staff and criminals.

Stung by criticisms that they were not doing enough to combat drugs and gangsterism, police revealed this week that a specialist gang investigation unit had scored a 78.84 percent success rate in 364 criminal investigations in the first half of the year. Cases included robbery, attempted murder, armed robbery, robbery, rape and serious assault. Provincial police commissioner Leon Wessels said: "Investigations of this nature are extremely difficult due to the code of silence practised by gangsters — and at times the communities they operate in — as well as the fact that witnesses are intimidated."

The slow pace of investigations created the false perception that police were powerless to act, dragging their heels or even in cahoots with gangsters. Arrested suspects were also often released on bail.

While allegations of police corruption and collusion could "be true to a lesser extent", 42 of the 67 anti-corruption dockets had been closed after thorough investigations had proved the allegations false. Wessels said that the other 25 were still under investigation.

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The Firm you don't want to do business with

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By NORMAN WEST

A SECRET police intelligence report has lifted the lid on a powerful, clandestine group of gangsters and drug dealers known as The Firm, which aims to secure Mafia-type dominance of the multimillion rand drug trade in the Western Cape.

And, like sharks in a feeding frenzy, they are not averse to tearing their rivals to shreds to gain control of the traffic in crack — which has become popular with teenagers and high-flying yuppies, and is more profitable than their traditional trade in mandrax and dagga.

The Firm is made up of some of the most feared and dangerous underworld characters in the Cape Flats and, until recently, its 13-member inner council included the drug lord Rashaad Staggie, who was shot and burned to death by a

mob of Muslim vigilantes a week ago.

The sinister syndicate has recently demonstrated a penchant for Sicilian-type executions involving high-powered shotguns and hand grenades to dispose of its enemies. It has also used violence to impose its authority over the disparate gangs that vie for control of the badlands of the Western Cape.

The "purpose" behind the creation of The Firm was threefold, says the report: to coordinate and combine efforts to import large quantities of drugs, especially cocaine; to take control and dominate the distribution of drugs throughout the Western Cape, especially the Peninsula; and to contain indiscriminate inter-gang violence in a bid to reduce police activity in areas where the organisation is active.

It appears that the deluge of cocaine pouring into the Western Cape and the

huge profits to be made from dealing in the drug, has played a direct role in bringing the gangsters — once sworn enemies — together and has helped cut back on the gang-related violence that was previously endemic on the Cape Flats.

Earlier this week Hard Living Kids leader Rashaad Staggie, twin-brother of Rashaad, told the Sunday Times: "Violence is bad for business."

There are an estimated 18 underworld syndicates in the Western Cape which control about 80 000 gangsters. These, in turn, are affiliated to 127 street gangs. The report names the seven most prominent gangs "implicated in and responsible for gang associated crime" as the Hard Living Kids, Americans, Scorpions, Sexy Boys, Dixie Boys, Cisko Yakkies and the Laughing Boys.

The inner-council of The Firm are all

named in the report. They include syndicate bosses, gang leaders, a taxi operator and a woman drug dealer and she been owner.

The report disclosed that syndicates are using Nigerian nationals to bring cocaine into the Western Cape from Latin American countries.

Certain local syndicates are also known to be "experimenting" with buying cocaine directly from Latin American syndicates to cut out the Nigerian middlemen and so further boost profits.

The report recommends that Parliament passes a law to provide for mandatory sentences for offenders convicted of dealing in cocaine and crack.

Finally, it says, "it is necessary to demystify the 'Robin Hood image' which youngsters have of gangsters by educating and influencing youth at schools."

A culture where bullets speak louder than words

By CHARL DE VILLIERS

CAPE TOWN'S feared ghetto gangs offer their tattooed members a dangerous short-cut to kinnanship and even wealth, but initiation is brutal and betrayal can mean dying in the gutter.

This is the message from criminologists and social workers who this week gave a glimpse into the violent world of an estimated 80 000 gangsters who have become synonymous with the run-down, apartheid-era housing estates of the Cape Flats.

While the lynch mob slaying of Hard Livings co-leader Rashaad Staggie has catapulted corporate-style vice into the public spotlight — a high-living world of flashy cars, expensive jew-

ellery and cellular phones — Cape Town gangsters have for decades been associated with the *skollies* who hang out on flatland street corners — and the jail-based network of "the brotherhoods".

Gangs are intensely territorial, with competition for drug markets sometimes exploding into full-scale fire-fights which often catch long-suffering innocents in the cross-fire. Truces are also negotiated — until supplies dry up or new players try and muscle in on their turf.

"Gang fight killings are often symbolic, with corpses being used as territorial markers," a former prosecutor said this week.

"Take the case of one murder in

Elisies River. A rival gang leader was shot. They cut his throat and twisted his head around so it faced backwards. The killers then dragged the corpse back into the dead man's territory," he said.

"People aren't invited into gangsterism, they're attracted to it," says a Cape Flats community worker.

"Gangs have things which are very attractive for ghetto youths: nice tacks, nice jackets, nice cars. Recruits must often prove themselves to be accepted: theft, house-breaking and even murder or rape.

"But once you're in, you're in for life. It's very difficult to get out of a gang. If you join a rival gang, you're targeted as a traitor. You can be beaten up or

sodomised. Or killed," he says.

Don Pimnock, a criminologist who researched Cape Flats gangs in the early 80s and is shortly due to publish a new work on gang rituals, says tightly-organised drug syndicates view rank-and-file gangsters as foot-soldiers.

"In ghetto culture, you're not a man until you're in a gang and have a gun in your hand.

"Young gangsters are often just kids looking for a father image. Teenage gangs are all about bravado and image. They're kids who've lost touch with reality, who watch TV violence and just want to blow people away," he says.

Both he and the community worker agree a breakdown in parental control, social life and poverty and Group Ar-

es-dislocation have all contributed.

Gangs also look after their members. "Hit-men or dealers will agree to take the rap if arrested and convicted, because they know that while they're in jail the gang will take care of their dependants," a source said.

"You can still try and rehabilitate gang members, but you can't rehabilitate drug dealers. They say they have businesses to run," said one social worker.

Besides drug dealing — dagga, Mandrax, cocaine and crack — some gangs also recruit township girls into prostitution, he said.

"Young girls are gang-raped as a means of introducing them to sex. Next step is hooking them into drugs."

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Crisis talks on gangster clash

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By NORMAN WEST — Political Reporter

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A SPECIAL session of the Western Cape Legislature will be held tomorrow to discuss the gang-related crisis following the stand-off between Pagad and gangsters over the slaying of gang boss Rashaad Staggie last Sunday.

Permission for the extraordinary sitting of 90 minutes was approved by Speaker Willem Doman after he was approached by DP Western Cape leader Hennie Bester for the special session "as a matter of urgent public interest".

The legislature will debate the effect conflict between vigilante groups and gangsters could have on investment, economic growth, job creation and the efforts to alleviate poverty.

Meanwhile, the post-winter recess session of the central parliament also starts tomorrow, with sittings of committees and the National Assembly and Senate to finalise the legislative programme for the rest of the year.

Parliament will adjourn on September 20 for a spring recess of 10 days and will then sit again until the end of October.

It may even stay on for a marathon session until the end of November, if the Constitutional Assembly has to debate amendments to the new Constitution referred back to it by the Constitutional Court.

At least 21 Bills are expected to be debated at committee level of the National Assembly and seven before committees of the Senate.

Later next month the NP in the Western Cape will hold a provincial congress, their first since the party quit the government of national unity.

Major issues to be discussed include whether a Western Province government of provincial unity should continue to be allowed for in the new provincial constitution.

The rule of law and unnecessary paper work

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Rampant crime has undermined the rule of law, but the threat to society could be even greater when communities take the law into their own hands, writes **DAVID YUTAR**, who has spoken to legal experts in the wake of the Staggie murder.

THE gruesome elimination of Rashaad Staggie by the self-styled anti-crime group Pagad, and its repercussions, raise serious and troubling questions about the efficacy of law in South Africa, the morality of self-help and above all the rule of law.

Many will not have been all that surprised by the grisly execution of a notorious gang leader which took place in full public view.

They will not have been surprised because for some time now the police's response to rampant and pervasive crime has been so grossly inadequate that the prospect of self-help and vigilantism seemed inevitable.

But perhaps more than anything else, what really shocked law-abiding citizens was the fact that the entire episode took place in full view of a sizeable contingent of policemen who simply stood by in helpless passivity.

For clarity it is interesting to note that a dictionary definition of a vigilante group is a "self-appointed and unauthorised committee of citizens which sets itself the task of maintaining order and punishing criminals in a community where law enforcement is imperfectly or insufficiently organised".

Pagad's actions lend credence to the theory that it is particularly in poorer communities that people, frustrated by their vulnerability to crime and their inability to protect themselves, resort to self-help methods.

Professor Dennis Davis, director of the Centre for Applied legal Studies at the University of the Witwatersrand says that although he cannot begin to condone actions such as those of Pagad, he sympathises with the underlying motivation.

He explains why self-help vigilantism is more likely to occur in impoverished communities.

"The wealthy communities have got their own private policing at present. It is said that the private policing budget now exceeds the government's policing budget."

"But it is in communities which really feel they have absolutely nowhere to turn, and that, unlike in the apartheid era, this government owes it to them to take action, but is



Police guard the body of Rashaad Staggie after his murder. While there is wide sympathy for the motive of the killers, their deed undermines the rule of law and introduces a sinister element to the battle against crime.

failing to do so, that this kind of action will increasingly be seen as justified."

Many might ask whether, given that the police have failed to act effectively against drug lords and gangsters, Pagad's action aimed at eradicating a growing menace should not be welcomed as a service to the community?

After all Pagad claims to have merely targeted a criminal group which has "grown accustomed to acting with impunity" and whose members believe they are "above the law and untouchable".

Noble as such sentiments might seem, say many, the danger here is that the "vigilante group" or self-styled law enforcers are equally guilty of seeing themselves as being above the law and this can only lead to a further erosion of an already emaciated rule of law.

The rule of law in this context means that everyone is innocent until proved guilty and that no-one should be punished before a fair trial in open court, in which guilt has been established beyond reasonable doubt.

But what we are seeing here, according to Davis, is a group that is saying: "We don't care about the courts. We know best who the guilty are, what crimes they have committed and what punishment should be imposed."

"What you've now got is members of the community suggesting that they are the police, the prosecution, the judiciary and the hangman all in one."

Davis points out that this erosion of the rule of law began from the moment that our law ceased to enjoy efficacy.

For any system of law to operate

successfully, says Davis, two crucial requirements have to met - validity of the laws and efficacy.

"What we are seeing here is that the law no longer has efficacy."

"If you reach a point where the lack of efficacy is writ large through the nation, then in fact you fail to have a legal system."

"Parliament can pass any law it likes, but if the law is not effective you no longer have the rule of law or a proper legal system."

Davis says that we are also now seeing the beginning of a very serious threat to the new constitutional state.

This is partly because many of those who are taking the law into their own hands are "also to a large degree very much against the other values of the constitution."

"Most of them would be in favour of the death penalty, many of them

have a particular moral conception of the world which is rejected by the constitution, because the constitution is attempting to nurture a pluralism of morality rather than a mono-moral society, which many of these people favour."

The real danger, he adds, is that in addition to posing a threat to the rule of law, the breakdown of law and order will increasingly be invoked to justify a particular moral conception of the world which, once accepted, will gain ground and will be used to justify a host of socially unacceptable actions.

Davis stresses that the rule of law has already been undermined by our rampant crime, much of which goes unpunished, and by the growing number of criminals including drug lords who "seem to be utterly immune from the rule of law, because the police are so hopelessly inadequate".

We could very well end up with a situation where we have a sophisticated constitution on the one hand, accompanied by a kind of jungle justice on the other, he warns.

A jungle justice where incidents such as the following are commonplace.

A caller recently phoned Gauteng's Radio 702 with the following tale.

He was driving late at night somewhere on the Witwatersrand and had stopped at a red traffic light.

Someone approached his car and tapped on the window to tell him that one of his rear tyres was flat.

The driver thanked him and drove a bit further where he stopped and checked the tyre. It was fine.

He then removed his revolver and placed it on his lap and drove round the block to the same intersection where he had been accosted.

The same man was still there and once again tapped on his car's window.

The driver took his gun and, in his own words, "blew the stranger away".

When asked on the radio show whether he had gone to report the matter to the police he said "Of course not - that would simply have been unnecessary paper work."

Call for Emergency

*Nats turn down
opposition plea
in snap debate as
violence rises*

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Political Correspondent

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A CALL for a state-of emergency to be declared in the Western Cape amid the growing crisis of violence has been turned down by the National Party-dominated provincial government.

The call by African National Congress regional leader Chris Nissen, backed by the Democratic Party and African Christian Democratic Party, was made in a snap debate in the legislature today.

Western Cape Premier Hennis Kriel said during the debate that he would lead an initiative to form a metropolitan police force in the Peninsula to boost the fight against crime and end violent disputes between vigilantes and gangsters.

He strongly criticised the ANC government's failure to provide adequate resources for policing in the Western Cape. It was time for the Cape Metropolitan Council and the other substructures in the Peninsula to co-operate with the province in setting up a metropolitan force to ensure law and order, he said.

He also announced that he had invited the Muslim Judicial Council and the armed group People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) for urgent discussions in an attempt to douse the flames of conflict.

DP provincial leader Hennie Bester, who requested the snap debate, said the rising violence on the Cape Flats was a vote of no confidence in the government and politicians, and a "spectacular and bloody failure of the system of criminal justice".

Outlining his proposed plan of action, Mr Bester said honest people were needed to stand against fear and injustice.

"A policeman or woman who accepts any form of buy-off from any gangster or any other criminal is a traitor to his or her community."

Amnesty should be offered to police who came clean about their corruption. The full force of security forces should



GAS ATTACK: Pagad members flee teargas and birdshot fired by police at Mount View High School in Hanover Park.

Pictures: LEON MULLER, Chief Photographer

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be deployed in affected areas, and a judicial inquiry appointed into the conduct of the police in handling vigilante groups and the drug trade, he said.

And there should be an effective witness protection programme.

Mr Nissen, calling for a state of emergency in the Western Cape, said the army should be permanently deployed in crime-infested areas.

The witness protection plan should be improved, there should be an effective police plan for the Western Cape, and there should be an inter-faith service.

He said police MEC Gerald Morkel should not use lack of provincial control over police as an excuse, because Mr Morkel's Gauteng counterpart, Jessie Duarte, had been effective.

ANC legislator Vince Diba said it was alleged that top police were getting paid by criminals and the efforts of honest and committed police were being frustrated.

He had been told by gangsters they were getting arms from police and the Navy.

This allegation had been included in a secret crime intelligence report but nothing had been done, Mr Diba said.

Health MEC Ebrahim Rassool (ANC), a Muslim, said to Pagad that in Islam anger was not cause for killing.

Mr Kriel said the citizens of the Western Cape were living in danger and fear, and that investors would be scared off by the violence and prospect of a holy war.

He said the situation was going beyond that of a war against drugs and gangs and was acquiring the undertone of the establishment of a Muslim state.

He had faxed requests to Sheik Nazeem Mohamed of the MJC and to Pagad for meetings. He wanted to "talk, not negotiate" with Pagad, Mr Kriel said.

The NP wanted a commission of inquiry to the political management of the police. He said the situation was proof the ANC not competent to run the country.

Night of violence as Pagad makes forays on dealers

PIETERMALAN and JOSEPH ARANES
Staff Reporters

VIOLENCE in the Western Cape continued through the night after yesterday's march by People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) ended with police and marchers exchanging fire in Hanover Park. Police said at least 15 incidents of arson and shooting were reported.

Pagad leader Ali "Phantom" Parker, speaking at a press conference at the Gatesville mosque last night, declared the movement's fight against drugs a "jihad" or holy war and said the organisation had now been forced to also target the police.

The shooting had demonstrated police and gang complicity, he said.

The Western Cape provincial legislature was set for a snap debate today to discuss the conflict.

Provincial Democratic Party leader Henrie Bester called for the extraordinary sitting of the legislature in the middle of its winter recess.

Yesterday, after meeting at the Gatesville mosque after the march, Pagad members drove off in convoys promising to "take on" known gangsters in various parts of the Cape Flats.

One group stopped on the R300 near the Heinz Park squatter camp. Masked and armed Pagad members were seen running down the road embankment, apparently on the way to the house of a drug dealer living in the area.

Soon afterwards several armoured police vehicles arrived and police were seen arresting a man after a shot rang out.

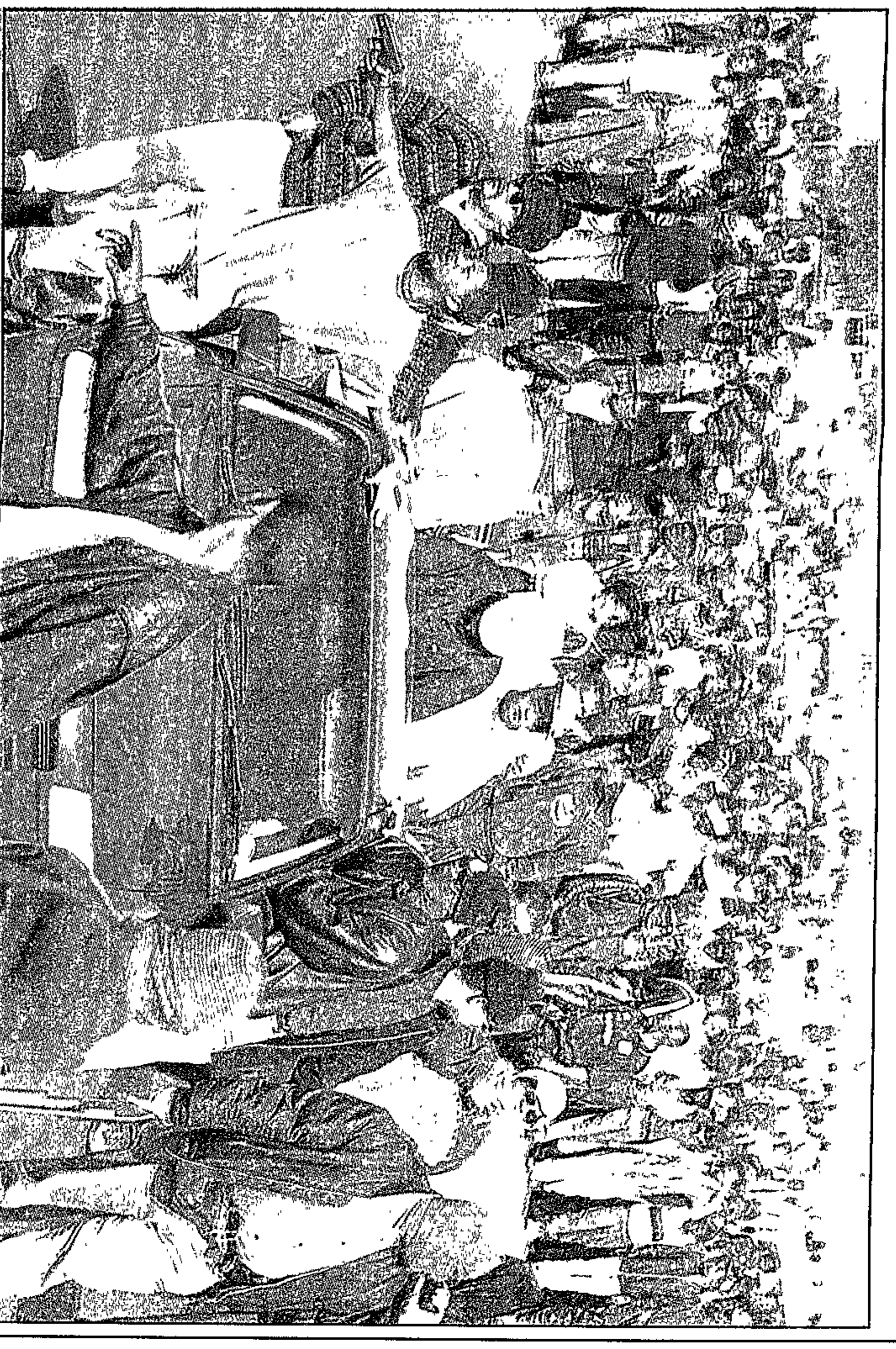
Police spokesman John Sterrenberg said police were forced to act during yesterday's march when it became clear that a conflict was likely to follow as the heavily armed crowd headed for drug dealers in the Hanover Park area.



HELPING HAND: Pagad members help a woman injured during yesterday's shootout between police and anti-drug marchers in Hanover Park.



Pictures: LEON MILLER, Chief Photographer.



GANGSTERS ON THE MOVE: Gangsters march through Manenberg in support of their right to sell drugs.

OVER THE TOP: Pagad marchers climb over police armoured vehicles used to barricade a road in Rylands.

Bullets fly as police tackle Pagad

JOSEPH ARAJES and PETER MALAN
Staff Reporters

A MARCH by People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) to deliver an ultimatum to Hanover Park drug merchants ended in chaos when police fired birdshot, stun grenades and teargas.

Some marchers returned fire with shotguns and small arms during the stand-off, which lasted until after dark yesterday.

A number of people were injured, among them a fleeing woman whose leg was broken and a freelance Press photographer who was wounded in both legs by birdshot.

Police opened fire at the crowd on the corner of Turf Hall and Hanover Park roads after previous attempts to dis-

Some of the marchers, intent on delivering their message to the drug dealers, tried to get to Hanover Park by walking through the grounds of Mount View High School.

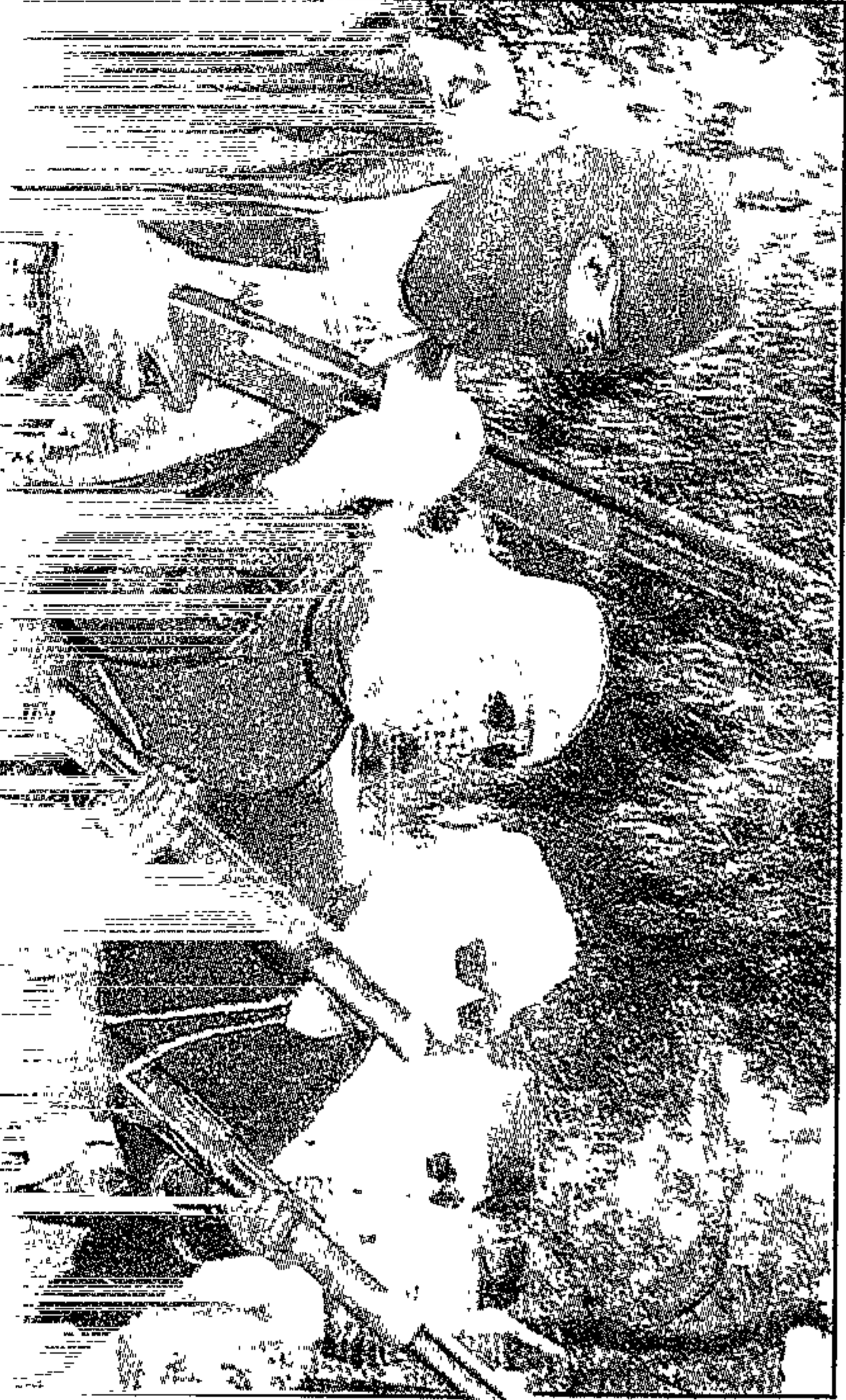
Hanover Park residents also went to the school ground and confronted Pagad members.

"We want peace in our land," the residents shouted while waving peace signs in the air.

A mud-slinging match developed between the two groups. Pagad members then took up defensive combat positions and threatened to shoot. Police armoured vehicles took up positions in front of the Pagad line.

A tense stand-off then developed before a shot rang out and all hell broke loose. Panic-stricken people fled in all directions while the exchange of gunfire continued for about

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GANGSTER PETITION: Albert Martins of the Faith Welfare Organisation, centre, hands the 'an-gan-ster's' petition to police superintendent...



MASKED MARCHERS: Carrying arms and with their faces hidden, Pagad members lead the anti-drug march in Rylands.

Hizbollah and Hamas are ready to help, says Parker

JOSEPH ARANES
Staff Reporter

CHIEF commander Ali "Phantom" Parker of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) has declared a "jihad" (holy war) against drug lords and has also declared war on the police.

He said Pagad had the support of Iranian-backed Hizbollah and the Palestinian Hamas guerrilla organisations.

He was speaking at the Gatesville mosque after Pagad's march turned ugly when police opened fire on demonstrators as it became clear that they were on their way to a drug merchant's house in Hanover Park.

Last Sunday gang leader Rashad Staggie was lynched after a similar demonstration. Speaking after yesterday's clash, Mr Parker said there was no difference between the police and the gangsters.

About 3 000 Pagad marchers had been on their way to deliver an ultimatum to drug merchants when the police blocked them in Hanover Park Avenue. Using teargas, stun grenades and birdshot, police dispersed the heavily armed marchers.

Three people, including a Muslim clergyman and his wife and a Press photographer, were injured and scores of others were treated for teargas inhalation. More people were later injured when demonstrators and the police exchanged gunfire in the grounds of Mount View High School.

Mr Parker said: "The police have identified themselves with the gangsters. There is a lot of scum in the force who act without discipline and order and who take orders from gangsters and drug lords.

"There is no law and order in this country and this problem of drugs and gangsterism is a problem faced by all the people. We as the people will deal with it... we will drive the drug lords out, by God we will.

Picture: BRENTON GEACH, The Argus

after a rally at Vyggestraal stadium in Belgravia, attended by about 6 000 people.

Many of the crowd then joined the march through Rylands, chanting "Allahu Akbar (God is great)" and "One merchant, one bullet".

Organisers claimed the march was a peaceful one to hand over ultimatums to drug merchants operating in the area.

Mindful of last week's slaying in Salt River of gang boss Rashad Staggie, who was shot and burnt while several other people were injured, police, in an apparent attempt to avoid a bloodbath, tried twice to block the crowd and persuade them to disperse.

Both times marchers broke through the cordon, at times climbing over and crawling underneath armoured vehicles to continue on their way.

Police then blocked the marchers in front of the Mor-genson Primary School in Hanover Park and opened fire, injuring, among others, Sheikh Ebrahim Gabriels and his wife.

MJC leader backs body against drugs, gangsters

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Staff Reporter

THE president of the influential Muslim Judicial Council, Sheikh Nazeem Mohamed, has publicly pledged his support for the People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad). Sheikh Mohamed told about 6 000 people who attended a

Syndicate hands police, government ultimatum

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JOSEPH ARANES
Staff Reporter

CAPE FLATS gang syndicate The Firm have given the police and government an ultimatum to meet them by noon on Wednesday to discuss the killing of gang boss Rashad Staggie and the threats made against them by People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad).

The Firm, a syndicate of several Cape Flats gangs, say they will avenge Staggie's killing if no such meeting is held.

Addressing about 1 500 people at a sportsground in Valhalla Park yesterday, The Firm spokesman Ernie La Pepa said it was unacceptable that the police and government ministers were speaking to Pagad but were not prepared to listen to gangsters' concerns.

On Saturday police commissioner George Fivaz turned down a request to meet members of The Firm, saying he did not speak to gangsters.

Mr La Pepa said The Firm wanted to speak to President Mandela and Justice Minister Dullah Omar about the safety of the communities in which they operated.

"We want them to listen to our concerns as we are the products of the old apartheid regime and our problems and concerns must be addressed. If the government and the police can meet Pagad who are nothing but a bunch of murderers, then surely they have a duty to listen to us as we voted them into power," he said.

Earlier about 800 members of The Firm and the Hard Livings gang, many of whom were armed with a variety of guns, marched from Manenberg along Dunelontein Road to the Valhalla Park sportsfield.

Rashed Staggie, twin brother of Rashad and now the sole leader of the Hard Livings, and senior members of The Firm drove in a red Opel with a Gauteng number plate and tinted windows, guarded by heavily armed gang members who formed a shield around the vehicle.

As the marchers made their way past the houses along the route they were joined by other gangsters and were cheered by

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onlookers. The police and soldiers kept a close watch but the march was relatively peaceful.

Two burly white men with foreign accents, whose faces were covered with khaki scarves and darkened with shoe polish, directed the marchers with two-way radios. Other gang members marshalled the route and scanned the route for ambushes.

A leader of The Firm, who wanted to be known as "Mr Big", said their march proved that the people supported them and were against Pagad forcing their religious beliefs down their throats.

"This war is not about us selling drugs and being gangsters - it is about us no longer buying our drugs from certain drug lords, most of whom have ties with Pagad. They want to control the trade and are using their religious beliefs to influence people into taking to the streets," he said.

"In the past they brought the drugs in from Bombay, India, and used the profits to open businesses in our communities. They call us the scum of the Earth and all sorts of other names and are trying to force us to buy the drugs from them again. We have arranged our

The gangsters then dispersed peacefully with some marching back to Manenberg with a firm understanding that they would be back on Wednesday at noon to decide on what action they would take to resolve the crisis.



FAR ENOUGH: A gang member keeps Press photographers from coming too close to Rashad Staggie, leader of the Hard Livings gang, during yesterday's march.



PAGAD ARREST: A Pagad member is handcuffed and arrested after police seized his firearm on the Cape Flats last night.

Picture: ADRI BRADLOW/AP

Rioting erupts as police fire rubber bullets at angry Muslim marchers

CAPE TOWN — Rioting erupted yesterday when police and troops moved in on a Cape Town march by armed Muslim vigilantes who had vowed to eradicate drug-dealing gangs. Police fired rubber bullets and tear gas at the vanguard of about 5 000 marchers — mostly young men wearing headscarves — who tried to break through a police roadblock. Soldiers with rifles and gas masks poured in to support police, who raced 15 armoured trucks to the scene and opened fire after marchers, who stoned

police, ignored calls to disperse. At least two people were wounded. Eventually demonstrators withdrew and headed for the Gatesville mosque for evening prayers, some chanting: "One gangster, one bullet." March organiser People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) assured police and Saturday members would not carry arms openly, but some disregarded the pledge. Marchers said they were heading for the home of another alleged drug dealer when police moved in.

Rashied Staggie, who with his murdered twin led the Hard Livings gang, led a rival march earlier by 1 000 followers, including columns of guards with shotguns, through Manenberg. Gangs spokesman Ivan Waldek, saying he was speaking in the name of Jesus, demanded President Nelson Mandela and his justice minister meet them on Wednesday. "We elected you and now we want you to report back to the people," he said.

At a community report-back in Athlone on a meeting with police before the march, a Pagad leader known only as Amir said the organisation had been given permission to fight drug lords and merchants to report fairly on Cape's streets or "this scourge". He also warned the media to report fairly on Pagad, saying the media would be targeted if it "did not stop its nonsense" in trying to marginalise Pagad. Pagad chief negotiator Farouk Jaffer warned government that if it "did not shape up we will take control. We have put up with you there and you have not been performing."

Senior Muslim leader Sheikh Mohammed Nazeem told the crowd: "Democracy is of no value if the soul of the people is consumed by drugs. If we do not do what we have to do then the next generation will be one of drug abusers." Nadmi Ibriss said a Pagad office would be opened in the Western Cape within the next 14 days. A rehabilitation centre for drug addicts was also envisaged. — Reuter, Sapa.

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from a crowd of about 30 alleged Pagad supporters.

Other Pagad supporters spent the evening at the Gatesville Mosque.

Two of the first three people arrested were being held on charges of attempted murder and the third for alleged possession of illegal ammunition, police spokesman Superintendent John Strenberg said. Police confiscated four handguns and a shotgun.

Strenberg said it was unclear whether those arrested were confirmed Pagad members. The attempted murder charges stemmed from the firing of shots at the police.

attended by about 10 000 people.

Most of the injured were shot with birdshot, the injury toll including a freelance photographer for Die Burger, Mr Nelson Isaacs.

Pagad said the march was peaceful and that the police had "used tactics reminiscent of the apartheid regime".

Earlier yesterday, members of the underworld held a demonstration of their own. Led by Hard Livings leader Mr Rashied Staggie, whose twin brother Rashaad was lynched last Sunday, they marched from Mennenberg to Valhalla Park.

Earlier still the Mennenberg home of a Lotus River sheikh was raked by gunfire just after mid-

lawn to take control.

Jaffer also issued a warning to the "gangsters" he claimed were occupying South Africa's Parliament and boardrooms.

He said that Pagad was not affiliated to any particular organisation, nor was it a solely Muslim organisation.

Another speaker, a sheikh whose face was covered in a scarf, sat apart from the other speakers and was whisked from the podium and out of the stadium under heavy guard immediately after speaking.

"You can come with your Uzis, your machine-guns and the rocket-launchers you claim to have," he

THE Springboks' plans for the coming home Test series against the All Blacks were left in tatters yesterday when captain Francois Pienaar and loosehead Os du Randt were ruled out by injury.

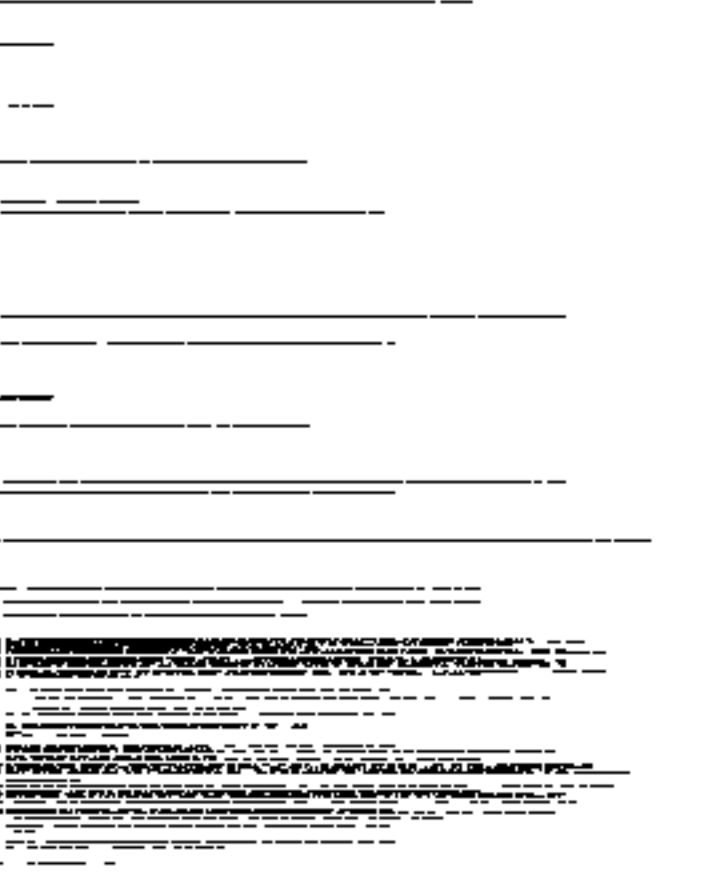
Coach Andre Markgraaff also has to deal with an alleged transgression by

Top Boks out, Small in trouble

winger James Small who reportedly left the hotel without permission on Thursday night to go to a beauty contest and a night club.

He faces a disciplinary hearing in Durban tomorrow.

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TAKING COVER: A young man protects an elderly woman in Mounthview where police fired teargas at Pagad marchers who ignored warnings to stop yesterday afternoon.

said. "We say with the power of God we will take you on."

Warning the media, which Pagad claims is attempting to undermine it by portraying it as a group of extremists, fundamental-



TAKING COVER: A young man protects an elderly woman in Mounthview where police fired teargas at Pagad marchers who ignored warnings to stop yesterday afternoon.

ists and vigilantes, he said. "At the end of the day the people will judge your reports. If you are going to report lies, then you become part of the criminals and we will target you as well."



TAKING COVER: A young man protects an elderly woman in Mounthview where police fired teargas at Pagad marchers who ignored warnings to stop yesterday afternoon.

"One merchant, one bullet," he had the crowd chanting. "One gangster, one bullet."

The fired-up participants took to Johnson Road, brandishing firearms. They were shadowed by a



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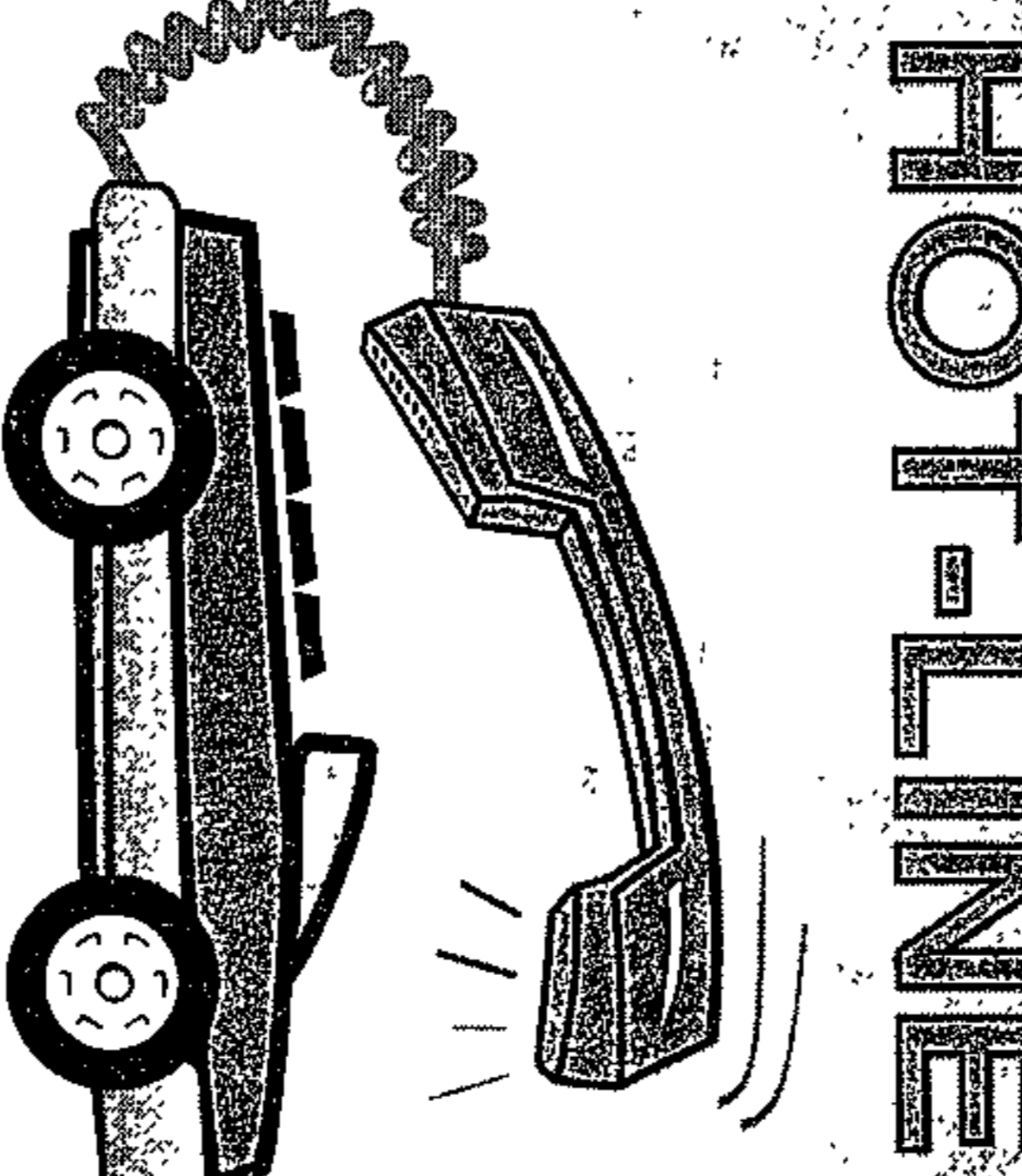
huge contingent of police and soldiers in armoured vehicles.

Twice the police tried to block the marchers' progress and twice the marchers ignored the vehicles parked across the road and contin-



OUT: Francois Pienaar is carried off the field after Saturday's match. PICTURE: ALAN TAYLOR

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SAA MAY CUT ROUTES:

South African Airways is considering cutting some of its less profitable international routes as it faces foreign competition.

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ANC halts taxi boycott

THE ANC has suspended its taxi boycott.

"We found that the boycott was effective," spokesman Mr Cameron Dugmore said after the ANC executive had met in Citrusdal. "Cata and Codeta had been pleading with us to lift the boycott and it was decided, after assessing the situation, that it should be suspended."

The ANC is to meet the two taxi organisations today to discuss the agreement.

Van Eck stranded

MEDIATOR Mr Jan van Eck, in Burundi on his peace mission, is stuck. All flights to and from Burundi have been cancelled because of the sanctions. The former ANC MP, who has been in the war-torn country since July 24 — the day before the coup — is hoping to get a flight to South Africa through Brussels next week. Speaking from his rented house in Bulumburra, he told the Cape Times last night he was "very afraid". He said there had been an "unnatural quiet" in the capital since the coup, although there had been rumours of clashes between Rwandan rebels.

Yellow for fiery Cantona



ERIC CANTONA

LONDON: Manchester fans held their collective breath as fiery Frenchman Eric Cantona grabbed opponent Philippe Albert by the collar and threw him to the ground during his team's Charity Shield clash with Newcastle yesterday. They believed the angry flare-up might warrant a sending-off as Cantona seemed to have returned to his bad old ways after his eight-month suspension for kicking a soccer fan. But they breathed a sigh of relief when the Manchester skipper was only handed a yellow card.

Privatise, city urged

THE Cape Chamber of Commerce and Industry has urged the city to contract out its refuse removal services. In statement released in response to the municipal workers' strike, chamber president Mr Geoffrey Ashmead said yesterday that other local councils could also benefit by doing what was best for ratepayers.

"While Cape Town is being held to ransom by its refuse workers, Pinelands does not have a problem because it contracted its service out years ago (to) a private contractor... (it) has found the arrangement extremely efficient and that it saves costs."

Sisters doing it on airwaves

JOHANNESBURG: Women presenters and technicians at Karagala Community Radio celebrated National Women's Day by staffing the service for 24 hours, the station said yesterday. All the music played was performed by women artists and groups. "This record-setting feat was almost disrupted when, after 15 hours, a local male artist known as Buttery Mix tried to insist on being interviewed live on air," said the statement.

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Police ire at hoax

JOHANNESBURG: Crack policemen worked around the clock from late Thursday to early Saturday after an airport shuttle minibus driver claimed his vehicle had been hijacked with foreign tourists — but his story turned out to be a hoax. Police Commissioner George Fvaz expressed outrage, saying: "The individual concerned deserves to be dealt with mercilessly."

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Bellmore and Turfhall Roads — the police opened fire with salvo after salvo of teargas and stun grenades.

The crowd scattered in all directions, claiming that the police were siding with the druglords and demanding that they stay out of the way.

A few hundred demonstrators gathered in the grounds of Mount View High School, opposite the Mountview Mosque, where a stand-off with the police ensued.

Both sides claim they were fired on first, while it was also claimed that gangsters had joined the fray. After a few minutes, six or seven wounded were loaded into ambulances.

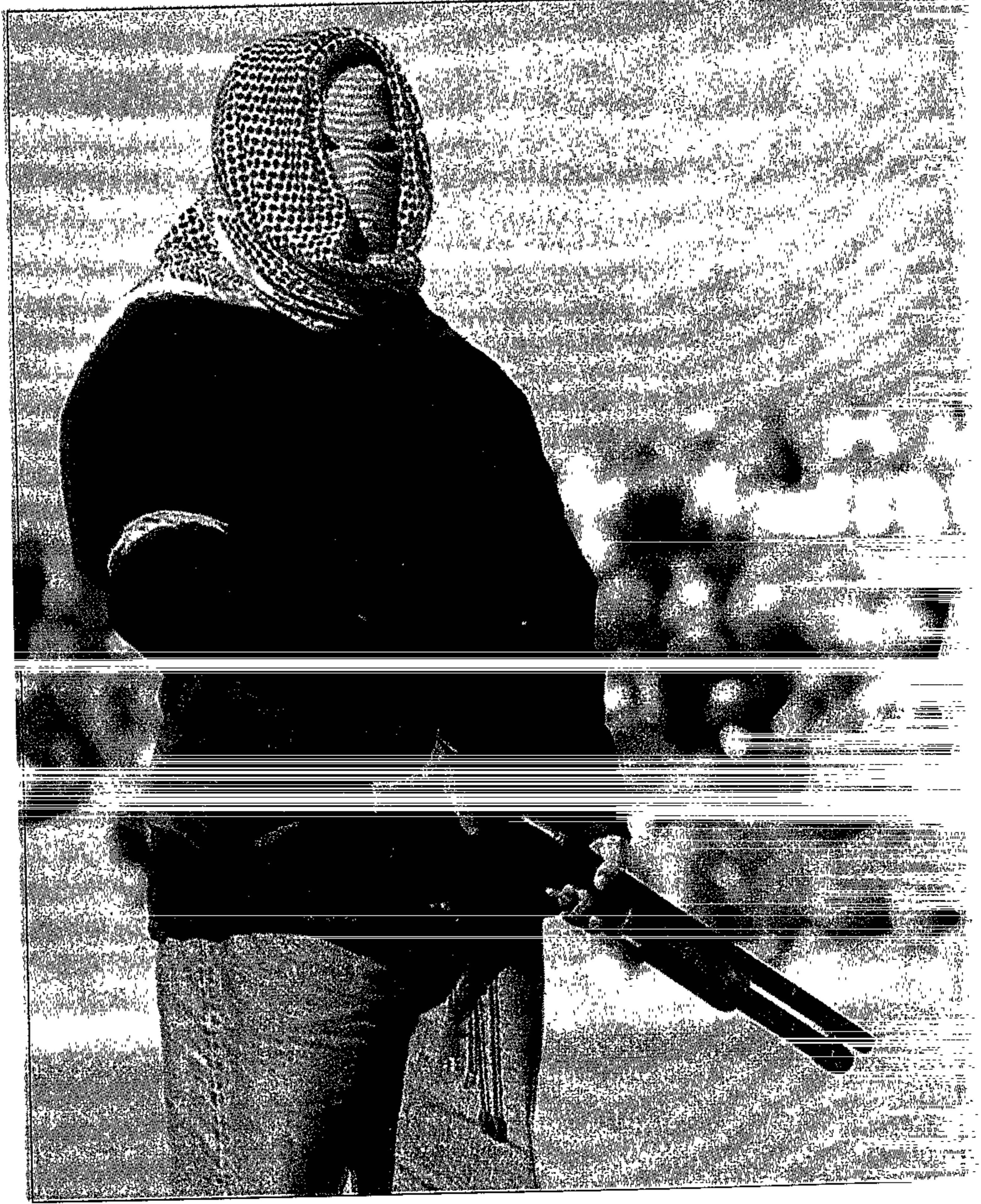
A Pagad spokesman told the Cape Times last night they would hold urgent meetings today with Fivaz and Omar over the shootings.

Earlier in Manenberg Staggie did not speak, leaving it to officials of the Belhar-based Faith Welfare Organisation.

Mr Ivan Waldeck appealed for intervention by President Nelson Mandela to prevent a bloodbath.

Pastor Albern Martins read out a memorandum suggesting the police enter into urgent negotiations with the gangsters.

Sapa reports from Johannesburg that police in Lenasia had to stand fast at least once when militant supporters of the Pacad tried to break through a cordon and confront alleged druglords yesterday.



10 000 ATTEND ATHLONE RALLY

'One gangster, one bullet'

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PAGAD LEADERS, maintaining their hardline stance, issued a special warning to the media last night. To the list of transgressors they intended tackling they added white-collar criminals and members of the business community and Parliament who were corrupt. They said they would open an office soon, writes **CYNTHIA VONGAI**.

PEOPLE Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) has a simple message: "One gangster, one bullet. Enough is enough."

More than 10 000 people gathered at the Vygieskraal Stadium in Athlone yesterday for a rally called as part of Pagad's campaign against drugs and gangsterism.

Mr Farouk Jaffer, Pagad's chief co-ordinator, said: "We are here to uplift each and every citizen. Those who are not law-abiding should be taken to task."

"If this government of today does not shake up, we as a people on the ground will have to take control. We have put the government there and it has not been performing."

"We cannot allow another life to be lost."

Jaffer said Pagad was targeting not only gangsters on street corners, but also white-collar criminals and members of business and Parliament who were corrupt.

He criticised multinational companies such

as Anglo American, which he accused of enriching itself at the expense of the people.

"The minerals that come from the earth are for each and everyone of us, not just these companies."

Sheikh Nazeem Mohamed, head of the Muslim Judicial Council, said Pagad had to stop the evil in the community before it caused damage.

"Drugs are the mother of all evil. We need to stand against this great evil affecting our people," he said.

"The blame must be put at the door of the authorities and everyone must join in to make South Africa a worthwhile country to live in."

A Pagad speaker, identified only as Amir and his face covered with a scarf, urged Pagad members to be fearless and to take part in the fight against drugs and crime.

"Fighting has been prescribed for everyone, even if you don't like it. Sometimes it may be good to fight even if you are against violence like our great martyr Malcolm X, who advocated non-violence," Amir said.

"We say we are non-violent people like Malcolm X, but only to non-violent people."

Amir said Pagad did not fear death if fighting gangs and drugs benefited the community as a whole — and not only the Muslim commu-

nity, but all South Africans.

"We don't fear death. We love Allah so much — we cannot wait to die so we can meet Allah," he said.

He said many people yearned to become martyrs and many would become martyrs through this cause.

He attacked the media, saying they were instruments of the "enemies who want to destroy Islam".

Amir warned the media to stop referring to Pagad as a "vigilante group". It represented not only Muslims, but also people of every faith and colour in the community, he said.

Pagad set out its plans, which included building the biggest drug rehabilitation centre in the southern hemisphere and starting a community awareness programme, headed by doctors and social workers, to educate the community on the effects of drugs.


Pagad is to open offices in 14 days to co-ordinate its activities.

Another Pagad speaker, Mr Naziem Edries, said: "We have a crucial role to play and we will call on financial institutions to become actively involved in fighting drugs and gangs. If we do not move we are doomed."

Edries saluted Clanwilliam residents for running the Firm gang out of their community. "If they can do it, so can we."

He said Pagad would hold a community referendum soon to gauge opinion on bail, conditions of bail, forms of punishment and the reinstatement of the death penalty.


An unidentified Durban speaker pledged KwaZulu-Natal's support for Pagad: "We are fully equipped and willing to give anything you need."



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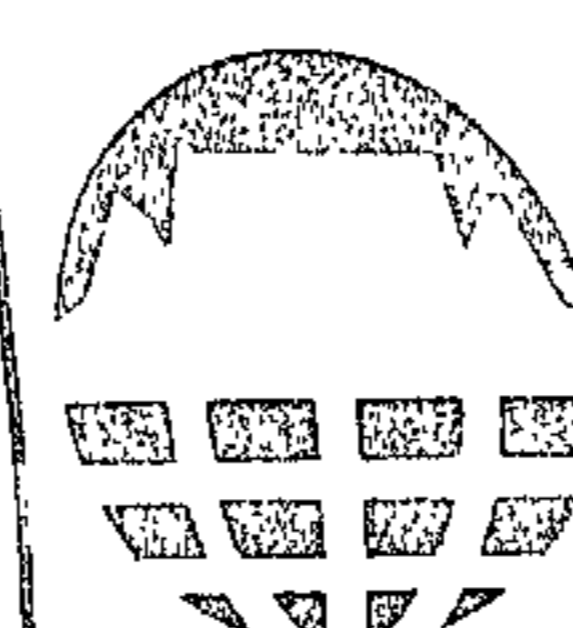
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The Cape Chamber of Commerce and Industry believes that Cape Town should take their lead from this experience and extend this arrangement to the rest of the municipality. Other local councils who have not yet done so, should also consider doing the same. The Cape Metro Council is currently investigating which services should be undertaken at the local, as opposed to the Metropolitan level.

A critical issue here is which services should be contracted out, and this should be dictated by what will be best for ratepayers.




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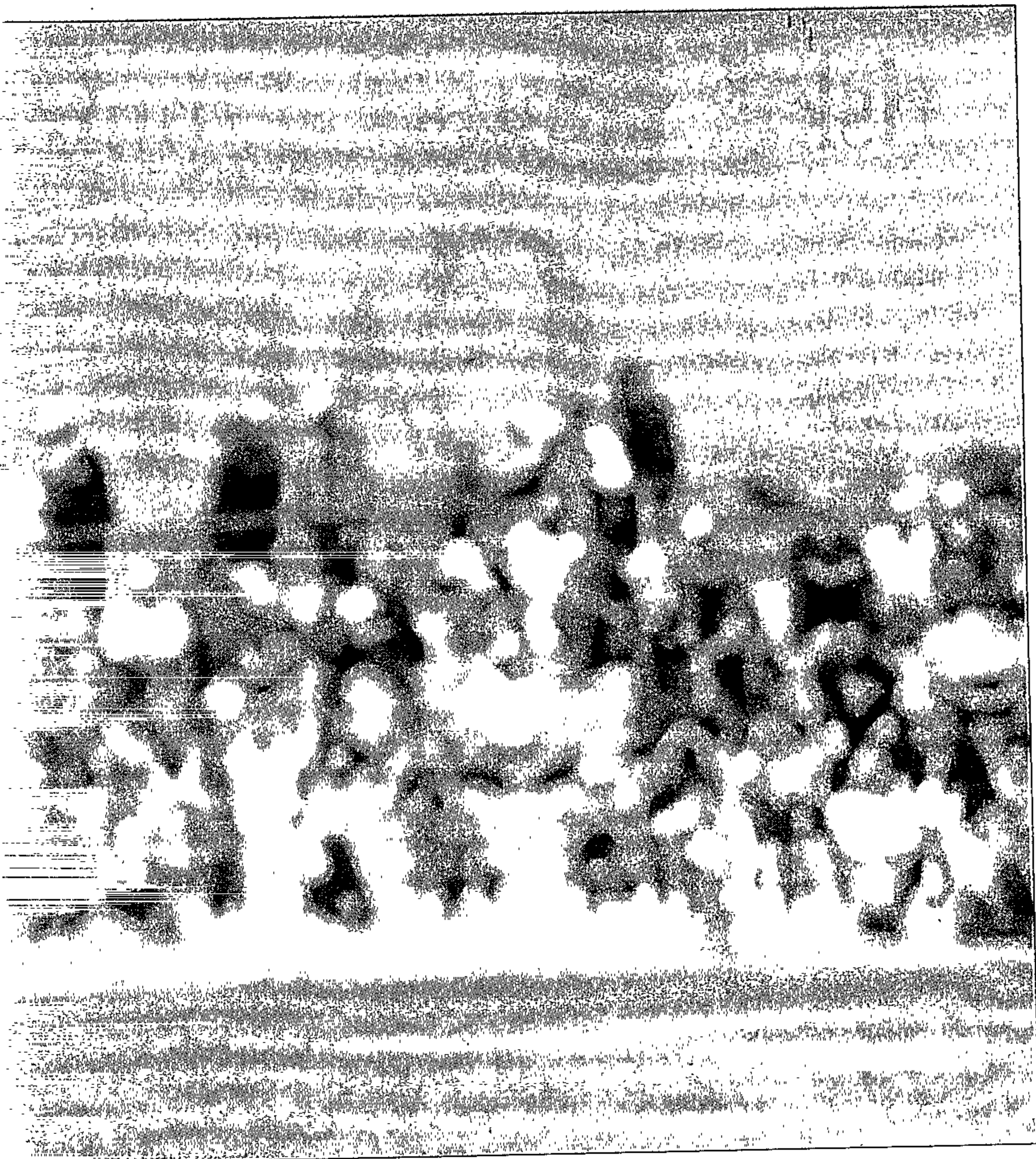
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ON GUARD: A member of Pagad — his face masked and his shotgun at the ready — stands guard during the Pagad rally at the Vygieskraal Stadium yesterday afternoon.

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Where there's smoke ...



BLOWN AWAY: A gang member, wearing a tie and clutching a gun, smokes from a broken-off bottle top during the gangster march from Manenberg to Valhalla Park yesterday. The march was led by Mr Rashied Staggie, whose twin brother, Rashaad, was killed last week.

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Traders heavily armed and 'on guard'

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CLAUDIA CAVANAGH

WESTERN CAPE traders — many fearing for their lives and property since last week's Pagad killing of gang leader Rashaad Staggie — have appealed to gangsters to direct their anger at the people with whom "they are at war".

A snap survey in the Salt River and Gatesville areas yesterday found simmering tensions and defiance among shop-owners, who said they were being targeted

unfairly by the group of gangs known as "The Firm".

Although some said they were certain nothing would come of last week's threats against Muslim shops, most admitted to being heavily armed and "on guard".

None of the traders questioned agreed to be photographed or identified.

Reacting to gangsters' threats of targeting Muslim shops, the Western Cape Traders' Association appealed this weekend to gangs to direct their anger elsewhere.

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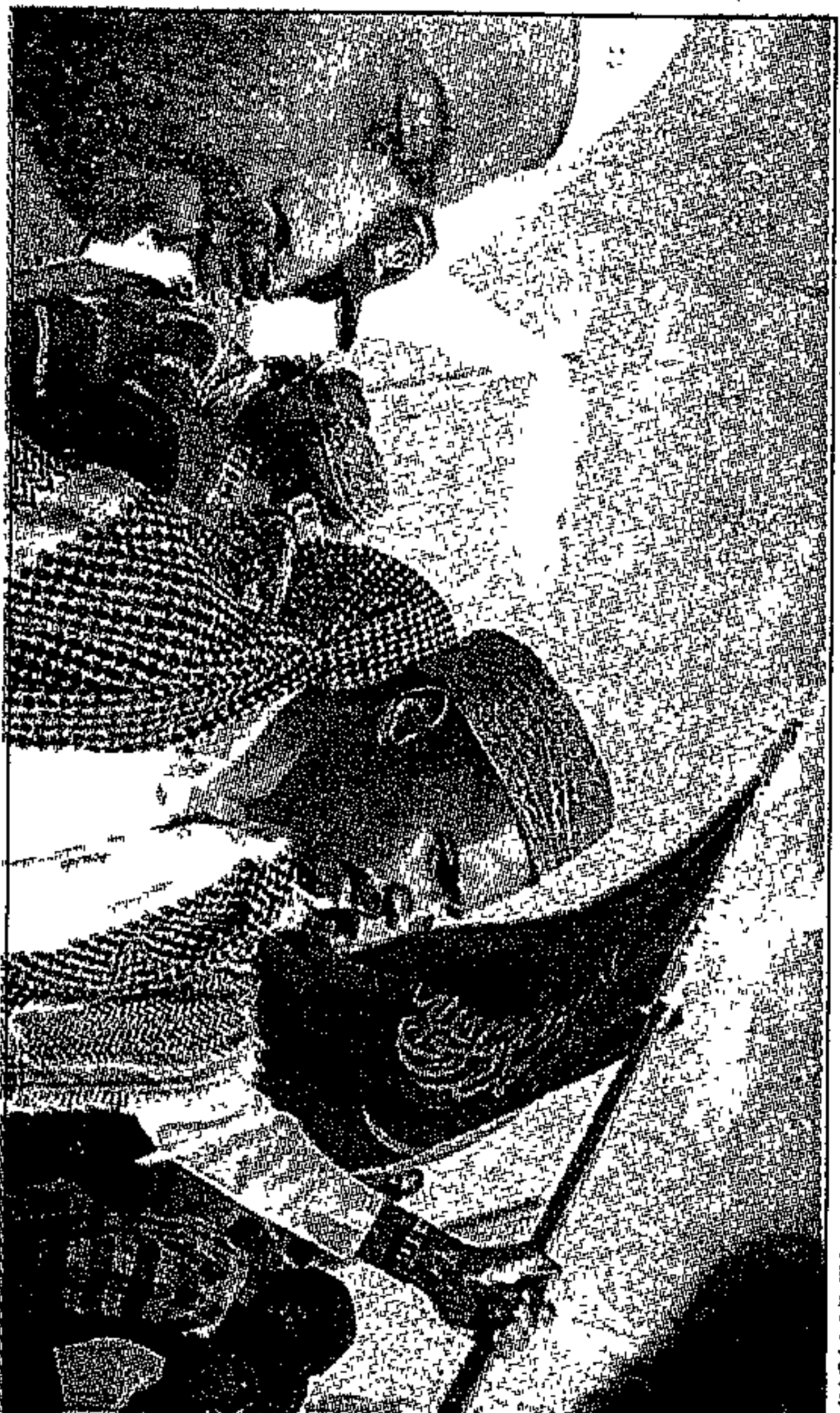
By **BOBBY BROWN**

Police defused a volatile situation in Lenasia yesterday when members of a group calling itself People against Crime and Drugs (Pacad) - an offshoot of the militant Cape Town-based group People against Gangs and Drugs - tried to march through a street where they claim drug dealers operate.

About 2 000 protesters marched through the suburb, escorted by a huge contingent of police. A memorandum was later handed to Lenasia police superintendent Abraham Louw.

Although many of the marchers wore colourful Muslim scarves, none had their faces completely covered and no weapons were visible. About 50 cars full of supporters followed the procession.

One supporter pointed to a luxury car driven by a well-dressed young man and claimed the driver was a druglord who had come to observe the march.



RIAN HORN

Making hay ... 'grass is for donkeys and other asses' was one of the slogans carried by supporters of the newly formed People against Crime and Drugs, which marched through the streets of Lenasia yesterday.

Although the three-hour march was peaceful, some militant demonstrators were determined to redirect the crowd into Koedoe Street and Gladioli Avenue in Extension 2, from where residents claim drug dealers operate.

Police went on full alert with shotguns and teargas to stop the crowd but, after tense negotiation, Pacad monitors managed to convince the demonstrators to avoid the potential conflict and continue on the route as planned. Gladioli Avenue is known lo-

cally as "Electric Avenue" and residents claim that drug dealers have been operating there for years, with the knowledge of police.

But a group of young men standing on a corner told journalists that no drugs were sold in their street. They accused police

and "many of the Pacad marchers" of being drug dealers and users themselves.

Pacad spokesman Mohamed Vally said his organisation had been formed on the spur of the moment on Friday and the march was aimed at informing the community of its existence.

Vally said Pacad intended to be a non-violent organisation.

"I am a schoolteacher and I see children as young as 12 and 13 using drugs," he said. "We have marked some of the houses where drugs are sold and, as soon as we have enough evidence, we will take action."

■ Sapa reports that Gauteng Safety and Security MEC Jessie Duarte has commended the police on preventive steps taken to combat drug dealing and gangsterism in Bersters near Pretoria. She said there had been 15 arrests since the plan to reduce unacceptably high levels of drug and gang-related crime went into operation before the long weekend.

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Vigilantes declare 'holy war' on gangsters

Night of violence deepens crisis as Pagad claims the support of Iranian Hezbollah and Palestinian Hamas in battle against drug dealers

OWN CORRESPONDENT
Cape Town

Violence in the Western Cape continued through the night after yesterday's march by the People Against Gangs and Drugs (Pagad) ended in police and mariners exchanging fire in Hanover Park. At least nine people were injured in the clash, which has escalated the crisis sparked by vigilantes' vow to eradicate drug-dealing in the Cape Flats.

Following last night's clash, chief Pagad commander Ali "Phantom" Parker declared a "jihad" holy war against drug lords and has also "declared war" on the police. He claimed Pagad had the support of the Iranian-backed Hezbollah and the Palestinian Hamas organisations. He was speaking at the Galesville Mosque after the clash between police and Pagad. Police opened fire on the demonstrators when it became clear they were on their way to a drug merchant's house in Hanover Park.

"The police have identified themselves with the gangsters," Parker said. "There is a lot of scum in the force who act without discipline and order and who take orders from gangsters and drug lords."

"There is no law and order in this country, and drugs and gangsterism is a problem faced by all the people."

"We have moved from civil disobedience to civil unrest," he added. "We have no choice but to declare a jihad."

After meeting at the Galesville Mosque, Pagad members drove off in convoys promising to "take

on" known gangsters in various parts of the Cape Flats. One group stopped on the R300 near the Heinz Park squatter camp. A group of masked and armed Pagad members was seen running down the road embankment, apparently on their way to the house of a dealer living in the area. Shortly afterwards, several armoured police vehicles arrived and police were seen arresting a man after a shot rang out.

One mariner was arrested on a charge of contravening the arms and ammunition Act and two others on a charge of attempted murder. Five weapons - a shotgun and four handguns - were also seized. A police spokesman said at least 15 incidents of arson and shooting were reported across the Peninsula after the march.

Meanwhile, Cape Flats gang syndicate The Firm has given the police and the Government an ultimatum to meet them by noon on Wednesday to discuss the killing of gang boss Rashad Siagie last week and the threats made against them by the Pagad. The firm says it will avenge Siagie's killing if no such meeting is held.

Speaking to about 1 500 people at a sports ground in Valhalla Park yesterday, The Firm spokesman Ernie la Pepa said it was unacceptable that the police and ministers were speaking to Pagad but were not prepared to listen to gangsters' concerns.

On Saturday, police commissioner George Fivaz turned down a request to meet members of The Firm, saying he did not speak to gangsters.

In the face of the crisis, the Western Cape provincial legislature was set for a snap debate today to discuss the conflict.



Open warfare ... members of the large crowd of Pagad supporters prepare to return fire during clashes with the police at Hanover Park in Cape Town yesterday. After two unsuccessful attempts to control marchers, who at one point were chanting 'one gangster, one bullet!', police opened fire with stun grenades and teargas, and in the ensuing clashes several people were injured.

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BRENTON GEACH

Drug cartel backs new anti-crime move

ESANNDEKOCK
Staff Reporter

A FORUM aimed at finding solutions to gangsterism and drug-dealing will be established soon by the Faith Welfare Organisation (Fawo) in Belhar, with the support of the drug cartel The Firm.

But People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) would not be welcome at the forum unless it could convince people that it was genuinely interested in peace, said Fawo pastor Albern Martins.

Pastor Martins, who has been mediating and negotiating with the police and members of Pagad, said yesterday the initiative had the full support of The Firm, which wanted to speak to the government in an effort to solve its dilemma. The first meeting to discuss

the forum was held in Belhar last week.

Pastor Martins said the idea was to investigate how to rid the community of illegal means of income such as drug-dealing and to find alternative ways of making a living by creating jobs.



Pastor Martins

Anyone wanting peace and alternatives to the problems of gangsterism and drugs would be welcome to attend the meetings and give views, but Pagad would have to convince people it was interested in peace before it would be welcome.

Debate deals setback to Clanwilliam's war on drugs to support Cape 'drive'

Staff Reporter

CLANWILLIAM residents who are fighting their own war against gangsterism in the area have expressed their disappointment at the results of the provincial legislature debate and the government's plans to curb gangsterism.

The provincial legislature yesterday turned down a call for a State of Emergency in the Western Cape as a measure to curb violence between anti-drug vigilantes, gangsters and the police.

The call from African National Congress regional leader Chris Nissen, backed by the Democratic Party and African Christian Democratic Party, was turned down by the National Party-dominated government yesterday.

A group of Clanwilliam residents who last week chased off gangsters who had bought property in their sleepy town on the banks of the Olifants River drove

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warfare on the Cape Flats served the interests of such a forum, Pastor Martins said.

The forum simply had to work and have a positive effect. "We hope to lay down a code of conduct and of discipline at the first meeting of the forum. We also want the authorities to get involved. We will need them. We will need to find alternatives."

Pastor Martins said the problem was that many gangsters were illiterate people without much formal schooling. Drug-dealing was how they made their living - how they stayed alive.

him," he said.

"The fact that gangs had recently united and ended their

1 000 march in Strand to support Cape 'drive'

Staff Reporter

ABOUT 1 000 Strand residents, including school pupils, marched on their local police station and handed over a memorandum in support of People Against Gangsterism And Drugs (Pagad).

After the memorandum was handed to Strand police commissioner Mike Reitz yesterday, protesters appealed to the police to rid the town of drug smugglers, gangsterism and criminals.

They demanded that crime prevention operations and raids be held in gang strongholds. Hoosain Roode, Strand Muslim Judicial Council imam, said they and several other community organisations would monitor the police response to their demands.

Mr Roode, a former Strand councillor, said: "If nothing has been done by the end of the month, we will hold a huge

march which will include schools, churches, political and community organisations.

"For too long drug smugglers, gangsters and criminals have destroyed people's morals in our communities."

Former Strand deputy mayor Achmat Stuart took part in the march and pledged his support for the Muslim council.

Protesters said they were concerned for the well-being of children and the elderly. The marchers walked through the area, chanting that they were fed up with gangsterism, drug peddling and crime in their areas.

Teachers at Strand Senior Secondary School agreed to requests by pupils to leave school early to take part in the protest march.

Superintendent Reitz confirmed the march, saying it was against gangsterism, but "I can't say if the people support Pagad".



Picture: HANNES THARI, The Argus. TARGET: Residents of the house in Surrey Estate gather around their television set, which was hit by some of the bullets fired at the building.

Pagad suspected as gunfire rakes Surrey Estate house

Staff Reporters

RESIDENTS in Surrey Estate, Athlone, fear for their lives after a house in the area was raked by gunfire for a second time.

About six shots were fired at the home of a Surrey Estate family early yesterday.

Geraldine George, a resident of the house in Jupiter Street, said that about 14 people had been woke up by gunfire about 11pm.

"It was just bam, bam, bam! We were too scared to get up and we just fell to the floor

until it got light.

"When the children got up for school we saw about six shots had been fired. The TV set had a huge hole in it and the windows were broken."

Ms George said members of the family who occupied the house had operated a shebeen in the past, but had stopped because business was not good.

Fearful neighbours said they suspected that members of the People Against Gangsterism And Drugs (Pagad) could be responsible for the shootings.

One resident said the community believed Pagad was far getting certain people in the

area who they thought were dealing in drugs.

According to Samuel September of the Manenberg police, the first incident happened last week when unknown gunmen fired on the same house.

In the second incident yesterday six shots were fired at the house, destroying the front door and damaging windows and the living room wall.

Police found spent gun and 38 cartridges and Inspector Peter Barnard of police radio control said the shooting could be gang-related and that investigations were under way.

Benoni Muslims in solidarity move

JOHANNESBURG - The Muslim community of Benoni is to discuss the area's crime and drug problems with the police, a North Rand police spokesman, Eugene Opperman, has announced in a statement.

No firm date has been set for the talks, but Superintendent Opperman said they would take place "in the next few days".

The proposed talks are a sequel to a protest in Actonville on Friday, when a group of Muslims presented a memorandum of crime-related grievances to the local police.

Superintendent Opperman added that the police were "most willing to listen to the community and discuss mutually acceptable, effective and legal ways in which to address the problem of crime."

— Sapa.

Key talks on Army's role in battle against crime

SHOULD the SA National Defence Force play a bigger role in helping the police fight crime?

This is one of the key questions being addressed at a two-day National Defence Review conference, aimed at concretising recommendations made in the Defence White Paper adopted by parliament earlier this year.

Opening the conference yesterday, Deputy President Thabo Mbeki said that while everyone appreciated the SANDF's support for SAPS in combating crime, "we have agreed in the White Paper that this is a secondary supportive function of Defence".

But the Institute for Defence Policy says in a paper tabled at the conference that it believes it is inevitable the SANDF's support for the SAPS will increase. "Despite the good intentions of the White Paper on Defence (and the agreement among all defence and police analysts, including the members of this Institute) that the SANDF should withdraw from the internal security situation, we believe it is inevitable that the support that the SANDF provides to the police will increase, and not decrease."

The main reasons for this belief, says the Institute, are the slow progress in transforming the SAPS, the virtual collapse of the judicial system, the ongoing crises in prisons, and the failure of the RDP so far.

"Recently, in Salt River, vigilante groups have again taken the law into their own hands, graphically illustrating the extent to which the public is frustrated by levels of crime."

The Institute warns that South Africa "teeters on the brink of becoming simply another African basket case, where violence, corruption and brutality rule, instead of being the engine for African regeneration".

It also criticises "public mis-slinging matches" between Justice Minister Dullah Omar and Police Commissioner George Fivaz. — Sapa.

Pagad says *35* jihad is two weeks away *Sowetan 13/8/96*

By Rafiq Rohan and Sapa.

PAGAD, Cape Town's anti-drug vigilante group, has threatened to wage a "holy war" against drug lords and the Government unless the authorities rid South Africa of drug dealers within two weeks.

"If this is not done, then we will carry on with our task," People Against Gangsterism and Drugs coordinator Farook Jaffer, said yesterday.

Jaffer said Pagad was linked to other organisations, including Hezbollah in Lebanon, and was prepared to call for their assistance if necessary.

"If this thing (the war against drug lords) is going to carry on and police continue to entertain the criminals, then we will have to call them (other organisation) in."

Jaffer said Pagad was waiting for the police to do something before they (Pagad) took further action. "We're giving you 14 days for these people (gangsters and drug dealers) to be taken to task - then we carry on with our task. We are here to protect our children."

After a night of violence on Sunday, Cape Town yesterday began counting the cost of the week-long gangland war.

Eight people have been arrested, 15 injured and three attacks occurred during the night on the homes of people with gang and drug links.

Hand grenade attack

Police said a hand grenade was thrown at a casspir during one of Pagad's confrontational marches.

The police told *Sowetan* yesterday that following the stampede after police fired teargas at the marchers on Sunday, a number of firearms were dropped.

"Ten hand guns, together with 184 rounds of ammunition and three loaded magazines, were seized after being discarded by the marchers," Superintendent John Sterrenberg said.

Describing the situation as "highly flammable", Sterrenberg said that things had calmed down during the bleak, rainy day yesterday and hoped it stayed that way.

Police seek 'Phantom'

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ANC slams threat to call in Mid-East help

THE African National Congress in the Western Cape has condemned threats by People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) to call in the help of Middle East Muslim extremist groups Hamas and Hizbollah in its battle against drug lords.

"South Africa is an independent country and no one should be allowed to intervene in our internal problems," the organisation said in a statement.

Pagad chief commander Ali "Phantom" Parker is reported to have said Pagad had had offers of help from Hizbollah and Hamas.

The ANC said that while it recognised urgent measures were needed to curb growing crime, it could not allow a situation where pressure was put on the government.

It called on Pagad to continue with peaceful attempts "to rid our communities of criminals" and with community-based organisations to help the police in the fight against crime. — Sapa.

JOHAN SCHRONEN and PIETER MALAN
Staff Reporters

DETECTIVES investigating the murder of drug lord Rashaad Staggie have posted an all-points alert for Pagad leader Muhammed Ali "Phantom" Parker, after a pre-dawn raid on his home today.

Another prominent People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) member was arrested early today in the raid which took police to homes in Athlone, Bellville South and Elsies River.

The man was to appear in court today on charges of sedition and the murder of Rashaad Staggie nine days ago, police spokesman John Sterrenberg said.

Other counts of sedition, which include armed attacks and arson on other drug selling points in the Peninsula, are also being investigated against Pagad.

Mr Parker, widely regarded as the most militant and outspoken of Pagad's top brass, was not at home during the police raid.

During the march on the Staggies' Salt River home he was wounded in the chest and was not seen in public until Sunday's mass rally at Belgavia's Vygieskraal stadium.

Senior Pagad man held, but leader still at large

He later denied reports that he was in hiding.

"I do not need to go into hiding," he said, adding: "There is only one person I fear - and that is Allah".

Today's arrest and the search for Mr Parker and another leader, Farouk Jaffer, is expected to affect a proposed meeting between Western Cape Premier Hennus Kriel and Pagad.

Mr Kriel announced his proposed meeting with Pagad and the Muslim Judicial Council (MJC) during a snap debate in the provincial parliament yesterday.

A spokesman for the premier's office said today that the meeting with the MJC would go ahead, but that Pagad had not responded to Mr Kriel's invitation. He said the subject of the meeting was

expected to be the current violence as well as the declaration of the anti-drug war as a jihad or "holy war" by some individuals within Pagad.

It is expected that the MJC will have to explain its position on the declaration of a jihad.

It is also expected that the MJC will ask the premier for the immediate release of the Pagad leader arrested early today.

MJC spokesman Sheikh Nazeem Mohammed told Sapa today it was totally opposed to the arrest. He said police were now trying to arrest people "willy nilly" and that this was not acceptable to the MJC.

"The police must not come and blame people just like that for things they haven't done. They stand against the evil of drugs and they have the approval of the commu-

nity at large - and when we say that, we mean non-Muslims as well."

Sheikh Mohammed called for the immediate release of all Pagad members in detention.

The chairman of the Muslim Assembly, Shabier Seria, said the body would comment when police revealed the identity of the arrested man and the charges against him.

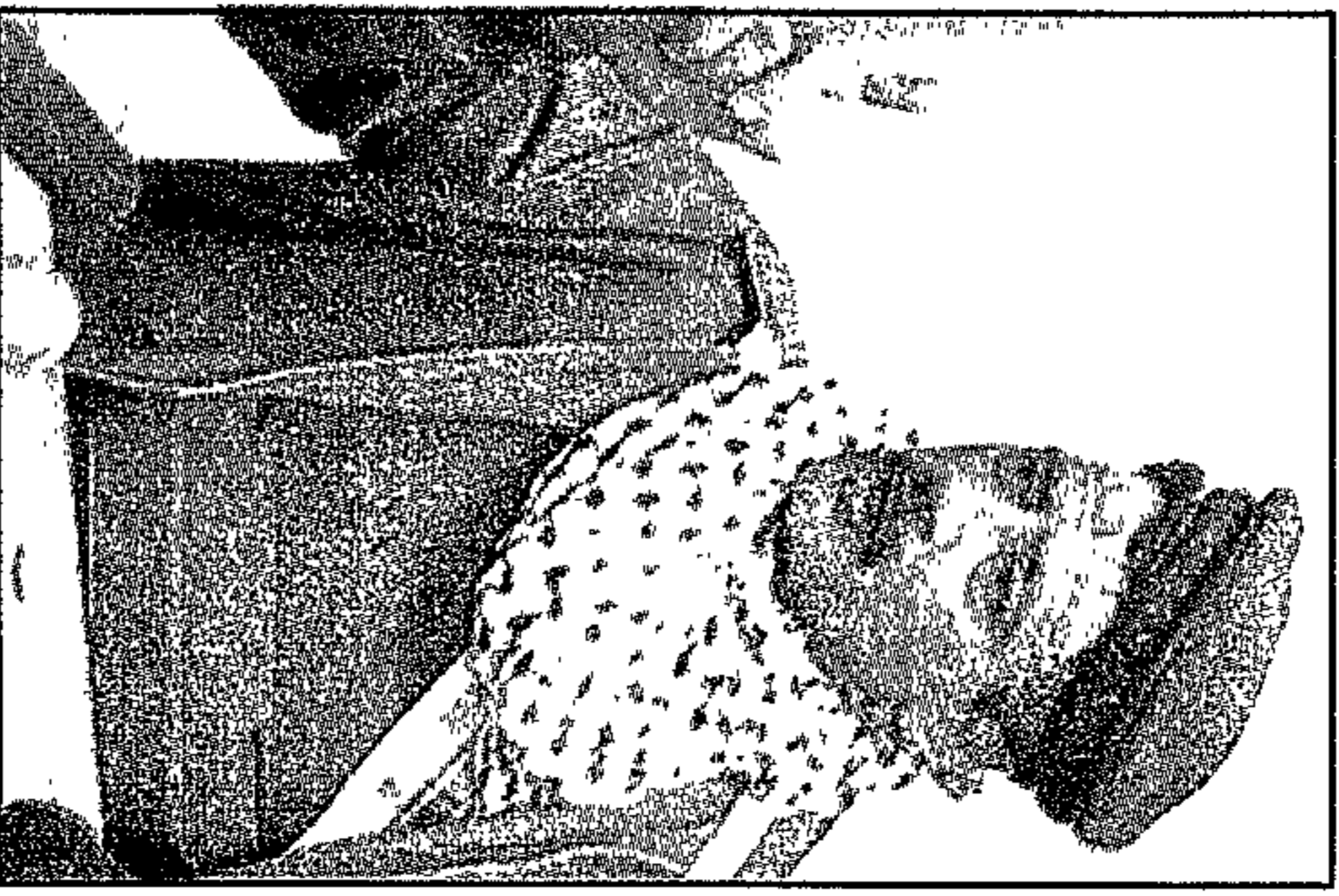
"At this stage it is just a police report. We don't know who he is," Mr Seria said.

Speaking to The Argus last night before he knew of the police search for him, Mr Jaffer said Pagad would never retreat from its stated plan to rid the Western Cape of gangsters.

"We are not a bunch of criminals. We are tax and ratepayers who want to come to an agreement to end all this."

Yesterday, police commissioner George Fivaz condemned the "illegal display" of firearms at Sunday's march, saying it was still not too late for Pagad to prevent seemingly isolated illegal actions from being perceived as a deliberate strategy of violence.

He said the basis of his approach to Pagad was that co-operation was only possible if it represented legal community aspirations and acts within the law.



Muhammed Ali "Phantom" Parker

Violence sends rand plummeting

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By Nancy Myburgh

MARKETS CORRESPONDENT

Johannesburg — The rand slumped yesterday to its weakest-ever level against the pound — its second record low in less than two weeks.

Traders said that calls by Chris Nissen, the ANC's Western Cape provincial leader, for a state of emergency in Cape Town to combat vigilante violence sparked new fears of political instability among foreign investors.

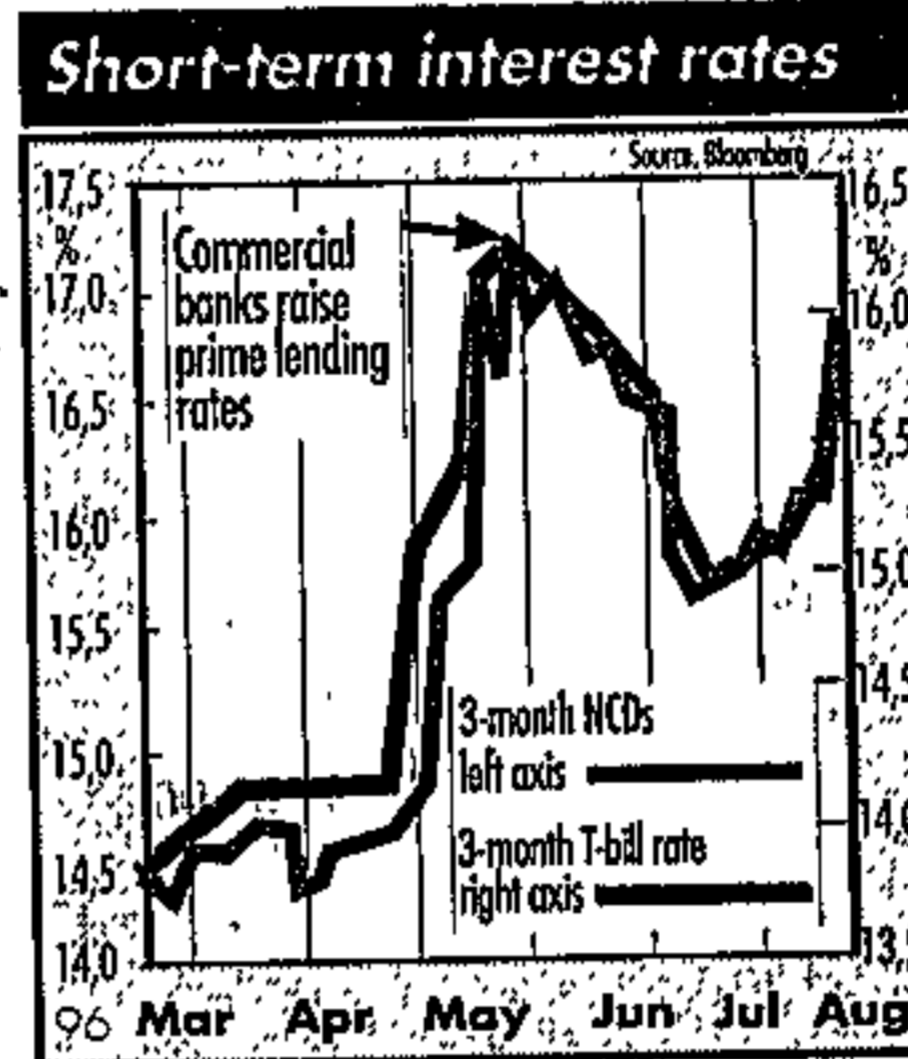
The currency reached R7,0476 to the pound in late trade from its Thursday close of R7,0001, beating its last official record low of 7,0242. It also hit a three-month low against the dollar of R4,5450 in late trade.

The currency's latest fall intensifies pressure on Chris Stals, the Reserve Bank governor, to raise interest rates. Stals said last week he would not for the present raise rates to protect the rand because the currency had already fallen dramatically after reports of big losses in the Bank's foreign-exchange reserves. The reserves are the stock of foreign money the Bank could use to buy rands to slow the currency's fall when other investors are selling. Higher interest rates encourage rand deposits and investments offering higher returns.

Stals said late last week that the rand's weakness was an "over-reaction" to the recent fall in the foreign-exchange figures. He did not want to take draconian measures to slow down the economy.

Foreign investors' fears worsened yesterday as the Cape-based Muslim vigilante movement People Against Gangs and Drugs (Pagad) intensified calls for a holy war against drug-related gang violence in Cape Town.

"Offshore investors are looking for fantastic news, but all they're seeing is people getting shot and



killed," one trader said.

Last week Pagad publicly killed Rashaad Staggie, a Cape gang leader. Nine Pagad supporters were wounded and several arrested at the weekend when more than 5 000 people marched on the homes of alleged drug dealers.

Pressure for an interest rate increase also mounted in the money market yesterday, where commercial banks get much of their cash to balance their books. Banks continued to fall short of cash by more than R8 billion last week. On Saturday the money-market shortage, or the amount banks borrow daily from the Reserve Bank, reached R8,569 billion.

The rate on three-month negotiable certificates of deposit, a benchmark determinant of the banks' costs of obtaining cash, rose to 16,70 percent from 16,30 percent on Friday as banks bid up rates to avoid losing depositors, money-market dealers said.

"We are in an almost identical situation to that in the middle of May (when commercial banks raised their prime lending rates without any lead action by the Reserve Bank)," said Mark Bertram, the chief money-market dealer at First National Bank. Banking officials have said they would again raise rates independently of the Reserve Bank if their cash-strapped situation deteriorated significantly.

Search is on for Pagad Leader 'Phantom' Parker

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Members of the anti-gangster group elude police in a pre-dawn raid this morning on Cape suburban homes

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Detectives investigating the murder of drug lord Rashied Staggie have posted an all-points alert for Pagad leader Allie "Phantom" Parker, who eluded police in a pre-dawn raid today.

Another prominent member of People Against Gangs and Drugs (Pagad) was arrested early today in the raid, which took police to homes in Athlone, Bellville South and Elsies River.

Charges of sedition and murder are being investigated against Pagad after the public killing of Staggie during a mass march in Salt River nine days ago.

Other counts of sedition, which include armed attacks and arson on other drug-selling points in the Peninsula, are also being investigated against Pagad. Parker, Pagad's military leader, is widely regarded as the most militant and

outspoken of the leadership.

During the march on the Staggies' Salt River home, Parker was wounded in the chest and was not seen in public until Sunday's mass rally at Belgravia's Vygiskraal stadium.

He later denied reports that he was ever in hiding. "There is only one person I fear and that is Allah," he said. Today's arrest and the search for Parker and another leader, Farouk Jaffer, is expected to affect a proposed meeting between Western Cape Premier Hannus Kriel and Pagad.

Kriel announced his proposed meeting with Pagad and the Muslim Judicial Council during a snap debate in the provincial parliament yesterday.

Last night, before he knew of the police search for him, Jaffer said Pagad would never retreat from its stated plan to rid the Western Cape of gangsters. "We are not a bunch of criminals. We are taxpayers and ratepayers who

want to agree to end all this."

Yesterday, police commissioner George Fivaz condemned the illegal display of firearms at Sunday's march, saying it was still too late for Pagad to prevent seemingly isolated illegal actions from being perceived as a deliberate strategy of violence.

He said the basis of his approach to Pagad, that of co-operation, was only possible if it represented legal community aspirations and acts within the law. "No organisation, including Pagad, can be allowed to be a law unto itself."

A police spokesman said Parker and Jaffer should contact the Murder and Robbery Unit urgently. Parker is believed to be heavily armed and travelling in a blue Toyota Corolla 16-valve, registration CA 682 854.

Anyone who knew of his whereabouts should call radio control at 10111 or Crime Stop at 0800 11 12 13.



Defiant ... a gang member, gun in hand, smokes dagga from a bottle-neck during the gangster march through Cape Town on Sunday. The march, to rival one called by Pagad, was led by Rashied Staggie whose brother was murdered by vigilantes.

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commissioner Mr George Fivaz on Saturday, where it was apparently agreed that arms would not be displayed openly during Sunday's rally. Fivaz urged Pagad to work with the police in combating gangsterism and drugs, rather than taking the law into its own hands.

Fivaz said yesterday: "The illegal display of firearms on Sunday by Pagad members, in violation of an agreement with the police, is highly provocative and could undermine co-operation with the police.

"I must also condemn public threats by Pagad members against the media and attacks by Pagad members on police. It would be a shame if Pagad's noble aim — eradicating crime — degenerated into only another form of gangsterism."

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● In a statement yesterday, the newly-formed Drug Advisory Board, a statutory body headed by Kahn, said the Staggie murder "highlighted the inability of the government to act against criminals who caused communities to take the law into their own hands".

The board believed that combating drugs required a "cohesive central body" that would co-ordinate a national strategy.

Traders discuss fears with police

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The Western Cape Traders' Association (WCTA), which represents more than 3 000 store-owners on the Cape Flats, met provincial police Commissioner Leon Wessels yesterday to discuss fears and concerns for the safety of Muslim traders.

WCTA general secretary Mr Yusuf Pahad said he had heard reports of intimidation of Muslim shopkeepers by gang members and criminal elements on the Cape Flats.

"A shop in Elsie's River was looted and with the Pagad deadline (for police to act against gangsters) looming, WCTA fears that the criminal element not linked to Pagad or gangsters will take advantage of the potentially

explosive situation and loot our stores," he said.

According to Pahad, certain Muslim storekeepers had been receiving subtle threats, with one gangster saying: "We will get you on Monday (yesterday)."

Pahad said the police had given the WCTA a commitment that there would be a larger police presence on the Cape Flats and more vans would be deployed in the area.

"We call for an army presence as well because 100 policemen will not be enough if things get bad," he said.

A Muslim shopkeeper in Manenberg, Mrs Aziza Jansen, 50, escaped death on Friday and Saturday night when she was shot at by gangsters who accused her son of belonging to

Pagad.

"If I could meet (Hard Livings gang leader Mr Rashied) Staggie, I would ask him why they are doing this to us innocent people who have no problems with them.

"Why are they using us as scapegoats? We have no guns to protect ourselves and we are old. My husband is sick. Why are we targets — just because we are Muslim? I don't know what to do," Jansen said.

The WCTA has called on all its members to report any cases of intimidation to executive representatives in their areas or to call their offices.

Police said yesterday they understood the traders' fears and would be taking "the necessary action" to comply with the WCTA's concerns.

Kriel calls for local anti-crime force

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CHRIS BATEMAN

WESTERN Cape Premier Mr Henus Kriel yesterday proposed the urgent creation of a metropolitan police force for the Peninsula to allow more effective combating of vigilante and gangster-related crimes.

Speaking during a snap debate in the provincial legislature on the local vigilante/gangster crisis, he said a metropolitan police force would fill the "vacuum" created by Pretoria's failure to devolve police powers.

Kriel added: "If the ANC are incapable, then we as a (NP-led) government will take the initiative to pro-



PLAN: Henus Kriel

vide law and order and security to the people of the Western Cape."

He said he would be speaking to the Metropolitan Council and the

six other new councils.

He said he had yesterday also invited the president of the Muslim Judicial Council, Sheikh Nazeem Mohamed, and Pagad's leadership for discussions at his Wale Street offices.

WP police services MEC, Mr Gerald Morkel yesterday complained of being ignored in the recent establishment of the Western Cape Anti-Crime Front and then being attacked for his absence at the new forum.

"I wasn't invited and then they have the audacity to ask why I wasn't present," Morkel complained to loud heckling and jeering from ANC benches.

Labelling his exclusion an "ongoing attempt" to undermine the government of provincial unity, Morkel challenged the ANC to withdraw from the provincial government "if they are not serious about addressing problems jointly".

He rejected calls from DP provincial leader Mr Hennie Bester, backed by several ANC speakers and the ACDP, for the declaration of a provincial state of emergency, challenging them to show what additional benefits this held beyond measures already taken.

ANC provincial leader Mr Chris Nissen said a state of emergency would help "rid our society of guns, drugs and violence".

Gangster's grievances

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As someone who can claim to be a veteran of reporting protests and events around human rights issues during the apartheid years, I must rate Sunday's protest march in Cape Town by a united front of gangsters the most extraordinary yet.

A few hundred gangsters from the two main gangs in the region, the Hard Livings and the Americans, hosted a joint protest march to complain that they, too, have rights!

Firstly, being a reporter right in the midst of some of the most hardened criminals you are ever likely to meet, and listening to them talk about their grievances, is probably unheard of in any part of the world.

Secondly, you are also not be likely to find a situation where gangsters, armed to the teeth, call Press conferences to present their points of view.

"We are victims of apartheid We have no jobs, we have no salaries, we have no homes. What do they expect us to do?" an American gang leader, only known as Ivan, asks plaintively.

As a journalist you find yourself in the crowd, almost becoming dizzy from the fumes of the *dagga* pipes being smoked and the alcohol being consumed.

One gangster has a dotted line tattooed around his neck with the words "Cut along this line". Another has a gun tattooed above his left eyebrow.

A tall dark man, who says his name is Kaffir, has a tattoo of a fierce-looking dog on his chest, with the word "Mongrel" beneath the dog.

These are men you do not want to meet in a dark alley - nor a brightly lit alley, for that matter.

Rashied Staggie, brother of slain Hard Livings leader Rashaad Staggie, stands completely boxed in by five burly white guards wearing balaclavas and their faces darkened with black polish.

He calls upon the restless crowd: "People who have been in prison! Comrades! Let's show them discipline!"

It is not quite clear who "them" he refers to. It could be the police, or People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) or the few media people who dared to cover the event.

"They labelled us gangsters. Apartheid made us what we are," Ivan, clearly the designated speaker of the gangsters, screams out. "We are victims and we have rights too."

At that point Ivan calls upon those gathered to put out their cigarettes and stand up "to observe a moment's silence" for their slain leader.

Some of the most hardened criminals you are ever likely to meet, armed to the teeth, insist that they, too, have rights. Bizarre? Political Correspondent **Rafiq Rohan** gives an eyewitness account...



A woman holding a gun in front of a crowd of gang members and supporters marching against Pagad in Cape Town on Sunday. PIC: AP

A group to the left, probably from the Americans, murmurs a few expletives among themselves. Somebody yells at them: "*Hou jou bek!* (Shut your mouth!)." They respond: "*Fok off!*"

The moment's silence ends. A police helicopter circles overhead, while two Casspirs stand at the edge of the meeting.

Ivan launches an attack on Pagad: "We don't sit like Pagad and say we kill in the name of Allah. We come in the name of God to protect our children and our future."

Then he launches an attack on Police Commissioner George Fivaz, who has stated that he will not engage in talks with the gangsters to solve the crisis.

Ivan says: "Fivaz doesn't talk to gangsters but he talks to murderers." He continues, saying that he threw stones at the police during the apartheid years but "still our families have no homes".

We put President Nelson Mandela there, he says, and he must "come and talk to us".

Then he utters something akin to the old government slogan: "*Eendrag maak mag* (Unity is strength)", to which the gangsters respond with a few muted "Vivas!".

Then Ivan declares that united they will "fin-

ish off" Pagad. "If they continue, then so will we," he warns ominously.

They are all called upon to gather around as Ivan reads out a memorandum they drew up to hand over to the police.

Pagad, the memo states, are a group of gangsters who want to get rid of them so that they can take control of the drug trade.

Muslims do not protect the interests of the community, they add, but they do. And "we will protect what we got... They must not forget that we are also people."

Then the protesters, with shotguns at the ready, form a cordon around Rashied Staggie and bundle him into a red Opel Kadet. They all group around the slow-moving vehicle to march to deliver their memo to the police.

Fearful gaze of people

As they move away under the watchful and fearful gaze of people from the sub-economic Manenberg flats, a priest standing on the sidelines says to *Sowetan*: "When people become gangsters, they set themselves apart from society and they give up their rights. Exactly what rights do they expect?"

He shakes his head and walks away.

VISION DOCKET REFERRED TO ATTORNEY-GENERAL FOR DECISION

PAGAD leaders in

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THE FIRST DOCKET on the police investigation into Pagad's alleged attempts to undermine state authority has been sent to the attorney-general for a decision. Pagad, meanwhile, has given the government two weeks to get rid of drug dealers. **ROGER FRIEDMAN** reports.

ple at grassroots level who voted those fools into power (and) that they must be removed from their positions."

The jihad theme echoed statements made a week ago and again by Parker on Sunday night. Speaking after police action in halting a Pagad march and an ensuing gunfight in which several people were wounded on Sunday night, Parker said Pagad's campaign was entering the realm of a jihad or holy war.

In speaking to Sapa, Jaffer also said that Pagad was linked to other organisations, including the Hizbollah in Lebanon, and was ready to call on their assistance if necessary.

Its leadership claims Pagad represents the voice of the people and has taken exception to its being described as solely Muslim, extremist or fundamentalist.

Pagad leaders' rhetoric — directed initially at gangsters, drug dealers and the state's perceived inability to deal with these — has focused increasingly on the government as a whole.

In the provincial legislature yesterday, the National Party shot down an African National Congress call for a state of emergency to be declared in the Western Cape.

The call followed an intelligence briefing of the premier and executive committee last Friday on Pagad and its activities. The executive committee was told that the energies of Qibla (formed in 1979 to promote the establish-

ment of an Islamic state) and the Islamic Unity Convention (formed in 1994 to promote Muslim unity) were being directed into Pagad.

The cabinet was also told that a number of Pagad members had been receiving combat training since early July.

Pagad held talks with national police

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THE government is poised to act against the leaders of People Against Crime and Drugs (Pagad) for allegedly attempting to undermine the authority of the state.

The police completed the first phase of their investigation yesterday and sent the docket to the office of Cape Attorney-General Mr Frank Kahn for a decision.

Pagad, meanwhile, issuing another ultimatum, has threatened to wage a holy war against drug lords and the government unless the authorities rid the country of drug dealers within two weeks.

Late last night police, backed by armoured vehicles, raided the home of an alleged drug dealer in Extension 13, Belhar.

Kahn said yesterday a senior member of his staff was studying the sedition docket on Pagad. Also, his office was almost ready to bring prosecutions against senior underworld figures.

He had assigned two advocates to help with the investigation into Pagad, Kahn said. Two more had been seconded to the police three months ago to help investigate gangsters.

The sedition charges follow military-style operations Pagad has carried out against alleged drug dealers since July 18.

Pagad's strategy and the possibility of its going underground and waging a guerilla-style war were discussed at a meeting of about 400 people at the Gatesville Mosque last night.

Pagad leader Mr Muhammed Ali "Phantom" Parker suggested that the

organisation split into cells and employ "guerrilla tactics" to protect itself from the police and gangs.

"We are not going to have mass marches and be open targets," he said.

Spokesman Mr Farouk Jaffer said Pagad should adopt a two-pronged strategy of negotiation and action.

"We are not turning back. We are going to continue doing what we have to do, even if a few lives are lost," Jaffer said.

THE police are investigating charges of sedition against the combined leadership of the militant Muslim organisation People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) following the series of eight military-style operations against alleged drug dealers in the past three weeks.

FLASHBACK: The Cape Times carried the first news of the police investigation against Pagad last Tuesday.

Earlier yesterday, Jaffer repeated warnings of Pagad's campaign evolving into a jihad or holy war. He told Sapa that Pagad was preparing the way for the declaration of a jihad "against the government for not practising law and order — and against thugs".

"They must understand," Jaffer said of the government, "that we (are) the peo-



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CTURE: CLIVE SMITH

VIGILANTE violence aimed at curbing crime evokes mixed emotions. Your heart tells you this is not a bad thing — we all know that criminals appear to operate with virtual impunity in the country. Your head is less sure — after all, is not killing somebody, no matter who they are, a criminal act? And does not the use of violence necessarily corrupt the end, no matter how good?

History provides us with numerous examples of good causes weakened by ill-considered and increasingly random acts of coercion.

Violence, especially violence which destroys lives, is evil. Its use can be justified as the lesser evil in some cases — as on the Cape Flats. But this does not vindicate it.

The events in the Western Cape have brought the issue of vigilante violence to a head in SA. Experience from elsewhere in the world suggests that best we follow our heads rather than our hearts.

SA is beginning to display many characteristics similar to the crime-racked states of Latin America.

In Brazil, where the army has been summoned to control crime in major urban areas, vigilante policing is nothing new. The use of vigilante squads in the crowded urban complexes around Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo, and increasingly in small towns in the interior, is justified because of the inefficiency of Brazil's established judicial institutions. This experience holds some profound lessons for SA.

Ironically, vigilante action, which in the rhetoric of its proponents is an attempt to strengthen state institutions, often has the opposite effect: the further weakening and undermining of official criminal justice channels, and the creation of alternative centres of power (and by definition coercion) outside the state security apparatus.

In SA, as in Latin America, vigilante actions against criminals are essentially a response to state ineffectiveness, combined with a culture of violence and the inability of the state to defend its own areas of responsibility from vigilante incursions. Perhaps more to the point, vigilante actions are encouraged by perceptions that its perpetrators themselves will not be threatened

Vigilante groups a Trojan horse for criminal behaviour

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by countermeasures from the state. Indeed, that conclusion is easy for citizens to draw: if a state is ineffective in deterring the criminals who originally contributed to the potential for vigilantism, it also lacks the capacity to deter the vigilantes. This is illustrated by state responses in Latin America to vigilantism

— essentially an attempt to co-opt rather than confront.

Police commissioner George Fivaz's assertion on Saturday — while of course not condoning vigilante violence — that the police wished to work in "partnership" in the Western Cape with vigilante groups, is a classic response.

It must be recognised that what is achieved by vigilante behaviour is not necessarily useful. Vigilante action is essentially reactive — it aims to (violently) suppress. And vigilante action tends to be applied in an ad hoc manner — even though the violation of formal legal boundaries may be supported by the majority of the community, vigilantism is disorderly and unpredictable, often having unforeseen consequences.

The short-term gains of vigilante actions may appear useful, but they tend to be dysfunctional to order, stability and good governance over the longer term. Although vigilante action may buy time, it cannot replace formal political institutions and, indeed, probably inhibits their growth and consolidation. Action outside the system brings more direct and spectacular results than slogging through formal channels, no matter how efficient.

Vigilante behaviour has unpredictable outcomes. Often it simply solidifies the very opposition which it aimed to undercut — it is not for nothing that the gangs on the Cape Flats have resolved their differences in order to counter the common threat that now faces them.

And the experience of Latin America suggests that vigilante violence can rapidly become worse than the crime itself. Punishment tends to be disproportionate; innocent bystanders have little or no protection; and over time many vigilante groups run the risk of them-

selves attracting criminal elements seeking useful avenues to undercut opposition groups and secure turf.

Moreover, when law enforcement officials themselves participate (as in Brazilian death squads of the 1970s) either directly or indirectly in acts of violence, the moral validity (or the remains of it) of the formal law system is undercut. So one of the most serious developments around vigilante violence in the Western Cape is the widespread public perception that police stood back and allowed "natural justice" to take its course.

Over the medium to longer term the greatest danger of vigilante action is that it will spread and become institutionalised — an accepted mechanism to police what is increasingly viewed as the unpolicable.

Be assured that new complexities will develop over time. Police who are viewed to be in cahoots with criminals, for instance, could become targets for attack, upscaling and complicating the conflict.

If the dangers of vigilante action are manifest, what are the solutions? The only alternative is the most difficult one — the establishment of an effective system of criminal justice as a matter of national priority. In the weeks that follow, high-profile anti-gang and drug busts should be carried out. And, importantly, an even-handed process of justice for drug dealers and vigilantes alike must be enforced — the law must be seen to take its course against whoever breaks it.

The SA state, no matter what the degree of breakdown within its institutions of criminal justice, still retains the capacity for such an alternative if it is confronted in a targeted way.

Seeking to co-opt vigilante leaders and placate criminals, while it will ensure peace in the short term, will over time undermine the last shreds of public confidence in the criminal justice system.

The greatest danger is to do nothing by allowing vigilantism, because it has short-term advantages, to run its course.

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Vigilantes jump from a police vehicle which they failed to commandeer in Cape Town on Sunday.

Picture: AP

Fears about Olympic bid

Samantha Sharpe (35)

CAPE TOWN — The recent gang-related violence in the Western Cape could jeopardise Cape Town's bid for the 2004 Olympic Games, bid company CE Chris Ball warned yesterday.

Ball said that while the bid company sympathised with a community frustrated by the effects of drugs and violence, people could not be allowed to turn to their own justice system.

"In striving for the healthy pursuit of sport in a stable environment, it goes without saying that the bid was opposed to gangsterism, drugs and other criminal activity," he said.

"At the same time, however, we stress our support for President Nelson Mandela's view that the authorities cannot allow people to take the law into their own hands."

Sapa reports that People Against Gangsterism and Drugs leader Moegamat Nadthmie Edries, who was arrested in a pre-dawn raid yesterday, appeared briefly in the Wynberg Magistrate's Court in connection with the murder of Hard Livings gang leader and alleged drug lord Rashaad Staggie nine days ago.

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Mandela statement disturbing — DP

Wyndham Hartley

CAPE TOWN — The DP yesterday described as "mind-boggling and disturbing" President Nelson Mandela's statement that only he knew of casino magnate Sol Kerzner's R2m donation to the ANC. DP chief whip Douglas Gibson questioned Mandela's assertion that ANC deputy secretary-general Cheryl Carolus had denied Kerzner's donation because she did not know of it.

"It leads one to conclude that either the president received wheelbarrow loads of cash, including the R2m from Sol Kerzner, or else he deposited the cheques into his private account," Gibson said.

Carolus and others vehemently denied dismissed deputy minister Bantu Holomisa's charge that Kerzner gave money to the organisation.

Gibson said the precedent set by Mandela was disturbing, and the "possible allegations of corruption are endless". He said: "By acting in this irregular way President Mandela has opened himself and his office to allegations from within his own party that it is possible to buy favours from the ANC. This is precisely what Bantu Holomisa has suggested."

Holomisa faces a disciplinary hearing tonight for his evidence to the truth commission that Public Enterprises Minister Stella Sigcau received R50 000 of a R2m bribe for gambling concessions. His later suggestion that Kerzner's donation to the ANC could be why he had not been prosecuted have led to calls for his immediate expulsion from the organisation.

The ANC announced yesterday that while it was committed to transparen-

cy in government, the hearing would not be open to the media.

It said that disciplinary hearings were internal party matters and that it was standard practice to hold them behind closed doors.

Gibson said there was nothing wrong with private donations to political parties. However, accounting for the money was crucial.

The important question to be asked in the Kerzner row was why no prosecution had been instituted. "Years have passed with no action on the part of the attorney-general. Until that prosecution takes place, Holomisa's allegations will not go away."

Sapa reports that charges against Holomisa include that he failed to "observe loyalty and discipline" by publicly accusing the ANC and its senior leaders — particularly Deputy President Thabo Mbeki and Sports Minister Steve Tshwete — of corruption and defeating the ends of justice.

Holomisa accused them of accepting favours from Kerzner and suggested that the former Sun International chairman's R2m donation to the ANC had been in return for protecting him from bribery charges.

The charge sheet catalogues other alleged misconduct, including that on June 8 and 9 Holomisa publicly snubbed the ANC by cancelling an election rally in Umlazi because ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa had failed to respond to his letter.

The disciplinary inquiry will be chaired by Water Affairs Minister Kader Asmal, with Trade and Industry Minister Alex Erwin "prosecuting".

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Crackdown on gangsters expected within days

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Cape Town - A major crackdown on gangsters and drug traffickers is to be launched in the next few days in response to a growing plea by communities for the Government to take a decisive stand against criminals.

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There they tried to stage a march past the Wynberg Magistrates' Court, where Pagad leader Moegamat Edries appeared briefly yesterday in connection with charges of sedition, but police blocked off the route to the courts. There was no sign of firearms, now a common sight at Pagad gatherings.

In his appearance, no charges were put to Edries (37) and he was not asked to plead. The state successfully opposed his application for bail and the matter was postponed until tomorrow to allow further investigation.

Earlier, Pagad member Ishmael Effendi said reports that Pagad was working towards the establishment of a Muslim state were laughable. "In the old apartheid era we had the rooi gevaar and the swart gevaar, now we have the Muslim gevaar."

"Muslims constitute 3% of the population of this country, yet (Western Cape premier) Fernus Kriel is saying that we want to take over this country."

Meanwhile, Cape Attorney-General Frank Kahn has come out in support of the call by the ANC for a state of emergency to be declared in Cape Town to defuse the crisis.

Speaking at a United Front Against Crime meeting last night, Kahn said if the rule of law was failing society, it was a sign that something was drastically wrong and perhaps it was time to take drastic measures.

Minister promises crackdown on crime

IN A DAY OF RELATIVE CALM in the ongoing violence between Pagad and the underworld — when both sides cancelled planned marches — Justice Minister Dullah Omar announced an urgent meeting would be held on Saturday between all those involved in the conflict, write **STAFF REPORTERS**.

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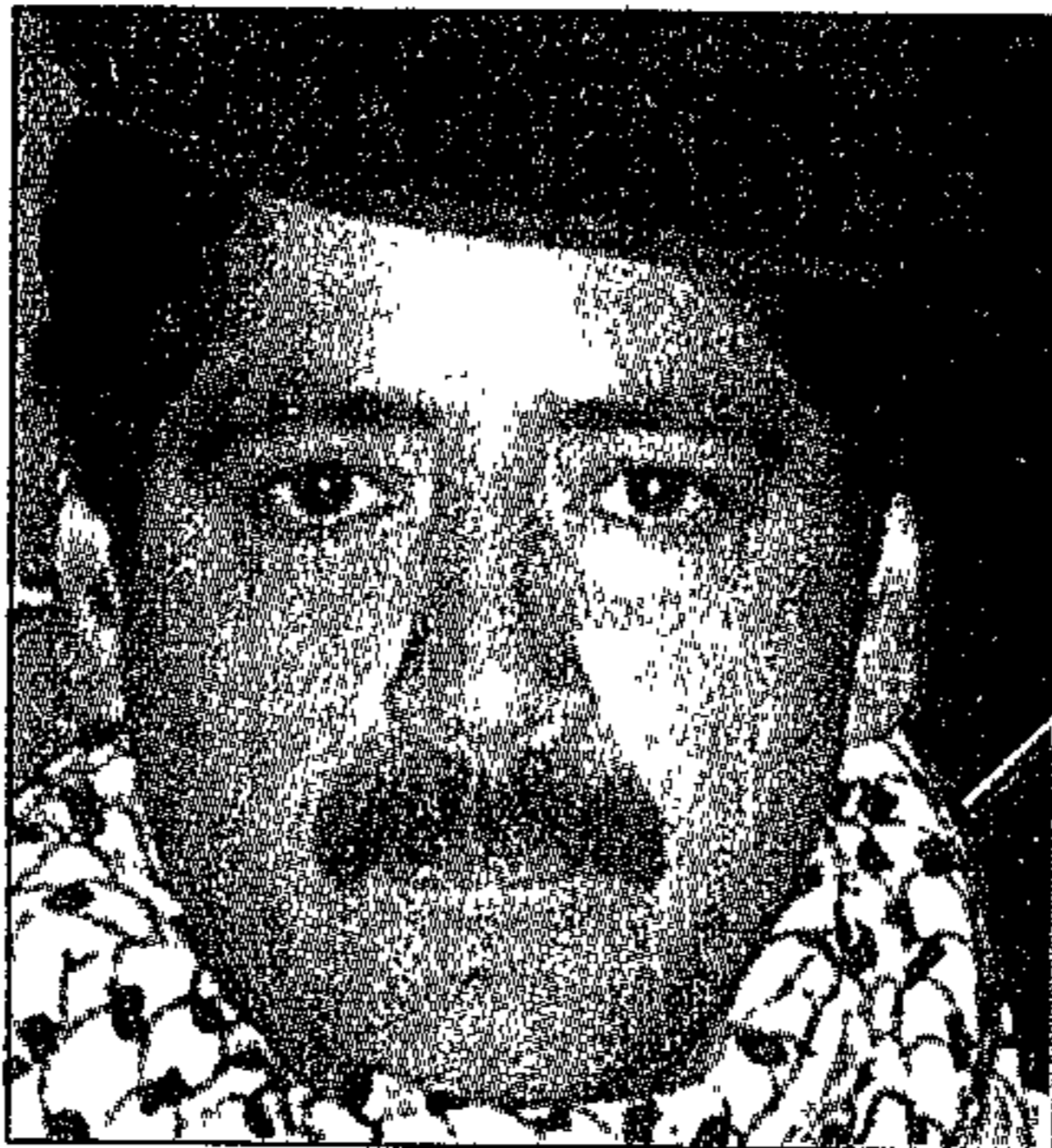
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There was no sign of firearms, a common sight at Pagad gatherings, and a Pagad speaker told police: "We don't have our power tonight."

Pagad assured police they would stage a peaceful protest and that they would not do "anything foolish" tonight.



AT LARGE: Pagad leader Mr Muhammed Ali "Phantom" Parker.

However after receiving permission from police to march past the courthouse, it was decided to call off the march because of fears of possible confrontation with police.

Pagad dispersed following a prayer recital. In an ironic twist a police loudhailer was used to recite Muslim prayers. This follows Monday's declaration by Pagad that the police were their sworn enemies.

It was also learnt late last night that a planned march by gangsters from Belhar and

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Elsie's River today to the city centre has been shelved, as mediators try to arrange a meeting between the gangsters and the authorities.

Pagad said in a strongly-worded statement last night that any meetings with the authorities, be they ministers or national police chief Commissioner George Fivaz, "must take place publicly".

In his appearance, no charges were put to Edries, 37, and he was not asked to plead.

State prosecutor Mr Mike Stowe said further charges could be added, but did not give details.

The state successfully opposed his application for bail and the matter was postponed until tomorrow to allow further investigation.

Police emphatically denied last night that they had arrested Pagad leaders Mr Muhammed Ali "Phantom" Parker and Mr Farouk Jaffer, despite television news reports of rumours that they, like Edries, had been taken into custody in connection with charges of sedition.

Omar said Saturday's meeting would be attended by himself, Minister of Safety and Security Mr Sydney Mufamadi, Mr Fivaz and representatives of anti-crime communities in the Western Cape.

Omar said the "workshops" with community representatives would focus on problems related to the handling of bail applications, police investigations, sentencing in court and the current ineffective system of parole.

A meeting has also been scheduled in the next few days of attorneys-general throughout the country to look at how they could give special attention to dealing with the problem of gangsterism and drug-trafficking.

● There have been at least four drive-by attacks on the Cape Flats by unknown gunmen in the past 48 hours.

WHEN kefiyah-clad men chanted "Allah-u-ak-bar" (God is great) as they shot and burnt Hard Livings gang leader Rashaad Staggie to death recently, fears surfaced of a foreign-sponsored Islamic revolution flaring up in SA.

This view has gained credence with the bringing of sedition charges against the leadership of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad), the group behind the killing, and a leaked police intelligence report claiming the "threat of Islamic extremist fundamentalism has arrived on SA's doorstep".

It is difficult to see how Muslims of any ideological shade can, on their own, pose a serious threat to the state. Only about 2% of the SA population is Muslim, and Muslims have always been part of larger political movements — for instance, Call of Islam was aligned to the UDF and Qibla to the PAC. The tiny population is also divided into religious sects, and further along racial, political and class lines.

Go-it-alone parties such as the Africa Muslim Party failed to win a single seat in the 1994 elections, nor were they a factor in the recent local government elections.

The Durban-based Islamic Dawa Centre is currently campaigning for the death penalty as part of the multireligious National United Peoples' Organisation. And Pagad's membership is open to people of other faiths. Realistically, any real threat to the state can only come about once a new resistance movement, made up of the black majority, surfaces. Widespread disillusionment with the ANC will have to precede its formation. In such a situation, Islam could pose a threat if blacks start drawing from it the inspiration they previously sought from the communist world.

One ANC source says the formation of Pagad is an attempt to create a new anti-ANC movement. The source says Qibla, which was unbanned with other organisations in 1990 but remained opposed to negotiations with the NP, has had a hand in Pagad's formation. Like the now-defunct UDF in the 1980s, it was seeking to mobilise around a

Fears of an Islamic revolution in SA seem unfounded

FAROUK CHOTHIA in Durban

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"bread and butter" issue affecting everyone. He says a Pagad political agenda is coming to the fore, after the arrest of seven members by police on Sunday, spokesman Mohammed Parker said: "This government is not fit to govern".

Another ANC-aligned source says that an opportunity for Qibla to build support has arisen because groups such as Call of Islam have ceased to be active since the ANC became the government.

Qibla has been a key factor in the Cape Town-based Islamic Unity Convention, an umbrella body for a host of tiny organisations, formed in 1994. It has a community radio station, Radio 786, which has voiced concern over drugs and has built Pagad support, one source says.

An Israeli newspaper claimed earlier this year that the Iranian-backed Hizbollah movement had set up training bases in SA, and Agence France Presse news agency last week quoted an unnamed government source as claiming that foreign-trained militant Muslim cells, with Libyan connections, were operating in SA.

University of the Western Cape senior lecturer in religion Farid Esack dismisses the reports as "absolute rubbish". Esack says it would be illogical for Libya and Iran to jeopardise relations with the ANC by setting up bases. The two are world pariahs, but have gained

some standing as a result of friendliness shown towards them by President Nelson Mandela.

Esack says that while he believes Staggie's killing was un-Islamic, it should be seen in the context of a "wave of ethical and moral indignation" at the proliferation of drugs and gangsterism. Whenever Muslims feel they are faced with a "profound crisis" they "dig deep into their religious roots" to formulate a response, he says.

Esack says if there are foreign-trained men within Pagad, there are very few of them and they would have received training through the ANC or the PAC during the anti-apartheid era.

Pagad started, apparently last November, as a peaceful organisation. It held protest marches and sent petitions to authorities. Its most militant action was to invade Justice Minister Dullah Omar's home to demand action against drug lords, and to threaten him with death. There might be a feeling among Pagad supporters that Omar has betrayed them. A Muslim and a former activist, he is now failing to come to their rescue.

Esack says that some Cape Town Muslims started "very basic" training three to four months ago, after perceptions grew that the authori-

ties were not stamping out crime. The training covers the use of firearms, basic intelligence-gathering methods, and "obedience and discipline" in terms of Islamic dictates. Muslims traditionally from the left of the SA political spectrum have been involved.

Esack says anger over crime has been aggravated by liberalisation of society, particularly abolition of the death penalty and impending legalisation for abortion.

Observers say this is one of the contradictions devout Muslims are facing. They felt morally and religiously obliged to fight apartheid (and never believed in creating an Islamic state, again resulting in a minority dominating a majority) but now find difficulty accepting policies which go against Islamic teaching.

For any organisation to win Muslim support, the response of the imams, in turn, tend to take guidance on major issues from four bodies representing them: the Muslim Judicial Council, which is influential in the former Cape, the Gauteng-based Jamiat-ul-Ulema, which covers the former Transvaal, the Natal Jamiat-ul-Ulema and the Sunni Jamiat-ul-Ulema.

The council and the Sunni Jamiat were supportive of the anti-apartheid struggle, while the Transvaal and Natal Jamiats were not. Many of the latter's theologians believed

the "communist" ANC would destroy religious freedom.

The former two are supportive of Iran, while the latter two identify closely with Saudi Arabia, and some of their theologians argue that Shiites — the Islamic sect to which most Iranians belong — are not Muslims.

Pagad received a boost when council president Sheik Mohammed Nazeem addressed its Sunday rally.

Esack says military style training of Muslims also started up in parts of KwaZulu-Natal and Gauteng after the 1990 unbanning of organisations. Muslims from the right of the SA political spectrum have been involved in this initiative.

Apart from crime, they were motivated by "illogical" fears related to black rule, says Esack.

The training has not been secretive. The Mail & Guardian newspaper reported in 1993 that "jihad movements are gaining popularity in SA but the enemy is not the infidel — it is neighbourhood crime".

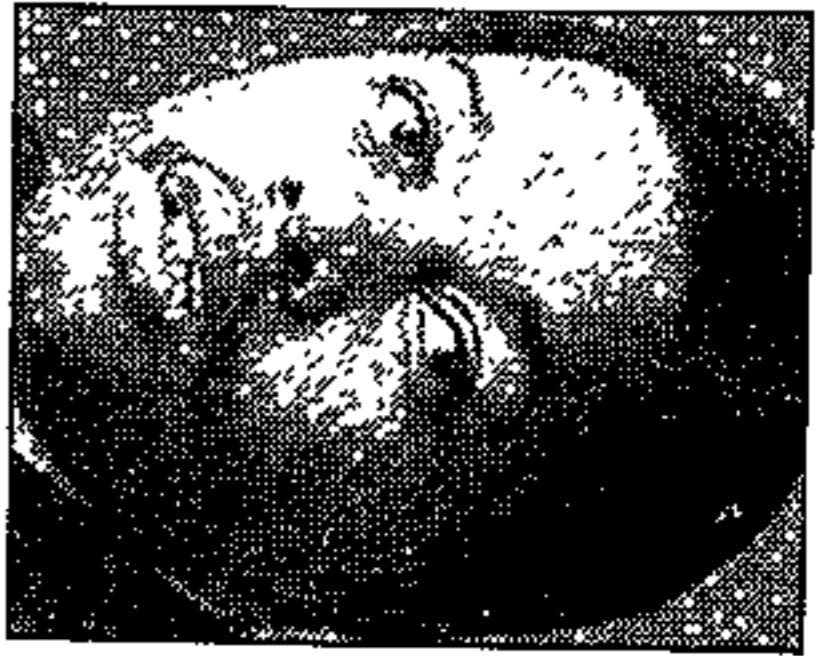
Muslims give the term jihad different interpretations. It has become a catchword, and is invoked to rally support behind various causes. Among the meanings mentioned in media reports recently are: "to fight for yourself and protect your family" and "spiritual and physical fitness ... charity and good work".

The training camps are not necessarily reserved for Muslims. One camp in Johannesburg's Mayfair has apparently received strong Hindu support.

Observers say demands for the creation of an Islamic state cannot always be taken literally either. A leader could make such a call in the context of campaigning for the death penalty, as it can be imposed under Islamic law.

Local Muslims have long been part of "the global Muslim village" and show solidarity when Muslims elsewhere are under attack — such as in Afghanistan, Libya or Bosnia.

It is possible that such links have prompted some local Muslims to turn to foreign contacts in the current crisis. But to interpret this as co-ordinated international fomenting of Islamic revolution would be to stretch credibility.



Crime-fighting Pagad may have more sinister

Whatever the cause, anyone who breaks the law should be brought to book, writes Jovial Rantao

When a movement was started in Cape Town to root out the peddling of crime, drugs and other illegal substances from our society, organisers received rounds of applause for dipping in where the police had failed.

What we saw on national television was a community that had had enough. What we witnessed was a community that was ready to protect its children from becoming the next victims of drug abuse. What we saw was Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi's dream of community policing coming to fruition.

While the published objectives of the People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad), seemed noble and worthy of the support the organisation received, one has

remained concerned about whether this was a genuine "people's action" or an opportunity for Muslim fundamentalists to show us that they are capable of importing violence from the Middle East.

In the eyes of ordinary South Africans, Pagad is a separatist movement with other (more sinister) objectives other than eradicating drug lords, crime and gangsterism. If this is a genuine "people's" movement, why is it exclusively Muslim?

In Cape Town one would be interested to know why other members of the communities affected by the drug-peddling and gangsterism are not included in this movement.

If Pagad members and supporters see themselves as law-abiding citizens, bound by the Interim Constitution, why did they

see it fit to ignore the Government's community-policing initiatives?

No one wants drugs. No one wants drug lords. Everyone hates crime and gangsters. But, there's a way of doing things. There are rules and regulations to be followed.

If anyone, Pagad included, breaks these rules and regulations, they should be viewed by the law in the same light as the drug peddlers and the killer gangs.

There's no major difference between Pagad and drug-peddling gangsters. Both parties do not recognise the laws of this country. Both parties have killed - albeit for different reasons - but in the eyes of the law they remain murderers.

The only minor difference is that while drug peddlers kill our society slowly by providing them with drugs, Pagad kills them instantly. If Pagad does not want to be viewed as just another gangster or a mili-

tant fundamentalist grouping using crime and drugs as a springboard to come into the open, then it should submit itself to the laws of this country.

Pagad should do what it should have done in the first place - consult. It should also submit all its weapons to the police for ballistic tests in order to ascertain which killed Rashaad Staggie.

The fact that Staggie was a self-confessed drug peddler does not mean that his killers should be allowed to go free. As much as Staggie should have been dragged before our courts and sentenced, his killers must face the same fate.

George Fivaz and his men need to send a strong message that they are even-handed by applying the law on these vigilantes. In that light, the arrest of a Pagad member in

connection with Staggie's murder is a step in the right direction. The police should take seriously, but not be deterred by, threats by Pagad that they would use suicide bombers if any one of their members was arrested. Our police and Government should not be held to ransom by these vigilantes, who, it now appears, might also be dealing in drugs. The weekend launching of similar organisations in Gauteng and KwaZulu Natal is too much of a coincidence. Reports that Pagad receives some form of help from Libya and that it has vowed to ask for help from the Hezbollah and Hamas militants in the Middle East are but some of the factors which lead one to conclude that this is not just another community effort against crime, but the emergence of a militant fundamentalist movement. The time to act is now.

260 defence force members moved to Cape Flats

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Cape Town - Justice Minister Dullah Omar moved to a "safe house" with his family yesterday amid fears he could become a target in a violent feud between druglords and Muslim vigilantes.

Omar, who was confronted at his home by a militant Muslim group earlier this year and given 60 days to take legal action against drug merchants, said he had moved house to protect his family.

Hostilities in the crime-ridden suburbs of Cape Town burst into the open on August 4 when Islamic

vigilantes shot dead druglord Rashaad Staggie, saying they could no longer wait for the state to act.

Yesterday police and soldiers arrested five men and seized two firearms when they raided the homes of alleged druglords and dealers on the Cape Flats.

Earlier in the day, Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi announced that the Western Cape gang unit would be beefed up by 260 defence force members.

Mufamadi's an-

ouncement follows clashes between gangsters and the vigilante group People Against Gangs and Drugs in the Cape Flats.

Ten days ago about 200 Pagad members shot and burnt to death Hard Livings gang leader Rashaad Staggie at his Salt River home.

While a Pagad leader, Moegamat Nadthmie Edries, was arrested on charges of sedition, his organisation threatened a holy war, or jihad, if the government did not eradicate the gang and drug problem within 14 days.

Yesterday an armed man was slightly injured when security forces shot a stun grenade at a Valhalla Park house.

Staggie's brother, Rashied, now the leader of the Hard Livings gang, visited the area to support residents.

Pastor Albert Martins, a spokesman for The Firm, claimed police had broken an undertaking given gangsters at Bishop Lavis police station.

Commissioner George Fivaz denied police were negotiating with gangsters. - Sapa-Reuter.

Pagad⁽³⁵⁾ leader's *Sowetan 15/8/96* lawyer seeks bail

By Waghied Misbach
Political Reporter

THE lawyer of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) leader Nadthmie Edries will ask for bail today when he appears in the Wynberg Regional Court on a charge of sedition.

Lawyer Mohamed Esau told *Sowetan* earlier that he would ask the magistrate to have his client released on bail. The state is expected to oppose bail for Edries, who was arrested by police on Monday in a pre-dawn raid. The police have also been on the lookout for two other Pagad leaders, Mohamed Ali "Phantom" Parker and Farouk Jaffer.

Sowetan received unconfirmed reports earlier this week that the two had been arrested but this has been denied by the police.

Edries has been under 24-hour police guard after gangsters threatened to kill him. Esau said that he feared for his client's life and that he was being kept away from Pollsmoor Prison, which is riddled with gangsters linked to the Hard Livings gang whose leader, Rashaad Staggie, was killed last week.

Pagad members are again expected to stage protests calling for the release of Edries at the Wynberg court today. Yesterday Pagad members demonstrated in front of the court, calling for Edries' release.

Sapa reports that Police Commissioner George Fivaz denied yesterday that police were involved in negotiations with Cape Flats gangsters.

"I must categorically reject any suggestion that I or the South African Police Services are involved in any negotiations whatsoever with Cape Flats gangsters on the present gang and vigilante problem," Fivaz said in a statement.

Fivaz was responding to an SABC news report that 20 Cape Flats gang leaders were to meet a representative of his office at a secret venue. The radio report said the gang leaders were expecting a response to a memorandum handed to police last Sunday. They were to discuss the threat posed by Pagad.

FEARS FOR SAFETY OF HIS FAMILY

Justice Minister forced to move

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SEVERAL MEMBERS of the community including the Justice Minister and a Muslim religious leader have moved out of their homes in fear of their lives. **ROGER FRIEDMAN** reports.

MINISTER of Justice Mr Dullah Omar has been forced to move out of his Rylands home due to the spiralling conflict and angry rhetoric between militant community organisation People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad), the underworld and police.

Since his elevation to the cabinet in 1994, Omar — whose home has been under heavy police guard since being invaded by an armed gang of anti-drug protesters and receiving death threats in March — has consistently pooched suggestions that he move to more secure accommodation.

"My attitude throughout my life has been never to move out of my area or away from my community. But the situation is very volatile," said Omar, interviewed in his office yesterday.

"I have lived through terrible times over many years, with my life being threatened. I have never been afraid of death, but I have to think of my family and other innocent people."

He wanted to make it clear that he did not feel under any threat from the Muslim community, or from Pagad "as an organisation," but he suspected certain "haverick groups or individuals" were attempting to take advantage of the volatile situation. These elements were not necessarily of the Muslim faith, or Pagad members.

He said the move was temporary: "I will never move out permanently, I

will not break my links with the community."

Omar is not the first person forced to flee his home in the past 10 days amid angry rhetoric from Pagad and underworld leaders, threats and counter-threats, and increasing incidents of drive-by shootings.

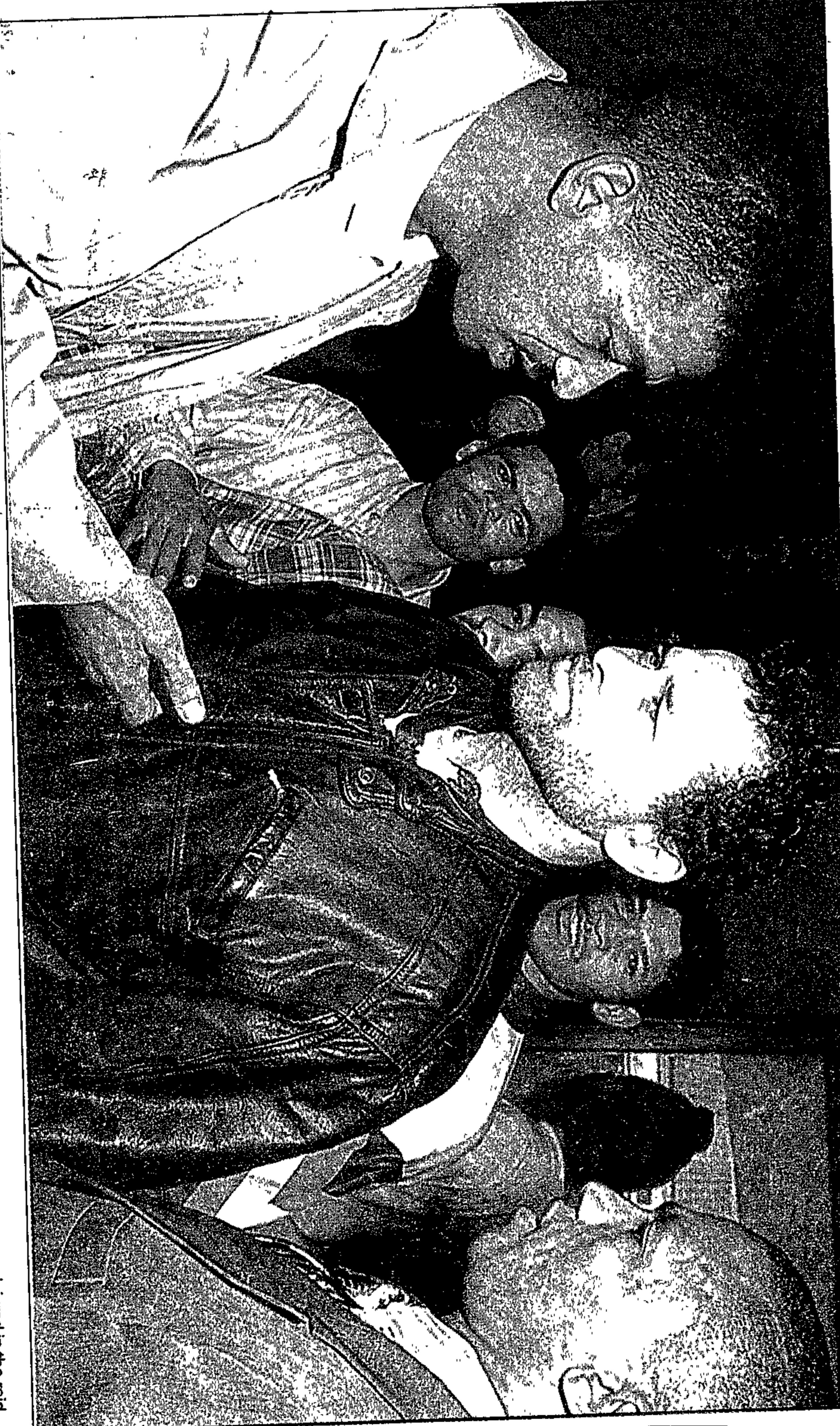
Certain Pagad members have moved from home for security reasons (or to escape the police), as have the families of some underworld figures, journalists, members of the Muslim community and at least one Muslim religious leader.

Omar said he held "fruitful discussions" with the Muslim Judicial Council yesterday: "Our relationship is as close as ever." He was also maintaining a "talking relationship" with Pagad.

Omar "regretted" that Pagad had not publicly acknowledged the steps taken by his office since receiving a 60-day ultimatum from the organisation on May 11. Many issues raised in the ultimatum were not the responsibility of his department, "but I dealt with the justice issues". Meetings had been set up for Pagad with the attorney-general, chief magistrate and the senior public prosecutor.

"As far as I am concerned the Department of Justice, responsible for the courts, will do its bit to ensure effective action is taken. I accept the point of view that our courts need to be improved."

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FEELING THE STRAIN: Hard Livings gang leader Mr Rashied Steaggle (centre) listens to reports about the police raid in Valhalla Park yesterday. One person was injured in the raid, which resulted in a heated confrontation between the community and the police.

PICTURE: GUY ADAMS

Such headlines created the erroneous impression that repressive steps were being taken against members of a particular faith. "The ANC calls on all the different faiths to work together to ensure that the fight against crime will be accompanied by a commitment to eradicate violence and to establish the rule of law."

Also, he said, the ANC was concerned that armed gangsters were allowed to march in support of criminal demands on Sunday.

Chairperson of the ANC's commission for religious affairs, MP Mr Carl Niehaus, has voiced "concern" over a poster published by Die Burger stating: "Police taking action against Muslims".

"We cannot fight gangsterism into lawlessness. In this regard, Pagad's mobilisation of the people was a positive development. Community participation was to be applauded, but could not be allowed to spill over into lawlessness.

Omar was hopeful that a crisis on led to a dead end. mass action people had embarked on led to a dead end. It would be sad if the justice system. It would be sad if the community and the criminal justice system, including a host of role-players feeding into the criminal justice system, including Pagad — would result in a community monitoring mechanism to keep an eye on the courts.

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Police empty-handed after raid on gangs

MELANIE GOSLING

POLICE raided a Valhalla Park house yesterday, hoping to find illegal weapons — but came away empty-handed after an angry confrontation with residents.

Around noon yesterday police were tipped off that Cape Flats gangs were gathering at a house in Valhalla Park to discuss plans to pool their weapons — many of them believed to be illegal firearms.

Two hours later, after swooping on the Hazel Street house and five others in the area with a contingent of about 60 police and eight armoured vehicles, they

had arrested just one man — for possession of eight "stops" of dagga. They found no illegal weapons and no gang meeting.

They also found themselves embroiled in a heated confrontation with the community, after alleged top gangster Mr Colin Stansfield was injured when a stun grenade detonated next to him, ripping his trousers and injuring his leg.

Stansfield said he had been standing on the pavement drinking coffee when he was hit.

Senior Superintendent Artie Trollip, commander of the serious violent crime

unit, said: "We can't rule out the possibility that police received false information."

Members of the 9 SA Infantry Battalion were also present in a Casspir and a Buffel.

Meanwhile, 20 gang leaders — including Hard Livings leader Mr Rashied Staggie — were at the police station in Bishop Lavis when the raids were launched. They were meeting Commissioner Kallie Westraad to discuss a reply to a memorandum they had sent to the provincial police commissioner at the weekend.

Pastor Alberm Martins, who said he was acting as spokesman for the gangs,

attended the meeting, and said they had asked for police help.

"But all we got was a briefie (letter)."

Westraad said they had told the gang leaders at the meeting that police would not condone any offences. He said they had not negotiated with the gangs and had told them police would protect anyone in the community within the bounds of the law.

Meanwhile, feelings were running high after the raid as hundreds of people crammed into Hazel Street, jostling around the armoured vehicles and shouting at police. Their remarks varied

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from: "Relax, just stay calm, man" to "Nou gaan ons hulle doodmaak!"

One woman, tears running down her face, shouted: "You f***ing boere (police) are gangsters! We are innocent." She had gold teeth, diamond rings on each finger, a cellphone in one hand and a gun in the other.

Staggie arrived, pushed through the crowd and into the house, but later allowed a foreign television crew inside. He would not comment on the situation.

A man who said he was a member of the Mangrels gang said police were preventing gangs from holding a mass meeting to "tell the people what's happening".

The police don't want us to come together. Hulle skiet sommer (They just shoot). We want to have a big meeting today. We are human beings, we can't just be shot like a dog. Why didn't they block the roads in Salt River when Pagad came — that man (lynched gang leader Pashaad Staggie) would still be alive."

Trollip later said that they had received information that gangs were gathering in the house to discuss the pooling of weapons, and that there were guards outside.

"When police arrived there were a number of people outside who they suspected of being guards. As a safety precaution they used three stun grenades to enable police to enter the house safely.

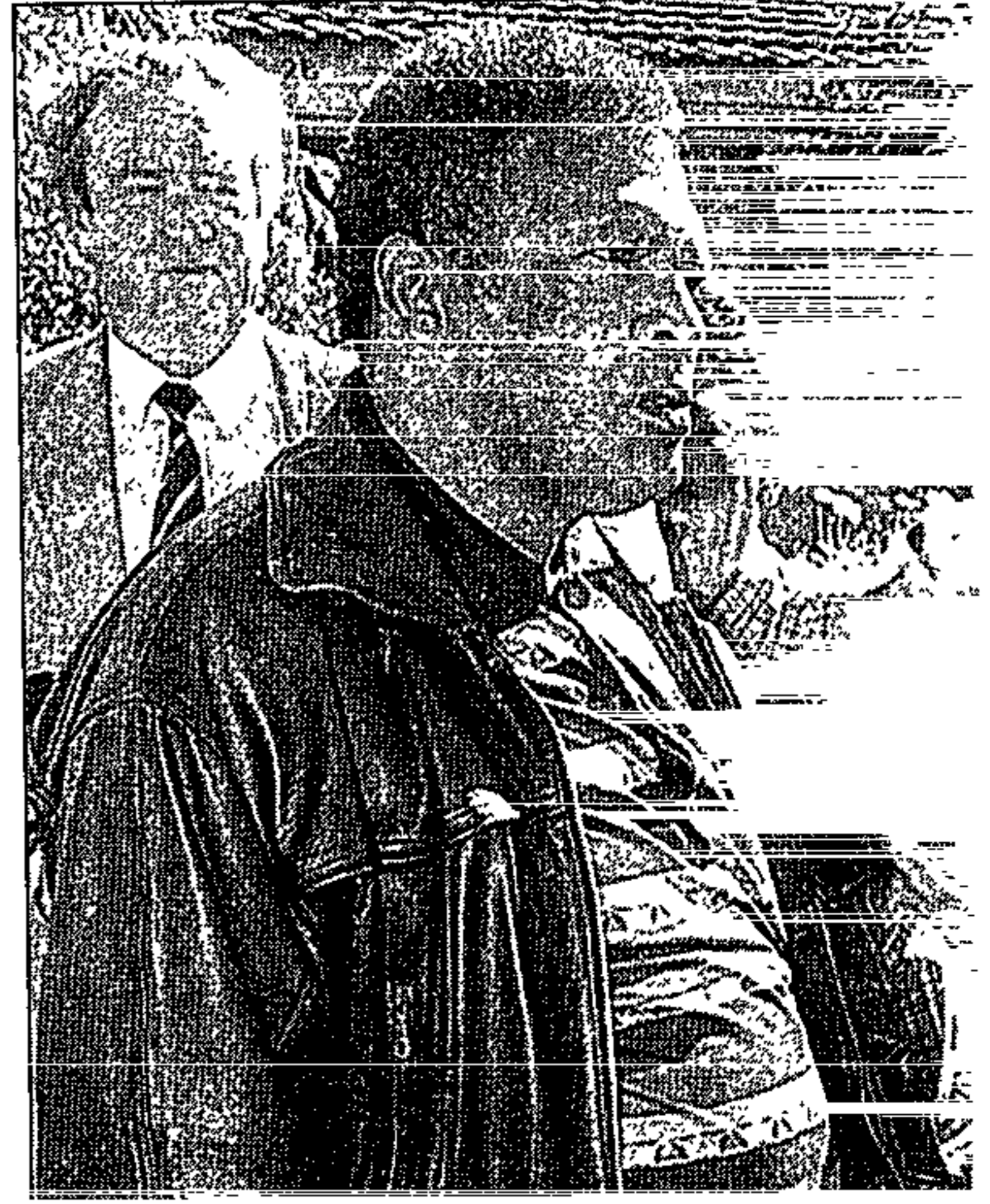
"Unfortunately one detonated next to Mr Stansfield and injured his leg. He immediately received medical attention from the police.

"He and his vehicle were searched and two firearms were found. He produced licences for both." Trollip said police had found four people in the Hazel Street house and four licensed firearms.

Asked if he thought the police had botched the raid, Trollip said: "No. We had information of criminal activity and we acted as quickly as we could. The action was necessary."

Trollip said police were under a lot of pressure and had been wrongly accused of not acting against criminals. "If that is true, why are the courts full and the jails full? The police must be doing something right."

● An uneasy calm descended on large parts of the Cape Flats last night. No clashes were reported between gangsters and Pagad.



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STANDOFF: Hundreds of people cram into Hazel Street in Valhalla Park yesterday and confront police after a raid on an alleged gang meeting. **LEFT:** Alleged gang leader Mr Colin Stansfield's trousers caught alight when a stun grenade detonated next to him. **PICTURES: GUY ADAMS**

How events in violent battle over drugs, gangs unfolded

NOVEMBER 1995: Pagad formed, an umbrella body of neighbourhood watch and religious groups.

● March 6, 1996: Protest march to Minister of Justice's office to demand government action against crime and drugs.

● March 14: Home of Justice Minister Mr Dullah Omar is invaded by an armed gang over drugs and gangsterism.

● May 11: Protest march and ultimatum to the government to rid Cape Town of drugs and gangs within 60 days.

● June 25: Meeting with Justice Minister.

● July 11: 60-day ultimatum expires.

● July 18: Pagad holds first protest at the home of alleged drug dealer. Shots are fired.

● July 21: Pipe-bomb allegedly planted by Pagad outside another alleged drug dealer's home fails to explode. Shots are fired.

● August 1: A taxi is set alight in Hanover Park outside home of an alleged drug dealer.

● August 4: Gang leader Rashaad Staggie is torched and shot in Salt River.

● August 11: Pagad exchanges

fire with police following a meeting in Athlone.

● August 12: Pagad spokesman Mr Farouk Jaffer warns of Jihad or 'holy war' against the government and criminals; Pagad leaders discuss switching to guerrilla tactics. Police arrest Pagad leader Mr Nadthmie Edries. Two other leaders go underground.

● August 13: Omar moves out of Rylands home.

Gunning for those licensed weapons

Muslims and militancy: Tough choices for a devout minority

How is it that known gangsters can walk around with licensed firearms? And how do people get licences for some of the dangerous-looking, semi-automatic weapons they carry around? PIETER MALAN investigates.

CAPE Town's Muslim community may be a minority group in the city, but their staunch religious beliefs have given them a very powerful voice. While the organisation People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) often argue they are representative of the broader community, there is a general perception that the group is based largely on Muslim principles. There is also a general belief that all Muslims are united in their support of Pagad. How do Muslims, especially those living in gangster-ravaged areas, reconcile their religious beliefs while living in communities which are dominated by Christians? JOSEPH ARANES investigates.

CAPE Town's Muslims are generally regarded as a very close-knit community, but the recent campaign of action against gangsterism, by members of the organisation Pagad, has revealed some rifts.

While Muslims will generally support the campaign against crime, as will most law-abiding Cape Town residents, there are Muslims who are totally against the militant tactics of Pagad and who would prefer a more moderate approach to the problem.

Sulayman Isaacs of the Community Peace Foundation said there were also inherent class differences between the city's Muslims.

In working class areas, where gangsterism was rife, Muslims were fewer in number than in more affluent areas such as Surrey Estate, Wynberg and the Bo-Kaap, where they were the dominant group.

He said working class Muslims

LEGAL loopholes and corrupt officials make it possible for just about anyone in this country to legally own a gun.

In recent raids on gangster strongholds police found several firearms, but because most were licensed, they could do nothing and the people involved got off scot-free.

It is this scenario that makes ordinary law-abiding citizens' blood boil.

One member of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) said recently that if the police needed information about police corruption, they had merely to check closely the licences issued to known gangsters.

"How many gangsters are walking around with licensed firearms?" he asked.

"Most of these guys have criminal records as long as my arm. Who gave them the licences? If that isn't clear evidence of corruption, then I don't know what is."

Police spokesman Wicus Holtzhausen countered that policemen had indeed been prosecuted for illegally issuing gun licences.

In December last year Willem Mühlenbeck was jailed after being found guilty of approving false firearm licences for criminals and drug dealers at between R3 000 and R6 000 a piece.

Captain Holtzhausen said police would investigate the matter further to try and establish who'd bought licences from Mühlenbeck.

Others also point to a loophole in the Arms and Ammunition Act whereby anyone can legally carry someone else's gun if they have a letter of permission from the legal licence holder in terms of Section 8 of the act. This, say some critics, opens the door for many criminals to legally carry a firearm, even

though they would never be able to get a licence themselves.

National Party member of parliament Patrick McKenzie said he had complained about this discrepancy when he was still the Western Cape Minister of Police.

"Most problems we have are caused by people who legally carry firearms."

He said a report was sent off to the deputy Minister of Law and Order late last year in which it was suggested that Section 8 of the law be scrapped.

He said such an amendment was a fairly easy matter and could have gone through Parliament months ago if only the African National Congress government was serious about the issue.

A spokesman for the Minister of Safety and Security, Sydney Mufamadi's office, confirmed that such an amendment was in the pipeline.

Gunshop owner Gerhard Dreyer says, however, that law-abiding citizens are being penalised because police are not doing their job properly.

"That Section 8 also clearly states that I cannot write out a temporary licence to somebody until I can give a gun to anyone."

He said the section was regularly used by sportsmen who need to lend rifles to others during competitions.

How is it possible for people to get licences for some of the vicious-looking semi-automatic pistols looking like recently found on known gangsters?

Yesterday, The Argus published a picture on its front page of an Italian-made Sies Falcon semi-automatic pistol that was found in the possession of gang kingpin Colin Stansfield. As Mr Stansfield had a licence for the gun, police

member of The Firm, Colin Stansfield, only to find that the guns in his possession, including a military-style semi-automatic pistol, were all legally licensed and reg-



IT'S LEGAL: Left, Colin Stansfield shows police detectives, left, his gun licence and a letter of consent for possessing the guns.

ON THE MOVE: Right, Cape Flats gangsters, many heavily armed, take to the streets to protest against the threats made against them by Pagad.

Pictures: LEON MÜLLER

and BRENTON GEACH, The Argus.



handed it back.

Gun dealer Steve Coetzee said even though the weapon looked vicious and was equipped with a 50-round magazine, it was classified no differently from an ordinary pistol in terms of the law.

The Sies Spectre M4 or Sies Falcon as it is also known, is a 9 mm parabolium pistol made for civilian use, even though a military version exists.

He said that like any other pistol, it automatically loaded another round into the chamber after the trigger was pulled, and it could not shoot continuously as could an automatic assault rifle like the army's R4.

Licence authorities only differentiated between carbines and pistols. If the Sies was equipped with a fold-in butt, it would be a carbine and so much more difficult to get a licence for.

Despite the differences between carbines and pistols, South African Gunowners' Association spokesman Ian Lehr says it is difficult for ordinary citizens to get a licence for a military-style semi-automatic pistol.

Captain Holtzhausen said he was not sure how Mr Stansfield managed to get a licence for the gun.

Violent Crimes Unit boss Attie Trollip said the raid on Mr Stansfield's house prompted a "drastic" probe by police.

"We are at the moment looking at the licences of people thought to

be convicted criminals, which disqualifies them from gun ownership," he said.

Other experts point out that if a total review of all licences issued in the past was not undertaken, amendments to the act or the licence issuing procedure would not help much.

One dealer points out that it already takes two months to get a firearm licence approved as police now have to scrutinise an application form that asks for more information about the prospective buyer than ever before.

Yet there are already enough licensed guns in unscrupulous hands out there to cause murder and mayhem in the city's streets.

During Sunday's march to Hanover Park, the protesters had passed the house of another alleged drug lord without giving him an ultimatum.

He said it seemed they did not want to disrupt the areas in which they lived and were prepared to take the war to areas where people were constantly bearing the brunt of the bullets and the violence.

And drug lords living in middle class areas were never termed gangsters, while those living in working class townships were labelled anything from gangsters to the scum of the earth.

He said lots of people, across religious and race lines, had for years taken issue with gangsters and embarked on campaigns against crime, especially during the 1980s, when the country was embroiled in political upheaval and the police used gangsters for their own purposes.

This alleged collusion between the

Why the sale of bulletproof vests will continue to soar

JOSEPH ARANES
Staff Reporter

record if the applicant had one, fingerprints and the necessary proof of gun handling and safety training.

All this information was then sent to a central firearm registry in

the commissioner of police.

Theoretically, there was no legal limit to the number of guns an individual might own. Depending on the circumstances and the motivation,

known gangsters could go about carrying licensed firearms. Local police stations had to send recommendations, and in most cases they should know who the local hood-

lums were and, if the applica-

They didn't enjoy the luxury of leading a better Islamic life, as they were caught up in an economic struggle to survive in areas with largely Christian social influences.

And in many cases they identified quite easily with their neighbours because they were in the same class situation.

Because of the relative wealth of middle-class Muslims, they could often send their children to be properly educated, both academically and religiously. They formed the dominant view in many of the Islamic forums. They were more often than not the Imams, the Gallefahs (Islamic teachers) and clergy - and were highly respected in all communities, Mr Isaacs said.

Muslims in township areas, although they held the same strong beliefs, were also closely connected to their surrounding community and would often have more Christian friends.

He said the call by Pagad to rid the Cape Flats of drug lords and gangsters had the support of many ordinary people.

But for many working class Muslims the call placed them in a dilemma. If they were strong in their faith, then they must be pro-Pagad.

And if - for whatever reason - they didn't respond to the call, they were seen to be for the gangsters.

There was no middle road and while most working class Muslims, like their Christian neighbours, had had enough of gangsters disrupting and destroying their lives and were anti-gangsters, they were forced to live with it.

They were hearing the brunt of gang activity, but were not inspired enough to join Pagad in its militant tactics.

Mr Isaacs said they had to go home - to working areas which were infested with gangsters - after the marches.

Many Muslims, he said, were not yet prepared to sacrifice their lives for a cause they support.

This was causing divisions within the Muslim community and between Christians and Muslims in disadvantaged areas.

There was also a strong feeling in many of these communities, especially among the Christians, that the Muslims wanted to take over the country.

And the talk of Jihad (holy war) and enlisting the support of Hamas and Hizbollah further fuelled this notion.

Mr Isaacs said Pagad's protest marches and handing over of ultimatum to drug merchants, were perceived by working class Muslims as being very selective.

Known druglords reside in many of the middle class areas, yet the focus of Pagad's campaign seemed to be targeting working class areas.

services and of alleged police complicity with gangs and drug lords.

Mr Isaacs said that after the country's first democratic elections, communities were in a position to focus their energies directly on the problem of crime and many communities formed neighbourhood watches and community policing forums.

But a lot of frustration crept in because, in spite of all their efforts and good intentions, the agencies of the state proved to be ineffective in dealing with the matter. Their serious and honest attempts came to nought.

He said this was the crux of the problem and organisations like Pagad, who initially went out of their way to speak to government ministers and officials to highlight the seriousness of the problems, came back with a lot of empty promises.

"As organisations we must put pressure on the government to stamp out corruption in their agencies.

"We know that many of the politicians agree with the sentiments of the communities and want to implement effective mechanisms to deal with the problems, but there are those in the civil service who are clinging to their old conservative and corrupt ideas.

"This adds to the frustrations of the people who want to see changes taking place and it is easy for organisations, like Pagad, to rally support for their campaigns.

"The government knows all this. We know how frustrated Harry Joshua was when he took the law into his own hands and killed gangsters in Delft.

"But they are still showing a lack of urgency and the crisis we are faced with today is not one about drugs and crime, but a crisis that is rooted in the past government's inability to deal with the matter - and the present government's reluctance to take strong action to prevent the country from sliding into lawlessness and anarchy."

Mr Isaacs said the problem lay not only in the arrest of drug lords, but the communities needed a show of force and a willingness to take control of the situation by the government.

They had the autonomy, they were democratically elected and represented the people and must enforce the law.

He said no-one else had the power to do it.

"The country's Constitution is being challenged by gangsters smoking their drugs on the streets.

"The people of this country fought hard and long for the new constitution and if the state does not show a willingness to defend it, then all those who died in the struggle against apartheid, lost their lives in vain," said Mr Isaacs.

firearms and what the requirements are for the granting of licences.

Yet the events of the past few weeks have clearly demonstrated that laws are readily broken, or loopholes in the legislation abused.

Last weekend hundreds of well-known Cape Flats gangsters took to the streets, openly displaying a range of firearms. On the other side of town, members of the organisation People Against Drugs and Gangsterism (Pagad) were also flouting the law, openly displaying their firepower.

On Wednesday police raided the Valhalla Park home of a known

Tan Lehr of the South African Gunowners' Association said that firearms of the current legislation it was illegal to display firearms in public, and that known gangsters and druglords should not be in a position to own licensed guns.

He said the decision to grant licences lay with the commissioner of police, who had to be satisfied with the applicant's reasons for wanting to own a firearm.

Each gun had to be individually licensed and a detailed form submitted to the local police station. Included must be a sound motivation for the licence, personal background - including a criminal

to be granted or refused. The registry would check for a criminal record and only if they were satisfied, would they issue a licence.

Mr Lehr said that, generally, if the applicant had been involved in crimes of violence, the licence was refused. People who were unstable, homeless and those who were either closely associated with criminal activities or who were known gangsters, would not be expected to be issued with a licence.

He said there was no fixed law to determine who qualified for a gun licence and the discretion for issuing licences rested exclusively with

not expect them to recommend that a licence be issued.

The same would go for people with criminal records, drug lords, wife-beaters and those involved in other illegal, violent activities.

He said the loophole in the legislation, which allowed for a licensed gunowner to lend his firearm to another person by signing a letter of consent, was a problem that the government was working to amend.

But until that happened and given the crisis out on the city's streets, the sale of bulletproof vests would continue to soar.

sued for more than one firearm.

But as a matter of general policy, very good reasons and satisfactory motivations had to be submitted. In most cases these were granted largely to people involved in shooting as a sport and to gun collectors.

As a matter of policy, the police would not grant licences for certain guns like semi-automatic shotguns and rifles, and fully automatic machine guns. They wouldn't normally give the same applicant more than one licence for the same calibre weapon.

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not expect them to recommend that a licence be issued.

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'Phantom' in surprise appearance at mosque

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TWO leaders of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) sought by police made a surprise appearance at the Gatesville mosque to assure their followers they were safe. One, Muhammad Ali "Phantom" Parker, was earlier this week described by police as "extremely dangerous" and a man who should not be approached.

The other, Pagad chief coordinator Farook Jaffer, jokingly said that he had been offered a palace to live in.

"It took me two days to investigate whether it would be safe, but I decided to rather come back to my tiny home," he said. Mr Parker said he was glad to see his followers again and vowed that Pagad would not stop until the Cape Flats was rid of drugs and gangs.

At the same meeting, Muslim Judicial Council president Nazeem Mohamed called on the state to drop unconditionally the sedition charges brought against Pagad security chief Nadhmie Edries, who was released on R10 000 bail yesterday.

"The state must return the bail and drop the charges immediately. They must stop hunting people who stand up for this cause," he said. He said Mr Edries was an honourable man not involved in what his critics said he was doing.

"They throw innocent people in jail and the guilty walk free," he said.

Sheikh Mohamed also called on members to be disciplined in their struggle, as discipline was part and parcel of the Islamic way of life.

Gregory Rockman, African National Congress MP, the ex-police man who blew the whistle on police brutality in 1989, called on Pagad not to transgress the law in their struggle. "This is not a Muslim fight, but a struggle for all communities," Mr Rockman said.

Edries gets R10 000 bail

LENORE OLIVER
Staff Reporter

BAIL of R10 000 has been granted to People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) member Nadhmie Edries, who is facing sedition charges.

Mr Edries was not formally charged or asked to plead at his appearance in the Wynberg Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Dressed in a dark suit, he winked at relatives and supporters in the packed courtroom,

which was guarded by about 20 police.

In addition to placard-carrying supporters outside the court building, a large crowd gathered in the corridor outside Wynberg Court 2.

Most were refused entrance because the courtroom was already filled to capacity.

Soon after proceedings began, Mr Edries told magistrate Sue Smith he wished to discharge his legal representative, Mohammed Esau, and

employ attorneys Nazeem Ebrahim and Zaahir Williams.

Mr Esau said he was willing to stand down as Mr Edries's legal representative, but pointed out that Mr Ebrahim and Mr Williams were from different legal firms.

"Everyone is familiar with the O J Simpson trial, in which there were five different legal representatives," Mr Ebrahim told the court.

Prosecutor Mike Stowe told the court the State did not

oppose bail and that according to the investigating officer, investigations would take between six and nine months.

He said the State had set down stringent bail conditions. Mr Ebrahim told the court he was not satisfied with the suggested length of the investigation, because under the constitution every person was entitled to a speedy trial.

The bail conditions are that Mr Edries may not communicate with State witnesses, he

must report to Claremont police station every day, must refrain from involvement in any unlawful activities of Pagad and from making, or associating himself with, any statement made by any Pagad member or on behalf of Pagad, and that he may not have a firearm in his possession at any march, gathering or meeting of Pagad or any activity organised by or associated with Pagad.

The hearing was adjourned to September 17.



Imam fears for life after phone threat

Staff Reporter

TENSIONS in the Western Cape have reached such a volatile stage, that random people are now being targeted as either members of the People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) or the gangsters.

In one such case, Moeegamat Ridwaan Gallant fears for his life after he received a threatening telephone call this week. An upset Mr Gallant, who is

the imam at the mosque in Westridge, Mitchell's Plain, said someone who "closely resembled" him was photographed at a Pagad march.

He stressed he was not a Pagad member.

Imam Gallant, who is also a Mitchell's Plain high school teacher, said that pupils were now convinced, wrongly, that he was one of the men in the picture. Some pupils were also gang members, he said.



COLLARED: A policeman leads one of the two private security guards whom police alleged tried to spring Pagad leading member Nadhmie Edries from the Table View police station yesterday. Left, the other suspect leaves court. *ARC 16/8/97*

De Klerk denies NP link with gangs

CLIVE SAWYER

Political Correspondent

NATIONAL Party leader F W de Klerk has rejected claims that his party, when in government and during the 1994 election campaign, co-operated with gangs against the liberation movement.

The claims, made in political circles at the time of the elections, resurfaced at the Truth Commission and during a snap debate in the Western Cape legislature on the conflict between the vigilante group Pagad and Cape gangsters. Minister of Safety and Secur-

ity Sidney Mufamadi this week recalled similar allegations, saying there had been evidence indicating collusion between gangs and certain elements in the police during the apartheid era to keep the system in place.

"If there are elements today who are conniving with gangs, it must be on the basis of politically sanctioned ties or purely for self-enrichment," he said.

Mr De Klerk said allegations of his party's involvement with gangs were a "smokescreen". He said after an NP caucus meeting that the grip gangs had on communities, and the levels of drug trafficking, had wors-

ened in the past two years. The measures taken by his government against gangsterism had been adequate.

"I was never part of a decision (that) the police go soft on anybody because it would be to our political advantage."

He was "not unympathetic" to the present government's problems in dealing with gangs. "We also had our manpower problems."

One reason that the situation had not improved was that the national Safety and Security Ministry was not allowing provincial police MECs to do their job, Mr De Klerk said.

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Pagad's new drive to stop guns for gangs

Supporters asked to give information to police about arms owners

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Staff Reporters

PEOPLE Against Gangsterism and Drugs has launched a drive to disqualify gangsters from carrying licensed firearms.

This follows the controversy about police issuing firearm licences to known gangsters.

And the African National Congress in the Western Cape today retreated from its call for a state of emergency in the province to deal with violence between gangs and vigilantes, and instead called for tougher police powers.

Pagad has asked its members to use a provision of the gun laws that states anybody can provide information about people they deem unfit to carry firearms.

A Pagad spokesman, who did not want to be named, called on all Pagad members to report to police people in the community who were unfit to carry firearms.

In terms of the Arms and Ammunition Act a person can be declared unfit to possess a gun if the commissioner of police is presented with a sworn affidavit stating that such a person has either:

- Threatened to kill someone with a gun.
- If he is mentally disturbed or has an inclination to violence.
- If he is dependent on drugs or alcohol.

Speaking at a meeting at the Gatesville mosque last night, the spokesman said people needed to be ready to make a stand.

"It will take you a few minutes to go to a police station to make a sworn affidavit. Remember - if they don't have guns they can't terrify us."

He said it was a shame that people were not made aware of this provision of the act.

The person making such a statement, as well as the licence holder accused of being unfit to carry an arm, would then appear before the police commissioner for a hearing. The accused could be represented by an attorney.

Meanwhile, the Democratic Party has called on the government to set up an inquiry into why gangsters and druglords have licensed firearms and access to legal weapons under current law.

On Tuesday police raided the Valhalla Park house of Colin Stansfield, a known member of the gang syndicate, The Firm, and found four licensed firearms, including an Italian military-style Sites Spectre M4 semi-automatic pistol. Because Mr Stansfield had a licence for the guns, police returned them.

Douglas Gibson, DP spokesman on safety and security, said what was very worrying was the proliferation of guns on the streets of Cape Town.

"There should be a crackdown on all illegal firearms and a review of the licences issued during the past few years, especially before the first democratic elections when there was a surge in the number of applications for gun licences.

"We need to compare the fingerprints and criminal records of the police's central records with that of their central firearm registry and revoke licences and confiscate guns from people who are no longer eligible to own a gun," Mr Gibson said.

Mr Gibson said that in terms of Section 8 of the Arms and Ammunition Act, people with criminal records were not supposed to be issued with gun licences.

The practice under the section, of spouses obtaining licences and then giving written permission to allow their partners to use the weapons, should not be permitted, Mr Gibson said.

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Picture: ANDREW INGRAM, The Argus

NO TO DRUGS: Pagad supporters protest against drugs and their negative impact on tourism in the Western Cape. They were outside the Wynberg magistrate's court for the court appearance of Pagad member Nadthmie Edries.



NADTHMIE EDRIES

Top Pagad man is free on R10 000 bail

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CAPE TOWN — A leading member of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad), Mogamat Nadthmie Edries, was granted R10 000 bail when he appeared in the Wynberg Magistrate's Court yesterday on charges of sedition.

Edries, 37, who was arrested in a dawn police raid on homes in the Cape Flats on Tuesday, was given stringent bail conditions and the hearing was postponed to September 17.

Charges of sedition and murder are being investigated against Pagad after the murder of Hard Livings drug lord Rashaad Stagie in Salt River on August 4.

Yesterday two men posing as policemen were arrested after they allegedly tried to free Edries at the Table View police station.

The two men, wearing bullet-proof vests, said they had come to escort Edries to Wynberg, but he had already been taken there. Police later arrested the two, who were identified among protesters at the Wynberg courts. One is a police reservist.

They will appear on charges of impersonating policemen and attempting to free a prisoner.

Before the hearing Pagad supporters held a demonstration outside the court, calling on the authorities to free their leaders. A number of journalists were threat-

ened with death when Pagad claimed they distorted the facts.

Earlier Pagad called on Justice Minister Dullah Omar to return to his house in Rylands on the Cape Flats. Omar on Wednesday said he had moved his family to a safe house amid the spiralling conflict and rhetoric between Pagad, the underworld and the police.

A Pagad spokesman said the organisation was very upset that some people, who claimed to be Pagad members, had threatened the life of Omar and his family.

Freedom Front security spokesman Joseph Chirole said Omar's move confirmed that SA had fallen into anarchy, while opposition leader FW de Klerk said Omar's move probably was wise if it was temporary, but would send a damaging signal if permanent.

Meanwhile, a Jewish community in Bulawayo said it would support Pagad if it embarked on a holy war to rid the community of gangsters and drug-related crime.

Bulawayo Hebrew Congregation's Rabbi Ben Isaacson said: "When... murderers proudly demonstrate for the right to continue murdering, and victims who have tired of the 'moral values' of a government which does not know the difference between right and wrong are charged with sedition, all is lost." — Sapa, Reuter.

Support for Swazi sugar ends

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SA's sugar industry had withdrawn export and research facilities it provided to Swaziland because of Swazi competition in the domestic sugar market, Swazi officials said yesterday.

Swaziland Sugar Association GM Andy Colhoun said the SA Sugar Association (SASA) had decided not to renew contracts giving Swaziland access to export facilities, research and training with effect from April 1 next year.

"They now consider us their competitors and they are not prepared to extend us any facilities that may make us stronger," Colhoun said.

Industry officials said inroads made by Swazi and Zimbabwean sugar into the SA domestic market would cost the industry about R275m this year.

Colhoun said Swaziland would not be hurt by the ban on using SA export facilities because most of its sugar exports were shipped through Maputo.

SASA was not available for comment. — Reuter.

Teachers will be in jobs 'illegally'

Kevin O'Grady

Bd 16/8/96

GOVERNMENT expects thousands of teachers, who are likely to be granted voluntary severance packages, to be re-employed at public schools under private contracts provided for in the SA Schools Bill, despite an agreement that this should not happen.

A member of the legal team that advised Education Minister Sibusiso Bengu on the new legislation, advocate Eben Boshoff, said yesterday: "Legally speaking, it is not supposed to happen, but in practice we know it is not easy to enforce because schools will be paying them privately."

He said government was relying on the former state-aided schools — including Model C and farm schools — to abide by the agreement reached in the education labour relations council earlier this year that provided for the voluntary severance packages.

"We are hopeful the signatories, which include organisations of state-aided schools, will honour the agreement, but we realise some of the teachers taking packages will get posts."

The Bill provides for a "transitional arrangement" in which former state-aided schools can con-

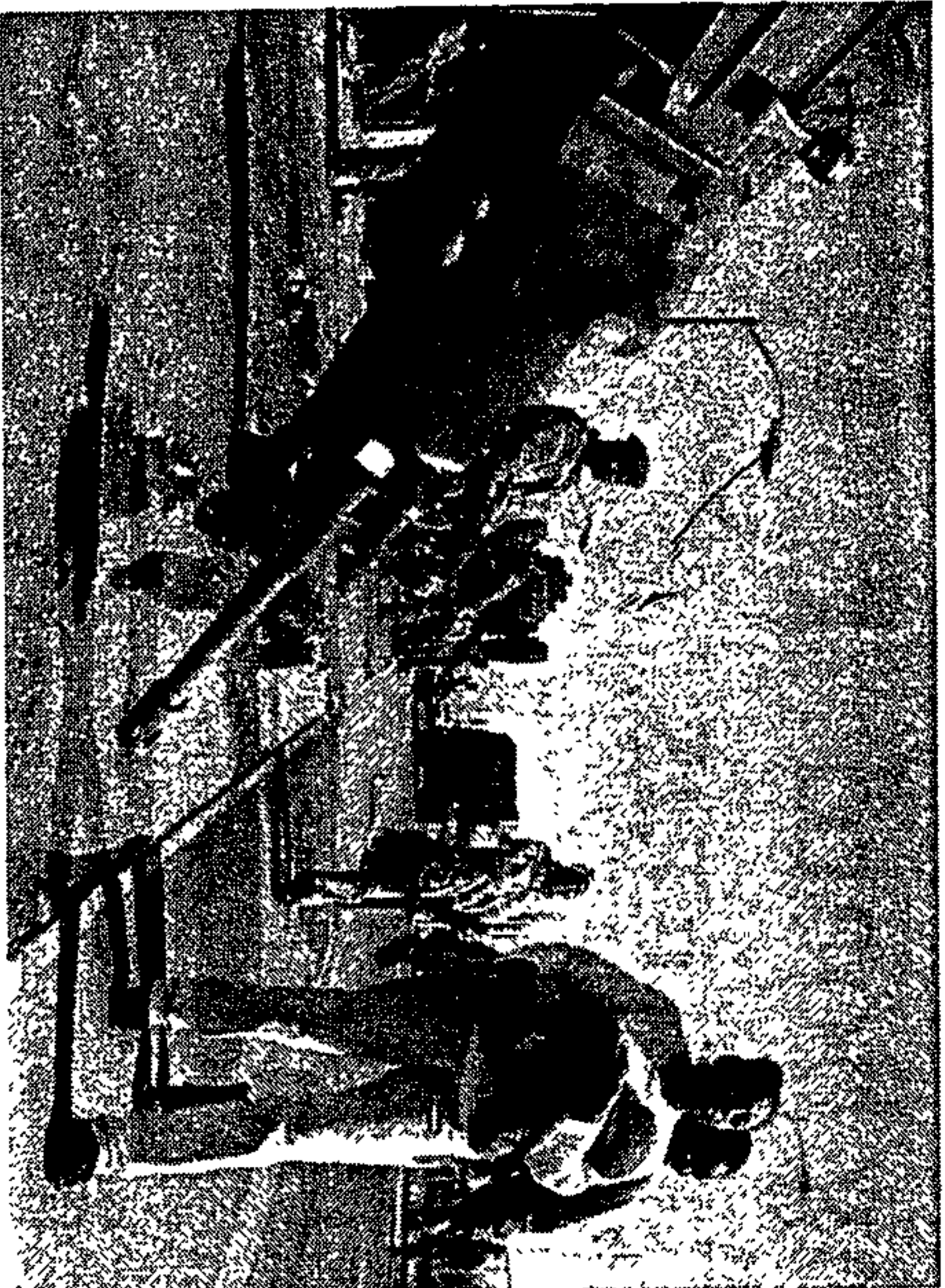
tinue to enter into private contracts with teachers until the end of next year, despite government's preference that it be the sole employer of teachers.

The transitional arrangement was included, while new legislation governing the issue was formulated, because of the complexities of schools raising funds to employ additional teachers and having to channel those funds to the state for teachers to be paid, Boshoff said.

Some teachers were already employed by schools on private contracts, while other schools had made arrangements to employ teachers on that basis, he said. This necessitated a "window period" during which these contracts would expire.

Boshoff said it was likely also that many of the teachers re-employed in terms of the arrangement would be paid less than allowed for in labour relations agreements and principles.

During constitutionally required negotiations with state-aided school organisations on the new legislation, government had become aware of "thousands and thousands" of teachers who were being underpaid in this way, Boshoff said.



Soldiers patrol the streets of Valhalla Park in Cape Town yesterday in a bid to lessen tensions between police, gangs and Pagad members.

Picture: AP

Omar gives qualified support to movement

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Farouk Chothia

DURBAN — Justice Minister Dullah Omar yesterday came out in support of the existence of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad), saying he welcomed community mobilisation in the fight against crime.

But he said he was concerned about an "element of vigilantism" within Pagad, and it was vital that people worked within the law.

Omar met about 60 community rep-

resentatives in a bid to reduce the potential for the drug war spreading to KwaZulu-Natal.

Christian pastor Eugene Perumal said a march of people of all faiths would be held through central Durban today to protest against the scourge of drugs and gangsterism. Omar said Pagad was entitled to hold a legal march.

He said that the element of vigilantism within the organisation should not lead to the "demonisation of the work of Pagad".

Keeping the brake on Pagad

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Police and Justice Department must act against gangsters or remain discredited

Star 16/8/96

By KERRY CULLINAN

Last year, not far from where gang leader Rashaad Staggie was executed recently, children playing in the street were shot after being caught in the crossfire of a gang fight.

Drugs are freely available at most Cape Flats schools, where pupils often come to school armed with guns. Urban legend has it that, when a baby girl is born on the Flats, parents heave a sigh of relief because their child is less likely to become a gangster.

These conditions have existed for more than 20 years – since the apartheid government removed coloured people from places like District Six and dumped them in the desolate Flats, destroying extended families and hope for the future. In their place came broken families unable to control youngsters, and crime and violence born out of poverty and frustration.

Since the 1990s, when South Africa opened up to the rest of the world, gangs have become more sophisticated, developed international links and have moved from dealing mainly in mandrax to harder drugs such as cocaine and crack.

It is thus not hard to understand why an organisation like People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) has struck a chord with communities long forced to cower before gangs.

Support for Pagad is difficult to estimate as many people are afraid to identify themselves openly with the militant group but, at its rally on Sunday, it drew at least 20 000 people. Given there was a danger of gangsters attacking the meeting, this is significant.

But there is a large body of people on the Cape Flats who remain sceptical about Pagad. One young man told me it had "become just another gang", while others asked: "Who will they go

for next?"

Often Pagad's detractors on the Flats are Christians who fear the militant Islamic flavour of its protests. But others are Muslims who believe in the law and fear the consequences of Pagad's confrontational approach.

The influential Muslim Judicial Council also condemned Pagad's execution of Staggie, saying Muslim law "does not condone people taking the law into their own hands and indulging in the excesses of torching".

However, while some criticise Pagad's methods, none criticise its moral stand against gangs and the drug trade, which have been allowed to fester for years. As criminologist Professor Wilfried Scarf says, "No gang can survive without the police in their pockets."

This is where the challenge to the new state lies. While it has to tackle Pagad members who have broken the law, it must not be

seen to do so without touching gangsters.

Already the state has come under fire for introducing human rights to the justice system in a way that seems to favour perpetrators rather

than victims. Easy access to bail is but one example.

Faced with Pagad – which is basically saying to the Government: "If you can't do it, we will" – police and the justice system cannot be perceived to be soft on criminals. Indeed, the brazen counter-protest against Pagad by gangsters indicates they believe they are a law unto themselves.

There are no simple answers, and Pagad cannot be wished away. However, the best we can hope for is that Pagad's actions wake the police and justice department up to the fact that they must act decisively against gangsters and drug-dealing quickly, or remain discredited forever.

■ Kerry Cullinan is a journalist working for *Idasa's Democracy in Action* magazine.

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warning to write "unbiased and truthful reports" about their anti-crime campaign.

There was a heated debate among the crowd as to whether journalists should be allowed to stay, but the Pagad leadership decided to give the media one final opportunity. A spokesperson told members of the press that "this is your final warning".

Pagad last night also came out in support of Justice Minister Mr Dullah Omar, who earlier this week moved out of his Rylands home.

"When all other doors were closed, he opened doors for us," speaker Mr Ismail Effendi said.

He said he had reassured Omar's office that Pagad members would not harm him.

Effendi also questioned the police's commitment to eradicating drugs.

Pagad fugitives appear at Gatesville meeting

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STAFF REPORTER

LEADING People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) fugitives Mr Muhammed Ali "Phantom" Parker and Mr Farouk Jaffer, who have been sought by police for the past week, made an unexpected appear-

ance at the Gatesville Mosque last night.

But police in the vicinity made no attempt to apprehend Parker and Jaffer, who are wanted on charges of sedition.

Also present at last night's gathering, attended by several hundred Pagad supporters, was ANC MP Mr Gregory Rock-

man. He also attended a Pagad gathering there on Tuesday night, when he told about 400 people that he supported their actions "in no uncertain terms".

Rockman told the Tuesday meeting that he was unconcerned about possible action against him from the ANC, whose

leadership has condemned Pagad for taking the law into its own hands.

"I don't care what happens. Parliament is not my home — the community is my home," Rockman was quoted as saying.

Pagad last night gave journalists a final

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US warning on Cape crime as tourism falls off

MICHAEL MORRIS

Staff Reporter

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A US STATE Department warning to American tourists to avoid conflict-plagued areas of the Peninsula underpins tourism industry concern that crime is to blame for poor business -- a year-on-year fall of 4.4 percent in hotel room occupancy.

Although the US "advisory" was limited to certain areas of Cape Town, it was likely to reinforce foreign perceptions, based in part on extensive coverage of the gang-related violence in Cape Town, that the Peninsula was unsafe, sources said.

A US consular spokeswoman said this week's State Department advisory was a routine response to circumstances such as the conflict between the militant grouping, People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) and gangsters.

She added: "It does not urge Americans to stay away from Cape Town ... only the areas where violence has occurred, or may occur. In fact, tourists are not likely to visit these areas."

Earlier this week, Bid Company chief executive Chris Ball warned that a high crime rate would affect South Africa's chances of bidding successfully for the Olympic Games.

He urged the authorities "immediately to use all legal means at their disposal to root out unlawful activities."

Stiff bail conditions for Pagad leader

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HUNDREDS of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) supporters crammed into the Wynberg Magistrate's Court yesterday for the second court appearance of a Pagad leader Mr Moegamat Nadthmie Edries.

Court officials battled to control the throng, while 20 police in bulletproof vests formed a human

"wall" separating the public gallery from the rest of the court.

Edries, who is charged with sedition, was released on R10 000 bail and the case was postponed until September 17.

While the crowd waited for Edries to appear after being granted bail, masked Pagad supporters linked arms across the entrance to where a waiting car was parked. There was a heavy police presence behind the gates.

Eventually police opened the gates and a car with no number plates sped out, its tyres squealing. At the same time a BMW with darkened windows and no number plates left through the back gates — presumably with Edries inside.

Magistrate Ms Susan Smith warned Edries that he would be re-arrested if he violated his bail conditions. These include that he report at Claremont police station between 8am and 10am daily, that

he does not communicate with prosecution witnesses and that he does not take part in organising, supporting or attending any unlawful activities of Pagad.

He is also banned from making any written or verbal statements on behalf of Pagad which incite civil disobedience, threaten public safety or the administration of law and order. He may not carry a gun at any march, gathering or meeting of Pagad.

Guards try to spring Pagad leader

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Sedition involves challenging the state's authority
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OWN CORRESPONDENT

Cape Town - Two private security guards, one of them a police reservist, have been arrested for allegedly trying to free Nadhmi Edries, a leading member of the People Against Drugs and Gangsterism (Pagad), shortly before he appeared in court yesterday on an allegation of sedition.

The two, Moganat Saitie (23) and Abdul Moutie Abrahams (34), themselves appeared in the Cape Town Magistrate's Court later in the day in connection with the incident, and were released on bail of R1 000 each.

However, their employer insists Edries's lawyer had asked his company to protect the Pagad leader as the police said they could not guarantee his safety - and there had been no intention to spring him.

But in what police describe as a bold attempt to free Edries, the two men, allegedly posing as investigating officers, arrived at the Table View police cells at noon yesterday saying they were there to fetch him for his court appearance in Wynberg.

Police spokesman Superintendent John Sterrenberg said one of them, a reservist at Manenberg police station, produced his police reservist identification card in an effort to legitimise the action.

But Edries had already been taken from the cells to Wynberg court an hour earlier. When they were told that, the two had disappeared "in a flash".

Sterrenberg said two men were later arrested at Wynberg court. He could not confirm that the men were Pagad members but said he thought it was likely.

At his hearing, Edries was granted R10 000 bail. Magistrate Susan Smith postponed the case to September 17. He was warned he would be rearrested if he violated his stringent bail conditions, which include his refraining from communicating with witnesses for the prosecution and daily reports to the police station.

BY HELEN GRANGE

It's an old Roman-based common law, hardly ever used nowadays, but the latest gang wars in the Cape Flats have led to its resurrection in the hope that it will deter further vigilante action.

"Sedition" is the charge which has been brought against People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) leader Moeegamat Nadhmi Edries, and for which he appeared in the Wynberg Magistrates' Court on Tuesday in connection with the death of Hard Livings gang leader Rashaad Staggie.

The legal definition of sedition is: "Unlawfully gathering together with a number of people with the intention of impairing the majesty of the state by defying or subverting the authority of the government - but without the intention of overthrowing or coercing the government."

The difference between "sedition" and "treason" lies simply in the notion of "intention".

While a seditious intention is to defy, challenge or resist the authority of the state, a treasonable intention is to overthrow the state.

Human rights lawyer David Dyson recalls two prominent trials in which charges of sedition were laid. One was the case arising from the Soweto students uprising in 1976 and the other from the Alexandra unrest in 1987, when the so-called "people's courts" and community anti-crime campaigns were spawned.

"It was always used as an alternative charge against political activists. It would be treason, alternatively sedition - or terrorism in terms of the old Internal Security Act. The state would generally get a conviction under the Terrorism Act, though," he said.

Its use against Pagad has surprised the legal fraternity. Commented one legal source: "It looks like we're reinventing the wheel. I thought we were through with all this".

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SA's Pahad hits at US-Cuba law

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Havana - A South African envoy yesterday criticised US legislation tightening its economic embargo against Cuba and said there were good business opportunities on the island for South Africa's private sector.

South African Deputy Foreign Minister Aziz Pahad, speaking during a visit to Cuba, said his government had discussed the so-called Helms-Burton law with governments in Europe and Latin America.

"We agree with the general position that this is a bad law and we have expressed our opposition," he told a news conference in Havana.

Pahad, on the final stop of a Latin American tour that had also taken him to Brazil, Mexico and Chile, said South Africa was anxious to expand its trade and investment relations with the region, including Cuba.

During his talks with Cuban officials, he discussed the possibility of strengthening ties with Havana through a general co-operation accord or more specific agreements in air services or maritime transport.

He saw good potential opportunities in Cuba for South African businessmen in areas like mining, fishing and tourism. - Reuters.

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ARMIES OF THE NIGHT THREATEN ANARCHY

Constitutional rule under siege

The challenge represented by the organisation calling itself Pagad — People Against Gangsterism & Drugs — is ultimately not against the entrenched, known criminals of the Cape Flats. By carrying out the death sentence against gang leader Rashaad Staggie, Pagad has shaken the foundations of the constitutional State that SA is struggling to become.

The police services and the criminal justice system are particularly vulnerable to Pagad's illegitimate actions — whose brutality recalls community reprisals in the Eighties against "sell-outs," at a time when such actions were legitimated by "the struggle." The continuity of method — visible, violent murder — is evident.

Yet Pagad has a point when it says that its actions arise from the failure of the State to protect the community. Rashaad was killed on Sunday August 4 in Salt River — very close to Cape Town's more affluent suburbs — yet it was only in the early hours of last Thursday morning that police raided the homes of known local drug lords, discovering arms and drugs; and significant charges against the gangsters have yet to be forthcoming.

Indeed, Rashaad's twin brother — Rashied "Mad Dog" Staggie — has taken over the Hard Livings gang and become something of a celebrity spokesman for the mob. He's vowed vengeance; and rumours of attacks on mosques and Muslim schools have been rampant ever since. Police and army forces have been deployed across the Peninsula to prevent any such attacks.

The gangs have not just survived all attempts to put them away, but thrived in the desolate communities of the Cape

Flats. To some they are heroes. To others, fear of reprisals prevents them from giving evidence in the few cases against gangsters that actually reach court. The slain gang leader was repeatedly indicted on various charges — only for prosecutors to find that witnesses had been intimidated into silence and that police dockets mysteriously went missing.

The hold that the gangsters have over the Cape Flats cannot be underestimated. In June, a confidential police intelligence report to provincial Police Minister Gerald Morkel stated: "It is estimated that there are 127 street gang groupings, with an approximate combined membership of 80 000 in the Peninsula." The report — the *FM* has a copy — also names the gangs, their leading figures and their activities.

The biggest gangs are the Hard Living Kids, the Americans, the Scorpions, the Sexy Boys, the Dixie Boys, the Cisko Yakkies and the Laughing Boys. From their leadership ranks, an umbrella syndicate known as The Firm was created in 1993 and the police report lists its aims as:

- To co-ordinate and combine efforts for importing large quantities of narcotics (particularly cocaine);
- To effect control and dominance over the distribution of narcotics in larger geographic areas, specifically the Peninsula and the Western Cape; and
- To contain indiscriminate intergang violence in order to reduce the police presence in affected areas.

Intergang violence has indeed subsided in recent years, while drug imports — frequently using Nigerian nationals as carriers — have increased.

Key figures in The Firm include the Staggie brothers, who allegedly used the Hard Livings as a network for the distri-

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bution of crack, a cocaine derivative which can be smoked (and which is displacing the traditional "white pipe" of mandrax and dagga as the drug of preference in the Flats).

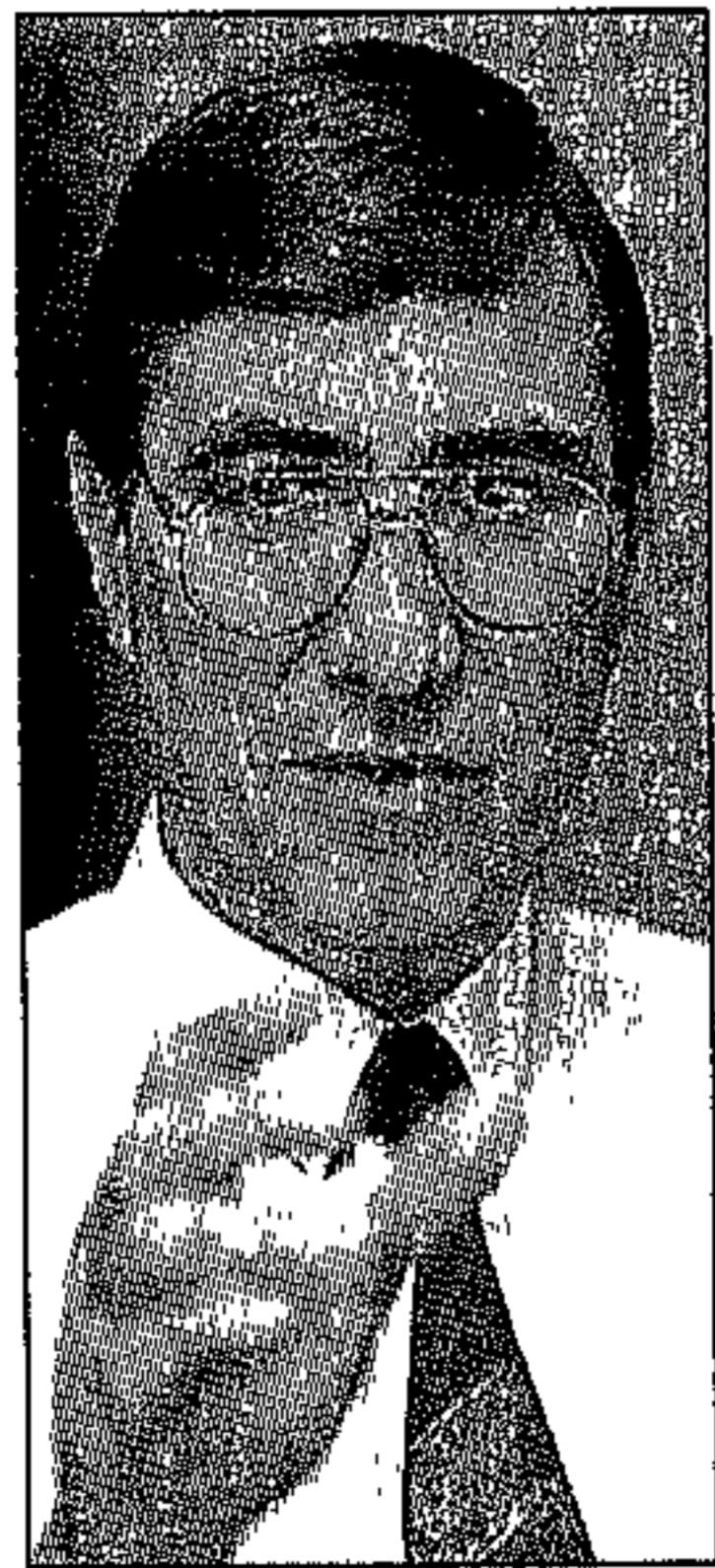
All known leaders of The Firm are named in the report. The police were also aware that, in January this year, The Firm took a decision to attack police patrols using hand grenades "after the people of Leonsdale and Avonwood in Elsie's River turned to gangs for help after they complained about the attitude and behaviour of (the police)."

Given the detail of the report, it is understandable that Pagad should claim as its rationale the perception that the authorities have failed "the community." The Islamic influence within Pagad — which it seeks to downplay — is also comprehensible, since Islam provides a strong value system based on strong punishment. The gangs' control of entire areas is being challenged.

The dilemma for Commissioner George Fivaz, therefore, is that on the one hand he must demonstrate the efficiency of the police in curbing gangsterism; but, on the other, the very existence of Pagad and the gangs demonstrates that control has broken down. In the wake of Rashaad's murder, Fivaz said it was not too late for Pagad to achieve its objectives within the framework of law and order. "I believe that on the Cape Flats we are in essence dealing with a manifestation of the righteous and justified anger of a crime-battered community," he said.

At that stage, Fivaz appeared to see a role for Pagad in "community policing." But events soon overtook such sanguine hopes. By last Sunday, when Pagad's marches were anything but orderly and masked members carried weapons, the police — assisted by the military — were compelled to use teargas, stun grenades and birdshot to prevent a further escalation of "righteous and justified" violence. Police began a sedition probe into Pagad, and some arrests were made.

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George Fivaz

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Undeterred, a senior Pagad official — Farook Jaffer, who had previously met Fivaz to determine the parameters of the rally — said he was prepared to press the war “against the government, for not practising law and order, and against thugs.” Pagad was willing to call upon its foreign allies — which Jaffer claimed included Hezbollah in the Lebanon — for help. In fact, for a community-based anti-crime group, Pagad has intensified its Islamic image and cast its struggle in the terms of Jihad, or holy war.

The gangsters, for their part, projected themselves as victims, as Robin Hoods — an image which does sway the minds of an unknown number of youngsters on the Cape Flats.

This is admitted in the report to Morkel, which notes: “The historic marginalisation of youth, combined with the slow growth in the job market, has contributed to the creation of a large pool of young people who are at risk. The search for identity through youth subcultures is associated with substance abuse and gang formation. Rapid (social) transition has resulted in the weakening of social control.”

The report recommends, in part, the necessity to “demystify the ‘Robin Hood image’ which youngsters have of gangsters. This can be done through a process of educating and influencing youth at schools.” In the light of recent events, that sounds a little forlorn.

A Pagad leader — Muhammed Ali “Phantom” Parker, who went into hiding after being wounded at the scene of Rashaad’s death — was reported as saying that “the bloodletting was actually very helpful. In my mind, it strengthens our case. The war will be intensified — it’s going into a Jihad.”

There can be little doubt of Pagad’s popular support. Journalist Thami Mazwai, writing in *Business Day*, said that “on Monday night, I and several friends watched with undisguised admiration, smirks of satisfaction on our faces, as the crowd gave Rashaad his comeuppance. In an anticlimax, the announcer then read statements from (Dullah) Omar, (Sydney) Mufamadi and our president condemning the action. Our reaction to the condemnations is unprintable. . .”

Mazwai was echoing the feelings of a great many people — and not just those of the crime-racked Flats communities. The truth is that the emergence of Pagad

— and of allied groups throughout SA — shows up the discrepancy between the would-be creators of a human rights culture (who are in government) and those who experience a worsening of their daily conditions of life.

Support for Pagad undermines the intentions of the Constitution awaiting ratification by the Constitutional Court. Few actually endorse “the right to life” of criminals responsible for poisoning directionless youth with drugs like crack.

The alienation of entire communities from the authorities is evident. A Pagad spokesman last week said an “ultimatum” had been delivered to Justice Minister Omar on May 11 to take action against drug lords. No such action was taken. Safety & Security Minister Mufamadi, too, is being slated for inaction.

At provincial level, Western Cape premier Hernus Kriel — while regretting the violence — expressed “sympathy and understanding with the people’s frustration . . . After I had discussions with Gerald Morkel . . . it was clear that this frustration followed on the obvious inability of the judicial system to handle such problems. I herewith call on the Minister of Justice to apply his attention urgently to this frustration in the community.”

The Nationalist premier has in the past said he will not “take the blame for crime” (*Current Affairs* July 26). Last week, he also said: “Clearly, there are not enough policemen and women in the Western Cape to do proper policing in the province. It is a known fact that the Western Cape police service is 17% understaffed.” And he slammed the courts’ failures to prosecute and convict.

Understandably, Kriel’s statement was seen as having a political dimension — which it does, since the Western Cape is the sole province controlled by the National Party and has just seen its “safe” reputation shattered. Cape Attorney-General Frank Kahn lashed out at Kriel: “This is the time for some honest soul-searching and self-scrutiny by all the departments involved, instead of looking for scapegoats.”

Gang-related cases received priority when they reached his desk, Kahn added. However, he admitted that when a community resorted to lawlessness, it

was a clear sign that it had been failed by the police and the justice system. He sympathised with the police, since “internationally, gang-related cases are very difficult. Gangs are very well-organised groups and their leaders are shielded by lower menials.”

Kahn also sounded a political note when he accused the NP of draining the Treasury of funds for inflated pensions. There was little left to combat crime on any level.

The overall picture remains clouded by rhetoric and violence. In such a situation, it’s clear that the ministries entrusted with safety and security, justice and correctional services need a greater degree of co-operation, and a clearer focus, if they are to crush what outside observers see as anarchy — a failure of the centre. This is easier said than done. The Democratic Party’s Douglas Gibson has ascertained from Sipo Mzimela (Correctional Services) that there are now 28 360

awaiting-trial prisoners in SA. The tardiness of justice has a price, Gibson points out. “If they are detained for an average of 100 days, the taxpayer forks out a total of R192,8m to keep those people until their trials are disposed of.”

Scant resources mean scant policing and flawed, slow justice — when it occurs at all. What the affected Ministers need to bear always in mind, however, is that they are the guardians of the Constitution. If the emergence of Pagad serves to concentrate minds on acting decisively on criminal activity — whether by known gangsters or vigilantes — it will have served a purpose.

At present, though, with the authorities at odds with each other, Pagad and the gangsters obdurate and popular opinion baying for street justice, such an outcome seems remote. SA’s rainbow image — and the effect this will in turn have on perceptions of the nation’s fragile stability — is being ground under by violence. The gap between constitutionalism and mob rule is widening.

That is the real danger: that we will be judged not as a nation on any kind of road to success, but as a place where “ignorant armies clash by night.” If the violence continues, there may be no alternative to a State of Emergency. (see *Current Affairs*). ■



Dullah Omar

THE PAGAD CONNECTION

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A confidential police report leaked to the media claims: "The threat of Islamic extremist fundamentalism is now on SA's threshold." This follows the recent mob murder of a notorious Cape Flats gangster by members of the moral crusading vigilante group, People Against Gangsterism & Drugs (Pagad).

In fact the first signs of radical Islamic sympathy among sections of SA's small Muslim community arrived at about the time in the late Seventies when the Ayatollah Khomeini, from exile in Paris, was mobilising popular resistance to the Shah of Iran. And the spread of Muslim fundamentalism, which its protagonists view as nothing less than the alternative to Western capitalism, especially since the demise of socialism, has been in evidence here too.

Pagad was initially described as a broad-based community group. However, its "chief commander" Ali "Phantom" Parker reportedly warned after violence erupted between his group and the gangsters last weekend, that Pagad could if it wished get assistance from fundamentalist militias Hamas and Hezbollah, who would arrive "by the planeload."

Pagad's leader, said to be a 24-year-old Muslim intellectual and activist known as the "Amir," is a former protege of Qibla leader Achmat Cassim.

Its style, rhetoric and threats to launch a Jihad (holy war) against government "for not practising law and order," suggest that, while there may be widespread sympathy for Pagad's vigorous anticrime drive, it is a Muslim fundamentalist organisation, committed to opposing the liberal democratic State.

The claim in the police document that SA Muslims have received military training in countries like Libya and Iran and are organised in "secret cells," seems to confirm that interpretation. Some believe this claim is being played up by US and Israeli intelligence to pressurise SA to cut its links with Libya and Iran.

Just how significant is the radical Muslim tendency in SA?

The Muslim community comprises 1,3% of the population and is based mostly in Gauteng, Kwazulu-Natal and the Western Cape. Their role in socio-economic and political affairs is disproportionately large. For 40 years the Cape's premier political organisation, the African People's Organisation, was led by Abdullah Abduraman, a committed Muslim. More than 10% of MPs and Cabinet Ministers are Muslim. None of this has led to concern about Muslim influence in SA, except by sections of the Jewish community and conservative Christians concerned at the radical ethos of Islamic activists.

Though religion has at times influenced their commitment, it has seldom played a significant role in their political positions. Most did not vote for either of the Muslim parties which contested the 1994 general/provincial elections.

SA Muslims are among the most religiously observant in the world, in a more traditional than "fundamentalist" sense. While many would not want to live for Islam, says one observer, most would be prepared to die for it.

There are a host of Islamic organisations in SA. The more "progressive," like the Call of Islam and the Muslim Youth

Movement, active in the struggle against apartheid in the Eighties, seem to have withered with key activists now in government, lack of funding and the inability to develop a theology of reconstruction after liberation. In the media, government and nongovernmental organisations these progressive elements are committed to gender equality, freedom of speech and association and the separation of religion and State.

At a popular level, however, the influence of this brand of Islam is rapidly receding. Remnants are found among a group of progressive Muslim scholars around Cape Town, in the monthly *Al Qalam*, and at the Claremont Mosque, which made history last year by being the first anywhere to have a woman preacher on a Friday (sabbath).

Some progressive Muslims would argue that there is a general rise of conservative religio-ideological forces seeking to protect the new SA from "the scourge of democracy and liberalism." Hence the rise of fundamentalism. An example of this trend is a conference held in Pretoria earlier this year. Attended by 2 000 people, its theme was the Building of an International Islamic Civilisation.

Another example is the newly founded Islamic Unity Convention (IUC), which appears to be a union of 250 groups but is actually the revamped, more acceptable version of Qibla — a group which combines a PAC view of SA with an Iranian inspired and supported fundamentalism. The leader of both the IUC and Qibla is Achmat Cassim (unavailable for comment).

The IUC is behind the formation of the Cape Town community radio station 786 (said to be holy numbers in the Quran), which has been an important means of promoting their message and mobilising Muslims to their cause. Examples are the march on the US embassy by thousands of Muslims against the imprisonment of the Egyptian cleric, Shaikh Omar Abd al-Rahman, and another against the Israeli Embassy.

It is argued that with Qibla's militance blunted by its engagement with less ideological allies in the IUC, and its radio compelled to conform to IBA guidelines, some of its more militant elements have moved sideways without formally breaking away. These elements are said to form the core of Pagad.

Paramilitary training with a radical Islamist tenor has taken place in recent years in the Cape in the use of small weaponry, scouting, basic fitness and much ideological consolidation. The training is done by those who have acquired skills, often abroad during the liberation struggle.

Muslims in the Cape are said to be more activist inclined, partly because of their history as political prisoners and partly due to their (working) class origins, compared to the business classes in Gauteng or KwaZulu-Natal. Though they have no undue influence on government policy, Ministers such as Dullah Omar (Justice) and Ebrahim Rasool (MEC) go to great lengths to cultivate good ties with the community.

The ANC had agreed to accommodate Muslim Personal Law in the Constitution — a board to this end had been set up — but the inability of conservatives and progressives to agree on the role of Muslim women led to its dissolution. ■

BOLD NEW PLAN TO BEAT CRIME

■ In the latest move to crack down on crime in the Peninsula, squads of highly-trained paratroopers have been deployed to help Western Cape police, as plans to form a metropolitan police force gain momentum.

GLYNNIS UNDERHILL
Chief Reporter

PARATROOPERS have been deployed in the battle to restore law and order in the Western Cape and put an end to violent clashes between the community group People Against Gangsterism and Crime (Pagad) and Cape gangsters.

But Western Cape Police Minister Gerald Morkel said deploying extra police and troops on the Peninsula to "stabilise" the situation was not enough.

A top-level meeting to discuss the formation of a Western Cape metropolitan police force has been scheduled as a matter of urgency, he said.

"We will make it happen. It has my full support. It is pointless to go for the 2004 Olympic bid or to encourage people to come and see us and invest in the Western Cape, when we just can't offer them stability," he told

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SATURDAY Argus yesterday.

In addition to the SA National Defence Force parachute battalion being deployed in problem areas, a metropolitan force was needed to permanently ensure the safety of the province's citizens, he said.

Mr Morkel said he believed the proposal would gain the backing of all major role players.

Premier Hernus Kriel also vowed last night that the Western Cape government would restore law and order.

Mr Kriel will meet Cape Town mayor Theresa Solomon and other African National Congress councillors from the Cape Town municipality on Monday, to garner support for the formation of a metropolitan police force. The creation of such a force has already drawn the backing of top-level National Party members from five of the six new municipalities and the Metropolitan Council.

Mr Kriel said the process was still in its "early days".

"A lot of discussion, planning and negotiation still has to take place, but we are serious about making the province safe and secure for its citizens," he said.

Funding is expected to come from municipalities and the private sector.

Mr Kriel said he believed the vigilante-style killing of Hard Livings gang leader Rashaad Staggie had convinced people a metropolitan police force was vital to maintain law and order. It would fill the "vacuum" created by Pretoria's failure to devolve police powers, he said.

"The African National Congress central government is not able to offer security to the people of the Western Cape, especially in the Metropole.

"The National Party-controlled provincial government has to take the move now to restore order in the province," Mr Kriel said.

Mr Morkel said he had been saying it was vital to have a metropolitan police force from the time he first took up office.

"We don't want to infringe on the rights of the municipalities, but we have got to work together against crime," he said

adding that the ANC had sent out a statement criticising the

NP for being unable to control the situation in the Western Cape.

This was considered "a bit rich", as it was the central government which had to offer security, said Mr Morkel.

"We realise the problems and we need more police permanently. At the moment we are understaffed in the Western Cape by 17 percent. When people are away on holiday or they take off sick, we will be 20-21 percent understaffed."

The central government had stated its priority to fight crime and violence. "But this is no use to us if we don't have the tools to do it," he said.

Mr Morkel said he envisaged a metropolitan police force would fall directly under the auspices of the provincial minister of police.

"A lot of things have to be put in place, like legislation to make it legal. But we will talk with all the role players."

Mr Morkel said he believed the Western Cape could lead the way with such a police force.

"Spring is coming. We must enjoy the beaches, walk along the streets and know that we are safe from hooliganism and gangsterism," he said.

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Paratroopers join battle to beat crime

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Mr Morkel said the level of fear had been highlighted after Minister of Justice Dullah Omar was forced to move with his family from his Rylands home because of fears for his safety.

Mr Omar is hosting a workshop today in Bellville on improving the role of the courts in fighting crime. Various role players, including senior government ministers, top justice and police officials and representatives of the community will take part.

An advertisement has been placed in SATURDAY Argus by community organisations and individuals pledging "solidarity and support to the minister and his family".

"We condemn the threats on the life of Minister of Justice Dullah

Omar and his family. Minister Omar is a people's person. He has given his life to the poor and the down-trodden. He has contributed selflessly towards achieving a just social order.

"In his role as Minister of Justice, he has taken many steps to transform the Justice system.

"We call on the community to support our minister and other role players in fighting crime. Minister Omar has been and will always be a part of our community.

"We want you back," the advertisement stressed.

The advertisement was signed by, among other individuals and organisations, Moosa Kaprey of the Athlone Anti-Crime Forum, Sheikh Sa'Dulla Khan of the Gatesville Mosque and K Kayaram of the Cape Hindu Cultural Society.

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ANC drops call for emergency

JOSEPH ARANES
Staff Reporter

THE African National Congress in the Western Cape has softened its stance on security measures needed to resolve the gang crisis on the Cape Flats.

During a snap debate in the provincial legislature on Monday, the ANC had called for a state of emergency, to deal with the conflict between gangs and the group People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad).

However, ANC spokesman Cameron Dugmore said after discussing the matter the party would recommend more army and police be deployed and serious consideration be given to extraordinary legislation, to give police wider powers of arrest, search and seizure.

Mr Dugmore said national pressure would also be put on provincial Minister of Police Gerald Morkel and Western Cape police chief Leon Westers, to implement the internal redeployment of resources and personnel to areas in need.

"We will lobby that there be a reallocation ... of resources needed to build the capacity at all levels of the criminal justice system, so known gangsters and drug lords can be removed from the streets," he said.

Islamic leader calls for unity, not war

MOULSI MGXASHE
Staff Reporter

THE Islamic Unity Convention (IUC) has called on the media to help bring about unity and understanding between the People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) and the drug peddlers - instead of encouraging the disintegration of the Muslim community.

Commenting on two weeks of crisis in the Cape Peninsula sparked by conflict between Pagad and the gangs, IUC national public relations officer Ganief Hendricks said: "You must remember that the drug dealers are members of our community. We want them back in our ranks. But what the media has done is to create a situation that has estranged us more."

He said most drug dealers came from good Muslim families and many of them were practising Muslims, including the Staggle family - the mother had travelled to Mecca and

■ The media has been urged to help end the conflict between Pagad and gangsters.

Medina more than once, and the father, an Imam, had played a very prominent role in the Islam faith.

He said one of the Stagglies - he could not remember whether it was drug lord Rashied or his slain brother Rashaad - was even a *mudhabeen*, one who called Muslim worshippers to prayer.

Mr Hendricks said one strategy that had not been tried in resolving the drug crisis was calling on the *wakeels*, the head of the Muslim families, to "sort out the mess" because violence was not the answer.

He said the IUC regretted the violence that led to Rashaad's death and the injury to others, and the time had now come for peace and constructive work.

Mr Hendricks did not, however, refrain from criticising Pagad's confrontation with Justice Minister Dullah Omar and

the threatening ultimatums the group had made.

He said Mr Omar was a respectable member of a community which should be proud of his work in government. He denied allegations by the gangsters that Pagad was also implicated in drug dealing and that the real conflict was over dealing territory.

Mr Hendrick said this was sheer disinformation by the gangsters and he was disappointed that Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi had failed to read it as such.

He said the claim was part of wider allegations that Pagad had military training camps in the Cape Peninsula and was ready to ask for help from Muslim fundamentalists in the Middle East, such as Hizbollah and Hamas.

He also rejected claims that Muslims were aiming to overthrow the government to estab-

lish a fundamentalist Islamic state.

"All this is nonsense. We have been involved with various government departments and non-governmental organisations in contributing to the RDP. We have also made substantial submissions to the Constitutional Assembly on how we would like to see the country governed in a multicultural and religious community such as ours," he said.

Mr Hendricks said that if there were Pagad members dealing in drugs and misleading the community, the IUC would "hit them in a manner not been seen before."

While critical of the media's coverage of the conflict, he said it was wrong for Pagad to threaten or intimidate anyone.

"We should protect a person like Dullah Omar and not march on his house with deadly threats. It is a shame that he has had to leave his house because of fears of the Muslims," Mr Hendricks said.

Boland town fears mystery gangsters

MARIO WYNGAARD

Staff Reporter

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GANGSTERISM on the Cape Flats is apparently reaching as far into the Boland as Villiersdorp.

Thomas Jansen, the town's deputy mayor, claimed this week that a group of unknown men were assaulting and harassing residents, especially women, late at night.

Mr Jansen's concern was supported by several callers to SATURDAY Argus.

The callers claimed that the gang was attempting to instil fear in the community and to promote drug peddling and crime.

Police station commander Mike Vosloo said he could not confirm the allegations but said 30 assault cases were recorded on a monthly basis.

Some of the town's community workers, who asked not to be named, said the unknown group was copying the style of Cape Flats gangs who struggled to get control of areas to sell their drugs.

Mr Jansen said people were fed up. If something was not done drastically about the situation, the community would take the law into their own hands.

"Members of the community feel that by following the example of Pagad, they might be able to do something about the situation, which is getting out of control," he said.

Captain Vosloo said the police were out in large numbers over weekends, patrolling all areas.

Anybody with information about the suspects can call him on 0225 31 996.

When the people exact rough justice

The killing by anti-drug vigilantes of Cape drug dealer Rashaad Staggie brought this often brutal form of justice to the public's attention recently. But such vigilantism is nothing new in South Africa, argue **ADRIAN HADLAND** and **PETA KROST**

Vigilantism is as old as law itself and as diverse, says Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation director Graeme Simpson. From the state-sponsored violence of the 1980s, such as the "wildoekie" killings in the Cape's Khosrovos township, and the development of people's courts and kangaroo courts, to white farmers hunting down cattle rustlers and women catching and punishing rapists, vigilantism has taken on numerous forms in both the recent and distant past.

"It is potentially all over the place," says one senior policy adviser to Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mtshamadi, outlining the difficulties in making specific provisions to counter the trend.

Central to vigilante activity is a lack of confidence in society's means of law enforcement, according to Simpson.

He explains that this is a problem particularly evident in South Africa where, for most people, and especially for those suffering political, economic, educational and social disempowerment, the police represent the enemy during the apartheid years.

Gang payrolls

"So there is a legacy of distrust of law enforcement agencies and that trust will take time to remedy," Simpson says.

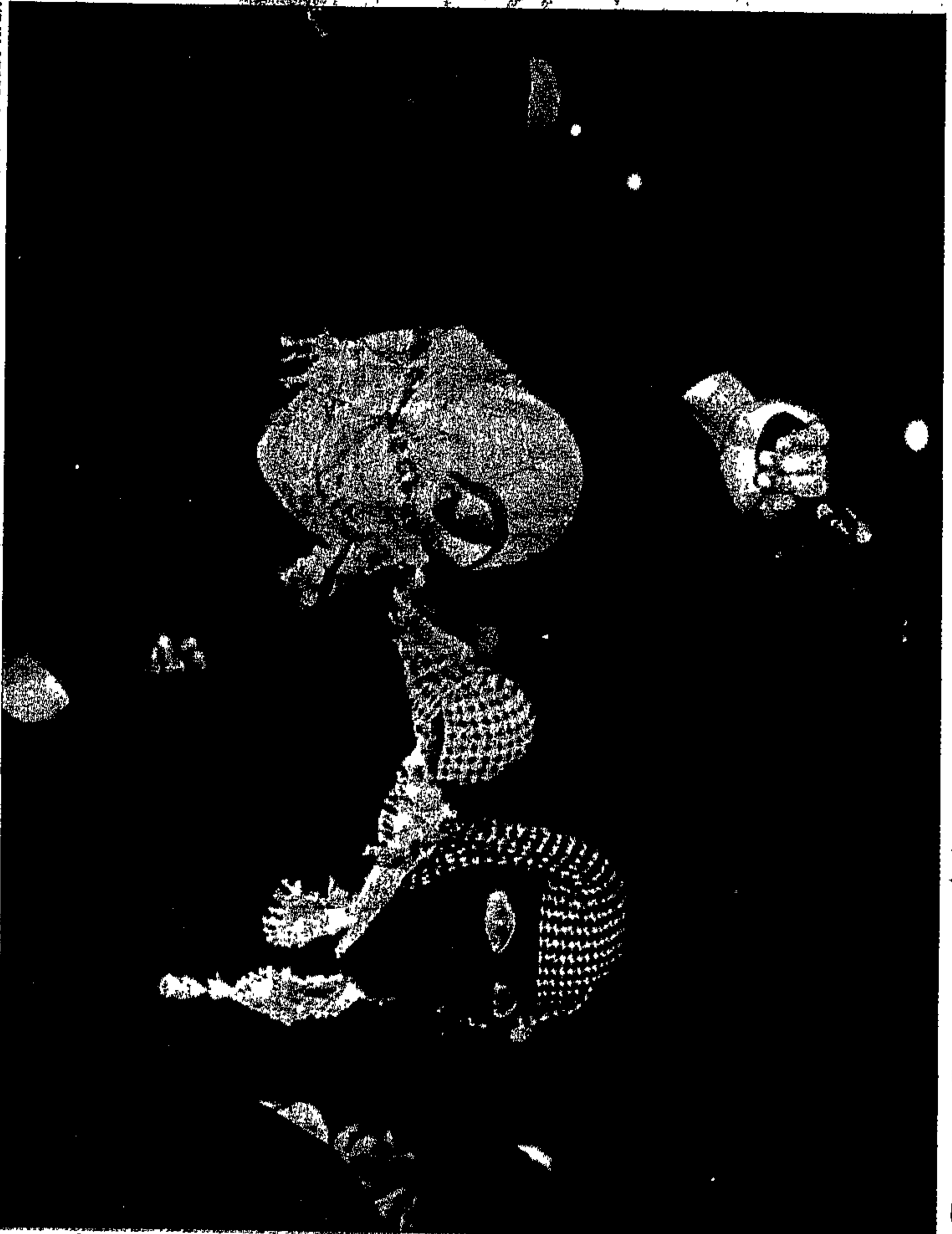
The trust is further undermined by the numerous allegations of corruption within the police force, where policemen are said to accept bribes or be on gang payrolls for protection.

Simpson suggests the introduction of victim empowerment programmes within the criminal justice system as an important part of the attempt to prevent citizens from taking the law into their own hands.

Many people complain that nothing is ever done about their particular family tragedy: they have nobody to turn to, they are not told about the progress of the investigation, the case or bail, he says.

"If benevolent forms of police-community relations fail, vigilante activity is a possible result."

"We read about vigilante activities daily, but it is usually dressed up in other ways," he explains that there is a fine line between positive, well-regulated community



UP IN ARMS: A masked Muslim waves a gun as he marches through Cape Town earlier this month with about 400 members of Pagad, led by Muslim religious leaders. There is in this country a legacy of distrust of law-enforcement agencies and it will take time to rebuild trust in these bodies

action and vigilante activities. "It is dangerously easy for neighbourhood watches, security firms and self-defence units to slide into vigilante activities, suggesting the need for these organisations to be carefully regulated."

In some communities, SDUs and self-protection units, initially formed to protect

and defend the community, become the gangs terrorising their people, he says.

There is an equal danger in white suburbs of neighbourhood watches terrorising black people in the streets.

"In the 1980s, necklacing and people's courts were a form of vigilantism in which people believed to be political traitors were

punished or killed in the name of politics," he says.

The attention given to the terrifying murder of Rashaad Staggie in Cape Town earlier this month has put pressure on the criminal justice system to act fast, says Simpson.

While we have seen sporadic incidents of vigilante activity, this high-profile incident

will test whether the country's law enforcement is up to the challenge.

The actions of vigilantes, such as People Against Gangs and Drugs (Pagad), is an elaborate warning to people that if they get involved, we will kill you too," says Simpson.

The real danger, however, is the development of a cycle of killing and counter-killing

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which could be unleashed if effective action is not taken immediately by the police.

One of the vigilantes allegedly involved in the Staggie murder has already been killed in a revenge attack, according to reports.

"Vigilantism feeds off itself and there is a real fear that the gangsters will seek revenge or Pagad will take it further," he says.

"There is also a possibility that it may develop in other parts of the country where there are groups with latent orientation."

Criminologist Irma Labuschagne fears "this could be the beginning of anarchy if not controlled".

When people are fired up in a group like the one that killed Staggie, they "de-individualise and become one big monster - taken one on one, they would be horrified by what they had done", she says.

Nobody knows for sure what turns a group of people into a murderous mob. Anger, of course, has a role. So, frustration and loss. But, somehow, deeds inconvertible to the individual suddenly become possible when intense emotions are shared by dozens of like-minded companions.

This kind of energy - psychologists call it deindividuation: essentially, being overcome by the spirit of the mob - is exactly the sort of destructive power unleashed when the forces of law and order break down and vigilantism takes root.

Traitor

The individual, shielded by the invisibility and anonymity of a crowd, suddenly feels free to gratify what French sociologist Le Bon once described as the savage, destructive instincts usually held in check by the natural constraints of society.

Says Labuschagne: "I don't believe they meant to kill that man the way they did. It got out of hand and became irrational. They saw him as a traitor to their morals and beliefs." Labuschagne says she is convinced there was more to this than the issue of drugs: "It runs much deeper."

She says the reasons could include frustration concerning their children's exposure to drugs, as well as anger towards the authorities together with a show of communal power.

She explains that the community felt disempowered because the new South Africa has not brought what they expected.

Labuschagne says she finds it interesting that many South Africans have not condemned the killing of Staggie. She attributes this to high levels of violence within South African society and the attendant desensitisation to brutal acts.

She calls women whistling and children throwing sticks at a person being necklaced. While Mtshamadi has been quick to beef up policing in the Cape and has put in place a special investigation team to look into the Staggie killing, many experts wonder whether a spark has not already been thrown into the tinder box of South African vigilantism.

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Govt failure led to rise of Pagad

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EBRAHIM MOOSA examines the options open to communities in the Western Cape when the law-enforcement and criminal-justice agencies leave them in the lurch.

RECENT events in the Western Cape raise complex questions of political morality in a democratic context. The question is: what do communities do when law enforcement agencies not only fail in performing some of their functions, but lack legitimacy in the communities they intend to serve?

In the wake of the moral rearmament spearheaded by People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) against a constellation of notorious Cape Flats gangs, a plethora of potentially dangerous flash points have emerged around the country as communities respond to crime in defiance of the police.

Do citizens who are exposed to violence and death on a daily basis have a moral and political right to embark on Pagad's stated campaign of taking the law into its own hands if there is no decisive state intervention?

Is Harry Joshua, who gunned down gangsters who had tormented him in Delft, to be treated as a common criminal?

The anti-apartheid struggle had taught us to create "alternative" structures of every hue to change conditions ourselves. Now, it is debatable whether that social ethos should be abandoned at all.

Legitimacy in itself is not something acquired during inauguration procedures on the steps of the Union Buildings or colourful fly-pasts. It requires hard work, honesty and delivery.

There is a direct correlation between legitimacy and the delivery of services on the part of the elected representatives of the people: the politicians!

For all Pagad's deficiencies, it has

come into being at the invitation of both regional and national government.

Let me explain what I mean. In the face of the impotence of the criminal justice system to effectively remedy the situation of lawlessness, the government has invited this crisis upon itself.

In failing to reduce crime, especially in low-income residential areas, the legitimacy of the law-enforcement agencies is under the spotlight.

Everyone witnessed how Western Cape police were reduced to the role of referees in keeping Pagad and the gangs apart. The result of this is the public perception that the police are protecting the gangs.

As the crisis becomes more protracted, the authorities are rapidly losing the opportunity to win back the moral high ground. They lost the opportune moment to throw a *cordón sanitaire* around the Peninsula and dramatically crack down on crime at the very inception of the crisis.

Reports of early morning raids on the homes of drug dealers is a disproportionately feeble response to the spectacular Pagad campaign which has attracted international and national attention.

The result is that there is a heightened scepticism about the effectiveness of police and law enforcement agencies for not altogether unjustified reasons. Pagad alleges that elements within the police force may be accomplices to crime and corruption. Government ministers and officials admit that corruption is rife in sections of the police force. Yet there is no well-publicised campaign to root out police corruption.

At the same time military-style public demonstrations of community anger

are paradoxically both a sign of danger and a cry of despair. No amount of sermonising about the merits of law and order or sensational representations of Muslim fundamentalism and jihad will serve to remedy the real problem.

In fact, taking recourse to banal legal and theological discourses only discredits these very well-meant statements, since they do not address the context in which people find themselves. It mystifies the debate and deflects the main issue to an ancillary event.

In failing to reduce crime, especially in the low-income residential areas, the legitimacy of the law-enforcement agencies is now under the spotlight.

Surely, no credible religion sanctions summary executions and dehumanising methods of killing. I feel obliged to categorically deplore the horrific killing and torching of an unarmed man which is a total anathema to all Islamic values.

The necessity to prosecute the killers of Pagad member Mr Ryklief, killed by gang retaliation, and of Rashaad Staggie, goes without saying.

In pursuit of crime the police can either harness free civic labour from Pagad, or provide a dramatic display of anti-crime operations that will ensure that Pagad remains a pressure group and not the unofficial police.

All mass-action groups have their quota of exhibitionists who thrive on using media opportunities to their own advantage. Pagad is no exception.

But Pagad must also take responsibility for its well-meant campaign being derailed by persons who have different agendas and for not keeping in check reckless elements among them.

What is all the more disturbing is that the relations between the police and Pagad, and by implication sections of the Muslim community, is rapidly

deteriorating with the community sympathy firmly behind the latter. Any escalation of this tension can only have ghastly consequences.

This will surely suit the militant faction within Pagad, who will milk community sympathy for themselves as being martyrs and victims. Charges of sedition against Pagad members is not only excessive, but will only help fuel the tensions.

Lest we forget, gangsters, addicts and criminal elements are products of our society and will not evaporate from our midst. These are the fallen people of our society who are the products of urban violence and poverty. Without any rehabilitation programme for the gangs this campaign will only suppress criminality, not end it.

Finally, the thrust of pressure group activity should be focused on combating the numerous drug cartels and crime syndicates that operate in this country.

In order to combat these sinister forces, a crime prevention capacity far beyond Pagad is required in order to halt drug trafficking into this country.

The real wrath of the community should be against the sophisticated cartel-owners who lack any sense of civilised conscience.

I am afraid that the Staggies, Hard Livings and scores of gangsters are but the dispensable foot-soldiers of these ruthless cartels. While the gangs cannot escape their share of guilt, the sentiment of treating them as a scourge and subjecting them to a "final solution" is utterly misplaced.

What Josef Garlinski, a Polish officer who valiantly served in the anti-Nazi underground, said about the young Nazi soldiers, may equally apply to the gangsters of Hanover Park or Valhalla Park: "Please let us remember, that the young SS men could have been your sons or mine."

□ Dr Ebrahim Moosa is director of the Centre for Contemporary Islam and senior lecturer in Religious Studies at UCT.

Cape Town in uproar over flight of threatened Justice Minister

By **CHIARA CARTER**

COME HOME, Dullah!

That was the call by a range of Cape Town leaders and organisations – including the militant anti-crime group People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) – this weekend.

Earlier this week, Omar moved from his home in Rylands on the Cape Flats because he feared that the house might become the target of extremists.

The move came in the midst of violent clashes between Pagad, gangsters and the authorities.

☐ Someone calling himself Jonathan de Vries also phoned City Press in Johannesburg and threatened to harm Omar and the ANC.

It is not known whether the caller was a crank.

Maxwell Mulaudzi, a spokesman for the Safety and Security ministry, said they took all the threats against Omar seriously and all necessary measures had been taken to protect him.

☐ Omar said the move was temporary and had been motivated by concern for the safety of his family and neighbours.

He did not think he would be threatened by Pagad – but was concerned that a maverick group might provoke police guards outside his house, resulting in innocent people being hurt.

He would return home when the volatile situation calmed down, he said.

The news that Omar had been forced to leave home shocked Cape Town – not least because when Omar became a cabinet minister he refused to move from his modest home.

Pagad met with Omar on several occasions earlier this year to express their criticism of the justice system.

This week, Pagad leaders assured Omar of their support and said he should return home.

The largely fundamentalist Islamic Unity Convention, chaired by radical Muslim leader Achmad Cassiem, this weekend said Omar should be protected – not threatened.

The IUC said the Muslim community should unite – and that both Pagad and many drug dealers came from within the community.

Violence was not the answer to dealing with the problem of drug peddling, it said.

☐ Yesterday a group of prominent individuals and community organisations placed a large advertisement expressing support for Omar in a local newspaper.

The advertisement condemned threats on Omar's life and said he had "contributed selflessly towards achieving a just social order" and had taken many steps to transform the justice system.

The group included Sheikh Sa'Dulla Khan of the Gatesville mosque – the centre where Pagad supporters meet.

☐ Earlier this year, members of the radical Muslim organisation Qibla invaded Omar's home. Their actions were widely condemned in Cape Town's Muslim community and Qibla undertook to investigate the matter and take disciplinary action against its members.

☐ Several other Cape community leaders and journalists have received death threats during the past two weeks.

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Behind Pagad's jihad

— minnows or a threat?

THE MILITANT anti-crime campaign waged by People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) has cast the spotlight on a little-known Muslim revolutionary group called Qibla.

According to an intelligence report delivered this week, while Qibla's membership is tiny, its members have played a major role in formulating Pagad's militant strategies.

The report argues that earlier this year, Qibla "hijacked" an interdenominational community-based anti-crime campaign and turned it into a confrontational movement.

The report says Qibla has a political agenda which goes beyond eliminating crime — to the creation of an Islamic state.

Despite the intelligence report, Pagad says it is aligned to no political party or organisation and is open to all members of the community, whatever their religion.

While the showdown between Pagad, gangsters and the authorities has shot Qibla into the international limelight, the organisation has a long history in the Western Cape.

The word Qibla means "direction" or "way" and refers to the direction Muslims face when they pray.

The organisation was formed 17 years ago but came to prominence in the mid-1980s when Qibla members took up arms in the anti-apartheid struggle.

Qibla had an agreement with the PAC although no formal alliance existed.

At the time, Qibla claimed to have branches in Gauteng and KwaZulu-Natal but according to experts the organisation has never numbered more than a few dozen people.

During the 1980s and early 1990s, a few Qibla members left the country for military training in neighbouring states, as well as Iran, where Qibla soldiers fought in the war against Iraq.

Others fought in Afghanistan. A group involved in Pagad claim to have trained recently in Libya and the masked leader called the Amir (teacher) is rumoured to have returned recently from the Sudan.

Qibla's guru is Imam Achmad Cassiem, a stalwart of the anti-apartheid struggle who served two sentences on Robben Island and was banned for eleven years.

He denies that he is a Pagad leader. He is a proponent of Islamic revolution and two years ago put forward the view that South Africa would be an Islamic state by the turn of the century.

This week on television he outlined the limits of authority which a secular state could wield.

An Islamic state would be governed by

Who is Qibla, and how seriously should it be taken? **CHIARA CARTER** looks at the history of the small Muslim group which has played a key role in planning the militant strategies of Pagad. The anti-gangs and drugs group has openly carried weapons, threatened journalists and warned that Muslims are not afraid to be martyred — but many of its members do not support Qibla's ambitious political aims.

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Shari'ah (Islamic law) which includes the abolition of alcohol, measures such as veiling women and strict punishment for criminals as well as sexual transgressors.

Qibla played a key role in the formation of the Islamic Unity Convention, an umbrella body for several small, fundamentalist groupings. The IUC runs a community radio station listened to by thousands of Muslim families in the Western Cape.

Earlier this year, a group of Qibla members invaded Justice Minister Dullah Omar's home to protest against the criminal justice system.

Omar subsequently addressed a Pagad demonstration outside parliament and met with Pagad leaders, as did the regional Commissioner of Police, Leon Wessels.

This month, Pagad embarked on a more militant campaign and began demonstrating outside the homes of people whom they alleged were drug merchants.

Then came the mob murder of Hard Livings gang leader Rashaad Staggie, who had allegedly blasphemed about Allah.

This week, Pagad leaders warned that their campaign would become a jihad (holy war).

Several speakers at Sunday's rally quoted verses from the Koran which form the basis for such a jihad.

Speakers justified the use of arms against violent people and said Muslims were not afraid to become martyrs because they knew they would be reunited with Allah.

Journalists were warned that they would become the enemy if they distorted Pagad's views.

This militant rhetoric tied in with other forms of militancy which characterised Pagad's campaign in recent weeks.

These included the open display of a wide range of weaponry by a group of Pagad members who apparently model themselves on the Iranian revolutionary guards.

One Pagad leader who is not a member

of Qibla, Ali "Phantom" Parker, has said, he will consider suicide bombing missions against drug lords — a tactic used by some Muslim groupings in the Middle East.

While Qibla might be influential at a leadership level in Pagad, it remains numerically tiny.

Pagad has attracted thousands of supporters in the Western Cape, most of whom do not support Qibla's political views.

And Pagad's armed members are not all Qibla adherents.

There have been persistent rumours that Pagad members are receiving military training — a charge which Pagad coordinator Farouk Jaffer has not denied.

However, it appears that much of this training is rudimentary drilling.

Since 1994, Muslims have received training in a number of centres in South Africa. Much of this has been right-wing in character and targeted crime.

Muslims number a tiny fraction of the SA population — two percent — and this means that any drive towards the creation of a Muslim state belongs in the realm of the nigh-impossible.

While many Muslims in South Africa have supported Muslims under attack elsewhere in the world, including Afghanistan, Bosnia and Libya, it is viewed as ridiculous to argue that the current crisis in the Western Cape is linked to international Islamic revolution.

The authorities still want Pagad to join their community initiatives against crime but they believe the organisation's militancy has overstepped the mark and that some Pagad leaders are challenging the authority of the state.

Pagad leader Nadthmie Edries now faces sedition charges and several other Pagad leaders are in hiding from the authorities.

Leading members of the Muslim community in Cape Town say that while Pagad will be unable to sustain its militant profile, it is dangerous for the authorities to target "moderate" Pagad leadership because this will leave a gap for militants like Qibla.

Anti-drug protesters, dealers' clash

By WALLY MBHELE

IN WHAT could become a victory for People Against Crime and Drugs (Pagad), a member of the Gauteng Legislature yesterday promised that the government would get a list of alleged drug dealers to find out where they get the money from. Mahommed Dangor told more than 700 marchers that a list of those people allegedly dealing in drugs will have to be handed to the Receiver of Revenue "because we don't understand how a young man who is not working can drive a Mercedes Benz".

This followed a march in which frustrated police battled to prevent a possible outbreak of violence between alleged drug dealers and angry Pagad members yesterday as the latter's campaign against drug dealing intensified countrywide. Slogans of "one merchant one bullet" echoed in the streets of Laudium near Pretoria yesterday as more than 700 Laudium residents with yellow arm bands took to the streets in Pagad's continued "war" against alleged gangsters.

The marcher's bemoaned deterioration of a social order have been plagued by excessive criminality, immoral values and poverty. In its memorandum, Pagad promised to "assist the police in combating crime and lend support to the community police forum . . .". "The matter regarding crime prevention cannot, in the final analysis, be the sole concern of local law enforcement agencies," said Pagad yesterday.

Pagad members were instructed to remove their balaclavas by their leader during a march in Durban's city centre on Friday, so "that the gangsters and police can see your faces". "We are not scared of them," said the militant chairman of Pagad in Durban, Rashid Suleman.

The anti-drug and crime vigilante group then presented a memorandum to Durban's mayor, Obed Mlaba, demanding action against druglords.

This protest follows the Muslim organisation's recent armed march through the Cape Flats. But the protest in Durban was marked by the absence of weapons as a heavy police contingent kept a watchful eye on proceedings. Standing on a truck in front of the city hall, the leaders took turns to "dispel alleged myths created by the press" that the movement was linked to the Palestine Liberation Organisation, Hizbollah or Qibla and said his organisation "enjoyed support from all religious communities in the province".

Mufamadi to face a heavy drilling

By CHIARA CARTER

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SAFETY and Security minister Sydney Mufamadi faces tough questions in parliament this week about police conduct in the Western Cape - the scene of violent clashes between the authorities, Pagad and gangsters.

The queries relate to claims by high-placed police sources that the SAPS top brass failed to take adequate action two weekends in a row.

□ They claim that late last Saturday night the SAPS officer in charge of handling Sunday's Pagad march received information that gangsters intended holding their own march.

Being unable to contact any of his superior officers, he ended up phoning Justice Minister Dullah Omar, who then asked Mufamadi to send more troops to the region.

□ They also claim that the previous weekend police intelligence received reports that Pagad intended marching on the home of gangleader Rashaad Staggie, but only two police vans were sent to the scene.

Other questions include:

□ Why top gangsters have not been arrested - when police intelligence reports received earlier this year detailed the leadership of the inner council of The Firm, an umbrella body which co-ordinates the activities of Cape Town's underworld.

□ Why why police guarded the homes of alleged gangsters.

□ Allegations of corruption in the police.

□ Meanwhile, rebel policeman turned MP Gregory Rockman has returned to the centre-stage in the Western Cape with his open support for Pagad and their stance on crime and corruption in the police force.

Rockman's move could give him a shot at running for leadership of the ANC in the region.

s Mafia tactics

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By KEN VERNON



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wear it!

GANGSTER cartel The Firm has begun laundering its huge cash income through legitimate business and is set to become a Mafia-like organisation with tentacles spreading throughout society, according to a top gang fighter.

Director Leonard Knipe, chief of the Cape's anti-gang squad, says gang leaders may soon be indistinguishable from businessmen.

"One example of where gangsters are laundering money is the short-term assurance market where there are an awful lot of brokers getting rich off gangster money.

"The days of gangsters killing themselves in mindless territorial wars is over. These days they are out to make money — lots of money — and they have acquired the legal and financial advisors to help them invest their ill-gotten gains so that no one can trace it.

"Should they get caught, when they appear in court they have the best defence teams money can buy, so that getting convictions is harder and harder — and soon it might be impossible".

A secret police report shows that since the formation of The Firm more than 18 months ago, gang-related crimes reported to police have dropped by over 400 percent.

This is because gangs have stopped fighting among themselves and are concentrating on more profitable undertakings — like selling drugs.

At the same time police confiscation of Mandrax, dagga and cocaine has dropped dramatically while confiscation of crack has risen 500 percent.

The Firm — said to be an acronym for "For It Requires Money" — is an amalgamation of drug dealers and gangsters.

It has enabled organised crime to dramatically increase its capacity to import, distribute and peddle drugs, the report says, adding that criminals posing a threat to the new order by public violence are now assassinated.

The report suggests there is a strong Nigerian connection to the import of cocaine into South Africa, mainly from South America, but that The Firm is experimenting with importing drugs directly — to dramatically increase profits.

Two drug syndicates are said to be involved in this operation, which has already reduced the cost of imported cocaine and crack to the extent that these drugs are now available to working-class communities.

Senior members of the Firm — all former convicts — said this week that drug dealers were prepared to suffer the consequences of their actions at the hands of the police — but they were unhappy that Pagad "is doing the police's work for them".

The Firm wanted peace in the communities in which they lived and had been working towards this. "We have killed each other and we don't want to do that any longer. We don't want our children to become gangsters," said one dealer.

"People branded us and think we are drug dealers and criminals even when we try and do good. We have pool shops and legitimate businesses in the community but we only get negative recognition."

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Paratroopers deployed to restore law in Cape

Sunday Times Reporter

PARATROOPERS have been deployed in the battle to restore law and order in the Western Cape and put an end to clashes between Pagad and the gangsters.

But Western Cape Safety and Security Minister Gerald Morkel said yesterday the deployment of extra police and troops in the Peninsula was not enough.

A top-level meeting to discuss the formation of a Western Cape metropolitan police force has been scheduled as a matter of urgency, he said.

"It is pointless to go for the 2004 Olympic Bid or to encourage people to come and see us and invest in the Western Cape when we just can't offer them stability," Morkel said.

In addition to the SA National Defence Force parachute battalion being deployed on the Cape Flats, he said a metropolitan force was needed to permanently ensure the safety of the province's citizens.

Premier Henus Kriel also vowed that the Western Cape government would restore law and order. He will meet Cape Town mayor Theresa Solomon and other ANC councillors from the Cape Town municipality tomorrow to garner support for a metropolitan police force.

Meanwhile, Police Commissioner George Fivaz has denied that any bad faith was involved in charging Pagad members with sedition just days after he had pledged to form a "partnership against crime" with them.

Fivaz was speaking at a workshop in Bellville, set up to debate improving the role of courts in fighting crime.

However, the forum was partially crippled at the outset when Pagad boycotted it in protest against what it called the police campaign

against its members.

The commissioner denied that efforts to draw Pagad into a coalition against crime were in tatters because of the sedition charges against Pagad leader Nadthmie Edries.

The charges had been under investigation before he met the Pagad deputation — which included Edries — last week and the offer had been made subject to any outstanding criminal cases being finalised, he said.

Fivaz said Pagad had given assurances that its members would not openly display firearms at a rally in Athlone the following day, and he expressed "disappointment" that these undertakings had not been kept. During the rally Pagad supporters and police exchanged gunfire and several people were injured.

Responding to criticism that police had targetted Pagad members while gangsters were still freely roaming the streets, Fivaz said: "The police need evidence to arrest anyone, gangsters included, and only after that evidence has been presented to the attorney-general can anyone be charged."

"At present gangsters are under heavy scrutiny and when the police are in a position to act, they will be arrested."

Replying to gangster demands that he meet them to discuss the division of the city into different gang areas to reduce crime, Fivaz called it "absolutely absurd".

"We would really be a banana republic if such demands were treated seriously", he said, adding that he had no plans to meet any gangsters except to arrest them.

At the meeting Minister of Justice Dullah Omar said he had no immediate plans to return to his Cape Town home, abandoned after threats from Muslim extremists.

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The reformed killer at the centre of peace talks

BY YVETTE VAN BREDA

AT 15 Ivan Waldeck was jailed for murder and assault and faced charges on 21 offences.

During his nine-year jail term he ran a lucrative drug smuggling business as a member of the prison gang, the 26's.

Now, reformed American gangster and underworld confidante Waldeck, 28, is at the centre of keeping the peace between rival gangs in the crime-infested slums of Cape Town's northern suburbs.

As a Faith Welfare Organisation voluntary worker, Waldeck is popular in the area. The organisation, run by pastor Albern Martins, also feeds the poor, runs programmes for the aged and negotiates with gangs.

This week Waldeck told of the violent crimes he committed before repenting.

"You name the crime and I've committed it. I did everything except have sex with my mummy," Waldeck said, admitting to rape, robbery, murder and car theft.

But just 60 days after being released from Pollsmoor prison in 1994, and on the day he shot his cousin twice for sipping his beer, Waldeck "found God" and turned to Christianity, he said this week.

Since then, Waldeck has become passionate about saving young people from crime.

He gives talks at schools



CHILD'S PLAY? ... Ivan Waldeck shows the weapons he has confiscated from children in crime-riddled Belhar PICTURE: JUSTIN SHOLK

and is called in when gangsterism rears its ugly head among pupils.

"The children can relate to me. I also came home to a drunk mum and no bread in the bin and I tell them that."

"In my days (as a gang-

ster) they would give you a knife and get you trapped. Today they give the kids guns."

However, he has found a way out.

"I started brokering peace with the main gangs here — The Firm, the Hard Livings, the Dixies, the Americans, the Home Boys, the 28's and the 26's, — a year ago," he said.

"Pagad has only opened their eyes to see how they damaged the community and now the gangs are really united and pro peace."

"The Firm knows where I'm coming from, and they respect and support what I'm trying to do."

Commenting on the current Cape Flats crisis, he expressed disappointment with the authorities who were refusing to negotiate with gangsters.

"They (the gangsters) are asking for a hearing and they deserve one."

"They are victims of circumstance and the state wants to deny that."

"They are admitting they are gangsters and that tells me they are crying out. It's a call for help."

"Their rejection by the authorities has angered them because they feel nobody cares about them."

"The fact that the gangs are making peace should be recognised," he said.

Man hurt as gangs shoot it out

Sunday Times Reporter

A MAN with bullet wounds was admitted to Victoria Hospital yesterday after a gunfight between the Mongrel and Hero Cats gangs in Ottery, police said.

Mr Andrew Solomons, 26, who was wounded outside Geduld Court yesterday afternoon was taken to Victoria Hospital.

Behind the Pagad masks

By KEN VERNON

LEADERS of Pagad have gone into hiding to escape an extensive dragnet cast by police who say the group has been hijacked by "subversive" elements.

Pagad in turn have accused the police of being in collusion with drug dealers. A spokesman has said reformed gangsters have given them information on police/gang corruption and say the police campaign against them is an attempt to shut them up.

Police crime-fighter, Director Leonard Knipe, leader of the Investigation Task Force set up to probe the Pagad phenomenon, said it was probable there would be "wide-scale arrests" of Pagad supporters shortly.

But wide-scale arrests of Pagad members, who have garnered popular support in the Cape for their fight against crime

and drugs, could set the scene for a full-scale confrontation between the government and the Muslim community.

Knipe stressed that while Pagad itself was not under investigation, some Pagad "elements" aligned to other organisations, were using Pagad as a shield for seditious actions and statements.

His comments come after Pagad leader Nadthmie Edries appeared in a Cape Magistrates court this week charged with sedition. He was released on bail and is to appear again on September 17.

Meanwhile, in an interview a Pagad leader has spoken of the "ordinary men and women" behind the formation of Pagad. He disclosed that the "top four or five members are on the run, sleeping at a variety of places other than their homes."

He said Pagad had col-

lected a "war chest" from the Muslim community to support the men and their families.

He slammed the police action as being part of a cover-up for complicity in drug-dealing and said Pagad could soon be in a position to release information that would "blow the whole thing wide open."

"Since we began operating we have approached 18 drug dealers, two of whom have repented and given up lots of information. When that comes out the whole question (of police corruption) will be revealed."

"But at the moment the police do not know what we've got and that is why they are trying to shut us down."

He admitted that the police manhunt had forced Pagad to "sit back and rethink and regroup, but there is no chance that we will give up our campaign against the druglords".

Knipe admitted some policemen have been implicated in gangster corruption.

But he added that police had taken action against them — including one colonel convicted in connection with the illegal granting of firearm licences — but he denied wide-spread collusion between police and gangsterism.

He said that he intended to sue one well-known paper for libelling him.

In his interview the Pa-

Ghettos slide towards war

By CHARL DE VILLIERS

CAPE Flats ghettos have been sliding towards low-intensity war after a dramatic explosion of violence when police, gangsters and anti-drug activists traded gunfire across school playing fields a week ago.

Police also stepped up their hunt for fugitive leaders of Pagad, launched an abortive raid on a gang stronghold and arrested two Pagad suspects for trying to spring one of their leaders from custody on Thursday.

The week was punctuated by reports of sniping and drive-by shootings in incidents allegedly linked to the high-tension stand-off between People Against Gangsters and Drugs and crime bosses.

The climate of danger was thickened with mid-week reports that Justice Minister Dullah Omar had been whisked to a safe house with his family. Celebrated city photographer Benny Gool was also reportedly among others who had gone into hiding after threats.

Last Sunday, Pagad leader Muhamed Ali Parker exhorted a rally of at least 10 000 people to join in a holy war or "Jihad" against gangsters and warned journalists they could be targetted if seen to be part of the "criminal onslaught".

The Vygieskraal rally coincided with Pagad's D-Day for drug peddlers, who had been warned to stop business or face being "taken out". Pagad gunmen have featured prominently on city streets, wearing cloth khaffiyehs to hide their identity, reminiscent of the Palestinian *intifada*.

Pagad spokesmen also hinted at international backing from two militant Islamic organisations, Hamas and Hizbollah.

The appeal for a Jihad against crime came a week after one of Cape Town's most prominent drug barons, Rashaad Staggie, was murdered in full sight of police and TV cameras when a mob attacked his Salt River home.

Sunday's rally ended in mayhem as excited Pagad supporters scrambled over police armoured trucks and clashed with marching gangsters and police in a full-scale firefight at a Hanover Parks school which left at least seven wounded, including two photographers.

That night, snipers fired at a house in Kensington, a home was petrol-bombed in Bridgetown and



HOUSE CALL ...Hard Livings leader Rashied Staggie (centre) with one of his lieutenants during a police raid on a house in Valhalla earlier this week

PICTURE: JUSTIN SHOLK

eight Pagad members were arrested.

By Monday, Pagad was publicly advising its members to form cells as part of a guerrilla-style fight against crime while demanding the resignation of Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi and top policemen.

The Western Cape legislature also heard appeals for a state of emergency by ANC provincial leader Chris Nissen and disclosures that 350 extra policemen and another 120 troops had been assigned to beef up the security force buffer between gangs and Pagad.

Meanwhile, Muslim businesses came under fire from mysterious gunmen and an unexploded hand grenade was found near a mosque.

In a pre-dawn swoop on Tuesday, police arrested Pagad security chief Moegamat Nadthmie

Edries on sedition charges and announced that they would like to talk to Parker and Pagad co-ordinator Farouk Jaffer.

The Muslim Judicial Council demanded that all Pagad detainees be released.

Speaking at a mosque, ANC MP and former police officer Gregory Rockman said he fully supported Pagad, and about 1 000 residents took part in a pro-Pagad march in Strand on Tuesday.

On Wednesday, heavily-armed police faced hostile crowds when they fruitlessly searched six alleged gang hideouts in Valhalla Park for illegal weapons.

Gang leader Colin Stansfield, armed with two licensed handguns and a machine pistol, was wounded in the leg when police detonated a stun grenade to clear the crowd.

The Justice Department and po-

lice also announced that they would be investigating closing legal loopholes which allowed criminals to lawfully borrow weapons.

Hard Livings leader Rashied Staggie calmed the volatile crowd after joining 15 gang leaders in a march to deliver a memorandum at the Bishop Lavis police station — but Mufamadi ruled out any negotiations with gangsters.

On Thursday, two men were arrested — one a police reservist — after alleging trying to free Edries from the Table View police cells.

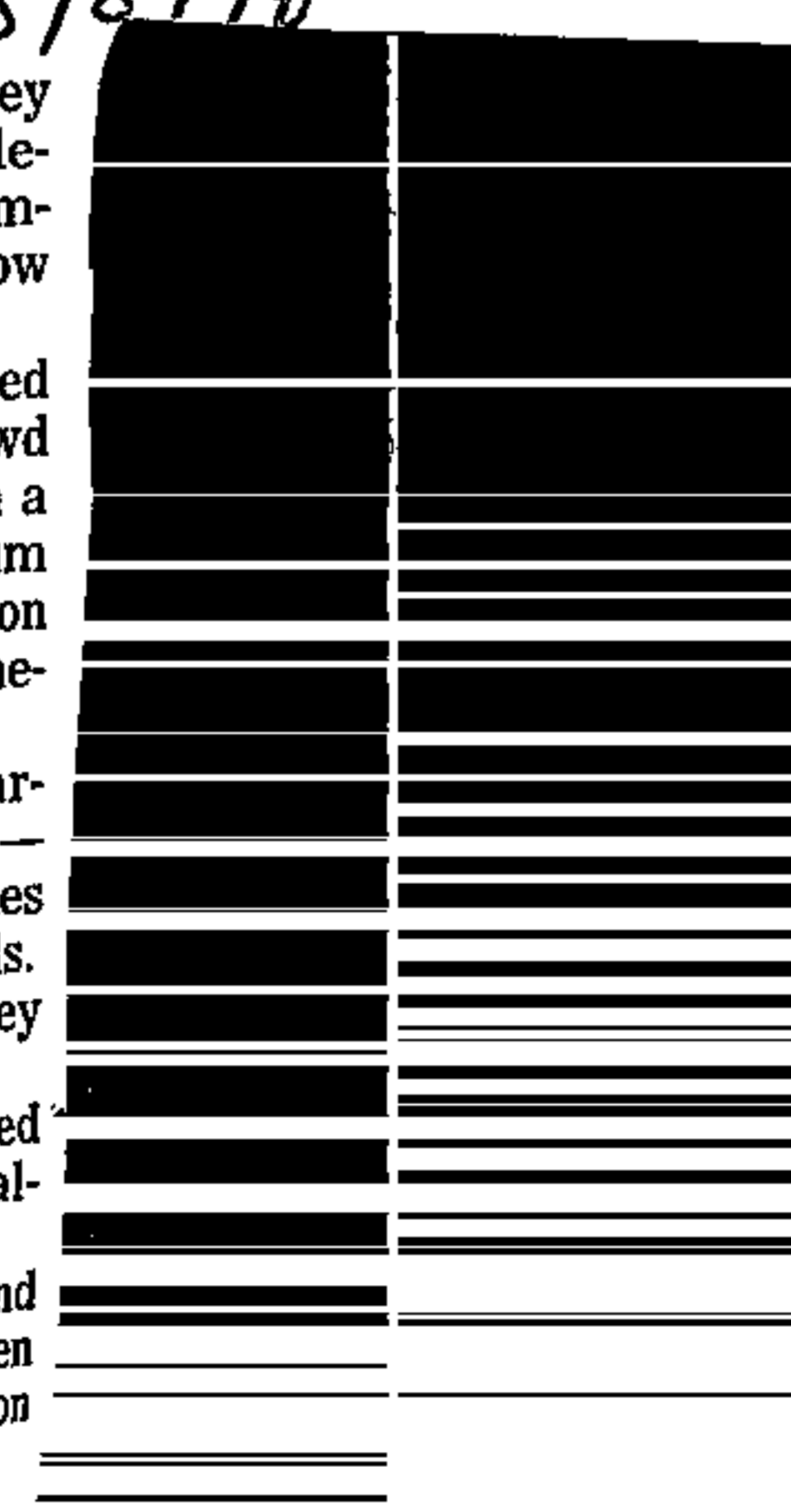
Wearing flak jackets, they claimed to be policemen.

Edries, who was later released on R10 000 bail, had, however, already been taken to court.

Police became suspicious and the suspects were arrested when taking part in a demonstration outside the court.

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Cape factions hire professional body-guards

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gang war

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White guns join

AIDS play: Finger pointed at Sol

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By RAY HARTLEY
Political Correspondent

BANTU HOLOMISA yesterday raised the stakes in his confrontation with the leadership of the ANC, saying gambling magnate Sol Kerzner could be one of the mystery donors who had bailed out Health Minister Dr Nkosazana Zuma's *Sarafina 2* play earlier this year.

Holomisa said yesterday that Zuma's participation on a disciplinary panel, which will try him for indiscipline, would be unacceptable as long as the donors remained secret.

"I'm sceptical of her impartiality because she has not yet told us who came to the rescue of *Sarafina 2*. What if that person is Sol Kerzner?" he said.

Zuma has steadfastly refused to name the donors who bailed the government out of its R14-million commitment to the play.

Yesterday she declined to comment on anything to do with Holomisa.

Said Holomisa: "Sol Kerzner has shown how leadership figures are willing to take his profits," referring to the admission by President Nelson Mandela that the ANC had accepted money from Kerzner.

Mandela at first said the organisation had accepted R2-million but, in another twist, the ANC has since told the Sunday Times that Kerzner gave it only R500-000, with a further R1.5-million coming from Safren chief executive Buddy Hawton.

Holomisa said he also objected to Zuma's presence on the panel because she was a member of the ANC's national working committee, which has described him as "malicious".

His latest charges are expected to further anger ANC leaders, bolstering a growing view among officials that he should be expelled immediately.

The ANC's highest decision-making body, the national executive council, heard a report last night on the Holomisa affair and was expected to discuss the matter further today.

Sources said the committee was likely to be divided, with one group, including Sports Minister Steve Tshwete, arguing that Holomisa should be expelled immediately.

Others, said to include Water Affairs Minister Kader Asmal, are believed to favour a rigorous adherence to the disciplinary proceedings in the interests of producing a result which cannot be challenged in court.

Said one committee member: "The Constitution dictates that procedure must be followed."

Holomisa indicated yesterday that he would take the ANC to court if he believed that proceedings against him were unfair.

The hearing, which was postponed yesterday after Holomisa said he was too ill to attend, will now take place in Johannesburg at the end of the month.

Islamic groups pose 'no threat at all' to security

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Farouk Chothia

DURBAN — The National Intelligence Agency had concluded that there was no threat from Islamic organisations to SA's security, agency co-ordinator Moe Shaik said yesterday.

He said the agency had held discussions with Israel's intelligence liaison officer after reports in the Israeli press earlier this year that Hezbollah-trained cells were operating in SA.

Shaik said the Israeli official was unable to provide any information to back up the claim. SA intelligence still decided to scan the country to unearth the alleged Hezbollah cells, as well as Hamas cells. It found "zilch".

Shaik said he expected SA to forge trade links with Iran, which backs Hezbollah, soon.

Shaik said there was no threat from Islamic forces, and SA was not "dealing with a phenomena organised militarily by any stretch of the imagination".

He said there were rumours that Iraqis were in SA. These rumours gained momentum after gang leader Rashaad Staggie was killed recently.

South Africans should not be "hypersensitive" to Islamic slogans, as supporters of People against Gangsterism were using them in the context of raising "very legitimate concerns".

Agency analysis revealed that Staggie was killed after "mob rule" took over, rather than as a result of any military precision.

None of the Muslim groups in SA had the means to launch a military offensive, and there was no evidence to suggest sophistication.

Shaik said Pagad's presence in Durban and Johannesburg was spontaneous rather than co-ordinated.

The agency believed most members wanted to operate within the law. They should be "encouraged to knock on the door of drug lords". Pagad has highlighted the drug problem.

Shaik said there were "elements within Pagad (Qibla members) who see this as some kind of second revolution and were attempting to direct Pagad's activities to the zone of subversion".

They were, however, unable to carry on their actions for long, he said.

The Sunday Times reported yesterday that SA's Islamic Jihad movement had been sending Muslims to Afghanistan since 1993. Training, including in the use of RPG rocket launchers, had taken place.

Shaik said some individuals might have forged ties with foreign Muslims, but this was no threat to security.

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Cape Flats drug pusher escapes fiery death ⁽³⁵⁾

OWN CORRESPONDENT

Cape Town - A Cape Flats drug pedlar narrowly escaped death in Athlone last night, when two men, believed to be members of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad), tried to set him alight, after catching him in the act of selling drugs.

The torching attempt is the latest incident of violence in the on-

going war between drug merchants and Pagad, which has vowed to rid the Cape Flats of drugs.

The drug pedlar entered a café in Church Street, Athlone about 6.30pm yesterday and offered to sell Mandrax tablets to the owner of the shop. Two Muslim men, believed to be members of Pagad, who were also in the shop at the time, grabbed the drug dealer and

poured petrol over him.

According to police spokesman Captain Wicus Holtzhausen, the gangster managed to run away and escape a fiery death similar to the death of Hard Livings Gang leader Rashaad Staggie, who was set alight and shot earlier this month.

The Pagad members also confiscated 120 Mandrax tablets from the pedlar. The police, who have

been patrolling the Cape Flats regularly since the death of Staggie about two weeks ago, were on the scene in minutes.

Holtzhausen said no arrests had been made and the police were investigating a charge of attempted murder. He said the police had failed to retrieve the drugs.

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A 'social-contract' to save SA

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CONTRIBUTING EDITOR ANTHONY HOLIDAY ponders on the foundations of our Constitution and wonders how gang leader Rashied Staggie would respond to an appeal for an understanding of the idea of Thomas Hobbes' "social contract".

IT SEEMED odd to wish to have this discussion with the gangster Rashied Staggie, on the very spot where his twin brother, Rashaad, had been set alight and shot dead by the indignant mujahedin of Pagad. Yet that was what I very much wanted to do. I was sure, at least, of that.

I was less sure of just why I wanted to do it. For there was little reason to believe that Staggie had any special interest in social contract theory or, indeed, that he had ever heard of so strange a beast.

Perhaps I just wanted to hear his reaction to the notion that he and his kind — no less than their enemies, who had taken the law into their own hands by killing his brother — were threatening the very fabric of the society which I and thousands like me had sought to create out of our struggles against apartheid.

Perhaps I was partly moved by the thought that the Staggie twins and I had grown up within a kilometre of one another in Cape Town's southern suburbs, until their family, unlike ours, was forced out by the Group Areas Act.

But one of the two henchmen on watchful guard behind a security gate on the porch informed me, in tones of considerate politeness, that the surviving Staggie brother was

elsewhere at that time, his precise whereabouts, "unfortunately", not known to his watchers of the night. Would I care to leave a message?

And, as we spoke, a bright-faced young white woman with a middle-class accent appeared at my shoulder out of nowhere, to suggest cheerfully that I might like to leave a telephone number. I did that and departed.

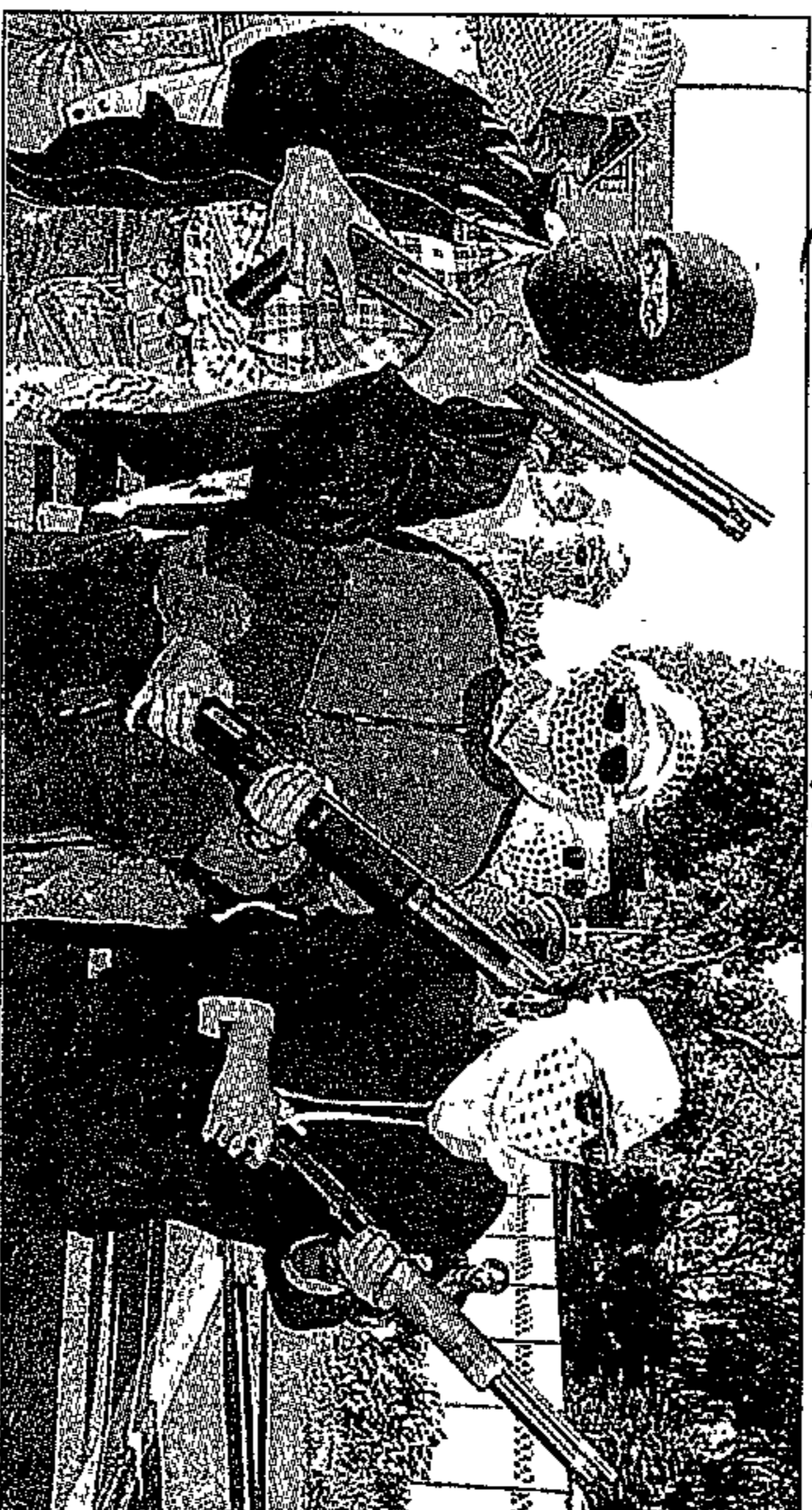
Had we spoken, I would have told Staggie that the way he and his Hard Livings gang made their living, in combination with the activities of other criminal fish, some smaller, some larger than he could ever hope to grow, was bound, if unchecked and unpunished, to over-extend past breaking point the capacities of the police and the ordinary administration of justice.

I would have told him that it was equally inevitable that, once the hand-wringing impotence of Messrs Mufamadi and Omar to pit the police and the courts effectively against the criminals was exposed, some organisation, such as Pagad, would try to step into the breach — an organisation with an implicit or explicit political agenda going well beyond the worthy-sounding aim of driving gangsters and drug dealers off the streets.

With this last turn of the screw, the government must come under intense pressure to declare a state of emergency as a last-ditch attempt to close this Pandora's Box and to preserve the body politic intact.

This is a step President Mandela and his cohorts are understandably reluctant to take. What sort of signal would this send to the foreign investors they are trying so assiduously to woo?

How would it effect our image in the



PAGAD: Forcing the Justice and Law departments to act more strongly against crime.

United Nations, in the GATT family and in the OAU?

More importantly, what if even a state of emergency, with all the spectres of curfews, night searches and troops in our streets that it would bring with it, were to prove insufficient to awaken us from our nightmare?

After all, states of emergency did not, in the last resort, enable Verwoerd, or Botha or De Klerk, to keep their system of racist oppression intact.

But most crucially, the declaration of an emergency would indicate a lack of confidence in the very foundations on which the Constitution that makes provision for it rests.

That very foundation — strange as it seems — is no more substantial than a philosophical conception, a theory, a hypothesis called a "social contract".

themselves and to live under them.

Our aspirations to live in conditions of civilisation, instead of in states of barbarity or even animality, depend for their realisation on our clinging to this faith in the rationality of our kind.

When the African National Congress established itself in 1912, when it adopted the principles of the Freedom Charter and when its parliamentarians entered into consultations designed to produce the new Constitution, it acted in the name of this faith in reason and this idea of a social contract.

When other nations look to us to make our Constitution work against the odds and to become the saviour of Africa, they are moved to do so by the same faith in reason.

The notion of a social contract is unfashionable today in certain philosophical circles. Most notably it is unfashionable among those philosophers who call themselves "post modernists".

However, it is noteworthy that many of these philosophers live in countries where democratic traditions and the rule of law have been established for centuries and where their right to teach and write and reflect is not threatened daily by the forces of unreason.

I would have tried to explain some of this to Rashied Staggie, although I doubt whether he would have considered the effort to understand any of it worthwhile.

But the willingness to make such an effort in this place of violence and in the darkness of our times is what is required of all of us if we are to avoid the slide into something more terrible than anarchy.

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Drastic steps to stem tide of crime

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Minister hails Cape Times bid to fight scourge

HAIL the immeasurable initiative of the Cape Times in general and that of the Editor in particular in launching the Bid Against Crime campaign. Initiatives of this nature will go a long way in informing and arousing public discourse, and contributing suggestions in combating crime.

There is a public perception that government is not doing enough to combat and prevent crime. In 1995 the government adopted a broadly shared vision and policy framework to eradicate crime. The National Crime Prevention Strategy (NCPS) is government's policy framework which the criminal justice department have to put into operation. This is the crystal clear political will of government to prevent crime.

One leg of the criminal justice system, namely the South African Police Service, has unveiled a police plan (Sword and Shield), guided by the framework of the NCPS, to implement the vision and policy of government. The police plan prioritises certain crime tendencies including illegal firearms, tax violence, narcotics, organised crime, hijacks, corruption (amongst police) and illegal movement of persons and goods.

In my address to the National Assembly on May 31 which went unreported, I said: "The national Commissioner has identified Gauteng and KwaZulu-Natal as priority provinces for the efforts of the police this year. The Western Cape, with its gang-related crime, is also a candidate for inclusion in this category."

It is the role of civil society to participate in constitutional platforms like community police forums in seeking to address those loopholes and weaknesses in order to strengthen the criminal justice system.

Let us redirect and muster our energies within the law of the land in the uphill battle against the scourge of crime. Join your local community police forum and make an invaluable input into policing matters. Let us emerge out of a state of paralysis and be active participants in shaping our destiny for a safe, secure and prosperous South Africa. Together we can!

SYDNEY MUFAMADI, Minister of Safety and Security



WITH BOTH CRIME and community dissatisfaction on the increase, the state has unveiled a firm action plan, write HENRY LUDSKI and ROGER FRIEDMAN.



MORE prosecutors, a new release and parole policy, tighter gun control, steps to root out corruption and more police in key posts are imminent as the government plans urgent action to stem rising tides of lawlessness and public despondency.

The ministers of justice, safety and security and correctional services, among others, meet in Cape Town tomorrow to finalise a series of tough short-term measures to be presented to the cabinet on Wednesday.

Apart from steps aimed at addressing the state's perceived inability to combat rampant crime, a number of urgent pieces of legislation to restore public confidence in the criminal justice system will go before Parliament this session.

Of particular interest to the Western Cape — embroiled in a potentially devastating conflict between People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) and the underworld — was the announcement by Justice Minister Mr Dullah Omar on Saturday that a tribunal "with similar powers to courts" is to be established to investigate alleged police corruption and complicity with gangs.

South Africa's image as a tourist destination and land of investment opportunity has been dealt several telling blows in the last few days with the slaying in Johannesburg of the financial manager of a top German multinational, Mr Erich Ellmer; cautionary US government warnings to would-be tourists to South Africa and no resolution in sight to the ongoing conflict in the Cape Flats.

"This does not bode well for South

Africa, nor for its economic growth and development, tourism or foreign investment — all so desperately required," said Mr Christoph Kopke, head of Daimler-Benz in South Africa, the principle shareholder of Ellmer's company AEG yesterday.

Kopke's sentiments echo those expressed by delegates at a weekend workshop in Bellville on improving the role of the community and the courts

In fighting crime. The workshop, convened by Omar's office, was attended by members of government departments and non-governmental organisations.

Last week ministers responsible for the implementation of the National Crime Prevention Strategy were urged by the special cabinet committee on crime and intelligence to formulate immediate and decisive steps to address the present turmoil.

But, speaking after the workshop on Saturday, Omar said: "Everyone must recognise that there are no quick-fix solutions. Anyone who thinks we can perform a miracle is absolutely wrong. A solution to the many problems which we are discussing will not be a single event, the solution is a process and that process is going to take time."

Omar said that he, Safety and Secu-

city Minister Mr Sydney Mufamadi and Correctional Services Minister Dr Sipo Mzimela had agreed last week to make a joint request to the Department of Finance to make money available to allow them to implement the strategies.

Omar said the group would recommend that the government review its spending priorities as the maintenance of law and order was crucial to South Africa's development.

National police chief Commissioner George Fivaz said he had requested funding to allow him to fill several thousand vacant posts in his department in the next few months. Plans for a special police academy for detectives are also far advanced.

Omar said he planned to appoint about 100 prosecutors and provide them with the administrative back up to speed up trials, with a concentration on gang-related crimes and drug trafficking.

He also intends to make provision for communities to be consulted by prosecuting authorities and to monitor the effectiveness of the new strategy.

Mzimela said that the new release and parole policy — to be unveiled on Thursday — represented a "significant departure" from the present flawed system which has been characterised by a number of controversial early releases blunders.

In the past two years the police have introduced a number of anti-crime campaigns, both nationally and with specific reference to the Western Cape — all with limited results.

The recent rise to prominence of organisations such as Pagad reflects widespread community frustration in several areas of the criminal justice system, including alleged police corruption, controversial bail and parole provisions, lack of state accountability, lack of rehabilitation programmes for offenders, the disappearance of dockets and lax gun laws.

This week the government will start to respond to these and other concerns.

The Islamic bugbear

THE RECENT EMERGENCE of a popular and well-armed predominantly Muslim movement threatening religious war on gangsterism and drugs in the Western Cape has surprised most South Africans.

But, according to an expert, Islamic militancy has been a part of the country for some time. "Islamic activism is not new," says analyst Iqbal Jhazbhay. "This fight is connected to the fight against apartheid."

The zeal displayed by People against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad), the group implicated in the public lynching of a prominent crime boss, is only one facet of resurgent Islamic activism, he argues.

According to a secret police report, leaked to the Press earlier this month, at least 11 "Muslim extremist fundamentalist" groups are operating in South Africa.

The cells, whose members have allegedly received military training in Libya, Afghanistan and Iran, are described in the report as a serious threat to internal security.

The majority of South Africa's Muslims, believed to number between 500 000 and a million, live in Cape Town with smaller communities based in Durban and Johannesburg.

Pagad's Cape Town support base consists mainly of those who, under the segregationist policies of the apartheid regime, were designated "coloured" and denied significant political representation.

Not encouraged

This, along with the former white minority government's restrictive Protestant doctrine which tolerated but did not encourage the growth of other faiths, drove many Muslim leaders to the anti-apartheid struggle.

While President Nelson Mandela's African National Congress and other black guerrilla armies trained in the Soviet bloc, Africa and the Far East, Muslim militants got their support from Morocco, Libya and Iran, says Jhazbhay.

Having played a key role in the overthrow of apartheid, particularly as intellectuals and strategists in the ANC and the Pan Africanist Congress, these Muslim political figures were rewarded in the new democratic era.

Their presence in Parliament, where they constitute 16 percent of the members, is out of all proportion to the Muslim population of just over one percent of the total population.

Four members of the Government are Muslim, three of them in Mandela's 25-member Cabinet, including Dullah Omar who is responsible for the key justice portfolio.

Although Pagad is a new formation, the

While Islamic activism and even fundamentalist tendencies are not new to South Africa, the majority of Pagad's members are ordinary people who are just fed up with crime. **Beatrice Khadige** explains...



Flashback ... Pagad leader Farouk Jaffer (centre) flanked by bodyguards as he leads a march through the streets of Athlone, Cape Town, recently en route to the house of a suspected drug lord. (36) Sowetan 19/8/96 PIC: AP

religious activism it represents existed underground in a well-organised network of community-based groups long before the end of white rule, according to Jhazbhay.

Pagad is a "rainbow" organisation representing a broad range of political views, united in a bid to drive gangs out of the Cape Flats.

The group has also been linked to the Muslim Judicial Council, an influential Sunni body which controls most of Cape Town's mosques.

The religion enjoys greater exposure in a more liberal South Africa through newspapers such as *Al Qalam* and *Muslim Views* and groups such as the Islamic Propagation Centre based near Durban's Grey Street Mosque - the largest in the southern hemisphere.

Muslim society is represented by the entire spectrum of lobby groups - from the moderate to what Jhazbhay defines as the "extreme left or radicals". Ebrahim Rasool, who is now an ANC member and the Western Cape health MEC, founded the *Call to Islam* in 1984.

Ahmed Cassim, a former PAC activist who spent time on Robben Island for his anti-apartheid efforts, founded *Al Qibla*, a more radical group that recruited South African Muslims to fight in the civil war in Bosnia.

More recently, *Al Qibla* hosted the controversial visit to South Africa of d'Anouar Haddam, a leader of Algeria's banned Islamic Salvation Front, which provoked a mini-diplomatic crisis with some Arab states.

Despite its radical profile, the talk of *jihād* (holy war) and the Palestinian-style scarves that hide their faces, Jhazbhay believes that most Pagad members are ordinary people who are simply tired of the drug trade and what they believe is police collusion with the gangs.

Jhazbhay says that Pagad's claims of support from Middle Eastern political groups is exaggerated romanticism designed to attract publicity.

"Pagad knows how to push the right buttons with the Press by claiming links with Hizbollah and Hamas, which are internationally feared." - Sapa-AFP.

ATHLONE RESIDENTS CATCH ALLEGED DEALER

Man escapes fiery death

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THE ANC wants to talk to one of its MPs, Mr Gregory Rockman, about his support for the anti-drugs group Pagad following his appearance at one of its meetings and participation in a weekend march. Staff Writer **DAN SIMON** reports.

ATHLONE residents, heeding calls by the anti-drugs group People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) to stamp out drug dealers, caught and tried to set alight an alleged drug peddler last night.

The man was allegedly caught selling Mandrax tablets in a shop here in Church Street. Police said a

group of Muslim men confronted the man and reportedly took about 120 Mandrax tablets from him.

They doused him with petrol, but he managed to escape before they could set him alight. He ran off, threatening to return later.

Police vehicles were patrolling the area late last night. No arrests have been made and police did not

retrieve the Mandrax.

Meanwhile, ANC MP Mr Gregory Rockman — the former police lieutenant who blew the whistle on riot squad brutalities in 1989 — has taken up the fight against drugs with Pagad and featured prominently in a mass march on the homes of alleged drug dealers in Athlone on Saturday.

The ANC said yesterday it would like to talk to Rockman about his recent activities and find out what exactly he was up to.

Following a surprise appearance at a Pagad meeting at the Gatesville Mosque last Tuesday where he publicly declared his support for Pagad, Rockman negotiated with police on Saturday night to allow a 10-man delegation from Pagad to deliver verbal anti-drug warnings to the homes of two alleged drug dealers.

A large contingent of police had blocked the path of some 1 000 marchers about 70m from Ryklief's house and refused to budge.

Rockman then negotiated a compromise which saw dozens of tense policemen move back to allow supporters to watch the delegation deliver its ultimatums.

Earlier, marchers were given 10 minutes to disperse.

Police said they could not guarantee people's safety if they allowed the marchers to gather outside the homes of the alleged dealers.

Pagad supporters said they had "come in peace" and only wanted to deliver their anti-drug messages to the alleged dealer.

Agreement was eventually reached between Rockman and Superintendent Johan Vorster.

They both accompanied the delegation to both houses where the owners were given 24 hours to stop selling drugs or "face the mandate of the community".

A Belhar Muslim shop owner, a Mr Jacobs, was threatened last night by four armed gangsters who entered the home-run shop about 9.20pm. They left soon afterwards.

Meanwhile, ANC spokesman Mr Carl Niehaus said yesterday the ANC would call on Rockman to explain his actions.

He is the first prominent non-Muslim to back Pagad. However, Rockman stressed that the organisation should undertake its campaign within the law.

Rockman's support flies in the face of President Nelson Mandela's condemnation of groups who take the law into their own hands.

"The fact that he went to a Pagad meeting will be taken up by the ANC. I don't know if Rockman said anything outside of ANC policy as he did not have clearance to give any statements on behalf of the ANC. We will talk to him and clarify with him what he said," Niehaus said.



FACE OF FEAR: Mr Abdullah Ryklief, of Athlone, is greeted by Superintendent Johan Vorster who asked him to see a delegation from Pagad.

PICTURE: ANNE LAING

VS

ending a message



FACILITATOR: ANC MP Mr Gregory Rockman negotiates with Superintendent Johan Vorster to allow a delegation of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs to deliver anti-drug warnings at the homes of two alleged drug dealers in Athlone in the early yesterday.

PICTURE: ANNE LAING

Boys in blue 'doing their best'

THE escalating crime rate, especially in the Western Cape, and communities' perceptions that the police are in collusion with gangsters, have sparked a crisis which demands urgent and tough responses. JOSEPH ARANES spoke to Director Leonard Knipe, head of the police's serious violent crimes unit, to find out what actions the police are planning.

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WE live in a society that is ravaged by crime and drugs, and people in many communities feel that too little is being done to contain and eradicate the scourge.

Members of the organisation People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) appealed to the government and its agencies to take strong action against gangsters and drug lords. Getting little response, they embarked on a militant campaign which resulted in the recent brutal public slaying of known drug lord and gangster Rashad Stagele.

While their actions have been condemned in many quarters, they continued with their campaign and on Sunday poured petrol on an Athlone drug pedlar, who managed to escape before being torched.

But no matter how noble the cause, South Africa is a democratic country and no individual or organisation has the right to take the law into their own hands. Irrespective of the frustrations people might have, the police, other security forces and the justice system are tasked with upholding the law and bringing all offenders to book.

Leonard Knipe, head of the police's serious violent crimes unit, said they were aware of people's frustrations and lack of confidence in the police services, and that while some of the complaints might be justified, they were committed to cleaning Cape Town's streets of crime.

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He said recent statistics for serious violent crimes showed a definite downward trend and, while it was still not acceptable, it showed that the police were doing something right. But more was needed to restore the public's confidence in "our boys in blue".

The police are doing their damndest to bring drug merchants and gangsters to court, and every day we have bigger and bigger raids - but people's memories are very selective.

"We will never solve the ills of society until the community adopts a morality of decency. An eye for an eye is not a philosophy that can be followed; it's archaic. Pagad should put its resources and money to use by creating jobs and building recreational facilities.

"When people, especially the youth, are born into hopelessness, then the drug lords and the gangsters become their only saviour. It is time that the decent people of the country, who are the overwhelming majority, look to the social causes and do something to help end the cycle of poverty and hopelessness that the gangsters so easily exploit."

Director Knipe said every person had a responsibility and the police could not fight crime on their own. But the police would be making more resources available to fight the number one problem in the Peninsula.

He said it was time the police force stopped bickering among themselves and other departments in the criminal justice system and put their shoulder to the wheel. "We can never deny that the most important police input in the war against crime and drugs must be made at station commander level."

It was a proven fact, said Director Knipe, that where station commanders had an interest in the people they served, they tackled the problems from a more favourable position. A lot of work could be done if the station commanders adopted a proactive stance on the issues.

The police recently announced that all the country's station commanders and other senior officers

would undergo a retraining course in station management and community policing to better equip them in their fight against crime.

But while these changes were taking place in the police force, there was a general perception in many communities, especially those ravaged by gangs and drugs, that the police were not doing enough and were in collusion with gangsters and drug lords.

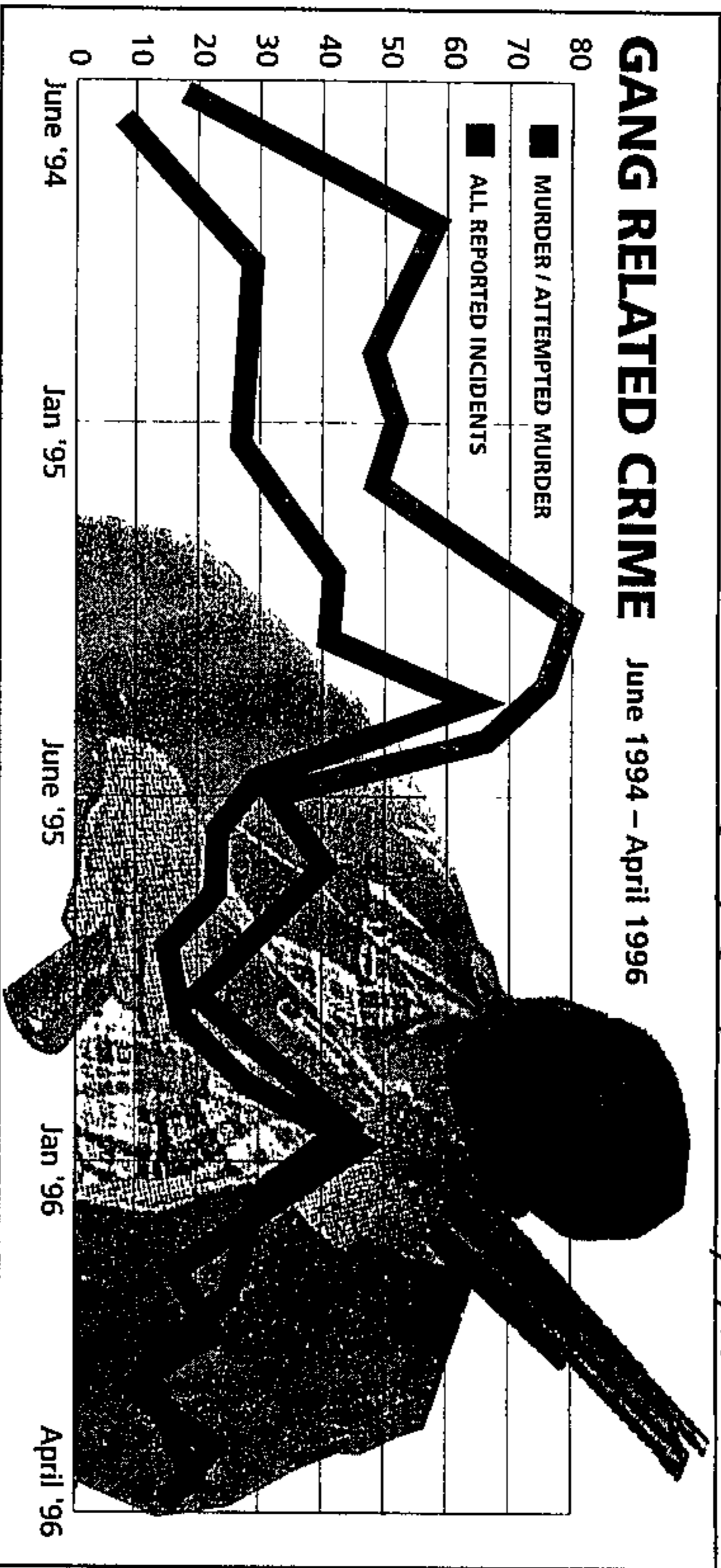
Director Knipe said many people were ignorant of how the law worked and expected quick-fix solutions. The police could only get a conviction on credible evidence and not on rumours. And the evidence was subjected to thorough testing in an open court of law.

"This is the only way a civilised society can exist. I do appreciate the feelings of people calling for the blood of gangsters, but the law must take its course. The law makes human beings different from savages. We have to uphold the law and anyone that commits an offence, whether they are policemen, legal representatives or politicians, are all subject to the same laws and punishment."

He said the police had taken the allegations of corruption very seriously and had been informed that moves were afoot to appoint a commission of inquiry. The persistent allegations, whether true or false, were demoralising members, especially those at the coal face in the fight against crime.

These hard-working and, more often than not, honest cops wanted to get to the bottom of the allegations as soon as possible. Director Knipe said a lot of the perceptions stemmed from, for example, police arresting gangsters and, hours later, the hoodlums being back on the streets.

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FIGURES: These figures for gang-related crime are based on police statistics.

did not have enough time to prepare proper cases to oppose bail. A lot of the time drug lords and gangsters were arrested on the spot for various violations.

But in cases where their arrests were preceded by proper investigations, he said the police vigorously fought the bail applications. He said changes to the bail laws had also been introduced to give the police more time to prepare their cases in opposing bail.

These changes and amendments to the Guns and Ammunitions Act, along with additional proposed legislation, would all help to strengthen the police's hand in ridding communities of gangsters.

Director Knipe said that while the police did not have enough resources and always needed more of the three Ms - money, men and machines - they were doing their best under very difficult conditions.

People were going through the criminal justice system, the police were sending hoodlums to jail and, although still a bit flawed, there was a witness protection programme in place. A lot of hard work was going into all of these aspects to make the system work.

More policemen had been assigned to the highly-visible gang unit, whose members were

often tackling the problems in the trenches. The ethos of good detective work was being brought back and an experienced detective would head the unit.

Intelligence gathering and information received were also being more professionally analysed and used and converted into hard evidence.

The organised crime unit was making a concerted effort to act urgently against drug barons. He said these things took time and for a case to move through the system took about a year before a trial could be held, at either the regional or Supreme courts. Improvements were made in

the manner in which the police dealt with complainants and more sympathy was being shown towards the victims of violence.

"We have to guard against becoming cynical and, above all, have to protect the country's constitution with vigour."

But Director Knipe warned that the police were only addressing the symptoms of crime, which were short-term, and said communities must address the cause. "If they don't create a decent environment we will never get rid of the gangsters and drug lords. We must work together so we can all enjoy our places in the sun."

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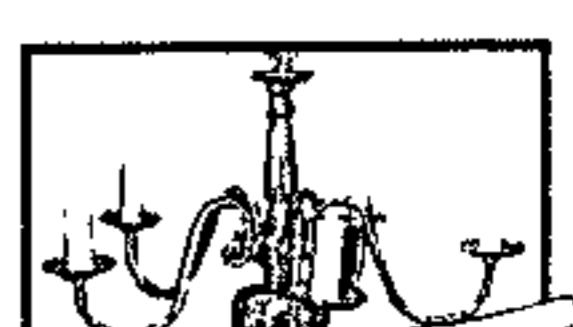


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Guidance from a gangland

Staff Reporter CHENÉ BLIGNAUT speaks to a Catholic priest who admits that he "belongs" to Christians for failing to join the fight against gangsterism and drugs.

FATHER Christopher Clohessy has long urged the members of his violence-ridden parish to "destroy" gangsterism, but his involvement in the controversial People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) is making life very difficult for him in the heart of the ganglands.

The outspoken 32-year old Catholic priest, who has been ministering in volatile gang territory for years, backs the group's ideals of a drug-free community wholeheartedly and has even "accepted" the need for Pagad marchers to carry weapons.

Rumoured to be the co-founder of Pagad and one of seven members of the group's co-ordinating committee, Father Clohessy is beginning to fear the wrath of gangsters in Tafelsig, where he works and lives.

Father Clohessy has always taken a brave stand against gangsterism and has made a name for himself as a "gangland priest" over the past few years. He specialises in Muslim/Christian relations.

Although he admits to being involved in Pagad, Father Clohessy strongly denies that he was ever a leader or founder of the group.

"I support what they stand for, their ideals and their visions, but I am not one of the leaders," he says.

Asked whether he regarded himself as a member of Pagad, Father Clohessy said the organisation did not really have formal membership, but that he "belonged" to the group and "kept close contact" with its leaders.

His association with Pagad started in February this year when he and another Catholic priest joined a march of concerned citizens to parliament to protest against rampant gangsterism and drug dealing on the Cape Flats.

"The name Pagad did not even exist then," he said. He attended a number of follow-up meetings, where it was decided to put pressure on various government departments to act against criminals. "The group put a deadline to (Minister of Justice) Dullah Omar, and I had no problem with that. But, I did not ask what would happen if the deadline

was not adhered to, I was stupid," said Father Clohessy.

Although he never took part in a series of Pagad marches to the homes of various drug kingpins in the Cape Flats, the priest had no problem with the "show of force" to warn gangsters to stop their illegal activities.

"The marchers wore masks, so as not to be identified and although I did not like the fact that they carried guns, I could understand it," he said. "The weapons are for self-defence purposes and as a Christian, I believe we are morally obliged to defend ourselves."

However, when an angry crowd set fire to a gangster's car during one of the earlier Pagad marches, the priest objected vehemently.

And, when shortly thereafter a mob of Pagad members publicly executed Rashaad Staggie, the feared co-leader of the Hard Livings gang, Father Clohessy condemned the killing in the strongest terms.

"What they did to Rashaad was inexcusable. And I am sorry that no apology has come forward from Pagad. It must never be allowed to happen again."

He added: "As a Christian, it is never acceptable to commit an evil act to achieve something good."

Although Staggie's mob lynching was totally unacceptable to him, Father Clohessy can fully understand how it could have happened.

"It was never a part of Pagad's strategy, it wasn't planned," he said. "It could be ascribed to a lack of crowd control. Humans are humans, you know, and people are so -fed up with the situation. Emotions are running very high."

The blame for the unruly group actions could be laid at the door of top-ranking police officers, but the instigators of the marches should also take more responsibility for their followers, he said.

Father Clohessy blames the media for "going overboard" in their reports over Staggie's death. "I understand that it sells papers, but in my time I have seen so many innocent people die in gang-related violence, without as much as a mention in the media," he said.

The father dismissed consistent reports of Libyan and Hizbollah involvement behind the Pagad "mask" as "laughable".

"In every group you have people with a hidden agenda and also people with a lot of bravado, but theories about a Muslim state are deliberate red herrings to try and remove the focus from the real problem of rampant gangsterism and crime."

The fact that Qibla, which has always been regarded as a "shadowy" organisation, is involved in Pagad, is not a problem for the priest.

Although the group enjoys "huge support" among Christians and Muslims, the organisation was definitely a Muslim initiative, according to Father Clohessy. This, he believes is something the Muslim community should be proud of, instead of apologetic.

"Their spiritual backbone is so much stronger than other communities. They are a brotherhood and they stand together. If anyone needs to apologise, it is the Christians for not taking part in the fight against gangsterism and drugs."

He hails as "major successes" Pagad's ability to make MP's "scurry around like rabbits" and believes the group's future role is to "keep up the pressure on government departments to ensure that they keep up their planned reforms."

This should be achieved through passive resistance, rather than violence, which already has cost the group some of its support.

In his years of working in gang-infested areas, which included the highly volatile streets of Manenberg, Father Clohessy learnt that negotiating or compromising with gangsters was not successful in the long run.

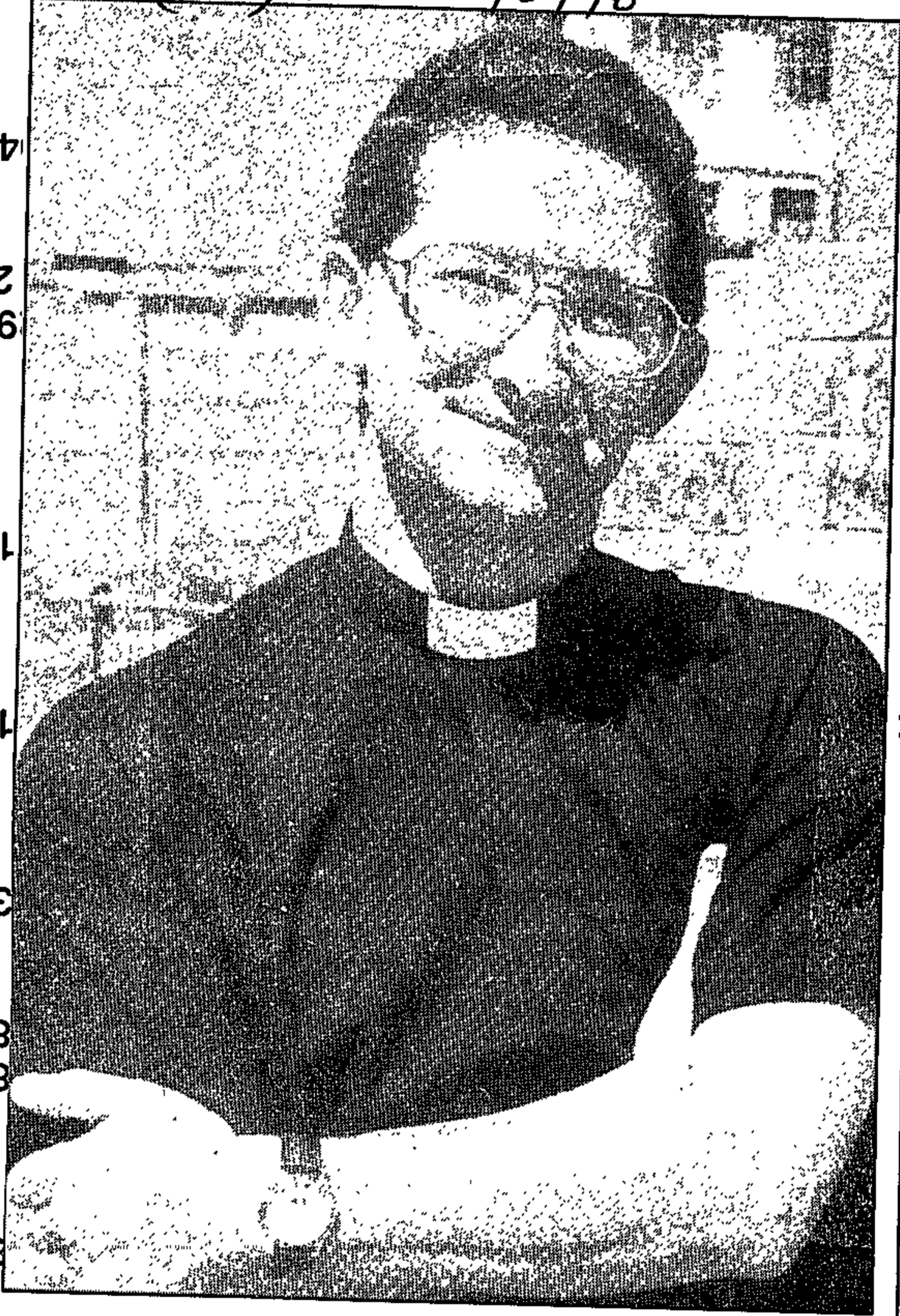
But, it has also given him an understanding of why youngsters are attracted to gangs. "It offers them security, brotherhood, status, friendship and even income, which is something the church cannot offer. God, is quite boring to many people, I am afraid."

Father Clohessy believes the government should offer incentives to

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Catholic Priest Christopher Clohessy, who has always taken a brave stand against gangsterism, is picking up flack for his involvement in the People Against Gangsterism and Drugs.

gangsters to lure them away such as security and jobs.

In the meantime, the priest is becoming increasingly "nervous" about his public association with Pagad.

He has received a number of "funny" phone calls and realises

that he is a soft target for gangsters. "I don't have bodyguards and I am unarmed. I am a bit of a coward," he said.

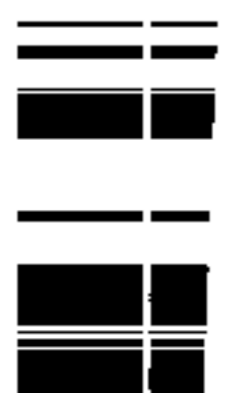
For someone whose predecessor was abducted and brutally murdered by gangsters, his "cowardice" is quite understandable.

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Post election failure led to Pagad

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THE RISE OF People against Gangsterism and Drugs shows that citizens are beginning to assert themselves after being abandoned by the liberation movements, argues the PAC's BENNIE BUNSEE.

PAGAD's war against drug gangs has several ramifications for the functioning of democracy and law and order, the state of our society, and the nature of its transition.

It is not the first time that people have taken the law into their own hands, and it will not be the last time if governance in the country continues in the way it has.

While it has become a truism to repeat that many of our current problems are located in the dark apartheid past it is more important to realise how those problems continue and will continue until there is firm and dynamic government in our country to meet the people's needs.

Our society has still to be cleaned up and a new beginning made. The nature of the negotiations was such that many of the old ways were carried over. The worst excesses were corrected but the essential nature of the problems remained intact.

This manifested itself in alleged "third force" activities in KwaZulu-Natal, in police corruption, in the lack of consumer concern, racism and ill-treatment of uMkhonto weSizwe and Apla soldiers in the army, continuing maltreatment of farm labourers, and so on. There is no indication that these problems are about to go away.

The sharp divisions between blacks and whites were such that we had two laws, operating almost independently of each other.

There was the law of the whites which was concerned mainly with protecting their interests and keeping black people

in check. This extended into brutal control of their lives, labelling, categorisation and direction of what they could and could not do.

The blacks, and this happened particularly under apartheid rule, were left to themselves. They had to survive in the manner they best could, in a kind of jungle law that had its own traditions and customs.

The social laws that operated on their lives were in reality meant to protect white interests, the need to create a kind of law and order that did not totally disrupt the functioning of society.

The liberation struggle also had its own laws, many of which were often undemocratic. The leaders of liberation movements were often a law unto themselves.

They abused their rank-and-file, abused the women members, often stole a lot of the money that came to liberation

movements and more often than not meted out rough justice, in the name of the liberation struggle, to those in the movement.

It culminated in the necklacing events which began with good intentions, but soon degenerated into something else.

Both camps had their own particular brands of lawlessness. Democracy as a culture of criticism with the fullest participation of the people could not flourish under these conditions.

Democracy as an open system must be free of the intimidation of any kind of autocracy.

Neither camp was free of it. Both thrived on fear and intimidation. The people could not come into their own as free agents.

The negotiations, too, were between the "leaders" of both these camps which

kept the people out. A singular feature of post-negotiations South Africa has been the lack of mass participation, especially among black people. This has left black people frustrated and apathetic to some extent, an apathy that follows from their sense of frustration.

And since then politics has become so bureaucratised that the masses have been left out. Politics is all up there.

Much of this was revealed in the local elections when the vast majority of people did not vote at all.

Our politics has become something of a soap opera with Nelson Mandela as the star attraction. The mass struggles of the

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past have been deliberately side-stepped.

The people's sense of helplessness has been felt in their immediate environs in the crime that surrounds them. It is their immediate concern and it affects everybody.

The crime also envelops a number of other social problems, the mass unemployment, bad housing conditions, an educational system full of its own internal contradictions, the race and class polarities between black and white, and the fear that stalks the lives of us all, since we know that it can strike at any time, anywhere.

What is regrettable in the midst of all this malaise with the psychological paralysis that it has engendered among the people is that the structures and institutions of our society, which constitute the bulk of what we call civil society, are not operating with a sense of dynamism. They are actually failing the people.

Of these the most important is the police force itself. For crime has become something more than a disorder in our society. It has become the major destabilising force against social order. On it hinge all the other failures of our societal paralysis.

When Pagad took up arms against drug dealers and the criminal fraternity, it reflected this sense of frustration among the people.

There was often talk of people taking action against crime, that the police could not be relied on and that the police themselves were corrupt.

The whole issue of Pagad reflects a peculiar South African reality where the people are beginning to assert themselves after having been abandoned by the liberation movements, where new civil types of mass struggle are beginning to emerge under the new conditions of parliamentary democracy, and taking over from the mass struggle of the past.

Nobody denies that what are police matters should be left for the police and ordinary citizens cannot take the law into their own hands. But that has to be complemented with a competent and honest police force.

But there is a salutary lesson here for this government. Unless there is firm government, based on the Constitution and the Bill of Rights that is supposed to guard the democratic rights of all of us, the kind of anarchic explosions that we have experienced through the activities of Pagad will continue.

The institutions and structures of our society must begin to reflect the needs of the people, through their active participation, and through the implementation of the promises that are made.

When the people are divorced from the structures that are supposed to serve them, they will find their own means of redress which might not be what society as a whole desires.

We are still in the land of limbo of post-apartheid trauma where anarchy is more likely to prevail than sense and sensibility.

□ Bennie Bunsee is the PAC's senior administrative officer in Parliament.

Residents join hands to take park back

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COMMUNITIES can band together to do something about crime and vagrancy. **DIANE CASSERE** reports on the "taking back" of Jurgens park by the people of Tamboerskloof.

JURGENS PARK in Tamboerskloof is commonly known as the Burnside Road park, and until recently you scarcely ever saw children there.

But for the first time in the five years that we have lived in the area, I allowed my daughter to play there last Saturday because the people of Tamboerskloof have taken it back from drug dealers, homeless communities and gangs.

There is still a way to go before it becomes once again the community park it was intended to be. And, we ask ourselves, if we have got rid of the problem, has it become yours as the vagrants and dealers relocate?

Mrs Belinda Walker, DP Cape Town city councillor and chairman of the ratepayers association since 1991, was the prime mover in the taking back of the park. It began with a meeting earlier this year that was attended by 120 people, including representatives of Parks and Forests, the police, vagrants and the council's law enforcement unit.

Walker points out that the homeless, commonly known as "Bergies", first moved out of the park because the drug dealers moved in and this community has moved in part to St Michael's Field (Kloof Nek Road) and to a shopping centre off Kloof Road.

"Arrests have been made (of dealers) and the police have been very co-operative, as has the council. I am now identifying who is responsible for the various aspects

of security at the park and getting things done."

For Walker "getting things done" includes photographing drug dealers in the park: "One day I went in and photographed the trees, the swings, the superintendent and then turned to the 'bad-dies'. I asked if I could take their photographs and they ran away — so I photographed them fleeing!"

A clean-up of the park was organised a month ago to which only five people pitched up, but Walker refuses to be disheartened: "We need to get the park full of residents and we have some good ideas."

Included in these ideas is a full-time police presence in the area, provided by the police force and housed in a facility provided by the residents.

At the head of the co-ordinating committee for the park is Mrs Marcelle Peuckert. She is fully behind the presence of a policeman and is assisted by Mr Nic Acker, former commissioner of police in the Western Cape. Acker, who could not comment as he was away at a conference, has co-ordinated the police effort in the battle for the park but his wife, Naomi, says he believes there is still "a long way to go" to rid the park entirely of the criminal element.

Peuckert says their "attack" has several prongs: getting rid of crime, investigating a full-time police presence, working with the council and building community activities



BACK AGAIN: Ms Belinda Walker, DP city councillor for Tamboerskloof, with some of the children who on Saturday were playing again in Jurgens Park, which was formerly dominated by drug dealers and homeless communities. **PICTURE: ALAN TAYLOR**

in the park. "We plan to do some fund-raising in the spring and have the railings repaired. The council have said they will take down the old shack there and replace it with a proper structure."

Mr Stuart Collins, ANC candidate in the provincial elections and a member of the ratepayers' associ-

ation, says the park was partly private land donated as a memorial (the council purchased the rest of the land): "It has always been a children's park. Perhaps we should do what they do in New York, where no adults are allowed in the playgrounds without a child and this is strictly enforced."

"Also, if we identify the vagrants as homeless people, then we identify the problem: they have nowhere to go. They left the Burnside Road intersection when the hawkers, who are often gang related, moved in. But they moved on from there to another part of the City Bowl and have now become

their problem. "One day they will move back again. We need day/night shelters in the area."

Speaking of gang-related and drug crime, Collins said: "It is easy to bring crime down in an area, but the community must be willing to do something."

Investors and tourists get warning from Pagad

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Staff Reporter

PEOPLE Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) has questioned the ability of the police to ensure the safety of tourists in Cape Town, and has discouraged international investment in South Africa.

Pagad chief co-ordinator Farook Jaffer said at a Press conference in the Gatesville mosque last night that investors' money was not safe while gangsters were at large.

The conference was also attended by Pagad military leader Ali "Phantom" Parker. Both men are on the police wanted list in connection with the fiery death of gang boss Rashaad Staggie.

A planned march on a drug merchant's house was called off last night because of the tense situation, and Pagad leaders' fears

that it would lead to a confrontation with police.

Mr Jaffer said: "They (the international investors) should not invest until Pagad says so."

He said: "I can't see how tourists can come to this country. The police cannot even ensure the safety of its own citizens, how can it provide for the safety of people visiting the country?"

African National Congress MP Salie Manie said many parliamentarians did not understand the magnitude of the gangster problem in the Western Cape.

He would do his best to facilitate a meeting between Pagad members and Safety and Security minister Sidney Mufamadi.

The next speaker responded, to loud applause: "Pagad will not meet with Mufamadi until all charges against our members have been withdrawn."

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Gangsters

Crack team to hunt down (35) ARG 21/8/96

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A SPECIALIST team of detectives is to be deployed to co-ordinate the fight against gangsterism in the Western Cape, national Safety and Security Minister Sidney Mufamadi said today.

This is in addition to a special investigating team of experienced detectives and state advocates which Western Cape attorney general Frank Kahn plans to put together air-tight cases against known Cape Flats gangsters and drug lords.

Mr Kahn said he discussed his plan with senior police officers and senior prosecutors yesterday and if the government made more funding and staff available, the plan could be immediately implemented.

In a separate announcement, Mr Mufamadi outlined anti-crime steps during a snap debate in parliament last night on the conflict between People against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) and Western Cape gangs.

In addition to the eight-member special detective squad, he said the public brandishing of firearms at gatherings would be banned within a week, countrywide.

The ban would take effect as soon as it was gazetted. Anyone contravening the ban would be liable for conviction on a criminal charge, and would also forfeit any firearm licence and the right to obtain a licence in the future, he said.

Mr Mufamadi said that the special police team which successfully tackled vehicle hijacking in Gauteng would be deployed to evaluate and collate all gang-related dockets in the Western Cape.

In addition, national police commissioner George Fivaz was identifying skilled detectives from outside the province who would join investigation units in the Western Cape.

A senior detective had been appointed in Commissioner Fivaz's office in Cape Town, to coordinate all gang-related investigations and report directly to him.

Pagad has urged its members to go to police stations to report on licenced firearm-owning gangsters and drug dealers whom they consider to be unfit to carry guns in terms of existing legislation.

The law allows members of the public to come forward with information which could make a licenced firearm holder ineligible to retain the licence.

The ban on carrying guns in public extends these efforts to restrict the use of firearms in the Western Cape.

South Africa's frightening levels of lawlessness has also prompted the Treasury to soon make available several hundred million rands of Reconstruction and Development Programme funds to bolster the National Crime Prevention Strategy (NCPS) - the government's crime-fighting plan announced a few months ago.

In a snap debate in parliament yesterday, MPs from all parties urged the government to make combating of crime its top priority. There was agreement that the deepening levels of crime did not bode well

for economic development.

The Democratic Party wants a cabinet minister appointed in the office of the president to co-ordinate the campaign against crime, and has hinted that either Kader Asmal or Tito Mboweni should be given the job.

At a press briefing today, DP leader Tony Leon said that while he had ideological differences with Mr Mboweni, the Minister of Labour Affairs, and Dr Asmal, the Minister of Water Affairs and Forestry, they were both effective ministers.

He cited the example of New Zealand, a country less plagued by crime than South Africa, where a similar step in appointing a dedicated minister in the office of the prime minister had improved co-ordination of anti-crime efforts.

Mr Leon said the DP was opposed to merely throwing more money at the problem of crime. "We want more cops, not more bureaucracy."

Today's cabinet meeting in Cape Town is considering immediate short-term anti-crime measures. This follows a meeting last night between Mr Omar, Mr Mufamadi and Correctional Services Minister Sipo Mzimela.

Steps to be approved by the cabinet could include a probe into police corruption, changes to gun licence laws, and filling of vacancies for prosecutors.

In yesterday's snap debate Mr Mufamadi acknowledged that people were weary of government promises to stop crime.

"I have made it clear to both the national and provincial commissioners of police that communities are tired of hearing about intentions - they want to see more visible action and results."

But, he said, in a sideswipe at the previous government, police would not be stampeded into action by "stupid people" who had had 46 years to put things right and had failed to do so.

National deputy-commissioner of safety and security Solisa Lavisa said today that the ministries of safety and security, justice, correctional services and welfare would at today's cabinet meeting urge President Mandela to expedite the passage of criminal justice legislation.

Mr Lavisa was addressing the national assembly and portfolio committees on safety and security.

Parliament would be requested to adjust its schedule for the current session to give priority to such new laws.

He said the president would be asked today to put his signature to the Regulation of Public Gatherings Act, which had already been approved by parliament.

In support of this act, the Dangerous Weapons Act and Arms and Ammunition Act would require amendment to give full effect to the ban on arms at public gatherings. Rick De-Caris, director of legal services for the South African Police Service, said his department was putting the final touches to amendments to the Arms and Ammunitions Act to tighten the rules on gun ownership.

The proposed measures had not yet been submitted to Mr Mufamadi or the cabinet.

Cabinet to consider action plan on gangsterism, drugs

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Wyndham Hartley

CAPE TOWN — An action plan on drugs and gangsterism will be presented to the Cabinet today following all-night talks.

Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi told the National Assembly last night that the Gauteng detectives who developed the current strategy against car hijackings would be deployed in the Western Cape to evaluate and collate all the dockets related to gang crime.

He said this immediately before going in to a meeting with Justice Minister Dullah Omar and Correctional Services Minister Sipo Mzimela to develop a plan to combat gangs and drugs and defuse the simmering conflict in the Cape for presentation to the Cabinet this morning.

Mufamadi also announced that he would issue a notice prohibiting the carrying of firearms by persons participating in gatherings or demonstrations. The firearms licences apparently held by known druglords will also be reviewed to see if previous criminal convictions should not lead to the forfeiture of their licences.

He said that national police commissioner George Fivaz was also assembling a team of skilled detectives to join the investigation of gangster- and drug-related crime on the Cape Flats which has led to the formation of the organisation People against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad).

During the assembly debate Omar gave the broad support of government to Pagad. He said the broad aims of Pagad were shared by the ANC. "Those who fight gangs are our allies."

Omar said that government had to get its allies to work with it to combat crime and the drug problem and promised a wide-ranging package of legislation which would address the profits of crime, money laundering and outdated extradition laws.

Our Political Correspondent reports that Mufamadi said he had made it clear to both the national and provincial commissions that "communities are tired of hearing about intentions — they want to see more visible action and results."

"I have also made it clear that the inability to deliver cannot be explained away by pointing fingers at weaknesses in other criminal agencies."

The minister said inter-departmental co-ordination was "an absolute imperative".

Earlier, the minister said that as long as there were known gangsters in communities, people would live in fear.

"Perceptions of lack of will on the part of government has given rise to feelings of frustration and helplessness to many."

Mufamadi said the "objective assessment" of the SAPS was that there had been a "de-escalation in the conflict. The police have also reported a significant downturn in levels of criminal gang activity."

INVESTIGATION INTO GUN LICENCES

Crackdown on firearms

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THE BATTLE against crime in the Western Cape is to be reinforced with new legislation banning the carrying of firearms at public demonstrations and an investigation into gun licences held by known gang leaders with previous criminal convictions.

THE carrying of firearms by people participating in gatherings or demonstrations would be banned within a week, by a notice in the Government Gazette, Safety and Security Minister Mr Sydney Mufamadi announced yesterday.

Any person contravening the notice would not only be liable for conviction on a criminal charge, but would also forfeit any firearm licence and the right to obtain a licence in future, Mufamadi said during a snap debate on the conflict between People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) and gangs.

The Western Cape Provincial

Commissioner was also investigating firearm licences held by known gang leaders, to establish whether those licences were legitimate and whether possible previous criminal convictions should not lead to those licences being forfeited, he said.

Mufamadi also announced that the eight-member special police team who successfully attended to the vehicle hijacking problem in Gauteng, would be deployed to evaluate and collate all gang-related dockets in the Western Cape.

The team would arrive next week.

In addition, the National Commissioner was identifying a num-



LAWMAN: Mr Sydney Mufamadi

ber of skilled detectives from outside the province who would join existing investigation units in the Western Cape.

A senior detective had been

appointed in the National Commissioner's office in Cape Town, to co-ordinate all gang-related investigations and report directly to him.

Mufamadi said it was the objective assessment of the police service that there had been a "de-escalation" in the conflict. The police had also reported a significant downturn in levels of criminal gang activity.

"We are also determined to ensure that the de-escalation of gang related crime is sustained."

As long as there are known gangsters in the communities, who operate with impunity, people would continue to fear for their personal safety and may, indeed, be tempted to resort to desperate measures, he said.

"It is the intention of my ministry and department to find ways by which co-operation with community-based organisations can be enhanced." — Sapa

Pagad facing sedition law

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IT'S an old Roman-based common law, hardly ever used nowadays, but the latest gang wars on the Cape Flats have regenerated its use in the hope that it will deter further vigilante action.

"Sedition" is the charge which has been brought against People Against Gangsterism and Drugs leader Moegamat Nadthmie Edries, for which he appeared in the Wynberg Magistrate's Court recently in connection with the death of Hard Livings gang leader Rashaad Staggie.

Most people are in the dark about its meaning, having encountered it so infrequently in this country. Many confuse it with the charge of "treason".

The legal definition of sedition is: "Unlawfully gathering together with a number of people with the intention of impairing the majesty of the state by defying or subverting the authority of the government — but without the intention of overthrowing or coercing the government."

The Collins English dictionary makes it simpler: "1. Speech or behaviour directed against the peace of a state. 2. An offence that tends to undermine the authority of the state. 3. An incitement to public disorder. 4. (Archaic) revolt."

The difference between "sedition" and "treason" lies simply in the intention. While a seditious intention is to defy, challenge or resist the authority of the state, a treasonous intention is to overthrow the state.

Human rights lawyer David Dyson recalls two prominent trials in which charges of sedition were laid. One was the case arising from the Soweto students uprising in 1976 and the other from the Alexandra unrest in 1987, when the so-called "people's courts" and community anti-crime campaigns were spawned.

He said: "It was always used as an alternative charge against the political activists. It would be treason, alternatively sedition — or terrorism in terms of the old Internal Security Act.

"The state would generally get a conviction under the Terrorism Act, though."

"Sedition" has always been considered a more "kosher" or "politically correct" charge because it is a common, not a statutory, law. Dyson said: "It's not a modern concept, though. It came into Roman law in the 17th century."

Its use against Pagad has surprised the legal fraternity. Commented one legal source: "It looks like we're reinventing the wheel. I thought we were through with all this."

Editor of The Argus subpoenaed over Pagad

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Staff Reporter

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THE ARGUS editor Shaun Johnson was today subpoenaed to hand over all pictures and transcripts of interviews with members of the People Against Gangsterism and Drugs to the police.

The Argus has not handed any such documents to the police and Mr Johnson is taking legal advice on the matter.

Police delivered a subpoena to his office today in terms of Section 205 of the Criminal Procedure Act whereby any person can be forced to hand over any information regarding an offence committed in their presence.

Similar subpoenas have been delivered to the editors of Die Burger and the Cape Times, as well as to the SABC, the SA Press Association and international news agencies.

In terms of Section 205 people who refuse to hand over material can be jailed until they do so.

Police are investigating charges of murder, attempted murder, sedition and public violence against Pagad supporters.

The information required includes all photographs taken of Pagad meetings and marches from March 1, in particular the events at London Street and Albert Road, Salt River on the night gang boss Rashaad Staggie was killed.

Police also want transcripts of all interviews and discussions held with members of Pagad, specifically interviews with Muhammed Ali Parker, Mogamat Nadthmie Edries, Farouk Jaffer, Abdussalaam Ebrahim, Achmat Cassiem and Ismail Efferdien during the same period.

Mr Johnson is due to appear in court on August 30.

Violent crime knocking investment prospects, top trade partners

Edward West and
Ronny Tshabalala

SA's leading trade partners warned yesterday that escalating violent crime was damaging prospects of new offshore investment in SA.

Chambers of commerce for the US, UK, Germany and Japan — SA's top four trading partners last year — said crime was a key factor inhibiting investment in SA and that SA's government had yet to show a commitment to

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cracking down on it. American Chamber of Commerce president Bill Mallory said a recent survey named violence and car hijacking as deterrents to US investment in SA. The findings of the survey had been passed on to the Gauteng provincial government.

The German chamber, which maintained earlier this week that 16 of the 30 heads of German companies in SA had been victims of violent crime, said yesterday that a teacher secondment

programme funded by the German government was being obstructed by crime fears. One teacher was robbed at gunpoint in front of the German School in Johannesburg on Tuesday night.

The Italian embassy said it was compiling statistics on crimes involving its nationals and would consider linking up with other embassies once the report was complete. Japanese External Trade Organisation director Shintaro Matoba said Japanese companies had given staff

manuals on how to protect themselves.

The calls for government to crack down on crime follow the murder last week of German businessman Erich Ellmer in front of his Bryanston home.

The killing helped to revive fears about the investment environment in SA and has been blamed in some quarters for a renewed weakness in the rand and equities. Mercedes-Benz and its principal Daimler-Benz AG, said yesterday that they would find it "increasingly diffi-

cult to justify any further stable investment in SA" unless something was done to address the instability in the country's community in general.

British business delegates said they also wanted action to follow the SA government's words on sweeping policy changes. "During SA's last trade mission to the UK the issue of the implementation of policies was raised," a spokesman said.

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Pagad tells investors to stay out

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CAPE TOWN — Militant Muslim anti-crime group People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) has told tourists and foreign investors to avoid SA because crime meant their money would not be safe.

"I cannot see how we should allow investors into the country, their money is not safe here," Pagad leader Farouk Jaffer told a news conference at a Cape Town mosque on Tuesday night.

Jaffer and his lieutenant Ali Parker appeared at the news conference, guarded by youths with their faces hidden by Palestinian scarves, despite being sought by police in connection with the killing of a drug dealer by vigilantes earlier this month.

"All drug merchants will be legitimate targets. We will use any means necessary to eradicate this scourge from society. We are peaceful, but we will meet force with greater

force," said Jaffer.

He said that drugs had infiltrated society and that drug lords were earning R2m a day.

Police using armoured vehicles and a helicopter monitored the meeting at the mosque, attended by several hundred Muslims.

Pagad and similar movements in other parts of the country have been marching through their neighbourhoods to the homes of alleged drug dealers in a bid to highlight what they call the cancer destroying their communities.

During one of these marches in Cape Town vigilantes shot and burned to death gang leader Rashaad Staggie.

Environment Affairs and Tourism Minister Pallo Jordan said Pagad's anti-investment call was unfortunate and not very helpful to growth in SA.

Pagad, being a vigilante group, did not command much of his respect, Jordan said at a diplomat and news

briefing.

He said he was wary of vigilantism, which was an extremely dangerous phenomenon. If it took root, society could descend into a state of semi-barbarism.

Western Cape economic affairs MEC Chris Nissen said Pagad's call was irresponsible. While one could understand the urgency of dealing with crime, foreign investments were needed to help create more jobs and to minimise crime in the country. — Sapa.

Jordan takes stand against vigilantes

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IF vigilantism took root in South Africa, the country could descend into a state of semi-barbarism, Minister of Environment Affairs and Tourism Dr Pallo Jordan said yesterday.

At a parliamentary media briefing yesterday, Jordan said: "Pagad, being vigilantes, don't command too much of my respect. I'm very wary of vigilantism. Vigilantism is a very dangerous phenomenon — something which can't be countenanced and which must be stopped. If it takes root we will descend into a state of semi-barbarism where any citizen can take the law into his own hands."

Jordan was reacting to reports that Pagad had said international investors should not invest in South Africa until Pagad gives the go-ahead. They also said tourists should not come to this country because they claimed the police could not even ensure the safety of their own citizens.

Jordan said there had been a marked drop in the growth of tourism last year compared with the previous year.

One of the reasons was the increasing perception internationally of South Africa being "a rather risky destination" because of violence and crime.

Coupled to this was an increase in prices and limited facilities for tourists.

Jordan said he wanted to change the country's image to being a place where tourists came to see flora, fauna and beautiful beaches, to a place where the rich tapestry of its society could be enjoyed.

The high crime rate was linked with social and economic problems, and one way to resolve it was to stimulate the economy, he said.

Govt slammed for ban on firearms

STAFF WRITER

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IRATE People Against Drugs and Gangsterism (Pagad) member Mr Dawood Khan voiced his anger yesterday over the announcement by Safety and Security Minister Mr Sydney Mufamadi that the carrying of firearms at public gatherings or demonstrations is to be banned within the next week.

"Mufamadi must stop what he is intending to do immediately and come to consult the communities. Only two weeks ago the drug lords and gangs marched to the police station with guns. The police failed to disarm them and that was a disgrace for this country," said Khan.

Khan, a veteran of the ANC, said communities were aware of police corruption and their reluctance to raid the houses of drug lords.

● Mufamadi announced that any person contravening a Government Gazette notice banning the carrying of firearms would not only be liable for conviction, but would also forfeit any future firearm licence. He also said the legitimacy of licences carried by gang leaders would be investigated.

No rest for gang member after jail

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CONTRIBUTING WRITER

GERALD Cloete, 19, is a member of the Hard Livings gang and says they will not leave him alone once he has done his time.

He says he got involved with the gangs in Salt River and is quick to show the CTS tattooed on his arm — denoting his “blood brother” link with the underworld. “The CTS fall under the Hard Livings,” he adds.

Gerald and his fellow inmates at Worcester’s Brandvlei Youth Correctional Centre have followed closely the events surrounding clashes between his gang leader Rashied Staggie and the death of his brother in clashes with People Against Gangsterism and Drugs

(Pagad).

“I feel bad that Staggie should have died that way. I also don’t feel good about what Pagad are doing. We have police, don’t we?”

He says the Hard Livings gang members in jail have vowed to take revenge. “The gangs are the most dangerous people in prison and you’ll never get rid of them.”

According to the young criminal, it is wise to join a prison gang as well. “I am a member of the Twenty-sixes — you always join another

gang in jail. You get extra that way. You steal from the other gangs. The warders know about the gangs, but they can’t do anything about it.”

Gerald says he left school in Eerste River when he was in Std 8 and found a good job at Medi-City.



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“But I had a blood brother called Jeffrey who showed me a knife one day when we took the train from Koeberg to Salt River. He persuaded me to help him, gave me a knife and we started robbing people on the train. Before that I was involved in muggings on the streets and on the train.

“That day the police were waiting for us at Salt River and arrested us when we got off the train.”

Jeffrey was sentenced to four years in jail and Gerald to five. He spent 18 months at Pollsmoor’s Youth Project before being transferred to Brandvlei.

Now, he says, he is finished with the “gang business” and “those things”.

“It might be difficult because you’ll never stop the gangs’ existence nor their activities and the police ... well many of them ‘smokkel saam’ (co-operate).”

No charges against leaders

POLICE denied last night that Pagad leaders Mr Muhammed Ali "Phantom" Parker and Mr Farouk Jaffer were being sought in connection with charges of sedition.

News reports over the past week noted that Parker and Jaffer were being sought in connection with the charges.

● Police confiscated a secret police document on Islamic extremists in SA yesterday from a Beeld reporter, claiming they needed it for an investigation against a policeman.

Beeld said police asked reporter Nick Bezuidenhout to hand over the document and identify who had given it to him. He refused and was served with a summons to appear in the Middelburg Magistrate's Court on September 11.

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War on gangs ruins 300 handicapped children's day

MARIO WYNNGAARD Staff Reporter

THE upsurge of gang violence in the Cape has deprived more than 300 mentally handicapped children of their annual day of fun and games at the Good Hope centre on Sunday.

Children from Retreat, Mitchell's Plain and Athlone will not be able to attend the function, because the organisers feel that it would not be safe for them to travel on the Cape Flats after clashes between gangsters and anti-drug vigilantes.

According to organiser Albert Glass, staff have taken a cautious attitude because they cannot ensure the children's safety. "We don't know what could happen on Sunday and we feel we should rather be safe than sorry," he said.

"We cannot guarantee the children's safety and that is the reason we decided to not take them."

Mr Glass said the fun day was a special event, which the children always looked forward to. "It is unfortunate that some of them won't be able to attend this year's function."

"These children look forward to this day because it is a once-a-year opportunity for them to get out and really enjoy themselves," he said.

"These children have to suffer because people shoot and kill one another in broad daylight." "They are innocent children - all they want to do is to enjoy the day. What is happening to this town?" he asked.

Mr Glass found it unacceptable that people attended marches and rallies, showing their guns and shooting one another as if they were feasting in a western.

He said it was the first time that children had been unable to attend the function because of violence.

"I hope this is the last time that something like this happens," he said.

"The annual children's outing has been held for 16 years with more than 2 000 mentally handicapped children and adults attending each year."

Parker asks Holomisa to join up, vows Pagad will not disarm

JOSEPH ARANES Staff Reporter

People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) has called on renegade African National Congress member of parliament Bantu Holomisa to join its ranks.

Addressing about 1 000 people at the Gatesville mosque last night, Pagad's chief commander Ali "Phantom" Parker said the organisation could use the discipline and integrity of the former "Tranket" ruler.

"We call on Mr Holomisa to take up his rightful place in Pagad. We are a disciplined organisation and a soldier of his

calibre will feel right at home with us."

Mr Parker said Pagad was moving forward as an organisation in the campaign to rid Cape Town of drugs and gangsters. The march would not stop and Pagad members would not be intimidated by the police.

He said the organisation would not let the police disarm its members. "We want the police and the government to arrest drug dealers and gangsters and then we will stop our campaign. But as long as these people are not being arrested I will urge all the members to arm themselves and be prepared for anything."

Mr Parker said. He said the anti-drugs and gangsterism campaign was making an impact and many drug dealers were offering senior Pagad officials large amounts of money to keep quiet.

"We will not be bribed and we don't care what these people's standings are in the community - whether they donate money to the mosques on the one hand, they are still killing our children and destroying our societies on the other with their drug dealings."

Pagad's chief co-ordinator, Farouk Jaffer, said the organisation had no hidden agenda and had nothing to hide.

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ALL EGED drug lord and convicted killer Nazier Kappdi has gone into hiding and has not been to his Walmer Estate house for the past three weeks.

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Mr Hendricks died as a result of the assault, which the presiding judge described as "sadistic and gruesome" and Mr Valle spent two weeks in hospital recovering from his injuries.

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Ominous wake-up call for hotel as marchers close in

TYRONE SEALE Political Staff

GUESTS at the Eastern Boulevard Holiday Inn Garden Court had ominous wake-up calls early today as the Pagad demonstration came to a halt at the Melbourne Road off-ramp nearby.

"We don't want people to get hurt," police warned by loud-hailer at 1.05am as some demonstrators dispersed in the direction of alleged drug kingpin Nazier Kappdi's mansion in Coronation Street, Walmer Estate, just a few blocks from the hotel.

The police also directed their warnings at scores of Pagad supporters who lay on the tarmac close to a line of armoured vehicles, behind which soldiers guarded the section of the Eastern Boulevard between the hotel and the Seal-Street turnoff.

Police in a helicopter used a searchlight to reinforce the efforts of their colleagues and National Defence Force personnel trying to keep Pagad activists away from their Coronation Street destination.

In the hotel parking area shortly after 1am, police snipers and their Pagad counterparts jockeyed for strategic vantage points in the stairwells linking parking decks and in the decks.

Guests peered from behind drawn curtains in darkened rooms to observe the action on the boulevard below, where flashing blue lights on police vehicles disturbed the calm of a city otherwise enjoying balmy, wind-still weather that permitted perfect reflections of harbour lights among berthed ships.

In two rooms, visitors could be seen recording the stand-off on videotape.

Once police had asked Pagad marchers to move off, groups of armed demonstrators dashed through the hotel parking area shouting "Shoot on hulle! (Shoot at them!)" in defiance of the police order.

Wayne Sample, manager for the night at the Holiday Inn, urged his guests to stay indoors, a request that was gently ignored by travel agent Rami Bachani and seafoods businessman George Jacob, both visitors from Kochin in southern India, who ventured into the parking area.

This is their first visit to the country, but they learnt about Pagad weeks ago as media in their home country drew attention to the growing confrontation between community groups and gangsters in the Western Cape and elsewhere in the country.

"Drugs, I feel, is something



Picture: LEON MULLER, Chief Photographer. The Angis-Kappdi's Walmer Estate house, directed by Pagad commander Ali "Phantom" Parker.

that has to be put down, but this isn't the way to do it, the government has to take steps," said Ms Bachani.

"If people take steps like this (demonstration), they are putting fear into tourists and the public here."

Ms Bachani said, however, that she would encourage Indians to continue to visit South

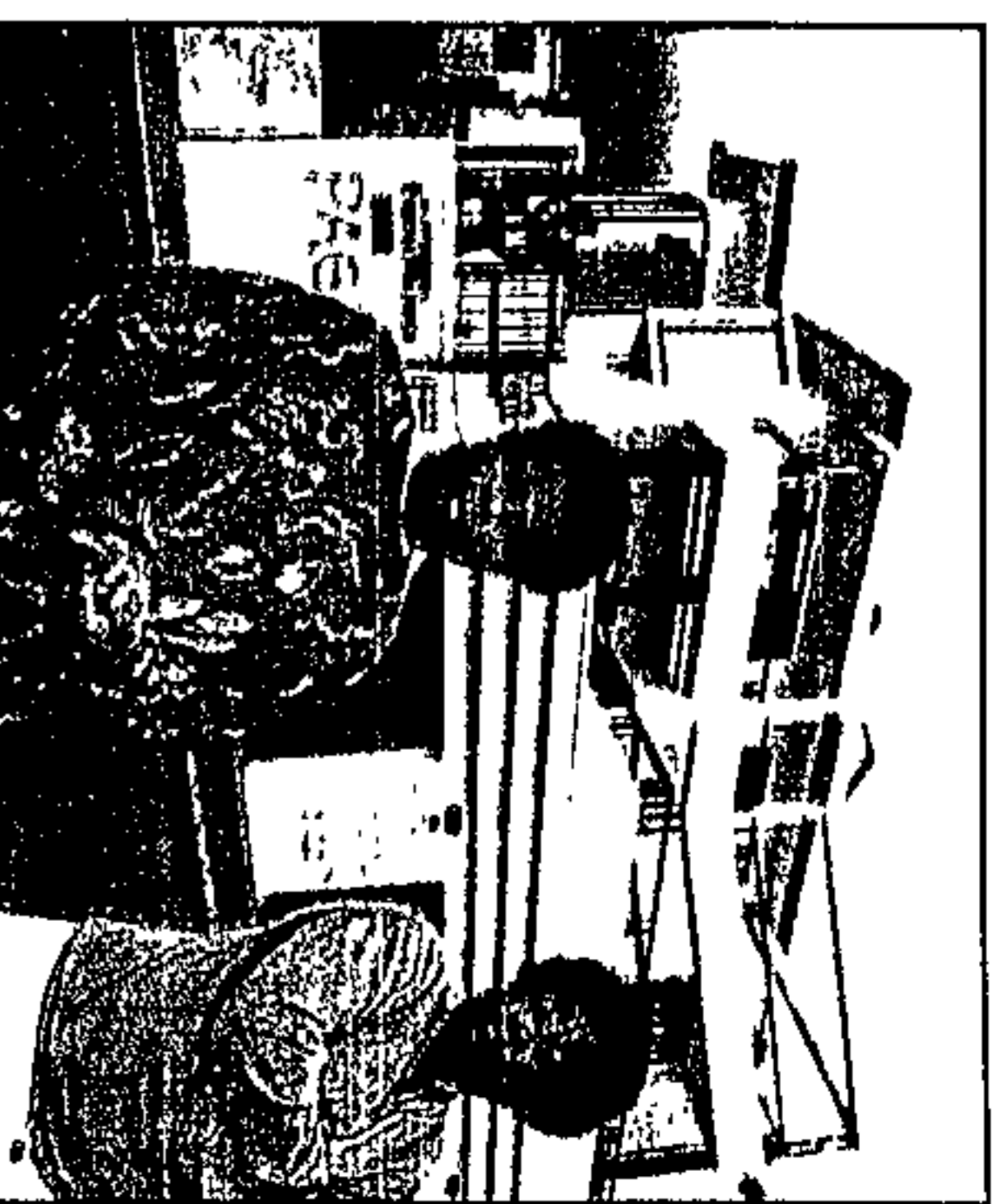
Africa, where she had had a "very, very good" experience during a few days in Johannesburg and now a spell in Cape Town.

Mr Sample, who had been co-ordinating hotel security and reassuring guests, said police had asked him to keep residents inside.

The hotel was full and no

one had checked out because of the demonstration, he said.

By 1.30am, with the police helicopter still buzzing and casting its spotlight about, occupancy of the Eastern Boulevard dwindled as Pagad marchers began heading back to cars parked at the crest of Hospital Bend to begin the holiest day of the Islamic week.



Picture: ANDREW INGRAM, The Argus. SIEGE LIFTED: Ester and Lydia Mankayi emerge from Nazier Kappdi's Walmer Estate house after spending a sleepless night in a back room while Pagad members protested in the street outside.

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Fivaz to meet A-Gs on Press subpoenas

Staff Reporters

POLICE Commissioner George Fivaz will hold urgent talks with all attorneys-general to reach agreement on how to deal with court orders against the media.

This comes after various editors, including Argus editor Shaun Johnson, were subpoenaed to hand over pictures and transcripts of interviews with People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad).

But Cape Attorney-General Frank Kahn defended his issuing of subpoenas to the press to hand over photographs and transcripts of interviews relating to Pagad.

Mr Kahn said today he fully supported Press freedom and appreciated the difficulty reporters faced giving court evidence, but that a speedy conclusion to the police investigation of the vigilante activities of Pagad was in everyone's interest.

Mr Johnson has invited all subpoenaed newspapers and news agencies to urgent consultations in Cape Town today.

Commissioner Fivaz said he wanted to find a way to deal with the issue without compromising the administration of justice or the police's commitment to transparency and media freedom.

He was concerned that orders in terms of Section 205 of the Criminal Procedure Act could create the impression that the police were not fully committed to transparency and media freedom. Although Section 205 was a legitimate instrument of the judicial system, he said he was fully aware that, where it applied to the media, it was and had been seen as repressive.

It was therefore imperative that the entire criminal justice system - especially the courts and police - developed a shared approach to the application of Section 205 to, specifically, the media.

Mr Johnson said: "The Argus is, of course, foursquare behind all anti-crime efforts in the country, but we are strongly opposed to a situation in which journalists become instruments of the police."

He said The Argus had "not handed the requested documents to the police".

Similar subpoenas were also delivered to the editors of Die Burger and the Cape Times as well as the SABC, the South African Press Association and an international news agency.

In terms of Section 205, people who refuse to hand over material can be jailed until they do so. Police are investigating charges of murder, attempted murder, sedition and public violence against Pagad supporters. They also want the names of the photographers and reporters responsible for covering the Pagad affair.

Mr Johnson is due to appear in court on August 30.

Mr Kahn said the police, for whatever reason, did not take photographs at the scene of the murder of gang leader Rashaad Staggie and they were seriously hampered by this fact.

"For this reason, they asked me to obtain photographs, which they understand the Press has, of the murder in order to bring their investigation to a swift conclusion."

The decision, therefore, to subpoena the Press in terms of Section 205 of the Criminal Procedure Act was not an attempt to expose any individual reporters to court cases, Mr Kahn said.

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Police, army seal off Cape Town

JOSEPH ARANES and ASHLEY SMITH
Staff Reporters

POLICE and the army sealed off Cape Town in the early hours of today, preventing hundreds of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) members from entering the city centre.

This followed a potentially volatile standoff between Pagad and the police in front of the Holiday Inn Hotel on the city-bound side of the N2 freeway.

Earlier, Pagad members took to the streets in a large convoy of vehicles, travelling from the Gatesville Mosque to the home of known drug lord Nazier Kapdi in Walmer Estate.

Police barricaded the N2 near Hospital bend, after only a few vehicles from the convoy had passed. With the majority of vehicles left stand-

ing on the N2, the other Pagad members, including their leader, Ali "Phantom" Parker approached Mr Kapdi's home. He was not at home, but this did not stop Pagad members from spraying a warning on his front wall that he must stop trading in drugs within 24 hours or face the wrath of the community.

Mr Parker told the police, who were on the scene, that there would be "no problems" and that "the protest was peaceful".

He then addressed the crowd, saying that Mr Kapdi had "brought tons and tons of Mandrax into the country" and that he had "murdered a lot of people" by selling drugs.

He continued: "We are going to flush them out one by one, these drug lords. The patience of the people is getting very thin, but they are showing amazing

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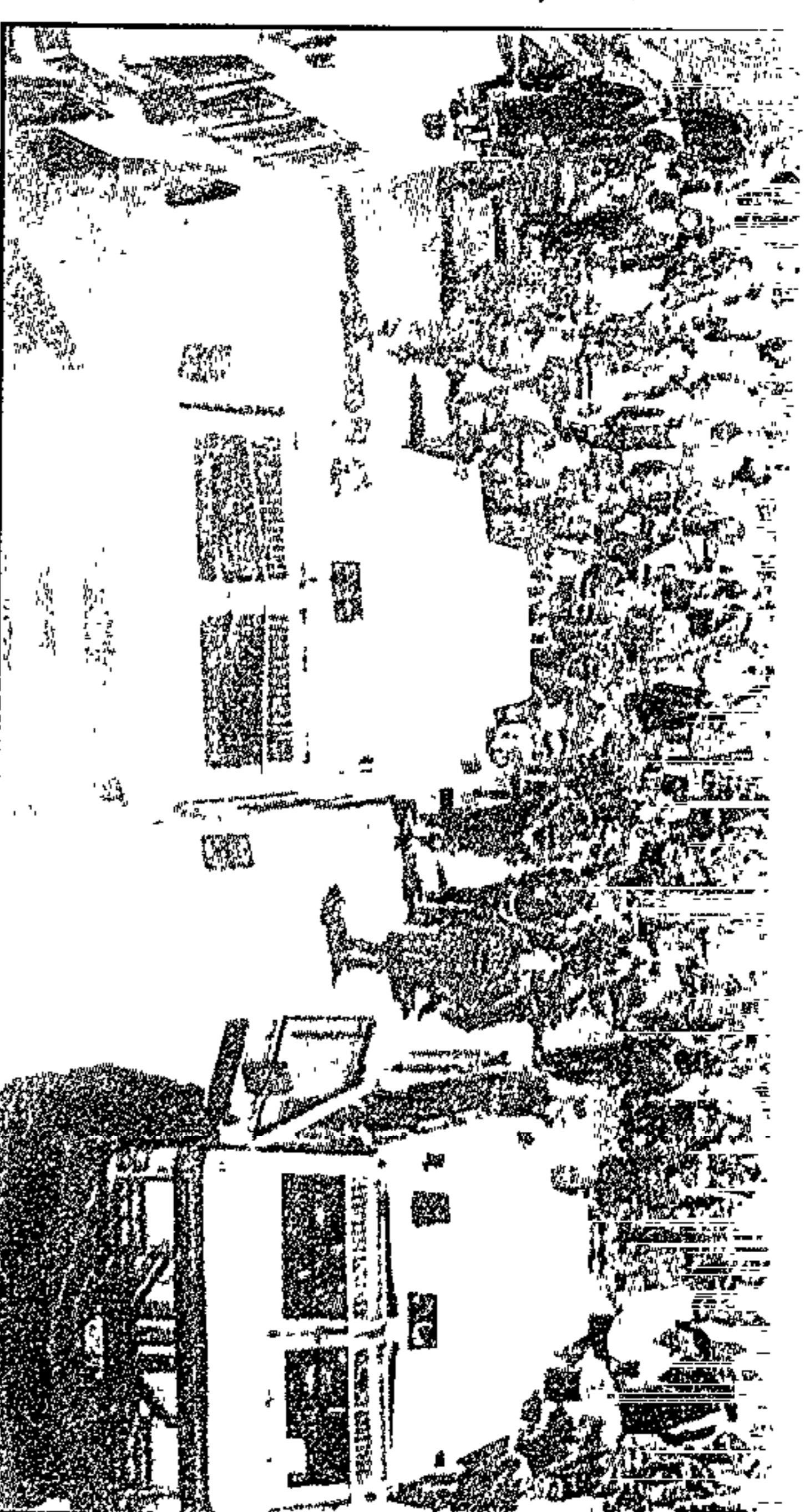
Mr Parker asked the police why they were not acting against known drug lords, by arresting them and confiscating their property.

Chaos broke out on the outward-bound lanes of the N2 when Pagad members leaving Mr Kapdi's house decided to block the road in response to the police's barricade on the opposite side.

Motorists leaving Cape Town had to pull to the side of the road and watch the drama unfold as a strong police contingent confronted Pagad supporters after they began to march towards the city on foot.

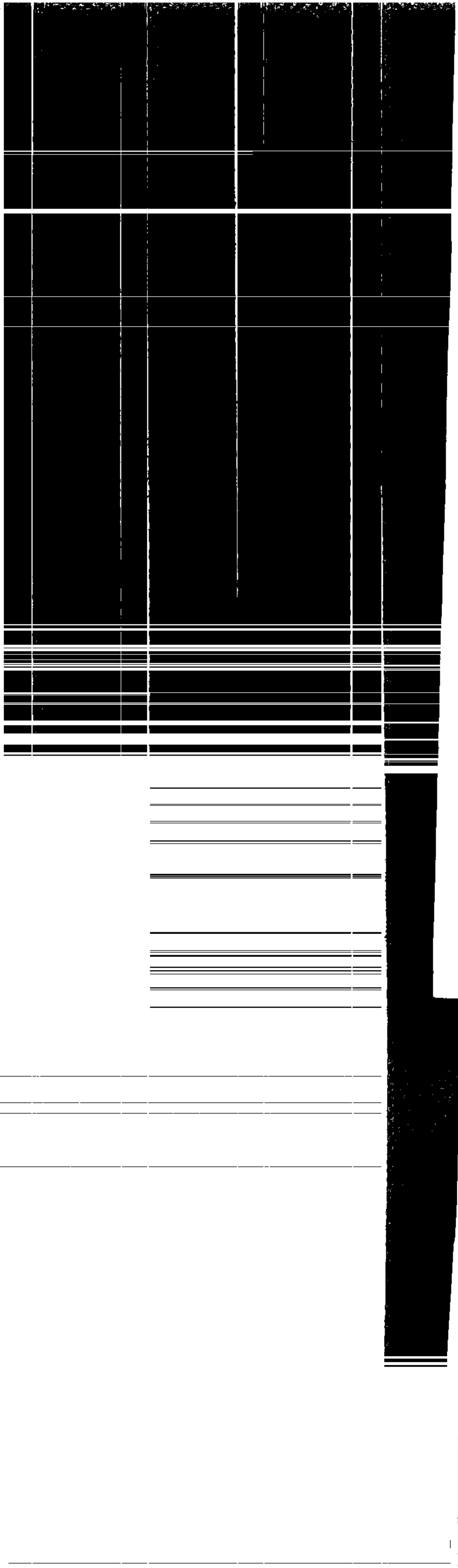
After fruitless negotiation for at least an hour, police gave the crowd five minutes to disperse.

Twenty minutes later the protesters decided to return to their cars, which were still parked at the top of Hospital bend.



Picture: LEON MULLER, The Argus

ROADBLOCK: Police hold back thousands of Pagad members on the Eastern Boulevard near Walmer Estate where they were trying to join another group at the home of Nazier Kapdi.



Tourists scared off

MICHAEL MORRIS
Staff Reporter

WESTERN Cape hoteliers - facing significant overseas cancellations because of violence and crime - have urged the government to take more decisive action to halt lawlessness, and protect South Africa's image abroad.

Captour has warned that international coverage of clashes between anti-drug group People Against Gangsterism and Drugs and gangsters has dealt a blow to the city's post-apartheid rating as a prime tourist destination, prompting "significant cancellations".

In one case alone, 18 Dutch diplomats yesterday cancelled their stay at the luxury Cellars-Hohenort Country House Hotel in Constantia, citing the threat of violence as the reason.

Cellars-Hohenort owner Liz McGrath - one of the country's top hoteliers - said: "This is the first time I have had a cancellation as a direct result of the violence, and it should be a warning to us all."

"If we do not have tourism, this country cannot go forward. It is the biggest money-maker in the world, it's an industry that can employ thousands and it brings people to our country at a time when we need every bit of foreign investment we can get."

"The government must take firmer action. It must be made clear to them how serious this is," she said.

Horst Frehse, general manager of the Grand Roche Hotel in Paarl, agreed.

"The government must get off its high horse and be more decisive. They always seem to be pretending that there is no crime, but if it continues, it will kill tourism and kill jobs."

There was a prospect of further cancellations in the months to come if nothing was done to rehabilitate South Africa's image overseas.

"We all realise nobody can stop crime overnight, but a strong signal needs to be sent out that the government is serious," Mr Frehse said.

Debbie Verploegh, assistant general manager of The Bay Hotel, said she had not detected any consistent decline in trade recently, but agreed that crime - and perceptions of it abroad - was South Africa's "number one" problem.

Captour chief executive Gordon Oliver



DRUG CAMPAIGN: Pagad supporters follow Farouk Jaffer, the unmasked man in front, to the home of alleged drug dealer Nazier Kapdi in Walmer Estate.

warned. "We must all be aware of the real value of tourism and the impact that conflict has on this industry."

"We recorded a 25 percent increase in tourists to this region in 1995 over 1994, and for every 30 overseas tourists to this country, one job is created."

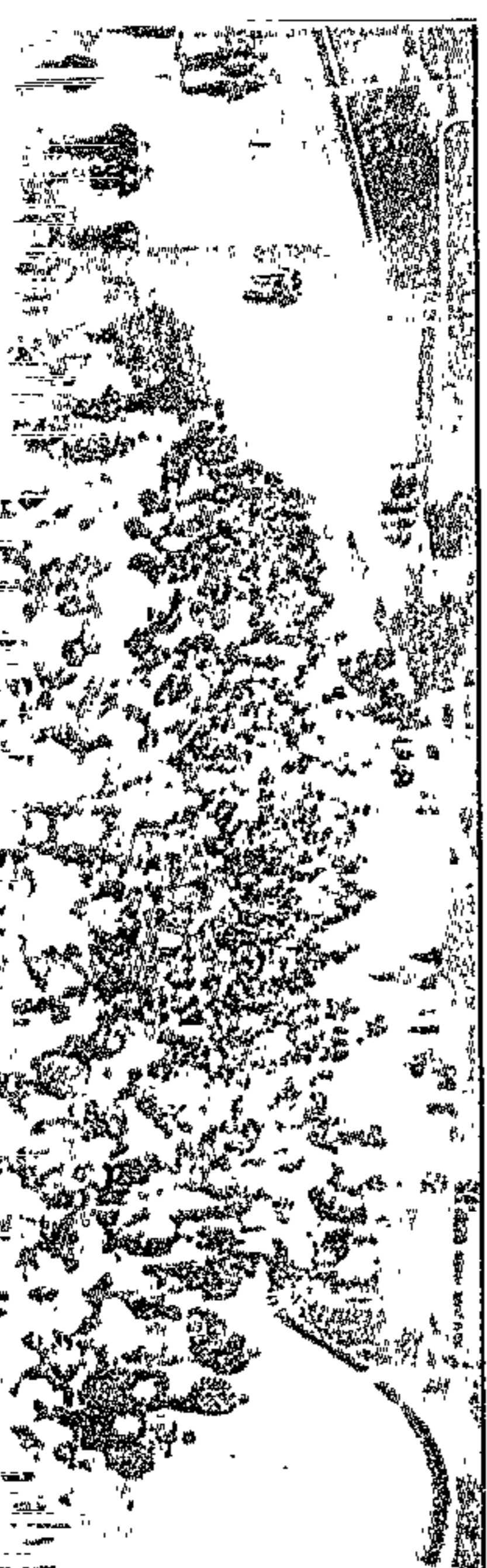
"This encouraging increase is on a fast decline, however, with reports of the current violence having cut the anticipated

growth in foreign tourists to a meagre four percent for 1996.

"Further violence would be disastrous," he said.

In a move to limit damage, "urgent notifications" had been sent to consulates and booking agents, assuring them violence and crime were being addressed by all levels of government.

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Picture ANDREW INGRAM, The Argus

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'We shouldn't be blamed for Staggie death'

A Pagad leader speaks out ... anonymously

SOME say the People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) are a bunch of gun-wielding Muslim fundamentalists bent on overthrowing the state, while others see a group of ordinary folk fed up with a life ruled by gangsters. Staff Reporter PIETER MALAN speaks to a Pagad leader.

HE says he doesn't own a gun. It sounds incongruous, coming from a leader of a movement in which guns abound.

He also wears a woollen cap with the rainbow logo: Cape Town, Olympic Candidate City 2004.

"Please don't use my name in the story," was one of his first requests.

"I don't mind for myself so much, but I fear for the safety of my family."

Not only did he not carry a gun, he was also one of the people who had done the most to portray Pagad as a reasonable, non-militant organisation whose only aim was the eradication of gangsterism in Cape Town.

On numerous occasions he had calmed tempers, spoken out against the targeting of the media, and asked for supporters to be disciplined.

"I personally regret the killing of Rashaad Staggie. It shouldn't have happened," he said.

But he added that he believed the killing of Staggie was set up, that the police deliberately let Staggie through a barricade thrown around the area - and let him into the lion's den.

"Nobody else was let through the barricade that night except Staggie. Why? They (the police) knew the crowd was angry after they had been shot at earlier by gangsters."

He said police knew they could never prosecute Staggie as he knew too much about police corruption. The lynching by a group of angry people therefore came as

an easy solution to the problem, he said.

"When I saw the Staggie killing I wasn't horrified at first. My mind was just blank, I stared out in front of me. It was only afterwards that the reality hit me."

He said he had been called afterwards by many people who needed counselling after witnessing the killing.

He had told them all that Pagad could not be blamed and that Staggie had been set up by the police. After the Staggie killing the lives of those involved with Pagad changed overnight. He said the media attention, local as well as international, came as a total

they had some "serious talks" with Parker and asked him to guard against saying things like that.

"It was a very foolish thing to do. You must understand that at that stage it was a matter of entertaining the crowds.

"There is a very real threat of innocent people getting hurt. I don't appreciate people being used as cannon fodder. Therefore we must guard against what we say."

The chance of Pagad getting outside help was remote and any suggestion that a small minority of Muslims would take over the country was laughable, he said.

"And if there is any military training camp on the Cape Flats, I don't know about it - I promise."

On allegations that Pagad is a front for drug dealers who have lost their turf to gangsters, he said: "I would be the first to take out any guy who betrays us and who uses this cause for his own gain - that's a promise."

He said Pagad was not something that just fell from the air.

"For years now, people all over have been concerned about crime in their neighbourhoods.

"Anti-drug protests on the Cape Flats go back eight to 10 years. Then two or three years ago people started to get more concerned. They saw drugs being sold to children in high and even primary schools."

"When the new government came into power, people said to themselves: 'Ah, at last we have got a say in how we want to be governed and what our needs are.' Unfortunately that change did not come. All we saw was people getting on to the gravy train and doing nothing about our problems."

He said it was easy for the government to now blame Pagad for everything going wrong.

"This whole crime problem was like a big rock sitting high up on the slope of a mountain.

"It only took something small to dislodge that rock - and now it is tumbling down the mountain."

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Pagad leader

surprise. But that also forced the organisation to look seriously at what they were saying and how it was portrayed in the press.

The week after the killing was noted for an increased militancy and open talk of a war, where Pagad members would fight to the death.

Leading figures like Ali "Phantom" Parker became household names after Parker declared the struggle a jihad, or holy war, and his announcements that Hizbollah and Hamas would come to their aid.

But since then that militancy has tapered considerably. Gone is the militant rhetoric about war and fighting until death.

The Pagad leader admitted

'Phantom' is using crowd as a shield, say police

JOHAN SCHRÖNEN
Crime Reporter

PAGAD leader Ali "Phantom" Parker was still a wanted man and should be detained for questioning on sight, police said today.

But Mr Parker, facing possible charges of murder, sedition and public violence, is playing cat-and-mouse with police, emerging only during mass actions, according to police liaison chief John Sterrenberg.

Superintendent Sterrenberg said that although Mr Parker had no warrant of arrest against him, he was "wanted for questioning" and could be arrested if he resisted a police attempt to question him.

Mr Parker and a fellow leader of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad), Farouk Jaffer, eluded police last week when another prominent Pagad figure, Nadhmie Edries, was arrested during a pre-dawn operation.

Mr Edries later appeared in court and was released on bail.

Mr Jaffer also took part in last night's mass march.

Police say they had their "hands tied" when the wanted men emerged from hiding. They were "untouchable" in a protective cocoon of thousands of supporters, many of whom were probably armed and emotionally charged.

Mr Parker and Mr Jaffer were urged to contact Director Leonard Knipes at 951 6665, he said.

Why us? asks Muslim woman after husband gunned down

JUDY DAMON
Staff Reporter

TWELVE-YEAR-OLD Abdul-Karriem comforted his grandmother as she waited at the Groote Schuur trauma unit to see her husband, wounded by gangsters in a Manenberg shooting late yesterday.

"Dear God why is this happening? I cannot understand this," she asked tearfully.

Less than an hour earlier, her husband, Sulayman Jansen, was shot at close range by gangsters when he returned to their home. He had been at the Primrose Park Mosque, where he had prayed for the safety of his family.

Mrs Jansen again asked: "Why is this happening to us? We do not belong to any organisation." Then she broke down again.

Mr Jansen, a staunch Muslim, was apparently mistaken for a member of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad).

Mrs Jansen said she had come under fire two

weeks ago. She was serving a customer from their modest shop when alleged gangsters sprayed bullets at her. She ran for cover. Amid the firing, she heard them screaming: "You bloody Muslims!"

The building that has been home to the Jansens for more than 20 years is in Hard Livings gang territory. So she gathered her courage and went to the Hard Livings boss, Rashied Staggie, to ask why she had been attacked.

"I tried to approach the Staggies so many times to tell their men to leave us alone. Every time I am told he is not available," said Mrs Jansen.

The Jansens have been trying to move out of Manenberg for the past seven years.

"I asked for transfers so many times, but the people at the offices showed me a long list of people who also want to move out."

Now she and her family will go into hiding rather than return to the house.

"I would feel safer sleeping in a car in the middle of the street than in that house," she said.

Police slated over media subpoenas

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THE Conference of Editors and the Black Editors' Forum urged police yesterday to reconsider the use of subpoenas to obtain information from journalists on violence on the Cape Flats.

Subpoenas for information were being served yesterday at the Cape Town editorial offices of several newspapers, news agencies and the SABC.

Western Cape police spokesman Capt Wicus Holzhausen said summonses would be received by three daily newspapers, Die Burger, Cape Times and The Argus, two news agencies — Sapa and Associated Press — and the SABC. News staff might be required to reveal sources of their information on particular events, he said.

"Failure to comply with the subpoenas might result in prosecution."

The Cape Flats was recently the scene of violent clashes between gangsters and a vigilante group calling itself People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad). Pagad members murdered gang leader Rashaad Staggie by shooting him and setting him alight.

Argus news editor Steve Wrottesley confirmed yesterday his editor, Shaun Johnson, had been handed a subpoena issued under Section 205 of the Criminal Procedures Act.

Die Burger editor Ebbe Dommissie

said he, too, had been served a summons. He had earlier been approached by police for photographic material on the Staggie case, but as two freelance reporters and one of his own staff had suffered gunshot wounds, he refused.

Attempts were made to subpoena Francois Krige, Sapa's bureau chief in Cape Town. Krige was away and a colleague refused to accept it. A subpoena was served also at SABC-TV's Cape offices for the surrender of TV footage.

The SA Union of Journalists described the police action as a flagrant violation of media freedom using "notorious, outdated sections of the Criminal Procedures Act". It said journalists were again entering a period of darkness following police action and threats against journalists by Pagad.

The editors' organisations said they recognised the importance of the police investigation, but pressuring the media "does not allow journalists to continue their work unimpeded".

Police said yesterday they would not compel Beeld reporter Nick Bezuidenhout to reveal who had provided him with a secret police document on Islamic extremism, but a subpoena served on him to appear in court next month in connection with the document remained valid. — Sapa.

Pagad, police in tense standoff

2am LATEST

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PAGAD MEMBERS who gathered outside the home of an alleged drug dealer in Walmer Estate yesterday threw a live cartridge and chanted death threats before being dispersed by police after a tense standoff. Our **STAFF WRITERS** report.

CITY police and senior army officers were last night involved in a tense standoff with Pagad on the Eastern Boulevard, after a march by several hundred of the organisation's members on the Walmer Estate home of an alleged drug leader and convicted killer.

One of the main access routes to the city, Eastern Boulevard, was closed to traffic after police halted a convoy of several hundred vehicles belonging to Pagad members.

Spearheaded by the organisation's military wing, the G-Force, Pagad had made their way from an earlier meeting at the Gatesville Mosque to the Coronation Street home of Mr Nazier Kapdi to deliver their anti-drugs message.

A live cartridge was hurled at Kapdi's house while death threats were shouted, police said.

Late last night more than a thousand people had gathered on the freeway threatening to return to Kapdi's house.

After failed negotiations between Pagad leaders and police, a warning was issued for Pagad to disperse.

A helicopter hovered overhead, monitoring the situation.

At 1am Senior Superintendent Johan Vorster commander of the public order policing unit told about 400 Pagad members to "disperse or you will be forcefully dispersed".

Some Pagad members responded by sitting down on the freeway.

He told Pagad that the gathering was illegal and instructed his personnel to shut their vehicle doors and make ready

Pagad's G-Force took up positions on the Woodstock side of the Eastern Boulevard, on the police's flank. At least two shotguns were visible.

After a tense few minutes during which Vorster said the "situation is very serious", the crowd dispersed.

Earlier a group of about 200 Pagad members made their way to the house while armoured police vehicles blocked off Roodebloem and Searle roads leading up to Walmer Estate, leaving more than a thousand Pagad members stranded on the freeway.

People abandoned their cars and ran the several hundred metres up to Coronation Road, leaving hundreds of deserted cars, bumper to bumper on the freeway.

Meanwhile, armed Pagad members gathered in front of Kapdi's home, chanting anti-drug slogans, "One merchant, one bullet" and "Death to merchants".

"Pagad" was also spray-painted on the walls surrounding Kapdi's luxurious home, rumoured to have cost about R800 000. No one was apparently inside the house.

There were heated exchanges between Pagad and police on the scene, as the Pagad members demanded to know why the roads up to Walmer Estate had been blocked off.

The crowd was addressed by Pagad leader Mr Ali "Phantom" Parker who said that "scum" such as Kapdi who flooded South Africa with tons of Mandrax should be stopped.

Kapdi, previously known as the "Captain" in the underworld, and five

of his henchmen were found guilty of murder and attempted murder in 1985 after a brutal assault on two men, accused of a drug deal doublecross.

Gruesome details of the three-hour assault, during which time the two men, Mr Farouk Hendricks and Mr Nazeem Valle were beaten with wooden table legs, a brass-tipped drain rod and a spade, emerged during the sensational 42-day trial.

Kapdi was sentenced to 17 years imprisonment, but was released unconditionally in 1991 after serving only five years.

Parker also referred to an incident in 1989 when a jazz drummer, Mr Yusuf Rylands was found murdered in Kapdi's Newfield home. Police said Rylands had been stabbed to death in Kapdi's first wife Kashifa's bed.

Kapdi had been in Pollsmoor prison at the time of the murder, but Parker last night alleged Kapdi had ordered the killing from inside prison.

Pointing at the house, Parker also said Kapdi had installed bulletproof windows all around and had a platform on which a Sten gun could be mounted.

The crowd in front of Kapdi's house later left to rejoin the main convoy on the freeway.

Pagad then negotiated with police that a small delegation return to Kapdi's house, but the agreement was broken and a large crowd of Pagad members tried to return to the house.

Death threats were shouted and a live cartridge was thrown at the house.

Several callers to the Cape Times phoned to say that they had been diverted from the Eastern Boulevard and redirected to the main road. Sterrenberg said that a dangerous situation had arisen on the Eastern Boulevard when cars tried to turn back and drive on the wrong side of the road to get away from the blockade.

Outcry as police target city media

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STAFF WRITERS, OWN CORRESPONDENTS

THERE has been a huge outcry following the subpoena of the Editor of the Cape Times, Mr Moegsien Williams, the editors of the other city daily newspapers, the SABC and the Associated Press.

Police issued the subpoenas in an effort to get photographs and written interviews relating to the anti-drug organisation People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad).

Williams was subpoenaed in terms of Section 205 of the Criminal Procedure Act to surrender all material relating to

Pagad. Failure to comply could result in prosecution and imprisonment.

Cape Times Deputy Editor Mr Ryland Fisher said last night he had accepted the subpoena on behalf of Williams, who is out of town, from a Captain Harry Jeppe and an Inspector Danie Blomerus of the team investigating Pagad, after first consulting with the Cape Times' attorneys.

Fisher said: "We are concerned about the subpoena. We will discuss the matter with our attorneys and in consultation with them we will decide what legal action to take."

"However, we will not co-operate with the police and will hand over no

documents or pictures. We feel that co-operating with the police will compromise our independence and place our journalists in danger.

"We also feel that Section 205 goes against the fundamental rights of the press, as enshrined in the Constitution."

He said the Cape Times would not co-operate with the terms of the subpoena as it was a "matter of principle and not only an issue of the law, as the subpoena strikes at the heart of press freedom".

Police also raided the Johannesburg office of Beeld newspaper on Wednesday morning demanding a secret police document on Islamic extremists in South

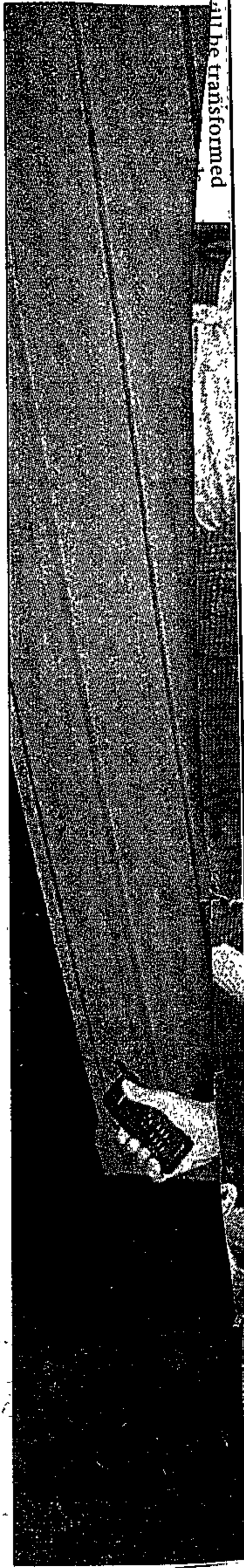
Africa. Beeld reporter Nick Bezuiderhout was served with a summons to appear in court to explain where he had obtained the information.

Police spokesman Captain Wicus Holtzhausen said yesterday the action was aimed at getting as much information as possible for their probe into the recent violence on the Cape Flats.

He said police were looking for video material from the SABC, photographs from newspapers and written information from news agencies which might help them in their investigations.

Police are investigating charges of

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murder, attempted murder, sedition and public violence against some Pagad supporters.

Subpoenas were also served on The Argus editor Mr Shaun Johnson, Die Burger editor Mr Ebbe Domisse and the city offices of Associated Press.

Johnson, who is due to appear in court on August 30, said: "We are greatly concerned by these subpoenas and took legal advice last night. We have invited others who were subpoenaed to urgent consultations in Cape Town today."

"Of course we support the police's anti-crime initiatives, but we are strongly opposed to a situation in which journalists become instruments of the police."

The SABC condemned the decision by the attorney-general to issue subpoenas: "This is in conflict with the provisions of the new Constitution."

The broadcaster said it would be meeting with Safety and Security Minister Mr Sydney Mufamadi and Justice Minister Mr Dullah Omar to discuss the matter.

Executive director of the Freedom of Expression Institute, Ms Jeanette Minnie, compared the issuing of the subpoenas to the heavy-handed tactics police used before the 1994 elections.

"Police have time and again tried to use Section 205 to force us to reveal our sources and they are trying to do the same again."

"We condemn this. We have long campaigned for the repeal of Section 205 in relation to journalists. It is in conflict with the right of the public to know and the role of journalists to tell. We believe journalists are bound by a codeless conduct to protect their sources and it is incorrect to force journalists to disclose their information."

The Conference of Editors and the Black Editors' Forum urged police to "reconsider their use of subpoenas to extract information from journalists".

"While we recognise the importance of the investigation, it is a short-sighted view that does not allow journalists to continue their work unimpeded," Conference chairman Mr Anton Harber said.

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Editors unite against orders

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■ An order for five major news organisations in Cape Town to hand over information to the police has met with widespread condemnation and a united stand against the controversial Section 205.

DENNIS CAVERNELLS
Staff Reporter

IN a strong show of unity the editors of Cape Town's three major newspapers and representatives of other media organisations have committed themselves to fighting subpoenas ordering them to give police information on the organisation People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad).

The decision not to give information to the police has been backed by the Foreign Correspondents Association, political parties, the union Media Workers of South Africa and the Institute for Democracy in South Africa (Idasa).

At a meeting held between the editors and other media representatives in the city yesterday, the group resolved to oppose the subpoenas with all the resources of the law at their disposal.

The group said it would not hand over the material requested by the police.

The group said it believed that an attempt to force compliance with the terms of the subpoenas would amount to a contravention of the basic constitutional right to the freedom of the press.

Under Section 205 of the Criminal Procedure Act the police can demand information from individuals regarding an offense committed in their presence, and provides for their imprisonment if they refuse.

Justice Minister Dullah Omar said he was not consulted before the subpoenas were served.

"Neither the minister nor the department was consulted," he said.

The Freedom of Expression Institute called

for the immediate withdrawal of the subpoenas.

The institute said the media could not act, or be perceived to act, as an informant of the police "because that will destroy the media's credibility and independence".

Yesterday's meeting was called by The Argus editor, Shaun Johnson, a day after police served subpoenas on The Argus, Cape Times, Die Burger, SABC Television News, and the news agency Associated Press.

The editors of these organisations are to appear in court next Friday.

Democratic Party spokeswoman Dene Smuts said the mass subpoenas were "gravely misguided... and are bound to lead to a Constitutional Court challenge".

Idasa's executive director Wilnot James said police investigating the activities of Pagad should have sources other than the press.

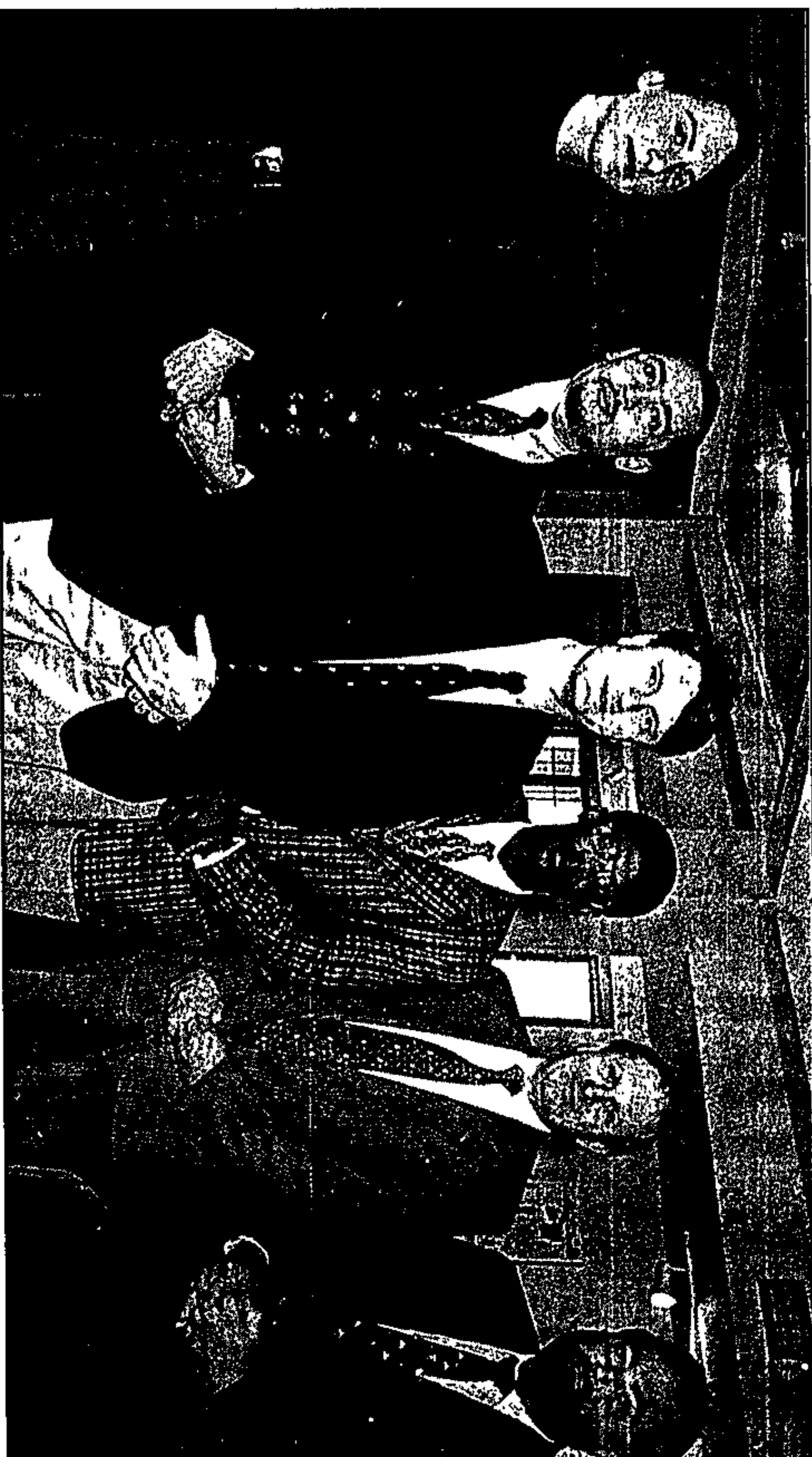
Section 205 should not be invoked on journalists in the course of their work, Mr James said.

The editors said their opposition to handing over information to the police was based on two fundamental issues: the safety of journalists on the one hand, and the public's interest in the free operation of the media on the other.

The group stressed that journalists would face serious threats to their own safety if their neutrality in reporting events was questioned.

"Journalists cannot be seen to be instruments of the police."

The media could not function if it did not enjoy the trust of the public, which required a clear separation of the functions of law enforcement agencies and the media.



□ **SUBPOENAED:** Editors of newspapers and news agency representatives met in Cape Town yesterday. From left, Alexandra Zavis from AP, Ryland Fisher, deputy editor of the Cape Times, Shaun Johnson, editor of The Argus, Mandla Yeki, from the SABC, Ebbe Domise, editor of Die Burger, and Francois Krige from Sapa.

Legal advisers believed the court would not uphold the subpoenas.

The editors stressed that all the media organisations involved strongly supported government efforts to fight crime, but believed subpoenas would have a negative effect on the law enforcement agencies and the media.

South African Press Association editor Mark van der Velden said the organisation was aware that police wished to serve a subpoena on its Cape Town representative, Francois Krige, but this had not yet taken place. He said that if the subpoena was indeed served on Krige, Sapa would align itself

solidly with the other news organisations in their rejection of the use of Section 205 in this matter.

Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi said he would convene a meeting with the editors on Thursday to discuss the issue.

Fivaz blasts A-G's move against editors

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PAUL OLIVIER
Staff Reporter

THE issuing of subpoenas by Cape Attorney General Frank Kahn on various editors to hand over information to the police about Pagad has drawn criticism from an unlikely quarter - police commissioner George Fivaz.

Mr Fivaz, who is on official police business in Zimbabwe, said in a statement from the Victoria Falls: "Although broad co-operation between the police and media is vital to fight crime, police in a democracy cannot expect the media to compromise their independence by becoming mere extensions of investigative capacity.

"I believe the SAPS and the broader justice criminal system must realise that the pivotal role of the media in fighting crime is absolutely dependent on both the perceived and practical independence of the media."

Mr Fivaz said both the media and the police were crucial in the fight against crime and "issues raised by the issuing of Section 205 orders against the media must be rapidly defused".

The statement follows the serving of subpoenas on the editors of The Argus, Die Burger, Cape Times, as well as the SABC, the South African Press Association and Associated Press to hand over photographs and transcripts of interviews relating to People Against Gangsterism and Drugs.

Mr Fivaz said that the credibility of both the police and the media in the fight against crime was on the line.

He said although Section 205 was a legitimate judicial instrument and a vital tool in fighting crime in general, it was clearly necessary to re-examine its practical application to specifically the media.

He added that he would recommend and request a meeting with editors, media unions and attorneys general to discuss a possible rule that police only apply for Section 205 orders against the media on direct authorisation of an attorney general.

Further discussions would include the issuing of interim directives to police structures to exhaust all other investigative and information avenues before requesting a Section 205 order against journalists.

Mr Fivaz wants to initiate discussions with attorneys general to achieve a shared approach to the issuing of such orders.

He requested a review, in consultation with the relevant attorneys general, of all present Section 205 orders against members of the media.

Gauteng anti-crime group at odds with Pagad

JACOUI REEVES
Own Correspondent

PRETORIA. - The Laudium based organisation People Against Crime and Drugs (Pacad) has distanced itself from the Western Cape's People Against Gangs and Drugs (Pagad) after inflammatory statements made by the Cape Town body this week.

Pacad chairman K K Kurtha said Pagad was misguided in warning investors to steer clear of South Africa, and that the statements could negatively affect much needed tourism. "I believe that the statements were made with a lot of heated emotion rather than considered thoughts," Mr Kurtha said. "We cannot afford to frighten off potential

investors when we so desperately need them to help create jobs and encourage economic growth. If there were more jobs available, there would be less of a need for members of our communities to turn to drug dealing to raise money," he said.

Mr Kurtha said that as far as relations between the two organisations stood, the only link was their common goal to rid their communities of criminal elements, more specifically, drug dealers.

"We identify with Pagad's cause, and share their frustration at the lack of effective police action, but we do not agree with their methods or their militant attitudes," Mr Kurtha said. But despite their attempts to ensure a peaceful march to the Laudium homes of alleged

drug lords last weekend, Pacad supporters battled to keep their tempers in check once they came face-to-face with the dealers.

Scuffles broke out between members of the Laudium community and residents of White Blocks, a suburb notorious for its drug dealers, when Pacad members threatened to "come back and kill" drug dealers.

Mr Kurtha said the threats emanated from heated emotions rather than specific intent on the part of Pacad, but did hint that vigilante-style action was not out of the question.

Posters held by Pacad supporters at the march read: "Dealers stop selling drugs, or else." When questioned, Mr Kurtha said they could mean "anything and everything". "We will exhaust all legal means of solving

the problems in our community, but if they continue to leave us unsatisfied, and the dealers still dealing, we will then have to consider different strategies," Mr Kurtha said.

But Mr Kurtha re-affirmed Pacad's commitment to work through legal procedures.

He added a common error made by South Africans was to associate only Muslims with both Pagad and Pacad. "People must realise that we are community organisations that have chosen to speak out against crime and drugs, and that we have members from all sections of the community supporting us, not just Muslims."

■ This week Muslims in Cape Town's prisons claimed they were being targeted by prison gangs as supporters of Pagad, purely on the grounds of their religious affiliations.

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'Tackle the drug industry financially'

Expert calls for an economic war

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DRUGS are at the heart of most of the crime and gang violence that has ravaged so many communities. The government - especially as a result of the ongoing conflict between Cape Flats gangsters and the organisation People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) - has developed tough measures to cope. But no plans have been announced to fight the bigger problem - that of the drug industry. Staff Reporter JOSEPH ARANES spoke to Daniel Nina, a human rights lawyer from Puerto Rico, who was involved in advising the George Bush administration during their drug war against Latin American countries.

THE battle to rid our society of the scourge of drugs and its related crimes must go beyond the arrests and prosecution of known drug lords and gangsters if there is to be a true and meaningful victory.

When declaring a war on drugs, the whole industry with its many faceless people, must be attacked, and the financial muscle it generates must be destroyed because more often than not, that blood money ends up in the country's mainstream economy.

The government recently announced a range of drastic measures to rid the streets of gangsters, drugs and guns: more policemen and army personnel were deployed and top detectives were assigned to investigate allegations of police corruption and crimes against the gangsters. But no plans were announced nor strategies identified on how the increasing traffic in narcotics would be fought.

The militant campaign led by People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) has forced the government to seek urgent solutions to the crisis.

But were their responses well thought out or were they just more stop-gap measures to restore calm and settle the emotions that were running wild among ordinary citizens?

Daniel Nina, a human rights lawyer from Puerto Rico and academic manager of the Observatory-based Community Peace Foundation, said that from the government's response, he got the impression that they (the government) were more interested in appeasing communities than seriously tackling the drug problem.

Police figures showed that there were about 80 000 gangsters operating on the Cape Flats, most of whom were in some way connected to the drug industry. How effective would it then be to go around arresting known drug lords when there were thousands of others waiting in the wings?

Mr Nina said that in their efforts to clean up the streets, a serious effort must be made to crush the economics of the drug industry as there would always be more "little guys" to continue the operations.

He said while there were no simple solutions to the problem, serious consideration should be given to controlling the cash transactions taking place in the country.

The drug trade thrived on a solid cash flow. Drug dealers, like most people, aspired to improve the quality of their lives. Herein lies part of the solution, according to Mr Nina. Because druglords seldom have cheque accounts or credit cards, they buy most of the goods they require with hard cash.

Rashaad Staggie had to pay a dealer at least R150 000 for a car. "The dealer did not question where the money came from and probably just accepted it. If, for example, there was legislation in place which forced the dealer to check on the source of the

finance through a state agency, the money would not have been allowed to enter the formal economy."

He said the country's drug industry was still small when compared to countries like Colombia, Bolivia and Peru, and if the right strategies were put in place, it could be contained and eventually destroyed.

"When tackling the problem, we need to define the parameters of the war and put into place an ideology about how destructive drugs are and outline all the negative aspects related to the issue."

The United States, for example, in their war against drugs in Latin America, used the term "narcotics" because it meant the same when translated from English into Spanish. They then built a vocabulary around it like narco-terrorism, narco-dollars and narco-guerrillas, all of which had negative connotations.

They involved all state departments in the war and even denied much-needed foreign aid to countries that failed to show a willingness to fight the problem.

But there were problems. There were no clearly identified enemies as the drug industry had too many players with a range of interests, and the countries had different ideas on dealing with the evil.

"In a country like Bolivia, during the early 1990s almost 80 percent of the economy was drug-related. Life tends to become very complicated when the drug barons have billions of dollars to spend and can buy just about anything - in some cases even governments.

"At the same time, they are always trying to legitimise their operations and entering into the formal legal economy to launder their money."

Mr Nina said most countries had systems in place to control and check cash deposits made at banks, but nothing in other sectors of the economy.

"This is what we need to look at. We need to have mechanisms making it very difficult for people to dispose of their ill-gotten money."

He said although South Africa was still quite a long way from the Latin American situation, it could go down that road if effective measures were not put in place.

Already the local gangsters had formed a cartel, The Firm, to control their interests in the industry. "The Firm are also moving away from their traditional drugs and are expanding the industry into other markets by supplying cocaine and other chemically produced drugs like ecstasy."

Mr Nina said short-term solutions like locking away drug dealers and gangsters would help but the only test to see whether the war on drugs was being won, was if the price of the drugs sky-rocketed.

"And unfortunately for Cape Town, the price of cocaine and ecstasy is becoming cheaper."

Muslims in prison (35) 'face gang revenge'

ARG 26/8/96

JOSEPH ARANES
Staff Reporter

THE conflict between Cape Flats drug lords and the organisation People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) has spread into several Cape prisons with Muslim prisoners falling victim to assaults and death threats, prisoners and their families report.

But both the Correctional Services Department and the Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (Popcu) said they had not noticed or been informed of any increase in the number of prison fights; nor specific cases of assault against Muslim inmates.

A Muslim prisoner at Victor Verster prison, Mogamat Abass Lee, called The Argus and said he had been beaten up and his life threatened because of the perception that being a Muslim meant he was a Pagad supporter.

"The situation in prison is very tense and Muslim inmates are getting threats from other inmates.

"We are caught in a situation where we are surrounded by gangsters and many of us are gangsters ourselves, but just because of our religious beliefs we are being assaulted and threatened.

"Many of us don't know who or where to turn to," Lee said.

Wally Wolmarans, of the South African Prisoners' Organisation for Human Rights, said his office had received several complaints from parents of Muslim prisoners, and from

inmates themselves, that they were being targeted by gangsters.

"Last week I informed the commissioner's office of these complaints and also requested a meeting with Carl Niehaus, the chairman of the correctional services parliamentary portfolio committee. I have got little feedback from both parties."

Mr Wolmarans said one of the parents told him that her son, who is in Helderstroom Prison, was assaulted and robbed in her presence in the prison's visiting room.

He said he had also received calls from prisoners at Brandvlei, Pollsmoor and Victor Verster prisons.

"It is a very real and dangerous situation in a number of our prisons, yet the department is not prepared to play open cards and continues to deny that these attacks are taking place.

"The Muslim prisoners are living in danger and every time there is an attack on gangsters outside, there is a revenge attack on one of them on the inside," he said.

Popcu spokesman Eddie Johnson said there had been a lot of rumours doing the rounds that Muslim inmates were being assaulted but that they had not come across any specific incident, while Correctional Services spokesman Eddie Claasen said the department had not got any confirmed reports that there were assaults taking place in prisons because of prisoners' religious beliefs.

Subpoenas: Kahn seeks legal clarity

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**ROGER FRIEDMAN,
BARRY STREEK AND EUNICE RIDER**

THE Constitutional Court should "clarify" the Criminal Procedure Act's controversial Section 205, which is being used to obtain information from the media on the activities of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad), says Western Cape Attorney-General Mr Frank Kahn.

Kahn issued Section 205 subpoenas against Cape Town newspaper editors and representatives of the SABC and Associated Press at the behest of the police last week.

Meanwhile, more than 1 000 members and supporters of Pagad marched to the Paarl police station on Saturday night. They delivered a memorandum calling on police to stop harassing them and describing the issuing of the subpoenas as "unacceptable".

Police monitored the march, but no incidents were reported.

Kahn said last night that journalists regularly outshone the police in investigating crime.

"I cannot solve the (Hard Livings gang leader Rashaad) Staggie murder — or trace and prosecute gang leaders who freely give interviews about their criminal activities — without the co-operation of the media.

"I have no witness accounts. The police on the scene (of the Staggie killing on August 4), for reasons best known to themselves, did not see fit to bring along video cameras.

"In no way do I wish to wave a big stick at the media. I was informed by the police that there were sections of the media who were willing to co-operate in the investigation, provided they had something in writing.

"However, while I appreciate the dangers to the press, I feel it is in the interests of everyone concerned that we get clarity from the Constitutional Court in respect of Section 205.

"The time has come to clarify Section 205, so that my office, the media and police know exactly where they stand and are able to get on with their jobs.

"I can assure you I don't relish going hat in hand to the press, rather than the police, to gather the necessary evidence."

Lashing out at national Police Commissioner Mr George Fivaz's criticism of the issuing of the Section 205 subpoenas, Kahn accused him of making "popular media noises" instead of taking steps to shore up weaknesses in his own department.

"Commissioner Fivaz would be best advised to see to it his police

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Kahn blames police for predicament

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are equipped with video cameras and other such electronic devices as this would make them more efficient than the press in the fight against crime," Kahn said.

"The actions, or non-actions, of the police have placed the media and my office in the unfortunate position we are in today."

Responding yesterday, Fivaz said the debate on Section 205 was "too complex to blame on any one official, institution or factor".

"The thrust" of his comments to date had been to "find solutions to protect the credibility of the media and the criminal justice system".

He had recommended a meeting with editors, media unions, police and all attorneys-general as an attempt to find a "shared approach" to Section 205.

"Another aim would be to seek a review of the Section 205 orders served on the media," Fivaz said. "Fighting crime effectively depends on an independent media, which must not be seen as an extension of police investigations."

Minister of Safety and Security Mr Sydney Mufamadi said at the weekend that he would meet the editors on Thursday, the day before some of those affected are to appear in court. "I am optimistic that we will be able to address this complex issue to the satisfaction of all parties."

Mufamadi said he would also ask Minister of Justice Mr Dullah Omar to attend the meeting.

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Cape fighting keeps foreign tourists away

STAN 26/8/96 (35) (35)

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Media subpoenas are withdrawn (35)

CAPE TOWN — Western Cape attorney-general Frank Kahn has withdrawn the section 205 subpoenas served on media organisations in a bid to force them to disclose information on the vigilante group, People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad).

Kahn said yesterday he had held talks with Muslim Judicial Council members and had received representations from Pagad's attorneys. Further statements would be made available to his office as a result of these talks, which might be relevant to the matters raised in the subpoenas served on journalists last week and yesterday morning. If the new evidence he had received made further steps against the media unnecessary the matter would rest there, he said.

However, it was in the interests of the proper administration of justice that a binding decision on the constitutionality of a section 205 subpoena be obtained before issuing any new subpoena against the media, he said.

Police commissioner George Fivaz

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said earlier yesterday that no requests to attorneys-general for section 205 orders against the media would be made without his authorisation, which would be granted only after "every other avenue of investigation" had been exhausted. Journalists were not above the law but he believed that their role and safety could be jeopardised if they were "perceived as extensions of the police".

Section 205 of the Criminal Proce-

dure Act has been used in the past by police to extract information from journalists, some of whom have served time in jail for refusing to comply.

Since last Thursday, Section 205 subpoenas have been served on media organisations in the Western Cape demanding that journalists supply police with information on Pagad's violent crusade against drug dealers.

Police served a subpoena on the Cape Town office of the SA Press Association early yesterday and last week subpoenaed the Associated Press, Die Burger, The Cape Times, The Argus and the SABC. All the parties have said they will not co-operate. — Sapa.

Kahn halts subpoenas as media seek clarity on law

ANDREA BOTHA
Staff Reporter

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WESTERN Cape Attorney-General Frank Kahn, has withdrawn subpoenas against Cape Town editors and has recognised the possibility that Section 205 of the Criminal Procedure Act - under which they were subpoenaed - may be unconstitutional.

Three Cape Town editors, including Argus editor Shaun Johnson, as well as the SABC, Sapa and Associated Press, had been subpoenaed to provide information on the activities of the People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad). This included information on the slaying of gang co-leader Rashaad Staggie.

But after Pagad agreed to provide him with information on its activities, Mr Kahn withdrew the subpoenas.

On their withdrawal, Mr Kahn acknowledged the right of journalists to question the constitutionality of the subpoenas.

Mr Kahn said he had held discussions with members of the Muslim Judicial Council and with representatives of Pagad. They would make further statements to his office.

He said subpoenas to members of the media under Section 205 were regarded as a last resort and that if new evidence was presented to him in statements from the other organisations, no further action would be taken against the media.

Although Mr Kahn did not exclude the possibility that journalists could be subpoenaed again, he did state that they would be given opportunity to appeal to the Constitutional Court to determine the constitutionality of any new subpoenas.

Mr Kahn said he would leave it to the Constitutional Court to make a binding decision on the constitutionality of issuing Section 205 subpoenas to the media. No new subpoenas would be issued until further evidence was presented to him.

Although the withdrawal of the subpoenas could signal a victory for the media, The Argus lawyer Gordon Schwormstedt cautioned that the Constitutional Court might eventually decide that Section 205 was constitutional after all.

"The Attorney-General believes that Section 205 is not unconstitutional. We believe it is. Both parties would like a determination," he said.

Johnson said the issuing of the Section 205 subpoenas had been an "extremely unfortunate interlude".

"The subpoenas should never have been issued. The Argus and the Cape Times will be investigating whether it is possible to gain clarity on these issues from the Constitutional Court.

"I am very proud of the way in which such diverse media stood together in opposing the subpoenas," he said, "and in particular how they refused to allow the neutrality - and therefore the safety - of their journalists to be compromised."

Mr Kahn said today his decision to withdraw the subpoenas was prompted by a promise from Pagad's legal representatives that the organisation would provide the justice department with more witnesses to give evidence about what happened on the night of Rashaad Staggie's public execution.

"I promised them an opportunity to make a representation. There was no deal. I just gave them every opportunity to provide evidence," said Mr Kahn. He emphasised the possibility of subpoenas to the media was "by no means out of the way".

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Cape A-G withdraws writs on media

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WESTERN Cape Attorney-General Frank Kahn has withdrawn the Section 205 subpoenas served on several media organisations in a bid to force them to reveal information on the vigilante group People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad).

Kahn said in a statement last night that it was in the interests of the proper administration of justice that a binding decision on the constitutionality of a Section 205 subpoena be obtained from the Constitutional Court.

Police yesterday served a subpoena on Sapa's Cape Town office. Last week they subpoenaed *Die Burger*, *The Cape Times*, *The Argus*, the SABC and *Associated Press*.

Sapa editor Mr Mark van der Velden said last night: "It is a sensible move by Cape Attorney-General

Kahn, who was clearly facing an uphill battle to get the media to do a job which belongs to the police. While the media supports the need to counter crime, it must at all times remain neutral in the public interest."

Move welcomed

Die Burger editor Mr Ebbe Dommissie welcomed the withdrawal of the summonses as confirmation of the fundamental role of the free Press in a true democracy.

"The serious criminality in South Africa will only be effectively combated if the SA Police Service carries out its duties as it should and at the same time allows the independent media to do its proper duty towards the community," he said.

The decision to withdraw the subpoenas followed talks with the Muslim Judicial Council and attorneys representing Pagad, in which Kahn's office was promised further statements.

Kahn said he had always believed the issuing of subpoenas in terms of Section 205 of the Criminal Procedure Act to members of the media was "always a last resort".

Sapa.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL WITHDRAWS SUBPOENAS

Kahn, Pagad 'bury hatchet'

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PAGAD LEADER Farouk Jaffer has promised the attorney-general that his organisation will work within the law and has agreed to provide information about the killing of Rashaad Staggie — prompting the withdrawal of subpoenas against the media, writes **ERIC NTABAZALILA**.

Asked how they (Kahn's office) would know if a member of the organisation had acted outside the framework of the law, the attorney-general said each case would be considered individually.

Jaffer conceded that Pagad had "hotheads" in its ranks, and said the group was in the process of getting rid of them.

Kahn released a statement yesterday stating that "in the circumstances" of Pagad's offer to come forward with information, he had decided to withdraw the subpoenas against the media. "The attorney-general has always regarded the issuing of subpoenas to members of the media in terms of Section 205 of the Criminal Procedure Act as a last resort.

"Consequently, before proceeding further against the media, the attorney-general will consider any

PEOPLE Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) and the law have buried the hatchet. Western Cape attorney-general Mr Frank Kahn and Pagad yesterday agreed that the group would voluntarily provide him with information on their activities — a move which led Kahn to withdraw subpoenas in terms of Section 205 of the Criminal Procedure Act against various media organisations, including the Cape Times.

But Kahn stressed that no deal had been struck with the militant organisation, and said he "reserved the right" to act against Pagad members who broke the law.

Cape Times Editor Mr Moegsien Williams said last night he was "pleased" at the turn of events and, although he reiterated the media's support for efforts to stamp out crime, this could not be done at the expense of "compromising our role as the Fourth Estate".

However, Kahn said in a statement last night that if the information he received was not sufficient, the media may again be subpoenaed — and for the sake of clarity, the Constitutional Court should make a ruling on Section 205 and how it related to the media.

In a meeting between Kahn and Pagad representative, Mr Farouk Jaffer, the organisation agreed to work strictly within the framework of the law and the attorney-general promised to put a hold on prosecutions of Pagad leaders — if they stay within the law.

"They must act lawfully from now onwards, otherwise I reserve my right to act against any of them. We don't put anybody above the law," Kahn said.

He said Pagad had asked for an opportunity to give their side of the story. "They said they have numerous witnesses who can testify that they were shot at first in Salt River (on August 4, when gang leader Mr Rashaad Staggie was lynched).

"We are prepared to consider any statements, even if they come from Pagad members."

He and Jaffer met for two hours in his office with Jaffer's and fellow Pagad leader Mr Muhammed Ali "Phantom" Parker's lawyer, Mr Mogamad Esau.

"Pagad's intentions are to work within the law to assist the police, the attorney-general and the Minister of Justice at any cost. Any member of the organisation acting unlawfully will be expelled," Jaffer said after the meeting.

Asked whether Pagad would be allowed to continue with its protest actions, Kahn said it was not his office's duty to dictate to Pagad, as long as they remained within the law.



'NO DEAL': Frank Kahn

new evidence which might come to light.

"If the new evidence makes further steps against the media unnecessary, the matter will rest there."

In his response, Williams said: "While I am pleased that the subpoenas have been withdrawn, we believe the police did not apply themselves fully when seeking the order.

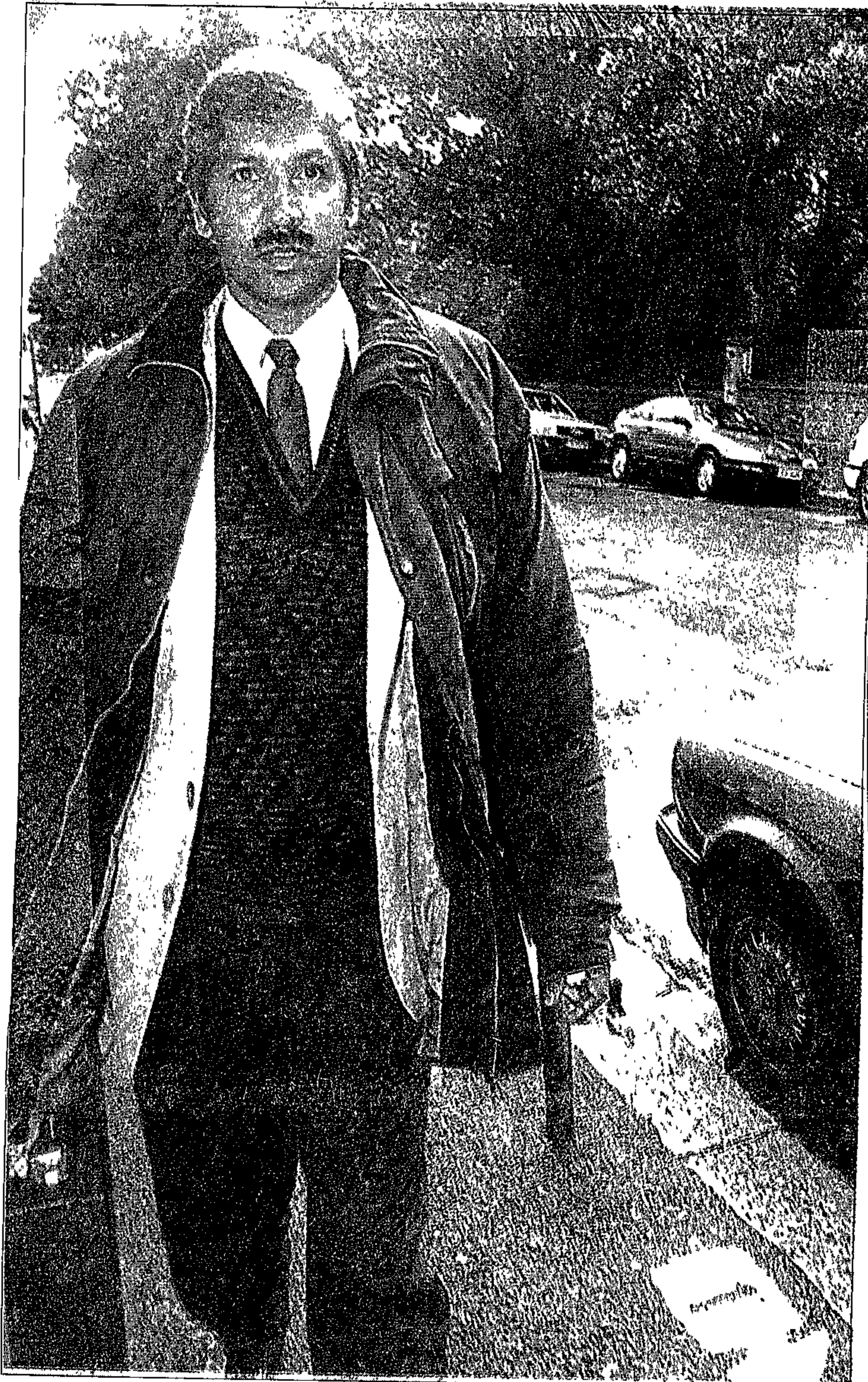
"We, in a way, would have wanted to pursue this matter in the courts, firstly to confirm that we have certain entrenched constitutional rights as the press, and secondly to prove just cause in that Section 205 compromises our work as journalists.

"We hope with a declaratory order, as suggested by the attorney-general, we would be able to get the Constitutional Court to make a ruling once and for all on Section 205 as it applies to the media.

"We need to reiterate our support for the law and the police in trying to stamp out crime, but this we can't do at the expense of compromising our peculiar role as the Fourth Estate," Williams said.

Members of the Aliens Control Unit said they often had to negotiate a myriad of syndicates before making an arrest. On the beat, they keep alert for certain subtleties such as dialect, complexion and inoculation marks.

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PEACE TALK: Pagad representative Mr Farouk Jaffer leaves attorney-general Mr Frank Kahn's office after the organisation volunteered to provide him with information about its activities. **PICTURE: THEMBINKOSI DWAYISA**

at Moscow University, says she was betrayed by a priest who had promised to

'Full employment will rid society of gangs'

ARG 28/8/96
Staff Reporter

HOWARD Soetwater, chairman of the Cape Metropolitan Unemployment Development Organisation, has challenged the government and private sector to tackle gangsterism and drugs "from its roots".

"The government must stop reacting to the symptoms of the problem. As long as unemployment exists, drug-smuggling and

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gangsterism will always remain a massive problem. If the gangsters stop trading drugs today, it is up to society to give them an alternative," he said.

Mr Soetwater described gang leaders as "very open-minded".

"They are the most organised business people who handle their business with care and tenderness.

"This proves that they can be as successful as legitimate busi-

nessmen if given an alternative to drug-trading."

Mr Soetwater estimated that 65% of Cape Flats drug-users were unemployed. He claimed they would do anything to get drugs.

According to recent reports, the unemployment rate in South Africa is around 40%.

The organisation was launched in March and now has 11 000 unemployed people on its books.

Arrests after Pagad meet

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**CYNTHIA VONGAI
AND WILLEM STEENKAMP**

2am latest

AN estimated 400 People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) members gathered outside the Athlone police station early today after shots had been fired outside the Gatesville Mosque.

The shots were fired shortly after a Pagad meeting when police bundled the two occupants of a Mercedes-Benz car into a Casspir and drove off last night.

A witness, who did not want to be named, said angry Pagad members had demanded an explanation from the police. Some climbed onto the Casspir as it pulled away.

Between five and seven shots were fired. Police spokeswoman Inspector Virna Simon said "seven shots were fired, but where they came from and who they were directed at is unknown". No injuries were reported. She said the men had been arrested as police had established that the Mercedes had been stolen in Durban in December.

Police also raided the offices of Quattro Protection Services last night. The company made headlines on August 15 when two of its guards were arrested in connection with an alleged plot to spring Pagad leader Mr Moegamat Nadthmie Edries — arrested for sedition — from police custody. The guards were later released on bail of R1 000 each.

Quattro's managing director, Mr Faizel Moosa, claimed the leader of the contingent of 11 policemen had said he was acting on the orders of Violent Crimes Unit head Director Leonard Knipe and wanted to check the firm's firearms register. Moosa refused and the police left.

"I said they should come back at 9am (today) and I would give them my full co-operation," he said.

At the Gatesville meeting, Pagad leader Mr Muhammed Ali "Phantom" Parker said the organisation would intensify its campaign. "We are monitoring the police and we are disappointed that they have done nothing."

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Now Pagad vows
to scuttle Cape
Olympic bid

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OWN CORRESPONDENT

Cape Town - People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) has now condemned Cape Town's bid to host the 2004 Olympic Games and said it would stop the bid at all costs.

Pagad leader Ali "Phantom" Parker said last night the organisation would use national and international support to prevent the success of the bid.

He said: "We cannot have the Olympic Games at all costs. It is premature. It can't be justified to have the Games in the present climate, in this abnormal society. Our stand on the Olympic Games is; no Olympic event can take place until society is rid of gangsterism and drugs."

He said Pagad would intensify its anti-drug campaign and was monitoring the police, whose performance so far had been disappointing.

Speaking at a press conference at Gatesville Mosque in Athlone Parker, who was wearing a bullet-proof vest, also denied reports that Pagad had promised to work within the framework of the law following a meeting with Western Cape Attorney-General Frank Kahn.

After the meeting, subpoenas in terms of Section 205 of the Criminal Procedure Act were withdrawn against the media.

Conscience called to arms

ET 28/8/96

WHO are the people who make up Pagad and what drives them? **DIANE CASSERE** interviews a committed member of the group who says he would not hesitate to lay down his life for the cause: "We want to become martyrs," he says.

THE man in the charcoal business suit across my desk produces a gun, 50 bullets and a licence to use the gun. Usually, the people I interview are not armed, nor do I expect them to be.

Mr Emaum Sheik is a businessman. He is also a father and husband, law-abiding citizen, taxpayer and non-violent. When he heard that a child as young as 11 had been found with drugs at a primary school in his area, he decided he could no longer sit on the sidelines.

From a man used to spending quiet evenings at home in Rylands Estate, Sheik became a man prepared to die for a cause. Although he has with him the distinctive scarf of Muslim men, he is not wearing it, but he is wearing the gun and says he would not hes-

We will lay down our lives. My family are 100% behind me in this. "I have no criminal record, I am 46 years old and not a violent person. I have never killed anyone. Pagad has no leadership, the people are the leaders. We have grown from fewer than 500 to between 4 500 and 5 000 members.

"We have the backing of the Muslim Judicial Council, but we are not only a Muslim group. We invite everyone — Jews, Christians, Hindus, Buddhists — to join us. It is said that only Muslims are standing up to what is wrong."

I say that I imagine members of other groups may feel threatened or too intimidated to join what appears to be a distinctively Muslim group. "No one needs to feel threatened. Anyone joining our cause will be welcomed. Pagad is a nationwide group, active in Port Elizabeth, Durban, Johannesburg and other centres. We have worked up the whole of South Africa."

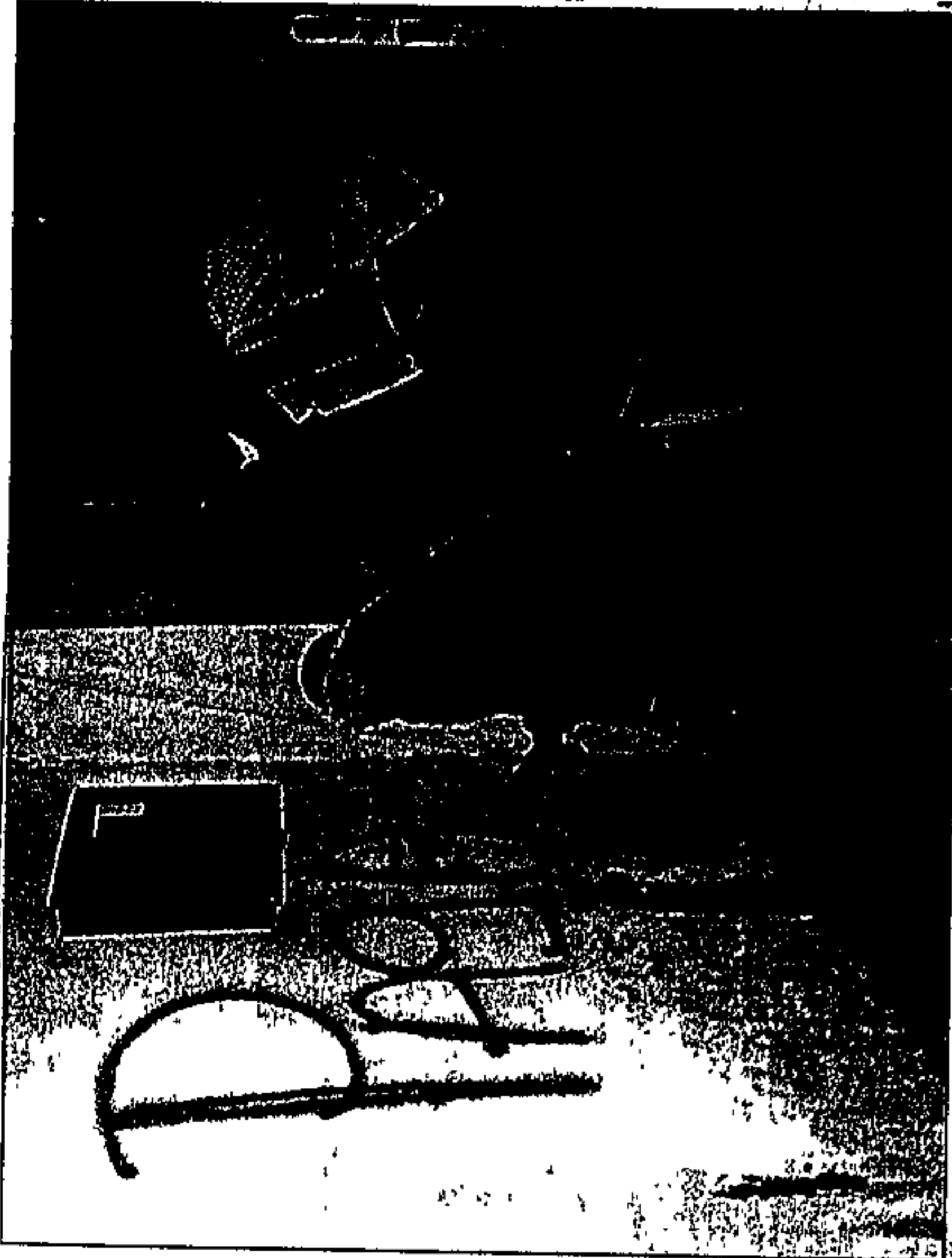
"We have no fight with the government, we are not trying to

make this an Islamic state and if there is a 'third force' it is the police force. There is no Middle East agency here, such as the Hamas who fight Israelis for their independence, and Hizbollah, the Party of God. We don't want to fight the police, we want to fight gangsterism and drugs."

I ask why members of Pagad disguise themselves with scarves and balaclavas.

"We fear victimisation of ourselves and our families. The gangsters must stop their threats. They say they have Uzls, bazookas and flame-throwers. Let them bring them, we have God on our side. We want to become martyrs. We all have to die, whether it is by a bullet or from old age. We are fighting evil and every Pagad member feels the way I do."

Sheik was with the group in Salt River when Hard Foyings gang leader Mr Rashaad Taggle was killed. "We don't condone the burning (of a dying Taggle) and we do not know who threw the petrol-



WRITING'S ON THE WALL: Pagad

is a bullet that killed him. Would Pagad turn its attention to officers it perceives as evildoers, such as prostitutes, if it won the

PICTURE: ALAN TAYLOR

our methodology is different. We are also hiding society of gangsters, drugs and drugs, but we do so within the parameters of the law."

Rights group slams Pagad

JOHANNESBURG: An independent human rights watchdog group has slammed Pagad, saying "one cannot defy the law in order to uphold the law".

The SA Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) said in a statement that criminal activities had reached such alarming proportions that people may be seduced into accepting the Pagad solution, but their vigilante activities directly subverted the democracy created in SA. "Nothing could be more dangerous for our fledgling democracy."

The 10-person SAHRC was appointed by the government to promote and protect human rights and is headed by Dr Barney Pitsoana.

It made a comparison between Pagad and the criminal gangs they seek to confront, saying the actions of both groups are "indistinguishable from each other inasmuch as they violate the rights of others and threaten the safety and well-being of innocent citizens."

It also called on the police to take a more proactive role in dealing with crime and to root out police officers in cahoots with gangland criminals. The authorities must establish safety, it said. — Staff Writer

A-G seeks drug lords' tax files

Court bid to force Receiver to disclose info

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JOSEPH ARAVES
Staff Reporter

CAPE Attorney-General Frank Kahn intends to take the Receiver of Revenue to court in an effort to secure financial information on the activities of known drug lords.

And police say more arrests are expected soon.

Mr Kahn said his office was in contact with the Receiver, but the latter's office was "not being very helpful" in sharing information needed to bring drug lords to court.

Guns ban from today as Pagad talks loom

Political Correspondent

JUSTICE Minister Dullah Omar and Minister of Safety and Security Sydney Mufamadi are to meet representatives of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs for further talks next week.

Meanwhile a ban on the carrying of guns, even if licensed, at public gatherings comes into effect today.

This was announced at an African National Congress meeting between President Mandela, the two cabinet ministers and Western Cape religious leaders.

The meetings, which drew about 50 clerics from various faiths and denominations, as well as a host of journalists, was called to rally spiritual leadership in the fight against crime.

Mr Omar told the clerics that the government did not want to abdicate its responsibility, but

it wanted help from religious leaders in establishing moral authority and building up family values in communities.

Mr Mufamadi outlined the package of legislation and other urgent measures approved by the cabinet last week to bolster the anti-crime campaign.

This included dedicating more resources to dealing with police corruption, which was at the heart of the failure to bring down gang-related crime in the Peninsula.

Whereas the government may have been preaching to the converted about the need to rid communities of gangsters and drugs, it was clear the clerics were critical of its performance.

Sheikh Sadullah Khan, of Galesville mosque, said the fruits of the struggle against apartheid were not evident, because police corruption persisted and many police who had interrogated people during the struggle were still in office.

"The due process of the law takes time and this investigation proved that it takes years to put a case like this together.

"I don't want to raise the expectations of the people, but the government has made more resources available to us and I am sure this will bear fruit in time."

Mr Kahn congratulated the police on their detective work and said his office was fully prepared to oppose Mr Stansfield's bail application.

Neighbours pleased about police swoop

Staff Reporter

RONDEBOSCH neighbours of alleged gang lord Colin Stansfield, who was arrested at his home yesterday, told how his presence had affected their lives.

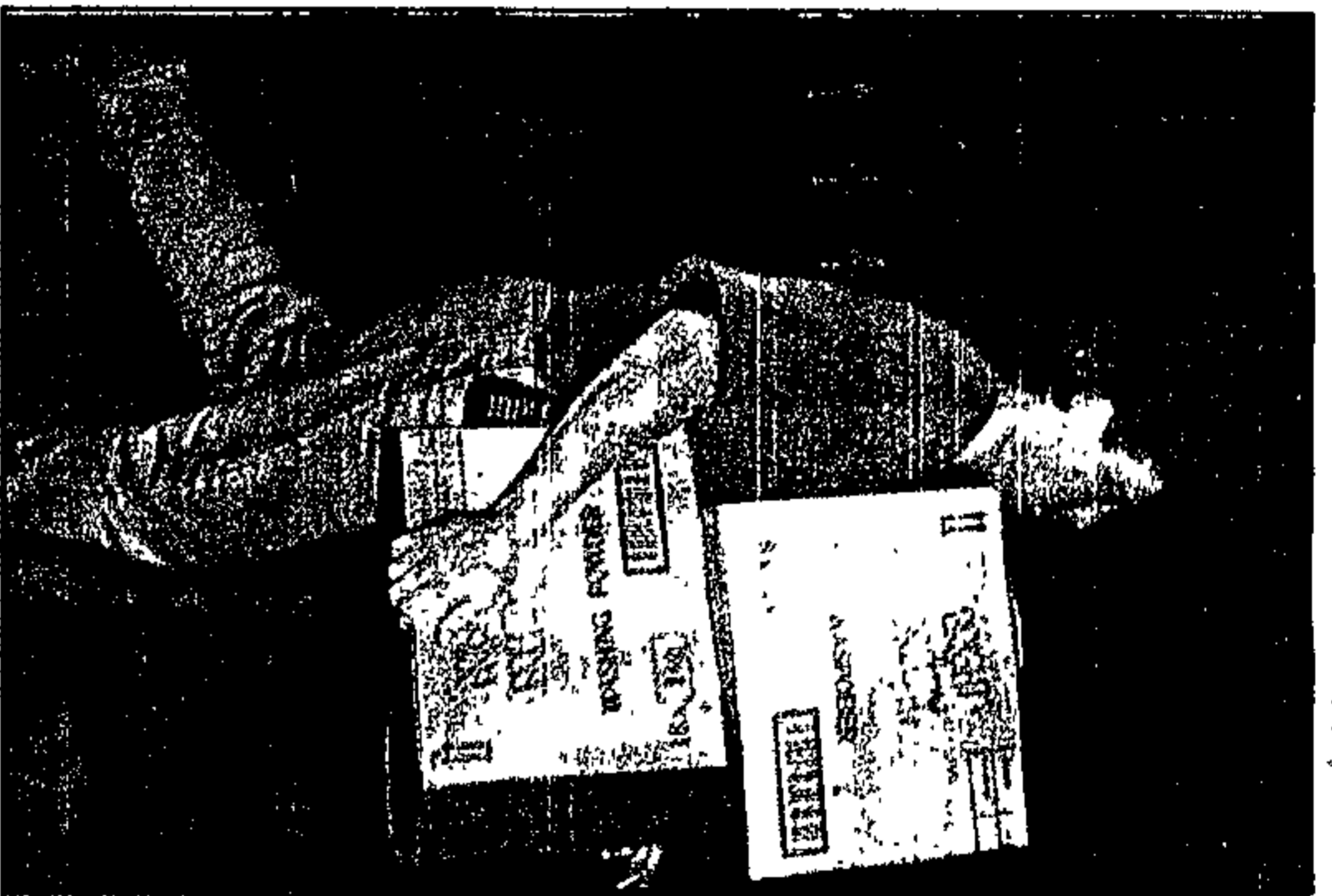
About 20 people gathered outside while police searched Mr Stansfield's house.

A man who would not identify himself said: "That house was manned 24 hours a day. If you drove down the street more than once, his people would stop you, take down your number plate, ask your name, address and what you were doing there.

"Sometimes on Saturdays, 20 to 30 minibus taxis would park on the pavement, presumably collecting money," he said.

A couple said they had moved because they feared for their daughter growing up there.

"My basic support is for Pagad," one said.



SEIZED: A detective carries confiscated goods from the Rondebosch house of alleged ganglord Colin Stansfield during yesterday's raid.



BEHIND THE LINE: Masked associates of alleged gang and druglord Colin Stansfield stand behind the police line, watching as Mr Stansfield is arrested.

FBI had hand in Stansfield bust

ANDREA BOTHA
Staff Reporter

THE Federal Bureau of Investigation in the United States was involved in investigations leading to the arrest of alleged drug baron, Colin Stansfield, at his Rondebosch home yesterday, police have disclosed.

Senior police superintendent Jeremy Veary said although the FBI was "not directly involved" in the arrest, it had played a part in investigations into Mr Stansfield's alleged drug smuggling links in Kenya.

This was disclosed at a meeting of the United Front Against Crime in Cape Town last night.

Senior Superintendent Veary said officials from the FBI's drug enforcement agency were in South Africa and planned

to open offices here.

He said gangsterism had changed over the past three years. Gangs were moving into organised crime and away from small-time drug dealing and gang warfare.

The major gangs had formed the firm drug cartel which was trying to monopolise the narcotics trade, he said. This infrastructure had resulted in larger scale import, distribution and manufacture of narcotics, especially Mandrax and "crack" cocaine.

The taxi industry organised burglaries in search of firearms and electronic equipment while gun-running, prostitution and other crimes, including murder, were cited as specific gang activities.

The change in gang dynamics



LUXURY QUARTERS: This double-storey facebrick house in Ballintore Road, Rondebosch, is home to Colin Stansfield, alleged Cape Flats crime boss.

had resulted in a decline in gang-related murders between January 1994 and April 1996 when there were 10 such murders, regarded as a low figure.

Special procedures enabled police to arrest alleged gangster Michael Booyesen early this year and Mr Stansfield yesterday.

These entailed a threat analysis, which isolated a person, investigated his role in the community and dictated the form of police investigation.

Senior Superintendent Veary said 24 police had been arrested by the anti-corruption unit on charges including stealing narcotics and firearms and violent crimes, including rape.

Cape Flats raid nets 8 suspects

NORMAN JOSEPH
Crime Reporter

IN A pre-dawn swoop on the Cape Flats today, members of the police anti-gang unit arrested eight people, including five suspected of murder and three of attempted murder.

Jacobus Andrews, who headed the team of 14 men who conducted the raid, said gang-related murders on the Cape Flats had decreased in the past six weeks.

Captain Andrews said it was possible a peace agreement signed among gangsters on August 10 after the start of the anti-gang campaign by People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad), had contributed to this.

Captain Andrews said four of the eight suspects arrested today were youths from Ravensmead and Elsie's River.

Two of the youths and a 19-year-old man were among suspects sought by murder and robbery unit detectives in connection with a murder in Ravensmead on Saturday.

A 16-year-old youth and a 22-year-old Elsie's River man were arrested in connection with two murder attempts in May.

The suspects were allegedly involved in an Elsie's River street brawl over money. A 17-year-old Kensington youth was arrested for the attempted murder of a man during an argument in July.

An alleged Bishop Lavis gangster, aged 21 was arrested and faces two charges relating to murders in July. Another 21-year-old from Bishop Lavis was arrested in connection with a murder earlier this month.

Murder and robbery unit detectives are looking for three armed men who fled with about R3 000 and a car after holding up Maureen Knize who was working late at BN Joiners in Stellenbosch last night. The robbers fled in Ms Knize's car which was recovered early today in Khayelitsha.

In another swoop today, police arrested a 42-year-old Elsie's River man and seized nine dagga parcels and 100 dagga cigarettes.

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Search for Mosque 'arms cache'

Police study council plans after tip-off on cellar

Metro Reporter ANDREA WEISS

POLICE say they scrutinised the plans of the Gatesville Mosque where the People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) frequently hold meetings, after a tip-off that there might be an arms cache in a cellar.

But they say they found no such cellar on the plans which they examined at the Cape Town Civic Centre.

The search has hampered the efforts of the national police task team, appointed to investigate the Western Cape situation, to mend bridges with the Muslim community.

Police defended their actions saying it had spared them having to search the mosque because no such cellar existed on the plans.

This had avoided the need for police to violate the mosque's sanctity.

The mosque has been the focal point of Pagad's activities, serving as a gathering point, a retreat, and a press conference centre during the past weeks.

The police probe into the mosque comes a week after six Cape Town editors, including The Argus editor Shaun Johnson, were subpoenaed for information about the Pagad movement.

The subpoenas were withdrawn this week after the editors united to oppose the move on the grounds that it would endanger the free flow of information.

Spokesman for Cape Town municipality Ted Doman confirmed that two men, one of whom was known to be a policeman, approached the council's building surveys department and made a verbal request for plans of the mosque.

Mr Doman said the policemen were told they would need to make written application signed by the district commissioner or a higher authority, giving full reasons for the request.

From the police statement, it would appear that they were shown the plans, but were not given copies.

Mr Doman was adamant that the council did not show the plans to the police.

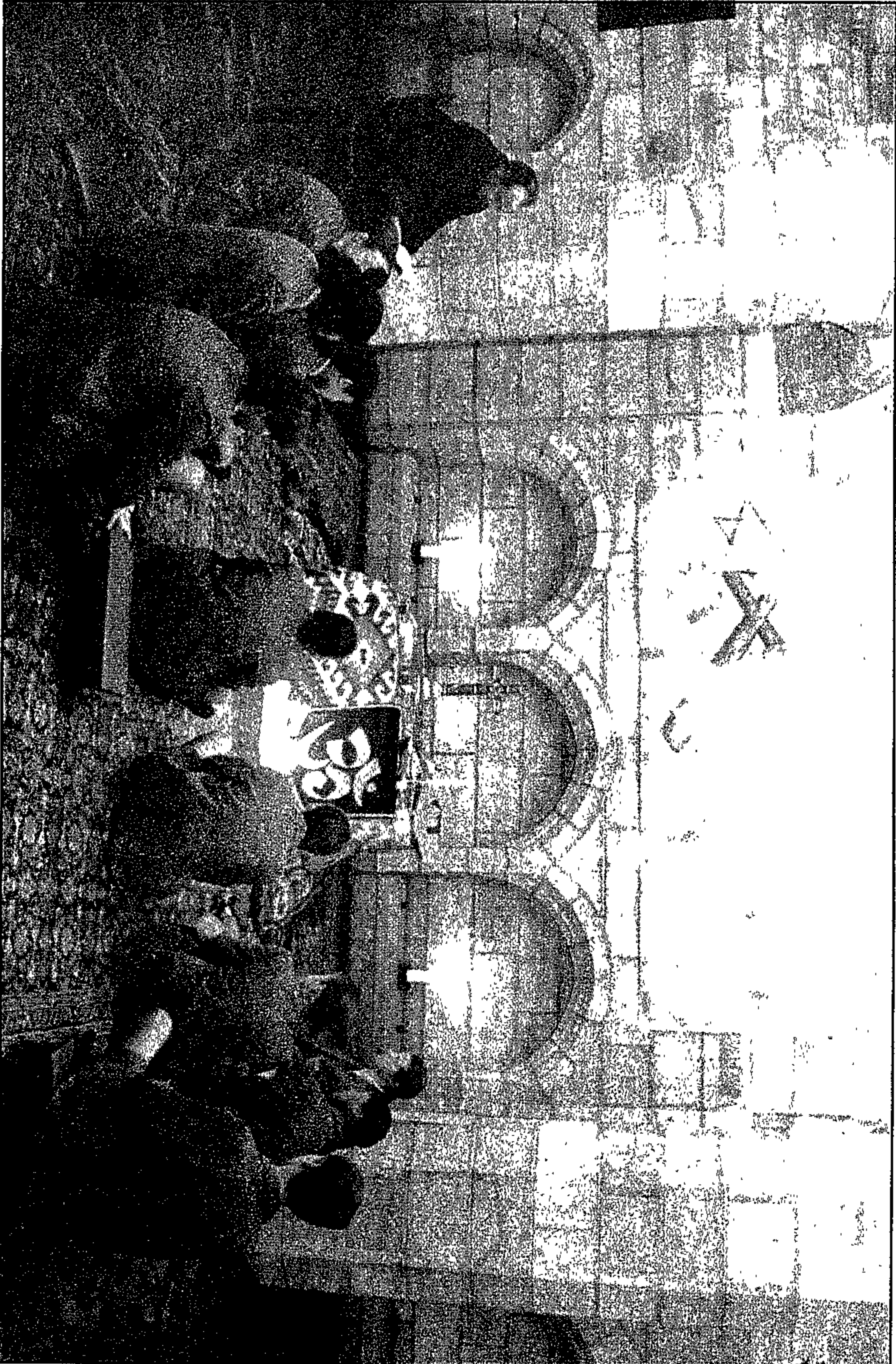
Police superintendent John Sterrenberg, however, said that police had visited the planning office to scrutinise the mosque's plans.

"This was done after information had been received to the effect that there was a cellar below the mosque.

"The informant further alleged that the cellar was being used as a training area as well as to store weapons," he said.

"In following up the information, plans were scrutinised so as to avoid having to violate the sanctity of a place of worship by physically visiting and or searching the premises.

"Bear in mind that police are duty bound to follow-up all the information received.



Picture: ANDREW INGRAM, The Argus.

FOR PEACE: Pupils of St Cyprian's School pray for peace on the Cape Flats during a day-long prayer session at St George's Cathedral.

City unites in prayers for peace

Staff Reporter

PEOPLE of many faiths joined hands in St George's Cathedral today to pray for peace on the strife-torn Cape Flats.

The day-long Inter-Faith Vigil of Prayer and Fasting was initiated by the cathedral clergy.

People came from across the Peninsula to light candles and pray.

Muslim pupils listened to a peace prayer by Rabbi David Hoffman before delivering their own Muslim peace prayer, lighting a peace candle and quietly continuing to pray.

MICHAEL MORRIS on the Olympic Bid

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Pagad bid to derail Games 'shortsighted'

PEOPLE Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) has been sharply criticised for its "counter-productive and short-sighted" attempt to derail Cape Town's Olympic Bid in the name of fighting gangsterism and drug abuse.

In separate statements, Minister of Sport Steve Tshwete, Western Cape Minister of Sport and Recreation Letlamo Kalako and the National Party slammed Pagad leader Ali "Phantom" Parker, warning that his statements criticising the bid would undermine support for anti-crime efforts.

"The statements by some elements in Pagad to threaten the bid border on irresponsibility and political arrogance," said Mr Tshwete.

"The Cape Town Olympic bid is not - and can never be - an obstacle on our way to a peaceful and clean society."

Mr Tshwete said the government supported the bid and large sums were being invested in the project.

Hosting the Games would reinforce the reconstruction and development of South African society.

"As long as the majority of the people of Cape Town are rallying behind the bid, there is no way the government can abandon the project."

Mr Kalako, who is a member of the African National Congress, said that Pagad's statements on the bid were "cause for great concern and cannot be supported."

While he appreciated the group's concerns about crime, "such statements by Pagad can only serve to alienate people who otherwise would support Pagad's objectives."

"Any call to halt the bid is both counter-productive and short-sighted. It is in Pagad's interest to support the bid," Mr Kalako said.

NP sport spokesman Nick Koorhof said Mr Parker was becoming increasingly extremist in his actions and statements. This was undermining sympathy for Pagad's concerns, and doing irreparable damage to South Africa as a tourism destination.



There are times when an event, or a series of events, is so shocking that it compels action and provokes reforms in execution of policy. I sincerely hope that the war on the Cape Flats – and it is a war, one which is also that of Cape Town and conceivably of South Africa – will engender both.

The immediate need is to turn the heat down, to show that justice can be done, and to direct the militancy and fury into avenues that are peaceful and productive. That is a huge political challenge in itself and it appears some progress can be made.

Beyond the immediate and the local, the Cape Flats war raises an issue about the quality of our criminal justice system and the capacity of the police to operate effectively within the human rights environment

Cape Flats war could compel reforms in policy

Sometimes a cataclysmic event focuses attention in a way no other does, writes Wilmot James

created by our new constitution. The constitution raises expectations that the criminal justice system and police cannot easily meet.

Public comment on the draft constitution remarked on the fact that we have designed an elaborate, sophisticated and admirable human rights framework.

In the life of a people, it is important to recognise and insist on the moral declarations of the constitution. South Africans have shown their collective colours by rightly deciding to invest in what is probably one of the most sophisticated and morally defensible human rights environments in the world.

In doing so, we also have to realise that we have to pay for the human rights "software", insist that it does the work it is sup-

posed to do, and bring the "hardware" to a level that justifies and grants credence to the investment. This is why we have to resource our commissions properly, monitor their effectiveness and invest in policing and the courts.

Perhaps we didn't realise it at the time, but to convert our constitution – the founding document of our democracy – into a workable set of instruments will take a lot of money, much more than we are spending now, particularly if we want to have police, court and prison systems that live up to the constitution.

The Cape Flats war highlights, with an extraordinary fury, specific areas in need of attention.

First and foremost, the police. Our police service has never been trained to arrest suspected criminals on the basis of rigorous evidence collected without infringing on the

individual rights of citizens. Instead, in a contest where rights were not enshrined in a constitution and could be violated, there was a tendency to rely on confessions.

Some police are aware of this and have undertaken a transformation process to remedy the problem. But it is either too slow, or it doesn't cut deep enough, or it doesn't overcome the corruption and unholy alliances that exist. The result is a desperately poor record of successful prosecution of the criminals who terrorise ordinary people.

There is the further issue of the effectiveness of the courts and the disturbing alacrity with which the prison system spits convicted criminals back into their habitual environment. Should we be surprised, then, that ordinary people have lost faith in the

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promise of a safe tomorrow?
The appearance of gang leader Rashaad Staggie on television before his murder revealed in no small measure the poor credibility of the police and criminal justice system. There he sat, brazen and defiant, mocking the core institutions in charge of our safety. It is a mistake, however, to argue for a suspension of our rights framework, for that would make us walk backwards on a slippery slope from which it could be hard to recover balance.
Instead, having made the proper constitutional decisions, we must invest in our police, courts and prisons. This will require more funds targeted specifically at training, morale building and community co-operation.

New drugs war shootings

'All hell broke loose': Brother of alleged dealer tells of attack
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JOHAN SCHRONEN
Crime Reporter

A GUN attack on the Bridgetown home of Edmund Harolds, brother of alleged drug lord Neville Harolds, has sparked new fears of violence in the simmering war between People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) and gang kingpins.

Mr Harolds, whose brother Neville is also known by the alias Jackie Lonte, was at home with his family last night when a car pulled up in front of the heavily barred house in Loerie Street and the occupants opened fire.

"I was in the bath when all hell broke loose. Shots rang out and windows shattered at the front of the house," Mr Harolds said.

"They are not mistaking me for my brother - they know exactly what they are doing. Pagad can't get Jackie, so they go for me.

"Why must my family pay for my sins? Why must I pay for my brother's sins?"

"Why must we die so that Pagad can get what they want? They must leave me alone. I'm a car dealer - my garden is full of vehicles. I deal with the best, that's how I make my money."

Mr Harolds said the attackers must have got out of their car and walked to the house before opening fire.

He said much of the damage to the windows was just above the ground behind a waist-high garden wall.

Glass splinters covered the furniture, including a leather lounge suite, in the front two rooms of Mr Harolds' house. Window blinds were also damaged.

Mr Harolds said he feared for his life and for the safety of his family, and they were avoiding the front section of their home. The lights had been off at the time.

"They are fearless. They come with cannons but we are not going to take it lying down," said Mr Harolds, who criticised police for being "disinterested in last night's attack".

He said police had picked up some spent cartridges but had left a bullet lodged in a wooden window-frame.

Mr Harolds said investigators assigned to Pagad-related cases had not yet been to his house to investigate.

Mr Harolds said he needed police to patrol the area around his house more effectively because he had become a target.

He said he was a taxpayer and that he had a right to police protection.

Police denied Mr Harolds' allegations that they had failed to protect him, and said that he had declined to lay a charge.

Police spokesman John Sterrenberg said



ARRESTED: Alleged Peninsula drug dealer Colin Stansfield hides under his black leather jacket as he is taken away by police after the raid on his Rondebosch home. With him is one of his lawyers (hiding his face) and a police officer.

there was also no substantial evidence linking Pagad to the attack.

He said police would investigate the incident as part of a broader investigation, regardless of whether a charge was laid.

The attack on Mr Harolds' home followed rising tension between Pagad and the gangs.

Pagad said this week it would intensify pressure on drug dealers and gang leaders. The two sides are in a state of war after

Pagad declared a "jihad", or holy war, against drug dealers and gangsters.

In turn, gang leaders have said they are determined to get revenge for the public execution of Hard Livings gang co-leader Rashaad Stagare during a Pagad march in Salt River early this month.

Police are cracking down on alleged drug dealers. Colin Stansfield, an alleged gang leader and member of the syndicate The Firm, was arrested yesterday.

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Crackdown on Cape gangs begins

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Cape Town – The Government's long-promised crackdown on gangsterism and drugs in the Western Cape is finally under way.

A three-year police investigation culminated yesterday in the arrest of an alleged underworld kingpin, and Attorney-General Frank Kahn announced that he was on the verge of seeking a court order to compel the Receiver of Revenue to co-operate with gang and drug investigations.

According to the province's chief detective, Commissioner Willem Smit, three further warrants of arrest and four sum-

mons have already been issued for drug-related offences.

These were expected to lead to prosecutions against "a number of other prominent drug dealers".

After a series of frustrating raids on gang strongholds in recent weeks – in which the police failed to maintain the vital element of surprise, due to alleged tipoffs to the gangsters by corrupt colleagues – yesterday's relatively incident-free arrest of alleged kingpin in The Firm, Colin Stanfield, was hailed by Smit and Kahn as a major breakthrough. – Own Correspondent.

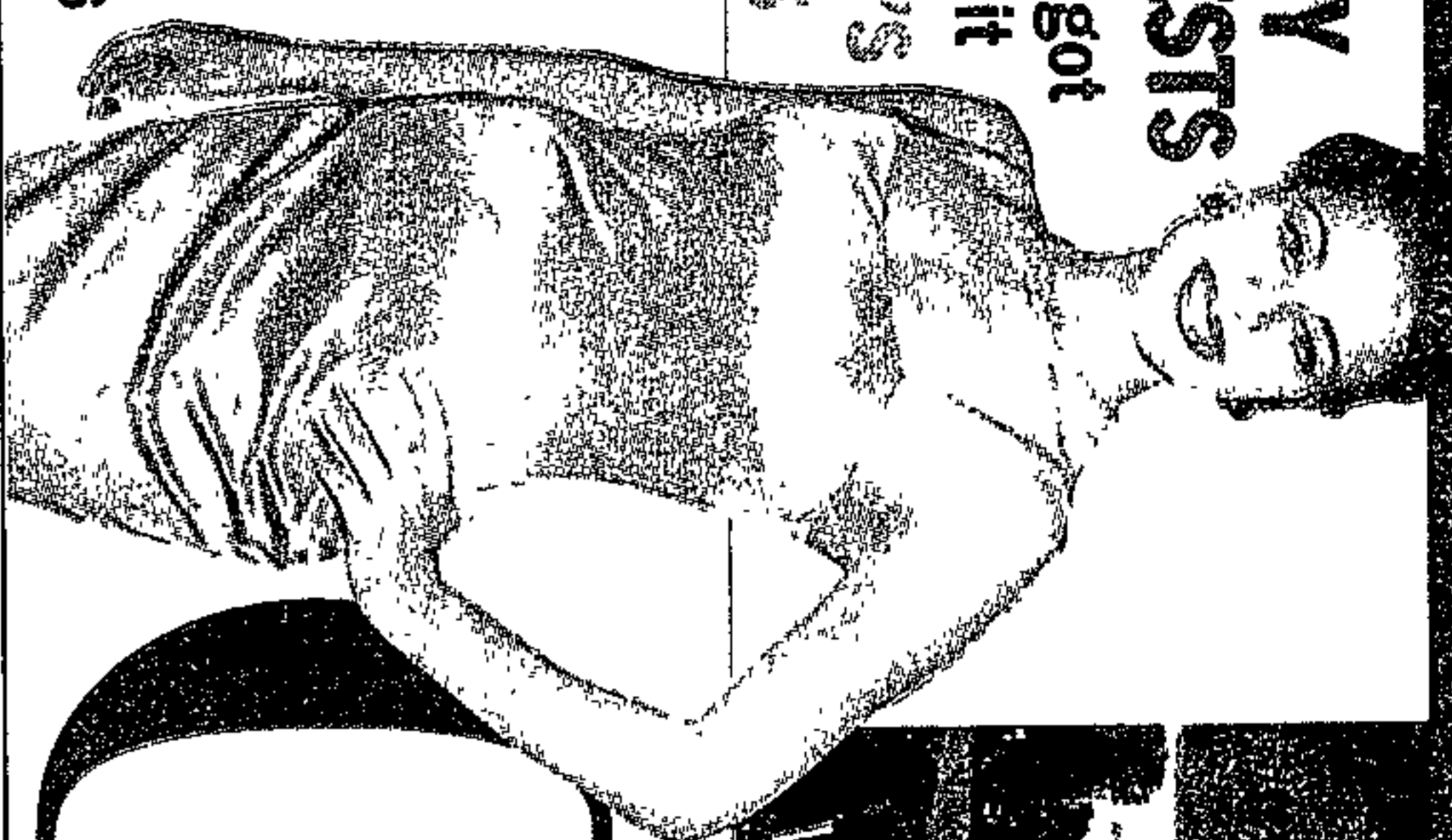
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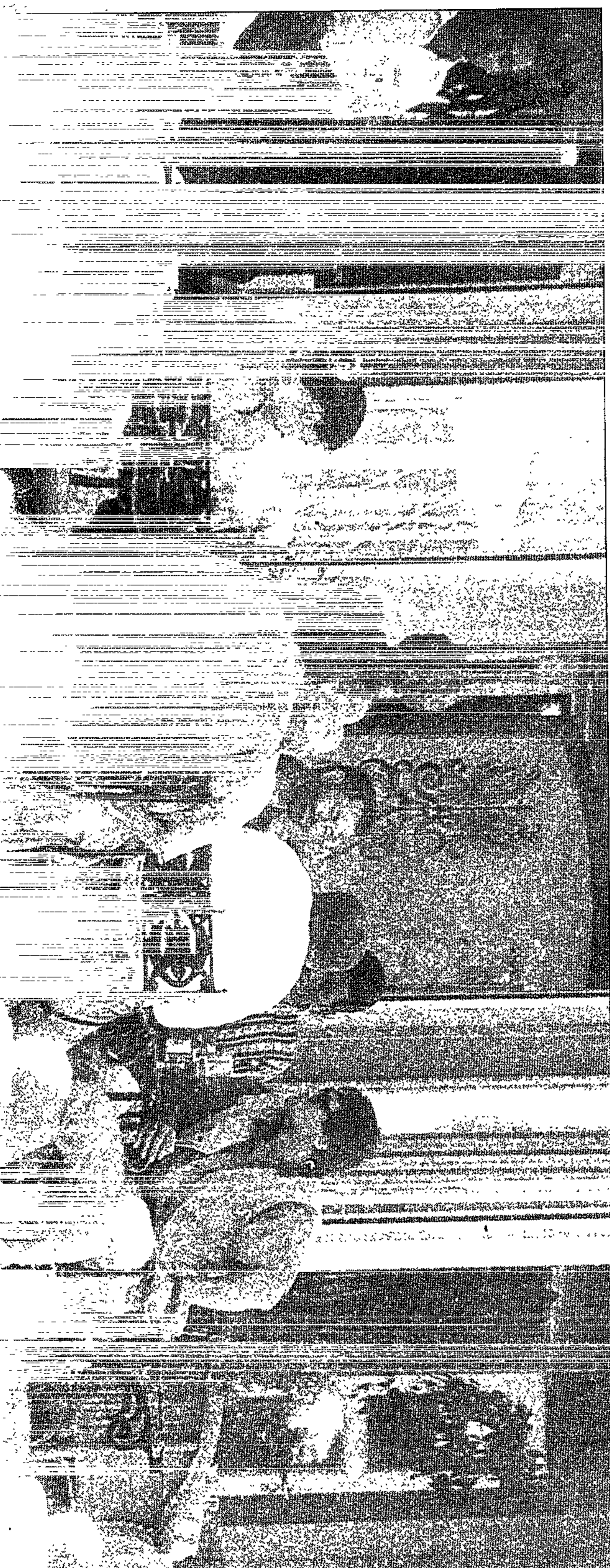
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The police photo that upset Pagad

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THIS picture of a secret lunchtime meeting at the Waterfront between a notorious gangster and a senior detective could be construed as evidence of corruption, and has been by some supporters of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad).

But it is not. The picture, about a year old, features the white-shirted back of Director Leonard Knipe, head of the provincial Violent Crimes Unit, and the bearded face of Mr Rashied Staggie, leader of the Hard Livings gang.

It looks like corruption, until you learn the picture was commissioned by Knipe himself, who also had the conversation recorded. The talk was of criminal matters, gang activities and drugs.

But a copy of the snap was evidently stolen from Knipe's offices and given to Pagad — only for Pagad to produce it last weekend as incontrovertible evidence that Knipe was colluding with gangsters.

The police do not deny, cannot deny, that corruption and collusion is taking place.

But this picture illustrates that, in some cases, what appears to be corruption is in fact misunderstanding. In other cases, police admit, their own incompetence is sometimes

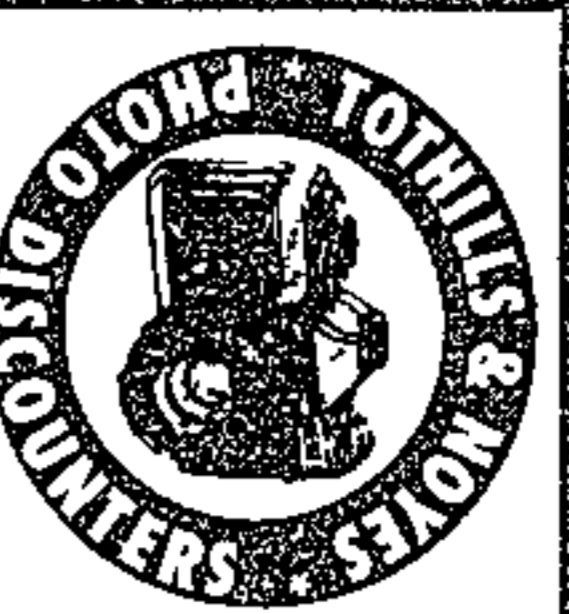


Chief of provincial Detective Services Commissioner Willie Smit yesterday recommitted the police to wiping out corruption, which did nothing for police credibility or morale.

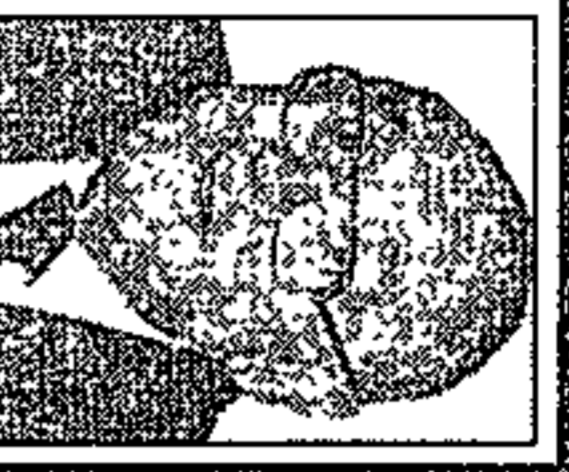
Knipe blamed the perception that the entire police service was corrupt on people with political agendas: "It's become a popular theme to explore. Not that I deny there is corruption."

Delays in the criminal justice system also fuelled the perception, he said, adding that the gang unit had solved 78% of its cases between February last year and July this year.

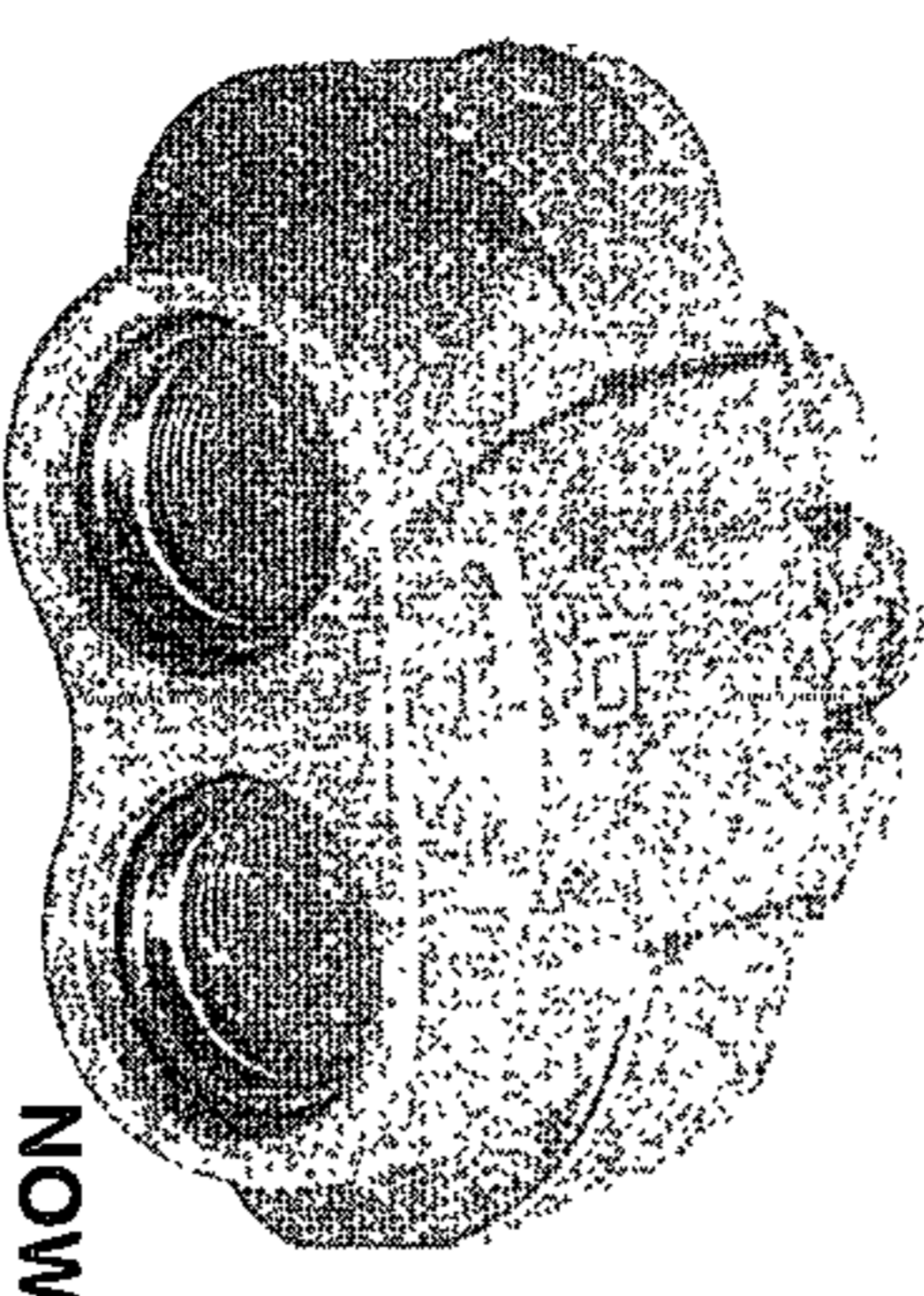
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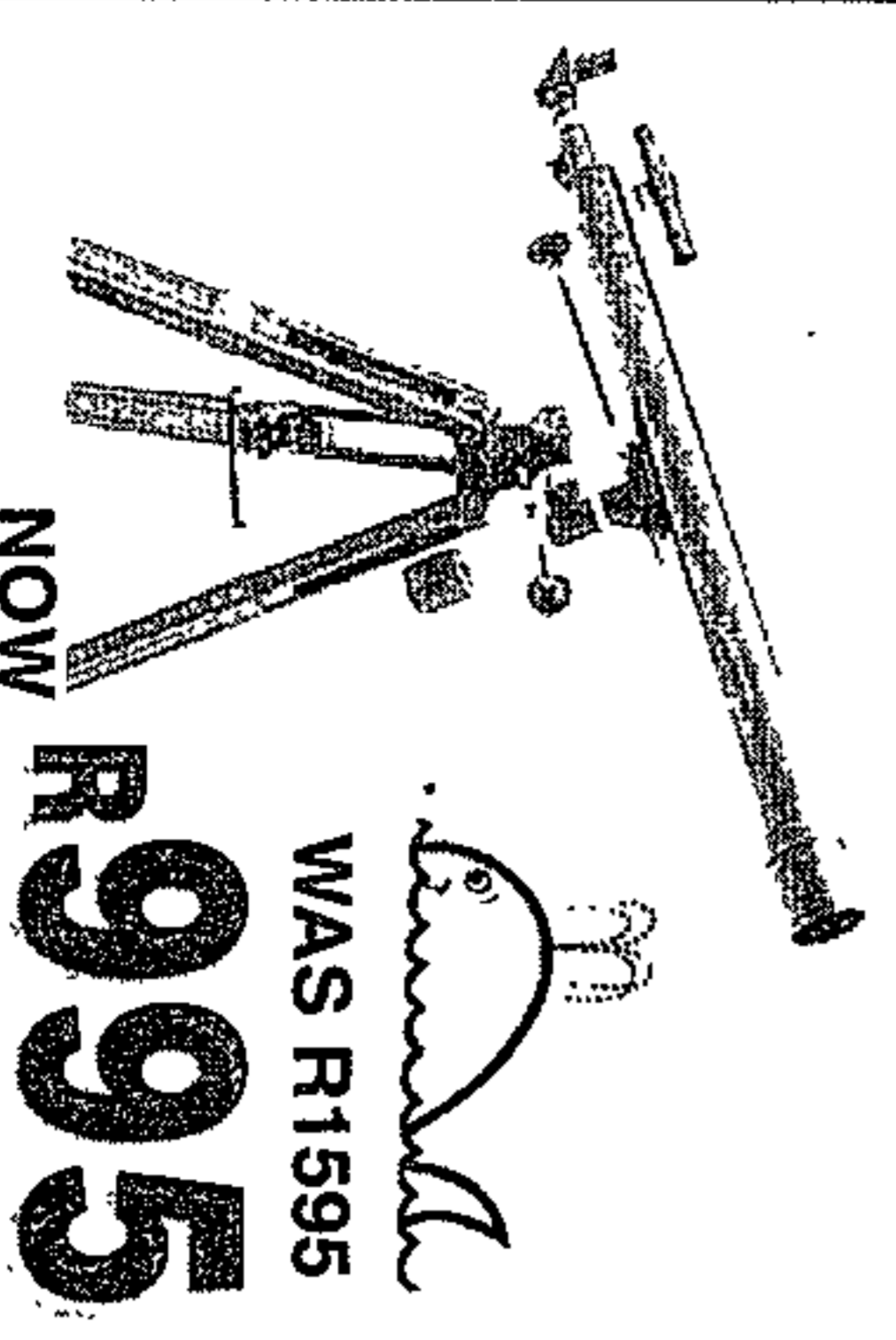
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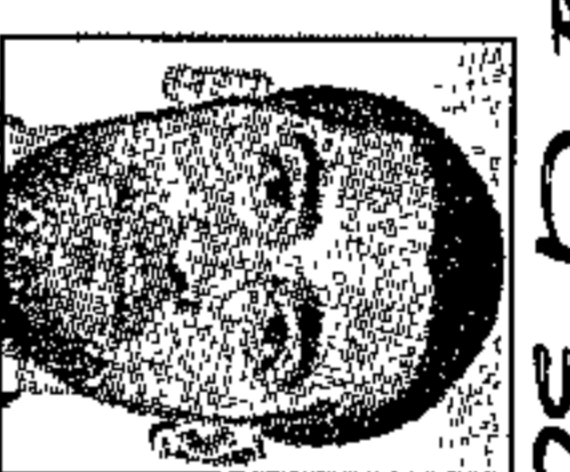
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Noose tightens on dealers

POLICE have cracked down on city drug dealers with the arrest yesterday of an alleged drug dealer Senior Writer ROGER FRIEDMAN reports.



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According to the province's chief detective, Commissioner Willem Smit, three further warrants of arrest and four summonses have already been issued for drug-related offences. These were expected to lead to prosecutions against "a number of other prominent drug dealers".

And today, a notice will appear in the Government Gazette prohibiting the carrying of firearms at public gatherings. Meanwhile, the police and army have been conducting a steady stream of raids on premises connected with drug-dealing, making the odd arrest and maintaining as high a visible presence as possible.

After a series of frustrating raids on gang strongholds in recent weeks — in which the police have failed to maintain the vital element of surprise due to alleged tip-offs to the gangsters by corrupt colleagues — yesterday's relatively incident-free arrest of Mr Collin Stanfield was hailed by Smit and Kahn as a major breakthrough.

Stanfield is allegedly a leading light in the crime consortium known as 'The Firm'. He would initially face a charge of possession of 50 000 Mandrax tablets, but further charges would follow, police said. Stanfield will apply for bail today, bail which the state is likely to oppose strenuously.

The police investigation into Stanfield's activities began in 1993, Smit said. In the intervening years he was arrested and charged on a number of occasions, only to be acquitted or have convictions overturned on appeal.

During the course of the operation, police seized more than 1,3 million Mandrax tablets (street value R20 million), more than a ton of dagga (street value R1,1 million) and 7,3kg of cocaine (street value R2,2 million).

The operation was not restricted to South Africa and included, for example, the seizure of 120 000 Mandrax tablets in Nairobi last year.

Various factors hampered the investigation, including Stanfield's personal wealth, his alleged government contacts and his well-established organisation.

At a press conference called to confirm the arrest, Kahn congratulated the police for a

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"Apparently Stanfield lives in a very nice house in Rondebosch... A sort of druglord of the moment."

Just who is Peggy-Sue?

OWN CORRESPONDENT

JOHANNESBURG: Nonlanhla Peggy-Sue Khumalo's Miss South Africa crown remains firmly on her head despite an uproar yesterday over her real age and identity.

It has been revealed that Khumalo was born Peggy Priscilla Erasmus and that she has changed her name twice this year. According to the April Government Gazette, she first changed her name to Peggy Priscilla Khumalo, and then to

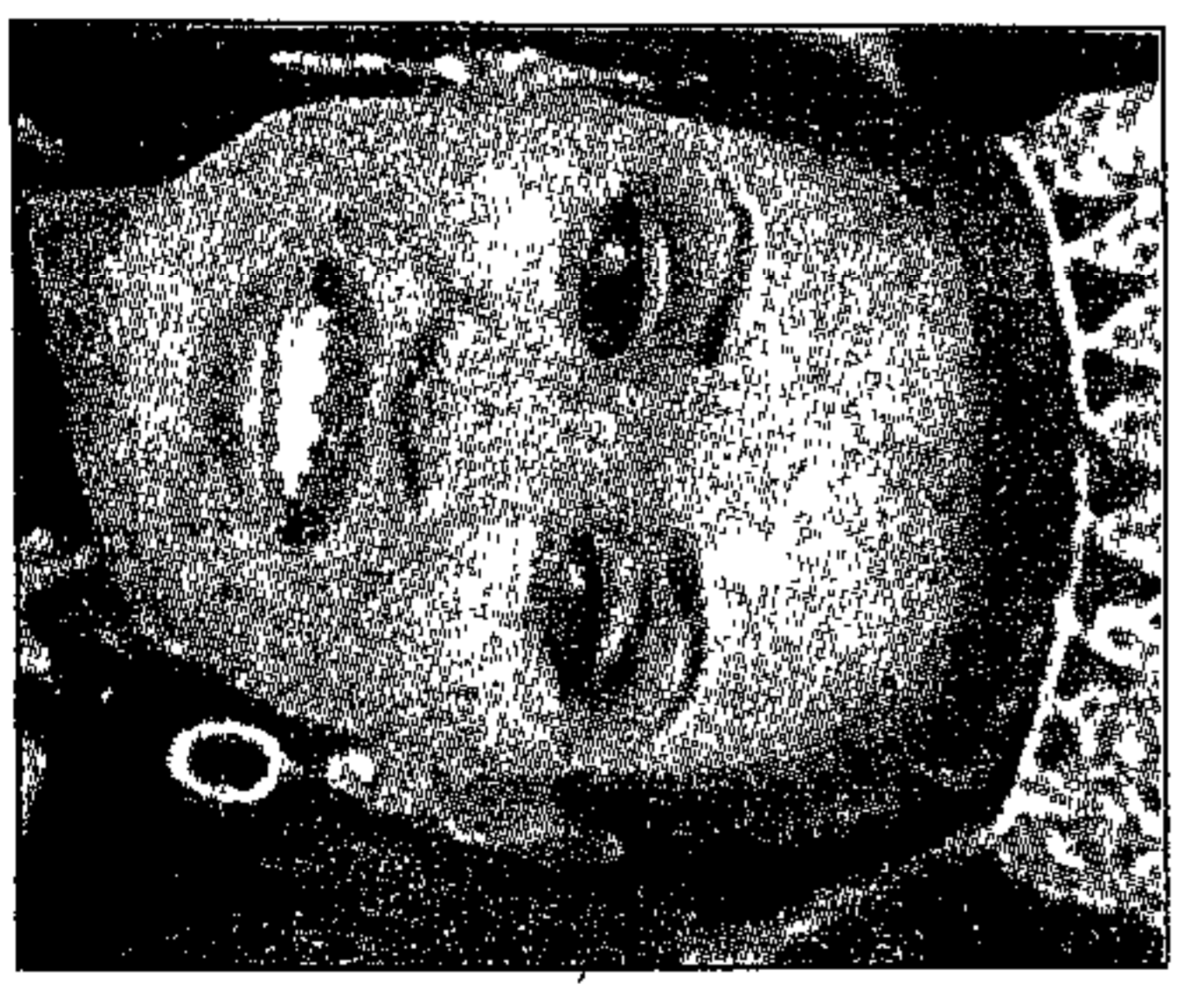
Nonlanhla Peggy-Sue Khumalo. Also, her identity number shows she will turn 24 this year.

In an interview shortly after she won the Miss Gauteng last month, Khumalo said she was 21. Miss South Africa entrants have to be under 24.

The pageant's owner and organiser, Doreen Morris, however, seemed nonplussed about the controversy. She said Khumalo would continue her reign and the discrepancy about her date of birth was an ongoing tussle between Khumalo's grandmother and mother.

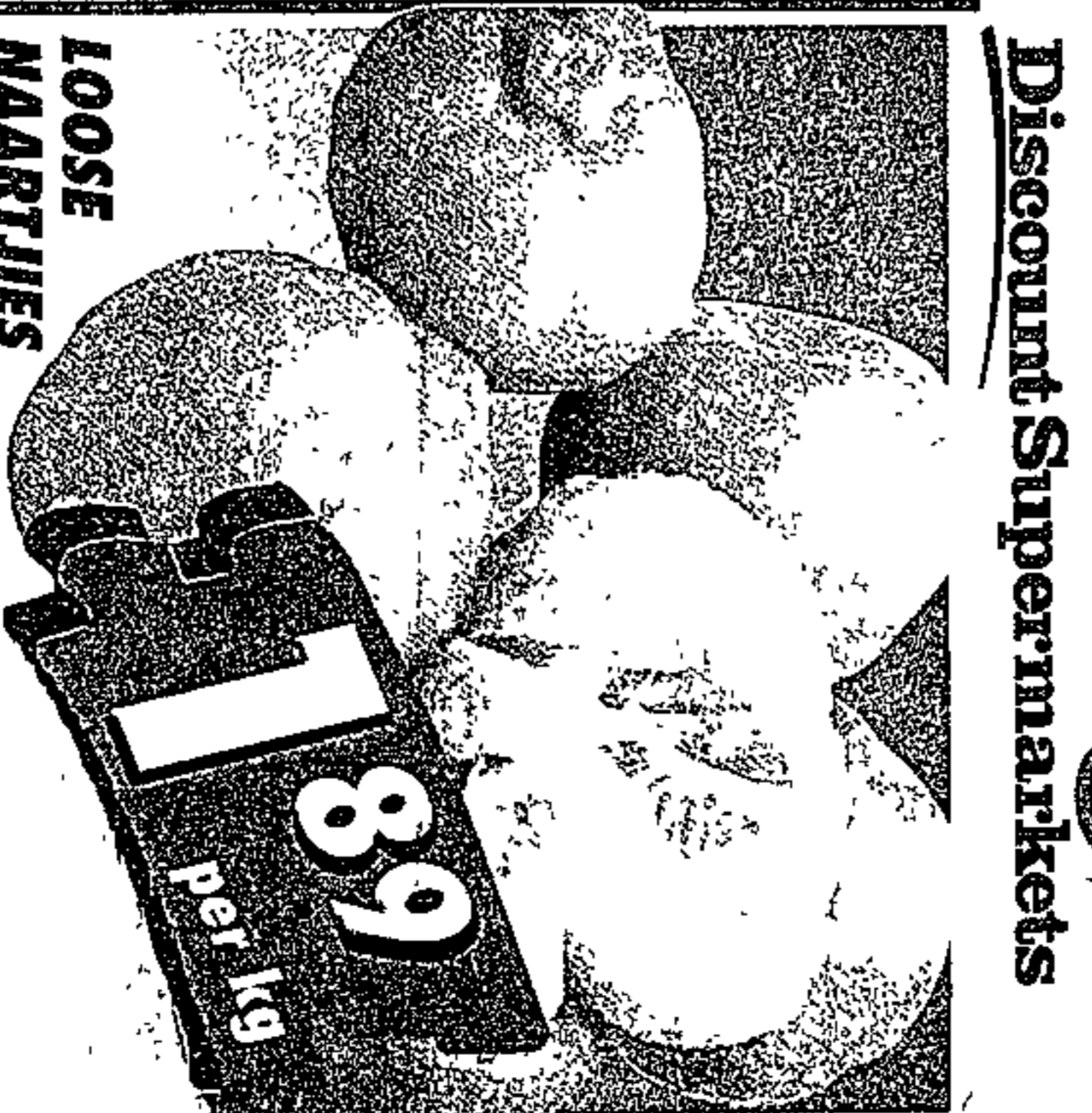
Miss South Africa spokesmen said she had informed them of the name changes. "She had even produced the legal documents about the changes and said she had changed her surname from Erasmus, which is her father's surname, to Khumalo, which is her mother's surname."

Khumalo could not be reached for comment yesterday.



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The spy report that got it all wrong

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A police intelligence document behind the recent hysteria over South Africa's 'Islamic extremist threat' is anything but intelligent, writes **Ann Eveleth**

THE leaked police "working document" at the centre of a row between police and *Beeld* newspaper is the work of old-order police spies who don't know the difference between Muslims and Hindus.

Leaked to the press in the wake of Cape Town's People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) uprising, and believed to have formed the basis of initial briefings to the Ministry of Safety and Security and the Western Cape government, the report lists the Tamil Elam Support Movement as one of South Africa's "Muslim extremist/fundamentalist organisations".

The document also erroneously lists two African National Congress MPs — one a communist party member — as part of the movement's "structures".

The movement comprises a group of Tamil-speaking South Africans who want to raise support for Sri Lankan Tamils. Hindu is the predominant religion of the Tamil-speaking community, and Tamil-speaking Muslims are virtually non-existent in South Africa.

ANC MP and SACP member Yunus Carrim and KwaZulu-Natal MP Yusuf Bhamjee this week slammed the report's allegations that they formed part of the movement's "structures" and that they had told a December 1995 meeting of the group that some local Tamils "are prepared to undergo a military type of training to enable them to help the Tamils in Sri Lanka".

Carrim and Bhamjee said the meeting had comprised "members of our constituency", and its thrust was a decision to approach President Nelson Mandela to help seek a negotiated settlement in Sri Lanka's civil war.

Carrim said the report raised "serious questions about the quality of our intelligence. The most minimum rudimentary work hasn't been done."

Confronted with the apparent inaccuracy of the report from his unit, Internal Security Division Commissioner Leonard Radu said: "You don't know what (Carrim and Bhamjee) are doing in their evenings".

He said the document was "not a report, but a document prepared to give training to the people who will run [new police intelligence desks probing religious extremism]."

University of the Western Cape religious expert Farid Esack said the questionnaire and "guidelines for handlers" at the back of the report suggested almost any Muslim could be seen as a suspect.

Slating the report as "the work of a very dumb Afrikaner", Esack said: "This is a manifestation of the *swart gevaar*, the *rooi gevaar*, the gut-level instinctual fear of a rural

Afrikaner. It's like in the 1950s and 1960s when they saw a communist under every bush and even Helen Suzman was a communist. Now they see a Muslim version of communism."

He pointed out some of the inaccuracies in the report, which include:

- Africa has the largest Muslim population. Esack said Asia has a much larger Muslim population.

- South Africa has a "large number" of Muslims. Esack said Muslims account for only 1,32% of South Africans.

- Hizbullah originated in Iran, and its South African support base is centred in the Western Cape, Gauteng and KwaZulu-Natal. Esack said Hizbullah originated in Lebanon, and is "too busy waging its own struggle to worry about Africa".

He pointed to a contradiction in the report on when Hizbullah was formed in South Africa. The report says it was formed in the "latter half" of 1994, but also states that it opposed the April 1994 elections.

Esack said he knows only "one man who claims to be South African Hizbullah, and he is even considered a joke by Qibla".

- The leader of the organisation Qibla is advocate Samuel Jappie. Esack said Jappie is not an advocate

and is "an avowed secularist — he doesn't even pray on Fridays".

- Qibla received military training from Pakistan and its members had participated in the Lebanon conflict. Esack said these claims are "bollocks".

- Rachis Ormar heads the Islamic Unity Convention's "military base" in Cape Town. Esack said he knew of no such Muslim, and he hoped the report was not referring to Rashid Omar, who "is the most progressive Muslim in South Africa". Omar is a former Muslim Youth Movement president and was the first imam to allow women to preach in a South African mosque.

Esack said the report also shows an ignorance of broader South African politics. It refers to the Pan Africanist Congress as a "black concious [sic] movement".

"It lumps together deeply religious people who have nothing to do with fundamentalism with people who are disillusioned with the PAC."

The report claims "Qibla members who are aligned to black conscious movements like the PAC" frequent training camps of the Foundation for Islamic Tarbiyyah. The Tarbiyyah is, in fact, a conservative group which began providing self-defence training to Muslims in in the run-up to the 1994 elections.

It also claims the Port Elizabeth Malabar mosque under Muslim "priest" AS Desai is the "most active" in the Unity Convention's "military defence structures". This, other Muslim observers pointed out, despite the fact that Desai is virulently anti-Iranian, while the Unity Convention is seen to be sympathetic to Iran.

Esack described Desai as "the personification of Islamic traditionalism. He leads the Majlis Ul Ulama, the AWB [Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging] of Muslims: they are worried about protecting their mothers and daughters from the kaffirs."

National Intelligence Agency co-ordinator Mo Shaik said the agency is aware the document is a "poor effort" which reflects the need for transformation of the intelligence agencies.

The Mpumalanga attorney general's office subpoenaed *Beeld* this month on behalf of the police after the newspaper published a story emanating from the report. The police are seeking the origins of the leak.

National SAPS spokesperson Director Reg Crewe said this week he understood the subpoena against *Beeld* is still valid, as it follows "separate circumstances" from those which led to the Western Cape subpoenas against several newspapers and news agencies in connection with the recent Pagad march.

New-age gevaar: The report is believed to have formed the basis of initial briefings on Pagad to the Ministry of Safety and Security

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Pagad under fire over Olympics

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Ali Parker slammed over statements opposing Cape Town's Games bid

Sowetan Correspondent

PEOPLE Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) has been sharply criticised for its "counter-productive and short-sighted" attempt to "bedevil" Cape Town's Olympic bid in the name of fighting gangsterism and drug abuse.

In two separate statements yesterday, Western Cape MEC for sport and recreation Mr Lerumo Kalako and the National Party slammed Pagad leader Ali "Phantom" Parker and warned that

his statements against the bid would undermine support for anti-crime efforts.

Kalako, a member of the African National Congress, said Pagad's statements on the bid were "cause for great concern and cannot be supported".

While he appreciated the group's concerns about crime, "such statements by Pagad can only serve to alienate people who otherwise would support Pagad's objectives".

"The Olympic Games and our plans leading up to the hosting of the Games, provide an opportunity to build much-needed facilities and boost tourism, thereby stimulating economic growth and creating jobs.

"Any call to halt the bid is both counter-productive and short-sighted. It is in Pagad's interest to support the bid," Kalako said.

Extremist

NP sport spokesman Mr Nick Koornhof said Parker was becoming increasingly extremist in his actions and statements.

This was undermining sympathy for Pagad's concerns and doing irreparable damage to South Africa as a tourism destination.

Although crime was the country's number one enemy, it had to be accepted that South Africa's normal business had to proceed.

It was as important for the Olympics to be held in South Africa, as for crime to be stopped. If there was no growth, the crime and drug situation would get worse, Koornhof said.

Family man worked his way up from the ghetto

JACKIE CAMERON

POLICE believe he is one of the most powerful men in the city's underworld of drug dealing.

He says he is nothing other than a family man who has fought his way out of a ghetto lifestyle by dealing in just about anything, except drugs.

The fact is, Colin Stanfield disagrees with most things police say about him, to the point of how his longtime foes spell his name.

The Cape Times visited him at his Rondebosch East home about two weeks ago after he was injured by a stungrenade in a confrontation between Valhalla Park residents and police during an unsuccessful police raid for illegal weapons.

Stanfield's Rondebosch home is a massive double storey face-brick building, surrounded by high walls and electronic security gates.

Heavily barred and reflective windows conceal an elaborately decorated home displaying all the markings of a man of means.

Initially a young henchman arrived at the gate and told us Stanfield was not at home and

would not be available to speak to us.

But, suddenly a voice crackled over the intercom informing us that Stanfield had changed his mind and would grant us his audience.

We were led into the sitting room and offered a seat on a regal-looking couch.

Stanfield pulled up a chair, while another henchman assumed a position behind him near a window.

Stanfield sat, for most of the hour, with his forearms resting on his knees, moving only to draw on his cigarette. He would not allow us to take notes or photograph him while he spoke.

He said he was outraged that he had been named in newspapers as a key figure in the shady grouping of gangs known as The Firm.

He vehemently denied that he was a gangster, but said he knew a number of leading gang members, including Hard Living Kids leaders Rashed and Rashaad Staggie.

The public execution of Rashaad Staggie, whose death was published in a blow-by-blow pictorial in the Cape Times, at the hands

of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) vigilantes clearly angered him.

Stanfield recounted, in vivid detail, Staggie's last moments and how the vigilantes shot at him after he had fallen to the ground.

He said he believed that the killing had helped to unite gangs and that they would probably target Pagad members.

He said innocent rich Muslims would probably be hurt as gangsters took their revenge for the slaying of a gang leader.

Stanfield also said it was extraordinary that Pagad had declared their crusade a "holy war" because it was his understanding that Muslims were behind much of the drug trafficking — and that he had heard they used Nigerians to bring the drugs into South Africa from Dubai.

He said he knew a key figure in Pagad (Ali "Phantom" Parker), and that his first altercation with this man ensued from an argument many years ago over a woman.

Stanfield said he would never be arrested because he had not committed any crimes, before leading us back to his front door.

POLICE REPORT DETAILS GANG INVOLVEMENT

Stanfield 'a key Firm member'

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MR COLIN Stanfield is an important figure in the gang consortium formed to co-ordinate and organise the distribution of drugs — increasingly cocaine — in the Peninsula, a police document has alleged. **ROGER FRIEDMAN** reports.

WHO is Mr Colin Stanfield, and why is his arrest generating so much noise?

According to a confidential police intelligence report in the possession of the Cape Times, Stanfield is the alleged leader of the Cape Town Scorpions Gang, an alleged member of the 28 prison gang, an alleged drug distributor and allegedly a key figure within the major gang and drug consortium known as The Firm.

The Firm, according to the report, is an umbrella body for organised crime leaders, and represents a fundamental shift in the organisational dynamics of gangs.

"The shift in the organisational dynamics stems from significant changes in the previously distinct roles which gangs had in the chain of activity of organised drug syndicates. While in the past gangs were responsible for the peddling of drugs acquired through the drug syndicates, at present gangs are

becoming increasingly involved in the organised distribution of drugs in direct collaboration with the organised drug syndicates," the report says.

It lists the rationale behind the establishment of The Firm as co-ordinating efforts for importing large quantities of drugs (especially cocaine), controlling and dominating the distribution of narcotics, and containing indiscriminate inter-gang violence to reduce policing in affected areas.

Areas of the Peninsula affected by incidents of violence allegedly resulting from the establishment of The Firm include Elsie's River, Bishop Lavis, Kensington, Mitchells Plain and Belhar "where the dominance of The Firm is being secured through street gangs such as the Scorpions, the Hard Living Kids and the Junior Cisco Yakkies".

"In these areas the incidents of violence associated with The Firm



ARRESTED: Mr Colin Stanfield

are directed primarily against members of the Americans, Wonder Kids and Sexy Boys."

The report was compiled in June, before the rise to prominence of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) and their killing of Hard Livings co-leader Rashaad Staggie. The Staggie murder has evidently resulted in further consolidation of The Firm, including friendly dialogue with Americans leaders.

The report continues: "The pos-

session and use of hand grenades by gangsters is another area of concern in the Peninsula. Information received indicates that The Firm is responsible for recent hand grenade attacks.

"These attacks were part of a fight for territorial control and drug trade monopoly in Bishop Lavis and Kensington. The Firm has already taken control over Valhalla Park and Kalksteentfontein in Bishop Lavis, and now want's control of all other surrounding areas in Bishop Lavis and Kensington to sell its dagga and Mandrax.

"The selling of dagga and Mandrax in these low-income areas is affordable for users and profitable for druglords."

Valhalla Park and Bishop Lavis were apparently Stanfield's old stomping grounds, although he is said to have moved to Rondebosch recently. He is also said to have property in Kenilworth, Crawford, Valhalla Park and Johannesburg.

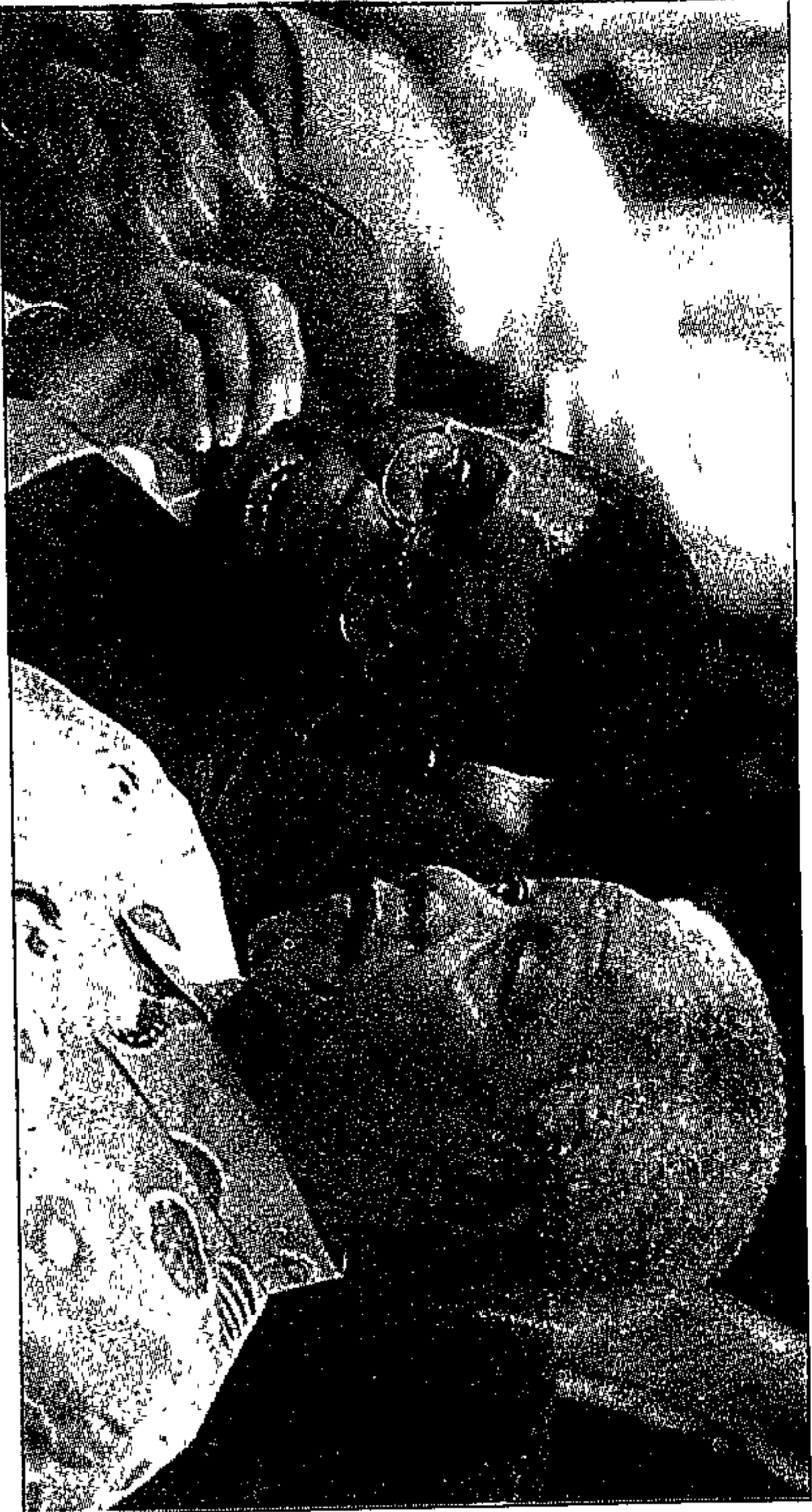
The report lists the names of various members of The Firm "identified by gangsters" as possessing grenades. Stanfield is on the list.

Turning to the drug situation in the Western Cape, intelligence officers have evidently detected a shift from concentration on the distribution of dagga and mandrax to the distribution of cocaine and its derivative, crack.

"Certain Nigerians are still the main suspects involved in organising the purchasing and transportation of cocaine from Latin American countries to South Africa. However, certain locally-based syndicates are now also experimenting in purchasing directly from the Latin American cocaine syndicates, as their profits would then be much higher."

The availability of crack in Cape Town made cocaine affordable to working class communities: "The distributors of crack are able to purchase one gram of cocaine for about R160. The cocaine is then converted to free-base to form a rock. From one gram of cocaine they are able to form eight quarter-gram rocks which are then sold at R80 per rock."

The report estimates 127 street gang groupings are active in the Peninsula, with a combined membership of about 80 000 people.



CONCERN: President Nelson Mandela speaks to Minister of Safety and Security Mr. Sydney Mufamadi.

Plea to back fight against crime

HENRY LUDSKI
POLITICAL WRITER

PRESIDENT Nelson Mandela and security ministers yesterday urged Western Cape religious leaders to throw their weight behind the newly-formed United Front Against Crime.

Front organisers said they had hoped for a better attendance at yesterday's meeting — only about 20 representatives arrived.

This was in sharp contrast to a well-attended earlier meeting in the same auditorium at Parliament, at which religious leaders raised their concern about the level of lawlessness, stressed that the underlying social causes of crime

had to receive urgent attention and called for the crackdown on corruption to be intensified.

The group of about 70 religious leaders, representing a wide cross-section of faiths and denominations, had accepted responsibility for helping restore the moral fabric of South African society and pledged their enthusiastic support for the government's anti-crime strategy and for the United Front Against Crime.

They also undertook to launch inter-faith initiatives which would give the drive against crime greater cohesiveness and clout.

Mandela called on Christian, Muslim, Jewish, Hindu and Buddhist leaders who he said had the

moral authority to spearhead the fight against crime.

Religious leaders in KwaZulu-Natal had played an important role in bringing down violence there province and could play the same pivotal role in the Western Cape.

Mandela said communities had to be mobilised against crime and had to come forward with information that would identify criminals and help bring them to book.

Justice Minister Mr Dullah Omar and representatives of religious leaders yesterday said they would be having separate meetings with People Against Gangsterism and Drugs in the next few days to try and draw them into broader and more representative initiatives.

Police vow to track down killer of gangster Rashaad Staggie

ROGER FRIEDMAN

THE police remain "absolutely committed" to solving the murder of gangster Rashaad Staggie, and are conducting ballistic tests on a number of confiscated firearms that might have been fired on the night of the killing.

Interviewed yesterday, provincial Commissioner Willem Smit, head of the province's Violent Crimes Unit Director Leonard Knipe and provincial head of the Organised Crime Unit Director Boet Claassen vowed to leave no stone unturned to find his killers. Knipe said the investigation

would not only focus on the murder itself, but would include "all factors that could have contributed to his death", including whether there was any police negligence.

"That is one reason why the Section 205 subpoenas were issued (in an attempt to force the media to hand over information in its possession). We wanted to get some objective views," he said.

Smit said: "It is our aim to solve every crime we investigate and if we don't solve this one it will not be for lack of trying. We will investigate this murder not because it was Staggie, or because of Pagad, but because it is murder."



SPEAKING OUT: Sheikh Sa' Adullah Khan, a representative from the Gatesville Mosque in Athlone, speaks at a meeting about crime held with religious leaders at Parliament yesterday.

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POLICE CLAMPDOWN

January '96 - 27 August '96

Permisses searched for narcotics and firearms: **610**
Items seized or confiscated:

80	.....firearms
1 752	.....rounds of ammunition
2	.....stun grenades
2	.....hand grenades
1	.....detonator
8	.....petrol bombs
1	.....tip flare

DRUGS

6 332kg	.....Dagga
229 637	.....Mandrax
312	.....Crack
8 783g	.....Coke
120	.....Heroin
123	.....LSD
3 084	.....Ecstasy

* Arrests: 431Narcotics related
210Guns related

Strong moves on drug lords

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"brilliant piece of detective work", while Smit congratulated Kahn's office for its "excellent co-operation".

Two of Kahn's senior prosecutors have been assisting the police to prepare difficult dockets for the past six months. The prosecutor set to oppose bail today has worked on the Stanfield case for the past four months.

Meanwhile, Kahn's announcement that he is to apply for a court order to compel the Receiver of Revenue to assist investigations into gangs and drug-lords, is reminiscent of the Chicago police's strategy of using tax evasion to bring down Al Capone.

His office had already approached the Receiver, but been told to obtain the court order to cover whatever legal eventualities may arise: "We are applying for a court order to force him to co-operate with this office," said Kahn.

"But whatever we may do now, and whatever we do in the future, this office must emphasise there are no quick-fix solutions," he cautioned.



□ **ALLEGED DRUG LORD:** Colin Stansfield covers his face as a policeman, wearing a bullet-proof jacket, accompanies him to Wynberg Magistrate's Court for his bail application hearing.

'Druglord' held overnight as bail hearing ends without decision

LENORE OLIVER
Staff Reporter

ONE of the alleged drug kingpin's of the Western Cape spent a lonely night in a cell somewhere in the Peninsula last night after a bail application hearing at Wynberg Magistrate's Court on drug charges failed to deliver a result yesterday afternoon.

The hearing is set to continue today.

Colin Stansfield (42) of Baintore Road, Rondebosch was not asked to plead and has not been formally charged. He was arrested on Thursday in connection with a Mandrax bust in which 87 000 tablets were found in April last year.

He is also facing a charge of conspiracy.

There was strict security inside and outside the court and the public were searched

by armed policemen. The courtroom was filled with many of Mr Stansfield's supporters.

There was confusion as the venue for the hearing was moved from Cape Town Magistrate's Court to Wynberg, and members of the press and Mr Stansfield's supporters rushed to get to Wynberg on time.

State prosecutor Adrian Mopp opposed bail and said Mr Stansfield's release could pose a threat to public safety and there was a possibility witnesses could be intimidated.

After an objection from defence attorney Anton Veldhuizen that the charge sheet was incomplete, the state made amendments and magistrate Robert Henney then ruled that it was sufficiently complete for a bail application.

Evidence was led by policeman Blaine Lazarus on Mr Stansfield's allegedly aggres-

sive nature and intimidatory tactics.

Captain Lazarus testified that Mr Stansfield had, on more than one occasion, threatened and sworn at policemen during their course of duty.

He said that during 1994 when police were searching Mr Stansfield's home, Mr Stansfield had threatened one of his own friends and warned him not to accompany police as they went through the house.

Captain Lazarus said that when police first arrived at the house Mr Stansfield was not home, and only the friend, Joseph, was there.

Captain Lazarus said they had found R2.7-million in cash.

Captain Lazarus said Mr Stansfield told his friend that he would "moer" him if he assisted the police while they were searching his home. "He also threatened the police."

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Gangsters disrupt city's law courts

Own Correspondent

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PORT ELIZABETH — Gang warfare disrupted the Port Elizabeth law courts yesterday when a man was stabbed by rivals in front of guards.

Gangs also went on the rampage in the city's courts last week.

Panic swept through the New Law Courts complex after yesterday's stabbing, with court staff taking refuge behind locked doors and members of the public running along corridors, screaming for the police. Unarmed gangsters fled to offices and courtrooms where cases were being heard.

Boomshakas gang members confronted rivals outside Court 32, swearing and gesticulating at each other.

Five of the rival gangsters ran to the security desk at the front door and reclaimed knives they had handed in when they entered. They told the guards they were leaving the building. Instead, they went back into the courthouse, evading the metal detector.

A young man who identified himself as "Fritos" was stabbed three times while a security guard and a reporter watched helplessly.

At the Supreme Court building on Friday several people were wounded as gangsters attacked each other with knives, sticks and pickaxe handles.

Justice officials have pledged to tighten security.

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PORT ELIZABETH.

Police and judicial authorities are investigating the possibility of setting up a special court with a separate entrance for gang-related cases after an outbreak of gang violence at the Port Elizabeth Magistrate's Court.

Police spokeswoman Seuna Gouws said this was a long-term solution discussed yesterday when the police met the chief magistrate Dumile Kondile and other senior magistrates following the violence when a man, identified only as Fritos, was stabbed by suspected gang members in front of security guards at the court during a clash between gangs.

Panic swept through the court complex as staff and unarmed gangsters took refuge behind locked doors and inside the courts.

Director Gouws said police would help court security guards to search people at the courts.

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Pagad threatened by

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By KEN VERNON

A SPLIT is looming in Pagad — People Against Gangsterism and Drugs — because of tensions between hardliners and moderates.

Pagad chief Mohammed Ali "Phantom" Parker was privately rebuked this week by Pagad's joint leadership for calling on foreign investors and the Olympic Games movement to boycott South Africa until crime was brought under control.

High level police sources say Parker is leader of a radical Muslim faction trying to control Pagad.

They feel there is a strong possibility of a split between the Parker faction and a more moderate majority who favour co-operation rather than confrontation with police and other state departments.

At the same time, the United Front Against Crime (UFAC), a newly formed moderate anti-crime organisation, has surfaced in recent weeks, threatening to steal some of Pagad's thunder.



Ali Parker

A Pagad spokesman this week alleged that UFAC was a state-created organisation designed to blur public support for Pagad and its anti-crime campaign.

At a meeting in Cape Town on Thursday between Justice

Minister Dullah Omar and more than 50 Cape Town religious leaders, Omar asked the leaders to attend a UFAC meeting that evening, but informed sources say none turned up and the meeting was very poorly attended.

At the same meeting President Nelson Mandela gave Pagad a tacit nod of approval, saying he had told Southern African leaders at a recent meeting of the Southern African Development Conference that Pagad was a genuine "people's movement" and not a plot by radical Muslims to take over the state.

"UFAC is being put forward by the police as a device to isolate and divide Pagad, but it will not succeed," the Pagad spokesman said.

He said UFAC supporters came in the main from community police forums and other "talking shops" whose inaction had led to the formation of Pagad and its meteoric rise to prominence.

He confirmed that Parker had been "taken to task" by the Pagad collective leadership, but denied that any split was imminent, adding that the ability of the organisation's leaders to "agree to disagree" was a major part of its strength.

"There is no President of Pagad saying 'this is how it will be or that is how it will be done'.

"We are all equals and we get together and talk things out and carry on with our goal of getting rid of crime," said the Pagad spokesman.

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Revenge attacks by gangs feared

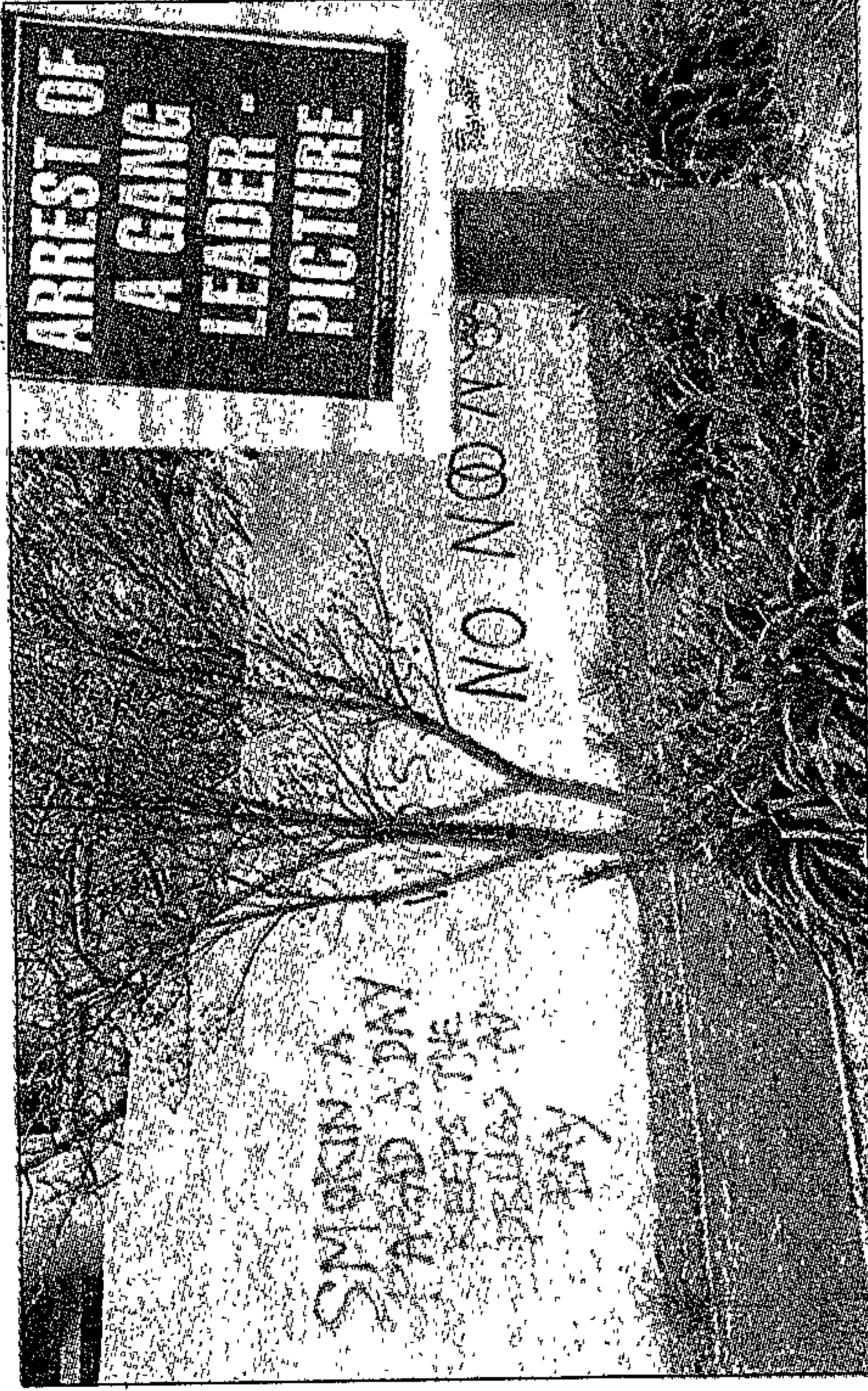
By KEN VERNON

CAPE Town is facing a renewed outbreak of gang and vigilante violence following an attack this week on the brother of a gang leader by gunmen whom police suspect are part of newly formed "action cells" linked to the anti-drug organisation Pagad.

Police also say information in their possession indicates that gang boss Rashied Staggie is organising members of his Hard Livings gang to attack the stores of Muslim shopkeepers in retaliation for the death of his twin brother Rashaad at the hands of Pagad.

Police sources say the attack on Edmund Harolds — brother of Neville Harolds, aka Jackie Lonte, leader of the Americans gang — came after a Pagad threat to establish small, aggressive hit squads as a more effective method of "eliminating" gangsters.

In the attack a carload of gunmen pulled up in front of Harolds' Bridgetown home and walked up to his front door before raking the house with gunfire that left the house pockmarked with bullet holes and shattered doors and windows. No



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one was injured.

Pagad leaders said this week they had "no knowledge" that their organisation was involved

in the attack. But it comes shortly after a vow by Pagad to step up pressure on gangsters.

Police have also stepped up

pressure on gangsters, arresting Colin Stanfield, a leader of the Scorpions street gang who is said to be responsible for the distri-

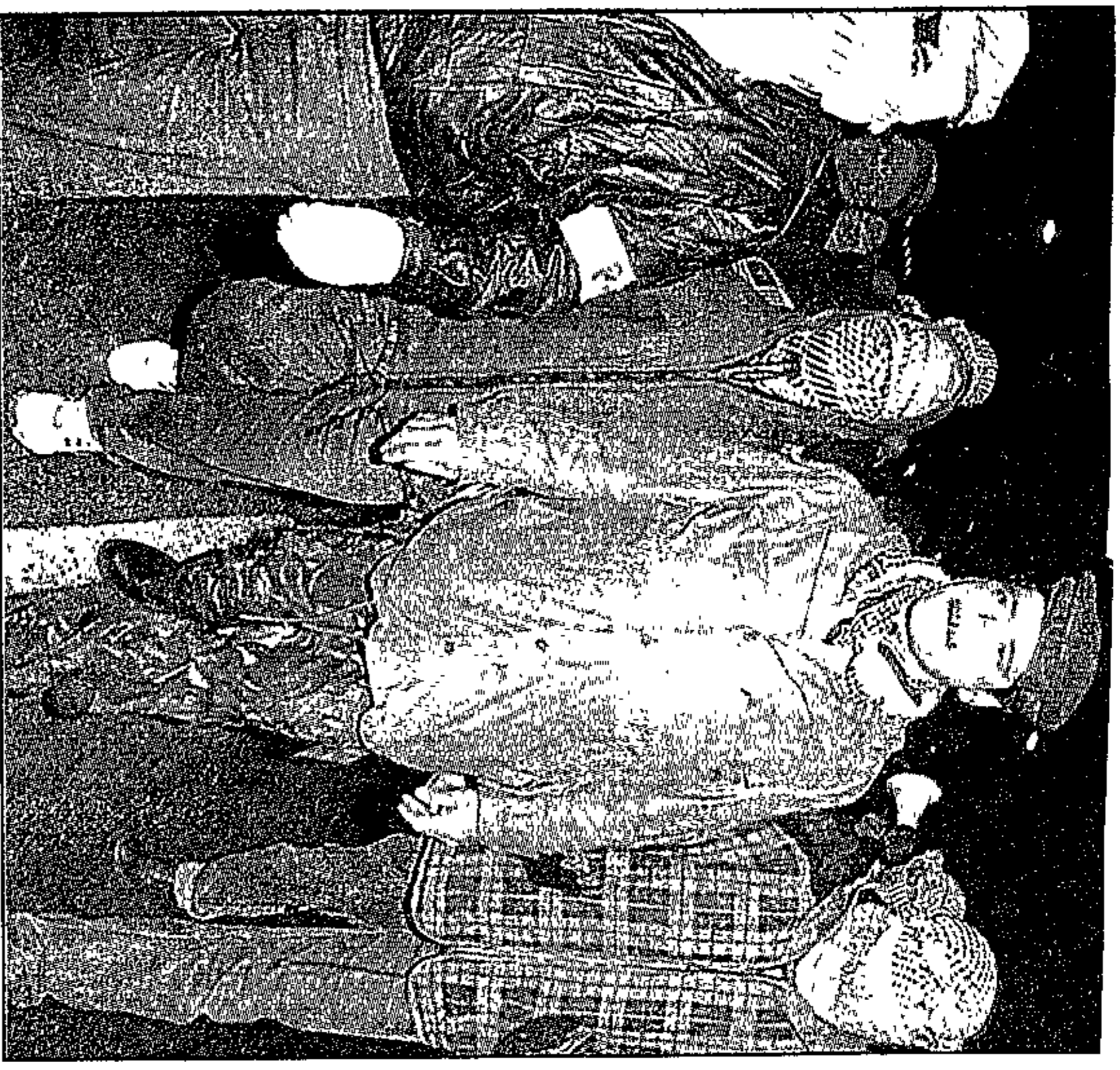
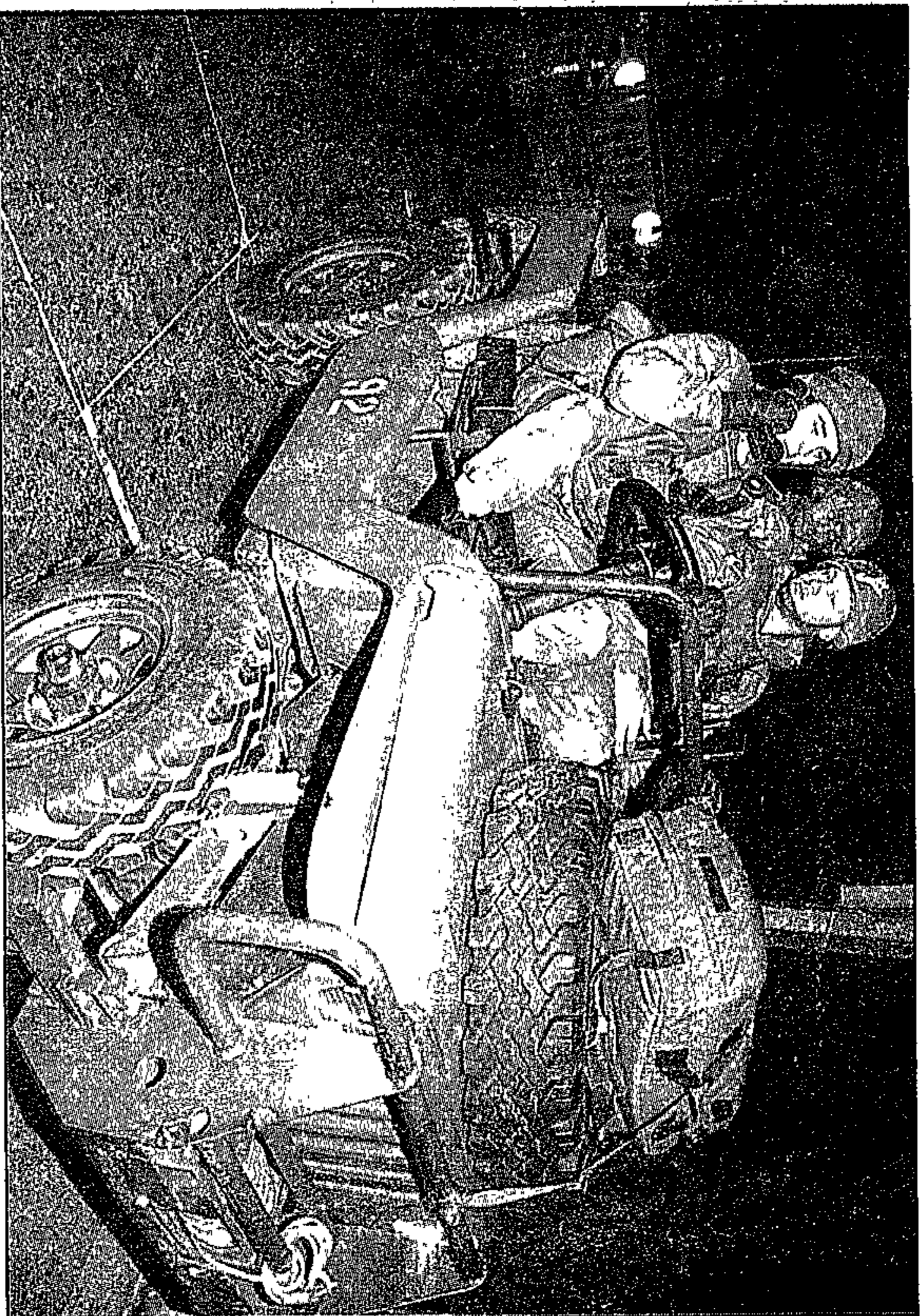
bution of drugs in large areas of the Cape Peninsula. Police say he is also a key figure in the creation of the drug cartel, The Firm.

Early on Friday morning anti-gang police units swooped on Cape Flats homes and arrested eight other gangsters, including two brothers, in connection with five murders.

Until this week's attack Pagad has relied on mobilising thousands of supporters to march en masse to gangsters' homes to deliver their "reform or die" message. But now, after initially being caught by surprise, improved intelligence gathering has enabled police to stymie the mass march tactic several times.

Last weekend police intelligence averted a potential disaster when they alerted Pagad leaders in Paarl to the fact that gangsters were "waiting for them" in large numbers at the homes of gang-leaders they had targeted for attention.

Moderate Pagad leaders instead led supporters on a peaceful march to the local police station where they handed over a petition calling on police in the area to act against drug dealers in the area.



Pictures: LEON MULLER, Chief Photographer

PARABAT BEAT: The army's paratroop battalion keeps a close watch on Pagad marchers in Mitchell's Plain at the weekend. All "Phantom" Parker, centre face uncovered, leads Pagad members to the house of an alleged drug dealer in Mitchell's Plain.

Pagad vows to defy ban on carrying guns

JUDY DAMON
Staff Reporter
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PEOPLE Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) says it will defy the government ban on carrying guns at public gatherings.

The group has also banned the press from attending its meetings in mosques and venues where strategy is discussed.

At a Pagad meeting in the Lentegeur Mosque in Mitchell's Plain on Saturday, a Pagad leader, Ali "Phantom" Parker, said the group would continue to carry guns at

demonstrations - for self-defence, not attack - in spite of the ban.

Safety and Security Minister Sidney Mufamadi has said that people found guilty of contravening the prohibition on guns at public meetings are likely to forfeit their right to firearm licences.

A masked Pagad member said Pagad was a legitimate people's movement and would therefore, in terms of the Bill of Rights, carry legal firearms for self-protection during their activities.

The member asked how police, if they

had been unable to protect gangster Rashaad Staggie on the night of his "execution", would be able to protect Pagad members if they came under attack.

Pagad leaders said they were taking a stock of members as some were showing a "lack of discipline". All members had been issued with a new Pagad rule book with which they had to comply at all gatherings.

Members were told to show respect for property wherever meetings were held and to act only on the orders of appointed marshals. If members caused problems

for Pagad at demonstrations, they would be ordered to apologise formally at the next meeting and explain their actions.

In one such case this weekend, a Pagad member who had been arrested on a charge of car theft at a recent march at Gatesville gave a formal explanation. He said a civil claim had been instituted against the police after they refused to investigate the possibility that the car had not been stolen, even after he showed documents to prove the car belonged to him.

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Hundreds outside court to back gang kingpin Stanfield

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ABOUT 400 Valhalla Park residents gathered outside the Wynberg Magistrate's Court today waving placards in support of the release of alleged drug kingpin Colin Stanfield.

Mr Stanfield, 42, of Balintore Road, Rondebosch, is appearing at a formal bail application after his arrest last week in connection with the seizure last year of 87 000 Mandrax tablets.

He is also facing an alternative charge of conspiracy.

The bail application started on Friday and continued on Saturday.

Mr Stanfield has not been formally charged or asked to plead.

There was strict security outside the court building as several buses and mini-bus taxis offloaded supporters.

An unnamed woman said she wanted Mr Stanfield to be released because he helped her financially.

"He is not the kind of man people think he is.

"Every day he puts food in my children's mouths by giving me money," she said.

"We can't live with him in jail. Our lights are going to be switched off."

Placards outside the court building read: "Pagad count your bullets"; "Mr Stanfield is god for many people, why should he go to prison"; and "Please be merciful because he is very helpful to our community".

Mr Stanfield has been in custody since his arrest on Thursday.

There's no split, says defiant Pagad leader

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ROGER FRIEDMAN

REPORTS that cracks are beginning to show in the leadership of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad), due largely to its perceived radicalism, have been denied by a defiant Mr Mohammed Ali "Phantom" Parker.

Quoting "high level police sources", the reports claimed that Parker had been "privately rebuked" by Pagad's joint leadership for his recent utterances that SA should forget about bidding for the Olympics — or attracting foreign investment — until it brought crime under control.

Parker last night denied there was any split within Pagad. Rather, he said, there was some kind of "third-force" at work attempting to split the organisation.

"Whenever people try to split us or try to trip us, we come out far stronger," he said. "There's no split."

SUPPORT FOR OLYMPICS

In fulfilling its role as watchdog for the business community, the Cape Chamber of Commerce & Industry has held a series of meetings with Mr Chris Ball, CEO of the Olympic Bid Company, Mr Michael Fuller, its Financial Director, and Mr Peter Lever, Deputy City Treasurer, to review the financial viability of the Bid.

The upshot has been that the Chamber has satisfied itself that the city can afford the 2004 Olympic Games, that there will be little effect on the ratepayer's pocket, and that there will be tremendous benefits to the region and the country as a whole.

For Cape Town, the facts are:

- ★ The amount of money to be spent is R169 million
- ★ This amount will be spread over a period of 8 years
- ★ The yearly amount, R21 million, is within the City's existing budget
- ★ Infrastructure and sporting facilities will be vastly

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Pagad leader Parker under attack

By Waghied Misbach
Political Reporter

OUTSPOKEN People Against Gangsterism and Drugs leader Mohammed Ali "Phantom" Parker is coming under increasing attack within his own organisation because of his apparent hardline stance against Government operation and after his recent calls for an economic boycott against South Africa.

Parker, who was shot in the chest last month during a raid which resulted in the death of notorious gang leader Rashaad Staggie, has sharply criticised within the organisation after his latest calls for foreign investors to stay away and for multinationals to ignore South Africa's bid for the Olympic Games.

Parker was criticised by Olympic bid officials and Government spokesmen last week after making his call for economic sanctions against the country.

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A source within Pagad told *Sowetan* that many people in the organisation were becoming increasingly concerned with Pagad's shift from its "core aims" of fighting drug lords. Parker was a committed and inspirational leader but many Pagad members, particularly the large number of Western Cape traders, who support the movement's fight against drugs, do not agree with his call for economic sanctions.

There is also increasing speculation that Pagad members may decide to join up with the United Anti-Crime Forum, which comprises Government and non-governmental organisations, if Pagad does not revert to its initial mission. Meanwhile, communities are gearing up for a fresh round of hostilities between Pagad and gangsters after the attack on the house of Edmund Harolds, brother of gang leader Neville Harolds.

Fivaz team hits wall of silence

Gang investigators appeal for help

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JOSEPH ARANES
Staff Reporter

THE top Pretoria team of police detectives in Cape Town to investigate gang and drug-related cases and alleged police corruption claim they are not getting full co-operation from their local counterparts.

The team came to Cape Town on the orders of national police commissioner George Fivaz.

The head of the team, Willem Minnaar, said although they had been made to feel welcome here, they had also been reminded they were outsiders.

"There is still a lot of mistrust and stonewalling taking place. But we are determined to do our jobs and get to the bottom of the problem."

Director Minnaar said that from the information that had become available, it was clear local police were doing a great

job in combating gangsterism and drug-related crime, solving 80 percent of their cases.

"But there is a general perception in a number of communities that the police are corrupt. This is not only a problem in the Western Cape but all over the country. We need to get rid of this perception."

He said one of the biggest problems was that gangsters had organised themselves into powerful syndicates and had a lot of money. They used this not only to "buy" officials in the criminal justice system but to scare off potential witnesses and people who might have information which could lead to their arrests.

"The only way the police can be successful in their war against gangsters and drug lords is if we get the co-operation of the general public. If they still mistrust the local

police for whatever reasons, they can report directly to my team."

Director Minnaar and his team operate from the national commissioner's office in Cape Town and report directly to him, the Minister for Safety and Security, Sydney Mufamadi, and provincial police commissioner Leon Wessels.

"We are working closely with the attorney-general's office and will be setting up a common database on known drug lords. Drugs are the main problem, with nearly 75 percent of crime either drug- or alcohol-related," Mr Minnaar said.

He said impending legislation which would give police greater powers of arrest and seizure would go a long way towards dealing with the problems.

He and his staff can be contacted at: 082 551 5307, 083 625 2436, 083 626 9120 or 949 3474.

Community crusade against crime spreading in Peninsula

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Staff Reporter **JOSEPH ARANES** speaks to anti-crime campaigners.

GANGSTERS and criminals come in all shades and sizes - and the victims of their activities are found in all areas of the Western Cape.

But it is a fact that the Cape Flats coloured community is home to at least 80 000 gangsters and that the people there have borne the brunt of their violence, drugs and bullets.

Many families have become so immune to gangsters' illegal activities that they turn a blind eye, while others do so out of fear.

But the overwhelming majority of residents are against crime and support any anti-crime initiatives.

Any moves to make their lives and their neighbourhoods safer are enthusiastically welcomed.

Many are part of the network of community policing forums, while others are involved in

watch groups.

But there is a perception that the forces of law and order are not doing enough to rid the communities of the scourge of crime, and this really galls people.

When Pagad embarked on a campaign to rid neighbourhoods of gangsters and drug lords, it won the support of the communities - although many were indifferent to the militancy of the campaign.

Chris Joubert, who has been involved in the launching of several anti-crime initiatives, especially in Sea Point and Cape Town's CBD, said it was time for citizens to get involved in the fight against crime.

"The central government is limited in what it can do as it has limited resources and manpower."

He said he was involved with a new crime prevention strategy which included the police, local businesses and the community.

The idea was to employ out-of-work police reservists to patrol the streets of central business districts across the Peninsula, including those of Mitchell's Plain, Claremont, Wynberg and Athlone, as well as several Cape Town streets.

Mr Joubert said 25 reservists were already employed and once the strategy got the green light from the police, more qualified unemployed men would be deployed in other areas.

Sto Jaxa of the Guguletu safety and security forum said they had used their extensive experience in community-based organisations to set up structures to combat the growing threat of crime.

He said structures like street and area committees, which were effectively used in the fight against apartheid, were transformed into community policing forums and the same principles were involved when dealing with crime.



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EXPOSED: Alleged drug kingpin Colin Stanfield, who has covered up every time he has appeared in public since his arrest last week, briefly removes a blanket from his face as he leaves the Wynberg Magistrate's Court building.

Pagad leader shows his face at Stanfield bail hearing

Staff Reporter

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ALI "Phantom" Parker, one of the leaders of People against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad), made a surprise appearance, unmasked and wearing a bulletproof vest, at the Wynberg Magistrate's Court today where alleged drug and gang lord Colin Stanfield is appearing at a bail application.

The controversial Pagad leader left the court after 15 minutes.

Mr Stanfield, 42, of Rondebosch, is applying for bail after his arrest last week in connection with the seizure last year of 87 000 Mandrax tablets.

Mr Parker was accompanied by an unidentified man and spoke to no one as he entered and left the building.

A short while later, two double-decker busloads of Mr Stanfield's supporters arrived, waving posters and calling for his release.



SURPRISE PACKAGE: Ali "Phantom" Parker and a companion at court.

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Vigilante resurgence feared

NORMAN JOSEPH (36)
Staff Reporter

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ANOTHER "Harry Joshua incident" could happen in Delft after a breakdown in communications among five neighbourhood watch patrols and police, say members of the Rosedale Crime Watch.

Joshua is serving 15 years in jail for killing four men, including two gangsters and two hawkers, in the gangster-dominated suburb because he believed they had robbed his wife.

Community workers said the five watch patrols were keeping gangsters in check in Rosedal, The Hague, Voorbrug and Eindhoven.

Twelve members of the Rosedale Crime Watch in Delft began their night patrols this week with gloomy faces after being told by Delft police that

their police radio would be withdrawn. Watch leader Bruce van Diemel said four other patrols' radios had been taken in by police.

But police spokesman Mack Manuel said the radios had been collected for stock-taking.

Mr Van Diemel said communication among the five Delft neighbourhood watches and the police had broken down and gang-related crimes might increase.

Sergeant Manuel denied, "another Harry Joshua" might appear in Delft, and said watch patrols had reduced gang-related crime to a minimum.

He acknowledged the efforts of all patrols, especially the Rosedale Crime Watch, whose members had confiscated about 60 knives, six guns, and four spears and arrested 20 suspects in the past six months.



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OUR SUCCESS: Members of the Rosedale Crime Watch with leader Bruce van Diemel, sitting, show confiscated knives, spears and guns.

STANFIELD 'INJURED IN RAID ON GANGS'

Supporters pray for suspected drug king

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A STUN GRENADE fired to break up a crowd of suspected gangsters injured alleged drug kingpin Mr Colin Stanfield, leading him to "declare war" on police, the Wynberg Magistrate's Court has heard. **EUNICE RIDER** reports.

IN a packed Wynberg court, Mr Colin Stanfield, arrested in connection with trading in drugs valued at more than R22 million, and his team of four top lawyers pleaded for his release yesterday.

Outside the court, about 500 people gathered in support of the alleged drug pusher they described as a generous "god" who put food on their tables.

During a tense stand-off with heavily armed police, soldiers and commando members, several bus- and taxi-loads of Stanfield supporters waved banners and placards.

Stanfield, 42, of Balintore Road, Rondebosch, alleged leader of The Firm drug cartel, was arrested when police swooped on his plush double-storey home on Thursday.

Police say they have spent the past three years investigating his alleged links with a drug syndicate that has dealt in 1 348 000 Mandrax tablets worth an estimated R20 million, 7,3 kilograms of heroin worth about R2m, and 1 108kg of dagga valued at more than R1m.

Stanfield, dressed in a black leather jacket, green trousers and turquoise sweater, looked at ease in the dock.

He happily greeted several supporters who indicated, during brief

adjournments, that they were "praying" for him.

The head of the National Priority Crimes Unit, Senior Superintendent Adriaan Trollip, told the court that he had led a raid on a house in Valhalla Park on August 14.

He had heard that gang members were to meet there to "pool" their arms and to plan a strategy to protect gang members against People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad).

They were also to devise plans for an attack on Pagad, Trollip said.

During the raid, four or five stun grenades had been used to break up the vociferous crowd, he said.

One of these exploded at Stanfield's feet, ripping his trousers and injuring his right leg.

He had met Stanfield a while after the explosion, Trollip said. Stanfield had threatened to shoot the police. He had also "declared war" on the police because he had been injured.

Trollip said although he had felt threatened, he believed the alleged gang boss was in shock. He continued trying to calm Stanfield down by explaining that he had not been targeted deliberately by the police.

Several other people who had been part of the crowd — whom he assumed were gang members — had shouted similar remarks and threats against the police, Trollip told the court.

Before he arrived on the scene, the police had found two firearms in Stanfield's possession. These were returned to Stanfield after he produced a licence for one of the firearms and letter of permission to carry the second.

However, Trollip said, he had instigated an investigation into whether Stanfield was legally fit to carry firearms. He had done this "mainly" in the interests of preventing violent crimes.

After he had spoken to Stanfield, Hard Livings gang leader Mr Rashied Staggie arrived at the house. Trollip took this as confirmation that some of the bystanders were gang members.

Mr Anton Veldhuizen, for Stanfield, put it to Trollip that his evidence was an "exaggeration of what actually happened in a bid to keep the accused in jail".

Stanfield was ordered to spend last night in the Sea Point police cells.

The application continues today.

The magistrate is Mr R C A Henney. Mr N Louwens and Mr Adrian Mopp of the attorney-general's office are prosecuting. Mr Veldhuizen and Mr William King, instructed by Mr Ruben Lidell and Mr Francois Potgieter, appear for Stanfield.

Death threat claim - Stanfield case moved

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LENORE OLIVER
Staff Reporter

THE hearing of the bail application by alleged drug lord Colin Stanfield was today moved from the Wynberg Magistrate's court to the Somerset West Magistrate's court for security reasons after a member of Mr Stanfield's legal team said he had had death threats.

Mr Stanfield, 42, of Balintore Road, Rondebosch was arrested last week in connection with a Mandrax bust in April last year in which 87 000 tablets were found. He has not been formally charged.

Only the press and the police were allowed into court today. By 11am the corridor outside the courtroom had filled with Mr Stanfield's supporters and relatives.

Arguing against bail, prosecutor Neil Louwrens told the court that if Mr Stanfield was released there was a probability he would be a danger to the public and would try to influence or intimidate witnesses or hide or destroy evidence.

Referring to the bugging of Mr Stanfield's telephone by policeman Leonard Falck of the Narcotics Bureau, Mr Louwrens said that although Mr Stanfield spoke in codes on the telephone, his alleged accomplices knew exactly what he was talking about. "None of the people he spoke to questioned him or asked him what he was talking about," said Mr Louwrens.

Earlier Superintendent Falck told the court he had eavesdropped on Mr Stanfield's telephone conversations and had heard him discuss drug deals.

Sergeant Falck told the court he was involved in bugging Mr Stanfield's telephone to gather information on him.

"On one occasion I heard Mr Stanfield talk about his dealings in Mandrax," Sergeant Falck said. "He never used the word Mandrax and used words such as 'humbles', 'flower',



UNDER COVER: Alleged drug kingpin Colin Stanfield leaves the court in Wynberg yesterday.

'baby flowers', 'rough edges', 'Mercedes' and 'helicopters'."

Senior police intelligence service member Jeremy Veary, a former member of the Sicilian and Virgin Breakers gangs, gave evidence about information his team had gathered. "My sources report that Mr Stanfield is a senior person in Cape Town's Scorpions gang," said Superintendent Veary.

The gang had started in the 1970s as a street gang but as members aged they moved towards narcotics.

Superintendent Veary said the gang, The Firm, to which the Scorpions were affiliated, was started in 1993 in an attempt to dominate and control Mandrax distribution. "Sources have reported to me that Mr Stanfield was one of the key people involved in forming The Firm."

Judgment in the bail application is expected today.

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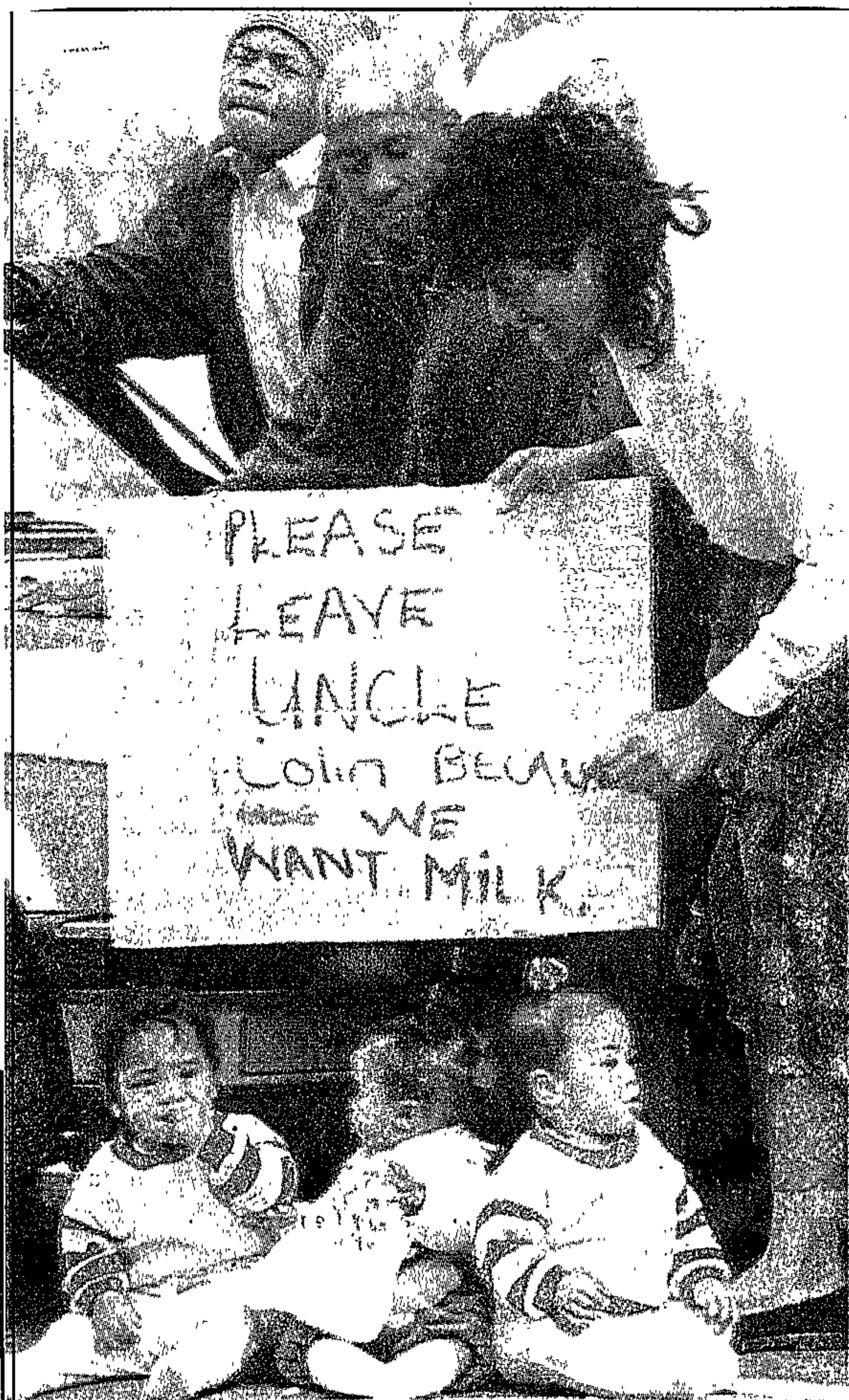
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YOUNG FANS: Three babies were included in the fan club outside Wynberg Magistrate's Court calling for the release of Colin Stanfield.

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drug cartel works

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THE INNER workings of the city drug cartel The Firm were revealed in court yesterday. Supreme Court Reporter **EUNICE RIDER** writes.

Bail case in secret?

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THE state could shift the bail application of Mr Colin Stanfield to a secret venue today after death threats were allegedly telephoned to the offices of a member of his defence team yesterday.

The alleged Rondebosch drug lord is being represented at his hearing by a four-man team — advocates Mr William King and Mr Anton Veldhuizen, briefed by attorneys Mr Reuben Liddell and Mr Francois Potgieter. The hearing took place at the Wynberg Regional Court until yesterday.

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HOW THE FIRM'S

DETAILED workings of The Firm drug cartel and how it controls the distribution and pricing of Mandrax and other drugs were revealed yesterday.

An internationally trained covert intelligence investigator gave details of the operation in the bail application of alleged drug dealer Mr Colin Stanfield.

Also revealed were details of arms and ammunition — including British plastic explosives — in possession of The Firm, which they “possibly” acquired to fend off members of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad).

Covert intelligence officer Senior Superintendent Jeremy Veary yesterday told the Wynberg Magistrate’s Court, where Stanfield is applying for bail, that he knew Stanfield as a senior member of the Cape Town Scorpions gang and a key member of The Firm.

Stanfield, 42, of Balintore Road, Rondebosch, was arrested in a raid on his home last Thursday.

Veary said he was not allowed to name his sources or state the methods by which he collected and analysed intelligence material, but that it was “revealed” in 1993 that The Firm was being created to control the Mandrax distribution trade in the Western Cape and that Stanfield was “a key individual” in The Firm.

He had been conducting a “continuous intelligence” on Stanfield since 1994.

He said The Firm now controlled the Mandrax market “by creating artificial scarcities of the drug”.

These “artificial scarcities” were created to push up the price of the drug and to increase the market for “crack” cocaine.

The pricing also made crack accessible to the “working class market” which had not been able to afford cocaine previously, he said.

The court heard that Stanfield had introduced crack into The Firm and that he and a contact of his in The Firm were responsible for “marketing crack in the ghettos”.

Veary testified that existing gang structures were used to distribute drugs and that gang members from large, affiliated gangs such as the Hard Livings, the Cape Town Scorpions and the 28s prison gang also presented

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I HATE WHAT THEY'RE DOING TO OUR PEOPLE — JAFFER

Pagad 'cannot back down'

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PAGAD'S rolling mass action to rid "the entire nation" of the evil of drugs has only just begun.

The night-time marches to deliver warnings to alleged drug-dealers are not about to stop, nor does the organisation want its supporters to lose sight of its original objectives, as defined in a 60-day ultimatum to the government which expired on July 11.

"The People Against Gangsterism and Drugs are for all South Africans, not only for Capetonians or for the Western Cape. We are not doing it for Muslims, but for all South Africans," said the organisation's co-ordinator, Mr Farouk Jaffer, from Johannesburg yesterday.

"Do I look frightened?" asked the organisation's self-styled military leader Mr Muhammed Ali "Phantom" Parker at Wynberg Magistrate's Court yesterday before

attending the bail application of alleged druglord Mr Collin Stanfield. "The programme is running its course."

Jaffer, who has been spending much of his time holding meetings in other parts of the country, conceded that Pagad's meteoric rise to prominence since the killing of gang leader Hashad Stagge had caught its leadership somewhat unawares and resulted in a massive, collective dose of fatigue.

But he gave no sign that Pagad intended deviating from its chosen path, suggesting instead that its struggle would be intensified until all the demands contained in the 60-day ultimatum were met.

"The government has failed to see to it that law-abiding citizens like you and I are protected. Read the demands carefully. We talk about the need for rehabilitation centres in the long-term. We talk about police

corruption and the need for stiffer sentences for drug offences."

The ultimatum also called for the reimposition of the death penalty and stiffer bail conditions for alleged drug offenders.

"We gave them the ultimatum long before we went out on any marches. We are not hot-headed or losing our cool when we go at them. We are clear-minded. We consult God first. We are God-fearing men. It puts you on a higher level than ordinary men," said Jaffer.

"I don't hate anybody. I don't hate a gangster and I don't hate a druglord. I just hate what they are doing to our people. This is why I will not back down."

Jaffer was none too impressed with the police in the Western Cape, or Premier Hennus Kriel. If national police commissioner Mr George Fivaz, Minister of Justice Mr Dullah Omar and Minister of Safety and Security Mr Sydney Mufamadi had all expressed interest in meeting Pagad, why was provincial police commissioner Mr Leon Wesels "avoiding" the organisation?

As for Kriel — on the one hand

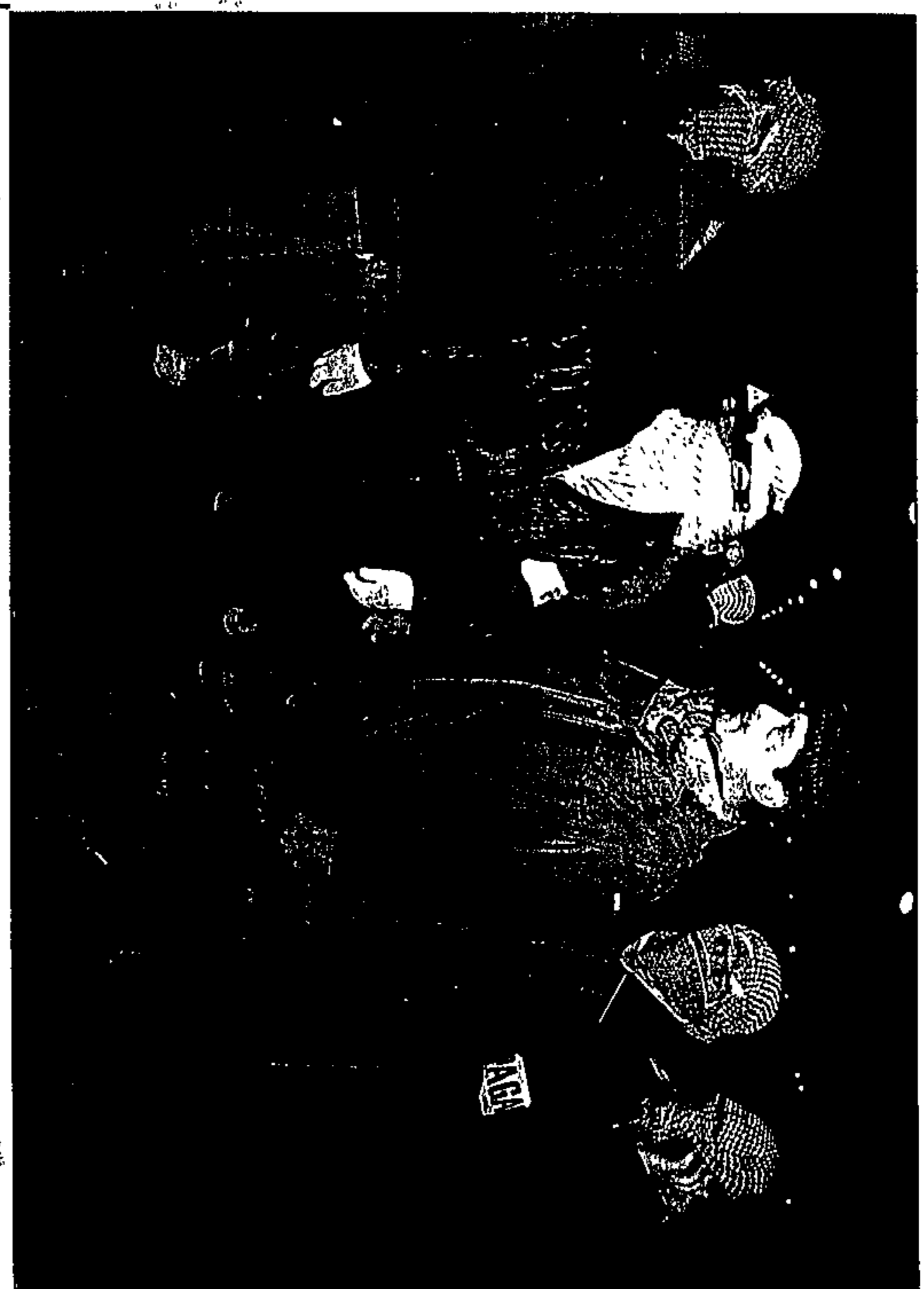
he extended an olive branch to Pagad by requesting a meeting, on the other his police raided the homes of Pagad leaders, said Jaffer.

He complimented the police for arresting Stanfield, but said he suspected it could be a one-off success.

"Let's not be fooled by the police and government's sweet-talk. Let us see their results in black and white. They have been fighting each other in Parliament. Now they must deliver."

Both Jaffer and Parker are still incensed that the police allegedly raided and searched their homes three weeks ago, on the same night that fellow-leader Mr Nadjimile Edries was arrested in connection with sedition.

"They made a huge mess, murderous gangsters that they are," said Parker. "They even took the Holy Scriptures and threw them on the floor. I must not allow my own frustration to get in the way of the organisation's programme, but you tell Leonard Knipe (director of the police Violent Crimes Unit) that I will sort him out. I am busy investigating him, and I will sort him out."



NOT FRIGHTENED: Mr Muhammed Ali "Phantom" Parker, flanked by his soldiers, at a recent Pagad meeting.

PICTURE: BENNY GOOL

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SEX PROBLEMS

A lot of men would love to improve

What Knipe said

at 'that' meeting

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Staggie told: We will get you

JOSEPH ARANES
STAFF REPORTER

"You are gangsters and we cannot talk peace with you ... you must disband and hand in all your weapons. This is what we have put on the table. The police won't make peace with you and if you continue with your criminal behaviour, we will hunt you down."

This is what police director Leonard Knipe told Rashied Staggie during their much-publicised meeting on April 13 last year.

Their discussion is revealed in this first publication of the transcript of the secretly taped meeting between top cops and gang bosses on April 13 last year.

At the time, the war among Cape Flats gangs was a major concern for the police as almost every day, youthful gangsters were being killed on the streets of Manenberg, Valhalla Park and Elsie's River.

There was a public outcry that the police were not doing enough to end the carnage and arrest those responsible for the fighting. Against this background, a meeting was arranged for Director Knipe, head of the police Serious Violent Crimes Unit, and Rashied Staggie, co-leader of the notorious Hard Livings gang.

The meeting was organised by Schalk Visagie of the Crime Intelligence Unit and Rashied's twin brother Rashaad Staggie, then the other Hard Livings leader.

Rashaad was lynched last month by members of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad).

This is an edited transcript of the meeting at a V & A Waterfront restaurant (the discussion was in Afrikaans - this is a translation):

Major Visagie (to Rashied): "As an operator and a fighting general you should have noticed that things are starting to happen. ... The war is only beginning but I don't want to talk about war or peace. I want the murders and



Rashied Staggie: told to stop

killings in all areas to stop. And you, Rashaad and all your men must sit down together with us and end it.

"We cannot expect to host the Olympics in Cape Town if people are being killed every day and children are being shot in Manenberg and Valhalla Park ... if you and Colin Stanfield continue to fight over nothing.

"I know all about your operations. I sleep, eat and drink Rashied Staggie. You keep me awake at night because you are my problem and the bigger it gets, the more I learn to hate you and this is wrong. The operation that we started against you and the Hard Livings is not going to stop, it is only going to get bigger.

"You are not a modern-day Robin Hood. ... I want all the weapons removed from the areas. I want your R5 rifles and Uzis and I know this is not easy for you because this is your ticket to power."

The two then discuss the reasons for Rashaad initiating the meeting.

Rashied: "Although I am keen to find a solution, the police are

still acting like sadists and that is no way to find solutions."

Major Visagie: "Why do you say sadists?"

Rashied: "Because you set me up on a housebreaking charge in Guguletu when you knew full well who the guilty party was. And as a result of your accusing me and locking me up in Pollsmoor, people were again killed and blood was spilt. It just goes to show that you don't care about the community."

Major Visagie: "It is interesting that you mention that incident as you planned the killings while you were locked up. Did you do it to prove a point that you can orchestrate violence while being locked up in prison?"

The two debate the allegation that Rashied ordered the killings from his Pollsmoor prison cell.

About this time, Director Knipe joins the meeting and introduces himself and catches up on the conversation.

Rashied: "Director, why is it that gangsters are always made out to be evil and nobody can negotiate with them. We are fighting because we need attention."

Director Knipe: "Forget about that, what do you want to put on the table?"

Rashied: "We are cautious about what we can offer - we are beggars - but there are times when I think the police don't see us as beggars. Although we might want to talk about peace you must remember that we have lost a lot ... our dignity, our self esteem, and that we cannot always be depended upon. But we stand for peace and want to bring peace to the table."

Director Knipe: "No, you are gangsters and we want you to disband ... totally disband and hand in all your firearms. That is what we are putting on the table. The total disbandment of the Hard Livings. ... You can continue with your operations - it may take us two years to get you but we will not give up."

Stanfield to appeal over bail

Prosecutor says he could intimidate witnesses

LENORE OLIVER
STAFF REPORTER

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Counsel for alleged druglord Colin Stanfield is to lodge an appeal against a decision to refuse him bail.

Mr Stanfield, 42, of Balintore Road, Rongobosc, was denied bail in the Somerset West Magistrate's Court yesterday by magistrate Robert Henney after a five-day application hearing.

He was arrested last week in connection with a Mandrax bust last year.

He is also facing an alternative charge of conspiracy, but has not been formally charged. Prosecutor Neil Louwrens opposed bail, saying that if Mr Stanfield was released there was a probability he would be a danger to the public and would try to influence or intimidate witnesses, or hide or destroy evidence.

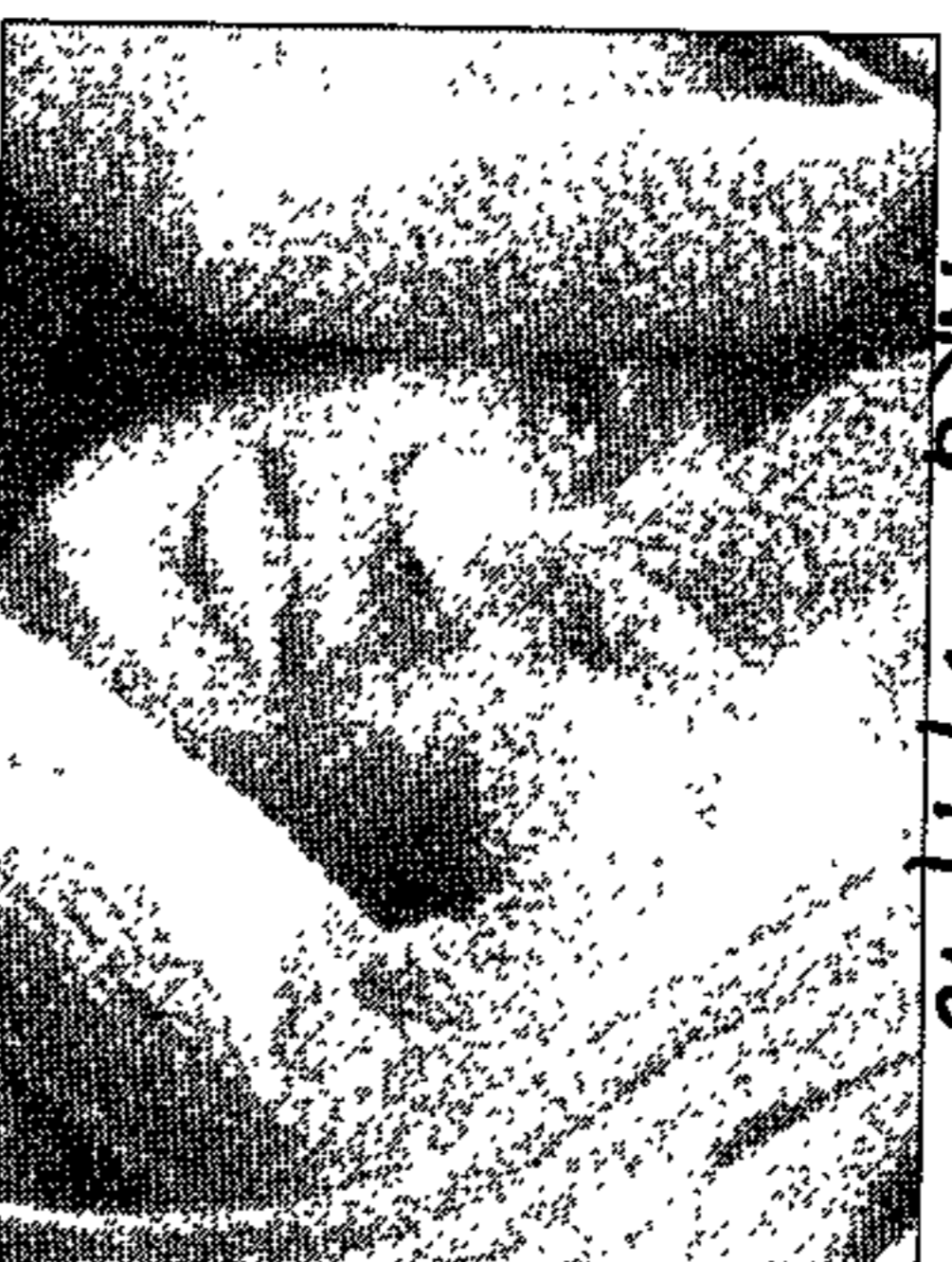
Mr Henney said it was probable Mr Stanfield was a gangster. He was not a good witness and appeared dishonest and vague.

Mr Henney referred to an incident on August 14 when police senior superintendent Adriaan Trollip and a team of policemen went to a house in Valhalla Park after a tip-off that gangsters planned to gather there to "pool" guns, discuss how to protect themselves against Pagad (People Against Gangsterism and Drugs) and to plan to attack Pagad leaders.

Superintendent Trollip testified that Mr Stanfield had been injured by a police stun grenade, and that there were many gangsters at the scene.

"If Mr Stanfield is not a gangster, what was he doing in Valhalla Park at that time?" "According to the evidence he played a leading role on that day," Mr Henney said.

He said Mr Stanfield had deliberately misled the court in his testimony, and "when he could not get his way he became aggressive, used foul language and the



Colin Stanfield: hiding his face outside court

LEON MULLER

court had to reprimand him".

Mr Henney said Mr Stanfield was very vague when asked about his income and replied that he was a hawker, gambler and money lender.

"When asked in detail about his business, he could not answer clearly. One would have expected him to have been able to paint a clear picture of how he runs his business. He used excuses such as that he was illiterate and that he had not attended school.

"This might be true, but one would have expected a businessman, especially an illiterate one, to ask somebody else to do his accounts," Mr Henney said.

He said Mr Stanfield's testimony was full of lies. Initially he told the court he hawked (traded) for himself, but later said he provided other people with money to trade.

"A few sympathetic people put up their hands in court and I was forced to ask them to leave because they could have been possible witnesses," Mr Henney said.

"Mr Stanfield could not provide the court with their names. This was a deliberate attempt to mislead the court and he became angry because these people had pushed him into a corner," he said.



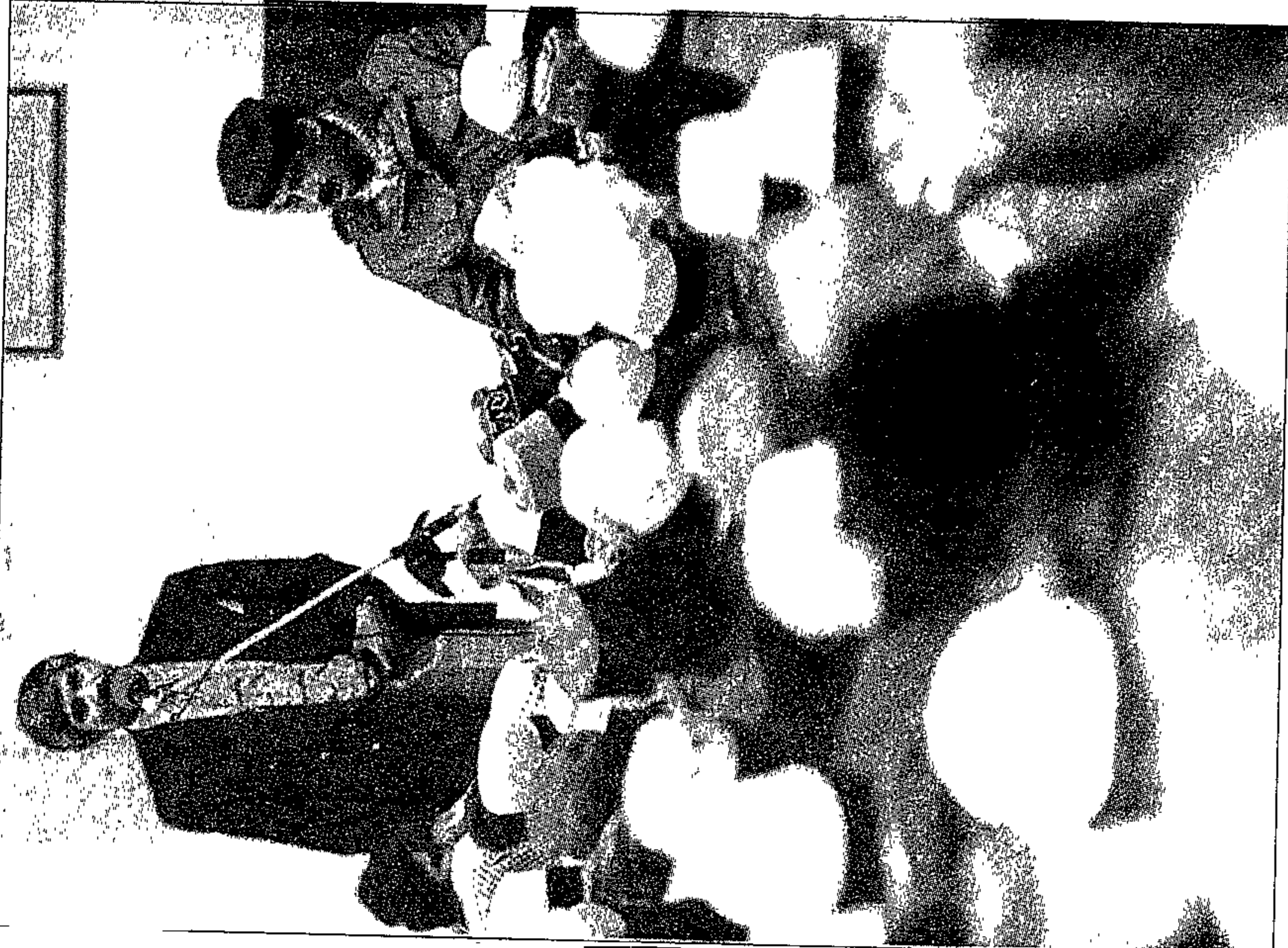
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Revenge threat: Simon Stanfield threatened war if his brother Colin was attacked in jail

Druglords repent with 'blood money' Muslim council offered R70-m

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Call of faith: Pagad leaders Farouk Jaffer, left, and Ali 'Phantom' Parker address supporters

Holomisa welcome in Pagad - Parker

ANDREW SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Former African National Congress deputy cabinet minister Bantu Holomisa is set to join Pagad's ranks as its leaders claim national and international support.

Mr Holomisa was to address a meeting of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs at Gatesville mosque last night but was delayed in Durban. He apologised to Pagad leader Ali "Phantom" Parker and is to talk to the organisation on Saturday.

Mr Parker welcomed the prospect of Mr Holomisa's support. "General Holomisa is a general of good standing

and he certainly has a place in Pagad," said Mr Parker.

Farouk Jaffer, a senior member of the Pagad executive, said Mr Holomisa would be welcome in Pagad as long as he abided by the rules and did not bring party politics into the "people's movement".

Mr Jaffer has just returned from Johannesburg where he met anti-drug groups allied to Pagad. According to Mr Parker, the movement has grown nationwide and has "international support".

He said one could use one's imagination to work out who Pagad's international supporters were.

At the meeting at Gatesville last night, Pagad leaders vowed to continue the fight

JOSEPH ARANES
STAFF REPORTER

Several Cape Flats druglords with tens of millions of rands in "blood money" lying around their houses have approached the Muslim Judicial Council (MJC) wanting to repent and change their ways, but they could still end up in jail.

Achmat Hendricks, an imam at the Azzavia mosque in Walmer Estate, said he had been approached recently by a druglord who had indicated he was ready to make amends and give back to the community about R70-million he had accumulated from his drug deals.

The MJC's fatwa committee, the body that upholds Islamic values and principles, is meeting today to decide what to do with the money.

Sheik Hendricks said the drug baron's

name and the names of other drug dealers who had indicated their willingness to halt their operations were being kept secret so as not to jeopardise their "chances of repentance".

"A number of drug dealers have also approached People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) and there is serious talk that tens of millions of rands of drug money could be involved in this process."

MJC spokesman Hassan Solomons said although individuals could be forgiven in terms of their religious beliefs after repenting, it did not follow that they would be absolved of their crimes.

"Islam is very strict in terms of its own criminal justice system and repentance does not replace punishment ... If these people broke the law of the country, then they will have to face the due process of that law."

Hard Livings gang rallies to back leaders

SABATA NGCAJI
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Members of the Hard Livings gang met in Manenberg People's Centre last night, and every member of the gang who rose to speak was loudly cheered and applauded.

Only a few sat quietly with folded arms.

Hard Livings co-leader Rashaad Staggie was lynched in Salt River last month by

members of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad).

Last night's meeting was attended by more than 2 000 people. Those who could not get into the packed hall looked through the windows to catch a glimpse of Hard Livings leader Rashied Staggie, twin brother of Rashaad.

Police in Casspirs kept a low-profile outside the poorly lit centre while the two-hour meeting was in progress.



Gang talk: Haro Livings leader Rashied Staggie discusses strategy at last night's public meeting

JACK LESTRADE

BROTHER DECLARES WAR

Stanfield denied bail

ALLEGED DRUG BARON Mr Colin Stanfield raged at the court yesterday when he was denied bail, calling his five-day hearing "a farce". Supreme Court Reporter **EUNICE RIDER** writes.

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THE brother of alleged Scorpions gang leader and drug baron Mr Colin Stanfield threatened "war" if anything happened to his brother in jail.

Stanfield was refused bail after a five-day hearing.

The application was moved yesterday from the Wynberg Magistrate's Court to a supposedly secret venue after death threats to Stanfield's defence team and their families. However, not long after proceedings got under way at the Somerset West Magistrate's Court, dozens of Stanfield's family members and suspected gang members turned up.

Hard Livings gang members also left evidence of their presence at court by spray-painting "The H's were here" in the men's toilets at the courts.

During judgment Stanfield, 42, of Balintore Road, Rondebosch, shuffled nervously from foot to foot in the dock, with his arms folded across his chest.

However, he exploded with rage on hearing that he was denied bail, shouting that he was being detained "out of spite".

"I should have been properly jailed five days ago instead of wasting a lot of money on a farce of a week in court."

Stanfield had hired a strong legal team to represent him after his arrest in a police swoop on his home last Thursday. During this raid R1 million in cash was found in the house.

After Stanfield was led down to the cells from the court, his brother Mr Simon Stanfield, complained loudly that he was being detained to appease Pagad.

He claimed the authorities were in cahoots with Pagad and were trying to stop it from committing further crimes by jailing his brother as a scapegoat.

Simon Stanfield insisted his brother was "no gangster" and that charges against him had been "trumped up". He threatened that if anything happened to his brother in jail "there will be trouble, there will be war".

He feared Pagad members would smuggle handgrenades and

firearms to gang members in jail to kill his brother.

Counsel for Stanfield submitted a written notice of intent to appeal against his failed bail application.

Magistrate Mr R Henney said he had "no choice" but to keep Stanfield in jail until his trial was over because Stanfield's personal interests were secondary compared to those of the community.

"The law is as simple as that." The onus had been on Stanfield to prove that it was not in the interests of justice or the community to keep him in detention for the duration of his trial.

Stanfield had been a poor and arrogant witness who had lied to the court in an effort to obstruct the course of justice, Henney said.

Stanfield had not been able to give the court a proper account of how he earned his living.

"He told the court he was a hawker, a gambler and a money-lender, but he could not even name the people to whom he was supposed to have lent money.

"When a few sympathetic people in the back of the court put their hands up to say that they had borrowed money from him, they were quickly led out of the court as potential witnesses.

"When they were brought before the accused, he could not name them... This was a clear attempt at obstructing justice."

Henney said that at this point in the hearing Stanfield had lost his temper. He had behaved so badly that the court had been forced to get his counsel to reprimand him.

Henney said that although Stanfield had to be presumed innocent until he was convicted, evidence led in court had left him with no option but to believe that Stanfield was a drug smuggler, a senior member of the Cape Town Scorpions and a key member of The Firm which controlled the drug trade in the Western Cape.

Mr Niel Louwrens and Mr Adrian Mopp appeared for the state. Mr Anton Veldhuizen and Mr William King, instructed by Mr Reuben Liell and Mr Francois Potgieter, appeared for Stanfield.



LEADER OF THE GANG: Hard Livings gang leader Mr Rashied Staggie (middle) at a community meeting called by his gang in Manenberg last night.

PICTURE: GARTH STEAD

Staggie comes clean on selling drugs

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ROGER FRIEDMAN

HARD Livings gang boss Mr Rashied Staggie has admitted to selling drugs and indulging in other unspecified anti-social behaviour.

He said he was willing to change his ways, but added that the government is naive to think it can "just piss gangsterism away".

Staggie was addressing a packed community meeting convened by the Hard Livings in the Manenberg People's Centre last night.

"We are not here to win support against Pagad (People Against Gangsterism and Drugs). But let us, instead, ask the government: We are gangsters and drug dealers. Can you help us?"

Staggie's twin brother and gang co-leader Mr Rashad Staggie was lynched in Salt River in a Pagad operation a month ago. He said last night that he

had heard Pagad was planning to kill him, too. But he was angrier with the government for refusing to talk to gangsters.

"Maybe we have given the impression that it is because of my brother's death that we want to negotiate. But we have been trying to talk for about a year. Peace is not the issue because of Pagad, but because peace is what the community wants," he said.

"For about a year in Manenberg we have been struggling for peace, trying to keep violence out of the community. It has not cost the taxpayer or the community anything. We did it. Has anyone from the government come in the past year to put anything in place to help our people?"

"I want to change. Help us change. Don't do things that force us to put on our war clothes. Together we cannot only secure Manenberg, but rebuild the

community."

Staggie also called on the police to bring his brother's killers to book.

"Pagad came to Salt River with negative intentions. Pagad and the police and the government knew what their motives were. We are not innocents asking for peace. Pagad did a wrong thing, just as we have also done wrong things. But we will not recognise the law unless it proceeds in this matter."

Meanwhile, **LINDIZ VAN ZILLA** reports that at a Pagad meeting at the Gatesville Mosque last night, Pagad leader Mr Muhammed Ali "Phantom" Parker told of being lured by drug lords to India in the mid-1970s under false pretences, where Indian police were involved in an attempt to murder him.

A truck had been driven over him, "two ribs on each side (were) broken" and police had given him the "worst torture you could imagine," he said.

He was reacting to allegations made on a TV programme earlier this week that he had been imprisoned in India for drug trafficking.

However, Parker claimed he had been lured to India by drug lords and Indian people in his community.

He said he had been involved in the fight against drugs for "many, many years" and had been responsible for breaking up many drug syndicates.

Expelled ANC member and former Deputy Minister of Environment Affairs Mr Bantu Holomisa, who was scheduled to address last night's meeting, failed to show due to prior commitments in Durban.

A message from Holomisa was read out in which he apologised for his absence.

However, Parker said Holomisa would address Pagad at a later occasion, possibly on Saturday.

RESERVIST A MAN WITH A MISSION

'Crime growing, but police force shrinking'

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A POLICE reservist has made a list of crime-fighting ideas gained through wide consultation, and is determined to see them carried out. JACKIE CAMERON reports.



HUGH St John Thomson has a master plan to fight crime, and he's determined to make people listen to him before it's too late.

St John Thomson is the chairman of the Southern Cape Community Police Board, a body that represents about 30 officially recognised community police forums stretching from Plettenberg Bay to Murraysburg.

Yesterday he met the top brass in the Western Cape's police service and local Safety and Security MEC Mr Gerald Morkel to put forward the ideas of the community and police members in his area.

Unfortunately, they told him they were powerless to act — and could only follow directives from Pretoria.

"I was disappointed that they seemed powerless. I was also surprised that they admitted that unless there is dramatic change soon in the crime prevention strategy there will be total anarchy within six months.

"They have agreed to take some of my points to the next major meeting with the politicians in the next two weeks. If the outcome of that meeting is not to my satisfaction, I will go to Madiba. I don't give a damn. No one can fire me."

Many of St John Thomson's suggestions are not new — rather, he wants to impress upon the gov-

ernment the importance of resolving problems in the police service that have been largely ignored in the face of budgetary restrictions.

St John Thomson is armed with specific cases that prove why the government should lift a moratorium on recruiting more staff, and show why they should spend more money on police vehicles.

"All the police stations in my area have the same problems. They're short of police vehicles and staff. The provincial commissioner has told me that the Western Cape is short of 4 000 vehicles".

There is only one policeman to provide a visible deterrent to criminals in the Stilbaai area, which has a population of about 50 000 during the tourist season.

There are about 18 police in this area, who focus on picking up the pieces after a crime has been committed, St John Thomson said.

There are three police vehicles for the area, and one is more often than not in the workshop for repairs.

St John Thomson believes the shortage of police members could be alleviated by recruiting police reservists — who receive the same training as full-time police members and have the same powers when on duty — as full-time police members.

"Other reservists should be paid an allowance to encourage them to do more shifts, as well as provide a form of recognition for the time they are putting in.

"The government must redirect money into funding more police vehicles. The money wasted on the Sarafina debacle would have paid for more than 400 vehicles."

He said of the government's

approach to combating crime: "It's like appointing a mechanic to fix a car without giving him the tools.

"I'd say 95% of police members are dedicated. It's time they started devolving power to police members on the ground. Many of them have brilliant ideas, but no one listens to them if they hold a low rank."

St John Thomson, a chief master in Karate, who teaches the martial art in Stilbaai, represents the only area community police board in the country.

They were not consulted when police put together their first annual police plan earlier this year, which is why St John Thomson was surprised to read, in the glossy publication of the strategy, that "a bottom-up approach was used".

The plan said "consultations were pursued and support solicited through local community police forums, where they exist and function" and included consultation with area and provincial boards.

Safety and Security Minister Mr Sydney Mufamadi and National Police Commissioner George Fivaz signed the plan.

A spokesman for Fivaz, Superintendent Leon Engelbrecht, said last night that all of the provinces were instructed to provide submissions to national level for the police plan — and that while some other stakeholders such as unions were involved, consultation had mainly been done within the police.

"It's about a police plan, not a community plan," he said.

Western Cape police spokesman Senior Superintendent John Sterrenberg said yesterday: "We have been saying that we must recruit more members and that we need more vehicles. Since 1994 we have lost police members who have gone on pension, been medically discharged, bought their discharge or been killed on duty.

"We are not recruiting. It is like a bucket with a hole in it that is not being filled. All the water is running out."



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Pagad vs Gangs 'a class struggle'

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KARIMA BROWN and KENNETH MAKATEES trace some of the class and religious conflicts lying behind the Pagad/gang strife.

"Die mense wat so march againt die dinge waarmee ons besig is, gaan hulle vir ons onderhou? Gaan hulle vir my a job gee?"

This sentiment of a small-scale drug dealer in Bontheuvel, in reaction to Pagad's actions, goes to the heart of the class contradictions coming to the fore in the coloured community.

While the actions of Pagad have given a voice to the frustrations of the community, Pagad's supporters are drawn mainly from the middle-class areas of Gatesville, Crawford and Rylands.

At the rally of gang members and supporters in Manenberg recently, many of those who marched on the side of gang leaders were the poor from the working-class areas of Mitchell's Plain, Elsie's River and Vallhalla Park. The faces of marchers painted with the "Hard Living Kids" logo, showed where their sentiments lie.

This does not mean that poor people automatically support gangs and drugs. It is often they who are the victims of gang-related violence.

What it does point to are the economic realities and their daily struggle to survive.

A small-time drug pusher explains the dilemma that young people with criminal records face when trying to re-integrate into society when he says: "I'm a qualified tiler and painter, but when the bosses find out about my criminal record, I don't get a job."

Many of these drug dealers are people with criminal records and they are not likely to be employed in an already tight and competitive job market.

Business people who complain about crime are often reluctant to give those with criminal records jobs.

In addressing drug trafficking and gang activities, the state must accept gangs and drug pushers as centres of power within communities.

The official position of the police is not to negotiate with gangs and crime bosses, because they are involved in illegal activities. Further reasons are that the state cannot lend legitimacy to criminal activity and gangs.

For ordinary people, negotiating with drug dealers and gangs also presents a moral dilemma. However, a

response based only on morality, or whether people are engaged in illegal activity, is limited.

Although it is not admitted to, police officials working in community policing forums negotiate peace and other agreements at grass roots level.

Gaynor Vasser, the vice-president of the Western Cape Anti-Crime Forum, argues that gangs must be involved in programmes addressing crime. She says: "They are part of the community and, therefore, you cannot wish them away."

If the state can justify negotiating with warlords and people involved in taxi violence, because they are stakeholders in a given process, then why not negotiate with drug pushers and gang members?

We acknowledge that the level of engagement with criminals cannot necessarily happen at an equal level to that of law-abiding citizens. Tough action against criminal activity is a necessity.

However, to ignore drug pushers and gangs in negotiating a solution, both in the short and long term, will be strategically unsound.

Apart from the class divisions that this conflict highlights, religious tensions have also surfaced. These tensions occur between the Muslim and Christian communities, as well as within the Muslim community itself.

Initially churchmen from the Christian communities were involved, but their presence is no longer felt or seen under Pagad's banner.

Some of the leaders of Pagad are on record that the fight against drugs is a jihad. (Muslim holy war) which excludes people from other religions.

To date, no public and visible interfaith response to the crises has been forthcoming. Leading Christian figures and the Western Cape Council of Churches have maintained a deafening silence.

Pagad's actions have also highlighted divisions with the Muslim community itself. While the Muslim Judicial Council sent out a message pleading for calm at the recent mass prayer before the Vygieskraal rally, The MJC president at the rally conveyed a message of a different kind.

The majority of Muslims in the Cape are followers

of the Sunni tradition and elements in Pagad have been accused of having a Shia agenda, which models itself on the Iranian example.

The media have either romanticised or demonised the different affected parties. Images of burning bodies, gangsters smoking Mandrax, armed men in headscarves all make good television.

These images convey a sense of drama, but the more complicated processes of dealing with problems such as drug rehabilitation, consultations in communities, etc, are hardly reported on and do not enjoy front page coverage.

The media must acknowledge and take responsibility for the images they decide to project. Journalists on the other hand have also been shot at, threatened and harassed.

The response of the state has been to subpoena journalists. This is a blatant and dangerous attack on press freedom.

Political parties have used the occasion to score cheap points off each other, instead of providing guidance to their constituencies.

It highlights the absence of a clear programme by all parties for the poor and economically deprived.

It is this kind of disregard that allows a senior official of Capour to feel comfortable on national television to assure tourists that

people are being killed in the ghettos, and not in the white suburbs.

The events of the past few weeks cannot be seen in isolation from the poverty, perceived marginalisation and the sense of powerlessness of the coloured community. The absence of people from the African community and white suburbs in the conflict is conspicuous.

There is agreement that the causes of crime — poverty, joblessness and economic deprivation — are not going to be addressed overnight.

With the advent of a new democratic order, ordinary people on the Cape Flats have had expectations that the crime situation will be addressed speedily.

Pagad's actions, if anything, expose the inability of the state to deliver good governance.

□ Karima Brown and Kenneth Makatees are SABC radio journalists.

Pagad supporters are mainly from the middle-class areas of Gatesville, Crawford and Rylands ... those who marched on the side of the gang leaders were from the working-class areas of Mitchell's Plain, Elsie's River and Vallhalla Park.

Taxman co-operates in war on druglords

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Western Cape A-G to use the 'Al Capone' option –
prosecution for tax evasion – to put merchants behind bars

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In a major breakthrough in the battle against gangs, the taxman has given the go-ahead to the "Al Capone option" to put the Cape's top 20 drug lords behind bars.

Cape Town's Receiver of Revenue, Stan Shrosbree, yesterday agreed to co-operate with Western Cape Attorney-General Frank Kahn's plan to use tax evasion to hit out at gangsters – in the same way that Chicago mobster Al Capone was put away in the 1930s.

The move signals a new "total onslaught" against gangsters, including 20 top drug merchants who have no apparent means of income and yet live like lords, Kahn said.

The initiative – coupled with the Government's proposed anti-money laundering law, which obliges banks to report cash transactions of R20 000 and more to the Receiver – is going to strike fear in the hearts of those avoiding tax, Kahn said.

The move may net the state millions of rands in drug money, property and cars which the authorities are now empowered to confiscate.

Shrosbree agreed to co-operate after Kahn made available to him certain information on the activities of a notorious drug Cape baron.

Legal sources said the only form of co-operation open to the Receiver was for him to lay a charge of fraud with police against a drug lord, in terms of Section 104 of the Income Tax Act.

The relevant information would then be released by the Receiver of Revenue to Kahn's office, the source said.

Shrosbree said that if he had sufficient information to "go the Section 104 route", he would do so.

"I think that ultimately, justice will prevail, he said. "Things will happen," he added.

This would be the first time the "Capone option" has been used in South Africa to jail drug merchants. It is inspired by the method US prosecutors used to neutralise Capone, who rose to infamy as a Chicago gangster and bootlegger and evaded police for years, despite being responsible for 250 murders.

When all else failed, he was convicted in 1931 for tax evasion and sentenced to seven years at the notorious prison island of Alcatraz.

Kahn had earlier threatened to take the Receiver of Revenue to court to secure vital financial information on the activities of well-known drug leaders.

But instead of being subpoenaed, the Receiver chose to co-operate with his office.

Past attempts to convict drug merchants usually failed because gangsters intimidated witnesses, often leading to their refusal to testify, and the alleged criminals then walked free, he said.

Recently, evidence was given during the bail application of alleged gang leader Colin Stanfield, that police had found R2,7-million in cash at his home in a 1994 raid and another R1-million in cash in last month's raid.

Stanfield told the court he was buying a house in Bedfordview for R2,1 million.

He was denied bail.

Kahn recently formed a team of tax lawyers, lawyers from his office and police to tackle the problem of drug dealers.

More arrests of gangsters are expected this week.

Three warrants of arrest and four summonses related to drug offences have been issued and should lead to the prosecution of further prominent drug dealers, a police spokesman said.

'Druglord' did not have ties to Government

Cape Town.— A police investigation has concluded that alleged druglord Colin Stanfield did not have government contacts in high places, Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi said yesterday.

When Western Cape police announced Stanfield's arrest last Thursday, they indicated in a statement that their three-year investigation had been hampered by a number of factors. One related to government contacts Stanfield allegedly had.

Mufamadi said he had immediately directed Western Cape Commissioner

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Leon Wessels to supply him with all available information. He wanted this investigated fully as the impression was given that senior people in the Government were involved.

Wessels had since informed him that Stanfield had had contact with one or two warders of the Correctional Services Department, three non-commissioned police officers and one Receiver of Revenue employee.

One of the warders involved had since been arrested and convicted of dealing in dagga. Information on the other people was being investigated. — Sapa

High noon for 'Firm'

Secret 'baddies' list leaked out

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A BRUSH WITH THE UNDERWORLD . . . The culture of gangsterism and drugs in which many children are forced to grow up may be dealt a blow if more drug bosses are arrested soon.

By CHIARA CARTER

A SERIES of high-profile druglord arrests is on the cards following the appearance in court this week of a man alleged to be one of the Cape's underworld bosses.

In a major coup for investigators, alleged gang leader and drug trafficker Colin Stanfield was arrested at his luxury Rondebosch home earlier this week and faces charges in connection with mandrax dealing and conspiracy to commit crime.

The authorities are poised to act against at least five other major underworld figures who have been under investigation for some time.

■ Stanfield is one of several alleged druglords whose names appear on a "hit-list" compiled by the militant anti-crime group, People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad).

Leaked, confidential Crime Intelligence reports are believed to form the basis for the list, which includes the names of several prominent businessmen.

Pagad, whose sympathisers include former security officials, has threatened to make the list public.

■ Stanfield's arrest came after police were left red-faced several times when gangsters were tipped off in advance by

corrupt police about police raids.

On one of these occasions, a raid in the Hard Livings stronghold of Manenberg, only nine people knew in advance about the swoop - but the gangsters were nevertheless forewarned.

This week, President Nelson Mandela and Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi both acknowledged that corrupt police were a huge headache for law enforcement.

■ According to a leaked crime intelligence report, Stanfield is allegedly part of a 13-man council which runs the Firm, a gangster umbrella structure set up to co-ordinate the importation and distribution of drugs in the Western Cape. Stanfield, whose base is the working class area of Valhalla Park, is allegedly the leader of the Scorpions gang and a member of the feared prison gang, the 28s.

He apparently owns several homes in Cape Town and Gauteng.

His name has been linked to the acquisition by Cape gangsters of sophisticated heavy weaponry, including rockets and grenades.

Police this week revealed that they had found more than R2,5 million in cash at Stanfield's home.

■ This week the Attorney-General of the Cape, Frank Khan, announced he intended applying for a court order to force

the Receiver of Revenue to disclose information which could assist investigators looking into gang- and drug-related crimes.

This is likely to include a check on whether suspects with extravagant lifestyles have declared their sources of income.

■ Meanwhile, the Athlone home of the brother of another alleged gang leader and druglord came under heavy fire earlier this week.

The Loerie street home of secondhand car dealer Edmund Harolds was raked by gunfire on Thursday night. Harolds' brother is Jackie Lonte, a legendary figure who is allegedly the leader of the Americans gang and a kingpin in the cocaine trade.

Lonte, whose stamping ground is less than a kilometre from Pagad's Gatesville mosque base, is renowned on the crime-ridden Cape Flats for his flashy lifestyle and alleged high-placed connections in the police.

■ Pagad's campaign and the death at the hands of hijackers of several high-profile victims has ensured the war on crime tops government priorities.

Last week the Ministers of Correctional Services, Justice and Safety and Security announced a series of far-reaching measures against crime.

I'm clean, ex-drug merchant tells Pagad

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Protesters march on alleged dealers at homes in Bo-Kaap

JUDY DAMON
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A self-confessed ex-drug merchant confronted by hundreds of supporters of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) says he stopped dealing in drugs two years ago.

Yusuf Karriem, also known as "Bilal", and two of his relatives, came to the door of his home in Astania Street in the Bo-Kaap to face Pagad marchers on Saturday night. Mr. Karriem's house was the first of several visited by Pagad during a march on the Bo-Kaap homes of alleged drug dealers.

The Pagad protesters ordered Mr. Karriem to stop dealing at once and to confess to his activities at Pagad's next meeting.

But Mr. Karriem said he had not dealt in drugs for the past two years. He told the protesters he now sold fruit on the Grand Parade. But he agreed to meet Pagad at the Gatesville mosque on Wednesday.

Mr. Karriem denied press reports that he had been intimidated by Pagad. "The man who approached me commanded the supporters to show discipline while we spoke. There were no incidents of violence between myself and Pagad," he said.

He also denied being intimidated by a Pagad member with a shotgun.

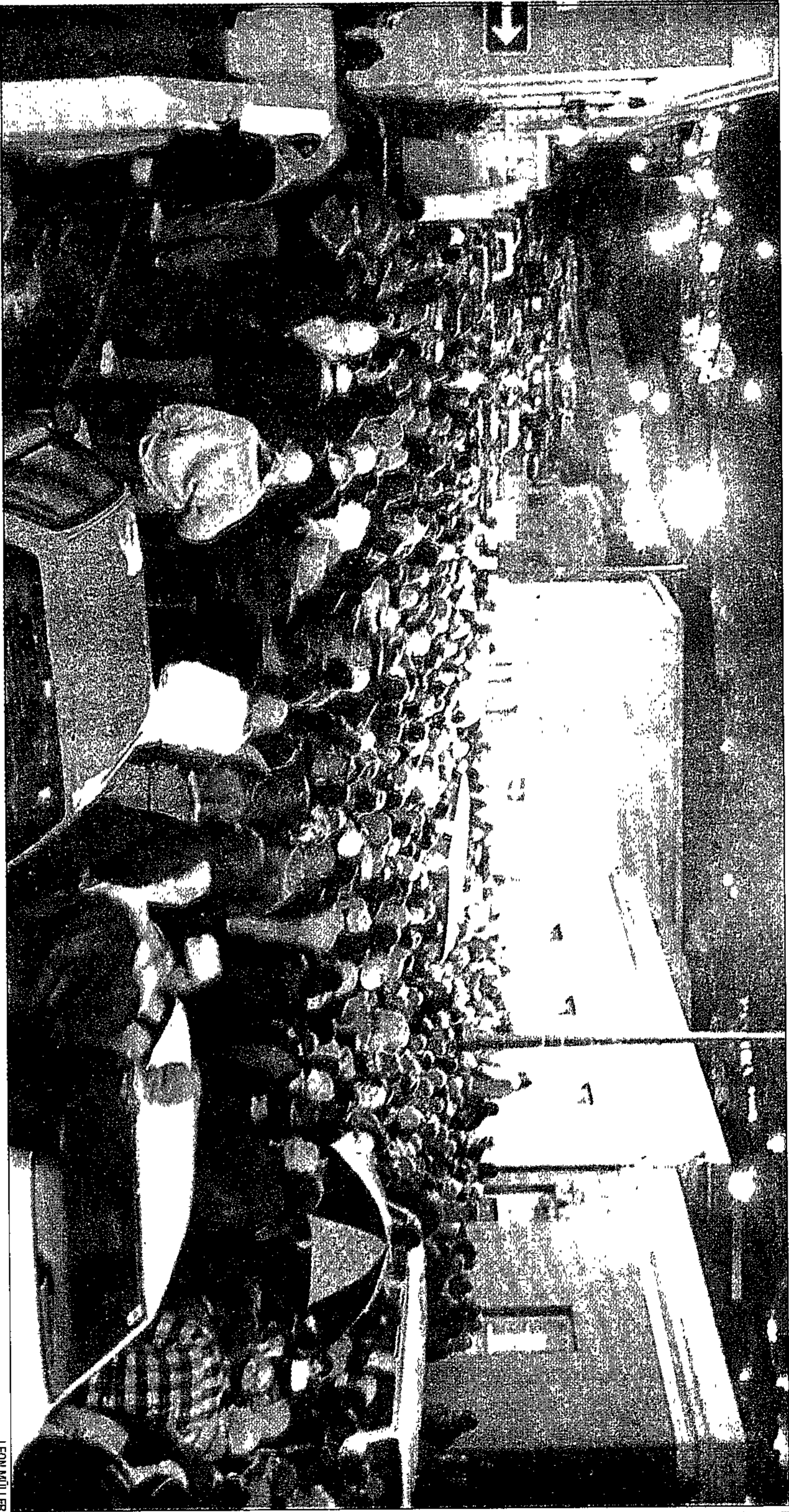
Mr. Karriem said he had spent 10 years in jail for housebreaking and belonged to the prison gang, the 26s. After his release he entered the dagga trade and adopted the name "Bilal". "I was a rubbish while I was in jail and that is what Bilal means."

He said he had operated a lucrative drug business which had declined over the years. By the time Pagad approached him, he had been "clean" for two years.

A Pagad member was arrested after a petrol bomb was thrown into an alley during the march. The Kensington man, 39, was arrested for alleged public violence and possession of a petrol bomb.

During the march - monitored by only three police vehicles - Pagad members chanted "one bullet, one merchant".

At the last house they visited, alleged druglord Ismail Meyer told the Pagad supporters: "As from tonight I am finished with these things." He also undertook to meet Pagad at the Gatesville mosque.



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On the march: hundreds of Pagad supporters march to the homes of several alleged druglords in the Bo-Kaap to warn them to end their days of dealing in drugs or face the wrath of the community



Pagad delivers ultimatum to dealers

PAGAD SUPPORTERS knocked on the doors of Bo-Kaap residents they suspected of links with the drug trade and demanded they confess. A man was arrested after a petrol bomb exploded in an alley. **JACKIE CAMERON** reports

HUNDREDS of masked Pagad members — demanding that alleged drug dealers repent and many of them armed — took over the Bo-Kaap on Saturday night.

As the group went on the march in its continuing campaign against drugs, police arrested an alleged Pagad supporter in connection with a petrol-bomb explosion in a Bo-Kaap alley.

The drama followed a meeting at the Gatesville Mosque at which Pagad speakers addressed about 800 supporters.

A freelance photographer who was at the meeting said a masked man had urged supporters to "do what is required". He wanted "results" to be reported to him in a week's time.

The supporters left the mosque about 10.30pm, drove to the Bo-Kaap and gathered at the Schotische Kloof civic centre.

Police spokeswoman Superintendent Ciska Du Plessis said policemen on patrol in Dorp Street had spotted seven men, some of whom were carrying petrol bombs. "One man threw a petrol bomb into an alley. There was a minor explosion. Police arrested him ... The other men scattered and ran off."

Several police vehicles arrived as Pagad began its march through the Bo-Kaap. "Police were hopelessly outnumbered," the

photographer said. "They tried to move up the hill and block off the demonstrators, but ... the Pagad supporters by-passed them."

The marchers surrounded the Astana Street home of Mr Yusuf Karriem. Several took up positions on rooftops.

Karriem said yesterday that a masked man, armed with a shotgun, stood at his front door while another spray-painted the acronym "Pagad" on his wall.

The marchers demanded he confess and ordered him to report to the Gatesville Mosque on Wednesday to repent in public. If he failed to do so, he could expect further action.

"I am not going to the mosque on Wednesday," Karriem said. "I'm not selling anything now. I dealt only in dagga in the past."

After about 20 minutes, the group moved to another house and gave a similar ultimatum to a woman. The woman told them she was no longer a "smokkelaar".

Around 1.30pm, about 700 people surrounded the Alfios family's home in Chippindale Street.

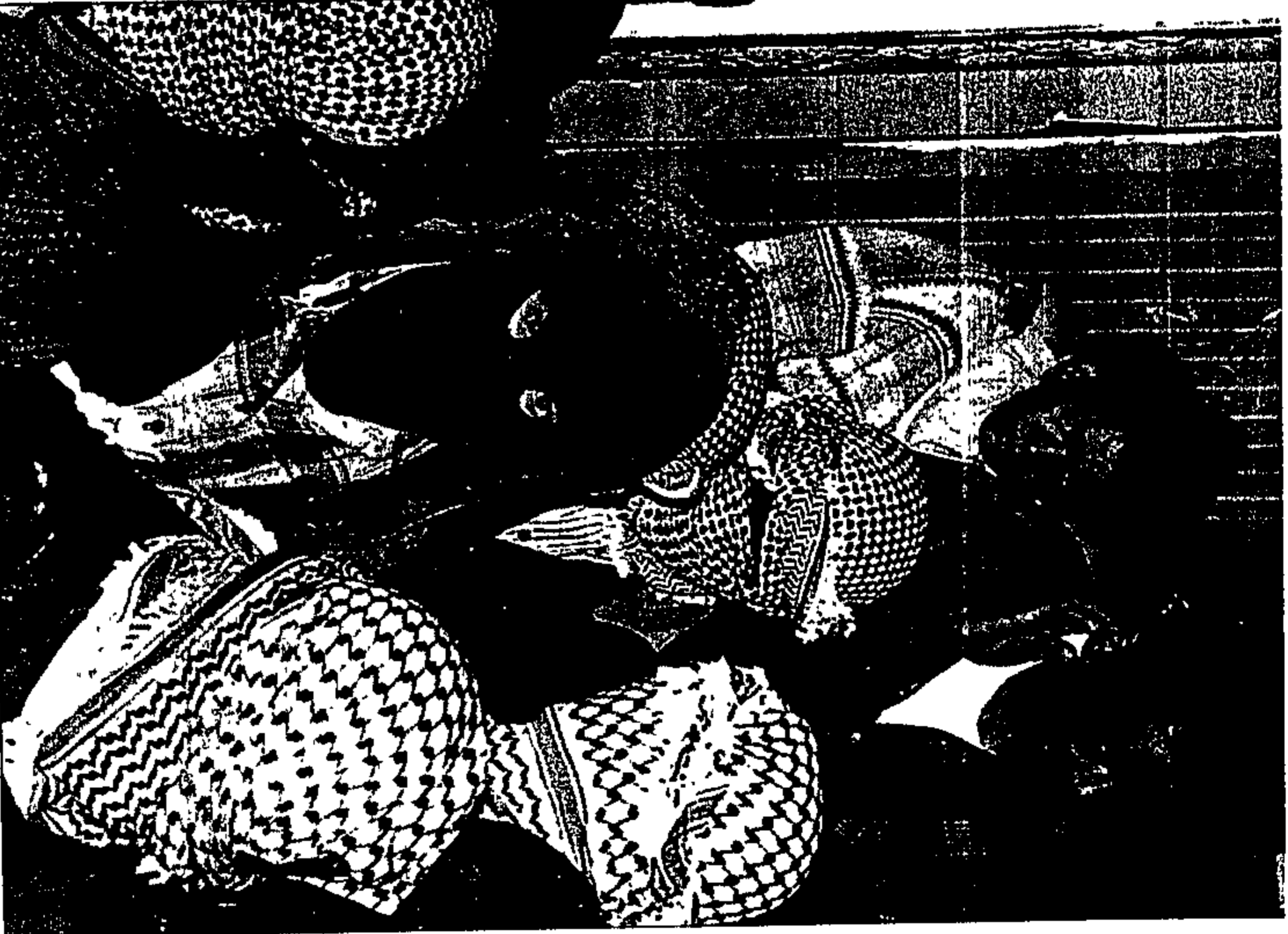
Mr Faried Alfios, 24, said he was awakened by banging at his front door and heard people chanting for a man called "Blind" to go outside.

"Blind does not and never has lived here. They shouted for us to open the door or face the consequences. I asked them to come in and see who was in the house, but they did not."

"Then three policemen came to the door. One had a video camera. They asked the Pagad people if they had finished delivering their message and asked them to leave."

The Pagad supporters moved to Wale Street and later dispersed.

Asked why police had not broken up the gathering, spokesman Senior Superintendent



REPENT OR ELSE: Mr Yusuf Karriem and a frightened relative listen as Pagad supporters demand that Karriem repent for allegedly dealing in drugs.

John Sternberg said: "Police negotiated with Pagad that evening and were assured there would be no problems ... Straight after the demonstration, (Pagad) dispersed. If residents felt intimidated, we suggest they lay charges."

Pagad's media liaison officer, who did not wish to be named, said he did not know if the man arrested was a Pagad supporter. "To our knowledge, no one threw a petrol-bomb."

● The Islamic Republic of Iran was not involved in Pagad, Iranian ambassador Mr Mohammed Mahdavi was quoted by Sapa as saying yesterday.

Responding to allegations that Iran may have been involved in training Pagad members or sponsoring the organisation, he said: "We absolutely reject any thought of this nature."

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Man arrested for throwing petrol bomb

CAPE TOWN — A 39-year-old man was arrested on Saturday night for throwing a petrol bomb in the Bo-Kaap area of Cape Town after about 1 200 members of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) converged on the city after a meeting, police said yesterday.

Police spokesman Supt Ciska du Plessis said that police monitoring a Pagad meeting at the Gatesville Mosque in Athlone on Saturday night had observed people leaving in

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groups. When it became known they were gathering in Bo-Kaap, a Muslim area, public order policing division members were deployed and members of Cape Town's gang unit.

Two policemen had encountered a group of seven men in Bo-Kaap at about 11.35pm. All were carrying petrol bombs.

Six of the men ran away but the seventh tossed a petrol bomb. The man was arrested and is to appear in court today. — Sapa.

Guguletu group backs crusade

JUDY DAMON
STAFF REPORTER

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Support for People Against
Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad)
has reached black townships on
the Cape Flats.

Three young men from Guguletu attended a Pagad meeting at the Gatesville mosque at the weekend to pledge their unconditional support for the group.

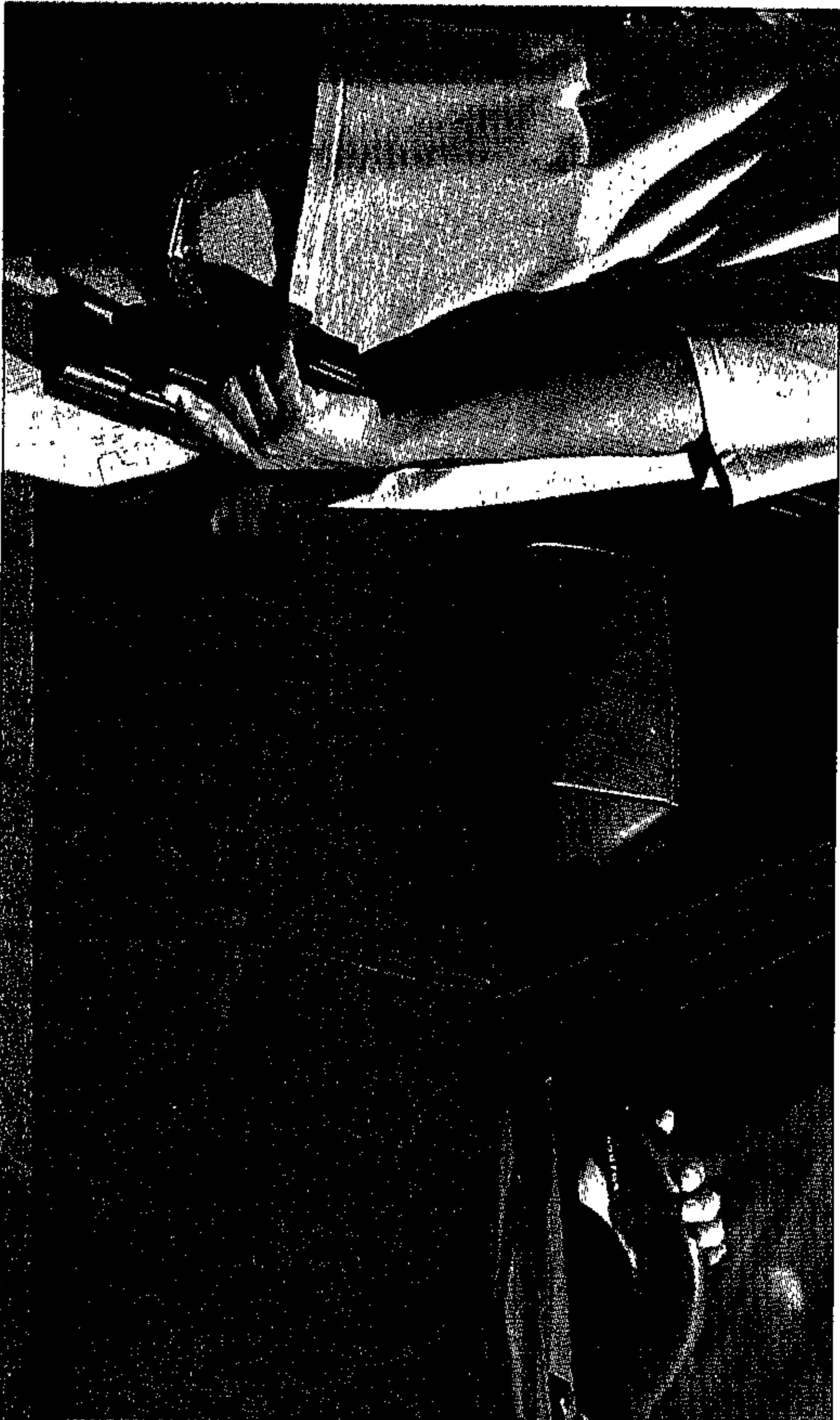
One of them, who asked to be called Junior, said he was a member of the Azanian National Youth Organisation, an affiliate of the Pan Africanist Congress. He said he believed in what Pagad stood for.

He said it was a misconception of the media that Pagad was orientated to Muslims and coloureds. Its aims reached everyone, he said.

Townships such as Nyanga East, Khayelitsha, Guguletu and Crossroads, which were also affected by gangsterism and drugs, had an upsurge of Pagad supporters.

At the meeting he asked whether Pagad would make any attempt to extend itself into the townships.

A Pagad leader said the organisation was considering this.



Gun rule: There are about 80 000 active gang members contesting turf on the Cape Flats.

PHOTO: HODGERS/BOESCH

The rot that gave rise to Pagad

Love it or hate it, there's no denying that Pagad has succeeded in focusing attention on crime prevention. **Rehana Rossouw reports**

YEARS of perceived police impotence in the face of gang and drug-related violence on the Cape Flats culminated in widespread frustration and sparked off the formation of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) in the Western Cape last year.

With an estimated 80 000 active gang members contesting turf on the Cape Flats, crime and violence has stretched the patience of poorer communities to the limit.

Frequent reports of police collusion with gangs have not helped to foster confidence in the security forces, nor have regular leads of police internal reports of gang activities which have not been followed by arrests.

Although there are several community initiatives in the Cape to address crime, Pagad's violent campaign was the catalyst which focused attention on the weaknesses of policing in the Western Cape.

The organisation believes this is because it targeted Cabinet members from the start of its campaign and held them responsible for the violence which followed after they failed to heed Pagad's deadlines. "The police have failed to secure the safety and security of our citizens. That is the only reason why Pagad was launched," said the organisation's leader, Farouk Jaffer.

Despite widespread criticism of Pagad's tactics from more established community anti-crime initiatives, there is no doubt the organisation is largely responsible for the nationwide interest in the problems of crime prevention in the Western Cape.

"For almost five years we have been begging for a proper investigation into police corruption, but every proposal we put on the table was rejected," said Chris Fendale, chairman of the Western Cape Anti-Crime Forum. "There is a culture of corruption within the police, and it is widely perceived as the key reason why they were so impotent when it came to dealing with rampant crime on the Cape Flats."

Fendale said communities perceive the police as incompetent and inefficient. They believe local police officers know as well as they do who the gang-

sters and drug dealers are, but are unable to curb them through effective police work.

"They rely almost totally on extracting confessions from perpetrators and on the co-operation of witnesses, without doing their own detective and forensic work. There have been instances where witnesses have been exposed because there is no effective witness protection programme. The media have reported instances where senior gang leaders were acquitted because witnesses have disappeared."

Fendale said another major weakness of the police is that they are unwilling to redistribute their resources, which were unevenly allocated during the apartheid years. In the Western Cape today, police stations serving historically white areas are better staffed and equipped than

believe the force doing the most dangerous work requires."

Suleman Isaacs, programme manager of the Community Peace Forum, said the formation of Pagad was "inevitable", given the perception that the state was too weak to combat crime effectively.

He said the new government had systematically destroyed indigenous community structures like self-defence units, street committees and marshalls forums in a bid to reclaim the arena of policing. But it had not replaced them with effective structures.

"The police talk about community partnerships. They've established community/policing forums and workplace forums, but they've become nothing more than talkshops."

He said widespread police corruption also hampers community involvement in policing. Witnesses are often hesitant to provide police with information because they are uncertain

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whether reporting officers will tip off the gangsters. Vigilante action is not uncommon in the Cape. There is widespread support for Delft resident Harry Joshua, who was sentenced to 15 years for murder after killing three men who robbed his wife. Joshua waited hours for the police to respond to his wife's call for help before grabbing his shotgun and taking the law into his own hands.

"The only way the police will gain the confidence of the community is if they show they are in control of the crime situation. Right now, not many people are convinced they are," Isaacs said.

Superintendent Joseph Ngobeni, a spokesman for National Police Commissioner George Fivaz, said while police welcome community assistance in combating crime, it cannot condone illegal action.

"Fivaz has held out his hand to Pagad on several occasions, asking if to join him in the fight against crime. The only way we can tackle it effectively is to join in a partnership with communities. But it is unacceptable that people take the law into their own hands."

Residents 'ready to take the law into own hands'

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Linda Ensor

CAPE TOWN — Anger among Cape Town residents about the increasingly high levels of crime in their communities has reached such a pitch that a large majority are prepared to participate in violent, illegal action to root it out, an Institute for Democracy in South Africa (Idasa) survey has found.

This "disturbing" finding of a survey on community responses to crime on the Cape Flats and to the legal system was coupled with another, which showed dissatisfaction with the performance of the police and courts.

These institutions were generally regarded by the majority as doing a poor job and there was a widespread perception of corruption and collusion with criminals among police officers.

Ominously, 57% of the 500 respondents said they would not feel safe passing on information about a crime to the police, or testifying in court.

Idasa found 69% of the respondents were prepared to march on the houses

of known criminals to put pressure on them to leave the community, while 55% were prepared to use violence or force to do so.

Idasa public opinion surveys director Bob Mattes noted that as these attitudes were susceptible to persuasion, political and community leadership had a responsibility to mould them. They should stress, he said, the importance of the rule of law to democracy.

Those interviewed rated crime as public issue number one, far above unemployment and education. Gangsterism was cited as the major problem by 41% of the sample.

The survey found that professionals, white-collar workers, upper-income groups and people under 50 were consistently more likely to perceive increases in crime and decreases in safety, and to be dissatisfied.

However, with regard to gang activity, it was the unemployed and lower-income categories, and people over 50, who perceived an increase in gang activity in their areas.

Mandela top officials greet Iranian president

'DEALER' DIES AFTER ATTACK

Alleged merchant has heart failure after petrol bomb raid

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An alleged Cape Flats drug merchant died of a heart attack early today after a petrol bomb was thrown into his home — and a day after People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) had confronted him at his house.

The attack on Gamza Colbie, 74 — apparently also known as "Boeta Daggas" — of 6th Avenue, Belgravia Estate followed a march on Saturday night by about 1 000 members of Pagad.

The Pagad protesters marched to the homes of three alleged drug merchants, including Mr Colbie and Neville Harolds, alias Jackie Lonte, said to be leader of the Americans gang.

Mr Colbie was woken about 1.15 am today when a petrol bomb smashed through his bedroom window, setting the room alight. He was not burnt, but had a

heart attack soon afterwards and died in an ambulance outside his home.

The drama began when several men arrived in a car and threw a petrol bomb through a bedroom window at the front of the house.

The bomb sprayed the room with burning petrol and set alight the curtains, carpet and the bed in which Mr Colbie was sleeping with his elderly wife, Miriam.

Mr Colbie, who had a weak heart, helped Mrs Colbie out of the burning room and woke his children and other occupants of the house.

Mr Colbie went to the toilet, where he collapsed. Ambulance personnel carried him unconscious to their vehicle where they gave him emergency treatment. But after a 30-minute battle to revive him, an ambulanceman said Mr Colbie was dead. Family and friends wept and consoled

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Grieving widow: relatives comfort Miriam Colbie, widow of Gamza Colbie, who died of a heart attack



Confrontation: Pagad members, faces covered, confront Gamza Colbie, allegedly nicknamed Boeta Daggas, left, the night before he died. On the right is Andrew Greg who lives in the Colbie house

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Pagad leader may sue state after charges withdrawn ⁽³⁵⁾

**CYNTHIA VONGAI and
JET VAN EEGHEN**

PAGAD leader Mr Mogamat Nadthmie Edries intends to sue the state for defamation and malicious prosecution following the withdrawal of sedition charges against him yesterday.

Edries said last night that if the state did not compensate him within a month for his suffering since his arrest, he would sue.

He was arrested on August 13 in connection with sedition charges, after he was allegedly involved in the events that led to the killing of gang leader Mr Rashaad Staggie in Salt River on August 4. Days later he was freed on bail of R10 000.

But all charges against Edries were provisionally withdrawn yes-

terday in the Wynberg Magistrate's Court, without them having been formally put to him.

Edries' application to see the arrest warrant and docket, as well as other documents relevant to his case, was refused by the court as an investigation into the matter was still under way.

Magistrate Mr Gilbert Jose said the state had the prerogative to withdraw charges and "it was not for Edries to question its decision".

Wynberg senior prosecutor Mr Faiek Davids said there were no charges for Edries to plead on, neither was there a case against him. "Once he has been called to plead, he is entitled to the information."

Edries said he had a right to know why he had been arrested and who had ordered his arrest.

He was disappointed with the office of the attorney-general, who his lawyers accused of "passing the buck" and not coming out in the open when asked for information about the case.

The state admitted it was important for Edries at some stage to be informed of why he was arrested, but maintained they would only do this once the investigation had been completed.

Edries questioned how the state could withdraw charges that did not even exist.

One of his attorneys, Mr Nazeem Ebrahim, viewed the withdrawal of the charges as a trick to gain time to investigate Edries' case, and to try to hide the fact that the state had no evidence on which to base the charges.

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Fivaz caught up in crime row

Atlantis groups' dispute turns ugly during VIP visit

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CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A row between two anti-crime organisations in Atlantis, the Community Police Forum and the Crime Prevention Association, turned ugly during a visit to the town by police commissioner George Fivaz.

Commissioner Fivaz, who launched a community policing pilot project at the Atlantis police station yesterday, ended up in a furious argument with a former chairman of the Crime Prevention Association, John Arends.

The incident began as an informal chat between the two but soon developed into a heated discussion in front of Belgian police commissioner Willie Derudder.

General Derudder was a guest at the launch, which was marred by the argument and chalking association members.

The members claimed they had not been invited to the reception. They were locked out of the premises when they got rowdy. Atlantis station commander Pierre Laubscher denied this, saying they had indeed been invited but the confusion had arisen when Mr Arends was fired as chairman last week.

Senior Superintendent Laubscher said he learnt before the meeting of a planned protest which, he claimed, was aimed at disrupting proceedings. About 50 men, women and children protested outside.

The association was founded last October with the blessing of the then transitional local council, which got it off the ground



JOHAN SCHRONEN

Crime row: police commissioner George Fivaz tries to get a word in during an argument with former Crime Prevention Association chairman John Arends with a R24 000 sponsorship. The council also paid Mr Arends a monthly allowance of R2 500 when he was appointed as an "indigenous community consultant" charged with arranging youth activities and working against gangsterism.

Police Forum leader Roy Nagan alleged the association was "contaminated with crime". He said he had taken up the issue, which had divided the town, with Northern Substructure chairman Peter Gerber but had had no satisfaction.

Mr Arends in turn accused the police forum of corruption, claiming it was "rotten". Senior Superintendent Laubscher said the association was welcome on board after it had "cleaned up their house".

Fivaz heckled by Atlantis residents

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CYNTHIA VONGAI

ATLANTIS residents, dissatisfied with what they see as a police "non-service", yesterday heckled and jeered National Commissioner George Fivaz during the launch of the pilot Community Policing Project (CPP) there.

A group of angry residents gathered outside the Atlantis police station during the launch of the CPP and demanded to speak to Fivaz.

They held up placards which said: "Who does the work, the neighbourhood watch or the police?" and "Away with the police forum. We don't want it".

Atlantis Neighbourhood Watch representative Mr Granville Witbooi said he was disappointed with the way the CPP was launched.

"While they have a finger lunch, we the community are locked outside the gates. We were not invited to tell the commissioner about our problems," he said.

"They did not bother to call us to their launch so that we could also listen to what they have to say about improving the crime situation in Atlantis."



WHAT ABOUT US?: Mr Granville Witbooi of the Atlantis Neighbourhood Watch protests at being excluded from Commissioner George Fivaz's launch of the pilot Community Policing Project at Atlantis Police Station yesterday.

PICTURE: ALAN TAYLOR

The CPP is part of an agreement between the SA Police Service (SAPS) and the Belgian Federal Police, who will help with training and advice.

Speaking about the launch of

CPP, the Commissioner of the Belgium Gendarmerie, Lieutenant-General Wille Deridder, said his government would plough about R22 million into the five-year pilot projects, which will be implement-

ed throughout the country as part of a strategy to improve the quality of service in the community.

Fivaz said: "It is part of my vision to create a safe and secure environment for all people in South Africa."

However, the chairman of Atlantis Crime Prevention, Mr John Arends, criticised Fivaz saying: "Since the community police forum has existed nobody has tackled the problems faced in Atlantis.

"We are talking about a police service in Atlantis, but we still deal with a police force. I do not trust the police," he said.

Arends also said if any effective community forum was to work Fivaz would have to deal with the problems associated with the past.

Fivaz urged Arends to work with the Atlantis police.

"The problem is there is a structure for you to solve these problems but you want it to fit in with you, rather than you with it.

"You can play a positive role. Having people standing outside and shouting is not going to help," Fivaz said.

Pagad seek answers from government.

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STAFF WRITER

PEOPLE Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) will march to Parliament on Saturday next week to demand an explanation from the government as to why court cases were brought against the organisation's leadership.

This follows the provisional dropping of a charge of sedition against Pagad leader Mr Mogamat Nadthmie Edries in the Wynberg Magistrate's Court on Tuesday.

Edries was arrested in connection with the events that led to the killing of gang leader Mr Rashaad Staggie in Salt River on August 4.

At a meeting attended by about 1 000 supporters in the Gatesville Mosque last night, calls were made for the charges against Edries to be dropped unconditionally.

A heavy army presence, including 13 Casspirs and army troop carriers, was on standby outside the mosque last night.

The spiritual leader of Pagad, known as the amir, also spoke, demanding to know what had happened to the police's investigation into the death of Pagad member Mr Faizel Ryklief.

Ryklief, a taxi driver, was shot in an apparent retaliation attack by gangsters, after Staggie's slaying.

The amir said the police had launched an intense investigation into the killing of that "person who died in a gutter in London Road, Salt River (Staggie)". He labelled Staggie a known drug dealer, murderer and child molester.

Nothing was, however, being done to investigate the death of Ryklief, an honest man, he said.



TARGETED:
Pagad leader
Mr Muhammed
Ali "Phantom"
Parker reveals
at a secret
location last
night details of
the plot by
Qibla members
to assassinate
him.

Qibla tried to assassinate me — Parker

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STAFF WRITER

CERTAIN Pagad members affiliated to the radical group Qibla had twice tried to assassinate him — including wounding him in the shoulder on the night gang leader Rashaad Staggie was killed in Salt River — Pagad leader Mr Muhammed Ali "Phantom" Parker claimed last night.

But the head of Qibla, Imam Achmat Cassiem, last night emphatically denied any knowledge of an assassination plot against Parker.

In an exclusive Cape Times interview, Parker said certain Qibla members who formed part of the top structure in Pagad were involved in attempts to kill him.

The latest assassination attempt

occurred at a mass Pagad gathering at the Gatesville mosque on Wednesday night, Parker alleged.

Speaking from a secret location in Cape Town, he said he had been lured to the mosque.

Once inside he had been asked to come outside where Qibla members wanted to speak to him. "Those people called me outside and wanted to shoot me," he said.

"These people are fully fledged Pagad members and form part of Pagad's top structure," he said. This was the second attempt on his life by Qibla.

Parker said he believed it might not have been gangsters who wounded him in Salt River on the night of gang leader Rashaad Staggie's slaying, but Qibla members.

Recalling the events of August 4, when Staggie was torched and shot by Pagad members, he said: "It was not gangsters who shot me that night in London Road. How could I be shot at that angle?"

He added that he believed Qibla members were responsible for wounding him in the shoulder.

The assassination plot formed part of a plan by Qibla to gain control of Pagad, Parker said. Parker also alleged Qibla members were behind a recent petrol-bomb attack and drive-by shootings.

Cassiem last night refused to comment on Parker's allegations, saying that if Parker wanted to speak to him "he knows where to find me".

Parker accused the Qibla members of not adhering to Pagad's

code of conduct, and said their intention was to "create chaos and disorder", ultimately resulting in a bloodbath. This he wanted to avoid at all costs, he said.

He said he had first become aware of the assassination plot amid growing tensions within Pagad.

He also pointed to further evidence of the plot to kill him, saying that the night he was wounded someone had shouted: "We've got the hostage".

He said: "I couldn't believe it, I am the leader of Pagad, yet they were calling me a hostage."

Parker last night said he was not scared off by the plot to assassinate him, and vowed to continue with his fight against gangsterism and drugs.

INTERVIEW WITH THE PHANTOM

The fearless leader who comes out fighti-

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PAGAD COMMANDER IN CHIEF Mr Muhammed Ali "Phantom" Parker, a man committed to helping people and battling oppression and injustice, claims the assassinations of John F Kennedy and Martin Luther King were events which greatly influenced him. **LINDIZ VAN ZILLA** reports.

THE man at the forefront of one of South Africa's biggest community mobilisations, Pagad commander in chief Mr Muhammed Ali "Phantom" Parker, likens himself to Panamanian multiple world boxing champion Roberto "Hands of Stone" Duran.

In an exclusive Cape Times interview last night, Parker shed some light on the circumstances and events that shaped his life — one committed to "helping out people" and battling against "oppression and injustice".

He was born in Johnson Street, Athlone in 1953, but spent most of his formative years criss-crossing the Indian Ocean, shuttling between family in South Africa and India.

He said: "I lived in South Africa until I was five, then went and stayed in India for three or four years and then I would return to South Africa for a few years."

The happiest period of his life was his childhood spent in India, and the man who has come to find himself in the media and community spotlight, professes to a longing for the days when life was simple.

"The old life appeals to me. I would give up this life of computers anytime to go back to the age of God-fearing people," he said.

"Sadly, today, we are stuck with the American drug culture, violence, perversion and sexual abuse, which are put out to distort our children's minds."

Parker himself is the father of four children, although he is no longer married.

As a child attending the Habibia Primary School, he said he was "very quiet and kept away from everybody else".

He frankly acknowledges he wasn't the greatest of pupils.

"I passed Std 7 with great difficulty."

And even then the reason for his passing was more to impress his father, who was returning from India.

Furthermore, he said he had only ever read one book from cover to cover, a thin little book — demonstrating with his thumb and forefinger the size of the volume — about Imam Abdullah Haroun, who died in detention in the 80s.

Parker related several experiences which greatly influenced him, among the most notable hearing the news of President John F Kennedy's assassination and seeing the movie clip surrounding the shooting of black consciousness leader, the Rev Martin Luther King Junior. •

He never played much sport himself as a child, but is a great follower of international boxing.

His list of favourites include Muhammad Ali, but his special praise was reserved for Roberto Duran.

"He has the heart of an ox."

Similarly, Parker displays no fear in his chosen role to help humanity — in this instance, ridding South Africa of the scourge of drugs and gangsterism.

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Gangs mobilise as Pagad splits

CRIME IS ON the march in the city. It was a march on Parliament like no other. Underworld figures have positioned themselves as "concerned community members" in a new quasi-political formation. But anti-crime groups have dismissed it as an attempt by gangsters to win legitimacy. **HENRY LUDSKI and LINDZ VAN ZILLA report.**

THE eldest daughters of slain gang leader Rashaad Staggie perched on the roof of his bakkie, leading members of The Firm chanted "We want justice. We want peace" and prison rights leader Mr Golden Miles Bhudu was dressed for the occasion.

This was the march through Cape Town yesterday by an organisation calling itself Community Outreach Forum (CORE) — an umbrella body of the city's biggest gangs. The crowd of about 1 500 people demanded that, as they were pulled into becoming criminals by apartheid, the government should negotiate with them or they will "resort to rolling mass action" inside and outside prisons.

The government has until October 22 to meet its demands. And, in another development, the anti-gang and drug group Pagad has split and a power struggle for control of the organisation between Pagad leaders and the radical Muslim group Qibla.

At a secret meeting last night the original leaders, including Mr Muhammad Ali "Phantom" Parker and Mr Farouk Jaffer, accused Qibla of hijacking the movement and said they had decided to break with the Qibla-headed faction.

The gangsters' lunchtime march began from Kaizergracht Street and ended at the gates of Parliament with nobody from the government there to receive them.

"One can only conclude that they (the government) do not consider this important," said indignant gang leader Mr Ivan Waldeck. Later, standing on the roof of the bakkie in which Rashaad Staggie was shot by a crowd in Salt River just before he was killed, Waldeck said: "Mr Mandela, we ask you: Who made us like this (gangsters)? The previous government, and now the new government."

Saying that gang members had

also fought and died in the struggle against the previous "regime", Waldeck added: "The apartheid government catered for the whites. The present government caters for the Africans. All we want to know is: Who cares for us 'boitots'?"

"I am sick and tired ('garvol') because the new government doesn't care about the coloured community," he said to loud applause.

Beside him on roof of the bakkie was Hard Livings gang leader Rashed Staggie, ex-gangster turned priest Mr Albert Martins and South African Prisoners' Organisation for Human Rights (SAPORH) leader Mr Golden Miles Bhudu, dead in prison gang.

Bhudu, who expressed the SAPORH's support for CORE, said the initiative should be seen as a plea for help and not as an attempt to legitimise criminal activities.

Also perched on the roof were the slain gang leader's youngest

daughters, Ingrid and Carmen, with a placard proclaiming "They killed the best father in the world".

CORE, which claims to stand for peace and unity, has also declared gangs to be a thing of the past and has pledged its support for law and order. It also warned Pagad to cease its activities against gangs.

Leading underworld figures, claiming yesterday that The Firm had been incorporated into CORE, have not ruled out contesting the next local government elections in the Western Cape.

Mr Chris Ferreira, of the Western Cape Anti-Crime Forum, said yesterday CORE was an attempt by gangsters to win legitimacy.

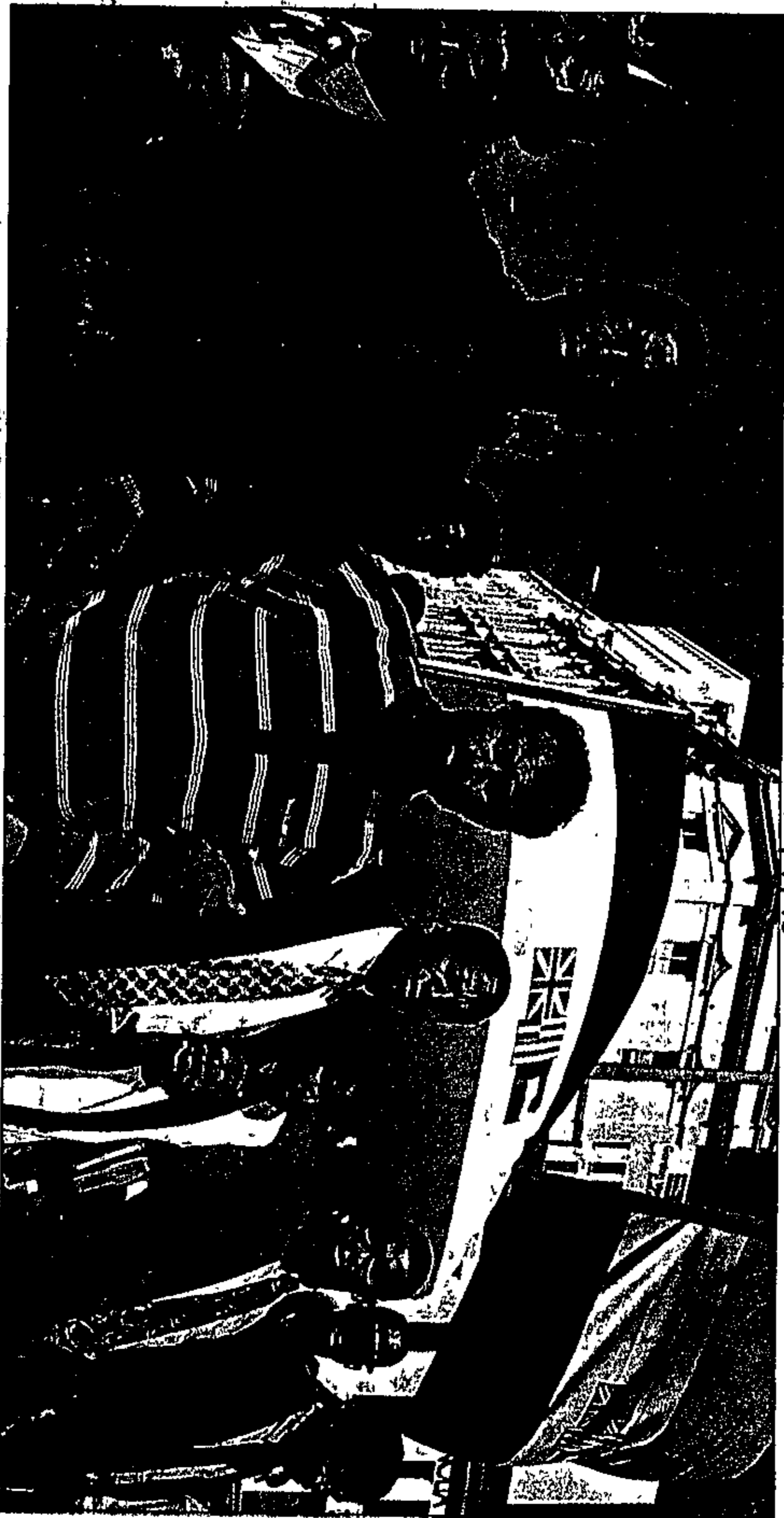
"These gangsters have been hell-bent in causing destruction and hardship in our communities and now that the tide is turning against them, they want to change their strategy."

The Rev Matt Bantjies, of the United Front Against Crime, said yesterday that communities would not easily accept the bona fides of CORE.

"For the gangs to now try to form a political structure, they would have to prove to the community that they are worthy of being such a political group."

MORE PICTURES OF MARCH

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A MARCH WITH A DIFFERENCE: Mr Ivan Waldeck (left), prison rights leader Mr Golden Miles Bhudu, Mr Rashed Staggie and ex-gangster Pastor Albert Martins in a march to Parliament yesterday to express their support for a new structure of "concerned community members". The display of the old and new South African flags reflected the view that the present and previous governments should accept responsibility for their turning to crime.

Parker 'expelled' in power struggle

LINDZ VAN ZILLA

PAGAD has been split by a power struggle within the organisation between the original Pagad leadership and the radical Muslim group Qibla.

At a secret meeting last night two of the original Pagad leadership, Mr Muhammad Ali "Phantom" Parker and Mr Farouk Jaffer, decided to make a clean break with the Qibla-led faction.

They accused Qibla of hijacking the Pagad movement.

The third member of the original leadership, Mr Mogamat Naddhime Edries, was not at last night's meeting

but is understood to back the decision.

They said they would continue under the Pagad banner and hold future meetings at a neutral venue, away from the Galesville mosque.

The split follows a Pagad mass meeting at the Galesville mosque on Saturday night, when Qibla tried to expel Parker.

The expulsion move was in reaction to Parker's allegations in the Cape Times on Friday that certain Qibla members had tried to assassinate him.

At Saturday's meeting, Pagad's Qibla-affiliated spiritual leader, known as the Amir, announced that Parker had been expelled with immediate effect.

The announcement was met with dissatisfaction by a large portion of nearly 1 000 people in the mosque.

After last night's meeting, Parker said: "No one has the right to expel me. I am still the Commander in Chief of Pagad."

He said Qibla had tried to expel him because he had become "too popular for them (Qibla)" and because he had uncovered their "hidden agendas".

This included the blowing up of a mosque in order to incite the community and ignite the potentially explosive attitude towards the gangsters.

The original leadership also lashed out at Qibla's tactics, which they said

included blackmail and extortion of businessmen to raise funds.

The Pagad leadership also decided it was not in the best interests for Parker to go to the Galesville mosque.

Their decision to find an alternative gathering place was also aimed at attracting a broader cross-section of the community, they said.

Qibla leader Imam Achmat Cassiem said last night he could not respond to the allegations, as he had not been at the Galesville mosque on Saturday night.

He denied knowledge of any split in Pagad and said Parker's allegations had serious implications for the community.

PRESENTING

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Cape gangs accuse Govt of indifference

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March from District Six to Parliament
yesterday highlighted gangsters' anger

OWN CORRESPONDENT

Cape Town

The eldest daughters of slain gang leader Rashaad Stag-gie perched on the roof of their dead father's bakkie, leading members of "The Firm" chanting "We want justice, we want peace".

Prison rights leader Golden Miles Bhudu also joined the march through Cape Town yesterday by an organisation calling itself Community Outreach Forum (CORE), an umbrella body of the city's biggest gangs.

They say they were pushed into becoming criminals by apartheid, and that the Government must negotiate with them or face "rolling mass action" inside and outside prisons.

In another dramatic development, the anti-gangs and drugs group Pagad has split amid a power struggle for control of the organisation between the original Pagad leadership and the radical Muslim group, Qibla.

At a secret meeting last night the original Pagad leadership, including Muhammed Ali "Phantom" Parker and Farouk Jaffer, accused Qibla of hijacking the Pagad movement and said they had decided to make a clean break from

the Qibla-headed faction of Pagad.

The split follows a move by Qibla at a Pagad gathering at the Gatesville Mosque on Saturday night to try to expel Parker, who held the rank of chief commander in Pagad, from the organisation, after he alleged in last Friday's Cape Times that certain Qibla members had tried to assassinate him in an attempted leadership coup.

The gangsters' lunchtime march to Parliament through the streets of Cape Town, which began from Kaizergracht Street at the edge of District Six ended at the gates of Parliament with nobody from Government there to receive them.

"One can only conclude that it (the Government) doesn't consider this important," said indignant gang leader Ivan Waldeck, who accused the Government of being contemptuous of CORE and people who had been victims of apartheid.

Later, standing on the roof of the bakkie in which Rashaad Stag-gie was shot by an angry crowd in London Road, Salt River, Waldeck said: "I'm *gatvol* because the new Government doesn't care about the coloured community," to loud applause.

Gangsters create security headache over Stanfield

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ET 24/9/96

WILLEM STEENKAMP

POLICE are at their wits' end over security arrangements for alleged drug lord and gang leader Mr Colin Stanfield following an attempt by gangsters to visit him in hospital last night — and a scuffle between an enraged Stanfield and one of his police guards.

According to well-placed sources, the incident was the latest in a series in which armed gangsters arrived at City Park Hospital and demanded that Stanfield be released.

Stanfield had a heart bypass operation a fortnight ago, shortly after being denied bail. He had been arrested in connection with charges of dealing in 87 000 Mandrax tablets.

He appealed to the Cape Supreme Court against the bail decision. Mrs Justice T H M Traverso reserved judgment.

Police spokesman Senior Superintendent John Sterrenberg said that a group, who included Hard Livings gang leader Mr Rashied Staggie and former gangster Pastor Albern Martins, arrived at the hospital last night and an attempt was made by one of the group to see Stanfield "under false pretences".

"He was refused entry, he uttered certain threats and the appropriate action was taken," said Sterrenberg, adding that the group was ejected from the premises.

Stanfield, apparently angered by the turn of events, was involved in a scuffle with one of his police guards.

Detective Superintendent

Alwies van Schalkwyk, one of the organised crime investigators in the Stanfield case, said the situation had become so problematic that, although Stanfield was due to be discharged tomorrow, "we are seriously considering moving him to another hospital".

Police, hospital staff and patients were being endangered by the gangsters and Stanfield's behaviour, Van Schalkwyk said. It was unlikely the situation would improve measurably once he was back in police custody.

Stanfield had argued that he did not want to be placed in Pollsmoor Prison because "he fears for his life", but police were struggling to find a police station that was not understaffed and was willing to accommodate him.

"There is a problem in that police stations don't want to have him because the gangsters immediately start arriving," Van Schalkwyk said.

The gangsters "want confrontation" and intimidated police members and the public, turning police stations into "no-go areas".

It was for this reason that the police would apply to have Stanfield's case put back on the court roll "and we will argue that he must go to Pollsmoor".

Van Schalkwyk said he believed that because of Stanfield's underworld stature, "they won't touch him there".

A City Park spokeswoman declined to comment last night, other than saying that "the situation at City Park Hospital is under control".

EDRIES GOES FISHING

Muslim leaders fail to heal the rift in Pagad

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THE MUSLIM Judicial Council have not had much success in their attempt to heal the rift in Pagad, and Pagad members fear the conflict in their organisation could deflect it from its purpose. Political Writer **HENRY LUDSKI** reports.

MUSLIM religious leaders have intervened in a bid to heal a serious leadership rift in People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad).

However, by yesterday Muslim Judicial Council (MJC) president Sheik Nazim Mohamed and the leadership of his organisation had not had much success.

It is understood that the MJC yesterday tried to sit down with opposing groups, but a full meeting at their Athlone office eventually failed to materialise.

"It may still be too soon, but we'll have to see," said Mohamed, who indicated that his organisation was trying to reconcile the

opposing groups.

The MJC — which has played a prominent role in Pagad — and leading Pagad members are concerned that the conflict will deflect Pagad from its stated main objective of routing out gangsters and putting a stop to drug-trafficking.

Simmering tension and a power struggle within the organisation have seen the original leaders, among them Mr Muhammed Ali "Phantom" Parker and Mr Farouk Jaffer, become embroiled in conflict with the radical Muslim group Qibla.

The third member of the group, Mr Mogamat Nadthmie Edries, is understood to support attempts by

Parker and Jaffer — who have accused Qibla of trying to hijack Pagad — to lead a breakaway group, but he has been conspicuously quiet on the subject.

He could not be reached for comment yesterday and was understood to have "gone fishing" on the False Bay coast.

The split was precipitated by a mass meeting at the Gatesville mosque on Saturday night at which the Qibla grouping tried to expel Parker in reaction to an article in the Cape Times the previous day in which he claimed Qibla members had tried to assassinate him.

The split in Pagad flared into the open over the weekend at the same time that leading Western Cape underworld figures were trying to mobilise behind a group of "concerned citizens" calling themselves Community Outreach Forum.

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Parker barred from Pagad 'for bringing it into disrepute'

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Ali "Phantom" Parker, chief commander of Pagad, has been suspended from the organisation on the grounds that he brought it into disrepute.

Pagad legal representative Mogamad Esau alleged that Mr Parker disobeyed an executive committee decision barring him from speaking to the media.

In terms of normal procedure and discipline, he had been suspended from People Against Gangsterism and Drugs.

Last week Mr Parker accused the militant Muslim Qibla grouping within Pagad of trying to take control of it.

He also alleged that Qibla members had plotted to assassinate him.

Mr Parker was shot in the shoulder last month on the night that Hard Livings gang co-leader Rashaad Staggie was torched and then shot by an angry crowd of Pagad members in the street outside a house in Salt River.

Mr Parker claimed Qibla members in his own organisation had shot him.

Last week he also alleged that Qibla members wanted to shoot him outside the Gatesville mosque in Athlone, a regular meeting-place for Pagad.

Mr Esau said Pagad's executive committee had met at the weekend to discuss Mr Parker's outbursts to the press.

The executive had decided to suspend him from the organisation in line with its disciplinary code.

"There are no splits in Pagad and in fact the whole executive committee, including Pagad's chief co-ordinator Farouk Jaffer, agreed with the decision to suspend Mr Parker," Mr Esau said.

At a meeting at the Gatesville mosque on Saturday, a spiritual leader of Pagad, known only as the Amir, caused a stir when he told the more than 1 000 people who attended that Mr Parker had been suspended from the organisation.

Pagad splits with Qibla over 'hijack bid'

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In the latest twist in the battle for control of Pagad, its executive committee has decided to cut all ties with the militant organisation Qibla.

At its meeting at the weekend, the committee recommitted itself to the original ideals of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs – uniting people across religious and racial lines in a fight to rid the streets of drugs and gangsters.

Pagad's chief co-ordinator, Farouk Jaffer, said the aims of Pagad were not the same as those of Qibla and as a result they

would sever their relationship with it.

He said that unlike Qibla, Pagad was made up of people of various religious beliefs and denominations who were united in the struggle to work towards building a better society free of gangs and drugs.

Leading Pagad member Rafieq Allie said it was time the organisation made a clear statement about where it was going.

"There is too much confusion and too many people speaking on behalf of Pagad.

"What is clear is that there is no split in the leadership of Pagad but there were serious attempts by Qibla members to hijack the movement. Qibla wants to bulldoze Pagad supporters for their own objec-

tives. We call on all true Pagad members not to participate in this weekend's march, called by Qibla," Mr Allie said.

Meanwhile more than 1 000 Pagad members marched to the house of an alleged drug dealer in Surrey Estate, Athlone, last night.

Qibla's Abdurazak Ebrahim was in the forefront, but refused to comment on the leadership struggle. Journalists were barred from the Gatesville mosque before the march.

■ In Maritzburg, about 200 Pagad supporters marched to the houses of two alleged druglords last night and warned them to stop dealing.

Pagad cuts ties with Qibla

WILLEM STEENKAMP

26/9/96

PAGAD last night officially severed ties with the radical Muslim group Qibla, and announced it was "restructuring" and would release a mission statement soon.

In a statement exclusive to the Cape Times, Pagad also claimed to have the backing of "new back-bench supporters", including prominent businessmen, doctors, academics and religious leaders over its split with Qibla.

Among the religious leaders it said were supporters were Sheikh Nazeem Mohamed, president of the influential Muslim Judicial Council, and Sheikh Mogamat Moerat of the Muir Street mosque.

"We have the widespread support of all the clergy," said Pagad chief commander Mr Muhammed Ali "Phantom" Parker. He said he had personally spoken to Mohamed about the issue, and he had been "fully behind Pagad chucking out Qibla".

Pagad said it would release a mission statement "in the next few days, to clear up all the confusion being created by sources which Pagad now dissociates itself from".

The statement would say that Pagad was opposed to drugs and gangsterism, that it did not advocate violence and was a non-political, non-racial and non-sectarian "people's movement".

Pagad said a meeting held at the Gatesville mosque last night and a march to Parliament scheduled for this Saturday were not official Pagad gatherings, nor was the march intended to protest against sedition charges brought by the state against Pagad chief of security and intelligence Mr Mogamat Nadhime Edries.

"We believe it is a Qibla march, masquerading as Pagad," the Pagad statement said.

It said the "restructured" Pagad would hold its first official meeting "to inform the public of our new strategy" at the Habibia mosque in Athlone at 8pm on Sunday, followed by another meeting next Wednesday at an unconfirmed location.

Parker told the Cape Times that "our phone lines have been inundated with messages of support", particularly since he alleged last week that Qibla was responsible for "dirty tricks" and plots to assassinate him.

He noted that since he made the allegations against Qibla there had been no incidents of violence, such as a petrol-bombing during a march in the Bo-Kaap and the robbery of a gold necklace from a woman during another march in Belgravia, associated with Pagad.

The tangled tale of the two Pagads

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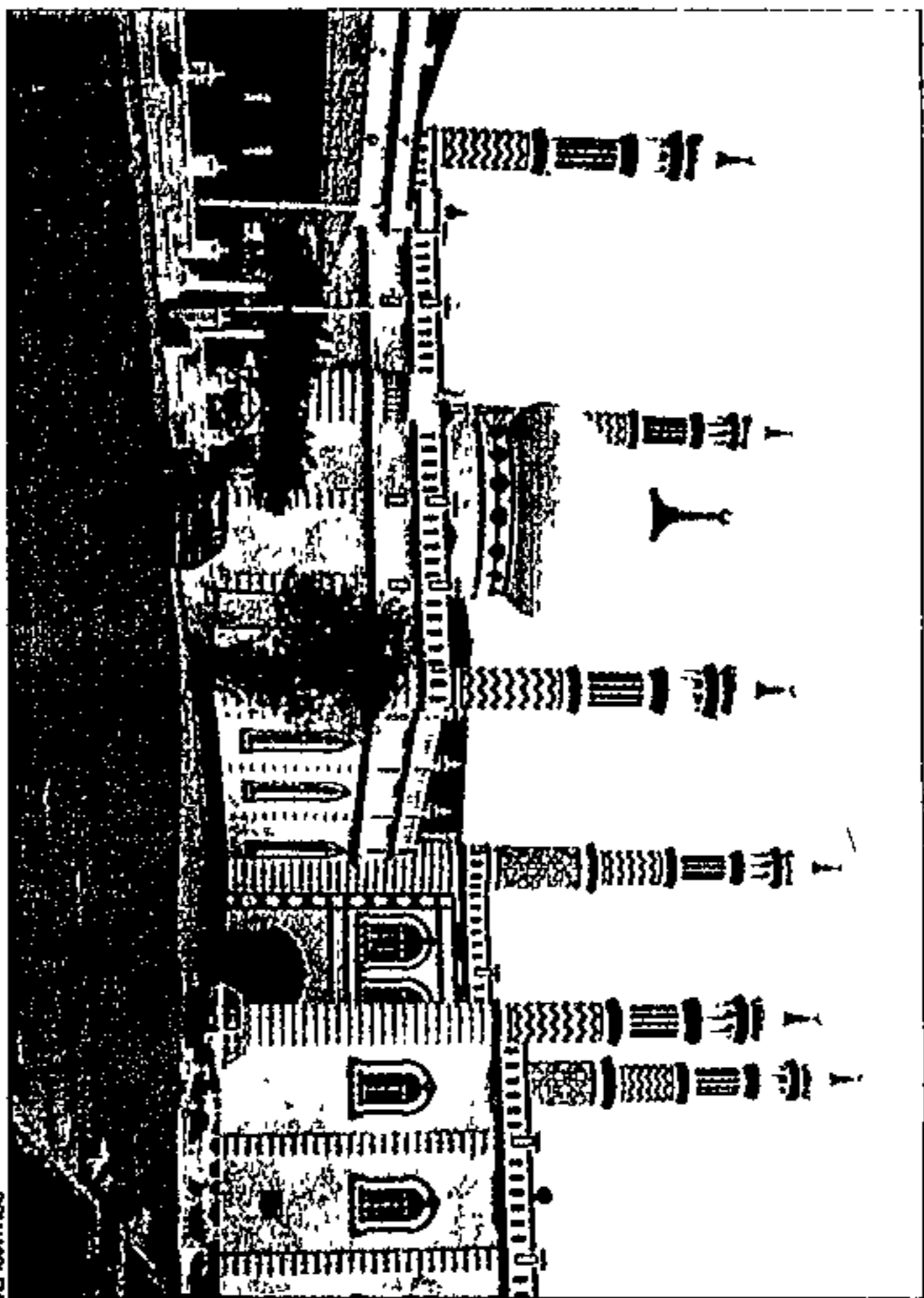
Showdown looms

REPORTS BY JOSEPH APPIES
Staff Reporter

The ongoing battle for control of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) has left many of the movement's loyal supporters in absolute confusion.

Formed almost a year ago, Pagad initially rallied the support of ordinary people across racial and religious grounds in its fight to rid the streets of drug and gang-related activities. Although the group did not always act within the framework of the law, its message was powerful and forced the government to take the issue of crime and drugs seriously.

But in recent weeks, the organisation has been in crisis with talk of assassination plots, the hijacking of the organisation by the militant Muslim grouping Qibla and a split in the leadership which has forced those involved to seriously reconsider



VENUE NO 1: The Habibia mosque in Athlone, where suspended Pagad leaders have chosen to meet

Torn between moderation ...

The three original leaders of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad), Ali "Phantom" Parker, Nadhimie Edries and Farouk Jaffer, recently announced they had cut all ties with Qibla.

An important part of this association was the use of the Gatesville Mosque for Pagad meetings.

The mosque has been used by Qibla during the past few years as a centre where different aspects of Islam are studied.

Now the leaders have decided it is time for them to find a more suitable venue for their meetings and have opted initially for the Habibia Mosque in Johnson Road, Athlone.

Mr Jaffer said it was time they took control of Pagad and re-committed the organisation to its original ideal of uniting people across religious and racial lines in the fight against the scourge of gangsterism and drugs.

The help of our thousands of supporters across the country, will again promote the original aims and objectives of Pagad," Mr Jaffer said.

The leadership, with the backing of academics, businessmen and other advisers, said they were busy working on a mission statement for Pagad which would reflect the organisation's broad principles of non-violence in a non-political and non-sectarian people's movement.

"We are prepared to work within the framework of the law," said Mr Jaffer, "and will meet with police and government officials to work out solutions to the problems of drug and gang-related activities."

Already several of Pagad's original 13 demands, handed to Justice Minister Dullah Omar on June 25, had been addressed by the government as part of the national crime prevention strategy and in terms of new legislation being drafted.

Mr Jaffer said the organisation was prepared to accept gangsters who showed a clear willingness to reform and end their illegal activities into their fold.

"Pagad will be prepared to take up their cause and even speak to the government on their behalf," he said.

Mr Jaffer said the gangsters must stop using the lame excuse of blaming apartheid for their woes.

"While we agree that alternatives need to be established so people don't have to turn to a life of crime, not all the victims of apartheid - and we are also victims - resorted to drugs and gangsterism."

But the gangsters were cautioned not to take the organisation for granted as it had a sophisticated and resourceful intelligence network that would reliably check the credibility of gangsters wanting to reform.

And the less militant Pagad would again work hard to get people of other religious beliefs and denominations to become part of the crusade against drugs and gangs.

"But our first task is to end this confusion and our meeting at the Habibia Mosque on Sunday is the first step in this direction.

"After that we will find a more suitable venue that will accommodate all our people and together we will march to reach our objectives," Mr Jaffer said.

where Pagad is heading and who is going to drive it.

The original leadership of Ali "Phantom" Parker, Farouk Jaffer and Nadhimie Edries say they have had enough of the militant and anti-government influences of Qibla and earlier this week announced they had severed all ties with Qibla.

Although Qibla has not released any statement about the power struggle, individual Qibla members have publicly ridiculed the trio and a local Muslim radio station has gone so far as to announce that Mr Parker is a police informer.

Now the two groups are heading for a showdown. The Qibla faction has called on Pagad supporters to join them on a march in the centre of Cape Town tomorrow to commemorate the death in detention in 1969 of Abdullah Haron. While Mr Parker's group has asked supporters not to join the march and has called for a mass meeting at the Habibia Mosque on Sunday night.

... and Muslim militancy

Islamic militancy in South Africa was always regarded and accepted as a necessary tool to rally Muslims in the fight against apartheid.

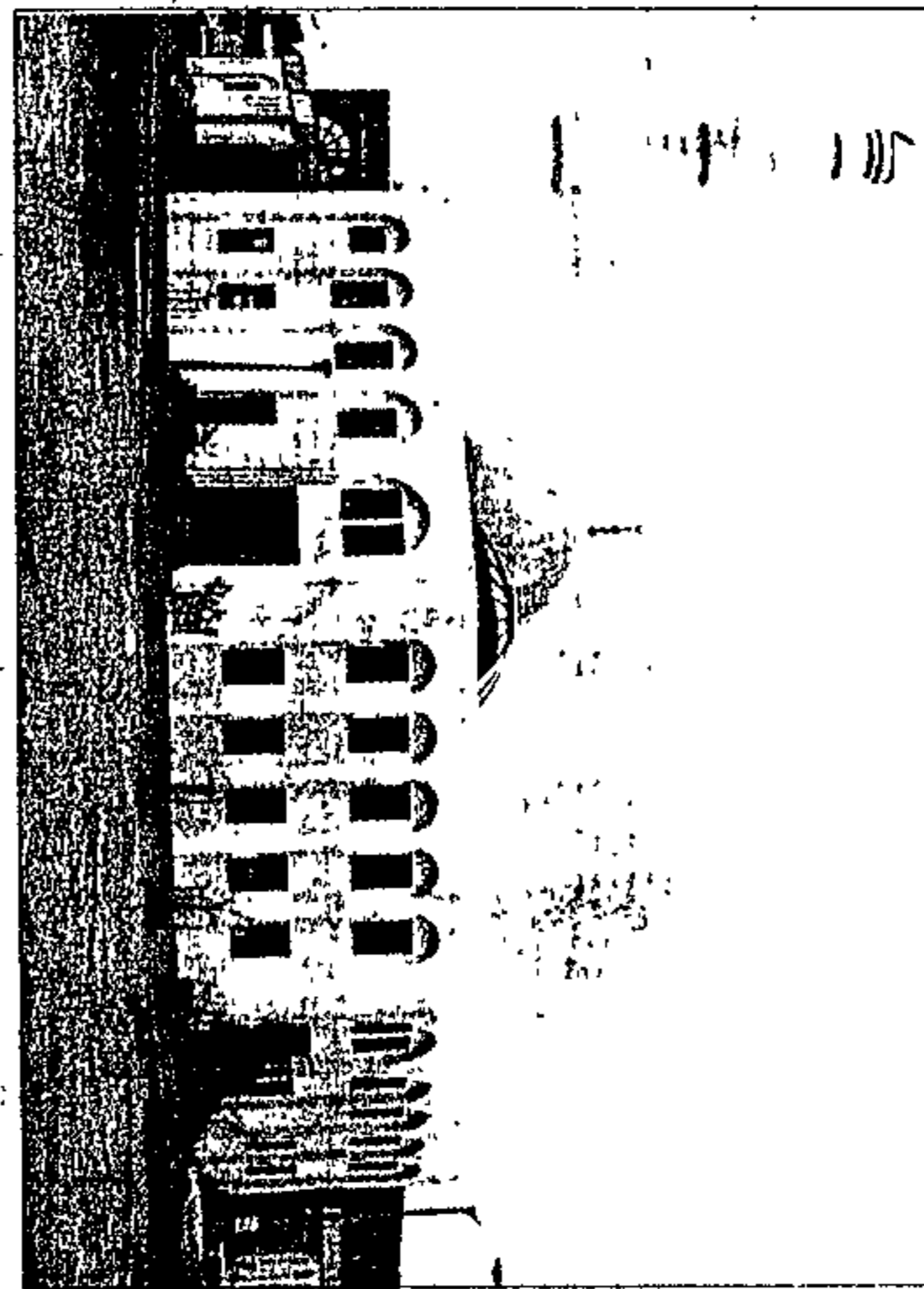
But the ongoing battle for control of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) has forced it into the spotlight with claims by moderate Pagad leaders that the militant Muslim organisation Qibla is trying to hijack the organisation for its own purposes.

Formed in Cape Town in 1979 and led by Muslim clergyman Achmat Cassiem, Qibla sees its goal as defending the rights of people in accordance with Islamic principles.

The group meets regularly at the Gatesville Mosque to discuss and study how to actively apply Islamic principles in everyday life and to deepen and expand its followers' belief in the faith.

With the formation of Pagad, which originally comprised religious leaders and groupings across the spectrum, groups like Qibla, with its own religious political agenda, joined up.

From the outset, the campaign against gangsters and drug dealers led by Pagad was militant and confrontational, and led



VENUE NO 2: The Gatesville Mosque, the regular meeting place of Qibla members

to the public lynching of known drug dealer Rashad Staggie.

And concern at the country's high crime rate was harnessed by Qibla militants in Pagad to gather support and promote their cause.

With talk of a holy war or jihad being declared against the gangsters, many people, especially those who belonged to other religious groupings, withdrew from the organisation and Pagad's support base and leadership was left largely in the hands of Muslims.

By its very nature, the Muslim faith actively tries to uplift the poor and to create better socio-economic conditions, and the use of Islamic politics in achieving the objectives is nothing unusual.

But the moderate grouping in Pagad felt that the Qibla militants were bordering on extremism and that their agenda was to destabilise and eventually overthrow the government by using the movement as a springboard to seek confrontation with the government.

Torn between continuing their legitimate campaign and working within the parameters of the law, and faced with a growing tide of militancy by members wanting to take the law into their own hands, problems in Pagad were inevitable.

At first, this tension led to a slanging match in Pagad between the moderates like Ali "Phantom" Parker and the militant Qibla members like Abdurazak Ebrahim, known as the Amir.

But this later developed into open confrontation with both sides claiming to be the true leaders of the movement.

While both sides deny a split in Pagad, it is clear from statements made by both sides that there are definite problems. The moderate faction has announced it has severed all ties with Qibla and will no longer hold public meetings at the Gatesville Mosque.

The legal representative for Pagad, Mogamad Esau, also maintains there is no split and that the Gatesville-based group, which recently attracted about 2 000 people to a weekly meeting, is still in control of Pagad.

This weekend should see whether Pagad, with its divergent following, can weather the crisis and come out intact, or how to the pressures from the leaderships of the two groups and split, with Qibla leading the more militant faction.

PAGAD'S PILLARS OF SALT

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Despite innumerable condemnations of People Against Gangsterism & Drugs (Pagad) for taking the law into its own hands, the group's activities continue virtually unfettered in the Western Cape. Indeed, Pagad has now associated itself with the environment cause — and its Islamic base is, if anything, expanding.

Two weeks ago, a 74-year-old alleged Cape Flats drug dealer, Gamza Colbie, died of a heart attack after a petrol bomb was thrown into his bedroom in the early hours of the morning. This followed an earlier Pagad march on Colbie's home. While the police are evidently monitoring Pagad's activities, its most visible leaders — Ali "Phantom" Parker and Farouk Jaffer — have become

minic celebrities with widespread community support.

And last week, sedition charges against another Pagad leader — Moga-met Edries — were abandoned and he was freed.

Then there's Pagad's involvement in opposing a proposed R750m development project at Oudekraal, on the Atlantic coast between Camps Bay and Llandudno. At a recent meeting in the Gatesville mosque near Athlone, Parker attacked the project, citing the fact that a *kramat* (Muslim shrine) is on the site. He said that if building went ahead, it would constitute "desecration." There have also been claims that thousands of Muslim slaves are buried on the slopes of the Twelve Apostles.

Parker's speech was followed by a mass rally of an estimated 20 000 people, who blocked the coast road in protest. A number of groups took part — including the Wildlife Society (which wants no further building on the Table Mountain range), the Muslim Judicial Council, the Islamic Council of SA, the Islamic Unity Convention and Pagad.

Jaffer said at the rally that Pagad members would "stand like pillars of salt" to

block the Oudekraal project. Then, last Friday, the Western Cape legislature called a special debate to thrash the matter out — though much of the land is in private hands and would have to be expropriated at an estimated cost of R1bn to halt any substantial development.

The extent of popular support for Pagad is further indicated by an Idasa attitude survey focusing largely on suburbs where the vigilante group has been active. Respondents were asked to detail the most important problems facing their community. Crime — particularly gangsterism and drugs — totalled 77% of the identified issues, far outstripping unemployment (15%) and a "general state of decline" (4%).

There were widespread perceptions of at least some level of corruption and collusion between criminals and the police, and to a lesser extent among judges and prosecutors. A large majority (69%) felt it was acceptable to march on the houses of known criminals to put pressure on them to leave; and 55% supported the use of violence or force to rid neighbourhoods of criminals.

The survey found that 64% of Muslim respondents supported Pagad compared

with 12% of Christians. "Favourable attitudes about Pagad increased steadily with income and among professional occupation categories," while "men held consistently more favourable attitudes about Pagad than women."

□ The contest for the leadership of the ANC in the Western Cape has been marked by controversy over approaches to crime.

A leading candidate, local Health Minister Ebrahim Rasool, attacked his chief rival, Justice Minister Dullah Omar, for failing to come forward with a convincing political vision to alleviate the "crisis" in the province. Omar's attitude towards Pagad has been complicated by the fact that he had to leave his home after vigilante threats to his safety.

Omar (who, with Rasool, later denied there was a dispute) would like Pagad to form a legitimate part of "community policing" — but its leaders continue to disparage the Minister's efforts. Should Omar become regional ANC leader, he will be faced with a conundrum — any crackdown on Pagad is unlikely to enjoy unequivocal "community" (coloured) support; but if Pagad insists on breaking the rules, what else can Omar do? ■

Pagad faction denies split after march to Parliament

SUNDAY TIMES REPORTER

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ABOUT 1 500 supporters of a breakaway faction of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) marched peacefully through Cape Town to Parliament yesterday to hand over a list of demands to Justice Minister Dullah Omar.

Watched by a large contingent of police, several speakers told the largely Qibla-supporting, fundamentalist faction of Pagad that there had not been a split in the organisation.

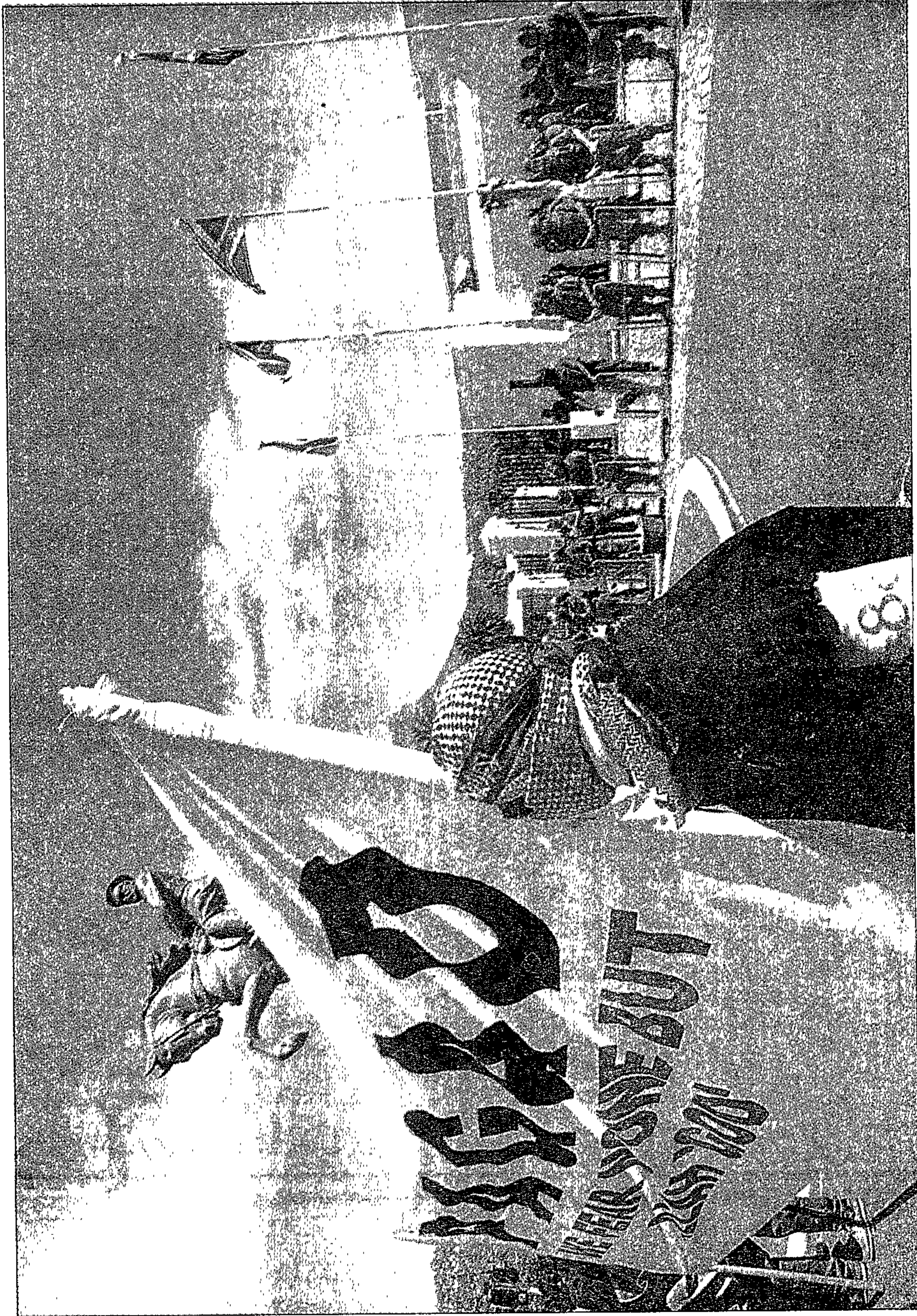
The original leadership of Pagad, including Ali "Phantom" Parker, Farouk Jaffer and Nadthmie Edries, who have set up their own faction of the anti-drugs organisation, did not attend the march.

Earlier this week Jaffer, Parker and Edries announced they were cutting all ties with Qibla which, they claimed, had used the formation of Pagad to re-establish their movement.

He said with Qibla out of the way, the original aims of Pagad — to fight and rid society of the scourge of gangsterism and drugs — could be carried out. The marchers, many of them wearing Middle Eastern *kafiyas* over their heads and faces, heeded a police warning not to display arms during their protest.

The marchers sat down in Plein Street, which had been closed to traffic and refused to move until Omar personally accepted their memorandum.

Omar, who was at the ANC biennial conference, eventually arrived to accept the list of 13 demands, which focused on the fight against gangsterism, drugs and corruption. He said several changes still had to take place in South Africa and transinformation could not happen overnight.



PROTEST... Masked Pagad protestors make their their point outside Parliament yesterday as a line of policemen guard the entrance to Tuynhuys. The march, organised by a faction of Pagad, drew about 1 500 people
PICTURE: JUSTIN SHOLK

Row as first meeting of 'new' Pagad group fails

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Efforts by the original Pagad leadership to re-establish control of the organisation foundered when leaders were accused of lying and had to be escorted by armed guards from the first meeting of the "new" grouping.

The meeting last night, at the Habibia Mosque in Athlone, was the first after the breakaway last week from the Qibla faction.

The split came when People Against Gangsterism and Drugs leaders Ali "Phantom" Parker, Farouk Jaffer and Nadthmie Edries said they had had enough of the militant and anti-government influence of Qibla.

About 3 500 unmasked Pagad supporters turned out for last night's meeting but emotions ran high from the start. The meeting was the second Pagad gathering of the weekend.

On Saturday about 1 500 supporters marched peacefully to Parliament to hand over a list of demands to Justice Minister Dullah Omar.

But tension reached boiling point last night when Mr Parker claimed there had been suggestions that Pagad burn down a mosque to "gain momentum for the cause", apparently from radical elements intent on inciting people to violence.

When Mr Parker refused to say from where the suggestions had come, the crowd erupted, accusing him of lying and demanding that he give names.

"I say no to this as it would be unfair to name the people when they are not present," said Mr Parker.

The crowd screamed in response: "We demand to know the names of those who want to burn down our masjids."



LEON MÜLLER

Address: Ali Parker addresses supporters at a meeting of the 'new' Pagad shortly before he came under fire from critics who accused him of lying

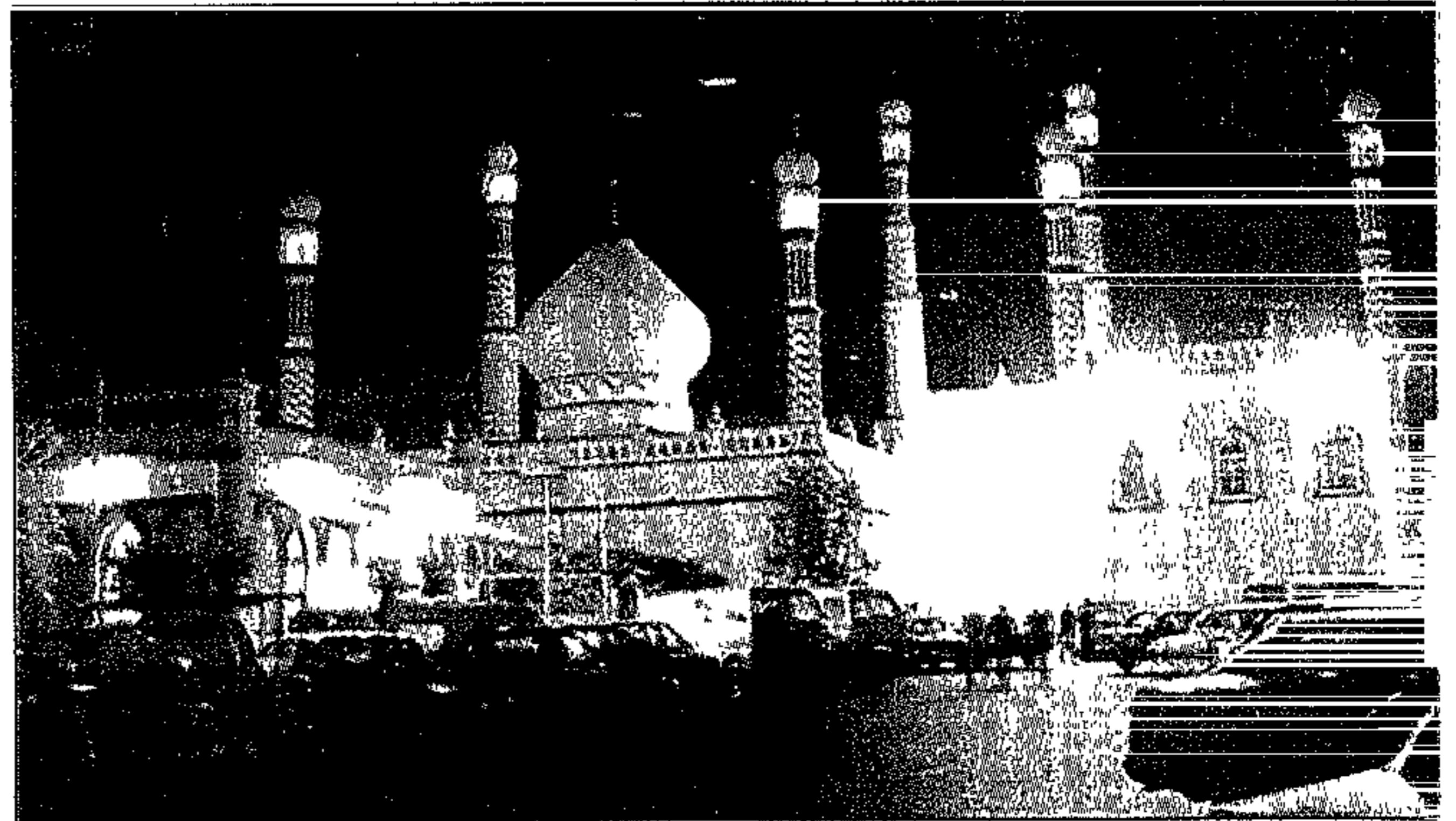
Mr Parker said: "At no time have I attacked Qibla. I spoke against elements in Qibla."

He and religious leaders tried unsuccessfully to calm the situation and those responsible for disrupting the meeting were escorted from the mosque. Several others left with them.

The gathering ended on a sour note with members milling around outside the mosque bad-mouthing Pagad's leadership.

Mr Parker's faction met at the Athlone mosque because of the split from the Qibla faction. Qibla has traditionally used its previous meeting place, the Gatesville Mosque, to study Islam.

Mr Parker's grouping decided they needed a more suitable place to meet. They opted to meet at the Habibia Mosque until they found a permanent venue.



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Meeting place: the Athlone mosque where bitter words were exchanged at a Pagad meeting last night

PARKER SHOUTED DOWN IN MOSQUE

Showdown splinters Pagad unity

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WHICH PAGAD is the true Pagad — the one that marched on Saturday or the one that met at Habibia mosque last night? **ROGER FRIEDMAN** reports.



POPLE Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) appears intent on destroying itself with a pre-week-end split in its ranks developing into a gaping chasm last night when chief commander Mr Ali "Phantom" Parker was accused of lying to a gathering at the Habibia mosque to demonise the opposition Pagad faction allegedly led by Muslim militant organisation Qibla.

This show of disunity was in marked contrast to the unity displayed by Pagad's common enemy — gangsters and drug lords — who gathered for a party in Valhalla Park on Saturday to celebrate the release of alleged drug dealer Mr Colin Starfield on bail of R500 000.

Pagad supporters gathered twice at the weekend, first for a march to Parliament on Saturday led by the alleged Qibla faction, and again last night at the Habibia mosque for a meeting called by the organisation's original leadership Mr Farouk Jaffer, Mr Nadhmi Edries and Parker.

Jaffer and Parker stressed in an interview with the Cape Times before the meeting that the "real Pagad" had not marched to Parliament, but would be turning out at the Habibia mosque instead. Jaffer said Pagad did not wish political or religious agendas to detract from Pagad's original agenda.

About 3 500 Pagad supporters took off their masks to attend last night's meeting, the first held at the Habibia mosque. According to the organisers the Qibla faction had secured Pagad's original headquarters, Gatesville mosque, for themselves. All seemed peaceful as a group of religious leaders addressed the gathering ... then Parker rose to speak.

He said he did not wish to mention

names, but when certain people "started suggesting that we burn down a mosque to get momentum for the cause I said no". His suggestion was clear — radical elements were suggesting Pagad burn a mosque in order to incite people to violence.

The allegation caused an uproar, with shouts from the floor that Parker was lying and should be forced to name the people who wanted to burn a mosque. The meeting was disrupted for about 15 minutes as those present divided themselves into two factions within the mosque.

Many people had walked out by the time Parker rose to continue his address: "At no time have I attacked Qibla. I spoke against elements in Qibla," he said.

Parker went on to allege that there had long been tension between moderates and militants within Pagad. He said he had no quarrel with Qibla, but went on to sound a warning: "Don't mislead our Muslim people. Then you'll have to attack me first."

Picking up the Qibla conspiracy theme, Jaffer said "certain brothers" were being used to throw petrol bombs while the masses were demonstrating outside the homes of drug dealers.

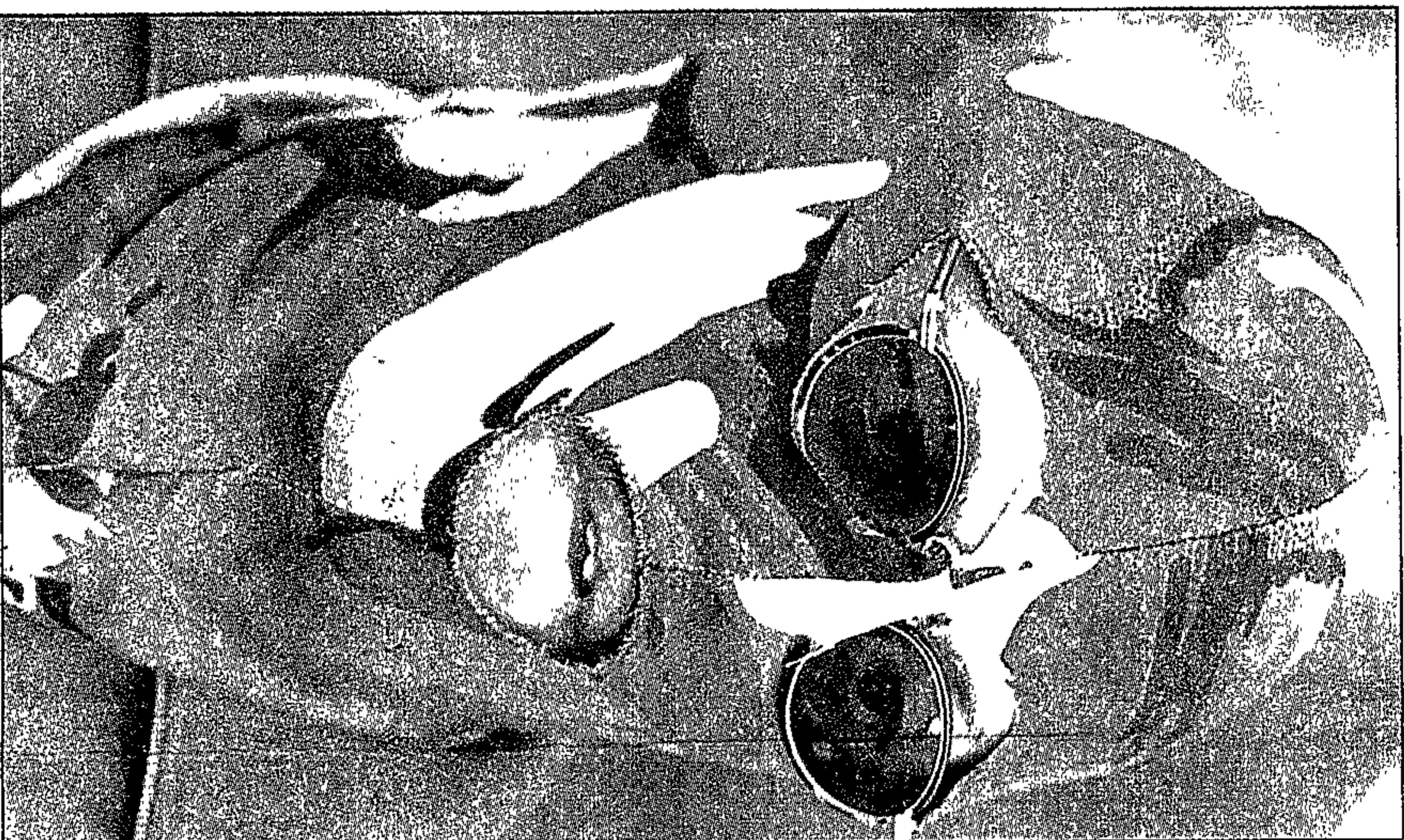
"We can certainly see the pattern ... other people are using those innocent people like yourselves as a shield. We have a plan, we need to stay focused," he said.

Sheikh Sattariden of the Lotus River mosque — whose Marenberg home was burnt down last month — appealed to Qibla to "pack off with your agenda. Don't try to use our people".

"Don't try to kill our people and blame it on the gangsters," he said.

At the conclusion of the meeting, those still present gave Jaffer, Parker and Edries their unanimous support.

As he left the mosque an unaffiliated Parker said he had expected his opponents to try to disrupt the meeting. The fight against gangsterism and drugs would continue unabated, he said.



PAGAD MASKED: A participant in Pagad's march on Parliament on Saturday. Leaders of the march declined to give their names.



PAGAD UNMASKED: Pagad leaders at the Habibia mosque in Rylands Estate last night appealed to members to unmask. From left are Mr Nadhmi Edries, Mr Ali "Phantom" Parker and Mr Farouk Jaffer.

Qibla 'most militant' SA Muslim group, cabinet told

STAFF WRITER

QIBLA was the most militant Muslim organisation functioning in South Africa, the cabinet committee for security and intelligence affairs was informed recently.

While Pagad's rise to prominence had focused attention on the problems of gangsterism, drugs and crime, Islamic militancy

had also come under the spotlight owing to the militancy of Pagad's campaign.

SA could not regard itself as isolated from the growing international trends of militancy and extremism, the cabinet was advised. Neither would it be excluded from foreign pressure to take a stand on issues such as Islamic militancy or terrorism.

Other countries with minority Muslim

populations, such as France, were being targeted for extreme militant acts, as were some secular Arab governments. Moreover, developments such as the Bosnian civil war and Israeli military action against South Lebanon had an impact on SA Muslims.

Qibla, the most militant organisation, was established in Cape Town in 1979 by Sheikh Achmat Cassim. Its goal was to

"propagate, implement and defend the right of the people in accordance with Islamic principles".

Qibla had as yet proved unable to get mass support because it was perceived as too radical. However, its leaders played influential roles in other organisations.

The cabinet was advised not to stigmatise Pagad, but to isolate militant elements.

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APPEAL TO MANDELA FOR HELP

Crime threatens local conference industry

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VIOLENT CRIME is placing the local conference industry in jeopardy, says an organiser, and Cape Town stands to lose millions of rands in foreign exchange if the situation is not brought under control. Tourism Writer **DAN SIMON** reports.

WHILE Cape Town this week hosts one of the largest international conferences yet held here, a city-based conference organiser has appealed to President Nelson Mandela to give the international conference industry assurances that South Africa is a safe destination.

Hundreds of engineers from around the globe have congregated in the Mother City for the 1996 conference of the International Federation of Consulting Engineers, which is being hosted by the South African Association of Consulting Engineers.

About 350 delegates — and 230 accompanying them — from 51 countries, are in the city for the four-day congress.

About 80% of this number are international visitors — providing an enormous financial boost for the city in terms of foreign exchange.

Besides the huge spin-offs for local hotels accommodating the 580 guests, tourist-type activities and outings have been arranged for the visitors, including day hikes, golf games and scenic drives to Cape Point Nature Reserve and the winelands.

World competition for the conference market is intensifying, with numerous countries competing for the rewards of hosting conference delegates, who usually spend two to five times more than the average tourist.

But, according to Mr Brian McDonald, managing director of Global Conferences, violent crime is placing the local conference industry in jeopardy.

In a letter to Mandela, McDonald said: "The critically important conference business sector is being threatened by violence which appears to be getting worse.

"The situation is getting so bad

that many of our clients are having to reassure their international associations that it is still safe to hold conferences in South Africa."

McDonald said one world event which could be lost to South Africa because of the crime wave, was the International Congress of Shoulder Surgery, which is expected to attract 1 000 leading medical specialists to Cape Town in 2001.

South Africa last year won the bid to host the congress, against stiff competition from the US, Canada and Brazil. But South Africa's suitability as a venue is now being questioned and expected to be raised at a congress board meeting in Florida next month.

If an alternative destination were selected, then South Africa would stand to lose between R10 million and R15 million in foreign exchange earnings.

McDonald said: "I am asking you to please make a statement ... saying the problem (of crime and violence) is being vigorously addressed and requesting that any decision regarding awarding the conference to another country be deferred for a year."

Residents cheer Pagad marchers

RONALD MORRIS

RESIDENTS in Seventh Avenue Grassy Park early this morning lined the street and applauded an estimated 2 500-strong Pagad march to deliver ultimatums to alleged drug dealers.

One woman, Miss Ellen Hendricks, had tears in her eyes as the marchers streamed past her house and applauded her in turn.

The march led by marshals wearing green bibs bearing the scales of justice, started about 11.30pm at the Lotus River Mosque. A strong police contingent in armoured vehicles kept a watch on the

marchers as they chanted slogans including "death to merchants".

The first stop was a dilapidated house where a speaker said the dividing line was clear and that the time had come for the police to take sides and convince the public to trust them.

The alleged drug merchant, Mr Ashraf April, was ordered to come outside so that a message could be given to him. When no one emerged he was given 24 hours to stop his drug dealing activities of "face the mandate of the people".

The speaker then called on the police to place the house under surveillance and to

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give Pagad a weekly report on what was found.

Further down the same road a man who lived in a backyard shack, identified as Mr Anthony Kruger, was woken and also given an ultimatum.

Police officers, members of the media and Pagad members were told the man has been dealing in drugs and liquor for four years and that he allegedly collected his drugs from a man called Aron in Lotus River in a City Council electricity department truck during working hours. He had been convicted of dealing in drugs but had not been jailed, the crowd was told.

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Pagad march to Stanfield's home ⁽³⁶⁾

STAFF WRITER

THE alleged Qibla-led faction of Pagad marched through Rondebosch at the weekend, where they attempted to deliver an ultimatum to the home of alleged drug kingpin Mr Colin Stanfield.

Police spokeswoman Sergeant Vivienne Lentoór said more than 1 500 people took part in the march down Kromboom Road and 4th Avenue on Saturday night, well away from Stanfield's Ballantore Road home, but sources told the Cape Times last night that a small breakaway group of marchers later attempted to deliver an ultimatum to Stanfield.

According to the sources, Stanfield, who is currently out on bail of R500 000 for allegedly dealing in 87 000 Mandrax tablets, was in a meeting with several CORE (Community Outreach) organisation members at the time of the march.

CORE, an umbrella body including the city's biggest gangs, was established last month in an effort to bring about peace in Cape Flats communities, long ravaged by warfare between opposing gangs.

This peace initiative was in evidence in Bishop Lavis yesterday

when virtually the entire leadership of the alleged gangster cartel the Firm, went to the area to call upon opposing gangs to halt all fighting.

A 21-year-old Bishop Lavis man, Mr Randall Plaatjies of Frederick Court, was killed and four people were admitted to hospital with gunshot wounds, after a battle erupted between two groups on Friday night.

A number of men from Vredenhof Flats — commonly called "Pink Flats" — fired shots at a flat in Frederick Court.

A retaliatory attack by occupants of Frederick Court, armed with pangas and knives, was narrowly averted by police who were forced to fire warning shots, causing the crowd to back down.

Yesterday CORE went to Bishop Lavis where they held an impromptu meeting and called upon the opposing factions to join CORE in its bid to stop all gang-related violence.

Hard Livings gang leader Mr Rashied Staggie and the spiritual leaders of CORE, Pastor Albern Martins and Mr Ivan Waldeck, addressed the crowd, pleading for peace.

Core sets talks deadline

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Mr Ivan Waldeck who, with Pastor Albern Martins, is Core's spiritual leader.

"The community must feel free to walk around our neighbourhoods, even after dark," said Booyesen. "We want to remove the fear from our communities for good. There is no such thing as Sexy Boys or Americans any more. There is only Core."

Said Peters: "I have eaten everything there is to eat in this world, but I can tell you nothing is as delicious as peace."

Booyesen and Peters, both Core executive members, apologised to the Belhar community for their extended war, in which many died.

"I hope this is the last time that we meet for peace," said Mr Ernest "Lastig" Solomons, also a Core's executive member. "We are no longer going to make other people's children into gangsters."

Earlier, shortly after meeting police, Staggie said: "To change from lions to sheep is not easy — but there will be no more Hard Livings, there will be no more Americans and there will be no more Firm. Everyone knows me from my prison days as a man of action. Now I'm still talking hard, but telling people to stop the violence."

Staggie said he hoped to disband the Hard Livings officially this weekend in Manenberg. Other gangs, including the Dixies and Sexy Boys, would also be disbanded. Hanover Park leader of the Americans, Mr Michael "American" Angelo, said the Americans would be dissolved at a meeting today.

Superintendent Schalk Visagie, intelligence commander of the Violent Crimes Unit, confirmed meeting Staggie yesterday: "The gist of my message to him was simple: Core is talking the talk, now it must walk the walk."

Core has given the government an ultimatum to enter into discussions with it by October 22, failing which it will embark on mass action.

The central issue Core wants to discuss is whether the state is willing and/or able to provide gangsters, particularly the younger generation, with alternatives to criminality. The government's position so far has been that it is unwilling to enter into talks with criminals.

"We aim to build stability, community spirit and community responsibility," said Staggie. "We can't offer the people much except to remove violence."

Later, Core hoped to play a central role in community policing and job-creation.

This is where negotiations about negotiations could falter. The Core leadership wants to be able to convert its fortunes into legitimate enterprises and create jobs. The state may not wish to condone what it might view as money-laundering.

Staggie agrees people are entitled to be sceptical about self-confessed gangsters' calling for peace, but Core's initiative should be given a chance.

Intelligence and non-governmental organisation sources said Core's peaceful positioning posed a quandary for the state. "At what point do we begin to take them seriously and start to engage them in meaningful talks?" an NGO source said.

ROGER FRIEDMAN

'Godfather' gangs to be disbanded this week

TWO of the oldest and most feared gangs in the Cape — the Americans and the Hard Livings — are to be disbanded within days and their energies redirect-

ed into the new organisation Community Outreach (Core).

The dissolution of gang structures in their present form comes two months after the public execution of Mr Rashad Staggie, co-leader of the Hard Livings, during a

People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) demonstration in Salt River.

Pagad's mobilisation of the people continues unabated with thousands of residents expected to turn out for a pair of meetings at mosques in Strandfontein and

Surrey Estate tonight.

Core held a meeting last night in Belhar, filling the community hall to capacity and crowding almost the entire gang leadership on to the podium. They included Belhar leaders Mr Ernest "Lapepa" Peters (ex-The Firm) and Mr Jerome "Donkey" Booyesen (ex-Sexy Boys), who buried the hatchet in August after eight years of bloody feuding.

Core was on a mission for peace, they said. Its main focus was the young. Teenage boys had to be provided with alternatives to becoming gangsters and their sisters had to stop falling pregnant. "We say thank you to Pagad for opening our eyes. We support Pagad's aims, but we say that the manner in which they killed (Staggie) is out," said

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Core may spill 'dirt'

COBR wants to approach the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and lift the lid on alleged high-level political and security establishment complicity with gangs.

Executive member Mr Rashid Staggie said Core was seeking legal advice about applying to the TRC for amnesty for certain "politically-motivated" crimes by gangsters.

It is known that the CIVIC Co-operation Bureau (CCB) recruited alleged gangsters to carry out missions on its behalf in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

Staggie claimed complicity like that with the CCB had been more widespread than was known.

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Qibla's warning to media on Pagad

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The Qibla faction of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) has delivered a stern warning to the media to stop publishing reports of a split in the movement.

During a march against alleged drug dealers in Strandfontein last night, the group led by the controversial Muslim organisation said they would "take on" the press if it continued to report a split.

"If we can take on gangsters and merchants, we can take on the media too. They must stop trying to confuse the masses," said a spokesman known only as "Amier".

"Just because three people have left the group, it does not mean Pagad has split.

"Pagad is not made up of three people only," he said, referring to breakaway leaders Ali "Phantom" Parker, Nadthmie Edries and Farouk Jaffer.

Americans gang disbands

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the gang world by storm," one police source said. "They chose the right symbols to attract the youth. Everyone was into glorifying the American culture."

After last night's meeting Americans Hanover Park leader Mr Michael Angelo clarified his gang's position: "The Americans will always remain Americans in their hearts," he said, "but the violence and gang activities must stop. Core will personally see to the discipline of members who commit crimes in the future."

Time will tell.

Meanwhile, Pagad — in the throes of a leadership crisis — met in Strandfontein and Belhar last night. The original leaders, Mr Farouk Jaffer, Mr Ali "Phantom" Parker and Mr Nadhmie Edries, who are suspended by Pagad, were in Belhar.

They claim to represent the "genuine Pagad", but according to the other side (known as the "Qibla faction") there is only one Pagad and the 18-member executive remains intact, except for the three suspended members.

Jaffer told the Cape Times last night his faction had planned to meet at the Surrey Estate mosque, "but the sheikh (of the mosque) left us in the lurch". Now Pagad intends conducting a mass march in Delft/Belhar on Saturday, and one in Bonteheuwel on Wednesday.

LINDIZ VAN ZILLA reports that about 2 000 members of the Qibla-led faction of Pagad marched through Strandfontein last night, delivering ultimatums to drug dealers in the the area.

The first house Pagad went to was the home of Mr Cedric Adams, where they demanded that he publicly apologise and confess. Relatives assured them that Adams had stopped dealing in drugs. Pagad vowed to monitor the house.

Atlantis unites in project to fight crime

Residents demand safer facilities after children murdered

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You're not welcome, community tells Staggie

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Cape Flats gang leader Rashied Staggie, due to be interviewed live on Radio Atlantis today, is not welcome in the town, say about 200 residents.

The community members, who met at Atlantis Secondary High School yesterday to discuss the safety of their children, supported a resident's suggestion that they gather outside the local radio station to protest at Mr Staggie's presence in the town.

Atlantis police forum chairman Roy Negan said he had heard rumours that Mr Staggie had bought a house in the area and was planning to sponsor local soccer clubs.

"We must show him he is not welcome here," said Mr Negan, who added that crime had risen dramatically since last November when city gangsters began seeking refuge in Atlantis.

Mr Staggie was expected to speak about the newly-founded organisation of Cape Flats gangleaders, the Community Outreach Forum, which has committed itself publicly to peace and to disbanding the gangs.

His twin brother Rashaad was executed by members of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) in August during a march to protest against gangsterism and drugs.

Mr Staggie said this week that he was a "peacemaker" and was about to embark on the road to peace with his fellow-gangsters.

Atlantis residents have vowed to stamp out crime in their town after the murders of three children.

About 200 people - including police, church leaders, councillors and residents - gathered in the Atlantis Secondary High School hall yesterday to express concern about the safety of the town's children.

This follows the brutal murder of two youngsters in the area within a month. Last week the body of a 10-year-old girl, who had been missing for two days, was found in a shallow grave in bushes near the industrial area. She had been strangled.

A year ago a 12-year-old girl was strangled and buried in the same area. No arrests have been made and police believe there could be a link between the cases.

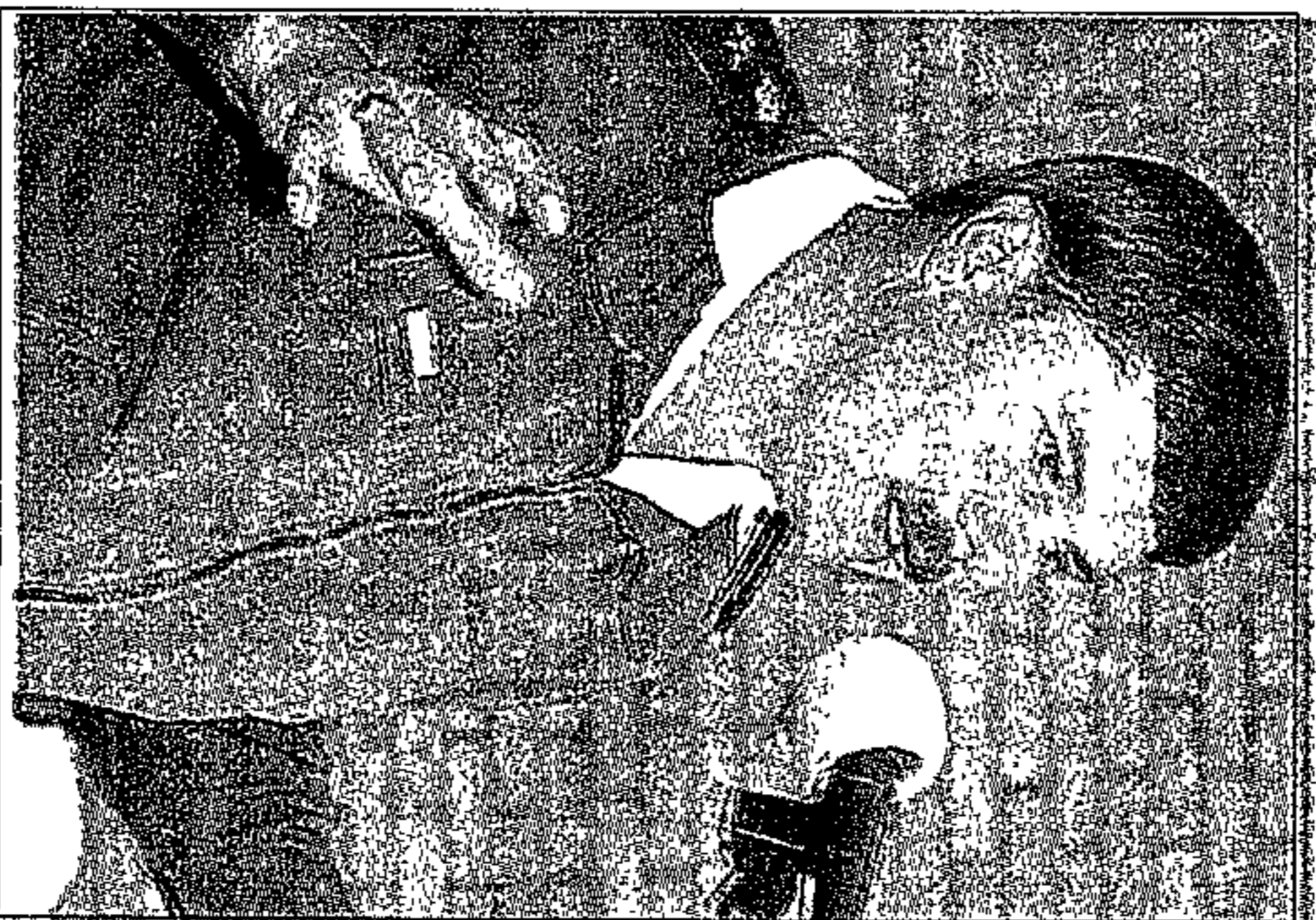
A teenage boy was stabbed to death in his parents' home about a month ago.

Police Community Forum chairman Roy Nagan said people should join hands across political, religious and other divides because children's lives were at stake.

A host of social problems such as she-beens, drugs, gangsterism, unemployment and a lack of recreational facilities were blamed for the increase in violent crime in recent months.

Several community members at the meeting said there was an urgent need for an after-school care facility for children in the area, where about 80 percent of working people are women with families.

Atlantis police station commander Pierre Laubscher said the local police had a serious shortage of manpower, with only one policeman for every 900 people.



Atlantis commander: Pierre Laubscher

He said there had been 42 murders, three of them of children, and 728 cases of assault since January. Eighty cases of missing persons, including 26 teenage girls, had been reported in this time.

Colonel Laubscher urged the community to reach out to one another and assist the police by establishing street and block committees to watch out for people who behaved suspiciously and to be aware of the possibility of crime being committed. "The masses brought apartheid to its



DOUG FITHER

Expressing concern: about 200 people gather in the Atlantis Secondary High School hall to voice their concern for the safety of the town's children

knees and now the masses have to root out crime," said Colonel Laubscher.

Councillor for Atlantis in the Northern Substructure Kevin Momberg said local

councillors would force the council to clear away bushes around the industrial area to make it more difficult for criminals to hide. He said an anti-drug campaign, involving

schools and a company, was also being planned for the near future. The solutions suggested by residents included prayer, the death penalty and sports facilities.

Gangsters talk — How will they walk?

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AS A DIVIDED Pagad planned mass marches, one of the most feared institutions on the Cape Flats — the Americans gang — disbanded amid much talk of unity and peace, writes **ROGER FRIEDMAN.**

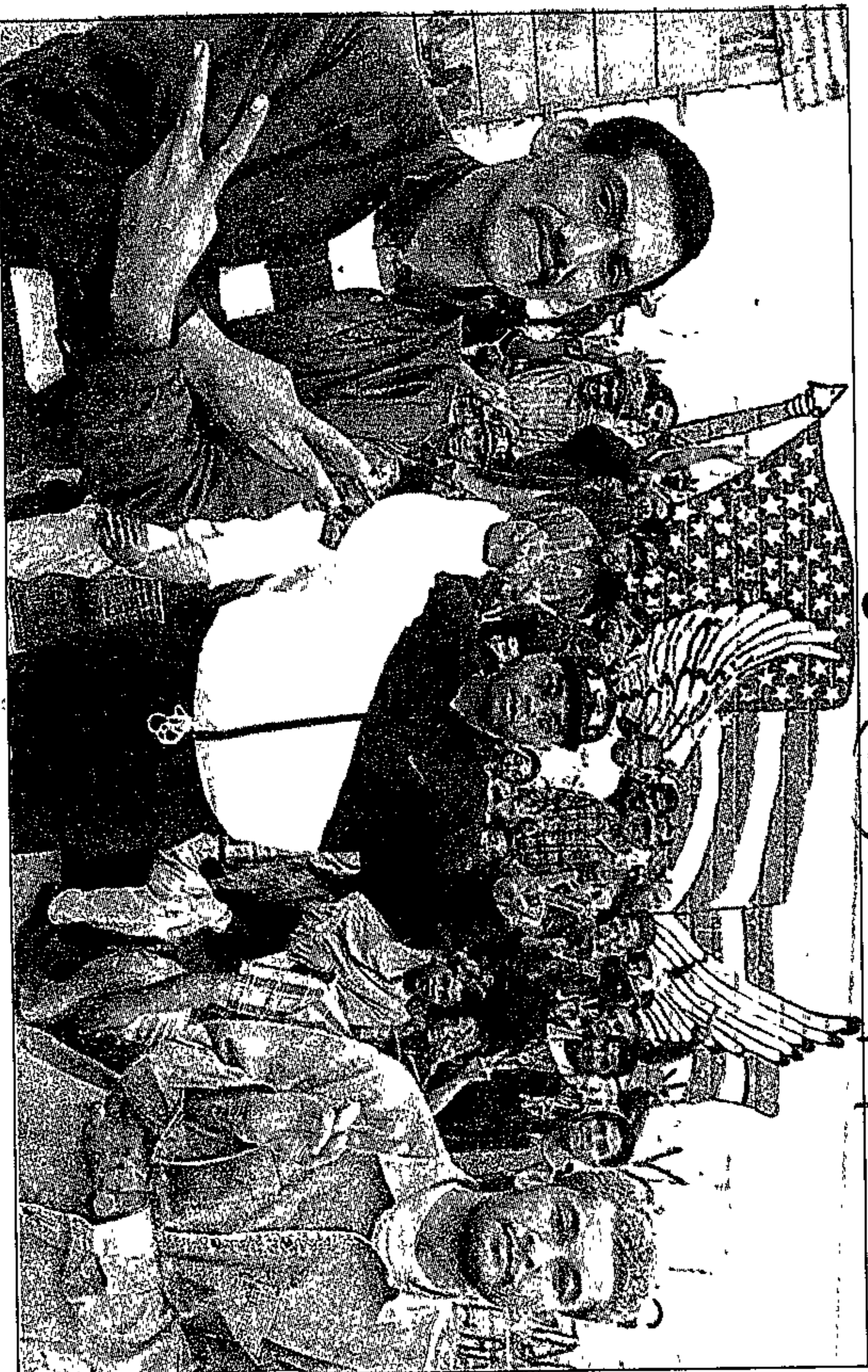
THE mobilisation of Cape Flats communities gained new momentum last night with Americans leaders gathering in Hanover Park to disband the gang, and Pagad holding meetings in Strandfontein and Belhar.

The Americans are considered the largest gang in the Cape with a membership of several thousand and branches across the Peninsula. The gang is being disbanded as part of the new Community Outreach (Core) organisation's initiative to foster peace. Core was established a few days after the killing of Hard Livings gang co-leader Rashaad Staggle in August during a Pagad demonstration.

Core's executive comprises the leadership of all major gangs in the Western Cape, all of which will be disbanded over the next few weeks.

About 150 senior Americans met in Hanover Park yesterday in a courtyard surrounded by sub-economic flats and council houses.

A notable absentee was the alleged leader of the Americans, Mr Neville



GANG HQ: Americans gang leaders (from left) Mr Kaldimola "Dumela" Medatt, Mr Michael Angelo and Mr Shafiek "Blasie" John, take a break from meetings yesterday in front of a Hanover Park mural of the gang's logo. **PICTURE: BENNY GOOL**

Herholdt (alias Jackie Lonty), although his brother — who goes by the name of Face — was present.

Over the past decade or so the Americans gang has become a feared insti-

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tution on the Cape Flats. It was said to be the first crime outfit to deal in cocaine on a large scale in Cape Town. "The Americans phenomenon took

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Indifference to crime the real problem - Kahn

JOSEPH ARANES
STAFF REPORTER

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People should not be alarmed when they see citizens taking the law into their own hands to fight crime but should rather transfer this anger into legitimate anti-crime measures, says Cape Attorney-General Frank Kahn.

Speaking at a Cape Town Press Club lunch yesterday, Mr Kahn said indifference to the crime situation was more of a problem than being angry.

He said the successful fight against crime could be achieved only through community involvement and when crime, as an occupation, was marginalised.

"If the community is prepared to report crimes, give evidence, teach their children to become lawyers, doctors, policemen or prosecutors, or simply to earn an honest living, we have created an effective justice system which will ensure our criminal population becomes a tiny minority."

He warned there was no quick-fix solution to achieve this goal and those who urged draconian and unconstitutional measures were "simply grandstanding".

The solution to the crime problem lay in people's resolve to translate their hard-won freedom into a quality of life which could be enjoyed by all.

"The government, private enterprise and the media must get out of their ivory towers, listen to community problems and give our community a real stake in the running of the country. A sense of belonging must be engendered. This is a lengthy process and I'm optimistic that a start has already been made."

Mr Kahn said the new South Africa was only two years old and had not achieved a true sense of nationhood in which all people felt responsible for its well-being.

"Do we honestly expect that after two years of freedom we can create the ethic of social responsibility evidenced in countries like Switzerland?"

"The fight against crime can succeed only when the culture of defiance can be turned into a culture of law and order," said Mr Kahn.

He said short-term relief for the crime problem could be found only in increasing the budgetary muscle of frontline departments - prisons, justice and police.

"More prisons, stricter parole measures, greater and visible policing and adequate courts must be the watchword. The best crime deterrent remains a policeman in sight," said Mr Kahn.

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Indifference to crime the danger?

STAFF REPORTER

THE efforts of the People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) to stop crime had to be channelled in a legitimate direction so that the community worked with the police and not against them, the Western Cape's attorney-general Mr Frank Kahn, SC, said yesterday.

In his address to the Cape Town Press Club, Kahn said that when the Cape Flats community took the law into its own hands it was not the "beginning of the end but the end of the beginning."

"Looking at the dysfunctional society we were (under apartheid) I am constantly surprised we have reintegrated into the

human race so swiftly."

He said "indifference" by a community to crime was a bigger threat to the stability of the country than efforts by Pagad to bring gangsters to book. For this reason controlled community policing, using Pagad's "emotion" had to be encouraged.

There were 280 people for every one policeman in the country and every South African stood a one in 14 chance of falling victim to crime. Only three out of every 10 criminals were ever caught, he said.

"I believe that where there is a policeman in sight a crime will not be committed ... every person should be a bit of a policeman."

Heavier sentences and the

death sentence did not stop people from committing a crime. It was more the fear of being caught.

Asked what he thought about the new Community Outreach group (Core) formed by Cape Flats gangsters to foster peace, Kahn said he did not recognise the organisation because he did not see why people should have to be persuaded to obey the law.

"I think they are a bunch of opportunists."

Kahn criticised a local Afrikaans newspaper for identifying the road where witnesses were housed under a protection programme and a television news team for identifying hijack victims queueing to identify criminals at an identify parade.

Atlantis agog over Staggie over repentance

We have keys to peace, former gang leaders tell listeners

CHENÉ BILGHAUT
STAFF REPORTER

A live interview with Cape Flats gang leader Rashied Staggie on Radio Atlantis brought the West Coast town to a halt and sparked a public stand-off between gangsters and People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad).

Mr Staggie and five other members of the newly-founded Community Outreach Forum (Core) yesterday tried to win the hearts and minds of Atlantis residents during the two-hour interview with local radio station manager Eva Georgia.

Farouk Jaffer, a leading member of a Pagad faction, phoned in during the interview to confront his enemies on the air.

The programme raised huge interest because of rumours that Mr Staggie had bought a house in Atlantis and was planning to sponsor a local soccer club. This speculation has divided the community.

The Staggie group was met on arrival by about 40 placard-waving protesters with messages such as "We don't want drugs and thugs in Atlantis" and "Don't let Staggie seduce our children".

But as the broadcast continued, more and more gang supporters arrived at the station. When the gang group left they were mobbed by hundreds of supporters.

The gangsters-turned-peacekeepers repented their sins on the air and tried desperately to convince their audience, estimated at 100 000 people, that they had turned over a new leaf. They pleaded with the community to give them a chance to prove themselves and promised to bring peace and prosperity to Atlantis.

Their emotional pleas were interspersed with references to the Bible and



On air: gang leader Rashied Staggie

God or Allah who, they said, had forgiven them. "As former gang leaders we have the keys to peace. We know the road - we have been there," said Mr Staggie.

He blamed the previous government for creating gangsters and alleged that the new government was involved in drug smuggling. "We have proof that the Mandrax comes out of the coffers of the government," he said.

When asked whether the group would continue to sell drugs, Mr Staggie said Core, but not himself, would continue to do so until the government created work opportunities for gangsters and talked to them.



Air wave: Cape Flats gang leader Rashied Staggie waves to anti-gang protesters on his way to a Radio Atlantis interview

During the second half of the popular programme *The Heartbeat of the Community*, Mr Jaffer telephoned to confront Mr Staggie about his past. He wanted to know why Mr Staggie had found it necessary to sell drugs. "Why did you have to kill people

silently? You cannot blame the government for that now," said Mr Jaffer.

Mitchell's Plain gang leader Glen Kahn later retallated by saying: "If Farouk Jaffer or Qibla wants to speak to Core, they must do so table-to-table, but first we want jus-

tice for Rashaad Staggie's killers."

At this point Ms Georgia stopped debate by cutting off Mr Jaffer. The lines were opened to the community for about 15 minutes, during which several listeners expressed support for Core and Mr Staggie.

Gangs warn Pagad to stop attacks

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STAFF REPORTER

The Community Outreach Forum (Core), the organisation representing reformed Cape Flats gangsters, has warned Pagad to stop their vigilante-style attacks on the houses of alleged drug smugglers.

A spokesman warned that the gangs had "had enough" and would "go on the worst form of defence" and "would turn the wheel the other way" if these attacks did not stop.

The spokesman said the gangs had done everything within their power to avoid confrontation, but had to protect their families and property.

During the past week the homes of at least two alleged drug dealers were fired on and a hand grenade was lobbed into the bedroom of another house by suspected Pagad members.

Yesterday gunmen opened fire on the Rondebosch East house of Abdoerazak Ibrahim and later on the Rylands house of Saliem Bawa. No-one was injured in either attack.

On Thursday an M26 hand grenade was



LEON MULLER

Patrol: Rashied Staggie at the Mowbray taxi rank

tossed into the Athlone house of Moegamat Hardien while he and his family were asleep. Fortunately the grenade failed to explode.

"I immediately called the police who told us to evacuate the house. The bomb disposal unit then removed the grenade," Mr Hardien said.

He said last month Pagad members marched to his house and issued him with an ultimatum to stop selling drugs. A week later his house was also fired on.

"An eyewitness told me he saw six men

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run away from my house. I reported this to the police and was informed that my statement would be added to their Pagad file," Mr Hardien said.

Core spiritual leader Albern Martins said it was becoming clear that police and the government could no longer protect the community and were allowing Pagad to terrorise the neighbourhoods.

"What are the police doing about the safety and security of our communities and if Pagad is really so concerned about drugs and gangsters why are they involving themselves with murder and terrorism? We view their actions as gangsterism.

"Core is reaching for peace and is as concerned about crime as everyone else, but has opted to follow a peaceful process to resolve the crisis," Mr Martins said.

Core executive committee member and former leader of the Hard Livings gang Rashied Staggie walked around Mowbray with 15 Core members speaking to shopkeepers and hawkers about the problem.

"People may think we are mad, but if there are problems we are committed to solving them peacefully," Mr Staggie said.

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28 injured as police break up Pagad protest

Rubber bullets and birdshot fired at hundreds of anti-crime activists throwing stones at alleged gangster's home

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Clanwilliam

Twenty-eight people were injured on Saturday when police clashed with a group of anti-crime protesters who had besieged an alleged gangster in his home in this rural town north-east of Cape Town, police said yesterday.

About 500 members of the Muslim-based movement Pagad (People Against Gangsterism and Drugs) surrounded the house and began throwing stones when police intervened and fired rubber bullets and birdshot at the

protesters, police spokesman Ciska du Plessis said.

Most of the injuries were slight but three people were in a more serious condition in hospital in the town, Du Plessis said.

Police later searched the house, which is home to a member of The Firm gang, and seized an unlicensed firearm and 12 dagga cigarettes, she said.

Pagad spokesman Farouk Jaffer said the Clanwilliam residents had marched to protest against alleged corruption among the local police, who he said were collaborating with the gangsters and allowing the sale of drugs.

In August, tensions ran high between Pagad members and gangsters in the Cape Flats - a sprawling collection of townships near Cape Town - after the anti-crime movement declared a "jihad" (holy war) against the gangs.

Prominent gang leader Rashaad Staggie was publicly killed outside his home by Pagad protesters on August 4, in front of police and the full glare of television cameras.

Since then there have been numerous running battles between police and Pagad members.

REFUSAL TO NEGOTIATE MEANS MORE VIOLENCE

An offer the government can't refuse

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MANY Western Cape people forgave the National Party for apartheid, a system described by the United Nations as a crime against humanity. Now the region's organised crime bosses say they want to negotiate mending their ways with the government, and the people are being asked to forgive them, too. **ROGER FRIEDMAN** reports.

DEEP scepticism is the obvious reaction to the most notorious gangsters in town uniting under the banner of a new organisation, Community Outreach (Core), to talk about peace and the mending of anti-social ways — particularly when Core was established a few days after the lynching of gang leader Mr Rashaad Stagie during a People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) demonstration.

Are these talks of peace not just strategic hogwash, designed to deflect some of the heat Pagad is exerting on the crime bosses? And what is the government to do?

Core's leaders say they want to negotiate alternatives with the government — and that if these negotiations are not under way by October 22 they will embark on mass action.

The government's line is that it doesn't talk to criminals, but these particularly influential crime bosses are offering the most sought-after commodity in this new country: peace. The police, after all, have been



BESIEGED: The Kensington home of alleged drug dealer "Paul" is surrounded by Pagad members. Paul, an elderly man, denied selling drugs, but was given a "permanent warning" by Pagad nonetheless. Another Pagad group marched on alleged drug and illicit liquor dealers in the Strand.

PICTURE: BENNY GOOL

unable to curtail the bosses' growing business empires, or the attendant violent crime.

Core's leaders are offering peace, and the government is in a predicament. Core's leaders are not saying the drug-dealing will stop, nor are they saying their other criminal activities

will stop. All they are offering is peace — the rest, they say, can be negotiated. They are talking self-determination for coloured people, job-creation, social upliftment, safety and security.

They have accumulated some money, which they want to use to start the process of rehabilitating young gangsters and providing alternatives to come. They are offering peace at a price, and if the price is legitimising money-laundering, the government is unlikely to be willing to pay.

The price of refusing to negotiate could be more violence — starting with violence between Pagad and Core. Both organisations are armed to the teeth, and if violence erupts before negotiations even start the moment could be lost forever — not only for peace, but also for the truth to emerge.

The greatest strength the bosses have is the information they have accumulated over the years: information that could be very embarrassing to both the previous and present governments; information about corrupt

officials, about collusion with police, intelligence and counter-intelligence. Core's leaders are desperately trying to avoid a violent confrontation with Pagad. At the weekend, the less militant of the two Pagads marched to the houses of alleged drug-dealers and liquor merchants in Kensington.

Core's leadership went to demand protection. They told the police they would have no option but to defend themselves if Pagad attacked. The police, like the government, were unsure how to respond.

Omar 'set on

ending gangs'

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enraged and began throwing stones, police said.

The house apparently has links with a member of Core.

"The most important thing for us is to create safety and security for everyone," Omar said. "We are not adopting a technical but a realistic approach to ensure our objectives are achieved. There is no principle that says we can talk to one group and not another."

The government needed to deal effectively with crime, Omar said. On the other hand, if people engaged in criminal activities spoke of improving their behaviour, they should be encouraged.

"Any opportunity ... that can lead to an end to gangsterism and drug trafficking ... we are going to take it."

The basis of any meeting between the government and Core would be a commitment by Core that its members were willing to abandon crime.

"We will ultimately meet ... to ensure that what is happening is not just an adjustment (by the gang bosses) ... to continue their activities."

Omar said he was mindful that in other newly-democratised countries — notably South and Central America — drug-traffickers had adjusted their modus operandi and become sophisticated.

Omar said Core's insistence that gangsterism be addressed through development in poorer areas was an important challenge.

"While we don't agree with their activities, they have pinpointed a need in all communities."

There is to be a meeting — apparently encouraged by Omar's office — between Core representatives, certain academics and criminal justice roleplayers tomorrow.

● The head of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's investigative unit, Mr Dumisa Ntsebeza, has told the Cape Times he is willing to meet Core, which has said it has certain issues it would like to discuss with the TRC.

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TRC told of police link to gangs, says Borraine

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STAFF REPORTER

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Evidence of police complicity with gangsters has surfaced at a number of Truth and Reconciliation Commission hearings, says commission deputy-chairman Alex Borraine.

He said the latest allegation by "former" Cape Flats gangsters that they were used by the previous regime was nothing new. "The gangsters, who say they have opted for peace and have formed a new organisa-

tion, Community Outreach Forum (Core), have indicated they are prepared to tell the Truth Commission how the state used them as pawns during the struggle.

Dr Borraine said the commission would welcome the information, but the gangsters had to approach the commission to arrange a meeting to discuss the matter.

"As the TRC moved around the country, even in the small towns, we heard evidence and allegations from community members and gang leaders of how gangsters and the police had worked together to destroy

communities. What happened in the Western Cape clearly is not an exception and we would welcome information from any source. They have to make the first move and then we could arrange either a private or open hearing to get their side of the story," said Dr Borraine.

In spite of the gangsters' promises, at the weekend hundreds of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) protesters took to the streets of Kensington and the Strand to deliver ultimatums to the homes of alleged drug dealers.

Task team to probe attacks on dealers

JOSEPH ARANES
STAFF REPORTER

A special police task team has been set up to investigate a spate of attacks on the houses of alleged gangsters and drug dealers - the most recent today.

In the past few weeks, several houses were shot at, a hand grenade was thrown at a house and early today the home of alleged Strandfontein drug dealer Conrad Arendse was petrol-bombed. All the attacks were preceded by march-

es by members of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad), who issued ultimatums to the alleged drug dealers to stop their illegal activities or face the wrath of the community.

Police spokesman John Sterrenberg said: "All the cases where criminal charges have been laid are the focus of the team's investigation."

In today's attack a petrol bomb was tossed through a window of Mr Arendse's Ketch Road home, causing extensive damage to the kitchen. No-one was injured.

on dealers

Ganglords offer Govt R50-m

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By Waghled Misbach
Political Reporter

GANGLORDS ON THE Cape Flats are offering the Government a staggering R50 million as an olive branch for projects to create jobs – if the State does not proceed with tough new legislation that will allow the courts to confiscate all the assets of criminals.

The gangsters are also threatening to “unleash an all-out war” against the police and the People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) if the two groups do not adopt a “conciliatory approach” to gangs by October 22.

These startling revelations were made in an article in the latest issue of the *South African Crime Overview* magazine published this week. However, the Government yesterday rejected the idea of having to enter into any deals with gangsters.

The magazine’s editor-in-chief, Maxwell Nematzivhanani, says in the article that a number of Cape Flats gangsters told him during an interview that they would “unleash all-out war” if Pagad and the police “continue to provoke and harass us”.

Nematzivhanani interviewed 15 gang leaders, including Rashied Staggie, twin brother of slain gang leader Rashaad Staggie, members of the newly formed Community Outreach Forum (Core), virtually the entire leadership of the umbrella gang organisation called “The Firm” and its leaders, reformed gangsters Pastor Albern Martins and Mr Ivan Waldeck.

The gangsters accused the Ministry of

Safety and Security of collaborating with Pagad to “destabilise the gang community” as indicated by the gruesome murder of Rashied Staggie and the arrest of Colin Stansfield, one of the senior leaders of “The Firm”.

Gang leader Glen Khan, who was quoted in the article, said all Cape Flats gangsters wanted to “hang up their knives and grenades” if the Government promised not to confiscate the proceeds of their crimes, which could happen if new legislation under the Proceeds of Crime Bill is adopted.

The gangsters would be prepared to offer R50 million to the Government towards establishing factories and other legitimate job projects. Such legitimate employment would allow gangsters to be “rehabilitated”, Khan said.

Core claims that under their campaign for peace 127 gangs have come forward in support of giving up their weapons.

According to Nematzivhanani, the gangsters said they wanted to meet with Government representatives to work out a joint plan for peace.

They also want the Government to agree to withdraw all pending criminal cases against gangsters in the interests of peace in Cape Town. In return the gangsters will stop drug dealing and their criminal activities.

Justice Ministry spokesman Mr Paul Setsetse said Minister Dullah Omar would only meet the gangsters when they had shown a firm commitment to stop their criminal activities.

“The Ministry denies allegations yesterday that it had initiated a meeting with Core members,” Setsetse said.

Gang warfare closes trauma unit at hospital

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Staff fear for their lives

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METRO CORRESPONDENT

Staff of the gang-plagued Hanover Park trauma unit have closed the clinic at night because they fear for their lives.

They have the backing of the Hanover Park Community Health Forum which yesterday agreed to closure of the unit from 7pm to 7am until the end of the month. It will remain open during the day.

Provincial Health Minister Ebrahim Rasool is to have urgent talks with Police Minister Gerald Morkel to discuss security at primary health care centres and has called for a report on security at clinics to be completed within a week so that money can be spent on the problem.

Mr Rasool's spokesman, Logan Wort, said the minister wanted to thank staff at the trauma unit for their patience and loyalty.

Mr Rasool was not, however, aware of the decision to close the unit at night.

Provincial senior superintendent Edmund Michaels, who is in charge of day hospitals, described the closure as a "unilateral decision" by staff and community members who belong to the area health forum.

He was meeting his staff for a briefing today to discuss whether the province should accept the decision.

The troubled unit was plunged into cri-

sis when a doctor and three nurses were threatened by gun-wielding gangsters on Saturday night.

It was the latest in a series of violent incidents at the unit.

Last year a doctor was shot while treating a baby and a stray bullet from a gang fight penetrated the hospital's prefabricated walls.

Last year, a concrete fence was built and six security officers were employed to protect the doctor, receptionist and three nurses on duty at night.

But on Saturday police escorted staff to safety when a man, who had been admitted with stab wounds, started overturning medical equipment.

Security personnel battled to keep his friends at bay when they pulled out guns and threatened to shoot nursing staff.

The hospital closed for the rest of the weekend because staff feared the gang members would return on Sunday.

Yesterday the community health forum called a community meeting for next Monday to discuss the hospital's problems.

Nursing sister Rose Saville, second in charge at the unit, said the forum was appealing to the greater community to attend the meeting.

"They must either say to us they want the service and appreciate it or we will close.

"Something will have to come out of this," she said.

Restructuring blues blamed after crime wave hits council

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METRO CORRESPONDENT

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A crime wave at the Cape Metropolitan Council has been ascribed to the psychological effects of restructuring.

The CMC's executive committee has decided to start random searches and exercise stricter control over people entering and leaving the organisation's Wale Street head office because there has been "a drastic increase in the theft rate".

Acting chief executive officer Stewart Fisher said a psychologist had warned the organisation nine months ago that an

increase in petty theft was likely to accompany the restructuring process in the public service.

This was because people's jobs were insecure and their loyalty declined.

The CMC's executive committee has also endorsed random searches of private vehicles belonging to its own members and officials, on condition they are present when the search is conducted.

Exco member David Dlali asked that a fire exit be locked on the floor where his office was because his wallet had been stolen out of his jacket. But Mr Dlali was told by officials that this could not be done because fire escapes had to remain open.

STAGGIE: TWO ARRESTED

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Grassy Park brothers 'linked to Pagad'

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Two Grassy Park brothers, believed to be People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) activists, have been arrested in connection with the mob killing of druglord Rashaad Staggle in Salt River two months ago.

Police spokeswoman Ciska du Plessis said 24-year-old Ozeer Boooley was arrested late last night when police intercepted him in his car on the corner of Zeekoevlei Road and First Avenue in Grassy Park. His 33-year-old brother Mogammat Nur Boooley was arrested at the house they apparently share.

Detectives searched the house and took items of clothing. A source said more arrests could follow.

Superintendent Du Plessis could not confirm whether the brothers were Pagad members. They appeared in the Cape Town Magistrate's Court today.

Police launched a manhunt after Staggle, 40, was gunned down and set alight during a confrontation between Pagad supporters and gangsters on August 4.

Earlier, police investigating Pagad activities arrested Nadhmi Edries, a leader of the Pagad movement, but withdrew charges because of lack of evidence.

Rashied Staggle, twin brother of Rashaad, today declared the arrests a farce. His right-hand man, who identified himself as Chippie, said although they respected the police work on the case, it was the Pagad leader who "gave the instruction, that fired the first shot" who should have been arrested.

Pagad's legal representative Mogammat Essau said the organisation was disturbed at the news of the arrest. "I will be meeting the Attorney-General Frank Kahn this morning to discuss the case and to get more clarity on the matter," he said.

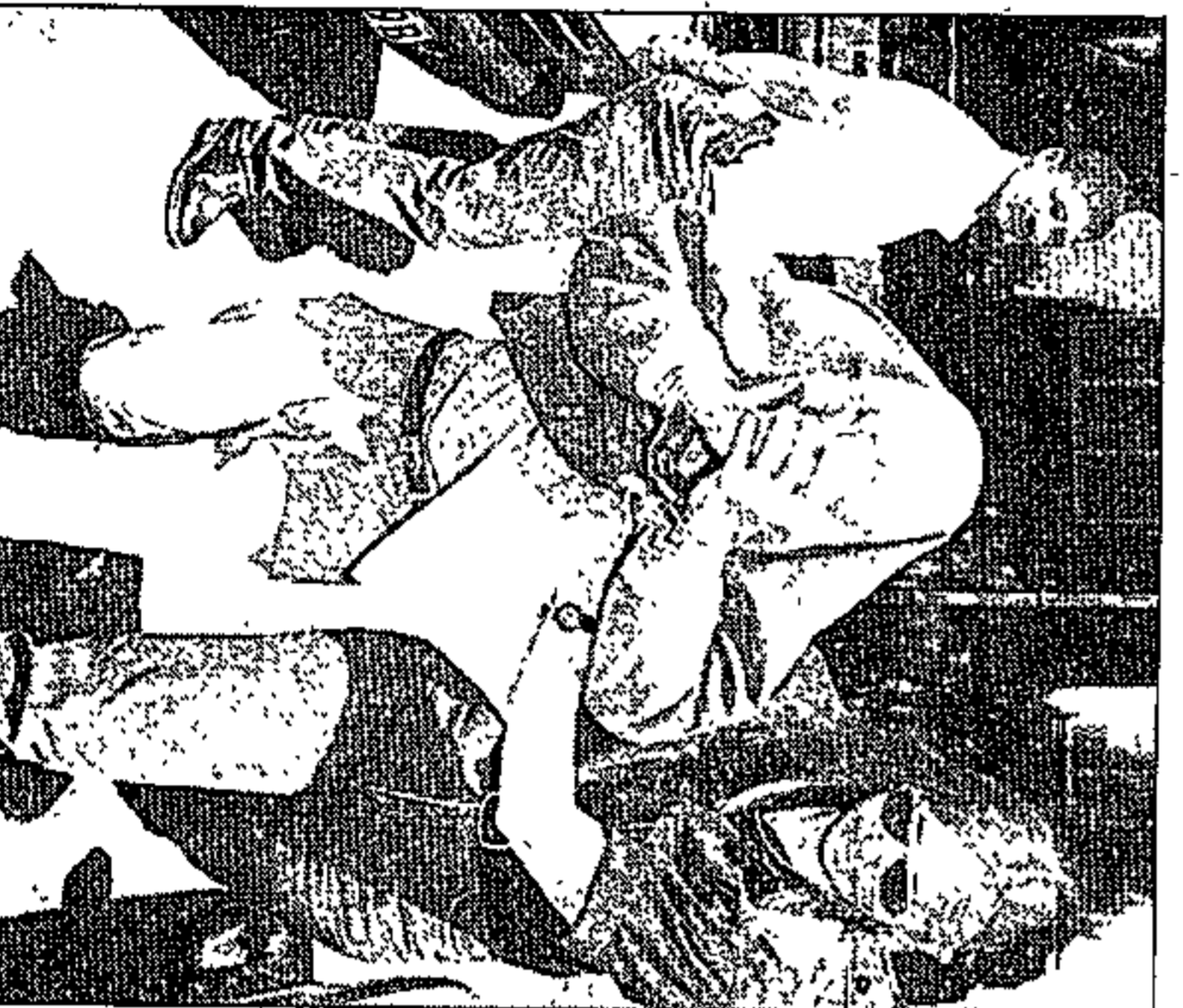
On the Sunday night that Staggle died, mounting tension between the large Pagad crowd and gangsters erupted when Staggle was called to London Road after Pagad members allegedly fired shots at a house. He was stopped metres away from the house by a crowd blocking the road.

The crowd closed in on his backie and jostled with one another to pull him out.

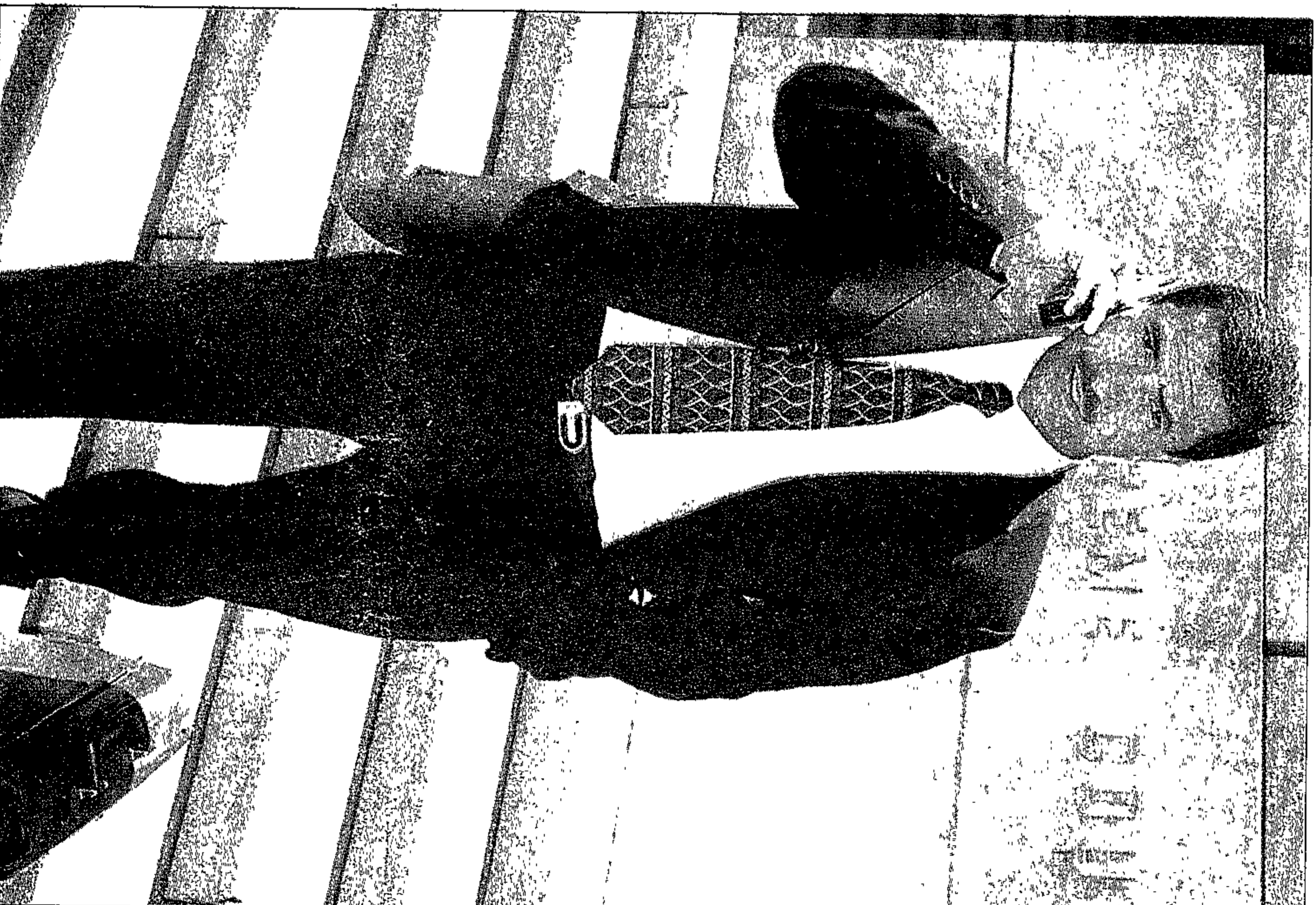
A man produced a gun and shot Staggle in the head. Wounded and bleeding, he fell in the road. Metro medics who were on the scene rushed over to him but a petrol bomb landed between them and sprayed Staggle with burning petrol. Staggle got up and stumbled away but collapsed in a gutter metres away, where a gunman ran up and shot him repeatedly.



Brief appearance: Ozeer Boooley conceals his face as he arrives in court.



Escorted: Mogammat Nur Boooley, hiding his face, is led into court by a policewoman.



Defence lawyer: Mogammat Essau, who is representing the men arrested over Rashaad Staggle's death.

Pair face

court over

death of

gang boss

LENORE OLIVER
STAFF REPORTER

Two Grassy Park brothers appeared briefly in the Cape Town Magistrate's Court today in connection with the murder of Hard Livings gang leader Rashaad Staggle.

Mogammat Nur Boooley, 33, and Ozeer Boooley, 24, have not been formally charged and were not asked to plead.

The men were driven in separate cars and escorted by police into the building.

They covered their heads with jackets to avoid press cameras.

A few relatives and friends were present inside the courtroom and two security guards were posted at the entrances.

Prosecutor L Doms told the court there were still statements outstanding and asked that the court postpone the hearing to October 23 for further investigation. He said the State opposed bail.

A bail application will be held next Wednesday and the men will be kept in custody at an unknown police station until then.

During their appearance the casually dressed men stood quietly in the dock, staring straight ahead.

As they were hurriedly escorted into waiting police cars supporters ran up to press photographers and pushed them out of the way so they could not take pictures of the suspects.

The supporters also swore at and threatened reporters and photographers covering the court appearance.

FOURTH PAGAD FOUNDER SUSPENDED

Staggie accuses police of 'window-dressing'

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DISAPPOINTMENT was registered yesterday by gang leader Mr Rashied Staggie that the police had not arrested the Pagad leaders who gave the orders on the night his brother was lynched, writes **ROGER FRIEDMAN**.

GANG leader Mr Rashied Staggie has rejected as "police window-dressing" the arrest and court appearance yesterday of two men in connection with the murder of his twin brother and has called for the arrest of Pagad leaders or ex-leaders Mr Farouk Jaffer, Mr Nadthmie Edries and Mr Ali "Phantom" Parker.

Two brothers, Mr Mogammat Nur Booley, 33, and Mr Ozeer Booley, 24, made a brief court appearance in the Cape Town Magistrate's Court yesterday in connection with the lynching of Mr Rashaad Staggie in August during a People Against Gangsterism and Drugs demonstration.

A few gangsters were in court, monitoring proceedings.

Staggie was apparently struck by 72 bullets and set alight.

"The law must take its course, but I question the integrity of the criminal justice system," said Rashied Staggie, who emerged from prison in the mid-1980s to establish and lead the powerful Hard Livings gang with his twin.

Now Staggie has announced plans to disband the gang. He is an executive member of a new organisation of gang bosses, Community Outreach (Core), which is campaigning for an end to gang violence, and for the creation of alternative opportunities to gangsterism for poor children.

Yesterday, the Cape Times tracked Core's joint leadership to the Mitchells Plain Town Centre,

where they tried to persuade the leaders of a gang of petty thieves to restrain their followers and cooperate with Core for peace. They also held talks with local hawkers, shopkeepers and taxi owners.

"Who do the law think they're fooling?" asked Staggie. "My feeling is that they must go for the leaders — Parker, Jaffer and Edries — who gave the orders that night. I'm disappointed, both personally and for Core."

Fellow Core leader Mr Simon Stansfield agreed: "You can't fry fresh potatoes in old fish-oil. The police are still up to their old tricks of arresting anybody just to make it look like they're doing their work."

Meanwhile, Jaffer, Edries and Parker were the subject of a fax sent to the Cape Times yesterday on a Pagad letterhead, signed by Mr Aslam Toefy (chief commander), Mr Sharief Khan (press liaison officer) and Mr Sedick Samodien (head of security).

The letter officially announces the trio's suspension from Pagad, as well as that of another leading member, Mr Ismael Effendi, pending a disciplinary hearing.

The decision had been taken in full consultation with the community.

"They have been called on several occasions to a disciplinary hearing and also called upon publicly to return to the movement,

with ample notice, but have failed to attend," the fax said.

The suspended four have formed a separate Pagad, which Jaffer calls the "genuine" or "original" Pagad.

Jaffer yesterday dismissed the fax as "nonsense", saying its authors "totally want to work against the laws of South Africa. That is the stunt they are up to. We don't recognise them as Pagad".

Jaffer said, however, that the other group was welcome to operate, as his one could not cover the entire Western Cape. He pointed

out that there were already several Pagads functioning in Johannesburg. "We have not even touched the communities of our Christian and African brothers in the region," he said.

Toefy said the four had been suspended for their failure to "remain focused", by making public statements threatening suicide bombing and calling for disinvestment. "Pagad's policy is simply to fight against gangsterism and drugs and nothing else," he said.

Pagad's door was open to the four "to appear before the community and put their case" at regular disciplinary hearings.

Pagad wanted unity, not two Pagads. If members of a sports club were suspended they were not entitled to go out and form a new club under the same name, Toefy said.

Of the court appearance earlier, he said he did not know the brothers. Police have declined to say whether the brothers are members or supporters of the militant Muslim group Qibla.

'They must go for the leaders who gave the orders that night.'

I quit, drug dealer tells marchers

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Police watch as Pagad crowd delivers ultimatum

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STAFF REPORTER

A self-confessed drug dealer in Heideveld tearfully told Ali "Phantom" Parker, head of a Pagad faction, that she had stopped selling drugs two hours before Pagad came to deliver an ultimatum to her.

Karmilla Jongie of Carol Court was one of six alleged drug merchants in Heideveld warned by People Against Gangsterism and Drugs to stop their activities or "face the mandate of the people".

A 700-strong crowd marched through the area from late last night until early today. A strong police escort accompanied the group led by Mr Parker and Farouk Jaffer from the Heideveld Mosque.

Mr Parker said: "We do not issue 24-hour warnings. Drug merchants must stop immediately."

Mr Jaffer, speaking about the recent split between Qibla radicals and the group led by himself and Mr Parker, said that they could not go along with people who had a hidden agenda.

If people wanted to overthrow the government they would have a big problem, he said, referring to Qibla members who, he

claimed, wanted to establish a Muslim state.

The first house the group approached was that of Moegamat Moegsien Brown, who denied dealing in Mandrax, an accusation made by Mr Parker.

Mr Brown said: "You can ask the police to search my house. I stopped dealing eight years ago."

Shaun Booysen, whose house was also surrounded by the group, said he could identify Pagad members who still smoked Mandrax.

"If they are for peace, why are they covering their faces?" he asked.

"I can point out a number of people in this group and some of them even came to warn me that Pagad was going to march on my house. I told them I was not scared because I had stopped dealing in drugs two months ago."

Nadeen van der Heide, released seven months ago after serving 15 years in jail, was ordered by Mr Parker to lead the march to another drug dealer's house after he had told Pagad he was not dealing in drugs.

Mr Van Der Heide then led the group off again, but the march ended before they got to the next drug dealer's house.



Reformed: Moegamat Brown tells Ali "Phantom" Parker he stopped dealing in drugs eight years ago

Police station besieged

Free brothers held over Staggie, crowd demands

JOHAN SKRIVEN AND ASHLEY SMITH
STAFF REPORTERS

Hundreds of Pagad members laid siege to Milnerton police station for more than an hour early today, demanding the release of two Grassy Park brothers arrested over the killing of drug boss Rashad Staggie.

And last night, several shots were fired at a Heideveld house hours after a group of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) members issued an ultimatum to the owner to stop her "illegal activities".

The Milnerton siege appeared to be led by the Pagad group affiliated to the Qibla fundamentalist Muslim movement, while the march in Heideveld involved the group led by Ali "Phantom" Parker.

This follows a recent split in Pagad. Hours before the Heideveld shooting, Mariam Jaffer told Mr Parker from her home that she did not deal in drugs and sold only beer.

She added that she would stop plying her trade.

Today Mrs Jaffer's niece Shamiela said shots were fired at her aunt's house about 3.20am. No-one was hurt, she said.

The latest incidents follow yesterday's arrest of the Bookey brothers of Grassy Park, Nur, 33, and Ozeer, 24.

They were taken into custody near their home, which police searched, seizing evidence that allegedly links them to the killing of Staggie in Salt River in August.

Pagad condemned the arrests - and, just before 1am, a 400-strong crowd laid siege to the Milnerton police station, demanding the release of the brothers.

Masked men wearing army-type jackets and numbered armbands acted as marshals. No guns were visible.

A group of women, also masked, congregated a few metres behind the main crowd. Later a delegation of protesters was escorted into the police building and allowed to see the brothers in their cells.

A strong contingent of Public Order Policing Service members wearing bullet-proof vests and wielding shotguns and riot shields formed a cordon around the protesters and lined the entrance to the police station.

Seven armoured police vehicles, including five Casspirs, were parked among the protesters, who blocked Koeborg Road in front of the police station.

A policeman videoed the event while a police helicopter circled above.

Policemen blocked a section of Koeborg Road and diverted traffic while the emotional Pagad crowd prayed and recited verses from the Koran.



Blockade: Pagad members confront officers after they surrounded Milnerton police station demanding the release of the Bookey brothers, arrested in connection with the death of Rashad Staggie

Before the Pagad delegates were allowed into the brothers' cells, they were taken into a darkened charge office, where they met police officers to sign a register by torchlight.

A Milnerton policeman explained that after dark, interior lights of the charge office reflected against large glass windows and restricted the view of the exterior, posing a security problem.

After a short while the delegation emerged from the darkened building and reported to the crowd that the brothers were in good physical and emotional

condition, that they had enough food and water and had "not been assaulted".

The brothers were also given a Koran each.

Afterwards a member of the delegation said he had spoken to the brothers and had been impressed by their courage and determination.

"I have not met them before but I'm proud of them. They are our brothers," the man told the crowd from a police vehicle, using its public address system.

The man, who would not identify himself, thanked and praised the police for

their co-operation and urged the crowd to disperse peacefully.

"We may cover our faces but we have order and discipline," he said.

Nur and Ozeer Bookey are to remain in custody until their bail application next Wednesday.

A spokesman for the Milnerton police said they intended suggesting to colleagues investigating the Rashad Staggie case that the brothers be moved to a secret venue for security reasons.

LEON WULLER

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'Drug dealer' given ultimatum

BY STUART KELLY

Anti-drug protesters marched on the house of another alleged drug dealer in Lenasia last night, serving him an ultimatum to cease his activities within 24 hours.

A suspected drug dealer, Papas, whose house the same protesters marched on three weeks ago, has since disappeared, reinforcing their view that their regular actions are stifling the dealings of drug peddlers within the tightly knit community.

Police said they knew nothing about Papas' disappearance and none of his neighbours knew of his whereabouts last night.

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Under heavy police escort, a Pacad leader knocked on Yusuf Ibrahim Essop's door at about 9pm and read out an ultimatum to cease drug-related activities within a day.

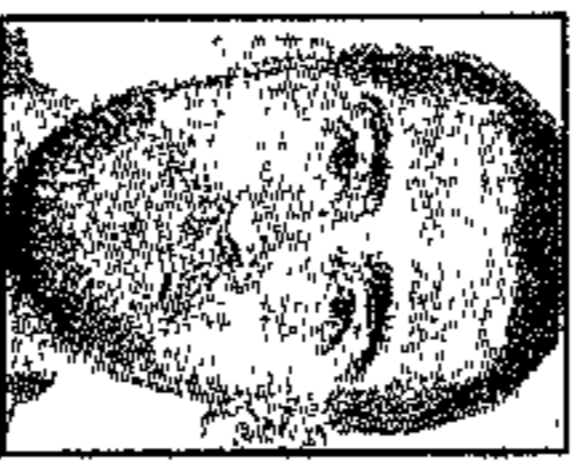
Essop denied the charges put to him by the organisation's members.

"I am not a dealer. If they have any grievances against me, let them prove it. Although I agree with their sentiments, they have no right to march on my home at night. I am not scared of them. I will be here tomorrow," Essop said, as about 500 marchers chanted and waved banners outside his home.

PAGAD MEMBERS INJURED

Gun, grenade attacks on gang leaders

PAGAD leaders have warned of an imminent bloodbath in its war with drug dealers, while police re-evaluate their strategy on Pagad marches, writes **ROGER FRIEDMAN**



SHOTS were fired and a grenade was thrown at the houses of two alleged drug dealers in Mitchell's Plain early yesterday. At least two Pagad members were injured.

And go-it-alone People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) leaders Mr Farouk Jaffer and Mr Ali "Phantom" Parker have warned that a bloodbath is imminent, while the police are reconsidering their laissez-faire approach to anti-drugs demonstrations, following the attacks.

At least two Pagad members were shot, apparently by their comrades, outside the Middelburg Street, Tafelsig, house where Community Outreach (Core) executive member Mr Glen Khan lives, as more than 100 shots were fired from a crowd of masked gunmen in the direction of the house. Core is a new group of gang leaders and ex-gang leaders launched to campaign for an end to violence.

Khan's luxury German vehicle parked across the street had its tyres slashed, several shots fired into it, and "Pagad is gonna kill you" inscribed in the charcoal metallic paint, while fellow Core leader Mr Simon Stanfield's luxury vehicle had about a dozen shots fired into it. A number of attempts

were made to set Khan's car alight. Stanfield and Khan were inside the house, as was Mr Rashied Staggie, whose twin brother was lynched during a Pagad march in Salt River in August.

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Meanwhile, Parker and Jaffer, who claim to represent the "genuine Pagad", led a peaceful demonstration to the homes of several alleged drug dealers in Bonteheuwel on Saturday night.

Yesterday they warned that the Pagad group who demonstrated in Mitchell's Plain was a "Qibla faction" (Qibla is a Muslim extremist group), and intent on the spilling of blood in its own ranks to create martyrs in the fight against gangsterism and drugs.

However, the commander of this other faction, Mr Aslam Toeiy, has claimed that Parker and Jaffer

are suspended from Pagad, and that Qibla does not control his "true Pagad" group. Toeiy declined to speak to the Cape Times yesterday.

That nobody died in Middelburg Road yesterday morning could be described as a miracle. In scenes reminiscent of the siege of London Road which preceded Staggie's killing, members of the crowd fired wildly in the direction of the house.

Police yesterday could only confirm a single injury, a Pagad member apparently shot by his comrades in the buttocks. But the Cape Times saw two people being ferried from the scene, while some bystanders said three or four people were shot.

The people inside the house said they did not return fire, and there was no sign that fire had been returned from the house. A furious Stanfield and Khan emerged from the house when Pagad had left to inspect their damaged cars. They threatened to tow the cars to Parliament to show the Justice Minister.

It was time for the government to take Core seriously, and to protect Core from Pagad attack. Last month, Core gave the government an ultimatum, which expires tomorrow, to enter into talks about alternatives to gangsterism or face mass action. Tomorrow will tell.

Police spokesman Captain John Sterrenberg said the police would be re-evaluating the manner in which Pagad marches would be allowed to proceed, after the Mitchell's Plain marchers failed to comply with several undertakings made in meetings with provincial commissioner Mr Leon Wessels last week.



SMASHED: Passers-by inspect the damage to alleged drug dealer Mr Simon Stanfield's car by Pagad demonstrators early yesterday in Mitchell's Plain. The more militant of the two Pagad groups appears intent on provoking an all-out war with the underworld, which claims to be reforming its ways under the banner of the new organisation Core. **PICTURE: BENNY GOOL**

Spivvies' group causes mayhem in Mitchell's Plain swum

LINDSAY BARNES AND ANDREW SMITH
STAFF REPORTERS

Western Cape police commissioner Leon Wessels has vowed to stop further People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) marches after a splinter group caused mayhem in Tafelsig, Mitchell's Plain.

In weekend incidents, a handgrenade was thrown at the Tafelsig house of an alleged drug dealer and member of the Community Outreach Forum (Core), Moegamat Madat, and about 100 shots were fired outside the nearby house of alleged gang leader Glen Khan.

Tyres were slashed and graffiti scratched in the patchwork of luxury vehicles owned by leaders of Core, which was recently formed by prominent gang leaders, supposedly to end gang warfare.

At least two Pagad members were injured in the shooting.

The violence erupted in spite of Pagad leaders' promise to Commissioner Wessels at a meeting on Friday that Saturday night's march would be peaceful.

The violent incidents happened when about 200 people, believed to be an offshoot of the Pagad faction led by Muslim extremist group Qibla, broke away.

At first the march was peaceful, but the group took matters into their own hands, becoming "really violent", Commissioner Wessels said. He would take steps to prevent Pagad marches in future.

"We tried to persuade (Pagad leaders) to scale down their operations and be more peaceful in the month before the Olympic Bid Committee meets, but they indicated they would be marching every Wednesday and Friday.

"It seems that discussions with Pagad lead to nothing. We'll take a different stance to their marches from now."

Masked Pagad members threw a grenade at the house of Moegamat Madat and it exploded in the yard. Although more than 100 police and national defence force members were in the area, there were none at the scene of the explosion, Commissioner Wessels said.

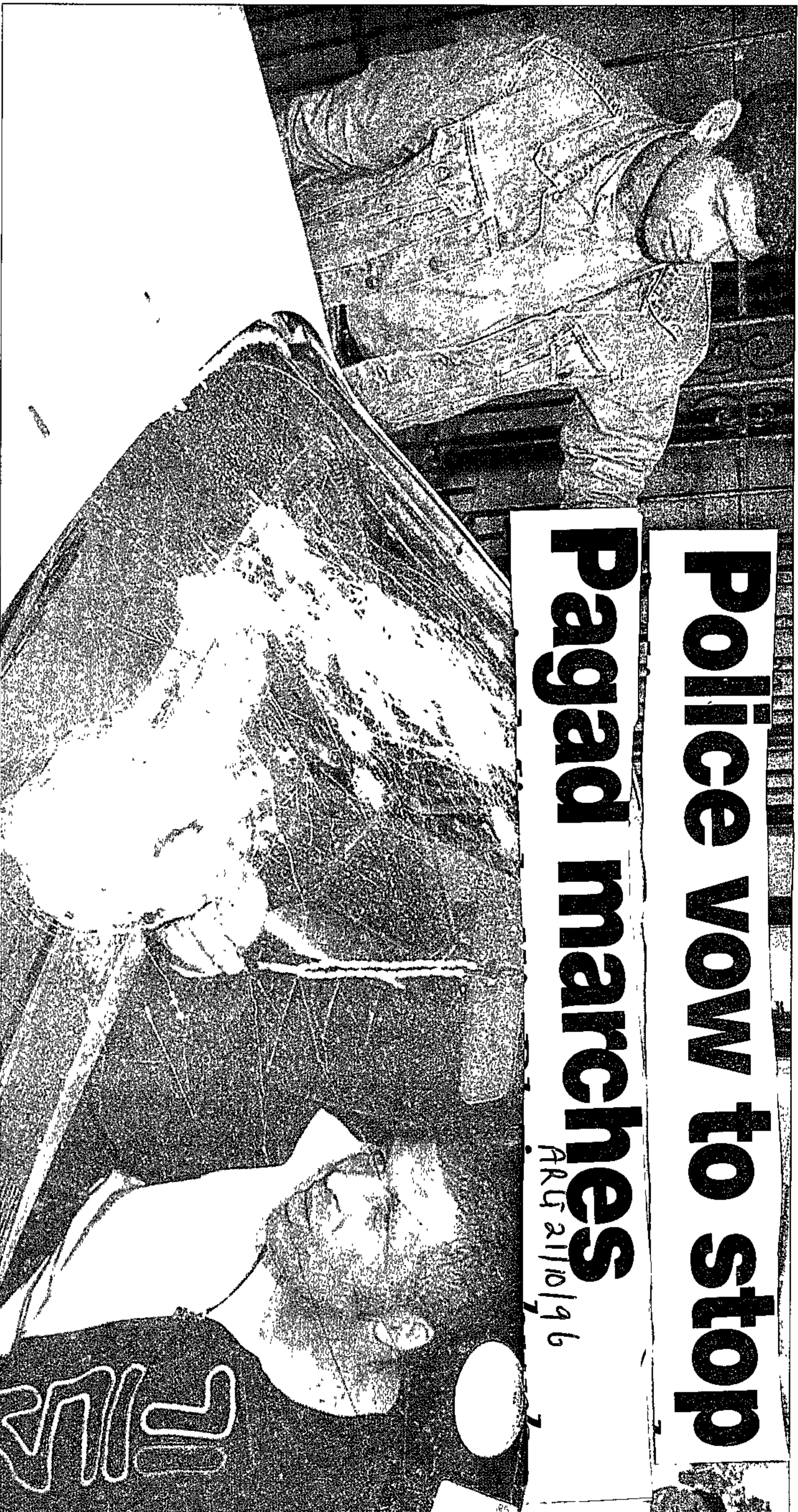
Later masked gunmen fired an extended volley of shots "at the ground and at cars" outside Glen Khan's house.

Mr Khan, Core member Simon Stanfield, brother of Colin Stanfield, who was arrested recently in connection with alleged possession of Mandrax tablets, and Rashied Staggie, brother of murdered gang leader Rashaad Staggie, were inside the house at the time.

Once the Pagad group had left, the alleged gang leaders emerged from the house to inspect the damage.

Meanwhile, a peaceful march to the Bonteheuwel homes of suspected drug dealers was organised on Saturday by leaders of the rival Pagad faction, Ali "Phantom" Parker and Farouk Jaffer.

Pagad members told police they would march on houses of alleged drug dealers every Saturday and Wednesday but this Wednesday's march would be "stopped if necessary", Commissioner Wessels said today.



Police vow to stop Pagad marches

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Unimpressed: Glen Khan and Simon Stanfield view the damage to one of their cars, which was shot up by masked Qibla members during incidents in Mitchell's Plain at the weekend



Peace pleaser: Core member Rashied Staggie meets gangsters and community members in Athlone

Four charges have been laid with police after the weekend violence including two of attempted murder, one of illegally displaying weapons in public and one of malicious damage to property.

No arrests had been made but police were investigating, Commissioner Wessels said.



Knabbed: police arrest a couple after their house was searched and illegal goods allegedly found inside

Mr Staggie, former leader of the Hard Living Kids gang, met fellow Core leaders in Bokmakierie Street, Athlone, yesterday.

After the meeting Core condemned the attacks and said the attackers had aimed to provoke the organisation and the community into a "bloody encounter" with Pagad.

■ A West Coast splinter group of Pagad

A spokesman for the Atlantis group said it would meet in a creche in the town tomorrow night to decide on action.

"We have always had ties with the Cape Town group but we now believe there is a need to take action. We have already identified three drug dealers and will be marching on their homes this week," he said.



BENNY GOOL

crushed ... passersby inspect the damage to Core leader Simon Stanfield's car by Pagad demonstrators early yesterday in Mitchell's Plain.

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MORE CAPE FLATS VIOLENCE FEARED

Police get tough on Pagad

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FEARS of more violence on the Cape Flats as a result of tension between Core and Pagad were expressed yesterday. Both Pagads are expected to go on the march tonight. **ROGER FRIEDMAN** writes.

WHILE the leadership of Community Outreach (Core) have warned that they will no longer tolerate attacks on their communities, police have warned both Western Cape branches of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) to stick to the letter of the law during public demonstrations, or face the consequences.

Police, intelligence and non-government organisation sources were predicting yesterday that bloody confrontations were likely on the Cape Flats as tension around the Pagad/Core confrontation intensified.

Both Pagads have planned marches for tonight.

These developments follow a march by the more militant, allegedly Qibla-influenced Pagad group in Mitchells Plain at the weekend, in which houses occupied by Core members came under grenade and firearm attack, and the expiry yesterday of a one-month deadline issued by Core to the government to begin talks.

Core, which consists predominantly of gang leaders and ex-gang leaders, drug dealers and ex-drug dealers, was launched two months

ago to promote, it said, peace and a new beginning for gangster-plagued communities on the Cape Flats.

The organisation was established a few days after gang boss Rashaad Staggie was lynched during a Pagad demonstration in Salt River in August.

Core held a press conference in the Gardens yesterday, where it said the government had failed "to even acknowledge receipt of the memorandum" issued to it a month ago. Core had threatened rolling mass action if the memorandum were ignored, but yesterday recommitted itself to peace.

"What is the government thinking of Core?" asked Core president Pastor Albern Martins. "Is it perhaps because of Core's critics who have labelled the organisation a gangster front initiated by the gang bosses and drug lords to unite themselves and protect their interests that the government steadfastly refuses to respond to our memorandum?"

"Or is it because Core is not good enough, educated enough, white or black enough, or perhaps not human enough, to be sat with to discuss the content of our memorandum?"

"Those of us who were responsible for evil deeds committed against our own people, and who tormented and tore our communities apart have publicly asked for forgiveness and have committed themselves to a process of peace and stability in our communities," said Martins, who served time in prison for fraud before turning to the Lord.

"Does (the government) want us to keep on watching how our houses are being petrol-bombed and set alight, how our children have to flee for cover in the wake of handgrenade and gun attacks on our homes, how more of our elderly people are going to suffer fatal heart attacks because of imminent cowardly attacks?"

Labelling Pagad's actions as "stinking of a Ku-Klux-Klan attitude and dark-age, right-wing behaviour", Martins said the government should "feel ashamed of itself" to have let the situation develop to the tense state it had. "We regret that the government has decided to adopt this attitude towards us but advise that it has missed a golden opportunity to address the crime situation."

Core remained committed to peace, but would not allow "killings and destruction of property in our communities", he said.

South African Prisoners' Organisation for Human Rights president Mr Golden Miles Bhudu said:

"Core has started an initiative to bring peace and tranquillity to the Cape Flats and by now the government should realise that Core means business."

Asked whether rumours that the underworld had recently acquired new armaments were true, Core executive member Mr Ernest Peters said the organisation had no new weapons, as there was no need for them.

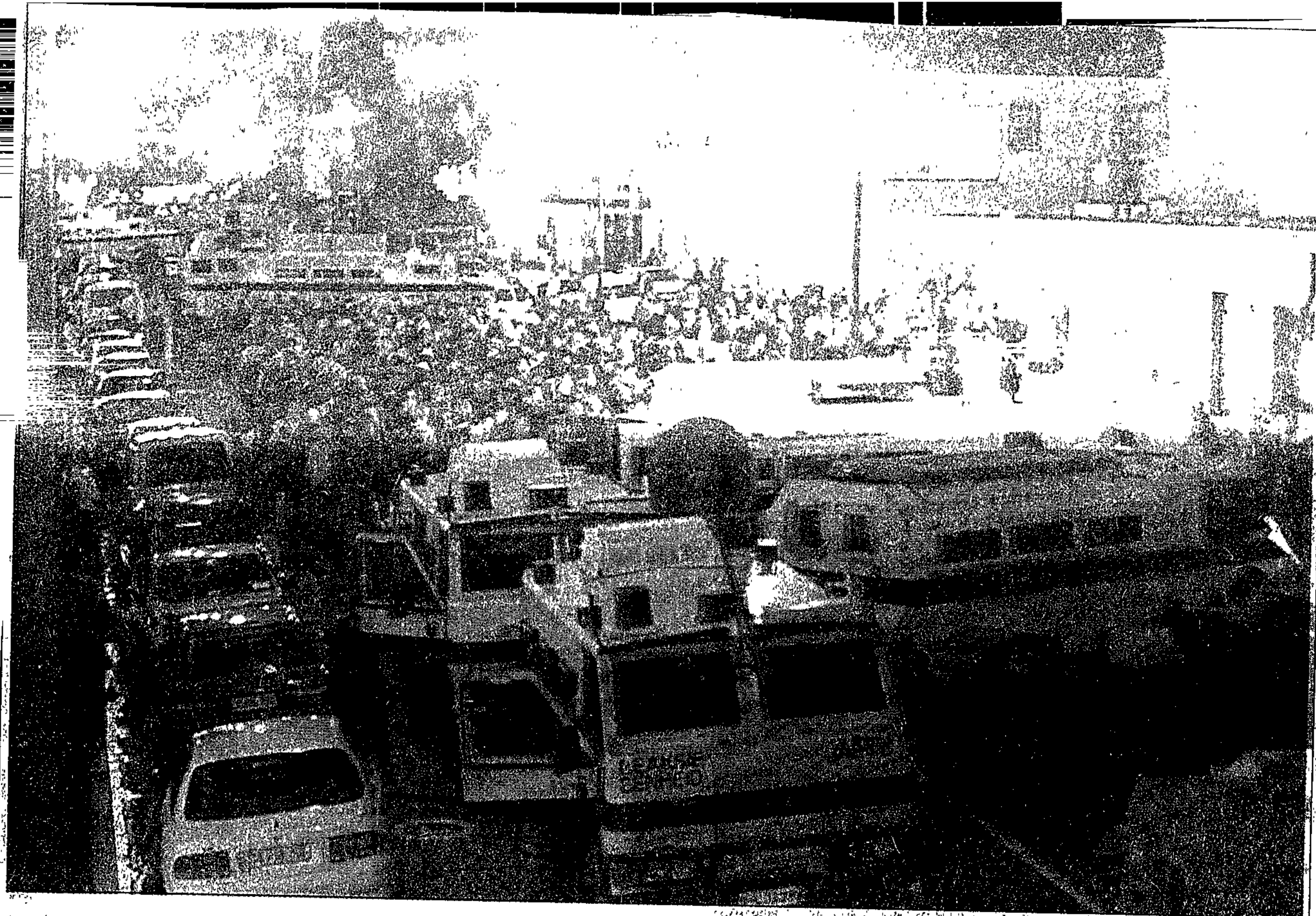
Certain members of Core's leadership are considering taking "leave of absence" from Cape Town soon for a "bosberaad" to discuss the organisation's future.

In faxes to both Pagad groups, the police yesterday threatened to invoke the 1969 Prohibition of Disguises Act, among others, to ensure no offenses are committed during public demonstrations.

The Pagad group apparently responsible for the grenade and gun attacks in Mitchells Plain at the weekend favour balaclavas and scarves.

Marches of that nature could "no longer be tolerated", wrote the provincial head of Public Order Policing, Senior Superintendent Phillip van der Riel.

Legislation prohibiting the carrying of firearms during public demonstrations and openly displaying firearms would be enforced, and permission would have to be obtained to hold marches, he said.



TENSE STAND-OFF: Heavily armed police and soldiers face several hundred Pagad marchers who descended on Sea Point last night determined to march to the house of Core executive member Mr. Rashied Staggie.

PICTURE: ALAN TAYLOR

Stand-off as Pagad jams Sea Point

ROGER FRIEDMAN
AND LINDIZ VAN ZILLA

ABOUT 1 000 Pagad demonstrators — many of them with their faces covered — descended on Sea Point last night and became involved in a tense stand-off with hundreds of heavily armed police and soldiers.

Restaurant owners closed their doors while security forces sealed off Main Road, close to where Mr Rashied Staggie is believed to have a house in Conifer Road.

The Sea Point demonstration was conducted by a militant faction of the Pagad grouping, said to be heavily influenced by the hardline Muslim organisation Qibla.

At 10 pm, surrounded by more armoured vehicles than Sea Point has ever seen before, the demonstrators chanted slogans as the Atlantic suburb threatened to explode.

Grim-faced soldiers bearing rifles took up key positions along Main Road and in Conifer

Road. Snipers were also posted on roofs and balconies overlooking Main Road.

At 10.25pm, police issued a 20-minute ultimatum to Pagad to disperse or be "forcibly dispersed".

Pagad leadership and police were then involved in frantic negotiations to try to resolve the situation before the 10.45pm deadline. The situation was finally defused when the police and Pagad agreed to let marchers disperse peacefully.

A large convoy of cars with Pagad members wound its way slowly out of the centre of Sea Point, towards the Waterfront, where Pagad staged an impromptu rally.

By late last night the situation was still tense in Sea Point even though all the Pagad marchers had long since dispersed.

Two police Casspirs were posted nearby Staggie's house as fears were raised that a late night guerrilla attack could be made on Staggie's house.

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Gangs want police protection

Community outraged as drug dealers ask SAPS to guard them from Pagad

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OWN CORRESPONDENT
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A demand by Mitchell's Plain drug dealers for police protection has been greeted with widespread outrage.

The homes of a number of gangsters have become the targets of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) demonstrations. But the idea of permanent police protection for the hideouts of drug dealers and gangsters has been described as outrageous by anti-crime groups.

The police have flatly refused to provide such protection while a spokesman for the Western Cape Anti-crime Forum, Moosa Kaprey, said they were outraged that a group of people who were involved in a host of illegal activities could make such a demand.

Pagad leader Ali "Phantom" Parker said the drug dealers had a cheek to demand police protec-

tion when for years they had been waging a silent war, destroying neighbourhoods and communities with their drugs.

The call by the alleged drug merchants comes in the wake of the past weekend's incidents in Mitchell's Plain when a crowd of masked Pagad members opened fire on the home of Community Outreach Forum (CORE) executive member Glen Khan in Tafelsig.

Other CORE executive members, including Rashied Staggie and Simon Stanfield, were in the house.

Later a grenade exploded in the yard of CORE member Moegamat Madat. Desmond Laing of the Mitchell's Plain crime prevention unit said that after a Pagad demonstration in Mitchell's Plain ended in chaos at the weekend, drug dealers asked police to protect them from Pagad. He said drug dealers had gone

underground since Pagad's campaign and smaller dealers were running scared.

"The drug trade has decreased as a result of Pagad's pressure while the price of Mandrax has increased," he said. Laing said he had had visits from well-known Mitchell's Plain drug merchants after the incident, asking police to keep Pagad away from their strongholds or there would be bloodshed.

Moosa said while the police had a duty to protect all the country's citizens, this right should not be extended to people who showed a complete contempt for law and order.

Laing said CORE's leadership had also told police that Pagad was trying to ruin their new peace image and that the police must keep Pagad away from them. CORE recently met in Rocklands, Mitchell's Plain, to discuss its new peace strategies.

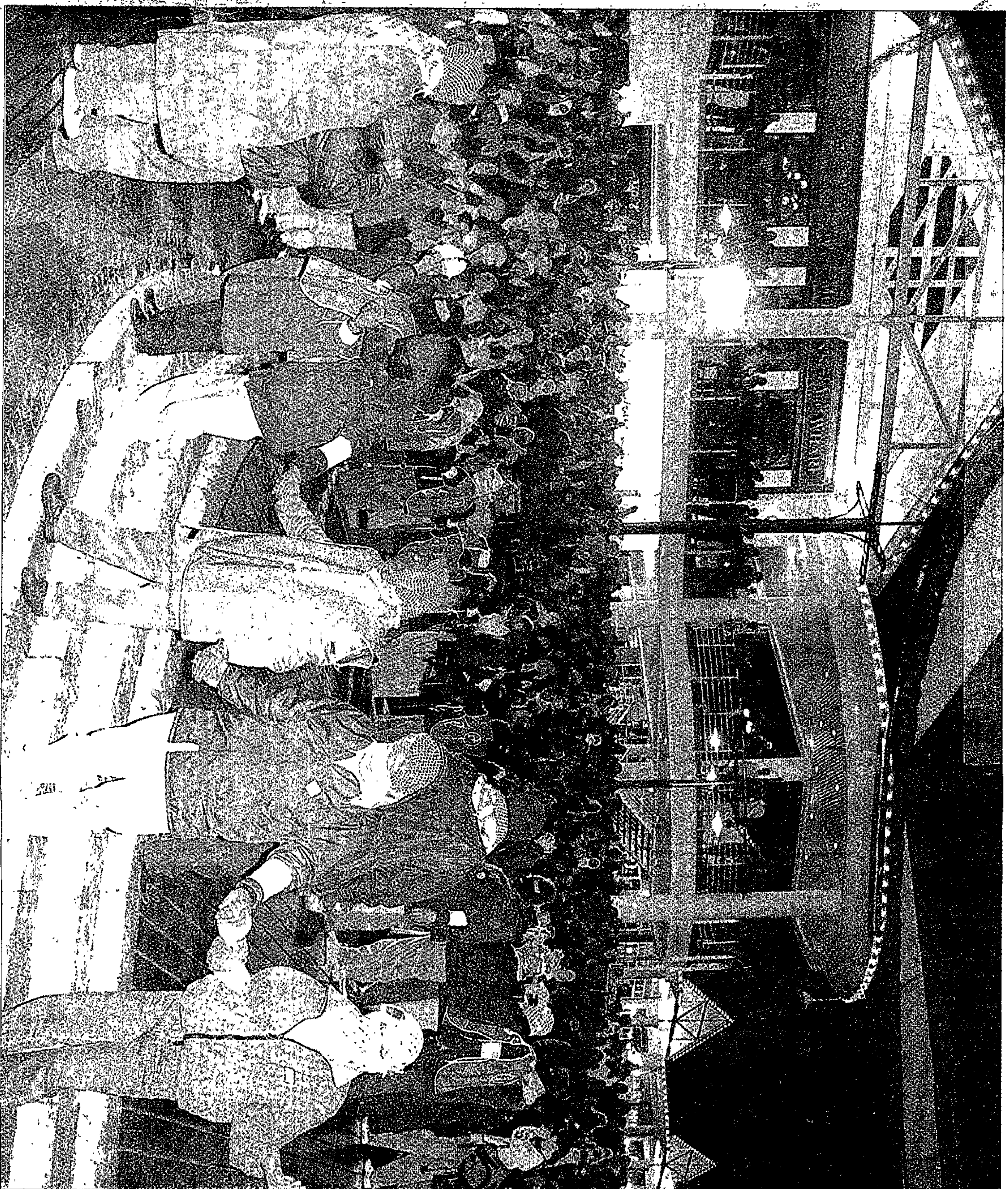
Gangsters who say they have reformed and who launched CORE, want to address pupils at local schools to warn them against gangsterism and drugs. However, Mitchell's Plain police arrested six after they disrupted matric exams at the Beacon Hill Senior Secondary School. They are to be charged with trespassing.

■ The two Grassy Park brothers arrested last week in connection with the murder of Rashaad Staggie on August 4 have been granted bail of R5 000 each.

Mogamat Nur and Ozier Boo-ley appeared in the Cape Town Magistrates' Court yesterday amid a strong police presence both inside and outside the court building.

No charges were put to the brothers and they were not asked to plead. Pagad supporters tried to stop photographers from taking pictures outside the court.

The case was postponed to December 9.



Tourist distraction: Pagad supporters gather at the Waterfront for an impromptu meeting. Business leaders are worried at the effect the demonstrations will have on tourism on the eve of the Christmas season

LEON KAMPF

Now Pagad targets the Waterfront

Threat to tourism

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JOSEPH ARANES
STAFF REPORTER

The war against gangsterism and drugs has spilled over into Cape Town's prime tourist hub, threatening the coming holiday high season.

Last night hundreds of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) demonstrators held an impromptu mass meeting at the V&A Waterfront.

Earlier the protesters forced the police and army to seal off the bustling Sea Point Main Road area as they tried to deliver an ultimatum to the Conifer Street house of Rashied Staggie, reformed gang leader and alleged drug dealer.

Mr Staggie was at home, but the police prevented Pagad members from speaking to him. The police also confiscated the licensed gun of Martius Marthus, one of Mr Staggie's friends, for ballistic testing.

Hundreds of shocked Sea Point residents lined the street, while others peered from their flat windows to catch a glimpse of what was going on in their neighbour-hood last night.

At the Waterfront patrons of various

restaurants and pubs watched as Pagad members shouted their slogans and recited verses from the Koran.

Geoffrey Ashmead, chairman of the Cape Town Chamber of Commerce and Industry, said he was concerned that the demonstrations negatively affected perceptions about the country and affected the tourism and business sectors.

"While I will be the first to agree that people must have the freedom to express themselves, even if this is done in a peaceful way it still creates the perception that there are serious problems in the country," Mr Ashmead said today.

"If the perceptions are negative, it becomes difficult for us to sustain economic growth, create employment opportunities or attract foreign investments.

"In the short term the protests may help achieve the objectives of the demonstrators, but it could have a damaging effect in the long term," he said.

Usman Ahmed, chairman of Captour, the Western Cape's tourism marketing organisation, said that although the



On the march: hundreds of Pagad members blocked Sea Point Main Road during last night's demonstration

OSBED ZILWA

Threat to tourism as Pagad targets the Waterfront

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demonstrations at the city's main tourist spots were an inconvenience to tourists, they had to be allowed as South Africa was a democracy.

He said demonstrations happened the world over, and as long as they were conducted in a peaceful manner and with the least disruption to other people's activities, their impact would be limited.

Last night's Pagad march in Sea Point and the Waterfront was led by the Pagad faction aligned to the Muslim militant group Qibla.

A similar march in Ruyterwacht undertaken by the Pagad group under Ali "Phantom" Parker and Farouk Jaffer ended without incident.

The Ruyterwacht marchers had official permission.

Demonstrations involving thousands of Pagad members, against the proposed luxury housing development at Oudekraal, have blocked the popular tourist route between Camps Bay and Llandudno in recent weeks.

Pagad man alleges Qibla threat

STAFF WRITER

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A LEADER of the Pagad faction led by Mr Farouk Khan and Mr Allie "Phantom" Parker has laid a charge with Athlone police after he was allegedly threatened with death by the Qibla-led faction of Pagad last night.

Shaikh Shahied Satardien said he and three members of the Pagad VIP Protection unit had gone to Rylands to buy something to eat when two men of the Qibla-led faction of Pagad threatened them, one seated in his car with his hand on

his firearm.

Satardien said he wanted the public to know that Qibla was "acting like gangsters and resorting to strong-armed tactics".

It was not the first time he had received death threats, he said, and stressed he was not afraid of any gangster or Qibla.

"We will retaliate if they try to touch us. I will not hesitate to unleash my forces against Qibla and if they try to start a war we know who to target ... their leadership. Qibla must concentrate on fighting gangsters and crime and

stop fighting us," he said.

Captain Ricardo van Romburgh, of Athlone police, said this morning he was aware of the threats but no charges had officially been laid. "They assume that these men are Qibla and also no firearms had been pointed to them," Van Romburgh said.

Satardien's house had previously been shot at and petrol-bombed, which caused him and his family to flee for safety.

The Qibla-led faction of Pagad could not be reached for comment.

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STANFIELD TAX BUST

Capone option' boost for drug war

LINDSAY BARNES
CRIME DESK

In a breakthrough in the battle against alleged druglords, reputed kingpin Colin Stanfield is to be charged with tax evasion for owing a claimed R10-million to the Receiver of Revenue.

This follows a decision by Western Cape Receiver of Revenue Stan Shrobbree to co-operate with provincial Attorney-General Frank Kahn, who made available to him information on Mr Stanfield's activities.

The agreement will help the State to put the Western Cape's top drug smugglers behind bars using the same method which landed notorious American mobster "Scarface" Al Capone a jail term in the Prohibition era in the 1930s.

And Mr Kahn's office is to make urgent representations to the Government to exclude money from ill-gotten gains from the latest tax amnesty announced this week.

A spokesman for the attorney-general's office confirmed that the Receiver of Revenue had laid a charge of tax evasion with the fraud unit against Mr Stanfield. The charge related to R3-million in tax evasion, and if he was found guilty, the Receiver would be entitled to treble this and claim R9-million plus interest. Mr Kahn said. This could amount to at least R10-million.

But it appears Mr Stanfield is unlikely to be hit for as much as R10-million, due to the tax amnesty. The amnesty would apply to the R9-million



Furious: Colin Stanfield, facing tax and drug charges

although not the tax evasion charge itself, Mr Kahn said.

The police commercial crime unit began investigating the charge a month ago and it is hoped the investigation will be complete by December.

The investigators were following up on all leads in an attempt to prove Mr Stanfield's income was more than he declared to the Receiver.

"We are approaching witnesses or possible witnesses and they have been forthcoming," a spokesman for the unit said today.

He said the commercial crimes unit was investigating several other people for tax evasion - apart from alleged drug dealers.

In terms of Section 104 of the Income Tax Act, the Receiver is empowered to lay a charge of tax evasion against a big drug dealer if the attorney-general gives sufficient information on the suspect's financial affairs to arouse suspicion of tax evasion.

Mr Kahn has said the "Al Capone option" may be used to net about 20

Taxman
to bust
druglords

Flashback: how the Cape Argus reported exclusively on September 5

alleged Western Cape druglords who have no apparent means of income but who live like kings. The move could net the Government millions of rands in confiscated drug money, property and cars.

The tax evasion route is being followed as prosecutions on other charges, such as murder and drug-dealing, have proved difficult due to the reluctance of witnesses to testify against alleged gangsters apparently due to intimidation.

Mr Kahn is appealing against bail

of R500 000 granted to Mr Stanfield after he was arrested in connection with possession of Mandrax.

If the charge of tax evasion were added to the present drug-dealing allegation against Mr Stanfield, the suspect would not be re-arrested, as the two charges might be joined if the investigation was completed by December, the commercial unit spokesman said.

Mr Stanfield's legal advisers said they had no knowledge of the tax evasion charge.

Police set to 'unmask' all Pagad demos

JOSEPH ARANES
STAFF REPORTER

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Police have placed heavy restrictions on marches organised by People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) - including barring protesters from covering their faces during anti-drug demonstrations.

After last weekend's events in Tafelsig, Mitchell's Plain, when a grenade was tossed into an alleged drug dealer's yard, and several shots were fired at the house of another suspected drug merchant, the provincial chief of the police public order unit sent letters to the leaders of both groups.

Police spokesman John Sterrenberg said police were concerned that various offences were committed during the Pagad march in Mitchell's Plain.

The violent march was organised by the militant Qibla faction of Pagad. The other Pagad group, led by Farouk Jaffer and Ali "Phantom" Parker, had also organised marches to the homes of suspected drug dealers but their protests ended without incident.

Superintendent Sterrenberg said the police had reminded the leaders that in certain circumstances - in terms of the Prohibition of Disguises Act of 1969 - it was an offence to wear a disguise.

Superintendent Sterrenberg said other existing restrictions such as carrying firearms during a march, applying timeously to the local municipality for permission to march and supplying the authorities with the planned route, would all be fully enforced.

"We will use all the power at our disposal to enforce the law," he said.

He said that Wednesday night's demonstration in Sea Point proved that the police were serious. "We used the minimum force, warning the protesters to disperse peacefully, and managed to prevent violence. If the people do not want to co-operate, we will deal with any situation as it arises," he said.

Mr Jaffer said the restrictions imposed were stringent, but his organisation had always believed that the only way to fight drugs and gang-related crime was to do it within the framework of the law. "We have and will continue to apply for permission to stage our marches," he said.

The Qibla-led faction of Pagad could not be reached for comment.

Superintendent Sterrenberg said the actions of the marchers hampered the efficiency of the police in performing their duty, and this could no longer be tolerated.

A PAGAD A DAY

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Following a weekend of violent attacks on the homes of alleged gangsters, Western Cape police are expecting equally violent reprisals aimed at the divided group calling itself People Against Gangsterism & Drugs (Pagad). Nor is it inconceivable that factions of Pagad will turn on each other.

Pagad leapt to prominence in August after the brutal slaying of drug lord Rashaad Staggie. Since then — leaving aside its similarly named cohorts across the country — it has split in two. One group is led by Ali "Phantom" Parker and Farouk Jaffer; the other is said to be more fundamentalist in orientation, dominated by the Islamic Qibla movement.

Parker and Jaffer have thrived on the oxygen of publicity — despite criticism by their rivals and foes that they are nonentities without real community support.

They have also associated themselves with groups opposing an upmarket housing development at Oudekraal on the Atlantic seaboard — on the grounds that there are Muslim shrines on the site. Last Sunday they were among a 5 000-strong crowd of fundamentalists, hippies and environmentalists that demonstrated against the scheme.

However, it seems they have been excluded from their original haven of the Gatesville Mosque near Athlone. A spokesman for the "real Pagad" operating from Gatesville — generally associated with Qibla — this week said that the men had been "suspended" and would probably be expelled.

The unfolding tale of Pagad vs the gangsters is as bizarre as it is complex. Rashaad's brother, Rashied Staggie, has become prominent in an organisation calling itself the Community Outreach Forum (Core). This outfit claims to be

composed of repentant gangsters (the word is freely used by all concerned) who want amnesty for their crimes on the basis that they were forced into their trade by apartheid.

Additionally, Core has proposed that government drop its money-laundering Bills in exchange for a R50m donation — an offer that has not been taken up.

For all their claims of reform, Core members were targeted by separate Pagad marches last Saturday night. One march went with Parker-Jaffer; the other with Qibla-Pagad. This further enraged the surviving Staggie brother and his friends, who had already threatened "mass action" this week if their demands were not met.

Meanwhile, the brothers Nur and Ozeer Booley of Grassy Park have been detained in connection with Rashaad's murder. Qibla-Pagad has called for their release and seems to have been implicated in the more violent of the weekend marches, when gunfire broke out despite a strong police and defence force presence.

The arrests follow a tortuous process whereby the police subpoenaed a number of journalists who were witness to the Staggie killing — only to have the subpoenas dropped at the instigation of Police Commissioner George Fivaz after an outcry about press freedom. It remains to be seen if anyone will actually give evidence against the Booleys.

It is generally accepted that Western Cape police have been less than vigorous in opposing Pagad's actions. Indeed, they have used the aftermath of marches to enter and search targeted premises for drugs and arms.

Western Cape Police Commissioner Leon Wessels has become angry with Pagad. The marches took place after he had met leaders — apparently from both factions — and asked them to "scale down their operations," particularly since they were giving Cape Town a bad name as prospective host to the 2004 Olympic Games.

Wessels said it seemed that discussions with Pagad led nowhere and police would in future "take a different stance to their marches," scheduled for every Wednesday and Saturday.

And since the police have yet to move strongly against any vigilante openly breaking the law — such as shooting at a "gangster's" house or posturing with firearms — the struggle for dominance on the Flats seems set to be ugly, widening and protracted. ■

Jaffer's Pagad targets shebeens in latest bid to beat gangsters

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The campaign by the People against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) has shifted its focus to target illegal shebeen operators.

The group marched on the houses of several shebeen owners in Heideveld, Bonteheuwel and the former whites-only suburb of Ruyterwacht this week, much to the consternation of operators.

Pagad leader Farouk Jaffer said the organisation would continue the campaign as it had received numerous complaints from residents that gangsters congregated at shebeens. He said there were also allegations that some shebeen owners sold drugs, a charge operators vehemently denied.

Bonteheuwel Shebeeners' Association chairperson Felicity Ramara said while she agreed that at times anti-social behaviour took place at shebeens, that the same could also be said of bars and pubs.

She said shebeens had an important place in South Africa's history and had traditionally served as places where the poor and disadvantaged could come together to relax, socialise and enjoy the company of their neighbourhood friends.

"We believe Pagad's targeting of shebeens is misdirected and counter-productive as it divides communities.

"Their stance is an alarming manifestation of attempts by fundamentalist minorities to stamp their version of morality on other people through force and intimidation," said Mrs Ramara.

Tax evasion rap for alleged gangster

In a major breakthrough in the battle against alleged druglords, reputed kingpin Colin Stanfield is to be charged with tax evasion for owing about R10-million to the Receiver of Revenue.

This follows a decision by Western Cape Receiver of Revenue Stan Shrosbree to co-operate with Attorney-General Frank Kahn, who made available information on Stanfield's activities.

The agreement allows the State to put the Western Cape's top drug smugglers behind bars using the same

method which landed notorious American mobster "Scarface Al" Capone a jail term in the prohibition era in the 1930s.

Kahn's office is to make urgent representations to the Government to exclude money from ill-gotten gains from the tax duty announced earlier this week.

A spokesman for the attorney-general's office confirmed that the Receiver of Revenue had laid a charge of tax evasion with the fraud unit against Stanfield.

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SCUFFLE AS POLICE TRY TO DISARM CROWD

Nine Pagad members charged in Atlantis fracas

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POLICE moved to disarm Pagad members during a protest march in Atlantis at the weekend. **ROGER FRIEDMAN** writes.

TWO Pagad demonstrators were injured and nine arrested for refusing to surrender their weapons to the police for safekeeping during a gathering by about 700 people in Atlantis late on Saturday.

The nine were warned to appear in the Atlantis Magistrate's Court on November 6 to face charges relating to the carrying of dangerous weapons during a march or demonstration, as well as charges under the Prohibition of Disguises Act, police spokesman Superintendent John Sterrenberg said.

Two of those arrested carried two firearms each, one of them totting a handgun and a shotgun.

Pagad leader Mr Ali "Phantom" Parker, who led a smaller march to the homes of several alleged drug dealers in Facreton on Saturday night, alleged yesterday that some Pagad members "want casualties on their side so they can claim martyrdom".

Meanwhile, the pressure being exerted by Pagad — combined with the government's refusal to engage in talks — is beginning to



CASUALTY: Ms Abeda Roberts, of Radio 786, bleeds from a head wound after she was involved in a scuffle with police. She tried to prevent the arrest of Pagad members in Atlantis. **PICTURE: GARTH STEAD**

pressure the Community Outreach Forum (Core), a group largely made up of crime bosses and ex-crime bosses who are talking peace and reform.

It is believed that certain elements within Core are arguing that the best form of defence is attack.

On route to Atlantis on Saturday the police stopped cars and buses in the Pagad convoy and

found most of the passengers were armed.

The Pagad members accused police of intimidation and of "treating honourable people worse than criminals".

Although all the firearms were licensed, the police had issued several warnings to Pagad last week that arms and the wearing of disguises at public gatherings would

not be tolerated.

Once the entire convoy, which had set out from the Gatesville Mosque, cleared the roadblock and assembled in the town, a protracted stand-off ensued between would-be marchers and police. The police offered to take their guns for safekeeping, but Pagad refused.

"These people were confronting the police to within centimetres, using the most foul language and goading the police," said Sterrenberg.

As the police moved in to arrest people who were armed, a scuffle lasting several minutes ensued as members of the crowd attempted to prevent the police from making arrests.

No shots were fired, although at least two people were injured in the scuffle.

Pagad members involved in the Atlantis action refused to tell the Cape Times the number or extent of injuries.

After the scuffle the demonstrators split into two groups, a small group protested at the Atlantis police station while the rest returned to Cape Town and went to the Waterfront.

Said Sterrenberg: "They are effectively tying up hundreds of police for lengthy periods at weekends and on Wednesdays, police who could better occupy that time fighting the very crime they claim to be attempting to counter."

Waterfront guards halt photos of demo

ROGER FRIEDMAN
SENIOR WRITER

AS intimidation and threats against the media from members of Pagad intensified at the weekend, photographers found themselves facing a new threat — from Waterfront security guards, who joined Pagad in trying to stop photographs being taken.

The media have repeatedly been threatened by certain mem-

bers of Pagad since the lynching of gang boss Mr Rashaad Staggie during a Pagad demonstration in Salt River in August.

Shortly after Staggie's death, Pagad member Mr Faizel Ryklief was shot in an apparent revenge attack by gangsters. At Ryklief's funeral, Pagad members pointed their guns at photographers, warning them not to take pictures.

Since then, Pagad has split into two camps, the one intolerant of

the press, while the other, led by Mr Farouk Jaffer and Mr Ali "Phantom" Parker, has cultivated an open relationship with most members of the media.

Pagad leader Mr Aslam Toefy has on several occasions warned the media to "toe the line or face the mandate of the people".

He has accused the media of trying to split the Muslim community by projecting a split in Pagad.

After much tension between

the media and a group led by Toefy in Atlantis on Saturday night, members of the media trailed Pagad back to Cape Town, where they assembled at the Waterfront.

Waterfront security guards, however, were having none of it — the picture-taking, that is.

The area was private property, they said, and permission had to be granted for photographs to be taken.

Harbour a gangster and you could lose your home

PETER GOOSEN
METRO DESK

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Tough new measures against gangsterism, including eviction of council tenants who deal in drugs, harbour gangsters or allow their homes to be used by gangs, are expected to be passed by the Southern substructure council today.

A warning letter is expected to be sent to every tenant in the substructure as soon as the measures are ratified.

Many of the suburbs plagued by gangsters, dagga sellers and dealers in harder drugs and illegal liquor fall into the area of the Southern substructure.

The letter to tenants states: "If there are repeated complaints (about tenants) regarding drunken and disorderly behaviour, shebeening, dagga or drug dealing, harbouring members of gangs or allowing

houses to be used by gangs, if there are good grounds to believe the complaints to be correct, such tenant may be evicted."

Similarly, the conviction of a tenant for any offence involving the unlawful sale, use or possession of arms, ammunition, teargas or dangerous weapons may also result in eviction.

The question of problem tenants was raised by African National Congress member Hennie van Wyk, who asked the council to investigate a policy that would give officials the power to take action against problem tenants.

The council's community services committee has recommended the letter be sent. The letter is seen as a stopgap measure to signal the council is serious in its resolve to bring habitual offenders to book.

Council leases say tenants are responsible for their own behaviour, and that of their families, sub-tenants and visitors.

Pagad accuses police after showdown ⁽²⁵⁾ *Nine held, two hurt in violent Atlantis confrontation*

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Members of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) in Atlantis have accused the police of protecting gangsters after the arrest of nine fellow members during a violent confrontation with police.

Two demonstrators were injured during the scuffle, which broke out when a strong police contingent tried to disarm Pagad members before a march by about 700 people through the town on Saturday night.

Police spokesman John Sterrenberg said the nine were arrested on charges relating to the carrying of dangerous weapons during a march and charges under the Prohibition of Disguises Act for allegedly covering their faces.

They will appear in the Atlantis Magistrate's Court on November 6.

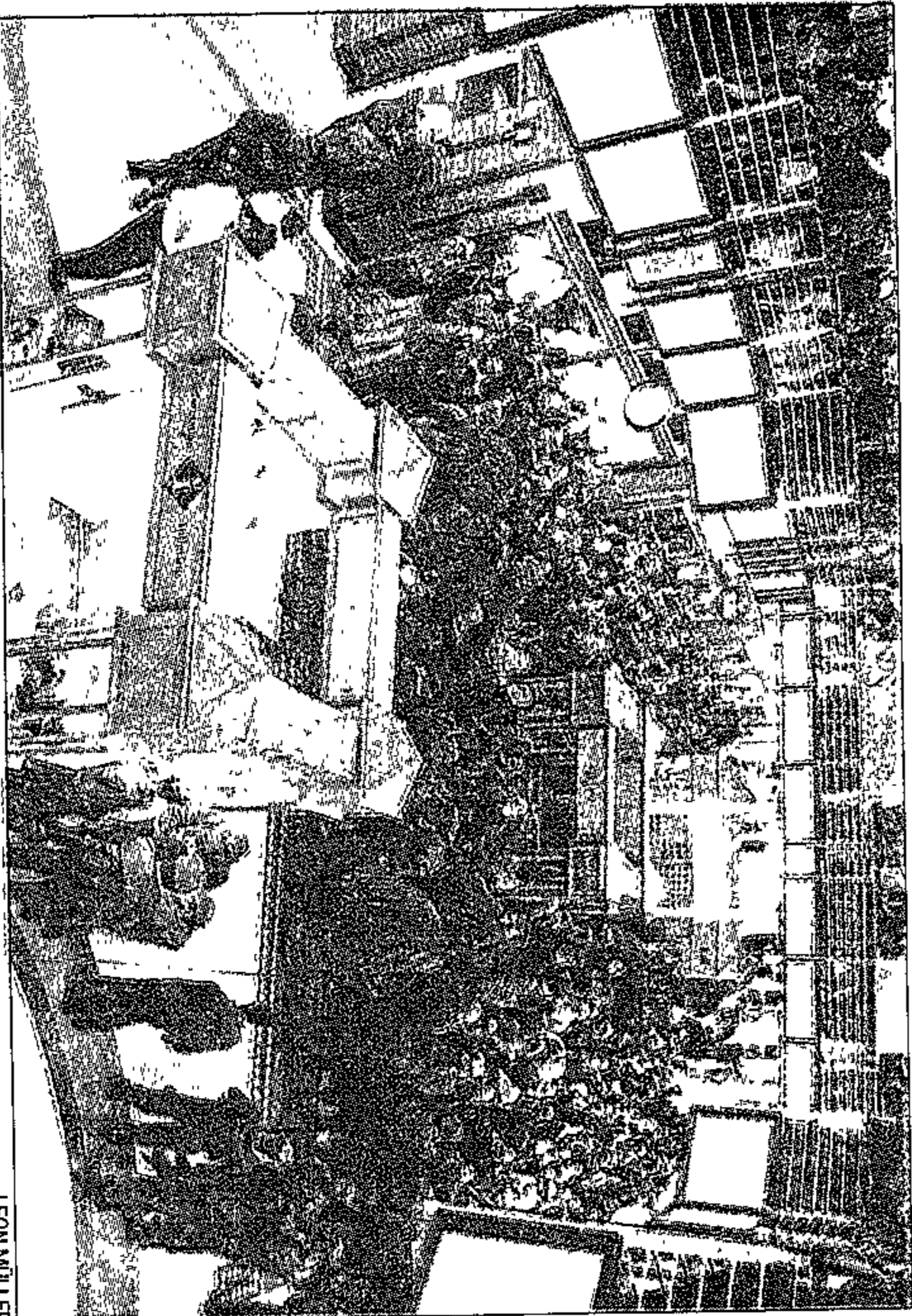
The incident came after a top-level police decision last week to exercise stricter control over Pagad marches by preventing the carrying of weapons and wearing of disguises during protests.

The Atlantis marchers, including a strong contingent from Cape Town, gathered at the Rygersdal School in Westflur, where they were cordoned off by police.

When the demonstrators refused to hand over their weapons for safekeeping, police moved in and arrested nine.

Two people, including a Radio 786 journalist, were injured in the ensuing scuffle.

A Pagad member, who asked not to be identified, said the organisation was very disappointed with the police action



LEON MÜLLER

Waterfront protest: protesting members of Pagad block the Waterfront shopping mall at the weekend

because demonstrators had been given written permission for the march by the Blaauwberg municipality and the police.

"We even faxed through a map to illustrate the route we would be following through Atlantis.

"We had no criminal intentions. We had our wives and children with us and many of us are older people. We abided by the rules. We cannot afford to provoke the police," he said.



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Clampdown: police scuffle with a Pagad member being arrested during protest action in Atlantis

He said some of the marchers were carrying weapons for self-defence. "We are very unhappy about the police action. They are protecting the gangsters from us. Meanwhile, all we want is to work with them to clean our town of gangsterism."

Superintendent Sterrenberg confirmed that the group had been granted permission to march but said they had also been warned in writing that no weapons and disguises would be allowed.

"We then moved in to arrest the armed protesters. At this point members of the crowd jumped in to try to prevent the arrests. It is these people who were injured," he said. The group dispersed soon afterwards.

The police confiscated 10 pistols and a shotgun. Some marchers were totting more than one weapon. Superintendent Sterrenberg appealed to marchers to heed the ban.

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29 years of police manpower 'wasted' by Pagad protests

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POLICE have spent an effective 29 working years and at least R1 million in police and SA National Defence Force salaries monitoring Pagad anti-crime demonstrations this year.

This means police energies have been diverted drastically from combating the crimes against which Pagad has been campaigning.

According to Mr Jan de Jager, chief economist at the National Pro-

ductivity Institute in Pretoria, who worked out the figures based on police information: "Obviously this is an underproductive application of manpower. It's a terrible waste."

At least 4 238 policemen and 2 075 SANDF members had been "used" to police 43 Pagad demonstrations between May and Saturday, spokesman Senior Superintendent John Sterrenberg said.

"If (Pagad members) feel so strongly about crime, they should become police reservists."

Tax deal could let Stanfield off the hook

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Alleged druglord Colin Stanfield and others being prosecuted by the Western Cape Attorney-General for alleged tax evasion and fraud could get off the hook by applying for the tax amnesty announced last week.

Willie Viljoen of the office of Western Cape Attorney-General Frank Kahn yesterday told the parliamentary finance committee hearing on the tax amnesty that Mr Stanfield could escape prosecution completely because of the amnesty.

"The Government's amnesty will derail our prosecutions," he said. He wanted the amnesty provision amended to exclude those under investigation for crime.

The Attorney-General was worried that the proceeds of crime were included in the amnesty, he said.

Amnesty regulations prejudiced the Attorney-General's new approach to fighting organised crime by prosecuting drug dealers on tax-related offences. The approach would allow the State to put the Western Cape's top drug smugglers behind bars by using the method which landed American mobster "Scarface" Al Capone in jail during Prohibition in the 1930s.

Mr Viljoen said attempts so far to prove criminal charges against drug dealers had been largely unsuccessful.

If the dealers applied for the amnesty it was possible there would be no other way to attach their property. Investigations involving the Receiver would have to be put on hold until the end of February.

Mr Stanfield was to be charged with tax evasion for allegedly owing about R10 million to the Receiver of Revenue.

Kosie Louw, the revenue service's deputy commissioner in charge of law administration, said in response: "We can't penalise a person for an offence outside of the Income Tax Act."

Committee chairman Zingile Dingani said the committee did not have the power to amend the tax legislation.

Olympic Bid Company

gets to grips with crime

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THE Olympic Bid Company has called a workshop today to find effective strategies to combat crime.

Co-ordinator for the Olympic Bid Company Mr John Penberthy said the company hoped to address fears on safety and security before the International Olympic (Evaluation) Committee visited Cape Town in December.

Delegates will include the city of Cape Town, the police ministry, the SAPS, the provincial government, the justice ministry and business representatives.

The workshop aims to:

- Get a firm commitment from delegates on what action they will take.
- Identify areas of collaboration and integrate planning between various institutions and departments.
- Agree on short- and long-term action. — Staff Writer



Mandela urges co-operation with police to get rid of gangs

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Cape Town - South Africans must work with the police to rid society of gangsters and drug dealers and the country of crime so that all South Africans could live together in this land of milk and honey, President Nelson Mandela told the residents of Paarl after being made a freeman of the town.

About 12 000 Paarl residents, many of them pupils, packed the town's Dal Josafat Stadium yes-

terday after Paarl Municipality unanimously decided to bestow the freedom of the town on the president.

Accepting the honour, Mandela warned criminals and drug dealers that their actions would no longer be accepted and that communities would work with the police to ensure that they ended up behind bars.

He said society must no longer view the police as the enemy but rather as the guardians of com-

munities who work long and hard to keep people safe.

"You must tell the police who the criminals in your neighbourhood are, tell them if your neighbours are dealing drugs, have illegal firearms in their homes or are in possession of stolen goods.

"Only if we all do this will we make it impossible for the gangsters to find rest in our communities and the police will be able to perform their duties.

"South Africa is a wonderful

country, but we must first rid it of crime before we can all enjoy the land of milk and honey," Mandela said.

He added that protecting freedom was a major challenge for South Africans.

"But there is a commitment from the police to co-operate with the community and they are doing this in spite of their severe lack of resources.

"The police need and deserve your support," Mandela said.

All-out war to make city safe for 2004 Games

Anti-crime front opens

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MICHAEL MORRIS AND LINDSAY BARNES
ON THE OLYMPIC BID

Cape Town is hitting back at crime in a new campaign focused on making the city safe for the proposed 2004 Olympics.

Western Cape Attorney-General Frank Kahn said the Olympic bid had injected vitality into the fight against crime.

"If we get the Olympics, everyone will have a stake in ensuring we achieve a secure environment. There will be huge material rewards," he told a ground-breaking forum on security and the Olympics yesterday.

The forum has decided to establish a team of top bureaucrats, business people and politicians in the Western Cape within the month to mastermind what is expected to be the most far-reaching safety and security strategy conceived in the city.

The goal is a practical, target-oriented plan not only to turn back the crime tide, but also tackle the pressing socio-economic forces behind it. It will deal with everything from violent crime to the care of street children.

Mr Kahn noted: "Instead of resigning ourselves to being a crime-ridden banana

republic, the focus has changed ... the Olympic Games has provided a positive, uplifting and realistic goal for work.

"The Olympic Games will be the best thing that ever happened to Cape Town, financially and commercially, and in terms of upliftment."

News of the crime strategy follows hot on the heels of a SA Tourism Board survey showing that more than half the foreign visitors to South Africa fear they will be attacked, and rate safety in the country as "fair" or "below average".

Tourist operations in rural areas are now also being affected by the high crime rate, says an AA Travel Guides Survey.

Tourists are often the target of attacks, even in towns in the Free State, Northern Province and Northern Cape that are not flooded by visitors.

In three weeks an integrated safety and security planning group will be formed to begin devising anti-crime strategies.

The group will meet regularly to adjust strategies, set targets, measure progress, co-ordinate law enforcement and other initiatives and suggest legislative measures.

The initiative precedes the December visit of the International Olympic Committee's evaluation commission.

Cape to link crime prevention and development

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DEVELOPERS would have to buy into crime prevention mechanisms if they wished to exploit development opportunities in Western Cape, provincial police service MEC Gerald Morkel said yesterday.

The first aim of the national crime prevention strategy was to link economic growth and development with crime prevention

and set the stage for all stakeholders to work together.

"I have already started this process and (this week) a range of decision makers from the national government, Western Cape government, private sector and the Olympic Bid Company will strategise on ways to prevent crime in Western Cape."

Morkel said that if a strategy emanating from forum was successful and Cape Town made the

short list of the International Olympic Committee, the development opportunities in the province would be "unbelievable".

The provincial government had accepted as one of its development strategies that the size of the tourist sector had to be increased dramatically to boost the region's international competitiveness.

This could be done through ecotourism, agritourism, focusing on hinterland areas and tourism

routes, blending casino developments into the Cape and protecting the environment.

Morkel said service levels in the province had to be improved, along with safety and security.

However, he warned that developments should not all be clustered around the big centres or well-known tourist attractions. Tourists' desire for secluded hideaways meant developers should avoid overdeveloping areas.



CHECKING: Police search vehicles last night for unlicensed arms as people drive into the grounds of the Gatesville mosque. **PICTURE: GARTH STEAD**

Pagad, police in stand-off

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A STAND-OFF developed between Pagad marchers and the police outside a drug-dealer's house in Bellville South last night.

By late last night no incidents were reported.

Earlier last night Pagad members, intent on marching to the dealer's house, met at the Gatesville mosque under a heavy police and army presence, which included armoured personnel carriers and a helicopter.

Police searched vehicles for unlicensed arms as people drove into the mosque grounds.

There was confusion among Pagad members about where to meet before they marched.

Later, Pagad played cat-and-mouse with police when they said they would meet at the Sanlam Centre in Voortrekker Road, Parow.

However, when they arrived there and found police present, they moved on to the Sanlam headquarters in Bellville, where they met to plan their march to a dealer's house in Bellville South.

Cape gang crime down - Mufamadi

Pagad co-operating, but

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Gang-related crime in the Western Cape peaked in March last year and has been declining since, says Minister of Safety and Security Sydney Mufamadi.

He said co-operation between security forces and People Against Gangsterism Drugs (Pagad) had improved "but it would be incorrect to say we receive full co-operation".

Mr Mufamadi was replying in the National Assembly yesterday to questions by Democratic Party MPs Colin Eglin and Doug Gibson.

Mr Eglin had asked what steps were being taken to ensure Pagad did not hamper the police, a problem exposed by fig-

ures from the National Productivity Institute. *ARLT 31/10/96 (35)*

In the exchange in the assembly, no distinction was made between the two factions of Pagad, which recently split.

Mr Mufamadi also tabled figures for a variety of serious crimes in the Western Cape so far this year.

In the province since January there have been 1 554 murders, 3 083 rapes, 827 culpable homicides, 16 050 assaults with intent to do grievous bodily harm, while common assaults total 18 962.

There have been 6 274 robberies, 4 038 vehicle thefts, 194 vehicle hijackings, 52 686 thefts of other items, 27 022 housebreakings and 5 093 drug-related crimes.

In most cases, figures for each of these crimes are about half those for the whole of last year in the Western Cape.

Shots fired at Pagad convoy

2 000 march on shop

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recent police warnings that they would prevent people from marching with their faces masked.

A large police contingent intervened soon after Pagad delivered an ultimatum to the owner of the shop to "stop all illegal activities within 24 hours or face the mandate of the people".

The marchers were asked to disperse by the police and they did so peacefully.

But in Gatesville, there was a tense stand-off between the police and Pagad members when they tried to deliver an ultimatum to a suspected drug dealer.

The police came under heavy verbal attack from marchers when they prevented the crowd from talking to the alleged drug dealer.

Suspected gangsters from Montana opened fire on a convoy of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) members travelling from Bellville to an alleged drug dealer's house in Gatesville early today.

No injuries were reported.

Confusion reigned after several shots were fired on Pagad members leaving the Bellville area at 1.25am.

Earlier, a 2 000-strong Pagad crowd marched to a shop in the centre of Bellville allegedly linked to the importation of Man-drax and other drugs. Most marchers wore scarves to hide their faces.

The Qibla-led faction of Pagad defied

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Police block: Pagad protesters are prevented from speaking to an alleged drug dealer in Gatesville

ANDREW INGRAM

Tax amnesty is no escape for druglords

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Druglords will not, after all, be able to use the tax amnesty to escape paying taxes on ill-gotten gains.

Deputy-Minister of Finance Gill Marcus said in an interview that any tax due from April 1994 would have to be paid and criminal charges could be laid if the taxes were not paid or if fraud was involved.

"Amnesty covers only the penalties and interest - not the capital amount," she said.

Ms Marcus was reacting to evidence to the parliamentary finance committee by Willie Viljoen, of the office of Western Cape Attorney-General Frank Kahn, that alleged druglord Colin Stanfield and others being prosecuted by Mr Kahn's office for alleged tax evasion and fraud could get off the hook by applying for tax amnesty.

But she said tax legislation could not be used to attack "ill-gotten gains".

Tax authorities could not sit in judgment on how income was earned. The object of the tax authorities was to ensure tax was paid.

The amnesty did not allow anyone to escape fraud charges.

If druglords or anyone else evaded tax, they would be charged with a criminal offence.

If a druglord applied for amnesty, all income would have to be declared and tax assessed.



Masked march: Pagad demonstrators are cramping police attempts to combat crime PHOTOGRAPH: RODGER BOSCH

Pagad hampering crime

Rehana Rossouw

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Omar meets Pagad for talks on drugs and crime

GLYNNIS UNDERHILL
CHIEF REPORTER

Justice Minister Dullah Omar has held talks with the executive of the People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) to examine what can be done by law enforcement agencies to wage an effective battle against drug trafficking and crime.

Paul Setsetse, spokesman for Mr Omar, said yesterday Pagad, led by Aslam Toefy, had identified a number of problems they had experienced, especially with regard to

the police and the courts.

"The minister undertook to arrange a further meeting at which representatives of the ministries of justice, safety and security, correctional services, as well as representatives of the Attorney-General's office and local magistrates, would be present," Mr Setsetse said.

"The object of the meeting will be for various government departments to listen and to respond to the complaints and grievances of Pagad, but more importantly to explore the possibilities of close co-operation in the fight against crime.

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"It was agreed that such co-operation will have to be within the framework of the law."

Pagad has apparently split into two camps, with the one group led by Farouk Jaffer and Ali "Phantom" Parker and the other by Mr Toefy.

Mr Toefy said yesterday the organisation's meeting with Mr Omar on Friday had "reaffirmed the government's commitment to Pagad".

The meeting with the other government heads would assist Pagad in fighting this war against drugs and crime, he said.

Pagad, police clash at Cape Waterfront

OWN CORRESPONDENT

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A man was shot dead and 13 policemen were injured in a violent clash between People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) and police during an illegal gathering at Cape Town's popular Waterfront.

Achmat Najjaar, the brother of Sheikh Najjaar, vice-president of the Islamic Council of South Africa and Imam of the Mountview Mosque in Athlone, died of a gunshot wound after he was shot near

the amphitheatre following a police warning to a crowd of about 700 Pagad members and supporters to disperse.

Several policemen sustained head injuries as they tried to fight back Pagad supporters, and finally opened fire with rubber bullets. People fled, hurling bottles of Tabasco sauce and plates of pasta at the policemen as they went.

Yesterday afternoon's mayhem shocked visitors, including overseas tourists, who watched in horror as one of the country's most

popular tourist attractions turned into a war zone. Restaurant patrons sitting at outside tables rushed inside to escape while women and children cowered on the ground.

Pagad members and police clashed metres away. Three policemen were seriously injured and more than 10 others had to be treated by medics.

A businessman who asked not to be identified said the country's tourism industry was "hanging on a thread" after yesterday's Waterfront chaos.

PAGAD AND POLICE CLASH ON WATERFRONT

Sheikh's Brother Shot Dead

(35) ET 4/11/96

A MAN was shot dead when police confronted Pagad demonstrators at the Waterfront yesterday. Rubber bullets were fired into the crowd, which lobbed plates, bins and other items at police. **PETER DENNEHY, LOREN KOLEVSOHN, and ERIC NYABAZALLA** report.

A LANDSDOWNE father of three was killed yesterday during a rally of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) at the Waterfront which ended in violent clashes with police.

The death of Mr Achmat Najar, 50, of Lansdowne, brother of prominent Muslim cleric Sheikh Thafar Najar, followed an attempt by the police to disperse the peaceful but defiant Pagad "family day" demonstration using batons and rubber bullets.

Reacting to the shooting on the community radio station Voice of the Cape late last night, Pagad chief commander Mr Aslam Toety blamed the police for Najar's death and called on the Muslim community in the Western Cape to mobilise in support of Pagad.

"A life was taken, they (police) shot him bulls-eye in the front of his head," said Toety. "These people are bent on killing us, these people are bent on killing us. We say our eyes must now open."

But police Captain Wicus Holzhausen said last night the police had not used live ammunition and could not have been responsible for the shooting of Najar. Police had been handed a 7,65mm cartridge case — not a standard issue to police.

"We only used rubber bullets," a relative of the deceased said he had been a bystander and was not a member of Pagad. "He was an unfortunate visitor who got caught in the mayhem."

A truckload of Pagad supporters was arrested at the Waterfront rally, some of them after vigorous resistance. Plates and bins were thrown at the police.

Later 19 people appeared in the Cape Town Magistrate's Court in connection with trespassing and taking part in an

illegal gathering. About midnight they were granted bail of R1 000 each, on condition that they reported to the Peninsula Murder and Robbery unit today and did not take part in Pagad rallies while the case is pending. The case has been remanded to November 29.

In a statement after the court adjourned, Pagad said they were "peacefully dispersing when the police opened fire. Several were injured and one person was killed. The unprovoked attack was unprecedented and a full inquiry has been requested."

It said also that "many children were attacked by police dogs and were severely traumatised."

Before the drama started police set up roadblocks at all entrances, stopping cars whose occupants might have been Muslim, asking and searching in vain for unlicensed firearms.

Streams of cars went in to the Waterfront, where a peaceful demonstration was held. Many of the 700 or more people who took part were women and children. No firearms were visible.

Three or four of the leaders wore keffiyehs which they used to cover part of their faces while chanting slogans. Armed police wearing bullet-proof vests and bearing riot equipment stood by.

At 4pm, the police issued a 10-minute warning to the crowd to disperse. The crowd sat down and chanted. An unnamed leader announced on a megaphone that they would not disperse.

"We want the world to know that there is a drug problem in this country. We want the world to know that the police are not interested," he said. "The government is using the police to suppress the people."

Hundreds of onlookers crowded on



KEEPING HIM DOWN: Two policemen apprehend a supporter of People Against Gangsterism And Drugs at the Waterfront demonstration yesterday.

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Man shot dead in

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the balcony overlooking the auditorium. When the police action was only minutes away, crowd leaders called on people in the audience to have the courage to come and sit down with Pagad. Scores did, to loud applause.

When police announced that the 10-minute period was over, Pagad supporters stood, linked arms and faced the police, who advanced into the crowd and began making arrests. Scuffles broke out, batons were used, and items including bottles of tabasco sauce were thrown at the police.

Police fired about a dozen rubber bullet rounds. All the spent cartridges on the ground afterwards looked the same, and had "baton" written on them, which means they were rubber bullet rounds. At least two policemen were injured by items thrown at them. One had his teeth knocked out. The Pagad supporters retreated, leaving a trail of blood on the floor of the main concourse.

A spokesperson for the Waterfront, Mrs Maureen Thompson, said Waterfront management and police had had discussions after two recent Pagad marches at the centre and police blocks were set up at all entrances "to act as a deterrent today, but obviously this was not to be".

She said "drastic" measures would have to be taken, which might include the installation of a gate at each entry point.

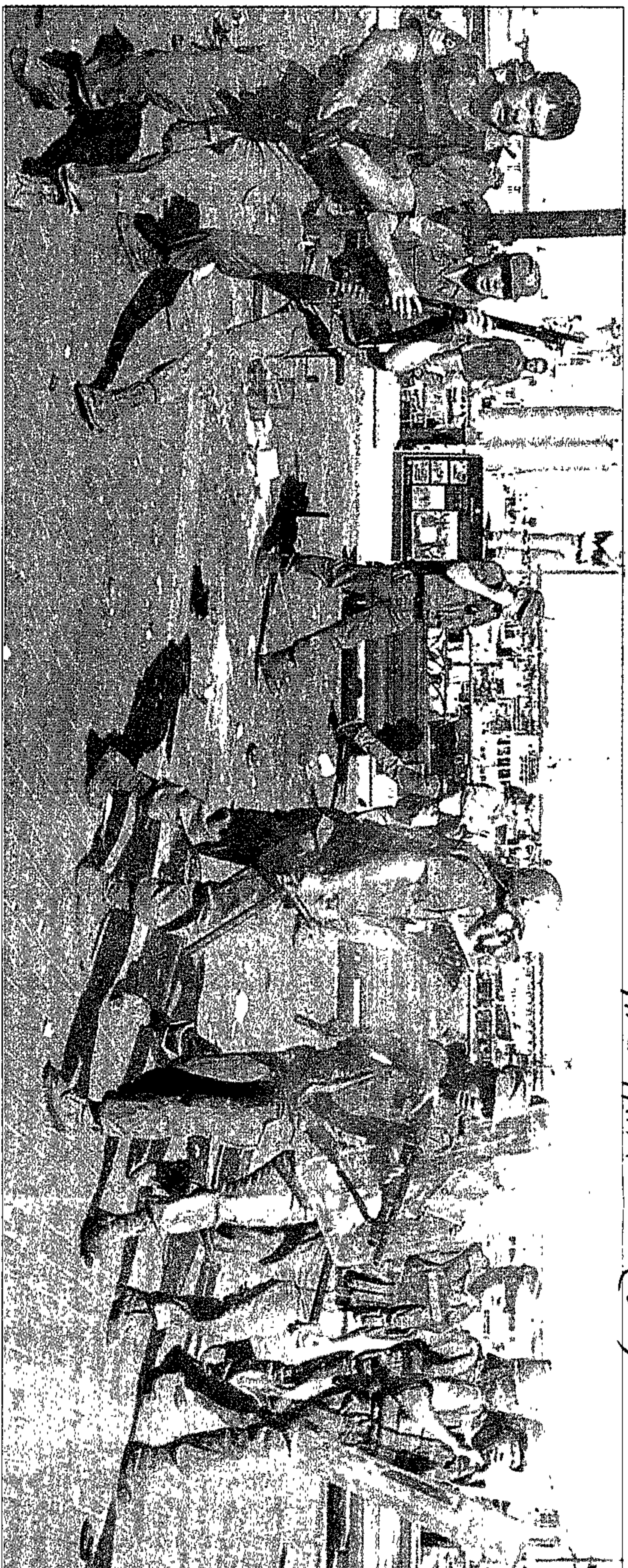
Holtzhausen said last night three SAPS members had been taken to hospital and, 10 others were injured.

He added there was "not another way" to handle such confrontational situations. "We asked them to disperse and we gave them time. What else must we do? How does one stop them entering the Waterfront?"

● The leader of the less militant Pagad formation, Mr Ali "Phantom" Parker, said he was enjoying cheesecake and a cup of coffee at an upstairs Waterfront venue when members of the "other Pagad" shattered the peace.

"Their behaviour bore out exactly what I warned. They wanted to create a bloodbath. Bloodletting is the name of their game, and they are probably happy now that they have got it," said Parker.

Those who appeared in court last night were: Ms Abeda Roberts, Mr Azeem-Booley, Mr Jassiem Nackerdien, Mr Rushdien Abrahams, Mr Casiem Khan, Mr Rashied Abdul, Mr Shahled Davids, Mr Casiem Parker, Mr Ebrahim Abrahams, Mr Sheheed Toefy, Mr Robin Davids, Mr Dawood Schloss, Mr Mogamat Slamdien, Mr Gulam Ailie, Mr Faisel Gossain, Mr Richard Verwey, Mr Mogamat Ailie, Mr Karlem Sorday and Mr Mohammed Gierdien.



Confrontation: the scene during yesterday's clash at the Waterfront during which a Pagad member, Achmat Wajjaar was shot dead after police ordered the crowd to disperse

BRENTON GEACH

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The day the Waterfront became a war zone ... Sunday bloody Sunday

JOHAN SCHROENEN AND ASHLEY SMITH
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

Bloodstains on the ground at Cape Town's popular Waterfront bore testimony to the clash between Pagad

home in Lansdowne until 2am today. A police helicopter took off from Ysterplaat airforce base to help ground patrols but later returned to base to be on standby. During the Waterfront mayhem, shocked visitors, including overseas



Innocent victim: security staff escort a stunned bystander from the scene

Panic and hysteria turn quiet shopping afternoon to chaos

SHARKEY ISAACS
STAFF REPORTER

Visitors who had come to the V&A

"Although some people bring their families here, you can see now why it is unsafe to bring children." About 30 minutes after the clashes peo-

The Pagad faction involved in the clash yesterday afternoon is allied to the Muslim militant organisation, Qibla.

Achmat Najjaar, 50, brother of Sheikh Chafiq Najjaar, vice president of the Islamic Council of South Africa and imam of Mountview Mosque in Athlone, died of a gunshot wound above the right eye.

He was shot near the amphitheatre after police ordered about 700 members and supporters of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs to disperse.

About 3.45pm a crowd of a several hundred people gathered near the amphitheatre in front of the shopping mall.

Most of the Pagad group were women and children.

Pagad refused to heed to the police's call to "cease the illegal gathering" and invoked their right to freedom of speech. An enraged man ran at the line of Public Order Unit police and scuffled with them.

Police gave the crowd an ultimatum to disperse and then baton charged them.

In the ensuing scuffle, the police were shoved back by the sheer number of the people in the crowd and several policemen had head injuries after fighting with Pagad supporters.

They then opened fire with rubber bullets on the crowd who fled in all directions and hurled bottles of Tabasco sauce and plates of pasta at the police.

A policeman was in considerable pain after being hit in the face by chilli sauce which got into his eyes.

Parents held onto their children and ran into the Victoria Wharf shopping mall when suddenly, in the midst of the chaos, the motionless body of Mr Najjaar was surrounded by at least 50 Pagad members.

Mr Najjaar, who had been an Islamic scholar for 12 years and was a teacher at the madrasa (Muslim school) in Grassy Park, will be buried at the Muslim cemetery in Observatory at 3pm today.

Police monitored mourners and Pagad members who gathered at Mr Najjaar's

turned into a war zone.

Restaurant patrons sitting at outside tables fled inside to escape the stampede while others watched from the first floor decks above.

Women and children cowered on the ground and huddled together while Pagad members and police clashed metres away.

A woman cried hysterically as her husband led her away after the shooting and screaming died down.

The ground in front of the shopping complex was stained with blood in places and littered with broken glass and shattered plates.

Overturned plastic tables and chairs were scattered around and a glass door was broken.

A man who had been trapped inside a shop during the chaos, said: "People were running, bottles and chairs were flying through the air and there was non-stop gunfire in the background."

"It was like a war movie," he said. Three policemen were seriously injured, one when a flying object hit him in the mouth. They were taken to Somerset Hospital.

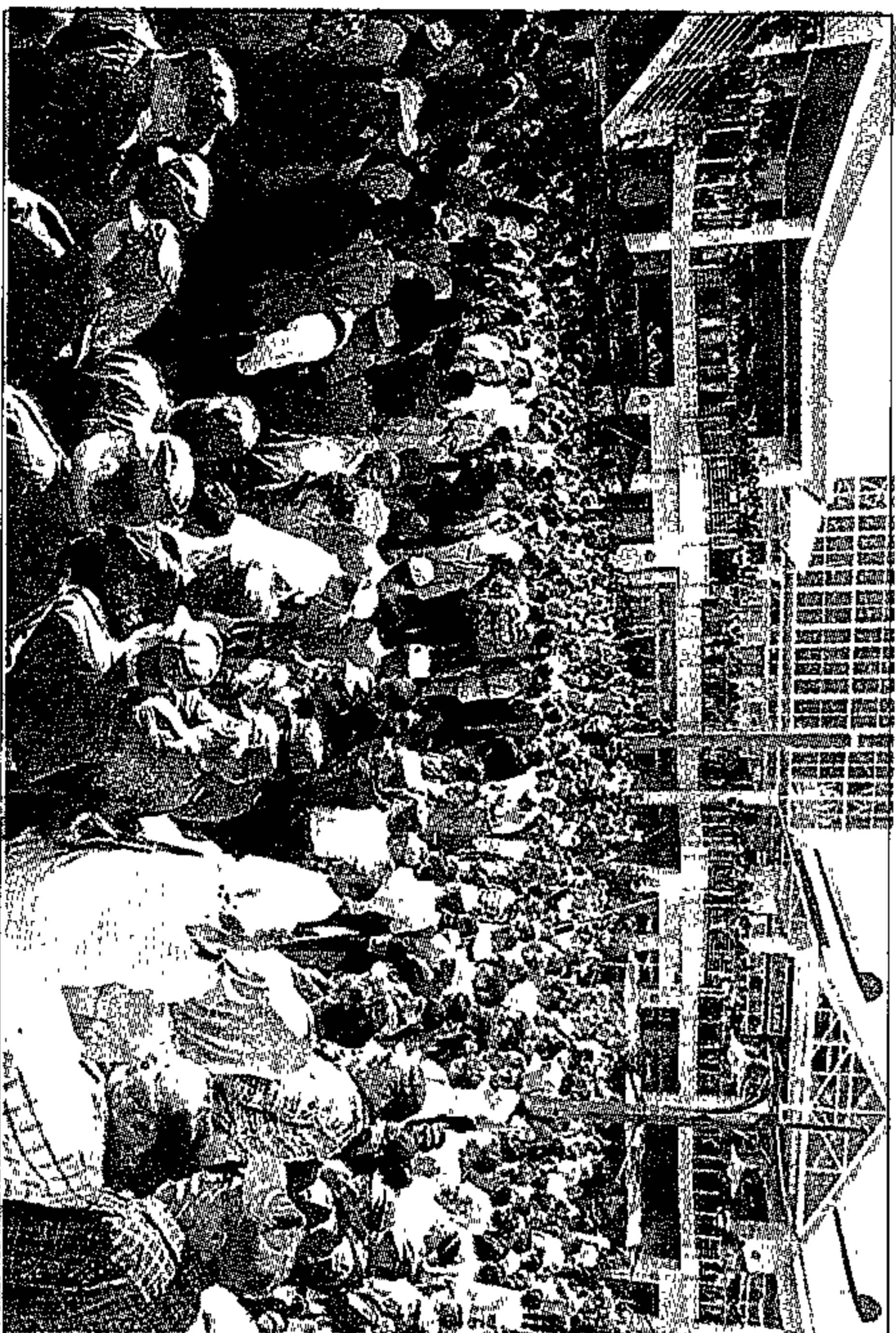
More than 10 other policemen were treated by medics and ambulancemen at the Waterfront and at the Sea Point police station.

Several onlookers and people who took part in the march were slightly injured.

A Waterfront businessman said another "loose cannon" actions, supposedly to fight drugs and gangsterism, should be stopped.

The man, who asked not to be identified for fear of his safety, said the tourism industry would be "hanging by a thread" after yesterday's chaos.

Earlier in the day, police blockaded all entrances to the Waterfront and searched cars for weapons. A number of witnesses said this was done randomly and not all vehicles were checked.



Waterfront crowd: a section of the Pagad crowd at the Waterfront



Frightened mother: a woman protects her child during the violence

Who fired shot at the Pagad demo?

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sure this man wasn't killed by police."

South African Gunowners' Association spokesman Ian Lehr said today a 7.65mm calibre was the size of a round associated with that calibre was the Walther pistol, which at one stage was issued to detectives.

But Mr Lehr said he understood all Walthers had been withdrawn.

Provincial commander of general investigations for the Western Cape Andre du Toit confirmed detectives had been issued with 0.32 calibre Walther pistols which took a 7.65mm cartridge but he could not say if all of these had been withdrawn.

'Explosive' situation as hundreds of angry Pagad protesters gather outside court

JOHAN SCHROENEN AND ASHLEY SMITH

Nineteen Pagad members were granted R1 000 bail each when they appeared in the Cape Town Magistrate's Court after the Waterfront clash.

The 18 men and one woman were told to report to the police Murder and Robbery Squad offices in Bellville South today and ordered not to take part in Pagad protest marches while the case was being investigated.

Hundreds of Pagad supporters gathered outside the court during the urgent bail hearing last night. Police had their hands full controlling

Sea Point police station under siege

ASHLEY SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

About 500 Pagad supporters laid siege to the Sea Point police station in the aftermath of chaos at the Waterfront in which a Pagad member died and 19 were arrested.

Tensions ran high when they crowded in front of the gates of police station less than two hours after Achmat Najjaar had been shot dead at the Waterfront yesterday.

The crowd demanded that those arrested be released. They also demanded that the government hold a formal inquiry into Mr Najjaar's death.

A spokesman for People Against Gangsterism and Drugs said: "We were peacefully dispersing when the police opened fire."

"Several people were injured and one person killed. "The unprovoked attack was unprecedented," he said.

The crowd moved to the lawn on the opposite side of the police station and held an hour-long prayer meeting, during which they spoke openly of the honour of dying for Allah in a jihad or holy war.

The war talk continued until just before 6.15pm yesterday, when they moved towards the front entrance of the police station again and were embroiled in a war of words with police.

at the clash between Pagad and the police which left one man dead. Visitors fleeing the Waterfront caused a traffic jam which took more than 90 minutes to clear.

A frightened woman, who declined to identify herself, said: "It happened before my very eyes. One minute I was shopping and then from nowhere all hell broke loose."

Nervously trying to light a broken cigarette with shaking hands, she said: "Oh my God, oh my God... my nerves... I can't stand it!"

"How could anyone shoot in a crowded area like the Waterfront where lots of parents bring their families?"

"People just panicked and then blind hysteria swept up everyone. Some ran this way, some ran that way, not knowing where the shots were coming from."

"Someone ran into a heavy armour-plated window near me and staggered to his feet again after briefly collapsing. I was caught up in the crowd and ran too."

"One does not expect such things to happen here because one does not expect this place to be dangerous."

Kennyn Thomas of Belhars said: "I suppose the shooting will keep a small percentage of people away from the Waterfront for a while, but people in general will continue to frequent the area."

Ronnelle Sass of Elsies River said: "People should feel safe and walk freely here without fear of any danger. Some parents will now think twice about bringing their children here."

Frank Gutuza of Greenhaven said Pagad had taken root among the people and there was just no way any shooting incident was going to stop it.

"It is like an overwhelming invisible force which fired the imaginations of the people because the authorities have continued to fail in containing the growing problem of drugs and gangsterism in the townships."

"The shooting is a grave tragedy which will link Pagad to the Waterfront."

"The shooting will naturally affect the flow of people to the Waterfront for a few days but the shopping crowds will return to normal again soon."

"It is like the taxi shootings. People have learnt to live with danger."



Tense talks: Ncogonde Balfour and Steve Tshwete negotiate with a protester in Sea Point

But police say President Mandela ordered 'strong measures'

ASHLEY SMITH AND LINDSAY BARNES
STAFF REPORTERS

The Qibla-led faction of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs has declared a full-scale holy war against police after the death of Muslim scholar Achmat Najjaar during a confrontation at the Waterfront.

It emerged today that police were acting on direct instructions from President Mandela's office when they stopped yesterday's demonstration.

Western Cape Police Commissioner Leon Wessels said Pagad would be prevented from holding further demonstrations at the Waterfront. The Waterfront management laid an official complaint with police two weeks ago after a Pagad demonstration there and President Mandela's office had asked police to take "strong measures" to stop such demonstrations, he said.

He said police had met Pagad leaders for three hours on Saturday morning to try to dissuade them from protesting at the Waterfront but to no avail. At the meeting, Pagad members confirmed their intention to demonstrate at other major commercial centres in the city.

While further protest action was anticipated, police were no longer being informed by Pagad beforehand, Commissioner Wessels said. He said the other Pagad group, led by Farouk Jaffer and Ali "Phantom" Parker, operated within the required legal boundaries.

The Pagad demonstration at the Waterfront followed a meeting with police on Wednesday at which Pagad members were asked not to carry arms or wear masks at future demonstrations.

Members of the crowd protesting against drug dealers and gangsterism were unmasked before the clash but some covered their faces with scarves during the confrontation.

The Pagad crowd was searched for weapons on their way into the Waterfront and had not been anticipating violence, a Pagad spokesman said.

"We had our mothers and fathers with us and people had babies on their arms. There were other ways the police could have dealt with this," he said.

After the shooting, Pagad commander Aslam Toey asked Sports Minister Steve Tshwete to help the 19 Pagad members who had been arrested and taken to Sea Point police station. Mr Toey and Mr Tshwete are close friends.

Who fired fatal shot at Waterfront?

LINDSAY BARNES AND STEPHEN WROTTELEY
STAFF REPORTERS

Questions are being asked today about who fired the shot that killed Achmat Najjaar, an event that could spark a war between police and the Pagad movement led by Aslam Toey.

It is also being asked whether the shooting was deliberate or an accident. Mr Najjaar was hit in the head by a bul-



Lashing out: police disperse demonstrators with batons at the Waterfront. Women and children covered during the clashes. More reports, pictures, page 3

Anwah Nagia, chairman of the District Six Association, condemned the shooting, which he said had happened after police were notified that the gathering was organised as a peaceful demonstration by Pagad members, their families and sympathisers to highlight people's continuing fight against drugs and gangsters.

Western Cape Police Minister Gerald Morkel said Pagad's protest action was costing the country a fortune as it was

tying up valuable police staff when they could be used elsewhere.

National Police Commissioner George Fivaz said undisciplined Pagad elements directly benefited druglords by seeking "deliberate confrontation with police".

The Cape Chamber of Commerce and Industry said it respected the right of individuals and groups to protest but it was unacceptable when these actions unreasonably affected the rights of others.

let which could have come from a weapon firing rounds with a 7,65mm calibre. A spent cartridge with this calibre was handed to police after the shooting.

Mr Toey, the public face of the Pagad faction with ties to the militant Muslim grouping Qibla, claims the killing was a deliberate attempt to assassinate him.

He said Mr Najjaar was standing beside him when the fatal shot was fired and that the bullet was clearly meant for him.

Another member of the group said the crowd was dispersing peacefully when police opened fire. But police said they had used only rubber bullets, although a photograph confirms that at least one policeman had his side-arm drawn.

Police spokesman Wicus Holtzhausen said today: "No policeman have this gun (with a 7,65mm calibre round). We are

Staggie suspect among those held

One of the people arrested during the Waterfront clash between Pagad and police is one of the two Boooley brothers who were arrested in connection with the killing of gangster Rashaad Staggie.

The Boooleys are out on bail and Western Cape Police Commissioner Leon Wessels said it was possible Ozeer Boooley, 24, had broken a condition of his bail yesterday.

He said this would have to be ascertained.

Mr Boooley and his brother Moggamat Nur Boooley, 33, share a house in Grassy Park. They were granted bail of R5,000 each in the Cape Town Magistrate's Court on October 23 on condition they reported to the Grassy Park police station daily, did not leave the Peninsula without permission from the police investigating officer and returned to court on December 9. - Crime Desk



Casualty: the body of Achmat Najjaar is carried away. He was a teacher of religion at Grassy Park

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'Time for
joking with
police at end'

OWN CORRESPONDENT

People Against Gangsterism and Drugs leader Aslam Toefy says they will come out with guns blazing if police try to stop them from waging their campaign to eradicate gangsterism and drugs from the Cape Flats.

He declared "holy war" earlier yesterday on the police after Sunday's death of a Pagad member during a clash with police during demonstrations at the Waterfront in Cape Town.

His faction is led by Quibla, a radical wing of Pagad. Speaking shortly after the funeral of slain Pagad member and Islamic scholar Achmat Najjaar in Mowbray yesterday, an emotional Toefy vowed Pagad would never confront the police unarmed again as they did at the Waterfront on Sunday.

He said: "The time for joking around with the police has now come to an end."

Another masked Pagad member then interjected that any person within the anti-drug organisation who was acting as an informer for the police would be killed.

The mass mobilisation of the Muslim community has taken a giant stride forward as a result of the police action against Pagad at the Waterfront at the weekend, said Toefy.

Thousands of Muslims lined the streets of Mowbray yesterday waiting for the funeral convoy moving on foot from the City Park sports ground in Crawford.

Thousands of hands touched the coffin as it was passed along to the front of the procession after the crowd turned into the side road which leads to the Muslim cemetery in Mowbray.

"We will mobilise more than 650 000 Muslims throughout the country who are prepared to die for justice," said Toefy.

Pagad march 'barbaric and uncivilised'

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Many potential visitors 'shocked away'
from SA's shores, says tourism MEC

OWN CORRESPONDENT

Cape Town

Government ministers and the commissioner of police have expressed outrage at Sunday's violent clash at the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront between police and members of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs.

The clash claimed the life of 50-year-old religious scholar Achmat Najjaar. Police Commissioner George Fivaz said the blood of Najjaar, who was shot dead during violent clashes between police and the Qibla-aligned Pagad group, was on the hands of undisciplined elements within Pagad.

Najjaar was the brother of Sheik Ghafier Najjaar, vice-president of the Islamic Council of SA.

Fivaz, together with Justice Minister Dullah Omar and Western Cape Tourism MEC Lampie Fick, issued statements deploring the incident, which was described as "nothing short of barbaric and uncivilised". If kept unchecked, such actions were sure to have a detrimental effect on tourism, investment and the city's chances of staging the Olympic Games.

A question that needed to be asked was: What was Pagad's real objectives? Organised confrontations, Fivaz said, forced police to withdraw valuable resources from where they were needed most and weakened the real fight against crime. Wildcat actions only undermined the community's unity in fighting druglords and criminals.

Fivaz stressed that police were committed to protecting the rights of law-abiding citizens and would not hesitate to act in an extremely harsh manner against those who did not respect the rule of law in a democratic South Africa.

Omar called on all parties to ensure incidents like Sunday's never occurred again. He also stressed that the fight against crime could never succeed on the basis of confrontation between the authorities and the community.

Confrontation between community organisations and police had to be avoided. Representatives of Pagad, the departments of safety and security, justice, correctional services, the attorney-general's office and a magistrate should meet to discuss the problem.

"The object of the meeting would be to seek ways of building co-operation between Pagad and the authorities to facilitate a united fight against drug trafficking and violence within the framework of the law," Omar said.

Pagad had a role to play in the fight against crime, but had to work within the framework of the law. "It cannot take the law into its own hands," Omar said.

Fick said many potential tourists and investors would be "shocked away" from South Africa's shores as a result of the "barbaric and uncivilised action".

"If this type of action is not stopped dead in its tracks, we can forget about the Olympic bid and attracting tourists to our fairest city."



TOGETHER AS ONE: Armed mourners give a 21-gun salute during the funeral service of Mr Achmat Najjaar at City Park sports field in Athlone yesterday. Najjaar was killed during a clash with police after a Pagad protest at the Waterfront on Sunday afternoon.

Najjaar was killed during a clash
PICTURES: THEMENKOSI DWAYISA

Thousands give Najjaar martyr's burial

THOUSANDS of mourners attended the burial service of Mr Achmat Najjaar — shot dead in the mayhem when police confronted Pagad demonstrators at the Waterfront on Sunday — at the Groote Schuur cemetery yesterday afternoon.

Najjaar was the brother of prominent Muslim cleric Sheikh

Thafer Najjaar.

Bus loads of mourners arrived to pay their last respects.

Before the body arrived at the cemetery, carried shoulder high on a brier, mourners, including women and children, listened to a live broadcast of the funeral service on Radio 786.

A police helicopter flew over

the crowd during the service.

Police kept a low profile, but when two Casspirs arrived as the crowd was going home, masked men asked the women and children to stand behind the cars parked nearby.

Pagad leader Mr Aslam Toefy told reporters that last night was the beginning and Pagad was

going to organise more than 600 000 people in the Muslim community.

"We want the government to know that people can mobilise against injustice," he said.

Later people were asked by some Pagad marshals to disperse as the organisation would not want to hear that people were

hurt after the funeral.

Earlier women and children were asked to get into buses and return to Lansdowne while the men would march back.

But later everybody was loaded into buses. People were asked to attend a meeting at the Gatesville mosque later this week.

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Thousands mourn Pagad man (35)

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Jackie Cameron reports that earlier thousands of people attended Najjaar's funeral.

In a rare move, the family allowed women to join the funeral procession and join in the prayers at City Park sports field in Athlone. Mourners fired several shots into the air.

Unseen, police monitored proceedings.

The dead man's brother, Sheik Thafier Najjaar, said his brother's killer "has made us more determined".

"My father says he has got four more sons and many more grandsons to give to the cause. It is an honour for the family to lose someone in this way."

● The ANC in the Western Cape said yesterday it was deeply concerned at the violence and loss of life during the Waterfront protest.

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Call for tougher action

JACKIE CAMERON (35)

POLICE must take a tough stand against the Qhla-aligned "characters" involved in clashes with police at the Waterfront on Sunday, says the leader of the rival Pagad formation, Mr Ali "phantom" Parker.

Mr Achmat Najjaar, 50, a Weston father of three, was shot dead and 13 other people were injured in the clashes at the city's busiest tourist attraction.

The police and Pagad are pointing fingers at one another over who fired the fatal shot, and there are fears that the incident could spark more serious violence. By late yesterday police had not released details about the post-mortem, but were adamant that police members had fired rubber bullets, and not live ammunition, during the clashes that followed police requests that demonstrators leave the Waterfront.

Parker, who was eating cheese-cake at a Waterfront restaurant at the time of the incident, said yesterday: "Police must take a tough stand against these characters. If the police don't stop this now, then God help us. There is a political agenda."

The leader of the rival Pagad group, Mr Aslam Toefy, said he had been "misquoted" in newspapers and he refused to discuss links with Qhla or any political agenda that his group might have.

"This isn't a holy war, but it is a mobilising of an entire community against gangsterism and drugs," he said.

THE Minister of Justice and the Commissioner of Police have expressed outrage at the clash between police and Pagad in which an Islamic scholar was shot dead at the Waterfront on Sunday.

Police Commissioner Mr George Fivaz said the blood of Mr Achmat Najjaar, 50, was on the hands of undisciplined elements within Pagad.

Najjaar was the brother of Sheikh Thafier Najjaar, vice-president of the Islamic Council of SA.

Fivaz, Justice Minister Mr Dullah Omar and Western Cape MEC for Tourism Mr Lampie Fick issued statements deploring the incident.

Organised confrontations, Fivaz said, meant the police had to withdraw valuable resources from where they were needed most, weakening the fight against crime.

"Undisciplined Pagad elements directly benefit druglords and criminals by seeking deliberate wildcat confrontation with police. Again I must emphasise that crime cannot be combated by generating further crime or by illegal actions.

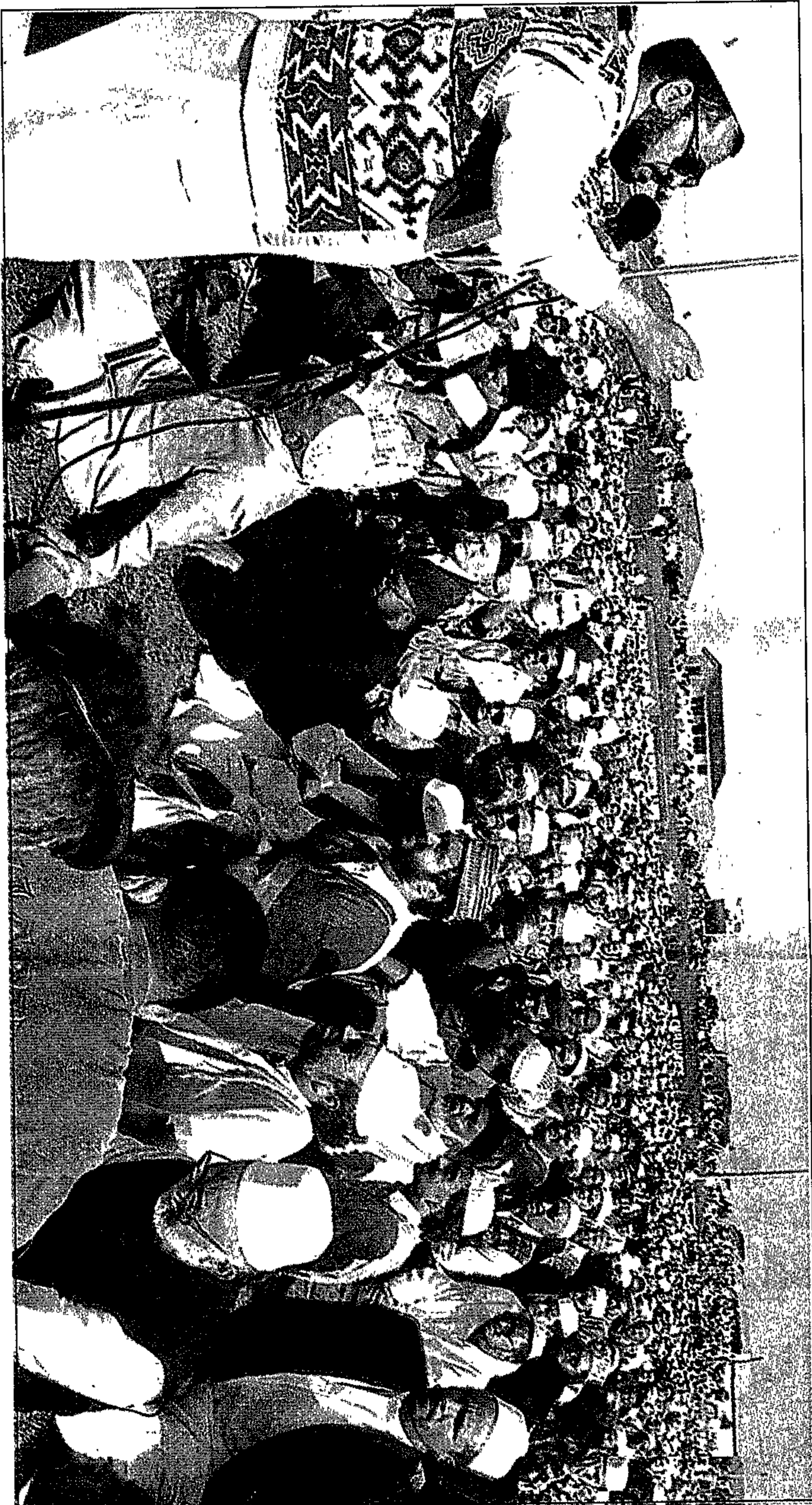
"Undisciplined elements threaten the stated aims of Pagad."

Fivaz emphasised that police were committed to protecting the rights of law-abiding citizens.

Omar said immediate steps had to be taken to ensure confrontations of this nature did not take place again. Representatives of Pagad, the departments of Safety and Security, Justice and Correc-

CALL FOR A UNITED STRATEGY

Fivaz, Omar condemn bloody Pagad clash



BEREAVED BROTHER: Sheikh Thafier Najjaar addresses mourners yesterday afternoon at the funeral service for his brother, Mr Achmat Najjaar, who was shot dead when Pagad and police clashed on Sunday. The mourners went on to the Groote Schuur cemetery. **PICTURES: THEMINKOSI DWAYISA**



YOUNG BLOOD: An eight-year-old mourner seen at the Salt River Muslim cemetery yesterday afternoon.

JUSTICE MINISTER Mr Dullah Omar has called for a top-level meeting with Pagad to devise a strategy of co-operation in fighting crime, and MEC for Tourism Mr Lampie Fick has urged Pagad to reconsider its tactics.

tional Services, the attorney-general's office and a magistrate should meet to discuss the problem.

"The aim would be to seek ways of building co-operation between Pagad and the authorities to facilitate a united fight against drug-trafficking and violence within the framework of the law," he said.

Fick said many potential tourists and investors would be "shocked away" by the "barbaric and uncivilised action".

"If this type of action is not stopped, we can forget about the Olympic bid and attracting tourists.

"The question I would like to ask is what Pagad's real objectives are. It seems they want to make the country ungovernable ... I call on the Muslim leaders to rethink their tactics before further harm (is done) to the name of our country, to the tourism industry and economy." — Staff Writer

Protest by Pagad is condemned

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THE protest by People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) at Cape Town's Waterfront on Sunday was widely condemned yesterday.

Mr Achmat Najaar (50), of Lansdowne, was killed and a number of people were injured when police baton-charged and fired rubber bullets at Pagad members who refused to disperse.

Nineteen people were arrested after the clash. They appeared in the Cape Town Magistrate's Court late on Sunday night and were granted bail of R1 000 each on condition they reported to the police yesterday.

They are to be charged with attending an illegal gathering and trespassing.

The Democratic Party said yesterday the mayhem caused by the illegal gathering at the Waterfront under the banner of Pagad, "finally demonstrated the real and sinister intent of the organisation".

"No druglord lives at the Waterfront. It is a well policed area under private jurisdiction. Pagad certainly did not go there to flush out alleged druglords. This clearly was a stratagem to attract maximum publicity at Cape Town's most vulnerable tourist venue," the DP said.

The DP said Justice Minister Dullah Omar and Police Commissioner George Fivaz, who had followed the route of negotiation with Pagad, had to take co-responsibility for Sunday's events.

Western Cape police MEC Mr Gerald Morkel said police would consider a total ban on Pagad protests.

SABC radio news quoted Morkel as saying police would not allow innocent people to become victims when Pagad took the law into its own hands.

Morkel warned that strong steps would be taken against illegal marches in the future.

Former African National Congress MP Mr Jan van Eck, who was having a meal at the Waterfront when the violence erupted, said the police were restrained.

"I was amazed at the restraint shown by the police. They waited for a long time while they were being pelted before they took any action," Van Eck said. — Sapa.

Police, Pagad men clash at funeral procession

Emotions running high as angry Toefy warns: 'We'll never be unarmed again'

JUDY DANNON AND ASHLEY SMITH
STAFF REPORTERS

The funeral procession of Achmat Najjaar - shot dead during a confrontation at the Waterfront - was marred by another clash between police and the Ghibla-led faction of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs.

A group of Pagad men securing the route from the City Park stadium in Crawford to the Mowbray cemetery stopped a police van from crossing the intersection of

Camp Ground Road and Main Road in Rondebosch. Some of them were masked.

The three policemen in the vehicle escaped by driving through the crowd. The van hit a man as it sped off but no injuries were reported.

A man in the crowd drew his weapon and fired a shot after the fleeing police vehicle.

The clash happened when several Pagad men leapt in front of the van when it stopped at a red traffic light.

They rocked the van and more men swarmed around, making crude remarks

to the policemen, who tried to drive through the human barrier. Then a voice shouted: "It is him," referring to one of the policemen the Pagad members claimed had shot and killed Mr Najjaar.

Men standing at the passenger side of the van tried to open the door. The policeman then sped through the crowd, knocking a man down.

After the brief confrontation, the Pagad men appeared ready for anything, some openly brandishing guns as they proceeded, chanting, to the Mowbray cemetery. Motorists had to make detours to avoid

the procession, which moved faster to make the sunset burial deadline required by Muslim law. An hour later more police vehicles arrived when large numbers of mourners gathered in Main Road, Mowbray.

Bottles and stones hit the police vehicles as the crowd made it clear police were not welcome.

The vehicles left but a police helicopter hovered overhead.

Meanwhile Pagad leader Aslam Toefy vowed yesterday that Pagad would come out with guns blazing if police tried to stop

them waging their campaign to eradicate gangsterism and drugs.

An emotional Mr Toefy, who leads the faction of Pagad aligned to the militant Muslim group Ghibla, vowed Pagad would never again confront police unarmed as they did at the Waterfront on Sunday.

Speaking soon after Mr Najjaar's funeral, Mr Toefy said: "The time for joking around with the police has now come to an end."

A masked Pagad member interjected that any person in the anti-drug organisation who acted as a police informer would

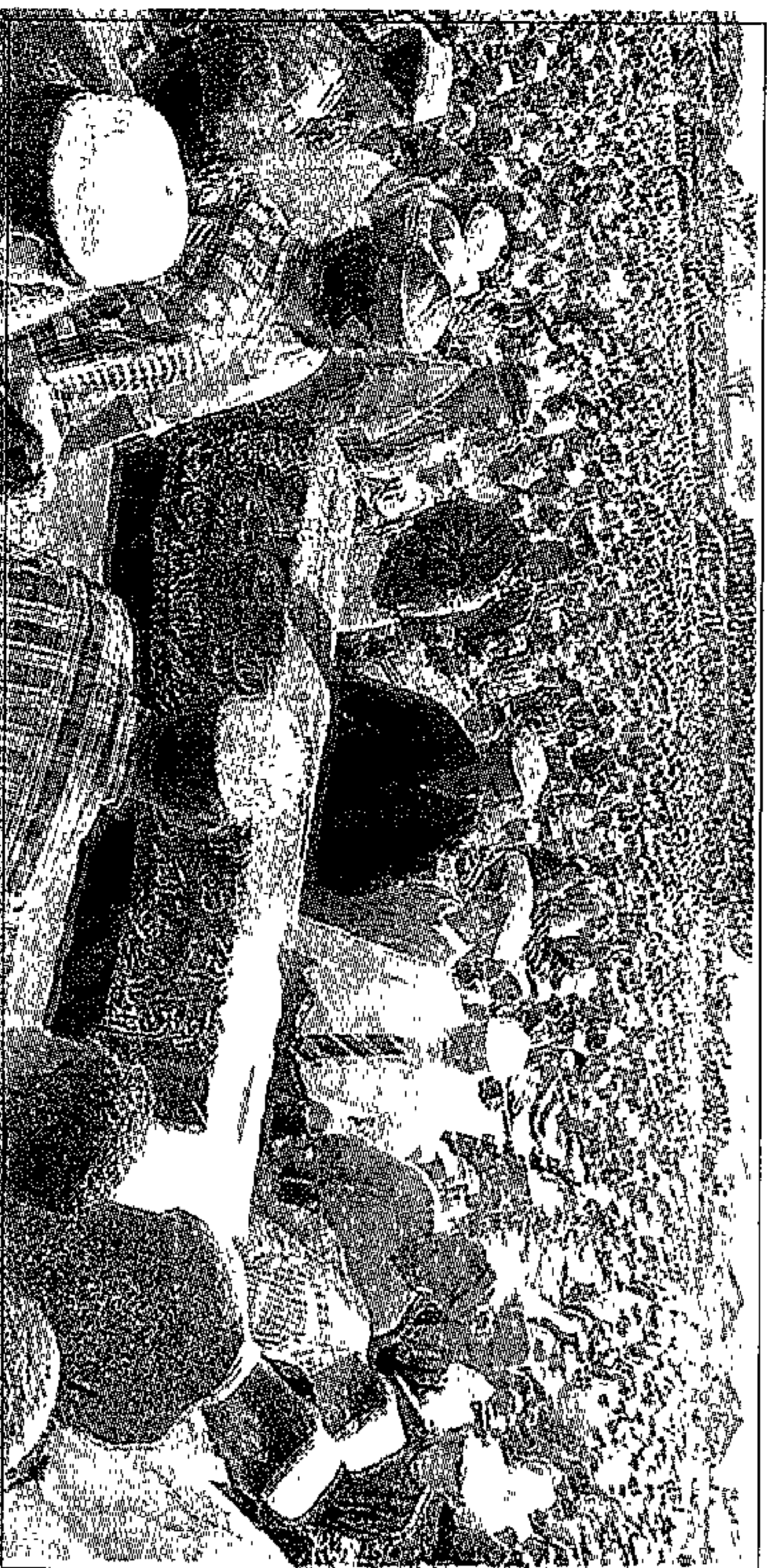
be killed.

Mr Toefy said the mass mobilisation of the Muslim community had taken a giant stride forward as a result of the police action against Pagad at the Waterfront.

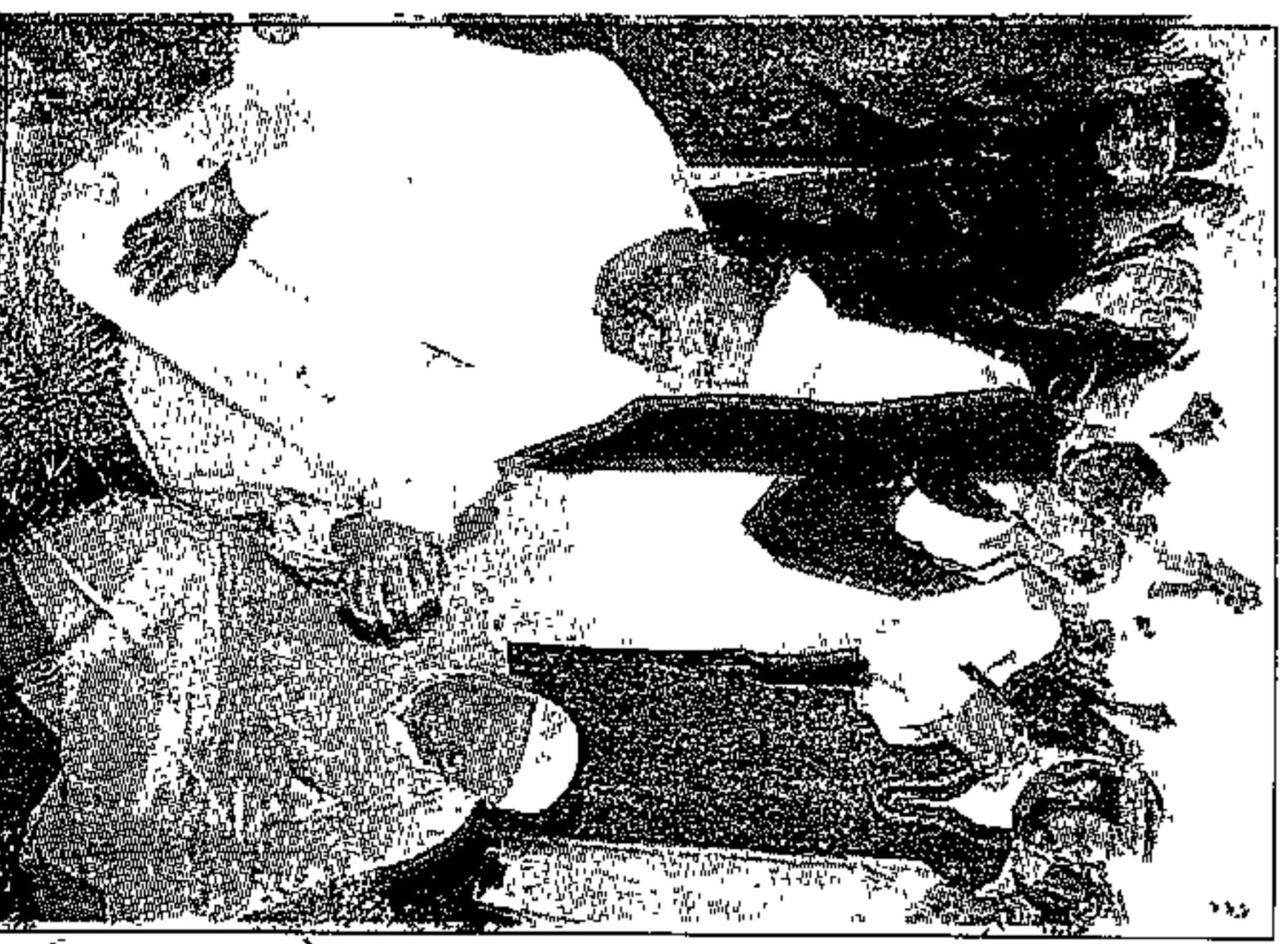
He said the Muslim community were now united in their fight to rid society of gangs and the associated evils.

He warned the police that the 75 000 people at the funeral was only the beginning of the mobilisation.

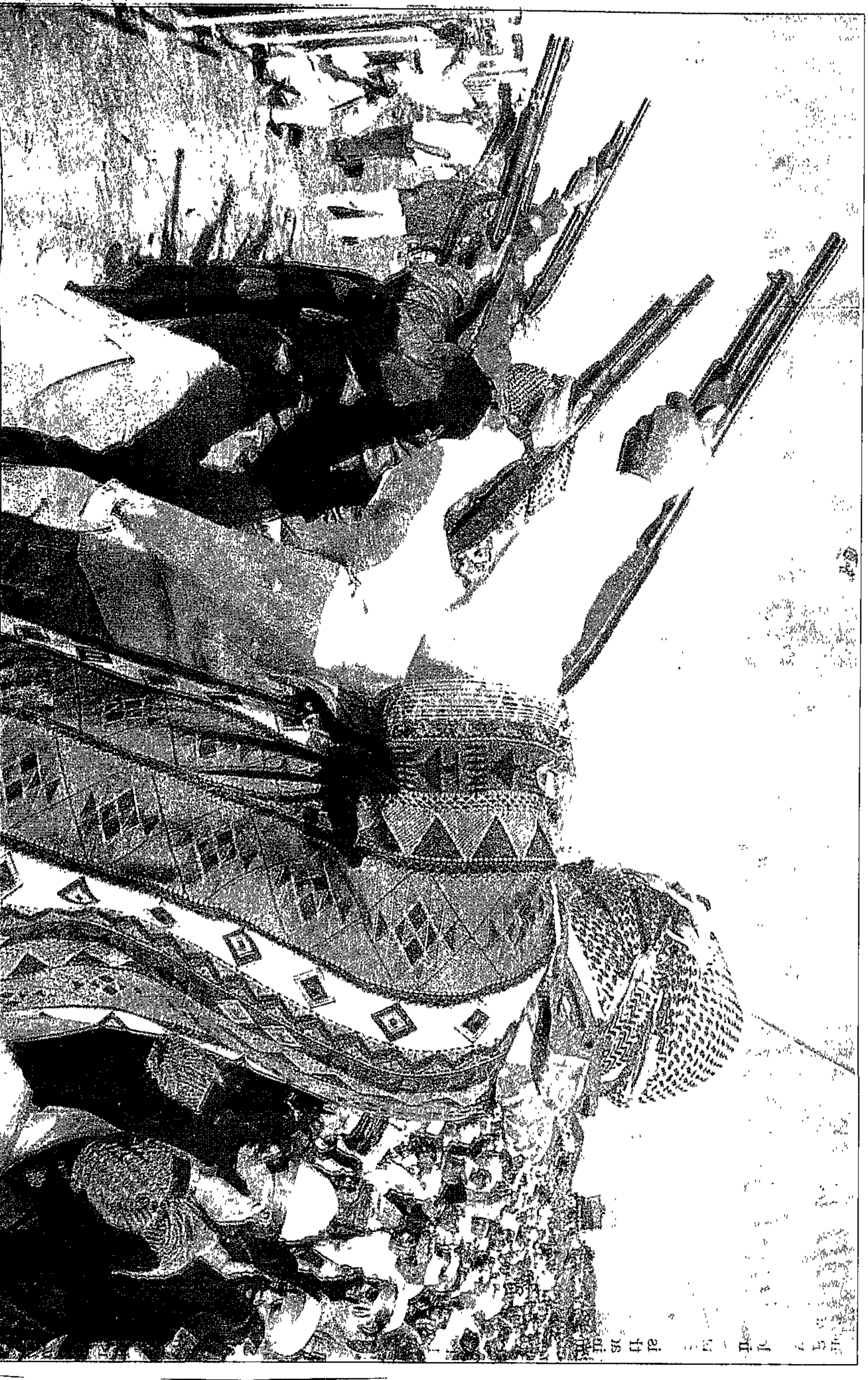
"We will mobilise over 650 000 Muslims throughout the country who are prepared to die for justice," he said.



Last respects: thousands of mourners queue to pay their last respects at the funeral bier



Bereaved consolation for Mr Najjaar's father



Firearm salute: mourners protect their ears while Pagad members fire a 21-gun salute for Muslim scholar Achmat Najjaar during the funeral in Crawford

Shops, schools close in tribute to 'Islam's newest martyr'

Gun volley salutes fallen protester - renewed vows to fight drug dealers

JUDY DAMON
Staff Reporter

The death of Achmat Najjaar, shot at the Waterfront on Sunday during a clash between Pagad and police, has shocked Muslims.

Muslim-owned shops and Muslim schools closed early yesterday in respect for their "beloved brother".

Thousands of Muslims converged on the Lansdowne home of Mr Najjaar - "Islam's newest martyr" - to pay their respects to his grieving family.

Tolerance Road, where Mr Najjaar lived, was quiet as mourners waited for the coffin yesterday, saying prayers and singing Islamic mourning songs.

A woman, wearing black with only her weeping eyes showing, remarked that this sad day was only the beginning of the kind of pain that was yet to dawn.

Police kept a low profile. Pagad members carrying concealed weapons and wearing bulletproof vests kept watch to ensure that nothing interfered with the event.

Women sobbed quietly when the coffin appeared draped in green traditional cloth and was hoisted onto the shoulders of Mr Najjaar's immediate male relatives who carried it from his home. Thousands of humming men and women followed as far as the City Park sports ground in Crawford where they paid last respects before he was buried in Mowbray.

ASHLEY SMITH
Staff Reporter

Thousands of Muslims attended an emotional funeral service for People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) member Achmat Najjaar at the City Park sports ground in Crawford.

And they cheered when Sheikh Thafier Najjaar described his brother's death as a "proud day for Islam."

Mr Najjaar died in a clash between members of Pagad and the police at the Waterfront on Sunday.

He had been hailed as a martyr who died in a society where criminals moved about freely, while innocent people cringed in fear, said Sheikh Najjaar.

Members of the Pagad military unit known as the G-Force fired several rounds of ammunition into the air just before the funeral procession left for the

Muslim cemetery in Mowbray yesterday afternoon.

They fired in honour of Mr Najjaar, whose death is reported to have served to cement the determination of the anti-drug movement to continue its struggle to rid the Cape Flats of drug dealers.

Sheikh Najjaar, a prominent Muslim cleric, told mourners that although it was a sad day for South Africa, the incident at the Waterfront that led to his brother's death was a proud day for Islam.

"Whoever is involved in butchering and murdering my brother, they have made us more determined," he said.

"The very father of this martyr told me that he has four more sons and many grandchildren to give to the cause," he said.

He explained that his elderly father had told him he was willing to be in the forefront of any future clashes between Pagad and any group that tried to stop it

enforcing the mandate of the people.

Sheikh Najjaar demanded that the government bring those responsible for his brother's death to trial so that the community "can see who they are".

"No wonder they are still debating the death penalty with these murderers still in the police force," he said.

Later thousands of Muslims lined the streets of Mowbray as the funeral procession moved on foot from the City Park sports ground.

Thousands of hands touched the coffin as it was passed along to the front of the procession. It arrived at the cemetery after nearly two hours of marching, during which the crowd chanted religious slogans and hailed Mr Najjaar as a martyr to his faith.

Members of the G-Force later openly carried shotguns and pistols, and pelleted police vehicles patrolling the area with empty cans and bottles.

Court to decide on action against alleged druglords

LENDRE OLIVER
Staff Reporter

The Cape Town Regional Court will decide next month whether charges against alleged druglords Colin Stanfield and Charles Marico will be withdrawn or whether their trials will be separated.

Mr Stanfield, 42, of Balmintore Road, Rondebosch and Mr Marico, of Mitchell's Plain were arrested on allegations of dealing in 87 000 Mandrax tablets in Beaufort West last year.

They have not been formally charged. Mr Stanfield is out on R50 000 bail and Mr Marico on R50 000 bail. Yesterday prosecutor Neil Louwrens told the court the State wanted to postpone the case against Mr Stanfield but continue with Mr Marico's trial. He said the State was investigating other charges against Mr Stanfield. Magistrate Victor Gibson ruled that the case against Mr Stanfield could be postponed but a decision on whether their trials would be separated or the charges withdrawn would be taken on December 9.

Tourists shun 'Cape Fear'

Stop fighting police, minister tells Pagad

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LINDSAY BARNES, JUDY DAMON,
ANDREW SMITH AND ANDREA WESS
STAFF REPORTERS

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Violent demonstrations by People Against Gangsterism and Drugs and the taxi war are threatening the Western Cape's tourist industry and major hotels report cancellations for the festive season.

Minister of Safety and Security Sydney Mufamadi said the clashes between police and Pagad at the Waterfront on Sunday would have a negative impact on tourism. In a statement issued by his spokesman, Maxwell Mulaudzi, he called for co-operation between the groups and urged Pagad to redirect its energies to fighting crime and not the police.

John Knight, deputy general manager of the Cape Sun, said the hotel had "definitely suffered" because of recent violence.

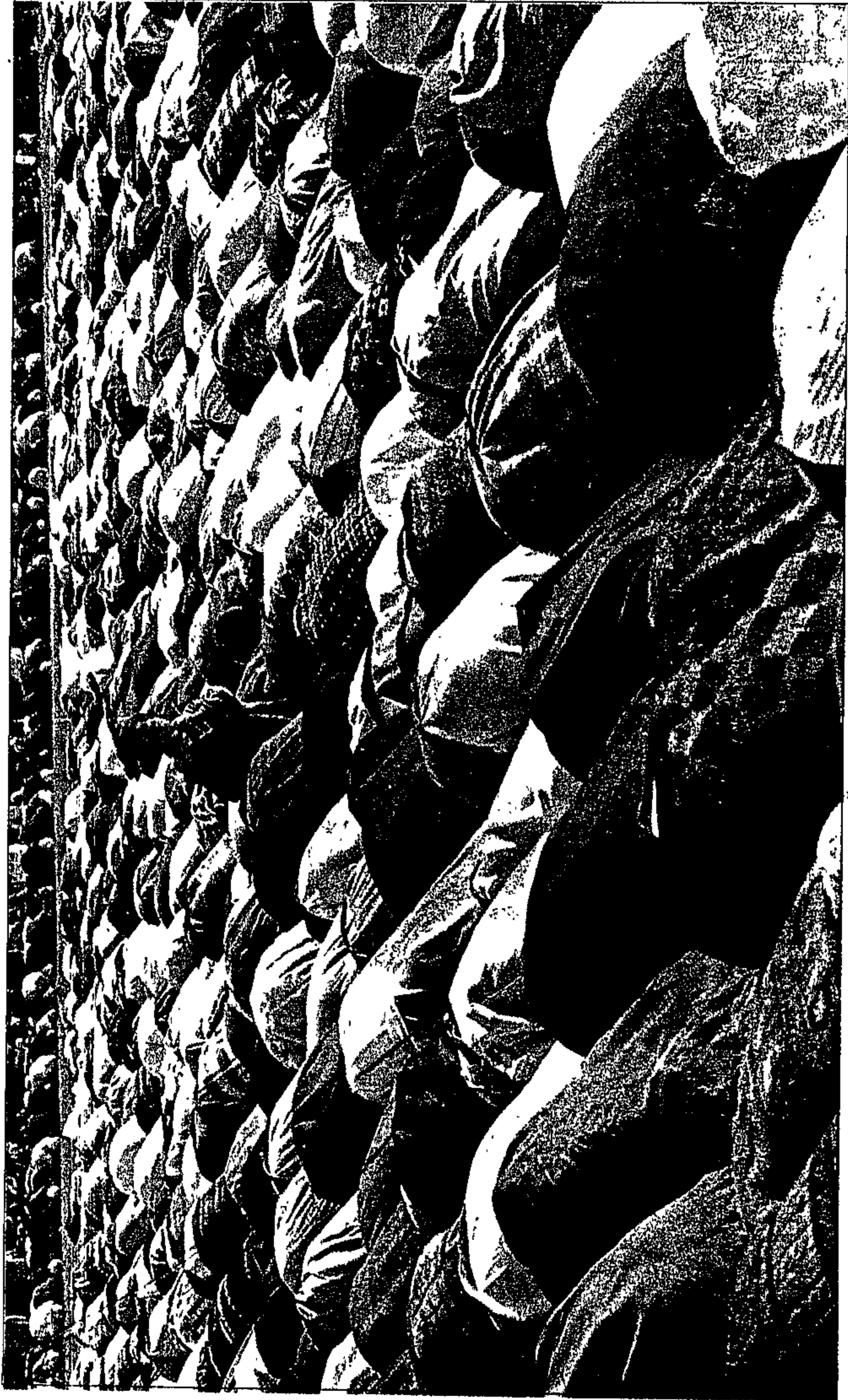
Luis Pinheiro, manager of the Mount Nelson Hotel, said the situation would become serious if it lasted longer and "will definitely affect our short-term business." He said experienced tourists to South Africa would not be put off but "panic spreads like wildfire among first-time visitors."

Theatre producer Peter Toerien said the impact on "upper echelon" tourists would depend on coverage of Sunday's Waterfront clash in the foreign media.

Captour chief Gordon Oliver said it was time taxi industry leaders and Pagad realised they had damaged the tourism industry. They had contributed to the perception that Cape Town was a dangerous place, Mr Oliver said.

Waterfront spokeswoman Maureen Thomson said it was "business as usual" after the weekend clash during which a Pagad member was killed.

Waterfront management was planning



LEON MULLER

Farewell prayer: a child stands forlornly while thousands of mourners pray during the funeral service for Achmat Njajear at the City Park sports ground in Crawford

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Tourists shun 'Cape Fear' as violence sparks cancellations

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effective ways to keep the area safe in the festive season. Ms Thomson said the Victoria and Alfred Hotel at the Waterfront had not had any cancellations and it was too early to see any effects of the weekend drama.

Meanwhile, demonstrations by Pagad may soon be banned after an outcry against Sunday's clash.

Scores of telephone calls from outraged people were made to Western Cape Police Minister Gerald Morkel yesterday and he is to meet Mr Mufamadi to suggest that Pagad marches be prevented.

Mr Morkel said people had expressed fears for their safety in public places.

Mr Morkel said his decision to approach Mr Mufamadi came after the failure of numerous attempts to negotiate with the Qibla-led Pagad group. Agreements with the group had been flouted.

He appealed to the group to avoid confrontation with the police. "No-one wins a fight like this and the community is the one to suffer," he said.

Western Cape police commissioner Leon Wessels reaffirmed police intentions to arrest any Pagad member wearing a mask or carrying a gun during a demonstration.

Discussions were underway about stopping the marches completely unless Pagad applied for permission to hold them and complied with the law.

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Unruliness 'a threat to Pagad'

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CAPE TOWN — The blood of the man killed during Sunday's confrontation between police and People Against Gangsterism and Drugs at the Waterfront was on the hands of undisciplined elements within Pagad, police commissioner George Fivaz said yesterday.

Pagad supporter Achmat Najaar was shot dead in the clash during an illegal protest by Pagad, and a number of people including three policemen were treated at hospital for injuries.

Fivaz said undisciplined elements within Pagad would, if unchecked, discredit "the noble aims, as originally stated by Pagad, of fighting crime". Organised confrontations such as Sunday's clash at the Waterfront forced the police to withdraw resources from where they were needed most and weakened the real fight against crime.

Justice Minister Dullah Omar said Pagad had a role to play in the fight against crime, but had to work within the framework of the law.

Omar called on Pagad, the safety and security, justice, and correctional services' departments, the attorney-general's office and a magistrate to meet to facilitate "a united fight against drug trafficking and violence within the framework of the law".

The NP asked what Pagad wished to achieve and why it had selected a tourist and recreation destination? "If they want to protest, against whoever, they should ... march to Parliament, march to SAPS headquarters." The NP suggested that "some lunatic fundamentalists are mobilising Pagad for their own political ends".

The DP said Omar and Fivaz, who had followed the route of negotiation with Pagad, had to take co-responsibility for Sunday's events.

Western Cape police MEC Gerald Morkel said police would consider a total ban on Pagad protests. — Sapa.

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SHOT FIRED FROM OVER 30CM

Bullet that killed Najjaar to be tested

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THE FAMILY of Mr Achmat Najjaar, the man killed at the Waterfront on Sunday, have asked the Minister of Justice to institute an inquiry into the shooting. **DAN SIMON** reports.

THE bullet which killed a Pagad supporter at the Waterfront on Sunday appeared to be a 7,65 calibre round, but tests would be done to determine if there was a match with the spent cartridge found at the scene of the shooting, police said yesterday.

They said the bullet, which was removed from Mr Achmat Najjaar's body, has been sent for ballistics tests.

"The autopsy found that the bullet entered above the right eye and that the weapon was definitely further than 30cm (from Najjaar) when it was fired," police spokesman Captain Wicus Holtzhausen said.

The outcome of the ballistics test is extremely important in the light of ongoing allegations from certain Pagad supporters that police shot and killed Najjaar.

The leader of the militant Pagad faction aligned to Qibla, Mr Aslam Toefy, said the bullet had been meant for him.

The ongoing uncertainty surrounding who fired the fatal round resulted yesterday in Najjaar's family calling on Justice Minister Mr Dullah Omar to institute a commission of inquiry.

The request was made by Sheikh Thanief Najjaar, vice-chairman of the Islamic Council of SA and brother of the dead man.

Toefy and Western Cape attorney-general Mr Frank Kahn were present at the meeting.

Omar's spokesman Mr Paul Setsetse said: "The request came from Najjaar's family, who asked Omar to institute a commission of inquiry to investigate the matter, especially in the light of the police saying they did not shoot live ammunition."

Police said that at no stage did they use live ammunition while dispersing the volatile Pagad supporters, saying only rubber bullets were fired.

Superintendent Andrew Lesch, in charge of support services at police headquarters in Pretoria, said there were a number of Walther 7,65mm firearms still in use in the police force.

However, the issuing of these firearms was being phased out and those in circulation were mainly used by female officers and some detectives.

Uniformed officers, particularly those attached to public order

policing, were issued with 9mm Parabellums, which fired a larger calibre bullet.

"When they book for duty, police officers fill in a duty list which states the type of firearm they have been issued, the number of rounds and the serial number," Lesch said.

Meanwhile, Western Cape Police Commissioner Leon Wessels said yesterday that discussions lasting three hours were held on Saturday between police and the organisers of the Pagad march.

"During these discussions, it was once again pointed out to the organisers that they would not be allowed to gather in the Waterfront since they had not applied for permission to hold a march or a meeting.

"It was also pointed out that the Waterfront is under private management and that permission had to be obtained from the Waterfront. Apart from this, the management of the Waterfront had already requested the police to prevent Pagad from demonstrating or gathering at the Waterfront, since it was private property.

"During this meeting the organisers emphasised that they would proceed regardless and also intended to gather at other large business centres and even cause confrontation with the police."

Waterfront bookings off

DAN SIMON

BLOCK bookings for overseas tourists at two upmarket restaurants at the Waterfront have been cancelled this week in the wake of violent clashes between Pagad and the police there at the weekend.

The Hildebrand restaurant received an international call yesterday to cancel a booking for 60 overseas business people.

"When I asked what the reason for the cancellation was, the woman on the other end said it was because of the political situation at the Waterfront," said co-owner Mrs Linda Girolo.

She said a booking for 20 overseas visitors at their second Waterfront restaurant, Aldo's, was cancelled on Sunday after the clash. Damage to the restaurant during the clashes amounted to about R20 000.

"We have also had inquiries from a number of overseas tour operators asking us if it was safe to bring groups of German and French tourists to the Waterfront."

'Omar promises just inquiry into death'

STAFF WRITER

MMUSLIM cleric Sheikh Thafier Najjaar, whose brother was killed in the Waterfront clash on Sunday, said yesterday that Minister of Justice Mr Dullah Omar had said he would do all he can to ensure a just inquiry is held into the incident.

The sheikh was giving an interview on the Voice of the Cape radio's Focus at Five.

Najjaar said upon returning home after the meeting with Omar yesterday, he was given a message left by a police captain Anton.

Anton had apparently said he had heard that Najjaar had proof that police had killed his brother and wished to speak to him.

Najjaar said he believed there was a threat in this. "This is the outcome of us asking for or demanding an inquiry," he said.

Asked to comment, police Captain Wicus Holtzhausen said: "It's absurd to think police would want

to harm Sheikh Najjaar on the basis that he has certain information."

During the interview, presenter Mr Vernon Adams said there was footage available of police brandishing "their service revolvers", which could not fire rubber bullets.

In response to the claim, Holtzhausen said that if anyone was in possession of information about the death of Najjaar, they should let the police know.

"We reiterate that police did not fire live ammunition on Sunday."

Najjaar said he had no doubt that his brother was a martyr. He had been non-violent in principle, and he had been standing up for principles in which he believed when he died. The sheikh said he hoped his brother's death would bring people together.

When a caller asked if Muslims should boycott the Waterfront now, the sheikh diplomatically replied that he was sure listeners had heard and noted his question.

Pagad to obey law in war on crime

LINDSAY BARNES

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The People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) faction led by Aslam Toefy has decided to act within the law in its campaign to combat crime.

But, said Mr Toefy, members would still carry their licensed firearms to defend themselves, as they were under constant threat from gangsters.

Pagad would "seek a way to combat crime within the confines of the law," Mr Toefy said.

A mass meeting to plan the way forward has been planned for Vygieskraal Stadium in Athlone on Sunday.

The group's leaders are due to meet ministers concerned with fighting crime and gangsterism this week, but Mr Toefy could not give a date.

He spoke yesterday to Minister of Justice Dullah Omar, Western Cape Attorney-General Frank Kahn and local chief magistrates.

Pagad was to intensify its programme, but would not cause disruptions, he said.

He said the group would continue to march on the houses of suspected drug dealers, but within the confines of the law.

Jittery Waterfront traders speak out

ASHLEY SMITH AND LINDSAY BARNES

STAFF REPORTERS

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Traders at the Waterfront have handed a memorandum to the management of the complex listing their fears and grievances after the People Against Gangsterism and Drugs demonstration descended into chaos there on Sunday.

During the protest action, a man was killed and several people were injured. Among Waterfront tenants' concerns is the need to beef up security to ensure no repetition of the incident.

A trader who asked not to be identified said he was perturbed that Pagad was directing its actions against people who "support them in principle".

"They need to realise they're ruining it for themselves.

"Public opinion is swinging against them," he said.

Maurizio Scaglia, manager of a pub which was in the firing line when police used rubber bullets to disperse hundreds of Pagad demonstrators, said "a seed of doubt" had been sown in the minds of regular visitors to the Waterfront.

Mr Scaglia said that the image of the area as a prime destination for a relaxing afternoon of fun for the family had been



HANNES THART

Uncertainty: manager Brendan Flanagan

severely tarnished.

People would now think twice about going to the Waterfront. Any past initiatives to boost trading at the Waterfront had taken "100 steps back", he said.

Describing the chaos at the Waterfront after the shooting, Mr Scaglia said that many screaming people had pressed into his shop.

Brendan Flanagan of Steers restaurant opposite the amphitheatre where Pagad gathered said traders were uncertain whether Pagad would return to the Waterfront.

"This is a family place where kids roam around freely and parents can rest assured they are safe.

"During the shooting on Sunday, people were screaming and going absolutely crazy," he said.

Although Mr Flanagan was unaware of what steps were taken by management to stop the Pagad gathering, he believed the action taken by police to disperse them was justified.

"If they have a problem with Rashied Stagie, why didn't they go to him rather than come to the Waterfront?" he asked.

Mr Flanagan said he believed Pagad had a "valid point" with its strong anti-drugs stand.

Waterfront head office staff did not respond today to attempts by Cape Argus to contact them for comment.

Police spokesman Wicus Holtzhausen said it appeared Waterfront management had not yet met police to discuss the issue.

Cape Times ejected from Pagad meeting

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ERIC NTABAZALILA
STAFF WRITER

I WAS refused entry last night to report a meeting of People Against Drugs and Gangsterism (Pagad) at the Gatesville mosque.

The meeting was called after Sunday's mayhem at the Waterfront in which a Pagad member was killed.

I was told I would not be allowed inside the mosque as the Cape Times was writing "bullshit".

Masked marshals on numerous occasions asked me to produce my press card and identity document.

The Cape Times driver who took our news team to the mosque was asked to do the same and also to produce his driver's licence.

The driver was also asked how, as a Muslim, he felt about the way his newspaper was reporting. Afterwards he was made to leave the parking area.

The driver said he could not comment and said if those asking him questions wanted some answers they should ask the editor, Mr Moegsien Williams.

The Cape Times photographer was allowed into the mosque and permitted to take photographs.

At a press conference after the meeting, the Cape Times and Cape Argus were given until Friday to report the "right things" or face the "mandate of the people".

One of the marshals cited the Staggie story as an example of how the newspapers were confusing the community about Pagad's activities.

"That story from head to toe was bullshit," he claimed.

During the meeting a number of police Casspirs were parked around the area, some close to the mosque. A police helicopter observed the proceedings.

There were no incidents.

Pagad's actions to be lawful

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Sowetan Correspondent

THE People Against Gangsterism and Drugs faction led by Mr Aslam Toefy said yesterday Pagad had decided to act within the confines of the law in its campaign to combat crime.

But he said members would still carry their legal firearms to defend themselves.

Toefy said the organisation's members would wear their guns as they were under constant threat from gangsters. He said Pagad would "seek a way to combat crime in the country within the confines of the law".

A mass meeting to plot the way forward has been planned for Vygieskraal Stadium in Athlone on Sunday. The group's leadership is due to meet with ministers concerned with fighting crime and gangsterism, but he could not confirm a date.

Pagad is to intensify its programme of action but would not cause disruptions, he said. "We are fighting the police's inability to deal with the problem of drugs and will apply pressure on them. We will show them how to deal with crime," he added.

He said the group would continue to march on the houses of suspected drug dealers but that this would be done within the confines of the law.

"Our attention has been diverted by the police. We must become focused again," he said.

He denied that Pagad members who demonstrated at the Waterfront on Sunday were aligned with Qibla - a militant Muslim body - and said Pagad's aims of ridding society of gangsters and drugs concerned people from all religions.

Police spokesman Wicus Holtzhausen said from the start of Pagad's actions, the police did not have problems with the organisation as long as it adhered to the letter of the law. But members would not be able to carry firearms on marches or at gatherings, he confirmed.

CALL FOR PAGAD SUMMIT

Government moves toward top-level talks

TRONE SEALE AND LINDSAY BARNES
STAFF REPORTERS

Justice Minister Dullah Omar has called for an urgent summit with People Against Gangsterism And Drugs.

Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi would also attend the meeting.

The summit is being brokered by Mr Omar, who met a Pagad delegation three days ago to discuss last Sunday's Pagad "family day" at the Waterfront, where Achmat Najjar was shot dead during a clash between Pagad members and police. Pagad has accused police of shooting Mr Najjar but police say they did not use the ammunition that killed him.

Paul Setsetse, spokesman for Mr Omar, and Pagad legal adviser Sharif Khan confirmed today that the minister was trying to set up talks involving himself, Mr Mufamadi, Pagad, Western Cape Attorney-General Frank Kahn, and provincial police commissioner Leon Wessels.

The confirmation follows a report that Mr Mufamadi met President Mandela yesterday to discuss Pagad.

At Monday's meeting between the organisation and Mr Omar, the justice minister urged Pagad to work closely with police. The meeting was initiated by Mr Omar and the Pagad delegation was headed by its chief co-ordinator, Aslam Toefy.

Mr Setsetse said Mr Omar had told Pagad most of the issues they wished to raise affected the Ministry of Safety and Security, and he would arrange the talks.

He said Mr Omar was trying to get Mr Mufamadi to commit to a date.

Pagad spokesman Mr Khan said today that Mr Mufamadi was "the prime person" Pagad wanted to meet. "We need to work together, but we have lots to discuss first," said Mr Khan. He said the meeting could happen as early as tomorrow, but that it should not be left to later than next week.

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Centre stage: Pagad co-ordinator Aslam Toefy flanked by a masked man and Sheikh Ghafier Najjar, brother of Achmat Najjar, who was shot dead during a demonstration at the Waterfront on Sunday

The parliamentary portfolio committees on safety and security today added its support to Mr Omar's initiative.

Rapu Molekane, chairperson of the National Assembly portfolio committee, said it was Mr Mufamadi's prerogative to decide who to meet but said the committee would recommend such a meeting to the minister if Pagad requested this.

Mr Molekane said his committee was prepared to meet Pagad at any stage. President Mandela is understood to

have met Mr Mufamadi yesterday to discuss Pagad activities. It is believed Mr Mufamadi left a cabinet meeting to discuss the anti-drugs group at Mr Mandela's official Cape Town residence Gendehlehl.

Neither the president's spokesman, Parks Mankahlana, nor Mr Mufamadi's press secretary would confirm the meeting or what was discussed.

Meanwhile, a meeting was held yesterday between Waterfront management and various authorities at the Western Cape

Provincial Legislature building.

Six delegates from the Waterfront, led by board chairman Brian Kantor, spoke to Western Cape Premier Hannus Kriel, provincial Police Minister Gerald Morkel, provincial police commissioner Mr Wessels, head of the Public Order Policing Unit Senior Superintendent Filip van Riel, and provincial Tourism and Agriculture Minister Lammie Fick.

Frikkie Odendaal, spokesman for Mr Kriel, confirmed the topic of the meeting

but declined to comment further. No further meeting had been scheduled, he said.

Mr Morkel said today tourism in the Western Cape was in a fragile state and the city's business community was "unsettled" over Pagad's activities. He said the time had come for the heads of state departments responsible for criminal justice to sit around one table for formal discussions to stabilise the Western Cape.

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Petrol bomb attack after city man is 'warned on drugs'

STAFF REPORTER

The home of a Bonteheuwel man was damaged in a petrol bomb attack today, three weeks after he was allegedly warned by Pagad leaders to stop dealing in drugs.

Abdulah Toufie said he had had the warning from Ali "Phantom" Parker and Farouk Jaffer.

Mr Toufie and his wife Aziza had to scramble out of their first floor bedroom just before 3am when a petrol bomb crashed through a window of their Jakkalsvlei Road home and sprayed burning petrol over furniture and their bed. Mr Toufie denied being involved with drugs. He said he made a living selling fruit and vegetables.

"Parker and Jaffer arrived at my home and warned me before they searched the house. The only thing they found then was 15 pink pain pills on my 16-year-old daughter. The frightened child was taken to the police station, where they took the tablets and released her. It was very humiliating. We live in fear for our lives," he said.

Shopping centres take precautions after protest

Pagad's clash with police at the Waterfront has raised concern at other commercial centres.

Three large shopping centres - Tyger Valley Centre, N1 City and Sanlam Centre in Parow - have prepared for Pagad demonstrations after police were warned by the group they might be next on their protest agenda. Spokesmen for other centres said they had procedures in place should they become the target of protest action. - Crime Reporter

Stop the threats to Press - Naidoo

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STAFF REPORTER

Jay Naidoo, Minister of Posts, Telecommunications and Broadcasting, today slammed the treatment of journalists by a grouping of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs co-ordinated by Aslam Toefy.

"Listening to a broadcast this morning, I was horrified at the treatment meted out to journalists by Pagad leaders at a meeting (in Gatesville) last night," Mr Naidoo said.

"I consider it a humiliation not experienced even at the height of apartheid repression to parade journalists before a hostile crowd and make threats against them and their newspapers.

"This is even more unacceptable in our democracy.

"The major threat against our new democracy today is crime.

"In those goals to fight crime Pagad should be fully supported.

"But I strongly disagree with Pagad or any organisation or individual that seeks to go outside the law and rules fashioned by a sovereign parliament elected by the majority of people in a country emerging out of 350 years of colonialism and apartheid racism.

"The freedom of the press is a foundation of a democracy. There are occasions when even I have strongly disagreed with the media.

"That was never conferred on me the divine right to tell journalists what to write and editors what to print.

"I call upon the sensible Pagad leaders to desist from threats as was made yesterday at Gatesville Mosque and join the mainstream of South African society in consolidating the democratic values we have fought for as a nation and for which many patriots paid the ultimate sacrifice."

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Stop 'negative' reporting or face boycott - Pagad

Coverage by papers 'has been unfair'

ASHLEY SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

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The People Against Gangsterism and Drugs group that has Aslam Toefy as its chief co-ordinator has given two Cape Town newspapers until Sunday to "stop their negative reporting" on the organisation or face a boycott by Muslim readers.

The Cape Argus and the Cape Times were accused by Pagad leadership of "creating several misconceptions about the organisation".

Media were criticised severely for not "championing the cause of the oppressed and underprivileged" who, Pagad leaders said, suffered at the hands of gangsters and druglords.

More than 2 000 people crammed into the Gatesville Mosque last night for a news conference at which the media were criticised.

The Cape Argus, Cape Times, M-Net's *Carte Blanche*, Reuters, Die Burger, SABC television and radio news, Radio 702, Associated Press, Sunday Times and Mail and Guardian were among those represented.

The media were charged with:

- Blaming Pagad for the clash with police at the Waterfront.
- Reporting a split in Pagad, when only four individuals had left who had been suspended for code of conduct transgressions.
- Reporting that Farouk Jaffer's faction

of Pagad was the moderate one while media had reported that Ali Parker was in fact the person who wanted to tie explosives to his body and blow up druglords.

■ Continually labelling Pagad a Muslim fundamentalist organisation. Pagad leaders insisted there were other religious denominations in the movement.

■ Exploiting the Qibla element in Pagad by writing about "the Qibla-led faction of Pagad". Leaders said there were Qibla members in the movement but they did not head the organisation.

■ Making gangsters and druglords out to be righteous individuals and heroes by, for example, reporting Community Outreach (Core) marches and interviewing Core leader Rashied Staggie.

■ Reporting that Pagad was opposed to the Olympic bid when it was not.

■ Reporting that Pagad wanted to stop tourists coming to South Africa.

■ Fuelling the conflict between the police and Pagad. Leaders said they would defend themselves if the police enforced what in their opinion were unjust laws designed to prohibit them from promoting their cause.

■ Reporting that Pagad advocated anarchy when it was precisely because of the anarchy on the Cape Flats that they had started the movement.

■ Drawing the inference that Pagad members had something to hide by covering their faces when they were protecting

their families from possible attack by druglords and their henchmen.

■ Misunderstanding the concept of Jihad - it did not mean "holy war" but to "exert oneself to the utmost".

Mr Toefy, Pagad chief co-ordinator, said the police had clearly violated the organisation's right to freedom of speech and association by baton-charging and firing at "innocent women and children" at the Waterfront on Sunday.

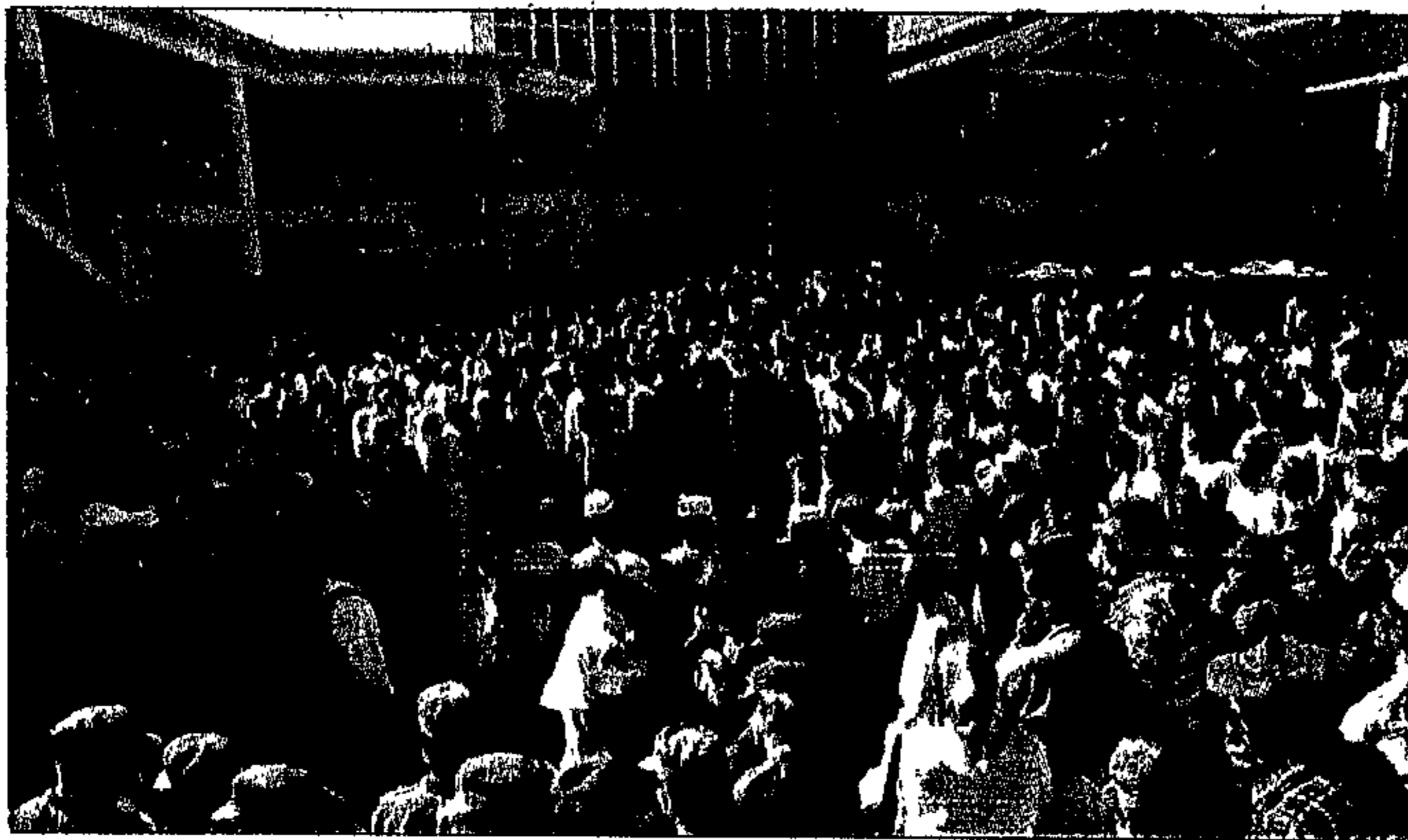
"We are under no obligation to obey unjust laws although we are prepared to obey all legitimate commands from the authorities," he said.

Mr Toefy said Western Cape Attorney-General Frank Kahn had asked Pagad to keep a low profile over the next few weeks but the organisation had vowed to intensify its campaign against drugs and gangsterism.

A masked Pagad leader known as The Amir said the organisation also had problems with certain clauses in the constitution pertaining to "double standards" on the right to life and freedom of association.

When Muslims such as Faizel Ryklief had been killed there had not been as much police reaction as when gang leader Rashaad Staggie was killed. He said Muslims were deprived of their right of expression and association at the Waterfront.

Pagad would declare a Jihad and "exert itself" to the utmost against police if they ever tried to harm innocent people again.



Flashback: Pagad members at the Waterfront on Sunday during the protest that ended in chaos when a man was shot dead

Muslims need to 'stand together'

Warning that more will die

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ZUBEIDA JAFFER
POLITICAL STAFF

Muslim scholars and clerics fear the voice of reason will not be heard in the Cape Town Muslim community as emotions run high after the fatal shooting during a Pagad march at the Waterfront.

Some of those interviewed this week were not prepared to speak publicly about their concerns but were vociferous in their views. There were some who were prepared to be quoted.

In the past few days events have unfolded which could have an impact on the future of the Muslim community in South Africa and on the broader nation for years to come.

On Sunday, a group of protesters led by a faction of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) gathered at the Waterfront tourist hub to focus attention on their fight against gangsters and drugs. When they were asked by police to leave because they had no permission for the gathering, they refused to move. A clash between police and protesters followed.

Police used batons, dogs and rubber bullets to disperse the crowd while protesters threw bottles and tins at police. In the ensuing struggle Muslim scholar Achmat Najjaar was shot dead. It is not known who fired the shot.

The dispute about who shot him continues, with Pagad blaming the police and the police blaming Pagad. The government has

promised to investigate the shooting.

There is no disagreement that there is genuine concern among people about the harm caused by drugs and gangsters.

"Pagad's aim is to have a gang-free society," said University of Cape Town religious studies senior lecturer Ebrahim Moosa. "But this is being done in a way which drives a wedge between religious affiliation and citizenship. There is an appeal to Islamic exclusivism," he said.

This would have serious consequences for the status of Muslims in this country. "A voice of reason must emerge," he said. "If there are people who are then going to ostracise and attack those of us who speak out, it must be so. The alternative is that more people will die."

Mohammed Haroon, son of Imam Abdullah Haroon, the Muslim leader who was killed in police detention in the 1960s, said he was concerned that the death of Mr Najjaar, said to have been a bystander at the Waterfront demonstration, had been equated with the death of his father.

"I cannot understand this," he said. "There seems to be confusion about religious terms and nobody is clearing up the confusion."

ANC MP Ebrahim Ebrahim, who served 20 years on Robben Island, said all communities were affected by crime and people supporting Pagad had to realise that they were not living in isolation.

"All communities, especially

the African community, are being subjected to violence in many different forms," he said. "This problem must be tackled holistically."

He was saddened that Mr Najjaar had lost his life and hoped that no stone would be left unturned to find his killer.

He cautioned that there was a tendency to regard the state as an enemy and to target police rather than the criminals. "This is going to further complicate the problem," he said. "Pagad must realise that all communities are concerned about crime. If elements within the Muslim community are going to persist with this confrontation, they are going to separate themselves from all other South Africans."

These views are diametrically opposed to the position expressed by Pagad in the past few days. The Pagad faction involved in the clash is aligned to the militant Muslim group Qibla.

At Mr Najjaar's funeral and on the two local Muslim radio stations, Muslims were called upon to unite as a community. There was little mention of the original aim of Pagad - to fight against the scourge of drugs and gangsterism. "Unity has come to mean no dissent," said Mr Moosa.

In this atmosphere, the victims would be members of the Muslim community. "Criminals will take full advantage of this situation," said Mr Ebrahim.

"And all the gains that we have made in uniting Muslims with all other South Africans will be washed away."

OMAR, TOEFY IN CRISIS DEBATE

Pagad urged to avoid conflict with police

PAGAD participants in a radio programme yesterday laid down stringent conditions for any meeting with the authorities. **HENRY LUDSKI** and **WILLEM STEENKAMP** report.

CO-OPERATION between Pagad and the authorities was the overarching message of speakers during a community radio station programme to discuss the crisis yesterday.

Those taking part in the Voice of the Cape programme were Justice Minister Mr Dullah Omar (later replaced by justice select committee chairman Senator Mohseen Moosa), Safety and Security MEC Mr Gerald Morkel, provincial Deputy Police Commissioner Dirk Crafford, Sheikh Thafier Najjaar — whose brother Achmat was shot dead during a clash between police and Pagad last Sunday — and two Pagad representatives, including chief co-ordinator Mr Aslam Toefy and an unnamed man.

Except for the Pagad speakers, all the participants repeatedly spoke of co-operation between the authorities and the community to

tackle crime and drugs, and the need to avoid confrontation.

Toefy also expressed willingness to enter into talks. But his unnamed colleague, who said the only intention of the police was "to kill Pagad off", said that if Omar met Pagad such a meeting would have to be broadcast live on television and radio and printed verbatim in the press.

Addressing Morkel, he said "the people must rise up" against him. He called on Morkel to stop using his position to "distort" the media.

Earlier in the day, Omar said an independent commission of inquiry was the only way to "get to the bottom" of the Najjaar killing. "It will not be possible for the police to investigate themselves."

Police have denied claims that they shot Najjaar, saying that they did not use the ammunition that killed him. The bullet removed

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from his body has been sent for ballistic tests.

During the radio programme, Sheikh Najjaar said his family wanted a family member to participate in the inquiry.

However, after Moosa replied that the Najjaar family or "any other organisation" was welcome to send a representative to take part in the inquiry, there appeared to be confusion over how active a role such a representative would play.

Omar also said President Nelson Mandela had urged him and Safety and Security Ministry Mr Sydney Mufamadi to bring the deepening crisis "under control".

Mandela was "very concerned" about "the safety and security of people, the rights of individuals" and the effect such incidents had on the economy and tourist industry, said Omar.

A meeting between Omar, Mufamadi, Pagad representatives, Western Cape Police Commissioner Leon Wessels and Western Cape attorney-general Mr Frank Kahn is expected early next week.

PAGAD'S POLITICAL AGENDA

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 The Muslim-dominated faction of the Cape-based People Against Gangsterism & Drugs (Pagad) has got a martyr — a 50-year-old scholar shot dead on Sunday in a confrontation between the vigilantes and police at the chic, tourist-rich Waterfront precinct.

Police deny they used live ammunition against the protesters, but the charge by rival Pagad leader Ali "Phantom" Parker that the man was killed by his Islamic

comrades seems remote.

A tripartite war of words has broken out over the incident — and supporters of the dead man were due to meet at the Gatesville Mosque near Athlone to consider further action.

The divisions within Pagad are not simple (*Current Affairs* October 25). Parker's grouping has been denied access to the Gatesville mosque and has been "suspended" by the fundamentalist Qibla-dominated faction, which, in turn, has been denounced as too radical for the original law-and-order objectives of Pagad.

What is underscored by the latest violence is that Pagad has burst the territorial boundaries in which it began operations, and that Qibla-Pagad is willing to risk violence as a means of mobilising community rage and support.

Extremists have been quoted as saying that neither tourism nor the hosting of the Olympic Games by Cape Town are appropriate while the druglords continue to hold sway on the Flats.

A line has been crossed and further violence is expected. What is remarkable is that the security services — in the form of the police and Justice Minister Dullah Omar — remain curiously inert in curbing Pagad's marches and open brandishing of weapons.

This can only be because they have chosen the lesser of two evils in a desperate situation.

Omar, while naturally condemning Sunday's bloodshed, was less than forceful in his response: "The fight

against crime requires full and ongoing co-operation between the law enforcement authorities and communities, including their organisations." Police Commissioner George Fivaz remarked only that if undisciplined elements within Pagad were allowed to continue unchecked, "the noble aims, as originally stated by Pagad, of fighting crime" would be discredited.

Such pusillanimous reactions will not deter either Pagad faction — and may intensify conflict between the rival vigilantes, which thrive on publicity.

Omar said he would convene a summit between the law and order ministries, the Attorney-General and "representatives" of Pagad. In fact, a number of such meetings have been held in which self-styled vigilante spokesmen have asserted their peaceful intent, although attacks on alleged gangsters and — now — public demonstrations flaunt the very spirit of "community policing."

The dead Pagad supporter — brother of a prominent Muslim cleric — was given a martyr's funeral on Monday at which weapons were freely displayed and identities concealed behind *keffiyehs*. Aslam Toefy — now prominent as a spokesman of Qibla-Pagad — spoke of organising 600 000 Muslims to let government know that the people "can mobilise against injustice."

Parker, it transpires, was enjoying coffee and cheesecake at the Waterfront on Sunday when the clash occurred. This, of course, may be pure coincidence; but his comment afterwards was ominous: "If the police don't stop this now, then God help us. There is a political agenda."

With some justice, the police have pointed out that monitoring Pagad drains their scant resources while the druglords stalk free. But if the Waterfront confrontation shows anything, it is that militants within Pagad have the ascendancy — and the police don't really know what to do about them, other than opening fire when events turn rough. ■

Police claim approach to Pagad was 'softest'

Waterfront issue aired on radio

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Police took "the softest approach" when they dispersed an anti-drugs demonstration at the Waterfront on Sunday, said provincial deputy police commissioner Dirk Crafford.

Deputy Commissioner Crafford said on a live Voice of the Cape radio programme yesterday that People Against Gangsterism and Drugs had the same objectives as the police and therefore a joint responsibility towards the community.

He said the police had not said Pagad could not march, only that they could not carry weapons while doing so.

He added that there was no evidence that the police had killed Achmat Najjaar.

Several people involved in the crisis between authorities and Pagad took part in the programme.

An unidentified Pagad speaker attacked provincial Police Minister Gerald Morkel, saying he was a "fat cat" doing nothing about the drug problem. Pagad would mobilise the anti-drug group against him if

he did not stop manipulating the media.

Sheikh Thafier Najjaar said that he did not agree with the attack on Mr Morkel and called for the Pagad member to stop personalising the problem and rather focus on rebuilding relationships.

Pagad members refused to be photographed with the others taking part in the discussion.

Justice Minister Dullah Omar, justice select committee chairman Mohseen Moosa, Mr Morkel, Sheikh Najjaar and two Pagad representatives, including chief coordinator Aslam Toefy and an unidentified man were among those who took part.

But Pagad's representatives refused to meet Mr Morkel and Deputy Commissioner Crafford on the grounds that they had not explained why brutal force was used against Pagad members at the Waterfront.

Mr Toefy said: "It seems like the police have one agenda, to kill off Pagad."

He also claimed that the Western Cape police commissioner Leon Wessels had warned Pagad not to conduct marches and had threatened them with war.

Sheik Najjaar, whose brother was killed

in Sunday's clash, said his family demanded full involvement in the independent commission of inquiry into the incident instituted by Mr Omar.

However, after Mr Moosa said that the Najjaar family and any organisation were welcome to send representatives to take part in the inquiry, there was confusion over how active a role each representative would play.

It was decided during the broadcast that fresh steps would be taken to mend the broken bridges between the police and Pagad.

A meeting between Mr Omar, Minister of Safety and Security Sydney Mufamadi, Pagad representatives, Commissioner Wessels and Western Cape Attorney Frank Kahn is expected early next week.

Mr Morkel indicated during the broadcast that Mr Mufamadi was prepared to talk to Pagad if it co-operated with the police and realised the police were the only authority in the war against drugs.

Mr Toefy reacted by saying that Pagad wanted sanity to prevail, and: "I want to see the day when we can all enjoy our city without being held hostage by gangsters."

Pagad to lay wreath at V&A for slain scholar

Top-level bid to end clash

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STAFF REPORTER

As high-powered government meetings struggle to find answers to end violent clashes between the police and Pagad, the anti-drug group is planning two major events for the weekend - including a "wreath-laying ceremony" at the V&A Waterfront today.

Tomorrow the organisation also plans a huge rally at Vygieskraal Stadium in Athlone - billed as the biggest People Against Gangsterism and Drugs rally since the organisation was formed about a year ago.

Saturday Argus also learnt that Western Cape's Premier Hennis Kriel is planning his own initiative to bring the situation under control, over and above measures taken by Justice Minister and Western Cape ANC leader Dullah Omar.

Mr Omar announced on Thursday that he had arranged talks between Pagad leaders, Safety and Security Minister Sidney Mufamadi, Western Cape Police Commissioner Leon Wesels and the provincial Attorney-General Frank Kahn.

Although a spokesman for Mr Kriel declined to elaborate on the premier's plans, it was understood that these would include meetings with Sheik Nazeem Mohamed, president of the influential Muslim Judicial Council (MJC).

Mr Kriel was widely criticised this week for his silence and for not taking a leading role to resolve the issue. Mr Kriel's spokesman denied the premier had felt snubbed by being excluded from Mr Omar's initiative.

Meanwhile, Western Cape police have appealed to Pagad supporters to act within the law at the Vygieskraal meeting

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planned for tomorrow. Police said about 60 000 people were expected and that they would have the necessary manpower and logistics to ensure that the gathering was peaceful.

The Pagad faction under the leadership of Aslam Toefy is also planning a "wreath-laying ceremony" at the Waterfront today at the spot where Muslim scholar Acmat Najaar was shot last Sunday.

Police spokesman Evan Johnson said the ceremony was planned for 2pm. He said police would maintain a low-key presence and would not search any of the marchers for firearms unless asked to by Waterfront management. The V&A Waterfront is privately owned and police can only act against marchers if requested.

About 6 000 people attended the last Vygieskraal meeting, held on August 11. But the meeting and speeches were overshadowed by the chaos that erupted afterwards when police opened fire on a crowd intending to march on an alleged drug dealer's

house in Hanover Park. A number of people were injured.

In spite of several efforts by Saturday Argus to speak to Pagad chief co-ordinator Aslam Toefy, he failed to return calls. Attempts to contact the Waterfront management for comment on today's wreath-laying ceremony were unsuccessful.

■ However, Andre Swart, general manager of South African Breweries at the Waterfront, said the majority of businesses would be open today and that their owners would adopt a "wait-and-see" attitude.

"We certainly have no objections to the families and friends of the deceased man laying their wreaths at the site of the killing, but I would definitely be against a major march by Pagad because it would directly offset business," he said.

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Family slaughter



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By KEN VERNON

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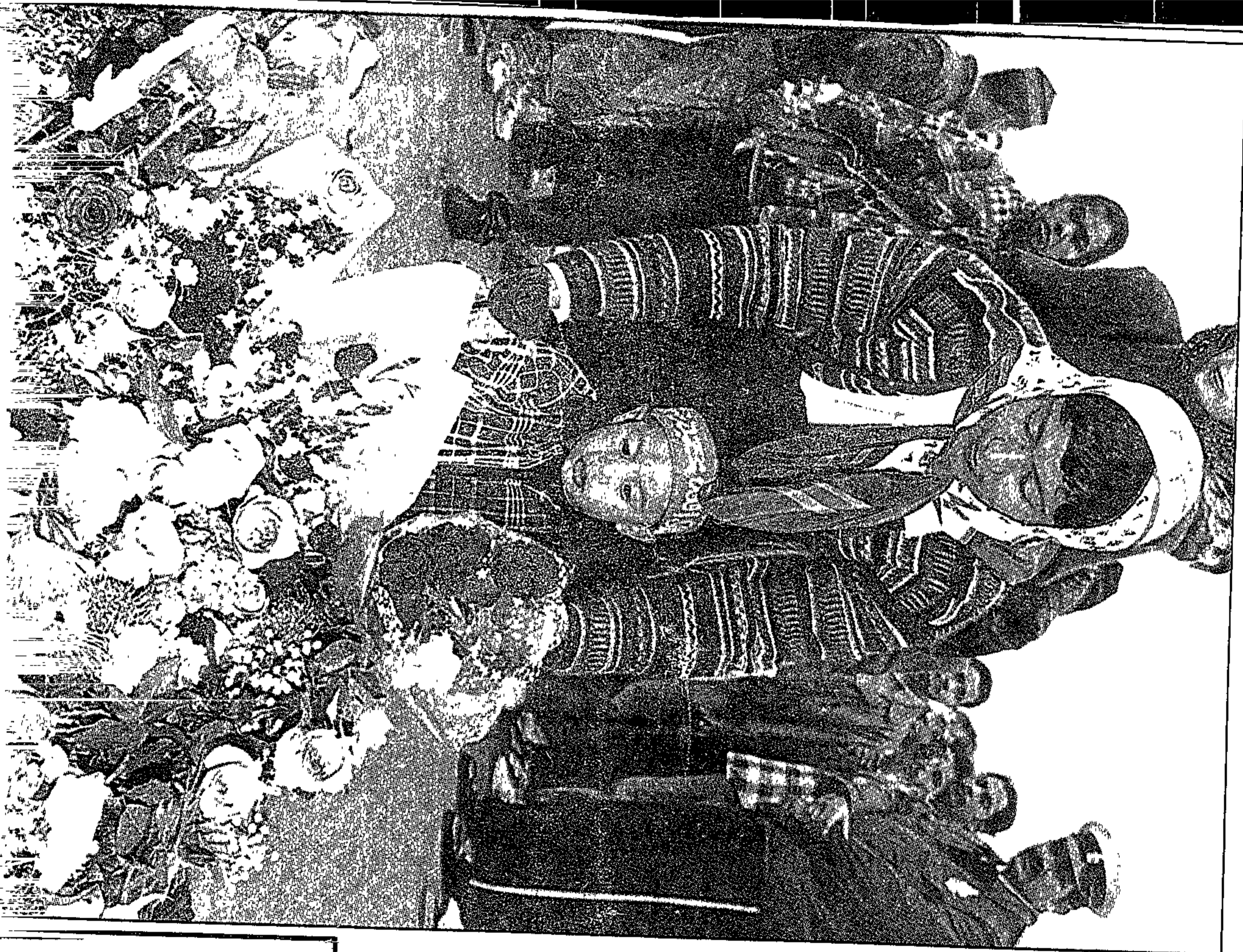
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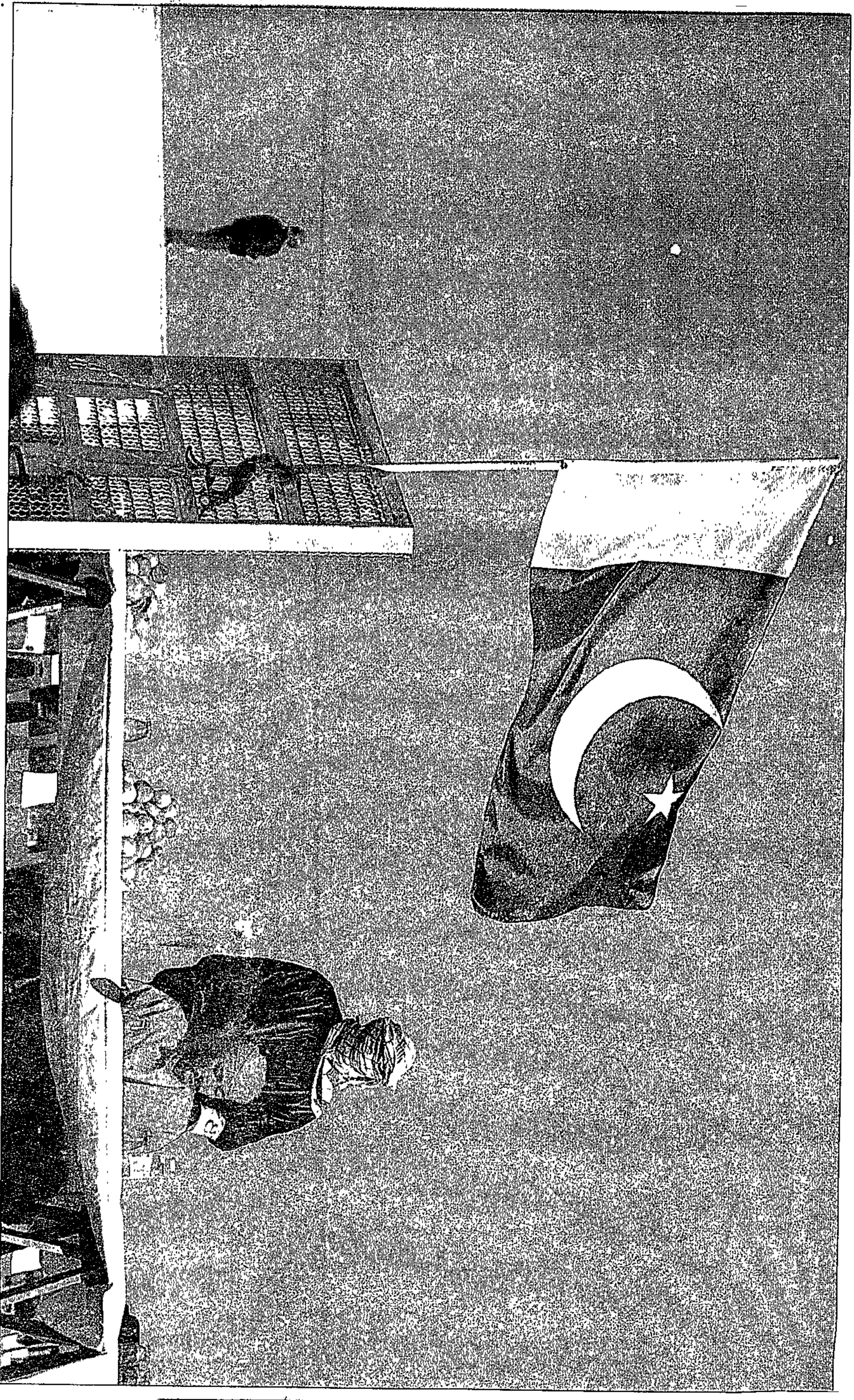
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RALLY: Dada (seated), of the inter-denominational organisation Ananda Marga, speaks out against drugs at the Pagad rally yesterday, while a Pagad leader stands by.

PICTURE: GARTH STEAD

Pagad launches scathing attack on Cape Times

IN a scathing attack on the media yesterday, leaders of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) told a mass rally at the Vygieskraal Stadium in Athlone that they would boycott the Cape Times and would announce their plan of action this week.

The boycott threat was made by a masked speaker known only as the "chief co-ordinator" of Pagad shortly before the rally, attended by thousands of people, ended.

There are also plans to hold another rally at the Waterfront this Sunday. Leading the attack on the media, Pagad "commander-in-chief" Mr Aslam Toefy said: "You people are supposed to write truthfully. But you have played Muslim against Muslim

"I beg you to be objective. Do not let the people come up against you. You continually call us militants and the fundamentalist Qibla faction. We hope you put this to rest."

Pagad also claimed three white assassins had been brought into South Africa to kill Western Cape Muslim leaders. Western Cape Muslim leader Mr Achmat Cassiem said their "own intelligence" indicated that three assassins had or would be "imported". He said this brought a new perspective to

the death of Mr Achmat Naljaar, who was shot dead at a Pagad rally at the Waterfront the previous Sunday.

Toefy claimed police wanted to annihilate Pagad but said they would not succeed "even if we have to die to prove it".

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Mr Mohseen Moosa, representing Justice Minister Mr Dullah Omar, who was unable to attend, was booed when he said police needed the help of the community and of Pagad to fight crime. He was accused by a Pagad spokesman of playing political games and that he and Omar were not aware of what was happening with the communities at ground level.

Catholic priest Father Christopher Clohessy said the government was doing things that Pagad and the community had not asked for. The government had voted to kill babies in the womb, to bid for the Olympics and to abandon the death penalty.

What communities throughout South Africa had asked for was for government to contain crime, gangsterism and drugs, but nothing had been done.

"This is how a revolution starts, it starts with unhappy people, no law, no order ... the people will have to do it themselves. If the people have the law of God behind them nothing can stop them."

He urged government to make issues around gangsters and crime a top priority.

Roads to the stadium were sealed off by the police and army, who searched all cars for firearms.

— Staff Writers, Sapa

Qibla chief claims hitmen brought to SA

Dullah Omar's spokesman booed by crowd at Pagad rally

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STAFF REPORTER

A prominent Muslim leader has alleged that gang leader Rashied Staggie and a number of African National Congress cabinet ministers were police informers during apartheid rule.

He also claims three white assassins have been brought to South Africa by the Government to kill Muslim leaders.

Achmat Cassiem, president of the Islamic Unity Convention and leader of the Muslim militant group Qibla, said it was no coincidence that Achmat Najjaar was murdered at the Waterfront in an anti-drug protest on November 3.

At a People against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) rally at Vryheid Stadium in Athlone attended by thousands of people yesterday, Mr Cassiem said according to information gathered by Qibla, 2 758 police informers had operated during the apartheid era. He said they had been recruited by the Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB).

He launched a scathing attack on Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi, whom he accused of being in cahoots with the former government.

"Let us never be unarmed again. Let us mobilise, for it is not a shame but a priority, and women arm yourselves, for the men may not be around to protect you," Mr Cassiem said.

To loud applause, Mr Cassiem shouted: "One oppressor, one bullet."

An unidentified man with his face covered, introduced as the chief co-ordinator of Pagad, claimed the three assassins brought into South Africa to kill Muslim

leaders had been hired by the Government. He said: "We know who you're coming for. We say we are ready for you."

Aslam Toefy, chief commander of the Pagad group that organised the rally, said Pagad would boycott the Cape Times and advise Muslim people on Wednesday on the form the boycott would take.

He added that all reports written by the media about Pagad should be checked in advance with the Pagad leadership to ensure that no lies were published about the organisation.

"Do not blame us if the community rises up against you because of the lies published in the newspapers," Mr Toefy said. Other speakers also verbally attacked the media.

The unnamed chief co-ordinator accused various media of trying to divide the Muslim community in the Western Cape and of being manipulated by the ANC government.

Earlier in the meeting Mohseen Moosa, a senator representing Justice Minister Dullah Omar, was booed by the crowd when he said the police force belonged to the people.

Mr Moosa said it was a myth that the majority of government members did not believe in God.

In response to Mr Moosa's plea for a closer relationship between the authorities and Pagad, an unidentified Pagad member, whose face was covered, said Pagad had exhausted all possible avenues to obtain government assistance in their fight against gangsterism and drugs. He also said Pagad disagreed with some clauses of the constitution.

Catholic priest-Christopher Clohessy said the ANC government was not doing what the people had elected it to do. "Governments rise and fall in a twinkling of an eye and this is how revolutions start."

He added that the authorities were "skirting dangerously on the edge of revolution" by legalising abortion and pornography, which most people opposed.

The meeting was monitored by a strong police contingent and vehicles and individuals were searched for weapons before they entered the stadium. However, several people passed firearms over the wall into the stadium.

Commenting on the call to boycott the Cape Times, Cape Argus editor Shaun Johnson said it was an unfortunate and unnecessary development which he hoped would be resolved by discussions between editors and Pagad. He extended the full support of the Cape Argus to the Cape Times, saying media freedom was indivisible.



LEON MILLER

Tension: Pagad co-ordinator Aslam Toefy with a police officer at the rally



Weapons search: a woman has her bag checked



Anti-Olympic: a young Pagad supporter

High tensions: Pagad supporters in a heated exchange with police

'Assassins targeting Pagad'

Cape Town - Three assassins have been brought to South Africa to kill Western Cape Muslim leaders, the anti-drug movement People Against Gangsterism and Drugs claimed yesterday.

A mass rally, with a heavy police presence, was held at the Vygieskraal stadium in Athlone about 3km from Cape Town, and was attended by about 10 000 people.

Pagad spokesman Iman Achmat Cassim claimed assassins had been brought into the country and that the Pagad leadership would be their targets.

He said a secret report by Pagad's "sources" indicated the men had been brought into the country by last month.

Cassim hinted that one of them could have been responsible for the death of Achmat Najjaar, who was shot at a Pagad demonstration at Cape Town's Waterfront last Sunday.

Numerous Pagad leaders attacked the media and police at the rally, and vowed they would be back at the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront in Cape Town next Sunday to inform the world of the scourge of gangsterism and drugs.

- Sapa.

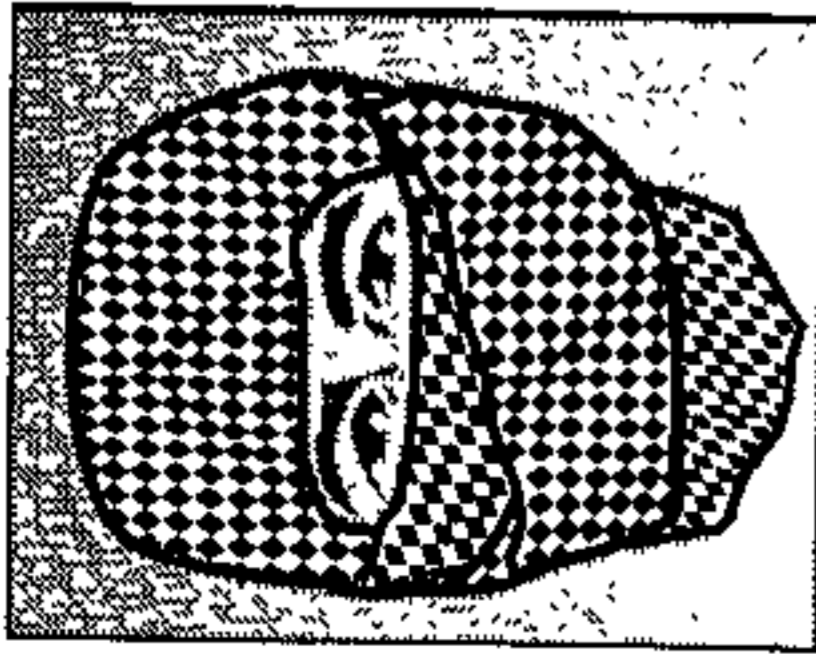
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Groups like Pagad hurt

Objectives of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs not entirely as stated, writes Ebrahim Moosa

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Like many people in South Africa I was ambivalent when the group People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) took to the streets in pursuit of their goals. From the outset it was not very clear whether their target was the Government or drugs and gangs. But in the face of rampant crime, drugs and gangsterism one could hardly disagree with Pagad's aims for a "clean" society.

Then came that nauseating spectacle of gang leader Rashaad Stagge dancing like a Roman candle in the streets of Salt River after participants in a Pagad-led march publicly executed him and then set him alight. For many this event brought home the danger of vigilante groups stepping into the breach created by the abysmal failure of law-enforcement agencies to stem crime in our country.

In time it became quite apparent that Pagad's objectives were not entirely as stated. Qibla, a small but radical Western Cape Muslim group, had inserted itself into Pagad, which led to the militarisation of a

well-meaning public initiative.

Qibla is anti-state and believes that the negotiated settlement in South Africa was part of an imperialist plot. It thus rejects the legitimacy of the Mandela government. During this anti-drug campaign Qibla spokespersons have demonised the Government as the "oppressor" and urged people to arm themselves.

Recent clashes between Pagad and police at Cape Town's Waterfront was another index of its shifting objectives. Pagad's marches to the homes of gang leaders and drug pedlars in the residential areas of the Cape Flats exhausted the potential of spectacle and publicity. Its fleeting involvement with the Oudekraal cemetery saga also ran its course and therefore required a new level of momentum. Everyone from the media, academics, dissenters, the Government and police have become the target of Pagad's wrath. Drugs and gangsterism, however, have shifted out of focus.

Perceptions of Pagad within the Muslim community must be viewed within the

threats to intellectuals. Many overzealous individuals under the spell of Pagad unhesitatingly issue decrees of excommunication on fellow Muslims who disagree with the group or its tactics. In fact, several prominent Muslim businessmen in the Cape are making donations to Pagad and have very little discretion to refuse. And any criticism of Pagad is viewed as support for gangsters and drug dealers.

As a small group, the Muslim community in South Africa has made impressive contributions to the national culture under conditions of severe adversity and disadvantage. In a bid to bring our values

broader context of both domestic and international Islam. South African Muslims are acutely aware of transnational politics ranging from developments in Palestine, Afghanistan, Mindano, Chechnya to Bosnia and Rwanda. With the end of the Cold War, Islam is seen as the only ideology resisting Western global hegemony. Former British Prime Minister Maggie Thatcher had identified Islam as a threat to Western interests and prominent Harvard political scientist, Samuel Huntington, has predicted a future clash of civilisations in which Islam features prominently.

Perpetual negative media representations of Islam leads many Muslims to believe there is a conspiracy against their faith and civilisation. Phone-in radio programmes in the Western Cape give a clear indication that many Muslims believe the "total onslaught" against Islam is now also conducted in South Africa. Brutal police force against unarmed protesters and police failure to apprehend drug dealers has been shocking to say the least.

Internationally and in South Africa, there are broadly two Muslim presentations

of "political" Islam. The one is that of uncompromising resistance and confrontation to Western hegemony and its agents. It is also a battle which is exclusively a Muslim one: Islam against the world.

The other trend admits the danger of Western hegemony, but believes that simplistic and uniform solutions are much more dangerous options to pursue. In this vision Islamic values are to be shared with the community of nations. This vision can only flourish within a dispensation of political pluralism where diversity with integrity is maintained.

The latter vision is perhaps the implicit tenor of the dominant Islam faction in South Africa. But the wave of Pagad activity has dampened if not intimidated the moderate voice of Islam. Muslim community leaders, intellectuals and ordinary people are scared into silence or acquiescence by the emotive power that is unleashed by demagoguery and the abuse of religious rhetoric.

Not only has Pagad threatened to "deal" with the media, but it has also made veiled

into the national culture and reaffirm our commitment to a drug and crime-free society the strategies and tactics of groups like Pagad are hopelessly flawed. In the end it is the great reputation of Islam that will suffer in our region. One does not need to have the faith of an ayatollah to distinguish guidance from misguidance: it is time for sensible people to speak up!

Dr Ebrahim Moosa is director of the Centre for Contemporary Islam and teaches in UCT's Department of Religious Studies.

Pagad plans to boycott newspaper

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Leaders accuse media of biased and inaccurate reporting at rally

Sowetan Correspondent

PEOPLE AGAINST GANGSTERISM and Drugs are considering a boycott of the *Cape Times* newspaper and are expected to make a decision in this regard this week.

There are plans to hold another rally at the Victoria and Albert Waterfront next Sunday.

The threat to boycott the *Cape Times* was made by a masked speaker known only as the Pagad "chief coordinator" during the closure of their rally at Vygieskraal Stadium, Athlone, on Sunday.

About 6 000 people attended the rally during which a number of speakers launched scathing attacks on the media, accusing them of biased and inaccurate reporting as well as misconstruing the facts.

There were also veiled threats that Pagad could not be held accountable if the community "reacted".

The Government and the police were also sharply criticised by speakers on a number of points.

Leading the attack on the media was Pagad commander-in-chief Mr Aslam Toefy, who first accused the police of trying to annihilate the organisation.

Turning his attention to the media, Toefy said: "You people are supposed to write truthfully. But you have played Muslim against Muslim. You continually call us names. We are People Against Gangsterism and Drugs, nothing else."

Toefy reiterated that there was "no split" in Pagad. "There never was a split and there never will be."

Cape media condemns Pagad threats

STAFF REPORTER

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Editors in the Western Cape and national media unions yesterday condemned threats against the media by the leadership of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs.

In a joint statement, signed by the editor of *The Argus*, Shaun Johnson, and the editor of *The Cape Times*, Moegsien Williams, among others, members of the Cape media leadership said Pagad "was undermining the ability of the media to play its vital role of informing the public".

They said a threat to boycott *The Cape Times* had worsened a situation already stained with unacceptable levels of intimidation and threats against journalists at the scene of Pagad gatherings.

We condemn these threats and believe that urgent discussions are required to ensure professional media coverage of Pagad's activities.

"We also seek an unequivocal assurance from Pagad's current leadership that journalists will be able to cover activities organised by Pagad freely and without intimidation," the statement said.

Several Pagad leaders launched scathing attacks on the media at a rally in Cape Town at the weekend, accusing it of misconstruing the facts.

A masked speaker attacked the media for its "selective" reporting on Pagad issues, saying the press had to stop misconstruing Pagad statements.

He also questioned whether the media had a hidden agenda.

Empower me and I'll handle Pagad — Kriel

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ACCUSED of doing nothing to resolve Pagad-related problems, Mr Hernus Kriel claims his hands are tied. **CHRIS BATEMAN** reports.

'Province out of step'

ROGER FRIEDMAN

WESTERN Cape Premier Mr Hernus Kriel said yesterday he would "handle" spiralling Pagad activism — if the ANC gave the province the police powers to do the job.

Kriel said the public should understand that the province had no police powers.

He was responding to an attack made on him and Police Services MEC Mr Gerald Morkel for their low-profile reaction to recent Pagad-related events by Justice Minister Mr Dullah Omar.

Kriel said his government was not avoiding the issue but was willing and able to confront the crisis and help the national government reduce tensions.

He accused Police Minister Mr Sydney Mufamadi of "playing a political game with violence and the police".

Kriel said he was working behind the scenes "to change the attitudes of certain individuals" within the Muslim community.

"I'm only too happy to be part of the solution — but I refuse to take responsibility for the problem. If they give me police powers I will handle it," he said.

Morkel said he would meet Pagad "any time", but that "they seem more interested in Omar".

"I'm small fry in this package — I'm Sydney Mufamadi's eyes and ears, that's all," he said.

Regional Police Commissioner Leon Wessels took his orders directly from national Police Commissioner George Fivaz, who was answerable to Mufamadi.

Morkel said the constitution only allowed him to pass legislation on a matter unique to his province — and then only with Mufamadi's approval.

Top Western Cape policemen "respect" Kriel and Morkel but do not have to take "orders" from them, Deputy Provincial Commissioner Dirk Crafford said yesterday.

JUSTICE MINISTER Mr Dullah Omar believes the confrontation between Pagad and the police should be taken in hand by the provincial authorities — and is surprised this has not taken place.

"In the other provinces, even though there has been some degree of national participation, it has basically been the provincial authorities who have handled matters and resolved them," he told the Cape Times.

"In the Eastern Cape, the counterpart of Pagad, called Padav (People Against Drugs and Violence), embarked on similar types of action. But when conflict loomed things were essentially resolved at provincial level," he said.

"In Johannesburg, where groups also mobilised against crime, it is the provincial MEC Ms Jesse Duarte who took initiatives and has been meeting anti-crime groups everywhere in Gauteng.

"In Durban there have also

been community concerns and protests.

"Again, it is the provincial government leadership that has played the leading role, calling groups together and working out co-operative agreements between community groups and the police," Omar said.

"My role in every instance has been to meet the groups. In each area I have involved the attorney general's office and local magistrates who can be involved in facilitating further meetings.

"In the Western Cape that has not happened."

Omar said national leaders like himself, Safety and Security Minister Mr Sydney Mufamadi and police Commissioner George Fivaz had involved themselves in addressing issues raised by Pagad because it was necessary to rise above party politics.

"I do think that the Western Cape provincial authorities could have, should have, and still should do much more," he said.

Pagad having "undertones of a political agenda" during a snap debate in August on the Rashaad Staggie killing — and had then been taken to task by the Muslim community.

"I think the split (in Pagad) has proven me right," he said. "There are now those concerned about drugs and gangsters and those concerned about politics. Obviously I'm on the side of those concerned about drugs and gangsters."

Western Cape Speaker, Mr Willem Doman, gave permission yesterday for the legislature's standing committee on general provincial services to probe the regional policing of gangsterism and drugs.

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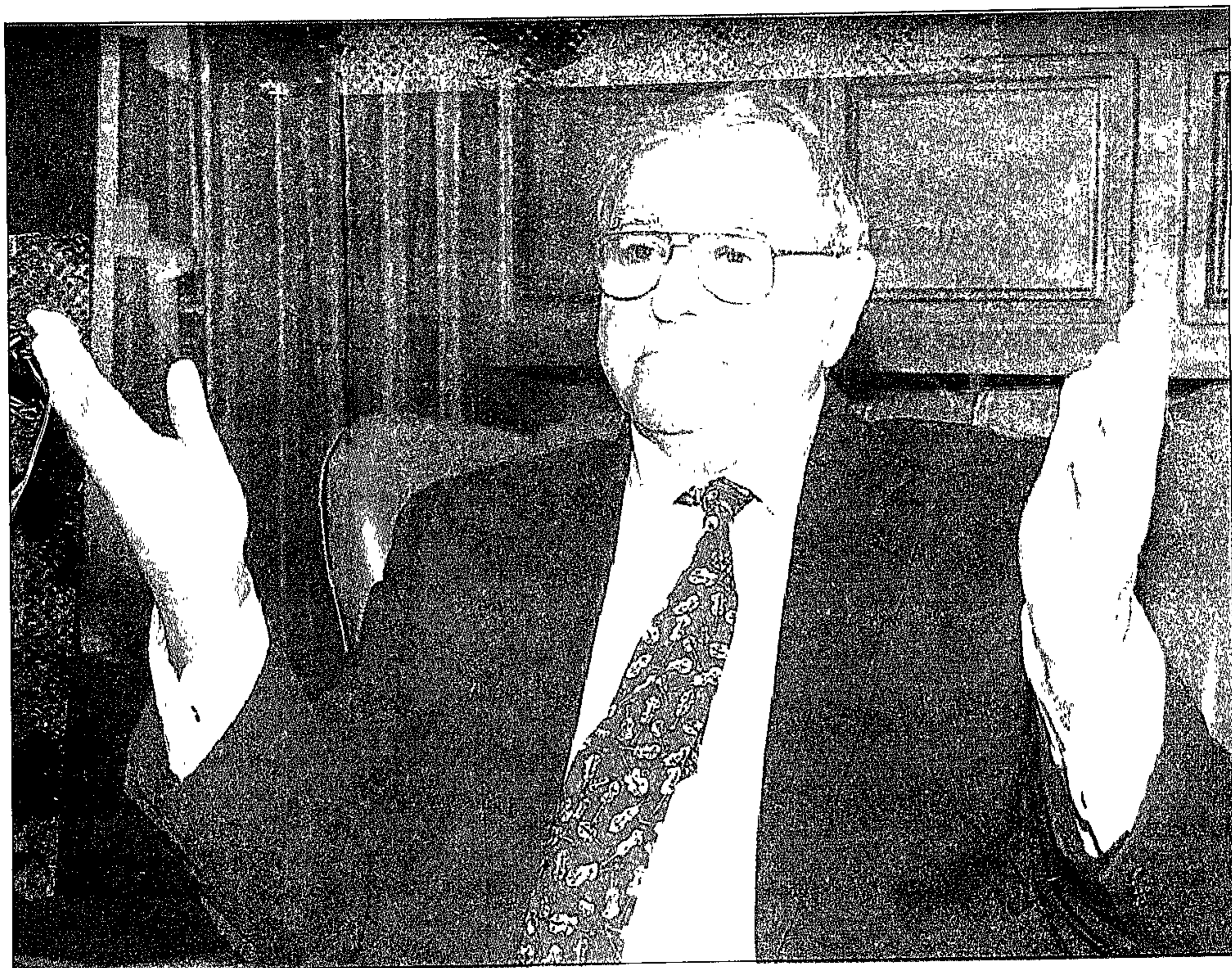
"Although he does not have direct control, we have respect for the provincial minister. In the normal day-to-day running of the police, we work together. We sometimes meet more than once a week."

Crafford said Morkel could "influence" police decisions "because we have a very sound relationship".

Kriel challenged the ANC to give him police powers, adding that he was prepared to give Mufamadi advice — if he asked for it.

He denied Omar's claim that he had been invited to a summit later this week between Pagad leaders and Mufamadi and senior policemen. Omar's office admitted it had not yet sent Kriel an invitation.

Kriel said he had warned of



HANDS TIED: The province has not been given the police powers to handle the crisis arising out of Pagad actions, says Western Cape Premier Mr Hemus Kriel, who has been accused by Justice Minister Dullah Omar of not doing enough.

PICTURE: THEMBINKOSI DWAYISA

Editors draw line on Pagad

Toefy responds

STAFF REPORTERS

The deteriorating relationship between Pagad leaders and the media has come to a head, with Western Cape editors calling for urgent discussions with the organisation and assurances about the safety of journalists.

Seven senior editors issued a joint statement last night saying intimidation and threats against journalists had reached unacceptable levels, "undermining the ability of the media to play their vital role of informing the public".

They called for an unequivocal assurance from Pagad's present leadership that journalists would be able to cover activities organised by the organisation "freely and without intimidation".

The call came ahead of tonight's weekly meeting of Pagad at the Gatesville Mosque.

At the meeting Pagad leaders will announce their decision on whether Pagad will carry out its threat to call for a boycott

of the Cape Times, sister newspaper of the Cape Argus.

Approached by the Cape Argus ahead of the meeting, Pagad leader Aslam Toefy said he would like the media to cover the meeting and would personally guarantee journalists' safety.

The media would be allowed to report freely on what took place as long as they reported factually, he said.

Mr Toefy said the group's "security people" had been ordered to allow all journalists to come and go as they pleased. Last Wednesday some journalists had been hampered by people other than those involved in security, he said.

He said he would deal with any Pagad members who hindered the media.

Cape Argus editor Shaun Johnson has extended the newspaper's full support to its sister title, saying boycotts of media, whether selective or general, had to be

Editors want assurances from Pagad

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resisted because they damaged the free flow of information.

He said the media had no "hidden agenda" against Pagad or any other groups, but were trying under extremely difficult circumstances to provide the entire public of the region with reliable information.

Thami Mazwai, chairman of the newly-formed SA National Editors' Forum, said Pagad had treated the media appallingly and this behaviour had done a great disservice to the group's cause. He called on Pagad to give Cape editors a guarantee that the lawless element in its ranks would be restrained from interfering with journalists and would allow them to report freely.

The editors, backed by national media unions the SA Union of Journalists and the Media Workers' Association of SA, have decided to act jointly in responding to the Pagad leadership's threat to boycott the Cape Times, and general intimidation of journalists.

The joint statement was signed by Mr Johnson, Cape Times editor Moegsien Williams, Die Burger editor Ebbe Dommisse, SABC TV News head Ivan Fynn, SABC TV News regional editor Xolani Tyilana, SABC Radio News parliamentary editor Pippa Green, and SABC Radio News regional editor Willie Linstrom.

The editors said the threat to boycott the Cape Times had worsened a situation already strained by unacceptable levels of intimidation and threats against journalists covering Pagad gatherings.

"We condemn these threats and believe urgent discussions are required to ensure professional media coverage of Pagad's activities. We also seek an unequivocal assurance from Pagad's current leadership that journalists will be able to cover activities organised by Pagad freely and without intimidation," the statement added.

The Pagad chief co-ordinator, who has never been formally identified, said the leadership of the organisation met last night to discuss the possible boycott of the newspaper. "We will inform the people at tonight's meeting and then decide what our plan of action regarding the Cape Times will be," he said.

Pagad media liaison officer Sharief Khan said the organisation's leadership also discussed plans for Sunday's Pagad demonstration at the V&A Waterfront and the coming summit being organised by Justice Minister Dullah Omar.

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AG offers olive branch to Pagad

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A REPRESENTATION by Pagad to the attorney-general asking him to drop charges against their members has led him to extend an olive branch to the organisation. **ROGER FRIEDMAN** reports.

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WESTERN Cape attorney-general Mr Frank Kahn has extended an olive branch to People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad), saying he would consider withdrawing certain charges laid against its members provided the organisation's leadership "demonstrates a willingness to operate within the law".

Although he was not considering withdrawing charges against eight Pagad members arrested in Atlantis amid skirmishes between police and Pagad last month, "because they were armed and masked", Kahn said he could withdraw charges against the 19 members arrested for attending an illegal gathering at the Waterfront early this month.

It was during that demonstration that Pagad member Mr Achmat Najjaar was shot dead.

Kahn was concerned that Pagad's quarrel with gangsters and drug dealers appeared to have been overtaken by confrontation between Pagad and the police.

Kahn said: "The picture that is emerging is one of unnecessary strife between groups of people who in fact share the same objectives. The only winners are the gangsters. Whereas the energy of the police should be committed to reducing crime, they are being exposed to unnecessary conflict, and Pagad has suffered a tragic loss."

"This threatens to become an ongoing situation that can only lead to more loss of life. There is no reason why Pagad's leaders cannot pursue their objectives within the confines of the law," he said.

Kahn disclosed that Pagad had made representations to his office this week that he drop charges against its members. After the meeting, he had called for a copy of the police video taken at the Waterfront and had held discussions with the police.

The Waterfront confrontation "could have been handled better by all sides", and he was "sympathetic to Najjaar's family and to the bulk of ordinary people who constituted the gathering... who have suffered under crime".

Regarding Pagad's representations, he said he believed the "reasonable rank and file" people at the Waterfront gathering were "justified in feeling aggrieved" that an ostensibly peaceful gathering had erupted to the extent it did. He supported calls from Pagad and Justice Minister Mr Dullah Omar for a commission of inquiry to probe the incident.

"I am sympathetic to the representations, but I am stymied by an organisation that has consistently refused to obey the law."

"In fairness to all concerned I will consider these representations sympathetically if the Pagad leaders undertake to conduct their good cause within the confines of the law. This is a peace offering. If they are not prepared to take advantage of the sympathy from this office then they must suffer the consequences."

"If Pagad's leaders insist on pursuing a reckless course of conduct, they are making themselves accomplices of gang leaders. Instead of marginalising criminals, they are threatening to destroy community cohesiveness, and are marginalising law-abiding people."

The head of the police Violent Crimes Unit, Director Leonard Knipe, disclosed he had instructed a team of 12 detectives to concentrate solely on arresting the murderers of Najjaar, and of gang boss Rashad Staggie, who was lynched during a Pagad demonstration in Salt River in August.

Police viewed solving both cases as crucial to calming tension in the region. They were expecting to make arrests in connection with Staggie's murder soon, but were keeping "totally open minds" as to the origin of the bullet that killed Najjaar.

"I cannot prove whether a member of Pagad deliberately or accidentally fired a shot, or whether it was fired by a bystander, a shopkeeper, a security guard, a gangster or a policeman. If members of the group saw the shot being fired by a policeman or anyone else, will they please come and talk to us. We would be more than willing to consult them at a venue of their choice."



PICTURE: BENNY GOOL

KEY TO KILLERS? Rashad Staggie with the gold chain his brother wore when he was lynched.

Gold chain link in Staggie case

ROGER FRIEDMAN

A GOLD chain has probably emerged as the key piece of evidence in solving the case of the killing of gang boss Rashad Staggie, who was lynched after a demonstration outside his house.

Staggie, co-leader of the Hard Livings gang, was killed in London Road, Salt River in August during a demonstration by People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad).

The head of the police Violent Crimes Unit, Director Leonard Knipe, yesterday confirmed the existence of the gold chain and that it had been cen-

tral to the arrest of two men, Mr Rashad Staggie, Rashad's surviving twin, had helped police recover the chain.

According to Staggie, his brother was wearing the chain on the night of his murder. The chain, said to be worth about R40 000 was apparently swapped for a few Mandrax tablets.

Knipe said the police believed they knew the identities of Staggie's killers and were confident of making further arrests soon, even though journalists had not supported them in their investigations. He confirmed the police had received new information — from a friend of the deceased Staggie who

allegedly witnessed the killing — implicating an individual in the murder.

The witness told the Cape Times yesterday the individual, whose name he gave to the police, was a prominent member of Qhila.

Two brothers who have twice appeared in court in connection with the murder of Rashad Staggie were arrested after the recovery of a heavy gold chain allegedly stolen from around Staggie's neck.

Mr Moganmat Nur Bookey, 33, and Mr Ozeer Bookey, 24, both of Grassy Park, have been supported at their court appearances by Pagad.



MEDIATION: Pagad spokesman Mr Aslam Toefy and Mr Retief Olivier, a mediator called in by the V & A Waterfront Company at a meeting yesterday. **PICTURE: GARTH STEAD**

Back to Waterfront

JACKIE CAMERON

PAGAD will return to the Waterfront on Sunday, spokesman Mr Aslam Toefy said yesterday.

Toefy said his organisation was "working together" with Waterfront management to hold a "peaceful awareness programme" and wanted to "make people aware of Pagad's way forward".

He declined to elaborate on the programme, which is to start at 3pm. He urged the media to attend Pagad meetings because it would enable his organisation to "educate" journalists.

"Don't stay away when you get a hiding," he said, chuckling.

A Waterfront spokesman said crime and drugs were the first concern of all law-abiding citizens. "In the light of this, the Waterfront had agreed that, as a sign of respect, an exception would be made to hold a meeting at the amphitheatre to highlight the levels of crime in the Western Cape."

Pagad organisers had undertaken to guarantee the safety of patrons, staff and tenants, he said. Restaurant managers greeted the decision with gloom. **See Page 3**

SA editors slam threats to press

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THE SA National Editors' Forum (Sanef) strongly condemns threats made against journalists at events organised by People Against Gangsterism and Drugs.

Reports by journalists and editors indicate persistent intimidation and attempted coercion by calling for a boycott of the Cape Times.

The kind of intimidation reported at the Gatesville Mosque last week are reminiscent of the worst treatment of media under the apartheid regime. It is completely unacceptable in a democratic South Africa.

Sanef is mindful of the poor grasp of the role and function of media among many sections of our community and considers it a legacy of our past. In this regard, it has mounted a long-term campaign to ensure that the concept of media freedom begins to take root in our society.

Sanef intends to engage organisations like Pagad to engender a better understanding of media and their relationship with the community. But such engagement cannot take place in the face of coercion and threats.

Sanef urges Pagad to set up proper mechanisms to deal with the media in a non-intimidatory and conducive atmosphere. It is also regrettable that Pagad has not taken up offers by Cape Town editors for a meeting to iron out problems. Sanef urged Pagad to do so as a matter of urgency. Until such time that the leadership of Pagad gives Sanef an undertaking that journalists will be free to do their work, journalists will not be sent to meetings where they are harassed.

— Issued by Thami Mazwai, Chairperson

Pagad calls boycott of Cape Times

CYNTHIA VONGAI
STAFF WRITER

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MASKED Pagad speakers said last night the organisation would start a boycott of the Cape Times on Monday and warned they would enforce it.

Addressing a packed Gatesville mosque, Pagad speakers said they had singled out the Cape Times because "it had deliberately tried to split Pagad" and had portrayed Pagad "as a militant Muslim organisation".

The Cape Times was also accused of "speaking to unmandated spokespersons", whom they identified as Mr Farouk Jaffer, Mr Ali Parker and Mr Nadthmie Edries. There had never been a split in Pagad and they wanted to set the record straight, speakers said.

They blamed the tension they were experiencing with the police and a host of other problems on this newspaper.

Pagad said that until the media "rectified what they had done" they would continue their boycott. They called on members and business people in the community not to buy the Cape Times and not to advertise in the newspaper.

"If there are any people who do not want to comply please let us know and we will deal with them. We need to know who they are," a masked speaker said.

The speakers said they wanted to clarify that they had not paraded any journalist in front of a hostile crowd: "We are not hostile to the media, as soon as we started our campaign the police and newspapers tried to block us."

Pagad intends to stage a two-hour "awareness" programme at the Waterfront on Sunday.

"The entire world will be watching us. Everyone expects Pagad to be undisciplined." The leadership warned those "who could not control themselves" to stay at home.

At a press conference held after the meeting, a masked Pagad member said: "The media speak of a Qibla faction of Pagad. There is no Qibla Pagad, there is only one Pagad."

A summit between Pagad and various officials from the police and justice department is scheduled to take place some time this month.

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Pagad ready to heal media rift

STAFF REPORTER

People Against Gangsterism and Drugs says it wants to heal its rift with the Cape Town media.

At a meeting at the Gatesville Mosque last night Pagad chief commander Aslam Toefy said the press would be welcome at all the organisation's demonstrations and meetings in future. This was subject to their "reporting the truth", he said.

After last night's meeting, reporters and photographers from various newspapers were escorted to their cars and wished a "safe trip home" by Pagad's security unit.

Pagad is still threatening to boycott the Cape Times. The Pagad leadership said last night the boycott would begin on Monday if the "situation is not resolved" during a meeting between media editors and the organisation today.

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ROY WIGLEY

Mosque meeting: Aslam Toefy at last night's meeting at the Gatesville Mosque where he said Pagad was keen to heal the rift with the media

Pagad to consult members on summit

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ASHLEY SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Pagad leaders say their summit with the government will take place in the next three or four weeks, after they have consulted their membership.

Aslam Toefy, chief commander of Pagad, said last night a meeting between the groups involved in the crisis was seen as imperative to end the tension. Pagad is to give a date for the summit to Justice Minister Dullah Omar after members have their say at a weekend workshop.

The chief co-ordinator of Pagad, who has never been identified, blamed the media for creating the volatile situation between the police and the organisation.

He said Pagad members could air their views about the upcoming talks with authorities at the workshop on Saturday.

Mr Toefy said he hoped the summit would bring an end to gangsterism and drugs on the Cape Flats. "The police and the newspapers have created problems as we cannot march to the homes of merchants and drug lords any longer because of the restrictions placed on Pagad."

Pagad media liaison officer Sharief Khan said the summit with the government would be just another strategy applied by the organisation in the war against drugs and gangsterism.

"At the summit we will impose certain demands and conditions upon the authorities to effectively address the unacceptable drug and crime levels in the Western Cape," Mr Khan said.

■ The Pagad leadership has asked for amateur video film taken by its members to be handed to a legal team appointed by the organisation.

The threatening mood at the latest Pagad press conference held in Cape Town was captured by **Rehana Rossouw**

Jay Naidoo condemns Pagad's threats

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THE latest onslaught on the media by People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) has been condemned by Minister of Post, Telecommunications and Broadcasting Jay Naidoo as worse than the threats against the media at the height of apartheid repression.

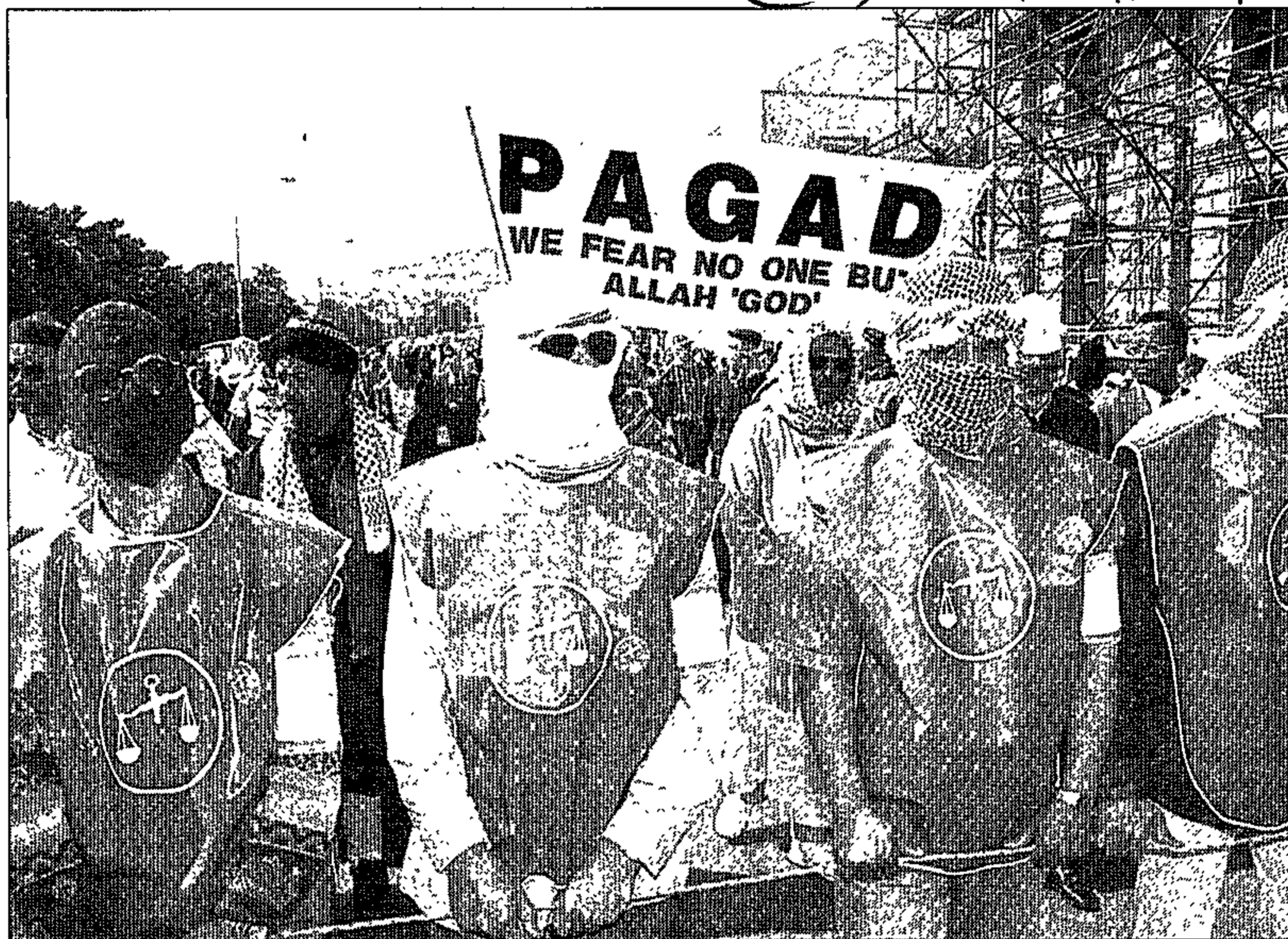
The community-based organisation, which originally emerged in a bid to rid coloured townships of drug lords, has become more militant in recent months and has begun to target journalists whom it regards as the enemy alongside the drug lords and drug peddlers.

Pagad invited the media to a press conference (held in a mosque in Athlone, Cape Town) last Wednesday night, where they lashed out at journalists for almost two hours.

The attacks on reporters stemmed from what Pagad alleged to be "inaccuracies and lies" in the press's coverage of the organisation's activities.

The "press conference" was attended by more than 2 000 Pagad supporters who hissed and chanted periodically when they disagreed with the media and supported their leaders.

It was addressed by four leaders of the organisation. All of them, except Pagad chief co-ordinator Aslam Toefy, wore scarves disguising their faces. Most of their vitriol



Total onslaught: Pagad has begun to target journalists whom it regards as the enemy PHOTO: RODGER BOSCH

stemmed from the fact that the organisation had split into two and journalists continued to represent three expelled members — Farouk Jaffer, Ali Parker and Nadthmie

Edries — as members of Pagad.

They also warned the media to stop focusing on the role Qibla — a militant Muslim organisation — played in supporting Pagad.

Naidoo said he was "horrified" at the treatment meted out to journalists: "I consider it a humiliation not experienced even at the height of apartheid oppression to parade

journalists before a hostile crowd and make threats against them and their newspapers. This is even more unacceptable in our new-born democracy.

"As the minister responsible for broadcasting, I cannot accept threats against the media. It would be a disaster for our democracy to subordinate the media to the vested interests in our society, irrespective of who they are. The freedom of the press is a foundation of a democracy.

"There are occasions when even I have strongly disagreed with the media. That has never conferred on me the divine right to tell journalists what to write and editors what to print.

"I call upon the sensible Pagad leaders to desist from threats as were made ... and to join the mainstream of South African society in consolidating the democratic values we have fought for as a nation and for which many patriots have paid the ultimate sacrifice," he said.

Journalists were escorted inside the mosque at about 9.50am and seated in front of a table where the Pagad leaders were sitting. We were asked to identify ourselves by name and publication or broadcast medium before the press conference began. The names were repeated over the public address system.

Below is an edited version of the Pagad press conference

What Pagad had to say ...

WE are giving *The Cape Times* and the *Cape Argus* until Friday to rectify all the damage they have done or have tried to do to Pagad. If not, on Sunday, Pagad will call for a boycott of *The Cape Times* and *Cape Argus*. [Cheers from the audience.] We will be fair to them tonight and our people can then decide if they should boycott or not.

The media is responsible for creating misconceptions about Pagad. They have perceived a split in Pagad by indicating two different mosques where Pagad meets. The media has not related the support the groups have.

Qibla continues to be a big question mark on Pagad's campaign. We say Pagad consists of people from various communities, Muslims, Christians, Catholics, Hindus. To prove this, if the media was honest and fair, it would show footage of people of other denominations praying at Pagad meetings on numerous occasions.

Do not persist with this Qibla link. The media persist in labelling the three expelled members of Pagad as the original leaders of Pagad, knowing full well they only joined four months back. Pagad started two years ago, and they weren't part of it.

The question was put to our members in this very mosque, should they be expelled. The amirs [leaders] of our G-force [armed units] were unanimous that they should be expelled. Is it true? [Resounding yes, shouted from the crowd.]

We are saying to the media this is the last time we will discuss the expulsion with you. You are not to label those people as Pagad, you are not to refer to a "moderate" Pagad or an "other" Pagad.

The perception the media sitting here is giving to the rest of the country is that Pagad is all about fundamentalism and vio-

lence. Stop playing with people's minds with your inaccuracies and lies.

To the media we say that there are no moderates in Islam in terms of its principles. You either take action to right a wrong or you stand back and do nothing. If that strikes you as fundamentalism, then we say thanks be to God that we are fundamentalists.

The media has consistently given gangsters coverage on TV and in newspapers as righteous, law-abiding citizens. The media labels Pagad as violent, but then shows these people smoking dagga and displaying firearms.

This is the last opportunity the media is being given to report wisely. Pagad does not need the press, it does not need to adapt to your whims and fancies.

If you are going to be biased lean towards the victims. In World War II the media probably won the war before people went to battle. Here you have the same opportunity to play an important role.

Look at the truth commission, the majority of whites are saying they never knew what happened in South Africa. The media must take responsibility for this.

We will allow the media to ask questions.

Question: Would you like the media to ignore your campaign?

Answer: It would be better for our campaign if the media ignored us instead of writing lies about our campaign.

Question: Journalists and photographers have been experiencing threats right from the start of the campaign. If you want positive coverage, why threaten us?

Answer: Yes, we had problems with the news media and instructed our security people to keep the media out. We did this because the media was working in the interests of the gangsters instead of getting involved in the process of uplifting humanity. What do you

want us to do to such people, entertain them? We will all no longer tolerate them.

Question: Why do you cover your faces with scarves?

Answer: I used to cover my face and stopped because I found it was not necessary. If I put a bucket on my head or a scarf, the media will still see it necessary to print my name under a photo without my permission. If I die in this cause, I made my peace with Allah. I made a commitment and I will die in this commitment.

The reason we cover our faces is because certain people print pictures of us and give it to the gangsters. The brother who was killed, Faizal Rycliff, his picture was circularised. I may be next. You can kill me, but you will never kill Pagad. We cover our faces to protect our wives, children and brothers.

We discovered the media and many people who have not been part of our demonstrations try to imply that because we cover our faces we have something to hide. We are dealing with people who work with cowardly tactics. If the dealers can't get you they go for your family. In a situation like this it is better that the enemy does not know you.

● *The Cape Times* editor Moegsien Williams said he did not take kindly to threats and did not think people should be allowed to make such threats. *The Cape Times* would not change its editorial policy at the behest of one organisation.

"What gives me sleepless nights is that if people make threats of this nature soon after you will find journalists are in physical danger if they are sent to cover Pagad events.

"*The Cape Times* policy is to stand our ground but to talk. We will not cut off communications with Pagad," said Williams.

Cape Argus editor Shaun Johnson was not available to comment, but in his editorial on Friday, he called on Pagad to let "reason prevail". He said his newspaper had no agenda against Pagad and was not a mouthpiece of any group.

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Pagad: Religious leaders intervene

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LEADING MUSLIM leaders, intellectuals, religious organisations and representatives of Christian denominations have expressed their serious concern and fears of Pagad's militancy and intolerance as a threat to public order.

IN a public statement Muslim organisations such as the influential Muslim Judicial Council (MJC), Islamic Council of South Africa, Majlisus Shura al-Islami, the Call of Islam and the Muslim Youth Movement said that the "recent public representations of Muslims as armed, angry and masked persons do very little credit to the Islamic values of justice with compassion, love, respect and integrity of all people."

The statement was also endorsed by the Archbishop of Cape Town, the Most Rev Njongo Ndungane, leading UCT and UWC academics Dr Ebrahim Moosa, Mr Muhammad Haron, Dr Abdulkader Tayob, Dr Farid Esack, Professor John de Gruchy, and the Imam of Claremont mosque, Imam Abdurrashid Omar, Western Cape Health and Welfare MEC Mr Ebrahim Rasool and the Dean of the Cathedral the Right Rev Rowan Smith.

This is the first major public response to months of Pagad activity in the Western Cape.

In the statement the leaders and organisations said they wished to express deep concern at the escalating tension in the Western Cape after public demonstrations which have resulted in tragic deaths and avoidable injury.

"Like many South Africans, we welcomed the emergence of the group People Against Gangsterism

and Drugs (Pagad) some months ago. We celebrated a public initiative that put criminals and drug dealers on the defensive.

"However, we are deeply concerned at the level of militancy that is being displayed by Pagad, its confrontational and intolerant approach in public, which puts ordinary citizens at risk and the social disruption it is creating within our communities.

"Pagad also claims to speak in the name of Islam and Muslims. As part of a multi-religious society in which every religious tradition enjoys constitutional protection, it is evident that the public conduct on the part of some persons claiming to be aligned to Pagad has compromised the image of Islam and Muslims.

"The call on Muslims and people at large to arm themselves is particularly alarming. The militarisation of a society in which criminal violence is already endemic is a dangerous and irresponsible path suggested by the Pagad leadership.

"The majority of our people, Muslims and non-Muslims, are law-abiding citizens and do not advocate the use of violence for political ends in a democratic dispensation that upholds human rights.

"Muslims in South Africa are an

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Those who signed the statement are:

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Dr Ebrahim Moosa: Religious Studies UCT and director Centre for Contemporary Islam

Dr Abdulkader Tayob: Religious Studies, UCT

Imam Abdurrashid Omar: Imam Claremont, Main Road Mosque

Most Rev Njongo Ndungane: Archbishop of Cape Town

Dr Farid Esack: Religious Studies, UWC

Dr Shamile Jepple: UCT research fellow

Mr Ebrahim Rasool: MEC Health and Welfare, Western Cape

Shaykh Muhammad Moerat: Imam Zinatul Islam Mosque, District Six

Mr Muhammad Haron: Arabic Studies, UWC

The Very Rev Rowan Smith: Dean of Cape Town

The Rev Christopher Ahrends: Director of St George's Cathedral

Professor John de Gruchy: Religious Studies, UCT

Mrs Rahmat Jaffer: Member ANC Women's League

The Rev Douglas Bax: Minister United Church, Rondebosch

Shaykh Tahir Sitoto: Ex-presi-

dent Muslim Youth Movement

Mr Eghsaan Behardien: Teacher and community worker

Shaykh Amin Amod: Lecturer Islamic College of South Africa

Dr Ram Saloojee: President Islamic Council of South Africa

Mr Ismail Schroeder: Chairman Majlisus Shura al-Islami

Mrs Fatima Khan: Director and president Muslim Women's Federation of Southern Africa

Mr Adam Jaffer: Businessman

Dr Sorour Solomon: Medical practitioner

Imam Gassan Solomon: ANC MP, Justice Portfolio Committee

Organisations:

Muslim Judicial Council (MJC)

Islamic Council of South Africa (ICSA)

Majlisus Shura al-Islami

Muslim Youth Movement of South Africa (Western Cape)

Call of Islam

World Conference of Religion and Peace

Muslim Women's Federation of Southern Africa

Claremont Main Road Mosque

Bush Radio

Pledge on safety of journalists

PAGAD leaders gave city media editors an undertaking yesterday to ensure the safety of journalists covering its activities.

The editors and Pagad met to "normalise" their relationship.

They also agreed to set up communication mechanisms to clear up misconceptions and to ensure fair coverage.

The editors insisted, however, that the call by Pagad for a boycott of the Cape Times was still a major stumbling block to an attempt to normalise relationships.

The meeting was attended by representatives of the Cape Argus, led by editor Mr Shaun Johnson, an SABC team, led by head of television news Mr Ivan Fynn, and Pagad members, led by Mr Aslam Toefy.

In a joint statement after the meeting, the parties accepted that it was the right of any organisation to be reflected in a fair way, that it was the right of the media to reflect all sides of any issue and that reports should be accurate and the views expressed in in-depth reporting. — Staff Writer

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Demonstrations 'threat to R3-bn tourism industry'

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Serious concern has been expressed that Cape Town's burgeoning tourist industry is being threatened by Pagad's insistence on taking its anti-drug and gangsterism campaign to the city's premier tourist attraction, the V&A Waterfront.

The Waterfront Tenants' Association, the police and Captour have warned that continued Pagad activities are a serious long-term threat and could destroy the industry, which is worth more R3-billion to the economy every year.

Waterfront marketing manager Maureen Thompson said that while the November figure for the number of visitors entering the Waterfront would be available only later, indications were that there had been a definite drop after the Pagad demonstrations.

Regional police commissioner Leon Wessels said Pagad gatherings were having a negative effect not only on the Waterfront but also on tourism in the province and the country. Police were forced to use large numbers of personnel and resources to ensure Pagad activities were within the ambit of the law.

Captour public relations spokesman Lauren de Wet said possible Pagad demonstrations in the peak holiday season were bound to cause alarm and produce a negative ripple effect in countries from which tourists came.



LEON MULLER

Building bridges: editors, from left, Willie Linstrom, Izak Minnaar, Ivan Fynn and Shaun Johnson with Aslam Toefy, second from right

Exchange of views attempts to break the ice

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Differences between Pagad and the Cape Town media were aired when they met yesterday to discuss tensions.

But editors insisted at the meeting that Pagad's call to boycott the Cape Times was still a major stumbling block in the attempt to normalise relationships.

The meeting, attended by representatives of the Cape Argus led by editor Shaun Johnson, of SABC television and radio news led by Xolani Tyilana and Ivan Fynn

and of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs led by Aslam Toefy, focused on the growing concerns of editors for the safety of reporters covering Pagad activities.

Pagad representatives outlined their concerns, among others, that they perceived media reports as negative.

Mr Toefy read an agreed statement that the meeting had accepted it was the right of any organisation to be reflected fairly, and the right of the media to reflect all sides.

Reports should be accurate, and views may be expressed in in-depth reporting. The parties agreed to set up regular com-

munication mechanisms to clear misconceptions and ensure fair and balanced coverage.

Mr Toefy said the Pagad leadership would ensure the safety of journalists covering the group's activities.

The call to boycott the Cape Times was raised repeatedly at the meeting and Mr Johnson said it was fundamental that the issue be resolved as part of the process of normalising the relationship between the media and Pagad. "We are quite happy with the outcome as it set into motion a serious debate," he said.

Cops split on gang

Corruption team 'hampered' by W Cape

JOSEPH ABANES
STAFF REPORTER

Western Cape policemen have been accused of interfering with the work of a national task team investigating gang and drug cases and police corruption and involvement with gangsters.

The task team says evidence has been withheld in attempts to destabilise its efforts to get to the bottom of several allega-

tions of police corruption. Their work is also being hampered by talk among senior provincial police that the team should move back to Gauteng. This is in spite of the team handing several dockets to the police anti-corruption unit for further investigation since it started work in September.

The task team, led by top Johannesburg detective Willem Mhnaar and other crack policemen from Pretoria, was assembled by national police commissioner George

Fivaz after several allegations of police corruption against the local constabulary.

Task team media spokesman Faizel Kader said he was meeting Commissioner Fivaz today to discuss the problems and to get a clear undertaking on the direction the team's work should take and on the life-span of the unit.

Senior Superintendent Kader said rumours that the team would be disbanded by the end of the month were creating uncertainty and were affecting the team's

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credibility, especially among community-based anti-crime groups like Pagad.

He said the unit had not been informed officially about any moves to end the initiative but had heard through the grapevine that several senior local policemen were in favour of them going back to Gauteng.

A senior Western Cape police officer, who wished to remain anonymous, said the rumour started because certain officers believed the team was not doing enough of its own investigation work.

Senior Superintendent Kader said the unit had not had much co-operation from Western Cape colleagues. "The regional commissioner's office went out of their way to accommodate us ... but on the ground numerous subtle attempts were made to destabilise our efforts to get to the bottom of allegations of police corruption."

Director Mhnaar said it was up to Commissioner Fivaz to decide on the team's future.

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Muslims, clerics critical of Pagad

Anti-drug drive supported but militancy condemned

STAFF REPORTER

Prominent Muslims, backed by other religious leaders, politicians, organisations and academics, have criticised Pagad for militancy and intolerance which, they say, are a threat to public order.

The influential Muslim Judicial Council, Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town Njongonkulu Ndungane, the Islamic Council of South Africa, the World Conference on Religion and Peace, provincial Health and Welfare Minister Ebrahim Rasool and

several others issued a joint statement yesterday saying the confrontational approach by People Against Gangsterism and Drugs was putting ordinary citizens at risk.

The signatories said they, like many South Africans, welcomed the emergence of Pagad and celebrated the public initiative which put criminals and drug dealers on the defensive.

But they were deeply concerned at the level of militancy being displayed by Pagad and felt its confrontational and intolerant approach were creating social disruption

within communities.

The statement said that Pagad claimed to speak in the name of Islam and Muslims. As part of a multi-religious society in which every religious tradition enjoyed constitutional protection it was evident that the public conduct of some people claiming to be aligned to Pagad had compromised the image of Islam and Muslims.

The call on Muslims and people at large to arm themselves was particularly alarming, the signatories said.

The militarisation of a society in which criminal violence was already endemic

was a dangerous and irresponsible path suggested by the Pagad leadership, the statement added. Most people were law-abiding and did not advocate the use of violence for political ends in a democracy.

The signatories called on Pagad to rededicate itself as a united front against drugs and crime and urged the police to show restraint.

They also urged the Government to engage urgently in high-level talks with representatives of the religious communities to dispel rumours and allegations they lacked the resolve to fight crime and drugs.

Pagad unmasked - Aslam Toefy:

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The usually publicity-shy Aslam Toefy, chief commander of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs, agreed to an exclusive interview with Saturday Argus to try to break down misconceptions about the organisation. Mr Toefy was accompanied during the interview by eight members of Pagad's top leaders and executive members. For security reasons, only Mr Toefy, who answered all but a handful of the questions, wished to be identified and photographed. In instances where other Pagad members answered, we were asked to use their organisation titles and not their names. Chief Reporter Glynis Underhill conducted the interview

What are Pagad's aims and future plans?

Pagad's aim and objective is to get rid of drugs and gangsterism and to have a civil society.

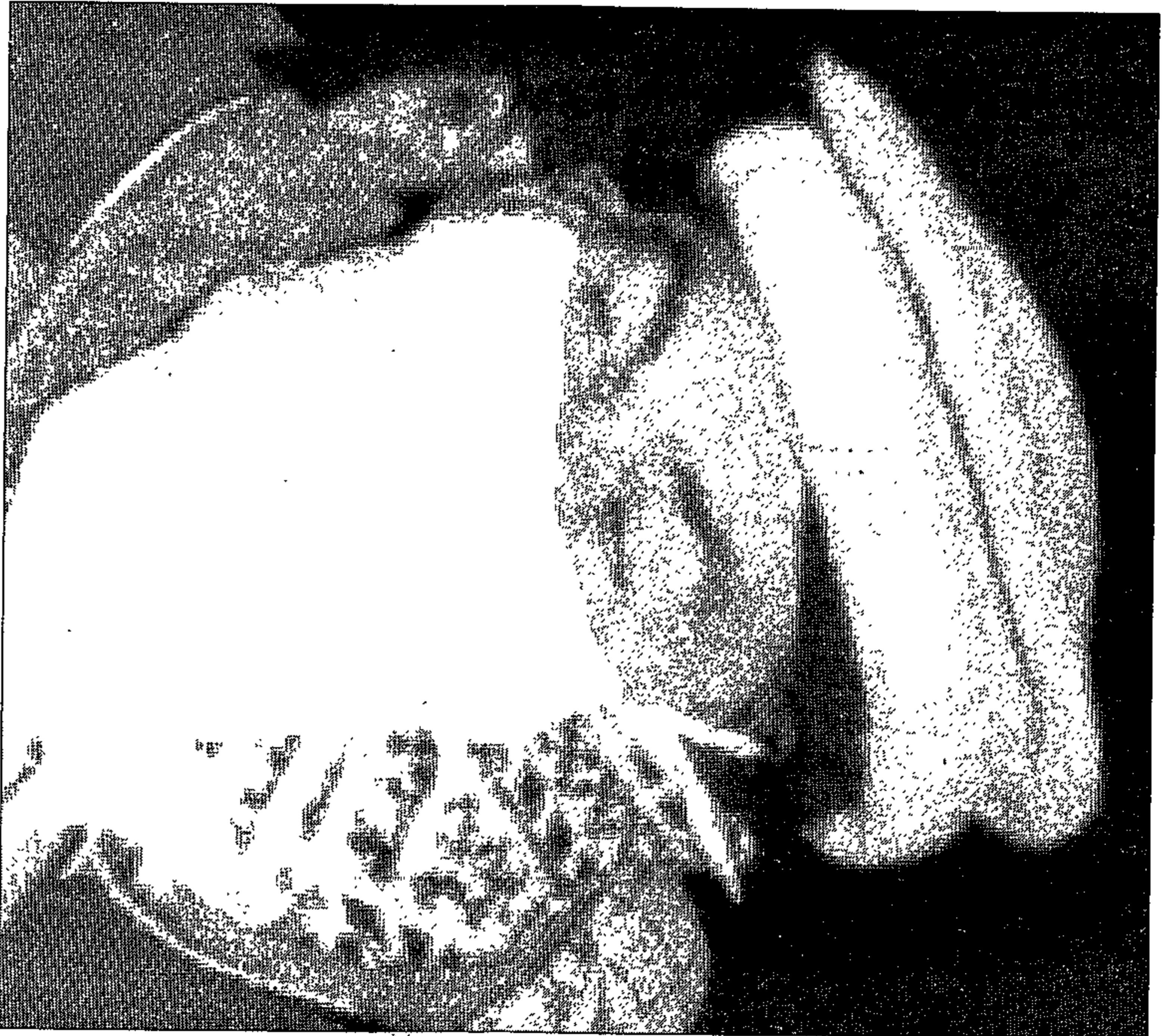
Our future plan is we will do everything necessary on a governmental level, and on a political level and also with the media, and on a social level, to get rid of drugs and gangsters. Future plans include what we have drawn up as A Way Forward: we are going to have a drug rehabilitation centre, we are looking at offices for Pagad. Pagad's PRO, secretaries, social welfare and education departments will be conducting visits to schools, universities colleges and other educational institutions: mosques, churches, temples and synagogues, daycare centres, factories and other business sectors to educate and inform the community on how to get rid of drugs and gangsterism.

As a way of funding the rehabilitation centre, the treasury department of Pagad is seriously looking at funding for Pagad at all levels: national and international levels. These are all part of Pagad. The Road Ahead. We are calling for unity first and foremost amongst the people, whether they are Muslims or Christians, the churches and synagogues to unite under the banner of Pagad to fight against drugs and gangsterism. To unite to fight drugs and gangsterism, nothing else.

Then also we are looking at a national tour. A working team is looking at a national tour in the future and also we are looking at an office being set up.

What kind of popular support do you believe Pagad has?

I think we have a very broad following. If you look at an average meeting we would have, there would be 5 000 to 6 000 people and not so long ago after the death of Mr Achmat Najjaar, we had about 100 000 people with us on that day. We have the support from all Christians, Muslims, Hindu people, so we do represent the broader public.



Covered up: Pagad leader Aslam Toefy with his face covered at a meeting

LEON MULLER

Do you think the Pagad support is growing?

Yes, I think it is growing because since I have come into Pagad I have only seen the numbers increasing.

Mr Toefy, can we discuss your own personal background? How did you come to join Pagad?

A: I have always been an activist and if there was an injustice, I have always stood against it. People know me for that. When the drug issue came up, yes I was always in the marches. I might not have been up front there. The Muslim Judicial Council (MJC) at the time, we were always escorting the president of the MJC and it was felt that we should get onto the broad base of Pagad. That is how I came onto the worker's group. I was second in command to Ali Parker, who was suspended and later expelled from the movement. It was obvious that I would fill that position as chief commander of Pagad.

The title of chief commander, does it mean that you have a military

Background or some sort of training? Could you elaborate?

Yes, I have training. I don't have a military background, but injustices that you fight does not mean that you have a military background.

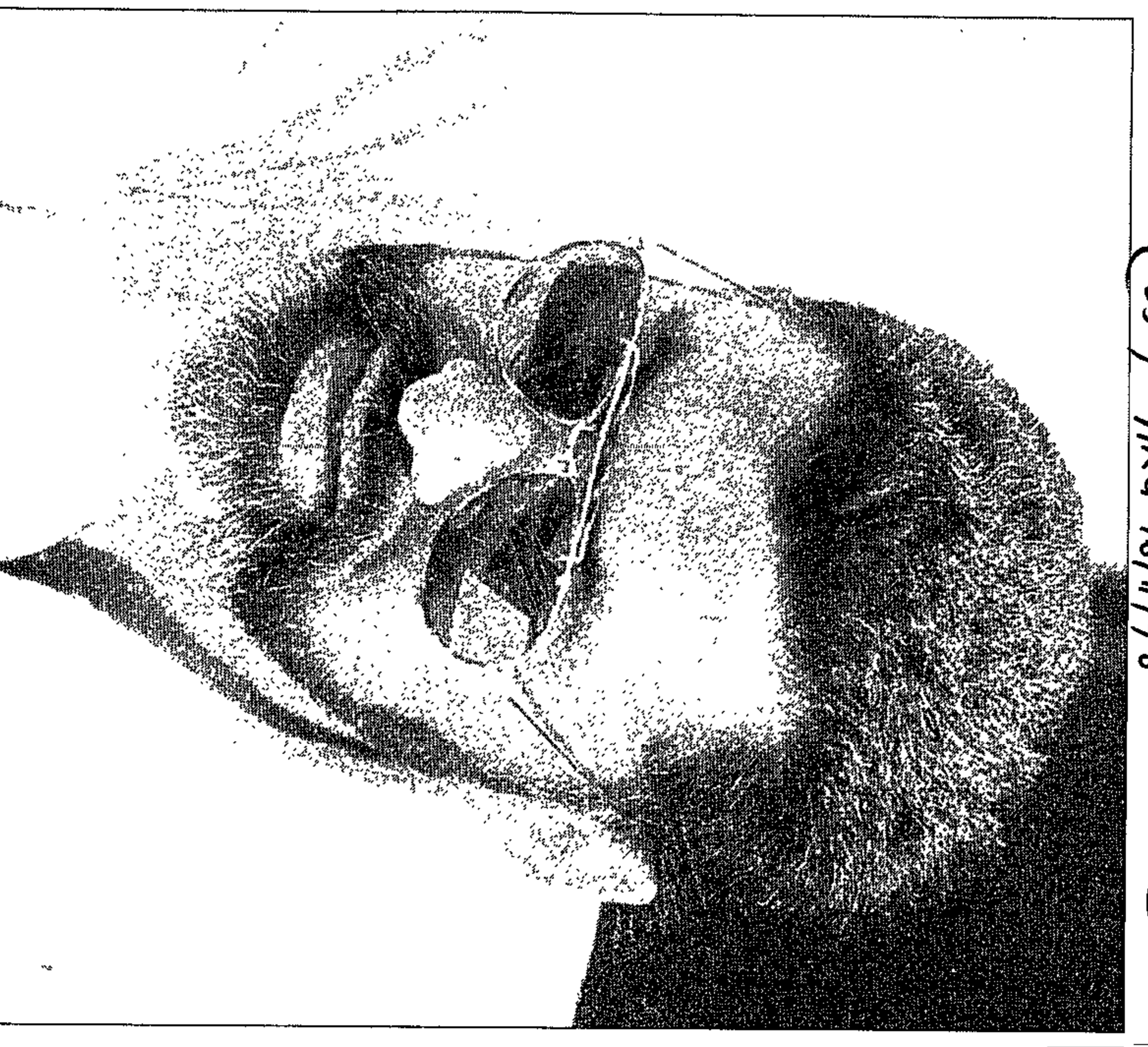
You said that you believed that you had been the target of an assassination attempt at the Waterfront. Who would want to assassinate you?

I don't think you should ask me that sort of question at this time because it is subjective.

Do you feel that your life is in danger all the time?

Aren't our lives in danger at all times in this country? You are being mugged if you walk in Cape Town. Our tourists have been through a torrid time in this country and it is precisely for that we have embarked on this programme against drugs and gangsterism. We want to get rid of this scourge that is plaguing our country.

Your aims appear noble. So where do you think the antagonism which crept



And unmasked: Mr Toefy says there is no point in covering his face if his name is printed in the press

LEON MULLER

in toward Pagad from certain sectors of the public, where do you think it all began and why did it happen?

Well I suppose it is with everything, some people are for something and others are against. If some people find that a programme is working, and they are not part of that programme, then you would get negative coming from that quarters. But there is lot for the programme and the pluses are more than what the negatives are.

Do you think you are overcoming that antagonism you might have felt from certain quarters?

I think it is more misunderstood. People are more misinformed about what Pagad stands for and people were not focused, for example the media were not focusing on the problem, which was drugs and gangsterism.

They were focusing more on the people that were trying to fight this scourge and we have gone a step further now by meeting with the editors of media and television, and I think we are moving into the right direction to normalise the situation.

Pagad's relationship with the press has deteriorated in recent weeks. Did you feel you made progress at the editor's meeting on Thursday?

Yes, I would say so. People are more informed about what Pagad policy is and what Pagad stands for. And we are also better informed from their side how things can be rectified.

Have you seen any intimidatory tactics being used by Pagad members against journalists? For example, a journalist claimed his notebook was destroyed by a Pagad member.

I have never seen anything like that. I am not aware of it. Pagad has a code of conduct and if I saw anything like that, the code of conduct would be applied.

You have said recently you will personally guarantee the safety of journalists covering Pagad events. Will you be able to do this?

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Islam against the world: flawed radicalism will hurt the Muslim faith

The objectives of Pagad may not be entirely as stated, writes **Ebrahim Moosa**

Like many people in South Africa, I was ambivalent when the People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) took to the streets in pursuit of their goals.

From the outset it was not very clear whether their target was the Government or drugs and gangs. But in the face of rampant crime, drugs and gangsterism, one could hardly disagree with Pagad's aims for a "clean" society.

Then came that nauseating spectacle of gang leader Rashaad Stagie dancing like a Roman candle in the streets of Salt River after participants in a Pagad-led march publicly executed him and then set him alight. For many, this event brought home the danger of vigilante groups stepping into the breach created by the abysmal failure of law-enforcement agencies to stem crime in our country.

In time it became quite apparent that

Pagad's objectives were not entirely as stated. Qibla, a small but radical Western Cape Muslim group, had inserted itself into Pagad, which led to the militarisation of a well-meaning public initiative. Qibla is anti-state and believes the negotiated settlement in South Africa is part of an imperialist plot. It thus rejects the legitimacy of the Mandela government. During this anti-drug campaign Qibla spokespersons have demonised the Government as the "oppressor" and urged people to arm themselves.

Recent clashes between Pagad and police at Cape Town's Waterfront were another index of its shifting objectives. Pagad's marches to the homes of gang leaders and drug pedlars in the residential areas of the Cape Flats exhausted the potential of spectacle and publicity. Its fleeting involvement with the Oudekraal cemetery saga also ran its course and therefore required a new level of momentum. Everyone from the media, academics, dissenters, the Government and police have become targets. Drugs and gangsterism, however, have shifted out of focus.

Perceptions of Pagad within the Muslim community must be viewed within the broader context of both domestic and international Islam. South African Muslims are acutely aware of trans-national politics ranging from developments in Palestine, Afghanistan, Mindano and Chechnya to Bosnia and Rwanda. With the end of the Cold War, Islam is seen as the only ideology resisting Western global hegemony. Former British prime minister Margaret Thatcher had identified Islam as a threat to Western interests, and prominent Harvard political scientist Samuel Huntington has predicted a future clash of civilisations.

Perpetual negative media representations of Islam lead many Muslims to believe there is a conspiracy against them. Radio programmes in the Western Cape give a clear indication that many Muslims believe the "total onslaught" against Islam is now also conducted in South Africa. Brutal police force against unarmed protesters and police failure to apprehend drug dealers have been shocking to say the least. Internationally and in South Africa

there are broadly two Muslim presentations of "political" Islam. The one is that of uncompromising resistance and confrontation to Western hegemony and its agents. It is also a battle which is exclusively a Muslim one: Islam against the world.

The other trend admits the danger of Western hegemony, but believes that simplistic and uniform solutions are much more dangerous options to pursue. In this vision Islamic values are to be shared with the community of nations. This vision can flourish only within a dispensation of political pluralism where diversity with integrity is maintained.

The latter vision is perhaps the implicit tenor of the dominant Islam faction in South Africa. But the wave of Pagad activity has dampened if not intimidated the moderate voice of Islam. Muslim community leaders, intellectuals and ordinary people are scared into silence or acquiescence by the emotive power that is unleashed by demagoguery and the abuse of religious rhetoric. Not only has Pagad threatened to "deal" with the media, but it

has also made veiled threats to intellectuals. Many over-zealous individuals under the spell of Pagad unhesitatingly issue decrees of ex-communication on fellow-Muslims who disagree with the group. In fact, several prominent Muslim businessmen in the Cape are making donations to Pagad and have very little discretion to refuse. Any criticism of Pagad is viewed as support for gangsters and drug dealers.

As a small group, the Muslim community in South Africa has made impressive contributions to the national culture. In a bid to bring our values into the national culture and reaffirm our commitment to a drug and crime-free society the strategies and tactics of groups like Pagad are hopelessly flawed. In the end it is the great reputation of Islam that will suffer. One does not need to have the faith of an avatollah to distinguish guidance from misguidance: it is time for sensible people to speak up!

■ Dr Ebrahim Moosa is director of the Centre for Contemporary Islam and teaches in UCT's Department of Religious Studies.

Call for peace

PIETER MALAN AND GLYNNIS UNDERHILL
STAFF REPORTERS

In a move set to reduce tension in the Western Cape, the anti-drug movement People against Gangsterism and Drugs has negotiated significant agreements with the police, which include an undertaking by Pagad to gather peacefully in future.

This development comes as the V&A Waterfront braces itself for yet another Pagad gathering at the popular tourist destination tomorrow.

The important agreement came on the same day a group of 23 individuals and nine organisations publicly criticised the movement for its confrontational and intolerant approach.

In an exclusive interview with Saturday Argus, Pagad chief commander Aslam Toefy denied the organisation had shifted its objectives and stressed Pagad's only intention was to rid South Africa of drugs and gangsterism.

"Pagad has no other intentions or aims, other than fighting gangsterism and drugs," Toefy insisted.

The usually publicity-shy chief commander said Pagad members only carried weapons on marches for self-protection.

"When we go on marches we have to protect ourselves because we are not dealing here with Arbour Day, where we plant little trees.

"We are dealing with gangsters and we are going out at night and putting our lives on the line," he said.

A stringent law governing public marches, which holds organisers responsible for any damage caused during a march, also came into effect yesterday.

During the ground-breaking meeting with senior police officers, Pagad leaders agreed that the police would be present at all gatherings to ensure the safety of members of the public.

Pagad agreed that all gatherings would be peaceful and within the bounds of the law, and that the two parties would negotiate where the law was being broken.

Pagad also agreed that police could conduct searches of vehicles and individuals.

The statement criticising Pagad, although slammed by the Islamic Unity Convention (IUC), has been widely welcomed, with many commentators pointing out it was signed by the most influential Muslim and other religious leaders in the province.

It criticised Pagad's actions for putting citizens at risk and said the call on people

to arm themselves was particularly alarming.

"The militarisation of a society in which criminal violence is already endemic is a dangerous and irresponsible path suggested by the Pagad leadership."

But IUC spokesman Ganief Hendricks slammed the statement as a "mischievous adventure".

Despite this, the statement has drawn additional support since its publication yesterday.

Yesterday another six individuals, including Catholic Archbishop Lawrence Henry, ANC Member of Parliament Salie Manie and former Peace Committee chairman Jaap Durand, added their names to the 23 individuals who have already signed the document.

Other signatories include the Anglican Archbishop Njongo Ndungane, Western Cape Health and Welfare Minister Ebrahim Rasool, the Dean of Cape Town Rowan Smith, and Ebrahim Moosa, director

of the Centre for Contemporary Islam at the University of Cape Town.

Organisations which support the statement include the influential Muslim

Judicial Council, the Islamic Council of South Africa and the Black Sash - the latter pledging their support yesterday.

Notable exceptions to the list of signatories include the Islamic Unity Convention (IUC) and Qibla, two Muslim movements closely aligned to the Pagad faction under Mr Toefy's leadership.

In an angry response, Mr Hendricks said the statement criticising Pagad contained "fabrications and misinformation".

He said at least two individuals had already distanced themselves from the statement.

Dr Moosa, instrumental in drawing up the statement, denied this.

Referring to Dr Moosa, Mr Hendricks said: "He must discuss these views at meetings where there are thousands of Muslims present to test its acceptability and not engage in mischievous adventures."

Mr Toefy brushed aside serious criticism of the movement: "It is a free country and these people can say what they want."

He said people who had a problem with the organisation were welcome to air their views at Pagad meetings.

Saturday Argus has also learnt that the MJC has adopted an official policy on anti-crime movements. A policy document states that the MJC supports the ideals of exposing and eradicating crime and drug abuse, but reserves the right to criticise the actions and methods of Pagad.

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ANC condemns Pagad threat to journalists

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The African National Congress in the Western Cape has condemned threats to journalists and the proposed boycott of the Cape Times by members of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad).

Pagad intends to start a boycott of the Cape Argus's sister newspaper on Monday, because the paper had "tried to split Pagad" and had portrayed Pagad "as a militant Muslim organisation".

At a meeting earlier this

week Pagad leaders said they would continue their boycott until the paper has rectified what they had done.

A Pagad spokesman told Saturday Argus yesterday they called on people who support the aims of Pagad not to buy the paper from Monday.

He allayed fears of Muslim shop owners worried they would be targeted for selling the paper, saying it was a free country and people could sell the paper if they wished.

Some businessmen said they might be targeted by vigilantes for stocking the paper.

UWC seizes eight stun guns

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device that was allegedly used two weeks ago to control students applying for admission to the university for 1997.

Ms Kadali said she would complete her investigation by Tuesday and present her findings to UWC's executive.

Ms Kadali said she had established that the batch of 80 000 volt "Paralyser" stun guns had been bought by the former head of campus security before a pop concert was to be held at UWC in March.

The head of security, who was a victim of depression, committed suicide after the concert, Ms Kadali said.

"He ordered and purchased the weapons without the knowledge or permission of the university's executive," she added.

She said the university had given its full co-operation in the investigation and that all relevant staff and students had been interviewed, except the female student who was allegedly shocked on Thursday

two weeks ago. Ms Kadali said the university maintained a gun-free policy, which included the carrying of dangerous weapons by security personnel.

This was confirmed by the rector, Professor Abrahams, who also confirmed Ms Kadali's initial findings.

"We support all of it (the initial findings). The university has had a policy on the presence of dangerous weapons and firearms on campus for a long time, but from time to time we re-instil this policy so that everyone is aware of it."

Thomas Winslow of the Trauma Centre for Victims of Violence has asked UWC to implement a programme of human rights education for security personnel at the university and to issue a public apology to the students and staff who may have been affected by the incident.

Earlier this year the use of electric batons by Transnet security staff was found to be a contributing factor in the Tembisa railway station stampede.

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**Pagad and police
set ground rules**

Cape Town - The police and People Against Gangsterism and Drugs met yesterday to discuss a working relationship, Western Cape Police Commissioner Leon Wessels said.

They agreed that the police would be present at all Pagad gatherings to ensure the safety of the public. Pagad undertook to ensure that its meetings would be peaceful and within the law.

They agreed to consult in cases where the law was contravened. The police told Pagad they might search vehicles and individuals but said this would be handled with sensitivity. Both sides agreed to further meetings.

Pagad's chief commander, Aslam Toefy, said it was agreed that Pagad's objectives were drugs and gangsterism, not the police. - Sapa

TOEFY VOWS TO KEEP WITHIN LAW

Pagad takes message to Waterfront in peace

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A PIPE BAND played and police kept a low profile as Pagad supporters took over the amphitheatre to urge the government to clean up the country. **CYNTHIA VONGAI** reports.

A BOU 1 000 supporters gathered at the amphitheatre at the Waterfront yesterday as part of Pagad's public "awareness programme".

It was business as usual as people did their shopping and went on cruises.

A pipe band played in the background as an enthusiastic crowd chanted Pagad slogans: "No to drugs — no and yes to life — Yes. We want a drug-free society."

Police kept a low profile and remained in the background as they watched the peaceful gathering.

Commander-in-chief Mr Aslam Toefy said Pagad supporters had returned to the Waterfront "to remind those who were not here when a Pagad supporter was shot that their women and children were brutally beaten by the police." "We will never forget that day.

"We also want to inform tourists that we have a drug scourge in the country.

"Burglaries and hijacking are the order of the day in this country and Pagad will put pressure on the government because this affects everyone."

Toefy warned the government that it should act immediately — before gangsters turned to organised crime.

A speaker, his face covered with a shawl, said the community had voted the government into power and it was "time (it was) brought to account for the promises made to us". He said Pagad had become despondent with the government. "People in Parliament earn about R16 000 a month while people still live in slums.

"We fought for the liberation of this country and we can't enjoy the fruits because of the scourge of

drugs and gangsterism."

Toefy said: "We say the force you use on us, use it against the gangsters. Do this quickly before (they) move into organised crime."

Pagad was not a Muslim but a community-based organisation, Toefy said. "If drugs affect you, then join Pagad."

Toefy said Pagad would work within the confines of the law.

Pagad thanked the media for their change of heart — "at long last we are reading the truth", Toefy said.

However, another speaker, whose face was covered, said Pagad's boycott of the Cape Times would go ahead today.

Pagad is planning to march on drug dealers' homes on Wednesday and Saturday.

It said it would not respond to a joint statement by religious leaders and groups condemning Pagad's militancy.

Pagad is to meet police and judicial authorities soon to find effective solutions to the country's drug and gangsterism problems.



STARTING YOUNG: A supporter joins in enthusiastically as Pagad meets at the Waterfront yesterday to heighten public awareness of its campaign.

PICTURE: GARTH STEAD

Pagad wants talks live on TV

State challenged to explain its record on drugs

ASHLEY SMITH
Staff Reporter

Pagad has demanded that its meeting with the Government be broadcast live on national television so the Government can explain publicly why it is unable to rid South Africa of gangsters and drug merchants.

The talks are due to held in the next few weeks.

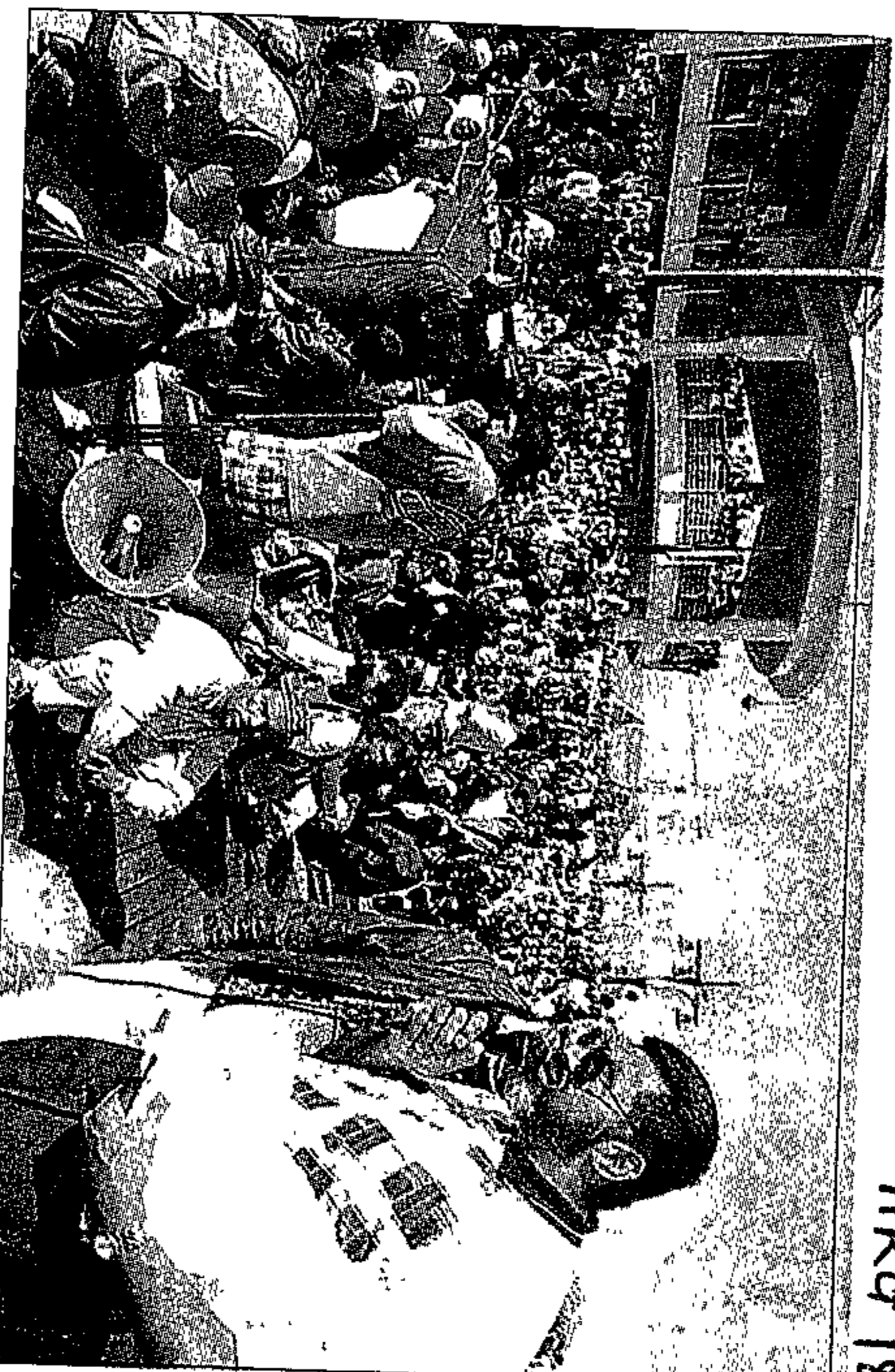
At its demonstration at the Waterfront in Cape Town yesterday, People Against Gangsterism and Drugs hammered the Government for "broken promises".

The spiritual leader of Pagad, known only as the Amir, said that during the anti-apartheid struggle, many on the Cape Flats had fought for liberation and were now unable to enjoy the fruits of their labour.

"The present government is taking laws out of the dustbin of apartheid to stop Pagad from winning the war on drugs and gangsters," he said.

The Amir also launched a scathing attack on several prominent Islamic and other Western Cape religious leaders and academics who had condemned Pagad's militancy and intolerance.

"If you have any intellect, come and join the people, rather than sitting in your ivory towers and criticising the masses who are actually doing something about



HANNES THURAT

Pro-press: Aslam Toefy says the media should be commended for recent reports the problem of gangs and drugs," he said. Pagad was proud to be the first organisation to hold the Government accountable for breaking promises made during the run-up to the 1994 election. "We hold the Government accountable

for what they have promised us. People are still living in fear, tormented and harassed by gangsters, and they are still living in slums infested by drugs," he said. For this reason Pagad members had taken it on themselves to rid their commu-

Toefy proclaims a 'change of heart' towards city journalists

ASHLEY SMITH
Staff Reporter

After weeks of simmering tension between Pagad and the media, the chief commander of the anti-drug group has spoken of a "change of heart" towards journalists.

But in spite of this, Pagad said it would boycott the Cape Times from today.

Aslam Toefy, chief commander of Pagad, said at a demonstration at the Waterfront yesterday that the media must be commended for recent reports on Pagad.

"Thank you for seeing the aims and objectives of Pagad and thank you for this kind of journalism," he said. Mr Toefy said "the people out there are at last reading the truth".

But he added that the boycott of the Cape Times would go ahead today. Mr Toefy criticised Cape Times editor Mogensien Williams for thinking he was "above Pagad and the people" by refusing to rectify inaccuracies by his journalists.

Various other Pagad speakers took a hard line on the organisation's future relations with the media.

An unidentified speaker said journalists had become "a tool being used against the oppressed people". He said that at the height of the apartheid era the media had been used in a similar way.

Pagad returned to the Waterfront in force yesterday, two weeks after Muslim scholar Achmat Nejjjar was killed during a clash between Pagad and the police.

Although the police patrolled the outskirts of the venue, no visible policing was present during the rally. No vehicles were searched for guns and

nities of drugs and gangsters. The Government had hampered the campaign by telling Pagad not to carry guns, although police could not guarantee the safety of members, he said.

"We don't want our country to end up like Colombia, where the economy is dependent on the drug trade."

The Amir said R2-million came into the South African economy every day from the sale of illegal drugs.

Aslam Toefy, chief commander of Pagad, warned the Government had to act quickly against druglords before organised crime syndicates became "untouchable".

Mr Toefy said the mass mobilisation of gang leaders under the banner of the Community Outreach Forum (Core) would lead to a further sophistication of gang activity. Although there were few gangsters visible on the streets of the Cape Flats, this did not mean they would stop pumping drugs into the community.

"We want the police to approach the gangsters with the same force they have used against Pagad. We will have ongoing meetings with the authorities - as long as they don't expect us to adhere to laws which are unjust to the people," he said.

Mr Toefy condemned media reports that Pagad wanted to overthrow the Government. Pagad would resume marches to the houses of known drug dealers, he said.

an atmosphere of calm reigned throughout the meeting.

Several traders at the Waterfront, who asked not to be identified, said business was normal as the noise level of the Pagad meeting was kept down as had been agreed between Pagad and the management of the complex.

While the meeting was in progress, Pagad supporters bought food and beverages at a number of fast food outlets, traders said.

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Watchful: A Pagad G-Force member on the alert



HANNES THURAT

Cape Argus slams Pagad's boycott

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THE Cape Argus, the sister newspaper of the Cape Times, yesterday slammed a People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) decision to proceed with a boycott of the Cape Times and said the tense relationship between Pagad and the media "cannot be normalised" until the boycott threat was lifted.

In an editorial, headlined Hands Off the Cape Times, the Cape Argus said that judging from speakers at Pagad's peaceful meeting at the Waterfront on Sunday, warnings from newspaper editors about the organisation's "deteriorating relationship" with the media, as well as a meeting between the two sides, had borne fruit.

"That is good, and we hope that a new era beckons in the interaction between us," the editorial said, but added that there was also "a great big 'but'" — in that the boycott of the Cape Times was to proceed.

"That is very, very bad.

"As was stated repeatedly by this newspaper in last week's discussions with Pagad, the boycott of our sister title is totally unacceptable and will bedevil relationships with all the media," the editorial said.

Meanwhile, the Islamic Unity Convention (IUC), an umbrella body comprising a wide range of Muslim organisations, issued a press release at the weekend — slating a statement last week by a number of prominent religious and political figures and groups.

The prominent figures' statement, reported in the Cape Times' front-page lead article last Friday, welcomed Pagad's public initiative to counter criminals and drug dealers, but noted growing concern at "the level of militancy that is being displayed by Pagad, its confrontational and intolerant approach in public".

The IUC release, which mostly targeted UCT academic Dr Ebrahim Moosa, one of the statement's signa-

tories, said the IUC found the statement "highly disturbing".

It took "Dr Moosa and his supporters" — some of whom, it alleged, "live a newspaper existence" and were not representative — to task for suggesting that the current situation was "a threat to public order".

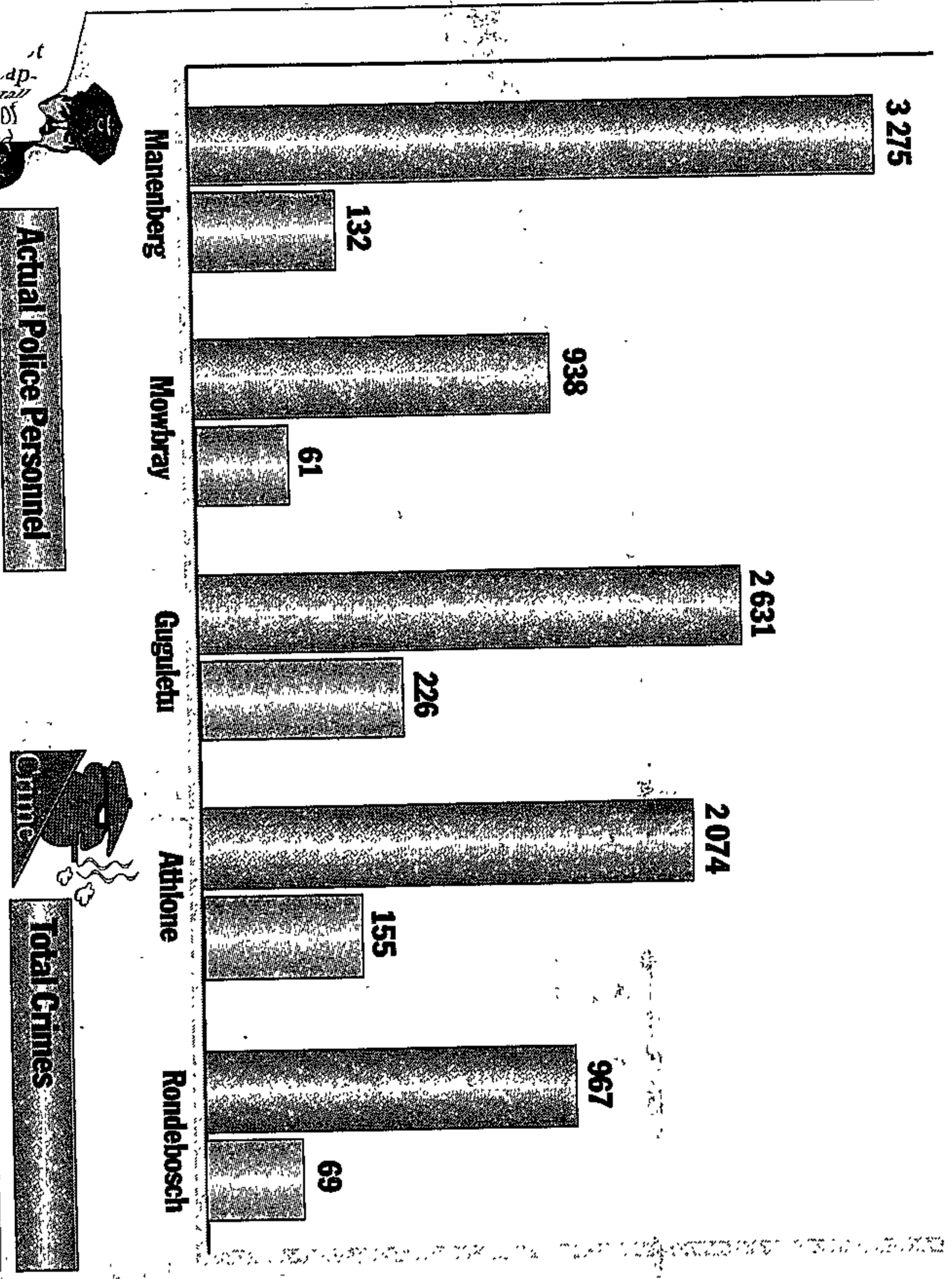
Moosa responded last night by saying it was "most mischievous" of the IUC to direct its dissatisfaction over "a statement signed by 22 prominent individuals and several important community organisations" at one person.

Moosa also proffered an unconditional apology to Bush Radio, which was erroneously listed as a signatory to the prominent figures' statement.

● The station manager of Bush Radio, Mr Zane Ibrahim, yesterday said that no approval had been sought by the individual who added Bush Radio as one of the signatories to the joint statement.

"No such approval was sought or given," said Ibrahim.

Personnel and Crime Rates



Source: Urban Studies Section, Cape Town City Council

Cape Town capital of business thefts

CHRIS BATEMAN

THE Western Cape — especially Cape Town — leads the country in business burglaries and thefts from vehicles and ranks second in fraud and murder, according to police figures.

In the first six months of this year, Cape Town's CBD had 644 business break-ins, the highest in the region.

Top targets for night-time prowlers are computers and office equipment.

The number of thefts by computer cat-burglars significantly outstrips those by day-time insiders or casual visitors who walk out with items.

Second-hardest hit was Mitchells Plain, which had 259 business break-ins. Maitland had 200 and Bellville 187.

Across the province, the number of business burglaries was 6,8% higher than in the first six months of last year.

Professor Wilfried Schärf, director of the UCT's Institute of Criminology, said organised crime had shifted its focus to business equipment, especially computers which had a high and quick resale value.

Since July this year, detectives

have recovered R800 000 worth of computers stolen in the CBD — and have confirmed that syndicates are active.

In the first six months of the year there were 3 793 thefts from vehicles in Cape Town, 1 328 in Mitchells Plain, 1 125 in Woodstock, 1 034 in Kraaifontein and 952 in Bellville.

The number of thefts from vehicles across the province was 8,3% more than in the same period last year.

Police and academics said the reason for the shock local figures was that the local economy could not match Gauteng or other centres in providing jobs — yet people kept streaming into the region.

The debilitating effect of Pagad's activities on the police's crime-fighting ability has been dramatic. In the past three months, police have sometimes had to mobilise up to 800 policemen and have devoted two million man-hours to monitoring Pagad activities.

Assistant Commissioner Niel van Heerden, said: "We simply cannot focus on the gang problem because of Pagad — they're draining our staff and resources."

POLICE HAVE 36% STAFF SHORTAGE

Crime rate gives Pagad fertile ground for action

IN A PLAN to redistribute resources, police contingents in Manenberg and Grassy Park are to be reduced and that in Mitchells Plain increased by only one. CHRIS BATEMAN writes.

WITH the government expected to disclose figures today that will show its national crime-prevention strategy is having favourable results, a study has found that enormous disparities continue in policing racially distinct suburbs.

According to a survey by the Cape Town City Council's urban studies section, which used a mean population standard to compare suburbs, Manenberg, Grassy Park and Mitchells Plain — in that order — are allocated the fewest policemen in relation to the number of crimes committed in the area.

Police stations in Guguletu, Khayelitsha and Athlone are fairly well-staffed in relation to their statistics for reported crime. However, most of these staff members lack skills — a factor that reduces crime-combating capabilities.

Former provincial chief of management services and now Assistant Commissioner Niel van Heerden and Professor Wilfried Schärf, director of UCT's Institute of Criminology, agree that several coloured areas have been "understaffed and neglected" and that this needs to be remedied urgently.

They also agree that the situation gives Pagad fertile ground for its anti-drug and anti-gangsterism campaigns. The average Western Cape police station has a 36% staff shortage.

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Schärf said suburban police stations in coloured areas had been ignored in favour of providing staff in areas that were politically more volatile.

Van Heerden's assessment is that Belhar's police station, closely followed by Delft, has the worst resources.

A 12-month local police investigation, led by Van Heerden, into the redistribution of manpower and logistics is nearing completion. The programme drawn up is to be implemented in February.

The programme includes a widespread redistribution of officers — but, surprisingly, management intends reducing staff in Manenberg and Grassy Park and increasing the Mitchells Plain contingent by just one.

However, Van Heerden described the council figures as "amplificatory". "We used a computer programme with 4 800 criteria ranging from complaint response times and police station attachment to courts, mortuaries and cells to the prevalence of gangsterism, tourism, geography and so on."

Van Heerden challenged the view that the Western Cape had the least urban crime in the country.

"If you look at the figures per 100 000 people, it's not true — it's just that there are fewer violent crimes such as car-jackings than in Gauteng."

Gauteng is the country's fraud capital, where the incidence of fraud, translated into a statistical value per 100 000 people, is 164. The Western Cape, at 124, is not far behind. For fraud, the Northern Cape rates 90 — but it has a murder per capita rate of 43,3, the highest in the country.

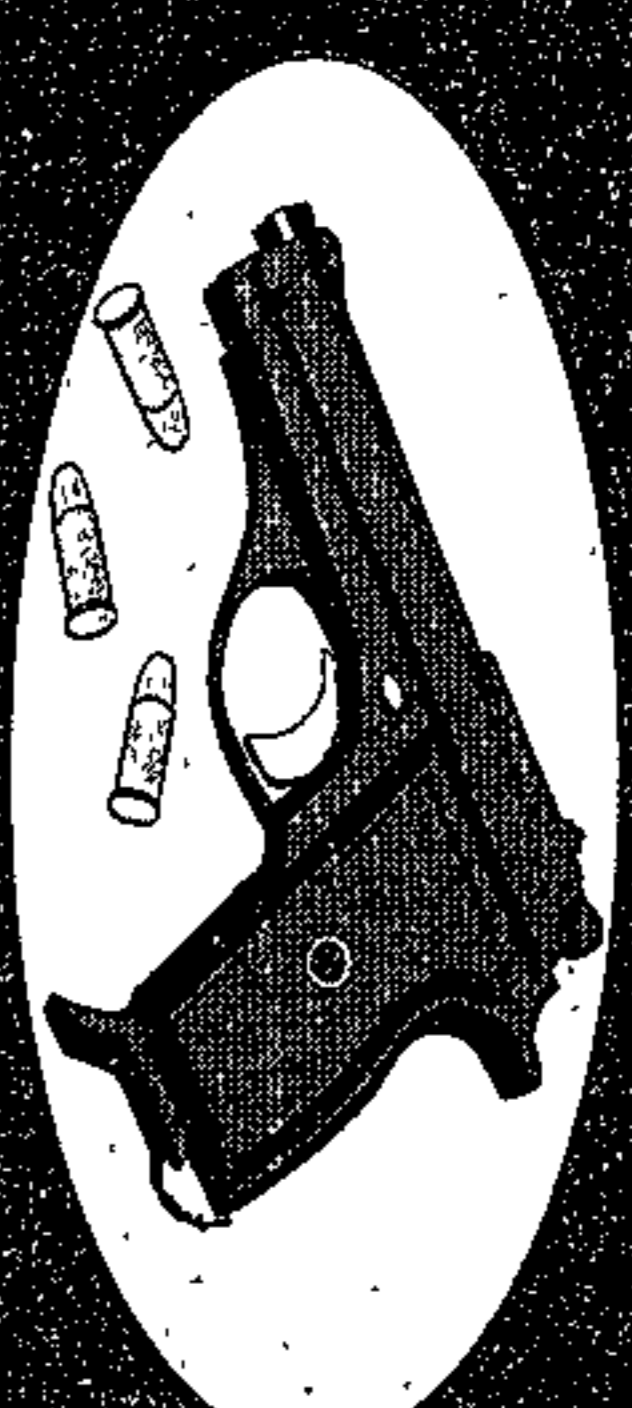
Police said Western Cape murder figures reflected a serious problem with alcoholism and also had a strong rural component. From September 13 to October 20 this year, there were 243 actual (as against the mean figure) murders in the Western Cape. Among these, 112 victims and 110 suspects were drunk and 146 of the murders were committed with a knife or sharp object.

Mr Charl Adams, human resources manager of the Cape Town Chamber of Commerce and Industry, was "absolutely amazed and mystified" by the police figures for business and car break-ins in Cape Town.

He said that "if one looks at crime in its totality" there had been a remarkable improvement in Cape Town's CBD. This had been due in part to the community police officers employed by businesses. It has been learned from well-placed



Personnel and crime rates



POLICE STATIONS	CRIMES/PERSONNEL RATIO	ACTUAL PERSONNEL	IDEAL PERSONNEL	EST. POPULATION	CRIMES TOTAL	CRIMES OF VIOLENCE
MANENBERG	30	132	178	69 242	3 275	1 453
GRASSY PARK	24	136	155	82 441	2 374	816
MITCHELLS PLAIN	23	432	684	226 669	9 339	3 905
CLAREMONT	20	111	198	31 468	1 786	301
MOWBRAY	19	61	111	7 537	938	145
RONDEBOSCH	17	69	114	15 284	967	125
ATHLONE	15	155	198	55 718	2 074	799
KHAYELITSHA	14	N/A	N/A	325 600	4 061	2 522
GUGULETU	13	226	185	109 500	2 631	1 556

sources that Pretoria intends increasing the national police intake by 10 000 over the next three years.

However, Mr Maxwell Malauzi, spokesman for Minister of Safety and Security Mr Sydney Mufamadi, said he was unaware of this. "The human resource utilisation plan (including training norms) is almost complete — we'll use it for financing and resourcing," Malauzi said.

Schärf said that as a significant proportion of skilled officers — many prompted by uncertainty about the new era — were taking the government

severance package, transformation would be slow. It would take five years to develop a "rookie" into a valuable asset.

"Personally, I see a loss of capacity — but it is to be hoped that this will be compensated by a better information capacity system," Schärf said.

● The number of home burglaries in the Western Cape was 8,1% higher in the first six months of this year than in the same period last year. Mitchells Plain had 1 294, Kullis River 672, Bellville South 470, Cape Town 465 and Claremont 428.

Source: Urban Studies Section, Cape Town City Council
Graphics: M. Jacobs



OBED ZILWA

On guard: police keep an eye on Pagad members outside a house in London Road, Salt River. There were no incidents during the demonstration

Pagad marchers again take to street where Staggie died

CRIME DESK

Pagad members have marched on six houses in Salt River to demand that the occupants stop selling drugs.

Police spokesman Wicus Holtzhausen

said there were no incidents during the march on Saturday to London Road, the street where the co-leader of the Hard Livings gang, Rashaad Staggie, was lynched in August. *ARG 25/11/96*

Staggie was shot more than 70 times,

allegedly by Pagad members, and set alight. Medical personnel were prevented from helping him and he died in the gutter.

The killing made news around the world and the conflict between Pagad and gangsters has since intensified. (35)

REGION 'STICKS OUT LIKE A SORE THUMB'

W Cape crime levels hit new high

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PRETORIA: National crime figures released yesterday show a drop, but the situation in the Western Cape remains a cause for concern. Political writer **HENRY LUDSKI** reports.

THE image of the Western Cape as the most violent and crime-ridden region after Gauteng has been reinforced with the release by the government of the latest crime statistics, which highlight some disturbing trends in the region.

While the first of the quarterly statistical reports, released by the Safety and Security Ministry in Pretoria yesterday, shows a distinct downward trend and stabilisation of national crime levels, the Western Cape remains a source of major concern.

"The Western Cape still sticks out like a sore thumb," said South African Police Commissioner George Fivaz.

A breakdown of crime figures for the first eight months of the year for a three-year period, covering 15 common crime categories — from murder and common assault to housebreaking and theft — shows that in nine of the categories the Western Cape ranks as the second most crime-ridden province after Gauteng.

The region also stands out as the province with the highest incidence, per 100 000 people, of break-ins at businesses and theft from motor vehicles.

While the rate of crime has come down slightly in some categories, the figures for the province continue to reflect a bleak picture of the level of crime in a region which is South Africa's most popular tourist destination.

The region fares particularly badly against other provinces in areas such as housebreaking, robbery, theft, fraud, shoplifting,



COMMISSIONER: George Fivaz

murder, attempted murder, rape and assault.

Although the statistics show that the murder rate in the Western Cape has decreased from 54,1 in every 100 000 people (last year), to 52,9 this year, in real terms 2 017 murders were committed in the first eight months of this year compared with 1 772 in the same period in 1994.

For the same period the number of attempted murders also increased, from 1 783 to 2 174, robberies went up from 3 798 to 4 626 and the number of rapes and attempted rapes increased from 3 367 to 3 883.

A report for the period January to June this year lists the Northern Cape as the province which experienced the highest number of murders per 100 000 of the population, followed by the Western Cape and then KwaZulu-Natal.

A similar pattern is true of most other violent crimes, notably taxi violence, rape, and robbery.

Fivaz said the high level of crime in the Western Cape — an area which would continue to receive special attention — was one of the reasons for his deciding to keep the special crime task force in the region for several more months.

"I'm well aware of the problems around certain violent crimes in the Western Cape, but we will also be cracking down on crime syndicates and gangs," said Fivaz.

After Gauteng, the Western Cape has the highest number of organised crime syndicates.

This is reflected in the crimes they specialise in, such as housebreaking, theft from motor vehicles, robbery and gang-related crimes.

Crime levels in the Northern Cape have also shown a dramatic increase, particularly in "social fabric" crimes such as murder, rape and assault.

Police criminologist Dr Chris de Kock attributed the continuing high crime levels in both the Western Cape and Northern Cape to a combination of socio-economic factors such as unemployment, poverty and rapid urbanisation.

He said the high levels of crime on the Cape Flats accounted for the high figures in the various categories.

Although police officials at yesterday's press conference attempted to attribute a decline in national crime levels to the success of the police anti-crime strategies, both they and criminologist Mr Mark Shaw were quick to point out that it was difficult to link the shift to any particular set of factors.

Shaw said it was too early for

Comparative crime figures: WESTERN CAPE vs GAUTENG

	GAUTENG	WESTERN CAPE
Murder	49,7	52,9
Attempted murder	61,9	57,0
Rape	112,3	101,9
Other thefts	1 022,6	995,9

Figures per 100 000 people

the police conclusively to claim any success for the "fluctuations" in crime figures.

The government is hoping that over a longer period, its quarterly crime information report can begin to serve as a more accurate and reliable indicator of national and provincial trends.

The information could then also be used to gauge the success — or failure — of the government's various anti-crime measures, as well as the National Crime

Prevention Strategy.

Another aim is to use the information — showing that the government is winning the war against crime — to reassure potential international investors and to restore confidence in its ability to stamp out crime.

Mr Azhar Cachalia, secretary for Safety and Security, said: "No matter how tentative the figures, they still represent a stabilisation of the situation and are a reflection of the worst having bottomed out."

KAHN 'WIPING SLATE CLEAN'

Charges dropped against Pagad 28

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PEOPLE who take the law into their own hands in future will be "vigorously dealt with" says the attorney-general. **DAN SIMON** reports.

WESTERN CAPE attorney-general Mr Frank Kahn is withdrawing criminal charges against 28 members of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) because the organisation is now showing a "clear willingness" to operate within the law.

But Kahn said that although he was "wiping the slate clean", he wanted to issue a clear warning that people would be "vigorously prosecuted" in future if they took the law into their own hands during demonstrations and marches.

Kahn said yesterday he had decided to withdraw charges against 19 individuals arrested on November 3 at the Waterfront, where Pagad supporter Mr Achmat Najjaar was shot dead during a clash with police.

One of those arrested was one of the two Booley brothers held in connection with the lynching of Hard Livings gangster Mr Rashaad Staggie in Salt River in August.

Investigations into Najjaar's and Staggie's murders are continuing.

Kahn said he was also withdrawing charges against nine people arrested during a Pagad march that clashed with police in Atlantis on October 26.

De Klerk warns against reactionary vigilantism

BARRY STREEK

NATIONAL Party leader Mr F W de Klerk warned Pagad yesterday that society had to guard against people taking the law into their own hands and against "reactionary vigilantism".

The difficulty the police had in solving crimes had contributed to certain criminals regarding themselves as immune to any form of police action and above the law, he said in an address to the Security Association of South Africa.

Gangsterism in the Western Cape was a good example of this, he said. All of this had resulted in "a certain restlessness in the community" that showed itself in organisations such as Pagad.

De Klerk then issued his warning: "Society has to guard against taking the law into its own hands and reactionary vigilantism. On the other hand, it is a healthy sign that communities are beginning to realise that they have to take a more active role in protecting themselves."

All the charges related to the carrying of dangerous weapons during a march, contravening the Prohibition of Disguises Act by allegedly covering their faces and incidents of common assault.

Kahn said: "I have decided to withdraw charges relating to the Waterfront gathering and the Atlantis march as Pagad has now shown a clear willingness to operate within the law."

"It would be unfair to prosecute otherwise ordinary law-abiding citizens who have borne the full brunt of crime in their areas over many

years and have recently overreacted out of a legitimate concern about the effects of drugs on their children.

"Whereas I have decided to wipe the slate clean in these matters, I want to issue a clear public warning that in future people taking the law into their own hands will be vigorously prosecuted in terms of the new measures (on public marches) which have now been introduced."

Pagad commander-in-chief, Mr Aslam Toefy, said he did not have a "mandate" to comment to the Cape Times.

Rooftop sniper fear delays

Pagad marchers in Belhar

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A MARCH by about 3 000 Pagad members in Belhar late last night was temporarily halted when a speaker claimed members of The Firm — including Hard Livings gang leader Mr Rashied Staggie — had “taken up positions” on the rooftops and were preparing to fire on the marchers.

Using a loudhailer, the Pagad member then asked police to “check out” the roofs before the march continued. A nearby police helicopter scoured the rooftops for any signs of snipers.

An initial tense stand-off between police and the marchers was defused when police dropped an earlier demand that marchers remove masks before proceeding.

The march then continued to the house of an alleged drug dealer, where a memorandum was handed over ordering him to stop dealing in drugs immediately or “face the mandate of the people”.

The marchers then continued to the house of another alleged dealer.

A number of marchers had driven from the Gatesville mosque to Belhar.

Government urged to meet Core

ROGER FRIEDMAN

THE head of the South African Human Rights Commission, Dr Barney Pitso, is to "urge" President Nelson Mandela and members of his cabinet to facilitate dialogue between the government and the organisation of said-to-be-reforming gangsters, Community Outreach Forum (Core).

At a meeting between commission members and Core last night, Pitso said Core's stated aim of rebuilding gang and crime-infested communities was "commendable" and something the government should be willing to discuss. He also suggested it would be appropri-

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ate for Core to meet People against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) to discuss joint approaches to development, drugs and crime, and offered the commission's services to facilitate such a meeting. He told Core that if its members knew of people dealing in drugs they were duty-bound to pass this information to the police.

Pitso said he would convey concerns raised by Core in the meeting, and its desire to engage in talks with the government, to Mandela, Minister of Justice Mr Dullah Omar and Minister of Safety and Security Mr Sydney Mufamadi. Earlier a panel of commissioners, com-

prising Pitso, commission deputy-chairperson Ms Shirley Mabusela, Ms Rhoda Kadalle, Mrs Helen Suzman and Ms Pansy Tluluka, were addressed on a variety of issues by members of Core's executive including Mr Ivan Waldeck, Pastor Albern Martins, Mr Jackie Jooste, Mr Rashied Stagge and Mr Ernest Lapapa.

The gist of Core's message was that it regretted its members' violent and drug-dealing past, that gang-related crime was already steadily decreasing, that it wished to work towards preventing the evolution of future generations of gangsters and dealers, that it wanted to create peace and

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'Staggie' raid: man set on fire

Pagad denies role

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A man was shot and set alight "Staggie fashion" at an alleged drug dealer's heavily guarded stronghold in Strandfontein early today.

The attack prompted two former gangsters and ex-members of the Community Outreach Forum (Core), to declare war on People Against Gangsterism and Drugs.

But Pagad chief commander Aslam Toefy denied his organisation had anything to do with the attack. "Such action is not Pagad policy," he said.

The injured man, Naziem "Zim" Adams, 24, who is in Groote Schuur Hospital in a serious but stable condition, was sleeping in his car when he was attacked.

A police spokesman said the car was in the driveway of the Marilyn Street home of Walter January, also known as "Brother", when six masked men with shotguns, pistols, explosives and a petrol bomb attacked about 4 am.

Mitchell's Plain detective chief Kassie Carstens said Mr January, who has closed-circuit television cameras outside his home, told police he lay in his bedroom watching the attack on a monitor.

Investigators questioned Mr January about the incident, but he said he had not videotaped the attack.

The masked attackers arrived in a cream Nissan bakkie, he said.

Superintendent Carstens said the attackers shot Mr Adams in the shoulder in the car and threw a petrol bomb which set him alight.

The attackers threw two crude explosive devices with nails attached but only one exploded. The house was damaged when the attackers sprayed it with gunfire.

Mr Adams was taken to hospital in a serious condition after the attack.

Mr January refused to speak to the press, but his brother Patrick said he saw two cars leaving after the attack.

Two former Core members, Glen Khan and Simon Stanfield, said it was time for Core to stop "acting like preachers". Mr Khan said he had left Core because he saw himself as a "fighter".

He threatened that if Attorney-General Frank Kahn did not act against Pagad, "I will do it myself, even if it ends up in a bloodbath".

■ In August, gang leader Rashaad Staggie was shot and burnt to death in a Salt River street during a Pagad demo.

'I AM GATVOL'

Threat to wage war on Pagad

FOUNDER MEMBERS of Core have lost patience with Core's "peace moves" saying they will fight back after a shooting yesterday. **ROGER FRIEDMAN** reports.

TWO of the most powerful alleged crime bosses in the Western Cape — Mr Glen Khan and Mr Simon Stansfield — have threatened to cut all ties with the Community Outreach Forum (Core) and wage war against Pagad and/or Qibla if one more alleged drug dealer is attacked.

The threat follows an attack on the home of an alleged drug dealer in Strandfontein yesterday in which Mr Naziem Adams was shot and set alight. Adams was battling for his life in Groote Schuur Hospital last night.

Khan and Stansfield were alleged to be leading figures in the Mitchells Plain-based Junior Cisco Yakkies gang and the more widely-dispersed Cape Town Scorpions gang, respectively, before both became founding members of Core.

Police sources said yesterday the warning issued by the Khan/Stansfield block was consid-

ered to "represent a serious threat". Both Core and Pagad were faced with predicaments, they said. Core was only managing to maintain peace in areas formerly controlled by the disbanded organised crime formation The Firm, while Pagad was suffering from an intelligence-crisis and was sometimes targeting innocent people. Both predicaments could have fatal consequences.

Since their luxury vehicles were shot up allegedly by Pagad members in an attack on a house in Tafelsig, Khan and Stansfield have distanced themselves from Core's message that inter-gang violence must stop and that no retaliation should be taken against Pagad.

Khan said yesterday he had contacted Core following the attack earlier on Mr Walter "Brother" January's home to tell the organisation "they cannot expect people to shoot at me and I do nothing. It is now time for people

to start fighting. And if Core won't do it then I will do it personally".

He said he respected what Core was attempting to do viz-a-viz peace and development in coloured areas, but he was now "gatvol".

"Simon and I are together and, if necessary, we will die together. Pagad or Qibla, or whoever they are, are murderers. I cannot just wait for my death."

Khan blamed the police and the government for not preventing Pagad attacks, saying the government was more interested in "talking nicely" to Pagad and withdrawing charges against its members.

"Qibla has a hit-squad yet Pagad says they know nothing about these attacks. I'll also get a hit-squad and say I know nothing. We will take Qibla on now. I am prepared to go to jail, but before I go to jail a few of those people will die."

Core executive members Pastor Albern Martins and Mr Rashied Staggie appealed to Khan to keep his cool and maintain the peace.

Mr Rashied Staggie, whose twin brother was lynched in gruesome

fashion during a Pagad demonstration in August said: "We are concerned, but hopeful. We will do all we can to try to persuade them to keep the peace."

Martins said Khan should not fall into Pagad's trap: "We are between the devil and the deep-blue sea. We are trying so hard to create something new, yet Pagad is trying to destroy the peace. I know it is difficult but we must keep the peace."

Head of the Provincial Intelligence Co-ordinating Committee Superintendent Gordon Brookbanks issued the following statement last night: "In spite of the oft-quoted, laudable intentions of Core, component parts thereof continue to be responsible for both drug-dealing and violent incidents directly attributed to inter-gang conflict within the Peninsula.

"Areas so-affected include Macassar, Elsie's River and both Tafelsig and Beacon Valley of Mitchells Plain. In counter-reaction anti-crime groupings continue to be responsible for violent interventions. Neither tendency can be tolerated."

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KAHN TO CONVENE STRUCTURE

New body to mediate between state, Pagad

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THE GOVERNMENT and Pagad leaders have agreed to form a body to mediate between them but have not resolved the masks and firearms issue. **ROGER FRIEDMAN** reports.

CAPE attorney-general Mr Frank Kahn has been appointed to convene a new structure aimed at ironing out differences between the state and People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad).

The structure — which will include Pagad, police, prisons and justice department representatives — will delve into “each and every concern” raised by Pagad about the country’s criminal justice system, Justice Minister Mr Dullah Omar said yesterday after a lengthy meeting with Pagad leaders.

The meeting was also attended by Safety and Security Minister Mr Sydney Mufamadi, Correctional Services Minister Dr Sipo Mzimela, Western Cape Premier Mr Henus Kriel, Safety and Security MEC Mr Gerald Morkel and senior police officials.

Omar said Pagad had raised some valid points about perceived shortcomings in the system that had now been placed on the new structure’s agenda for discussion.

Addressing the media after the meeting at Parliament yesterday, flanked by masked and unmasked Pagad leaders, Omar said it had been “agreed unanimously” to set up the structure.

There was evidently little agreement on Pagad’s wearing of masks and firearms during public gatherings, although Omar said “a great deal of time” was spent discussing these issues.

Omar said police officials at the meeting had made it clear that the wearing of masks and the bearing

of guns were illegal and that they were obliged to enforce the law.

“We have arranged that while everybody will operate within the framework of the law they can nonetheless submit proposals to us regarding changes to the law,” Omar said.

A masked Pagad speaker said: “Pagad has expressed the need to be able to defend the members of Pagad. With regard to tomorrow night’s march we will continue as before. We will continue to wear our masks and we will continue to wear our firearms as we regard (the

“The only people opposed to the wearing of masks and firearms are gangsters and druglords” — Imam Achmat Cassiem

wearing of them) as legitimate.”

Another masked man said: “We hope the police will look at the plight of the people and make certain concessions.”

There were three masked men on the platform, introduced as the organisation’s security chief, its chief co-ordinator and the “Amir”. Imam Achmat Cassiem and chief commander Mr Aslam Toefy were open-faced.

Omar declined to respond to questions by the media on whether

he felt strange addressing a press conference in the company of masked men, or whether the men had removed their masks during their meeting, saying “we had a very good meeting” and “some people wear headgear, others don’t”.

One of the masked men said: “It’s a petty issue. Let us focus on the positive, not the negative.”

Islamic Unity Convention and Qibla leader Imam Achmat Cassiem said the legislation outlawing the wearing of masks had been created to prevent crime being committed, whereas Pagad’s wearing of masks was to prevent crimes being committed against themselves and their families.

On the issue of carrying firearms, Cassiem said all Pagad’s weapons were licensed and they were carried for self-defence.

All animals and human beings enjoyed the legitimate right to self-defence. The only people opposed to the wearing of masks and firearms were gangsters and druglords, he said.

Cassiem added that it had been “very clearly stated” during the meeting that Pagad was not an Islamic fundamentalist movement, and its objective was not the establishment of an Islamic state.

Also, he said, Omar had indicated that the government “never approved” an intelligence document recommending that radical elements in Pagad should be isolated. Omar is the minister in charge of intelligence.

Omar said: “I’m not pretending that we have solved all our problems. For example, on the issues of carrying arms in marches and the closing of faces, there is no agreement.”

Pagad sticks to its guns and masks

Talks dispute

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In spite of efforts to put a positive gloss on their marathon talks, People Against Gangsters and Drugs and the Government are poles apart on the issues of supporters carrying guns and wearing disguises on marches.

Justice Minister Dullah Omar emphasised that tonight's Pagad march would take place "within the framework of the law" but the group's chief co-ordinator, Aslam Toefy, said the arrangement was that police would "use their discretion".

These statements at a press conference yesterday appeared to mean that at the least Pagad marchers would be allowed to cover their faces, as at several recent marches.

Part of the problem is the broad phrasing of the legal prohibition, which forbids public disguises of any sort, even though the original intention was to stop criminals hiding their identities.

At yesterday's summit with Government ministers and security officials, Pagad said the disguises were essential to



Public address: Justice Minister Dullah Omar and Pagad representatives speak to the media after the summit

prevent retribution by gangsters.

It is probable that a change to the law will be among issues raised at a special joint committee of Pagad and ministerial and police representatives to be set up soon. Although the two sides remained divided on the arms and disguises issues, they agreed after five hours of talks to the

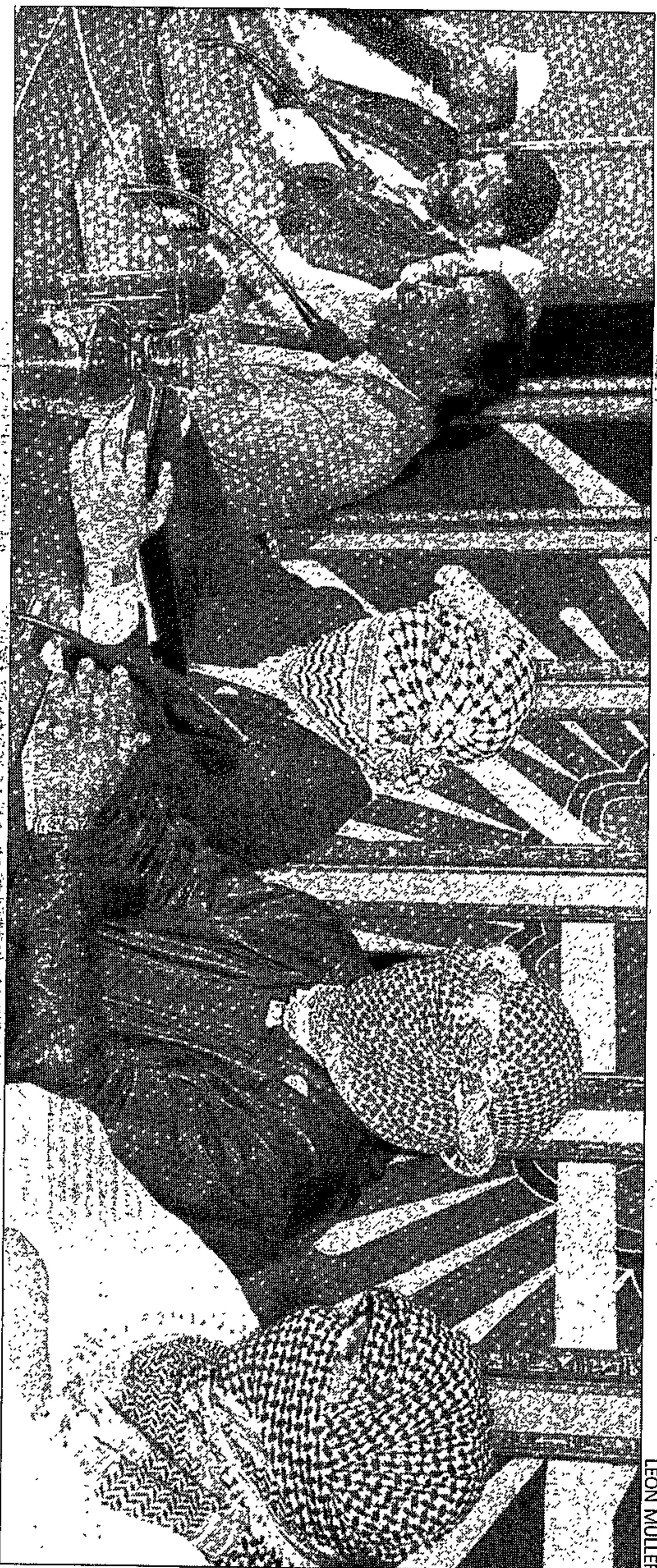
formation of the body to process these and other issues.

Mr Omar told the press conference that the Government recognised the validity of many of Pagad's complaints. Pagad said it was not anti-state or anti-police, and was no more than a pressure group to free society of drugs and gangsterism.

"We will continue to wear our masks and carry firearms because we regard it as legitimate," a representative said.

A Pagad member reacted sharply to a journalist who asked whether members had worn masks throughout the five-hour meeting, saying the media should focus on the positive outcome of the meeting.

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Sharing the same table ... Justice Minister Dullah Omar addresses members and leadership at a Pagad summit in Cape Town yesterday.

Pagad not quite face-to-face

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Cape Town — Firearms and covered faces at Pagad marches did not indicate any criminal intent or reflect a hidden agenda, a delegation from the anti-drug body told government representatives at their summit in Cape Town yesterday.

The meeting, started about 20 minutes late. Although most of the 30 delegates from People Against Gangsterism and Drugs arrived with their faces uncovered, their spiritual leader, known as the Amir, and another delegate had scarves on their faces.

Justice Minister Dullah Omar, who chaired the meeting, arrived a few minutes late and greeted the Pagad representatives, who were led by their chief co-ordinator Abdos Ebrahim and included their chief commander Aslam Toefy, legal representative Sharief Khan and a number of clergy. Safety and Security Minister

Sydney Mufamadi, Correctional Services Minister Sipho Mzimela as well as top officials from the criminal justice system attended the meeting, which was opened with a prayer led by Sheikh Thaffer Najjaar, brother of Achmat Najjaar who was shot dead during a scuffle with police at the V&A Waterfront in September.

Western Cape Premier Hennis Kriel said he would not be able to stay for the full duration of the meeting, prompting the Pagad delegates to suggest that the agenda be rearranged so that items affecting Kriel could be discussed first.

Mufamadi said that while the Government understood that marches were regarded as an essential part of any mass campaign in a democracy, the authorities were obliged to enforce the law.

The meeting committed itself to finding a workable solution to the impasse.

Pagad tells ministers it will break the law

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CAPE TOWN — A delegation of national ministers and senior police and justice officials yesterday resisted demands by the vigilante group People against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) for the right to carry firearms and wear masks at public rallies, as well as for lists of police informers and people suspected by police of drug offences.

At a five-hour meeting with Pagad in Cape Town, the state representatives instead announced the formation of a committee to thrash out a working relationship with the organisation.

Masked Pagad members warned they would continue to flout the law by carrying firearms at public rallies and by covering their faces with masks.

Justice Minister Dullah Omar, Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi and Correctional Services Minister Sipo Mzimela headed the government delegation, while the Pagad team was led by chief co-ordinator Abdoes Ebrahim and chief commander Aslam Toefy.

National police commissioner George Fivaz, Western Cape attorney-general Frank Kahn, Western Cape premier Hernus Kriel and Safety and Security MEC Gerald Morkel, as well

as chief magistrates and senior policemen, also attended the talks.

The Pagad delegation demanded exemption from laws, particularly the Regulation of Gatherings Act, which outlaw the wearing of masks and carrying of firearms at public rallies. They also demanded that the authorities supply them with a list of all people detained in connection with drug offences, those who had been convicted but received suspended sentences and those who had served jail terms for drug offences but had been released, "so that they could be monitored".

Pagad argued that masks and the carrying of firearms were part of the right to self defence. The masks were necessary to avoid being recognised and persecuted by gangsters. They said all their weapons were licenced.

Fivaz warned the Pagad delegation about the danger of creating the impression that all police and the entire criminal justice system was corrupt. Good policemen were apprehending corrupt ones and accusations of massive police corruption were unfair.

The committee to liaise with Pagad will include representatives from departments concerned with criminal justice and will be headed by Frank Kahn. He said the committee would be-

gin its work almost immediately. Up for discussion would be the self-defence issue and the conduct of Pagad members at public rallies.

Following the declaration by Pagad members that they would continue to carry weapons and mask their faces, Omar said "everyone had to operate within the framework of the law". He said the regulation of Pagad marches would continue to be on the basis of negotiation with the Western Cape commissioner of police.

At a subsequent news briefing Omar sat next to three Pagad men with scarves around their heads and faces. The three declined to identify themselves as anything other than "Amir", "chief co-ordinator" or "chief security".

They declared the meeting with Omar had shown that the organisation had no agenda other than to combat gangsterism and drugs.

Reuter reports that when Omar was asked if he regarded it as normal to address a news conference on the same platform as masked men, he said: "Some people wear headgear, others don't. I do not divert the importance of the meeting by paying attention to issues like those." He had not noticed that Pagad members were masked. "There were so many people there."

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Domestic workers join fight against crime wave

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THEY are not exactly fighting with their brooms and feather dusters, but domestic workers in the leafy Johannesburg suburbs of Emmarentia and Roosevelt Park are, nevertheless, teaming up with their employers to fight their common enemy.

It is SA's first "maids' watch" and, according to its founder, Erica Le Gassick, it is working like a charm.

The watch has 81 domestic workers on its books and meetings are held about every six weeks to discuss ways to bring down the crime. Le Gassick says she got the idea after her own house was robbed and her domestic worker held up.

"Other maids in the area were the first to respond, and I thought it would be good to structure this and try to make maids more aware of suspicious looking people and so on."

She is not able to say whether the watch has actually helped to reduce crime levels, but at the same time, she says, she cannot predict what the crime situation would have been like if the watch did not exist.

Le Gassick, a director of a sound company, plans to take her scheme into other suburbs next year, including Parkview, Westcliff, Park Park and Greenside.

"It's a pro-active thing, rather than a reactive thing," says Le Gassick.

"We encourage maids to keep a lookout for suspicious looking characters and to report them. We don't expect them to get involved, or to put themselves at risk in any way."

Next year she wants to extend the scheme to incorporate street monitors who will patrol their areas once a week. In the process, they will be called upon to knock on doors and recruit new members.

She says "criminals are not selective. We're all in this together. A maids' watch is one way in which we can do something constructive about crime."

Embassies deny UK 'scare report' on Pagad

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Western embassies in Cape Town have not been warned by intelligence agencies to beef up security because of perceived terror threats by anti-drug group Pagad, spokesmen say.

It was reported in the influential London newspaper, the Sunday Telegraph, that Iranian agents were believed to be providing terrorist training for Pagad and that Western governments had been warned to tighten security at embassies and multinational office complexes.

It was also alleged that two Pagad activists travelled to Iran on false passports last month for training in a camp used in the past to train Islamic extremists from Algeria, Lebanon, Egypt and Jordan and which specialises in bomb-making.

Pagad chief commander Aslam Toefy described the claims as "utter nonsense" and said that the anti-drug group had enough resources and manpower to tackle its campaign unaided.

Mr Toefy said Pagad was an organisation of ordinary people very concerned about the plight of their children and fami-

lies who were daily faced with the problem of drugs and gangsters.

"We are aware of intelligence agencies trying to discredit the work of Pagad, but we will not allow any organisation or outside force to take control or dictate the direction of the organisation," Mr Toefy said.

United States embassy spokesman Bruce Wharton said he had not had any instructions from either his government or the South African government to tighten security amid these perceived threats.

Mr Wharton said that while security and the safety of American citizens was taken very seriously, there was no need for security improvements.

Spokesmen for other embassies said they were unaware of the report in the British newspaper, but they all indicated that they had not been warned to beef up their security because of the activities of Pagad.

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■ The Government has no reason to believe there is any substance whatsoever to a British newspaper report of collusion between Pagad and the Iranian government, a senior intelligence source told the Cape Argus today.

Pagad summit 'an outrageous stunt'

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The Democratic Party has dismissed the meeting between government ministers and "outlaw group" Pagad as an outrageous stunt and urged the government to defend the rule of law.

DP leader Tony Leon said it was clear the government was "fatally equivocal"

about the group.

He was commenting after the group met government security portfolio ministers at Parliament.

Pagad insisted during the meeting it would carry arms and wear masks at its public gatherings.

"Lavishing this kind of attention on people behaving criminally sends all the wrong signals," Mr Leon said.

Omar under fire

for talks with Pagad



IT WAS "outlandish" that government officials shared a platform with men who say they will break the law, says the DP's Mr Tony Leon. **ROGER FRIEDMAN** reports.

MINISTER of Justice Mr Dullah Omar came under severe fire from Democratic Party and National Party quarters yesterday for his perceived "equivocal" stance towards the sometimes illegal actions of Pagad, and there are said to be differences of opinion on the subject within the ANC, too.

Meanwhile, there appears to be disquiet in the broader intelligence community over Omar apparently distancing himself from an intelligence cabinet briefing document on the Pagad phenomenon, which discussed the alleged influence of the Muslim political organisation Qibla on Pagad.

The controversy arises from the meeting on Tuesday of cabinet ministers, senior government officials and Pagad, which resulted in the formation of a new committee to resolve differences between Pagad and the government — and a standoff.

Pagad — which has held alleged anti-drugs and gangsterism marches that have sometimes led to loss of life, and has been accused by some of harbouring an anti-state agenda — said its members would continue to flout the law by wearing face-masks and firearms at public gatherings to protect themselves. Police Commissioner George Fivaz said police would continue to

enforce the law. Omar said everyone had to operate within the framework of the law.

After the meeting Omar addressed a media conference alongside several masked Pagad members, Qibla leader Imam Achmat Cassiem, who was not wearing a mask, and Pagad's chief commander Mr Aslam Toefy. Cassiem said Omar had distanced himself from the intelligence document.

DP leader Mr Tony Leon said in a statement yesterday: "That every senior government official and cabinet minister responsible for our safety saw fit to share a platform with masked men from an organisation bluntly stating that it will continue to disobey the law is outlandish.

"Minister Omar in particular, who has been chased from his home by threats from the more militant elements of Pagad, seemed oblivious to both the masks and the unmasked leader of Qibla sitting near him. Achmat Cassiem and his group promoting an Islamic state in SA believe that a secular government is an illegitimate government and therefore it is justified to take the law into one's own hands. This cannot continue to be sanctioned."

Leon said the government should not negotiate with a group which "openly defied" legislation prohibiting the wearing



STANCE QUESTIONED: Justice Minister Mr Dullah Omar

of masks and firearms at public gatherings. "Whether these negotiations are about battling drug dealers, Western Cape politics or the ANC's desperate attempts to court the coloured vote, they are inappropriate and defy logic," he said.

Leon added that "perhaps their past association" explained Omar's perceived "softly-softly" approach to Qibla. Clarifying this statement later, he said the "past association" had been professional, when Omar was a human rights lawyer.

Meanwhile police MEC Mr Gerald Morkel (of the NP), who attended the Tuesday meeting with Premier Hennis Kriel as observers only, said he had felt "uncomfortable" at times during the meeting. Morkel

said there was "no way we can allow Pagad to break the law in the sense that they march with masks and guns"

He said: "I am not happy at all the way Pagad made demands, and that Mr Omar tried to defuse the demands by eventually having (attorney-general) Frank Kahn chair a committee which will now have to meet to debate their demands every time they want to hold a meeting."

"Listening to (Minister of Safety and Security) Mr Sydney Mufamadi and seeing his body language I don't believe he was happy with the responses Pagad was giving on law-enforcement issues."

Both Omar and Mufamadi were in a meeting of National Crime Prevention Strategy ministers last night and unavailable for comment. Mufamadi's spokesman, Mr Maxwell Mulaudzi, said Mufamadi had attended the Tuesday meeting under the crime prevention strategy, which called for broad state/private sector dialogue and co-operation. It was pointed out to Pagad at the meeting that the police service had a constitutional responsibility to uphold all the laws of the land, he said.

On the intelligence front, Omar's apparent rebuttal of a top-secret document later leaked to Qibla and the media raised a number of senior eyebrows yesterday, both civilian and police. Nobody would make an on-the-record statement on the subject.

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Leon slams Govt 'stunt' with Pagad

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Cape Town - The Democratic Party has dismissed the meeting between Government ministers and "outlaw group" Pagad as an outrageous stunt and has urged the Government to defend the rule of law.

DP leader Tony Leon said it had become clear that the Government was "fatally equivocal" about People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad).

He was commenting after the group met Government security portfolio ministers at Parliament this week - a "summit" which produced an agreement to set up a committee, but during which Pagad insisted it would carry arms and wear masks at its public gatherings.

"That every senior Government official and cabinet minister responsible for our safety saw fit to share a platform with masked men from an organisation bluntly stating that it will continue to disobey the law is outlandish.

"Lavishing this kind of attention on people who are behaving criminally sends all the wrong signals," Leon said.

"South African officials must defend the rule of law, not criminals."

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Pagad on the march: One observer suggests the organisation has Dullah Omar by the 'short and curlies'

Pagad targets Omar

Omar's failure to get any concessions from Pagad has cast doubt on his ability to hold his present positions.

Rehana Rossouw reports

JUSTICE Minister Dullah Omar's failure to rein in Pagad is fuelling fears that he cannot juggle his ministerial position with his role as ANC leader in the Western Cape.

Political observers believe Omar's performance at a summit with Pagad on Tuesday was ludicrous — one suggested the organisation had him by "the short and curlies".

Omar has not been able to wrest a single concession from Pagad, despite months of negotiation. His attempts to draw in all sectors of government and the security establishment in addressing Pagad's concerns have been met by its constant refusal to operate within the framework of the law.

But political observers say there are many factors militating against Omar in his attempts.

Omar has been Pagad's prime target in national government, and his home has been besieged by them as well. The organisation has marked him as a soft target because he is seen as a Muslim leader in government. Omar is rooted in the Cape Flats, particularly in the Gatesville area which

is Pagad's known stomping ground.

Another factor that puts Omar squarely in Pagad's sights is his position as leader of the ANC in the province.

"I believe if he was not chair of the ANC he could have dealt with Pagad far more clinically as justice minister," said a political observer.

"Omar's position may be causing him to disregard advice on Pagad's political agenda. As head of intelligence, he must be extremely well briefed on the political forces at play in Pagad, yet he panders to them constantly. This can only be because he is concerned about the ANC's support base in the Western Cape.

"He is allowing his position as ANC leader to overshadow his justice portfolio. He is far too soft on Pagad and he is setting a dangerous precedent for other anti-ANC forces."

Omar has also received very little support from Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi, observers believe. "Crime in the Western Cape is not his line function, yet Mufamadi has walked away from the problem," said a criminologist. Mufamadi's representative denies this, saying his initiatives to combat crime in the province have yielded results.

ANC Western Cape secretary James Ngculu said the call this week for Omar's resignation from his position as ANC chair was outrageous. He said people had made similar re-

marks when Mandela engaged right-wing whites but had to concede afterwards that it had helped to prevent civil war in South Africa.

"People who are looking for a hard-hitting, security force approach to Pagad are going to be disappointed. Pagad has to be engaged at the highest level and Dullah has our full support," Ngculu said.

Other anti-crime initiatives in the Western Cape are also concerned about the outcome of Tuesday's summit.

The Western Cape Anti-Crime Forum (WCACF) warned this week that Pagad's intransigence could lead to further conflict in the province.

"Pagad should try to work with the authorities and other community-based initiatives. You can't fight crime by disregarding the law. You can only win the battle against crime by organising and developing communities," said WCACF spokesman Irvin Kinnes.

He said his organisation was working with Omar and supported his efforts.

"Pagad must realise that Omar has inherited a justice system which in the eyes of many communities has been unjust for decades. Omar still sits with the remnants of that system and people must realise there are those limitations," Kinnes said.

Omar was not available for comment.

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Pagad to intensify campaign

PEOPLE against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) is to intensify its campaign over the coming weeks.

At a press conference last night Pagad's chief commander, Mr Aslam Toefy, and its chief co-ordinator — whom they would not identify, but who has been named as Mr Abdoes Ebrahim — said Pagad was keeping its promise to step up its actions.

The planned actions include:

● A "mass demonstration" at Cape Town International Airport

on December 16, when Pagad will demand that airport authorities effect "drug monitoring mechanisms".

● A meeting at St George's Cathedral hall on December 28 "in order to broaden the base of Pagad".

● A return to the V&A Waterfront, where Pagad will demand that the waterfront management install an "independent infrastructure" to monitor drug-trafficking.

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Omar defends Pagad talks

Cape Town – Justice Minister Dullah Omar would continue to meet various community groups to reduce violence, conflict and possible unlawful actions as it was his duty to do so, Enver Daniels, a special adviser to Omar, said yesterday.

Daniels, reacting to statements by the Democratic Party's Tony Leon, who criticised the minister's discussions with People Against Gangsterism and Drugs on Tuesday, said Omar did not only meet groups like Pagad, but also other community groups.

Daniels accused Leon of political point-scoring. He said that before the meeting it had been stated in the press that the proposed discussions were in accordance with the National Crime Prevention Strategy.

"It is therefore surprising that Leon and, for that matter, Western Cape Safety and Security MEC Gerald Morkel chose not to comment or object to the proposed meeting," Daniels said.

"The suggestion by Leon that the meeting was inappropriate is both ludicrous and insensitive to the deep concerns of communities throughout the country. He incorrectly assumes that the meeting was called, for among other reasons, to woo the so-called coloured community." – Sapa

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PRESIDENT Nelson Mandela yesterday signalled the government's intention to crack down on Pagad, saying police would enforce the law requiring organisers of demonstrations to apply for permission seven days in advance — and that permission would be refused in certain cases.

Responding to a question at a media conference in Khayelitsha, Mandela said it was "quite clear now that (Pagad) has overstepped the limits".

The government would "certainly not" allow planned Pagad demonstrations at the Waterfront and Cape Town International Airport — "or at any other place where we are likely to damage or undermine the tourist industry".

"One thing we will not allow is people walking in the streets with firearms — licensed or otherwise — and we are not going to allow people to wear masks," Mandela said.

Mandela addressed the meeting sitting beside Justice Minister and ANC Western Cape leader Mr Dullah Omar, who was strongly criticised last week by elements within and without the ANC for his seemingly "soft" or "equivocal" approach to Pagad.

The criticism largely stemmed from a meeting last week of cabinet ministers and government officials with Pagad, which ended with a press conference addressed by Omar, Pagad leader Mr Aslam Toefy, leader of the Muslim political formation Qibla, Mr Achmat Cassiem, and several masked Pagad men.

While Omar suggested that everybody should act within the law, when it came to the illegal wearing of face-coverings and firearms at public gatherings, Cassiem and the masked men said Pagad members would continue to flout the law as it was necessary to do so for their own protection.

Two days later Pagad announced that it would intensify its campaign by holding demonstrations at the Waterfront and airport.

According to intelligence sources, some of the late-night petrol bomb attacks made in recent weeks on Cape Flats houses after visits by Pagad have been directed against people who do

not sell drugs.

Yesterday Mandela voiced his support for Omar and Safety and Security Minister Mr Sydney Mufamadi, saying they had exercised "a great deal of patience" with Pagad, because the government felt the group had raised legitimate concerns.

"But it is quite clear now that they have overstepped the limits, and we have been under some difficulty in ensuring that everybody, including Pagad, observes the law of the country," Mandela said.

Until very recently there had been no law compelling organisations to apply for permission to hold demonstrations. This was a "weakness" which had since been rectified and would now be stringently applied.

If Pagad wanted to demonstrate at the Waterfront or airport it would have to satisfy the relevant authorities that the demonstration was necessary.

Earlier, addressing a meeting of Western Cape ANC branch executive members, Mandela challenged the local leadership to "fully root" the ANC in the "lives and experience of the people", and to address fears around affirmative action, teaching, poverty, housing and unemployment.

"We must know how to distinguish between the racist terms in which some politicians try to exploit these fears, and the real underlying feelings of anxiety as

well as the feeling that the ANC is not yet truly a home for the coloured community," he said.

"One of the best examples of how we failed to get fully involved in critical community issues was that we were initially caught unaware by the enormous growth of anger within our communities against crime.

"The ANC did not, at the outset, provide the necessary strong political leadership to guide this anti-crime sentiment. And this resulted in certain groups, which are against the ANC and the national government, using the legitimate anger about crime to their advantage."

Mandela said he was pleased that the ANC had begun to play a more active role, and said the role that Omar was playing, in particular, warranted recognition.

But, he said, the ANC needed to involve itself more actively and more regularly in issues affecting coloured communities — becoming active in the months preceding elections was not good enough.

Pagad embarked on a violent campaign against alleged drug-dealers and gang leaders in July, after issuing a series of demands to the government to tighten the screws in the criminal justice system.

In the first few weeks of their campaign, they shot up about a dozen houses, and issued threats to those living in the houses to cease their illegal activities or face death. Early in August one of the Western Cape's most notorious gang bosses Rashaad Staggie was shot and set alight during a Pagad demonstration.

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Pagad has gone too

GOVT WON'T ALLOW MARCHES ON AIRPORT

Mandela sounds tough warning to Pagad

Cape Town – President Nelson Mandela said yesterday South Africa's Muslim-based vigilante movement would be barred from demonstrating at airports and other places which would scare off tourists.

"It is quite clear now that Pagad (People Against Gangsterism and Drugs) has overstepped the limits," Mandela said.

A month ago a Pagad member was shot dead during a riot at Cape Town's Waterfront complex,

leading to some cancellations by would-be foreign visitors.

Pagad has demanded permission to march in public with guns and with their faces masked in Palestinian-style scarves. Members say they need the firearms for self-defence and they have to disguise themselves so that criminals do not recognise them.

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■ Sapa reports that various countrywide anti-crime groups united at the weekend to form People Against Gangsterism and Drugs, a national anti-crime body.

The organisation's newly-elected national co-ordinator, Abdul Salaam, said regional anti-drug organisations would dissolve to form the new body.

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Pagad plans to carry on with protests

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STAFF WRITER

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PEOPLE Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) is planning to proceed with protest action at Cape Town International Airport and the Waterfront, despite a warning by President Nelson Mandela that the government would not allow such protests.

Mandela said at the weekend that Pagad would have to give seven days' notice of any marches, and that members would not be allowed to be armed or wear masks.

He said also that Pagad would not be allowed to demonstrate in areas, such as the Waterfront or airport, where "we are likely to damage or undermine the tourist industry".

At a press conference last night Pagad chief commander Mr Aslam Toefy, its chief co-ordinator, known only as Abdoes-salaam, and legal adviser Mr Sharief Khan were at pains to say that Pagad was already complying with the law.

Pagad members had not carried arms at their past five marches, they claimed, and would not conceal identities but wished to protect those people who lived in areas where they marched.

They said they would ensure that permission was granted for their intended protest at the airport next Monday, but would not comment on what they would do if permission was denied.

However, Abdoes-salaam said Pagad members would not be placed "in a position where they can be brutalised or killed".

The leadership said they did not wish to "disrupt" activities at the airport, but were planning to pressure authorities into installing drug-detection mechanisms to stem the flow of drugs into the city.

Neither the airport nor the Waterfront were properly monitored to prevent drug-trafficking, they said.

They also announced that the first national Pagad conference had been held in Port Elizabeth at the weekend, and Toefy had been elected the national chief commander of Pagad. Similarly, Abdoes-salaam had been made the national chief co-ordinator.

The trio also again vehemently denied that Pagad was affiliated to Qibla or any other organisation, saying it was a group of people engaged in a fight against gangs and drugs.

"Even if we (as individuals) belong to a particular movement ... we are not here to play party politics," Abdoes-salaam said.

He said further that "Pagad is not Qibla-aligned. If it is aligned to any party, it defeats the point of the P in Pagad".

Toefy added that Pagad did not want to be "hijacked" by any other party.

Abdoes-salaam, who has been identified by sources as being a senior Qibla member, would at first not be drawn into confirming or denying this but later said his name would never be found on a Qibla membership list.

"Never in my entire life did I join a political movement," he said.

Pagad set to defy Mandela with airport protest

EUNICE RIDER

PAGAD, defying President Nelson Mandela, said they would hold a protest at Cape Town International Airport on Monday.

And as Minister of Safety and Security Mr Sydney Mufamadi announced that several criminal charges were being investigated against Pagad members — including murder, attempted murder, assault, public violence, illegal carrying of dangerous weapons, arson, malicious damage to property, aiding and abetting a prisoner, and unlawful possession of an explo-

sive device — Pagad said they would go ahead with the demonstration against what they called the airport's poor drug-detection system.

Mufamadi, in a statement, said Pagad was a "drain on police resources".

"I know of no other community-based, anti-crime organisation in the country against whose members or supporters such a wide range of serious criminal charges is being investigated," he said.

Mufamadi said police had spent 400 hours monitoring 50 Pagad marches, at a cost of R962 714,

since the murder of gang leader Rashad Staggie in the first week of August.

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But Pagad's national chief commander, Mr Aslam Toefy, said Pagad had met representatives of the Airport Company yesterday and been given the go-

ahead for the protest.

Company officials could not be contacted yesterday to confirm this.

Toefy said Pagad was going to have an "awareness programme" at the airport on Monday — with the permission of the police authorities as well as the airport management.

He said Pagad would comply with the conditions that members do not wear masks or carry firearms.

"The airport has got everything to do with drugs, so Pagad demands that mechanisms to

monitor drugs coming into this country be put in place.

"Pagad is serious about getting rid of drugs and gangsterism in this country and we will do everything in our means — like going to the airport and the Waterfront — to make sure that we get rid of gangsterism and drugs.

"We also want to monitor the influx of drugs into the harbours, and especially the Waterfront, where there is no mechanism to monitor drugs coming into this country."

This would be done with the knowledge and permission of the Waterfront Committee.

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Policing Pagad cost Government R1-m

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Added concern that SAPS escort is reinforcing public perception that body is above the law, says Mufamadi

By XOLISA VAPI

Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi says policing numerous marches by People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) in the Western Cape has cost the Government nearly R1-million since the murder of gang leader Rashaad Stagie in August.

About R962 714 has been used for policing and investigating numerous Pagad activities and cases, he said yesterday.

"This amount is all the more disconcerting if one considers that the personnel, the money and the vehicles could have been used to

improve visible pro-active policing against drug, gang and taxi-related crimes," Mufamadi said.

The amount excludes the salaries paid to the members of the Public Order Policing units, who have spent about 400 hours monitoring Pagad, he added.

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"The Ministry of Safety and Security welcomes any community initiative to fight crime, provided there is co-operation with the police and provided that anti-crime drives take place strictly within the ambit of the law" Mufamadi added.

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Arsenal seized in raids on homes of Pagad leaders

Supporters attack police

JOHAN SCHRONEN AND JOSEPH ARANES
STAFF REPORTERS

Police have seized an arsenal of weapons and home-made explosive devices during night raids on the homes of leaders of People Against Gangsterism And Drugs.

Tension reached breaking point during the three simultaneous raids in Lansdowne, Surrey Estate (Athlone) and Kensington, described by a senior police officer as a "double-barrel breakthrough" against a criminal element in Pagad.

The weapons included an M26 handgrenade, a crudely made explosive device attached to a bottle containing petrol, a quantity of metal cuttings and steel nails, and a 12-bore shotgun, 7.65mm pistol and a .38 calibre revolver, all licensed.

Hundreds of Pagad members and supporters were mobilised during the swoops and gathered at the targeted houses in Lansdowne and Athlone.

At one point, three people attacked police, hitting officers in the face and kicking them.

Pagad supporters tried to seize back confiscated weapons and ammunition.

At the Lansdowne home of Pagad's coordinator, Abdoes Ebrahim, police seized

the three guns, one of which is being ballistically tested to see whether it can be linked to the fatal shooting at the Waterfront on November 3 during a Pagad demonstration.

The explosive devices were found during the raid on the house in College Street, Surrey Estate.

The owner of the house was not home, but arrests could follow as the investigation proceeded, police said.

Nothing was found in a third raid on the Kensington house of Pagad's chief commander, Aslam Toefy.

Police explosives expert Bernie Posthumus said there were several visible similarities between the explosives and devices seized yesterday and those found after earlier attacks, but ballistic tests were required to prove links.

Intelligence sources say the raids followed months of intensive information and intelligence-gathering which led the police to believe certain individuals within Pagad were building up arms caches.

Priority crimes chief Leonard Knipe said police had information that certain individuals in Pagad had addressed Pagad gatherings and were involved in guerrilla-style attacks on houses of alleged drug dealers and shebeen operators.

Dangerous weapons charges withdrawn

Charges of carrying dangerous weapons during a march or demonstration against nine Pagad members have been withdrawn in the Atlantis Magistrate's Court.

They were arrested when they refused to surrender their weapons to police for safekeeping during a gathering of about 700 people in Atlantis on October 26.

Police had a week previously warned Pagad members it was illegal to carry arms or wear disguises at public meetings.

The decision to withdraw the charges was made by Western Cape Attorney-General Frank Kahn. - Staff Reporter

'Don't blame us if SA goes up in flames'

ASHLEY SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

People Against Gangsterism and Drugs has warned police not to blame it if "the country goes up in flames".

This statement follows last night's raids on the houses of Pagad leaders in which explosive devices, including an M26 handgrenade and a home-made petrol bomb, were found.

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Raid find: Captain Stoney Steenkamp with an explosive device and handgrenade found during the raids

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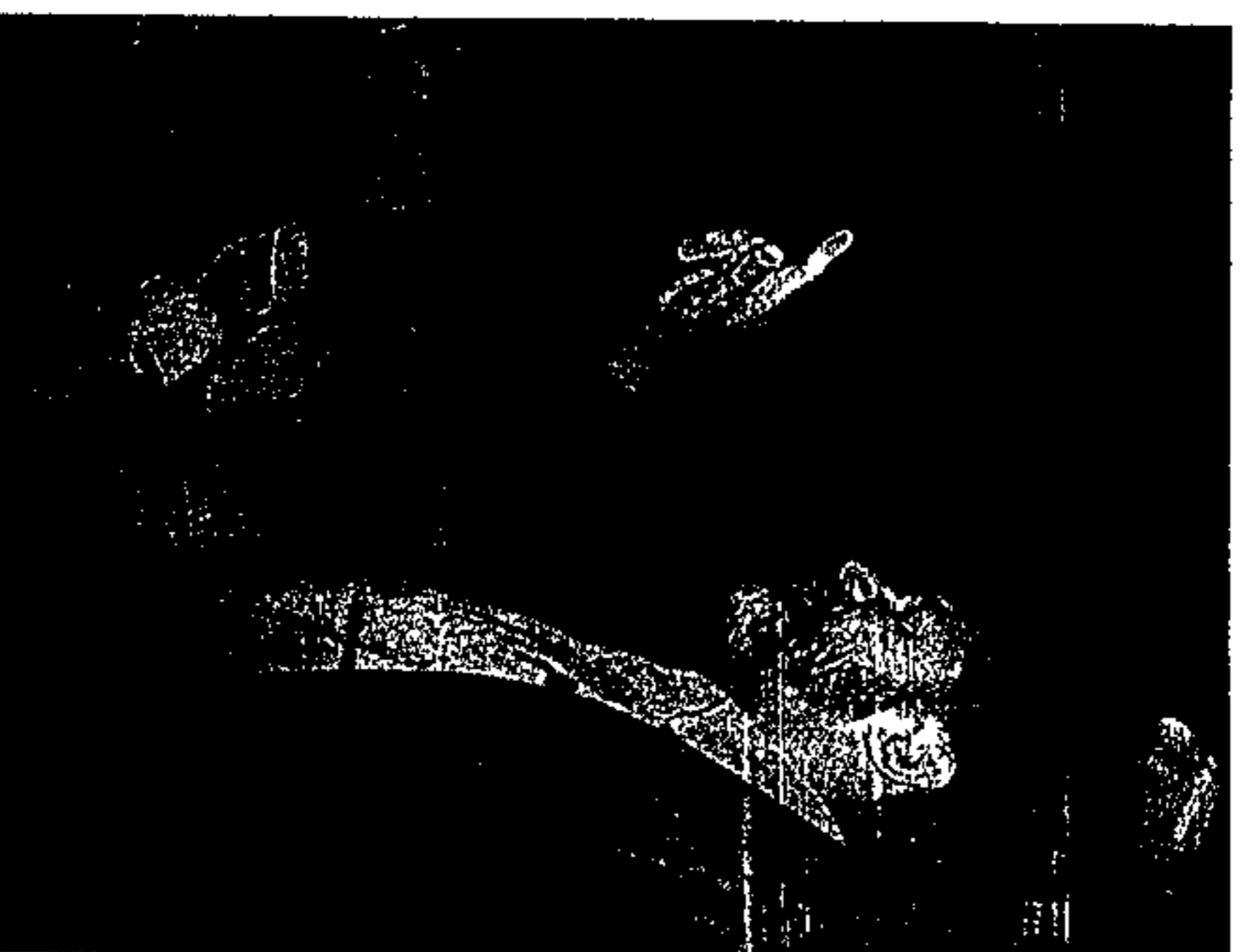
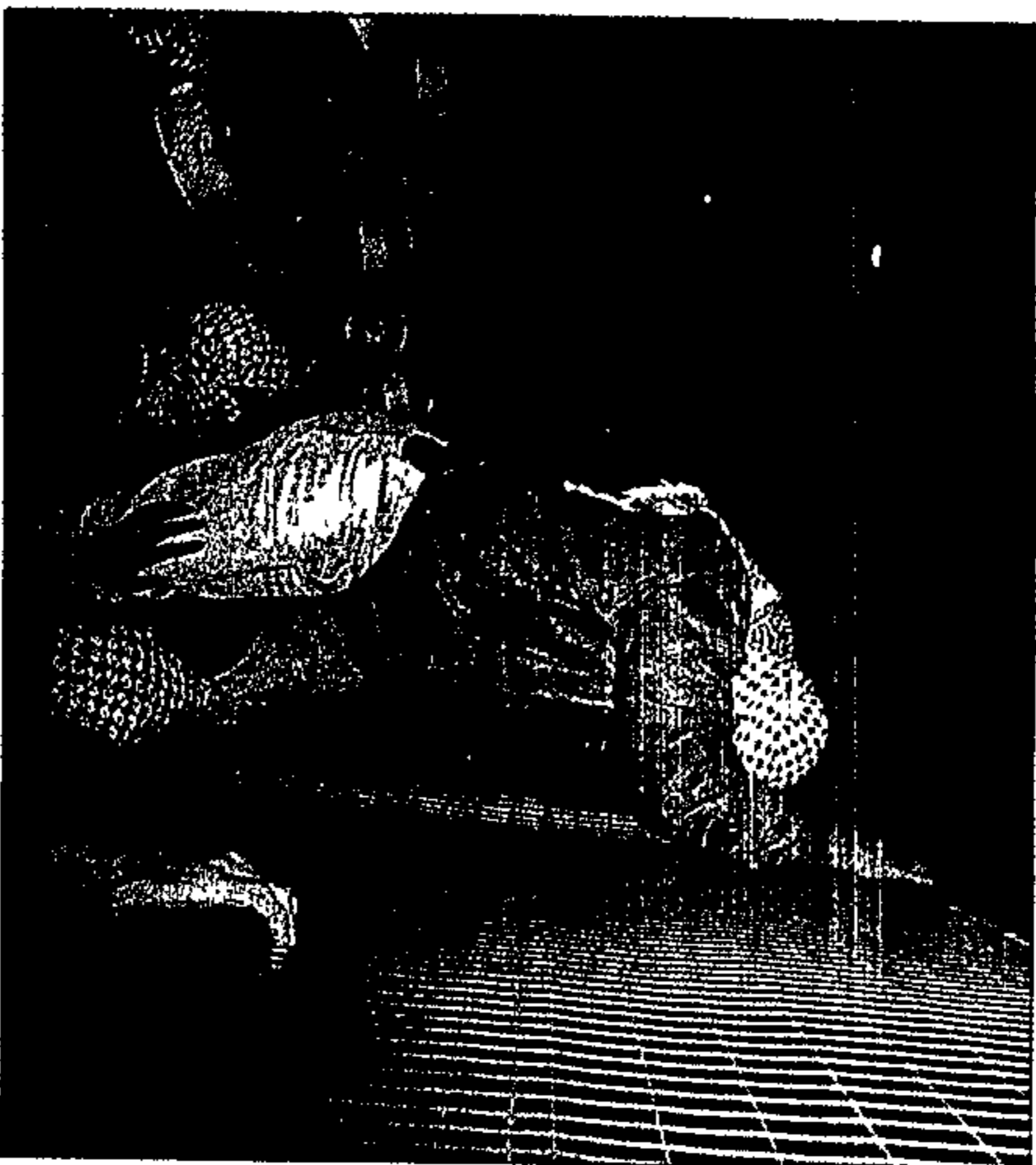
Reacting to last night's weapons raids on homes of Pagad leaders, the spiritual leader of the anti-drug group - known only as the Amir - said that Pagad would meet the force used by the police with "the full might" at its disposal.

He warned of an imminent full-scale confrontation if the police persisted with their "victimisation" of the group.

He said Pagad had taken the responsibility on itself to "liberate the oppressed masses of the country", so that they would no longer be fooled by "President Nelson Mandela's lip service" to democracy.

POLICE BESIEGED BY PAGAD

Raids trigger Athlone protest by chanting crowd



Climbing over a Pagad member tries to scale the gate at Athlone police station

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Tense time Pagad members surround a police vehicle after supporters of the movement besieged the police station

Speaking out: top Pagad member Aslam Toeiy talks to the crowd

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More than 1,000 Pagad protesters, chanting "one policeman, one bullet" and taunts of "shoot, shoot", besieged the Athlone police station in the early hours today.

The protesters, in a bid to get at the about 30 armed policemen inside the fenced-off station, pushed and shoved at a high steel gate, and some tried to climb the wire-mesh fence.

The potentially explosive confrontation between People Against Gangsterism and Drugs members and police followed shortly after several Pagad speakers at a meet-

ing at Gatesville mosque had vowed to defy the Government, which they said enforced "unjust laws".

The Pagad leaders slammed the authorities and in particular President Mandela, for "trying to destroy the anti-drug organisation".

After midnight Pagad members took to the streets, apparently to protest at police raids on the homes of their leaders.

A convoy of vehicles left the mosque and travelled to the Athlone police station. The defiant crowd approached the main entrance, chanting and taunting police.

They tried to force their way inside, some trying to climb over the locked gate. Pagad's chief commander, Aslam Toeiy,

and media liaison officer, Sharief Khan, later entered the police station to discuss their demands.

This meeting was closed to the press. About 30 minutes later Mr Toeiy emerged and told the crowd he had asked the police to explain the grounds for the search warrants and whether warrants of arrest had been issued for the leaders of Pagad.

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We are impartial, say police

JIMMY SHERREN
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

The raids on the homes of Pagad members are the culmination of lengthy investigations of terror attacks on drug dealers and there is no "hidden agenda", say police.

John Sherrenberg, senior spokesman for Provincial Commissioner Leon Wessels, who is abroad this week, said a number of attacks since August were being investigated by a special Pagad investigation task force.

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"It was a transparent police operation with absolutely no sinister thread in it. "Under those circumstances, we expect co-operation and respect from the community. Hearing calls of 'One policeman, one bullet' was shocking," said Superintendent Sherrenberg.

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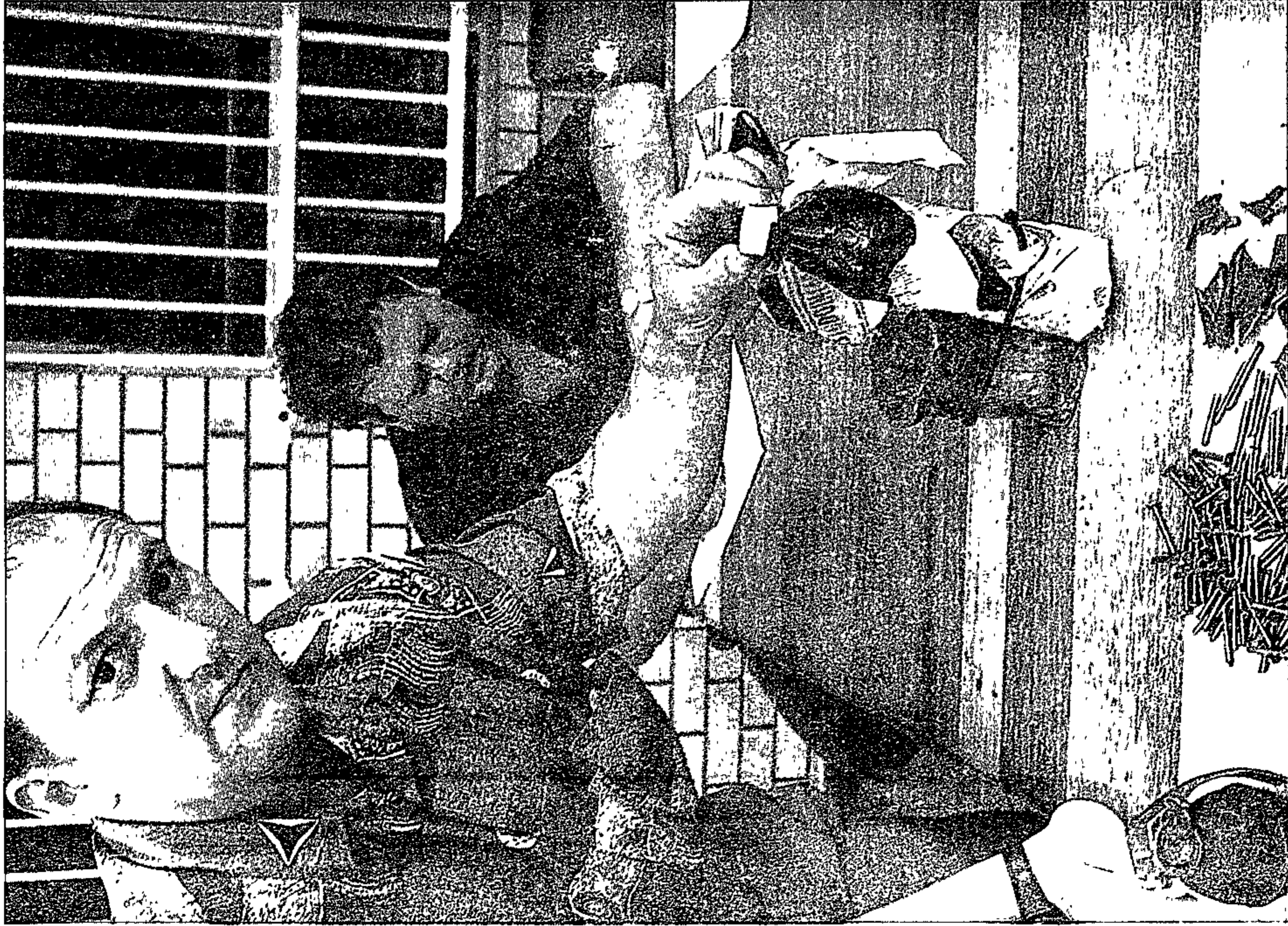
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The CMC said in a letter to Pagad that permission had been granted for about 3 000 people to assemble in the parking area at the airport for a protest demonstration between 3pm and 5pm. — Staff Writer

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Don't blame us if country goes up in flames, Pagad warns

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Militant anti-drug body calls Mandela
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Toefy added that the police were working in the interests of gangsters by hounding Pagad members. The house of Pagad chief co-ordinator Abdoes Ebrahim had been searched and police had seized three licensed firearms yesterday evening, Toefy said.

Shortly after the houses had

been raided, Pagad's spiritual leader - known only as the Amir - said that Pagad would meet the force employed by the police with "the full might" at its disposal.

He said: "If the police want a return to the apartheid-style of law enforcement, then we will engage them in a similar manner to which we fought the unjust system in the mid-'80s."

He described the authorities as the "rejectors of the truth" and warned of an imminent full-scale confrontation if police persisted with their victimisation of the

group. He said Pagad had taken the responsibility on itself to "liberate the oppressed masses of the country", so that they would no longer be fooled by President Nelson

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Mandela's "lip service" to democracy. "We must warn the police not to play with the anger of the people as we have lived in times like these in the apartheid era, where we were called upon to act on behalf of the oppressed."

Pagad had recognised that a "passive approach" to the authorities had produced no progress and that a firmer stance was required, he said.

A masked member said Pagad had to prepare itself for an onslaught from gangsters and the police. He said: "The police have become our enemies and we must arm ourselves with guns."

West Coast vigilantes

Now to tackle gangsters

'Police don't have expertise to act'

WILLEM STEENKAMP
STAFF REPORTER

Thousands of residents in West Coast towns are mobilising to drive out alleged gangsters who have moved there to escape the attention of Pagad in Cape Town.

A furious Ivan Jones, co-ordinator of the recently formed West Coast Anti Crime Forum, said gangsters from the Firm have been buying houses in Vredenburg, Moorreesburg, Citrusdal, Clanwilliam, Vredendal, Klaver and Lamberts Bay.

"We will not allow them to deal in drugs in our towns. We don't want them here and if the people want to drive them out, we will do just that. The situation is very tense at the moment," warned Mr Jones.

But police spokesman John Sterrenberg warned that the police would not allow people to take the law into their own hands. "We cannot allow a situation of lawlessness to develop. We appreciate the concerns of the people in the area and we are

prepared to listen to their concerns. "We would suggest that they join as police reservists and in that way assist in fighting gangsterism," he said.

Mr Jones said the forum had wide support in the communities.

"Sixteen of the 47 towns on the West Coast are members of the forum. We formed the organisation about two weeks ago and we believe ultimately all the towns will join the forum.

"We call on the Western Cape Commissioner of Police Leon Wessels to send a trained anti-gang unit to the West Coast to help us fight the gangsters in our areas and rid our towns of these people.

"We believe the police who are based in our towns simply do not have the expertise to fight the gangsters and we also suspect there is some corruption in their ranks.

"Instead of acting against the gangsters, they act against our people when they march on these gangsters," he said. Superintendent Sterrenberg said there were well-trained detectives based at the

rural police stations on the West Coast who were capable of addressing the problem.

"But if the situation requires it, we will send the Peninsula anti-gang unit to the West Coast to assist local policemen in those areas."

Mr Jones said: "We do not have a problem with gangsters coming to live here - under the new constitution everyone has a right to live where they want - but then they should not deal in drugs.

"If they do and the people want us to drive them out, we will do just that.

"We are involved in a mobilisation programme through which we will enlighten people about the problem and investigate steps we can take to resolve it.

"Historically the West Coast has been a peaceful and relatively crime free area. We want to keep it that way," said Mr Jones.

He said a worrying aspect coupled to the influx of gangsters into the area was the fact that the forum had recently received information that children at some schools were using drugs.

"We have been told that certain teachers supply these drugs and we have little doubt that, if this is indeed the case, these teachers must get the drugs from gangsters who have moved into our towns.

"But we will root them out.

"We will not allow this to happen in our towns and we will pressurise the police to act where we hear of these problems.

"The problem is that police in rural areas are not only afraid of the gangsters, but are not capable of acting against them. That is why we want a trained anti-gang squad sent to our area", said Mr Jones.

■ In his reaction to the alleged exodus of gangsters to the West Coast, "reformed" gangster Rashied Stagie said he was not prepared to react to "untested allegations".

"But I want to warn Mr Jones that gangsters also have a right to live where they want and the West Coast Anti Crime Forum's actions should not infringe on these peoples democratic rights."

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Police prepare for clash with Pagad

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JACKIE CAMERON

POLICE are preparing for a confrontation with Pagad following threats to defy the government with illegal protest action at Cape Town International Airport today. The government has promised tough action if Pagad goes ahead with the demonstration.

Pagad is also the focus of police investigations into a petrol bomb attack over the weekend.

A petrol bomb tipped through a Pitt Street, Woodstock, home early yesterday, gutting the front section of the house and frightening residents in the area.

The owner of the house is a suspected drug dealer, and police spokeswoman Sergeant Vivienne Phillips said detectives were investigating a "strong possibility" that Pagad was behind the attack.

No one was injured in the explosion, and no arrests have been made in connection with the incident.

The owner of the house was not at home, but a man who was sleeping in a back room alerted police after the explosion.

Phillips said: "The device is similar to those used in two other attacks believed to be the work of Pagad. Forensic testing is being conducted on the device."

The latest petrol bombing followed a night of Pagad activity in Parkwood Estate, where ultimatums were delivered to the homes of at least four men they suspected of dealing in drugs.



SCUFFLES: Police rescue a man from Pagad demonstrators who grabbed him from an unsympathetic group outside a shebeen as they moved through Parkwood Estate on Saturday night. **PICTURE: GARTH STEAD**

Phillips said Pagad members gathered at a mosque in Blackbird Avenue, Parkwood Estate, around 8.30pm.

They then marched to the homes of men, including those with the nicknames Bon, Gif and Dikvreet.

Phillips said police had earlier searched several Parkwood Estate homes for drugs.

"We had search warrants for homes, including some of the ones Pagad were expected to go to, but did not find any drugs." Meanwhile, national police

Commissioner George Fivaz has warned that if Pagad members act against the law — and march to Cape Town International Airport today — "this will be met with extremely firm and decisive police action".

Police are investigating more than 50 criminal cases involving Pagad activities, and have spent at least 400 hours monitoring Pagad marches.

Late yesterday, Pagad chief commander Mr Aslam Toefy told the Cape Times that today's actions would not necessarily

include a protest march.

"It's an awareness programme. We never said we would march. We are going to the airport because of all the drugs that are coming in unchecked.

"We want to go there and put enough pressure on whoever was supposed to put the (anti-drugs) mechanisms in place."

A strong police presence, with back-up from the South African National Defence Force, can be expected at the airport today, police have said.

Jobless will keep peace on streets

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LINDSAY BARNES
CRIME DESK

ARG 16/12/96

In a bid to curb crime in Nyanga and Crossroads, the German government is to take 100 unemployed youngsters off the streets and train them as community peace workers.

The first Peace and Development Project in the Western Cape, to be launched next February, will cost about R1,4-million in its first year and follows three successful pilot projects in Gauteng involving 400 young people.

The project is the brainchild of senior German police officers Ulli Bergmer and Helmut Kübler.

The scheme kicked off in Daveyton on the East Rand in February 1994, and a year later an independent report found that the crime rate in the township had declined by about 50 percent, enabling the organisers to ask for funds from USAid.

The project involved the training of 200 people to patrol the community to deal with unarmed confrontation, and gather information about criminal activity, at the same time acting as pacifiers in times of violence, said Mr Burgmer.

They developed skills in mediation, negotiation, radio communication, conflict management, crowd control, first aid, self-empowerment, using computers and dealing with dangerous situations.

For the first Peninsula project, a governing body of six from Nyanga and six from Crossroads has been set up and a full-time co-ordinator and administrator are sought.

The four-week training session will be held at a police college in Bishop Lavis in February.

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Mayhem after leaders defied

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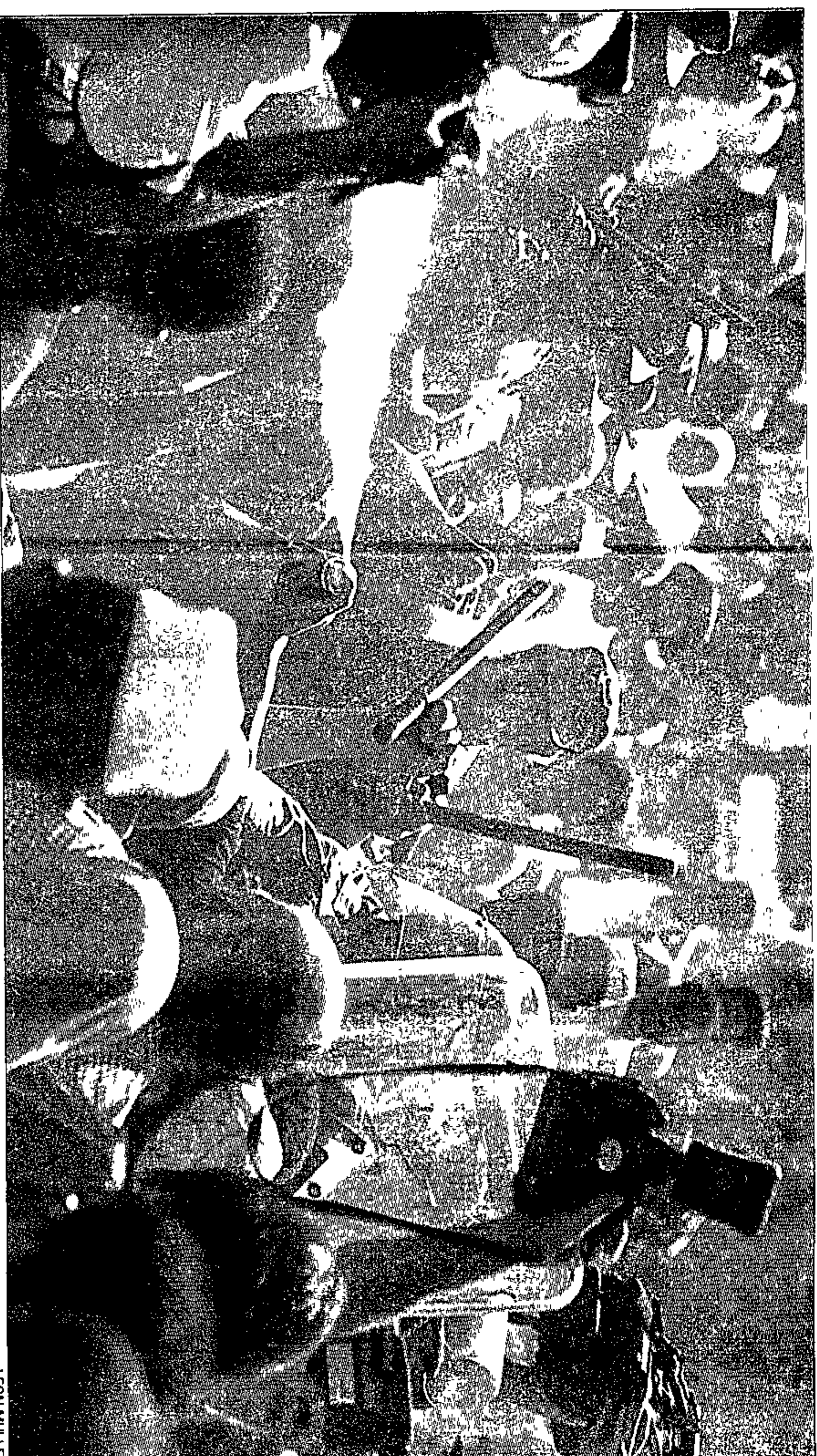
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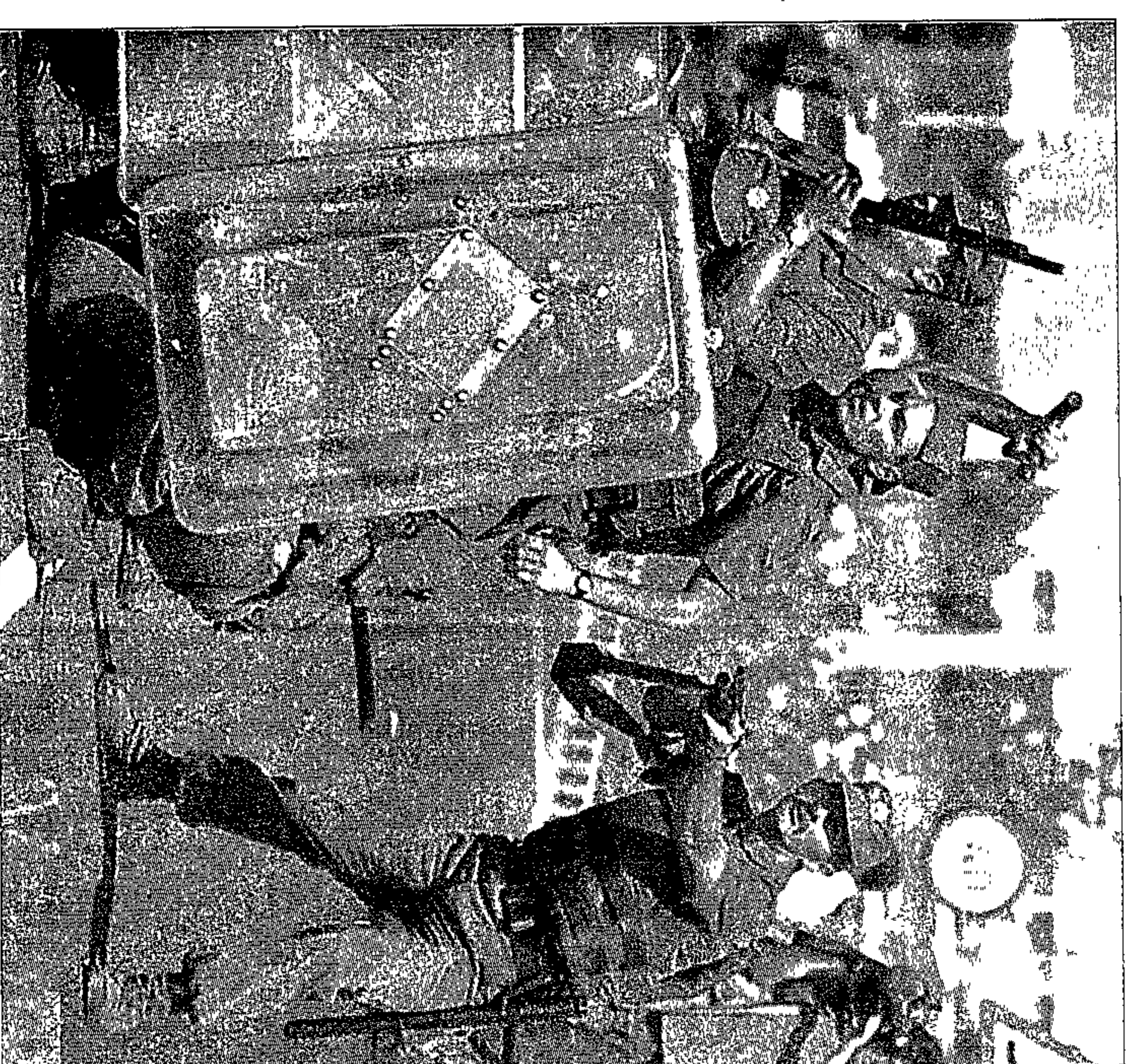


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Frisked: a policeman searches a Pagad member outside the Bellville Magistrate's Court

Bail hearing postponed for 13 held after airport clash

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A bail hearing early today for 13 supporters of Pagad who were arrested during the clash with police outside Cape Town International Airport was postponed until tomorrow.

The suspects, 11 men and two women – one of whom had a boy aged about two with her – were ordered to be held in the police cells in Bellville pending the hearing.

Eight other Pagad supporters, arrested after a shootout outside the court building last night before the start of the bail hearing, will also appear tomorrow at a separate bail hearing.

Today's hearing lasted four hours, from about midnight until shortly before 4am.

The court was packed with Pagad supporters and there was a strong police

presence inside and outside the building.

Advocate Nathan Erasmus, for the 13, said he had been delayed because of the gun battle outside.

He told the court he had been forced to dive for cover and lie on his stomach to escape the hail of bullets when arriving at court.

He described statements taken from the arrested Pagad supporters at Ravensmead police station as "an abortion" and said his clients should be released on bail.

State prosecutor S Maki also said he had been delayed because of the police action outside.

He asked the court for a three-day postponement of the bail hearing.

Mr Erasmus said it should take place at 2pm today.

Magistrate P du Toit ruled that the State had not had enough time to prepare its case and adjourned the hearing

THE BATTLE OF BELLVILLE

Mandela's man raps Pagad

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President Mandela's spokesman has accused People Against Gangsterism and Drugs of undermining South Africa's sovereignty and of abusing their rights under the new constitution.

The charge was levelled by Parks Mankahlana after yesterday's violent Pagad clashes with police at Cape Town International Airport and at the Bellville Magistrate's Court, in which four police were shot and key Pagad officials arrested.

Mr Mankahlana said the possibility of violence erupting at Pagad demonstrations was one of the key reasons why Mr Mandela had decided Pagad should not hold its "awareness programme" at the airport.

"Presently the Government is not convinced that Pagad is doing any good for the country or the Western Cape province.

"Although they are being protected under the constitution, the Government believes they are abusing their rights and are undermining the sovereignty of the country, especially in the Western Cape province," said Mr Mankahlana.

The Pagad campaign was becoming more and more disruptive, and this meant the security forces had to spend hours policing them when they should be fighting crime.

"The Government has changed its attitude towards the organisation and is keenly observing their actions as if (Pagad) is doing nothing in the fight against crime," he said.

A spokesman for the Safety and Security Ministry, Maxwell Mulaudzi, said the minister was waiting for reports from the police before he would make any statement on the latest confrontations.

Hours after yesterday's violent clash with police at Cape Town International Airport, seven policemen were injured - four by bullets - during another battle at

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Bellville Magistrate's Court, where 18 Pagad supporters arrested at the airport were appearing at a bail hearing.

Pagad's chief commander, Aslam Toefy, who managed to avoid several attempts to arrest him, said both the organisation's treasurer, its legal adviser, Sharief Khan, and its assistant secretary, Abeeda Roberts, were arrested at the airport.

Police said they had returned fire after being shot at outside the court and believed some members of Pagad may have been wounded.

They were trying today to trace them.

Violent Crimes Unit boss Leonard Knipe said it was "surely a sad day" when police protecting a court came under fire.

"The only people who are laughing are the gangsters," he said.

"I take my hat off to the Pagad investigation team, and also especially to those Public Order policemen who exercised utmost patience and restraint.

"Whichever way you look at it, there were at least seven police injured as a result of severe acts of criminality."

Early today, a blood trail, bullet-riddled windows, broken glass, dislodged bricks and tyre tracks across a well-kept lawn were evidence of yesterday's gun battle between police and Pagad supporters in Bellville.

Violence erupted about 11pm outside the Voortrekker Road court complex when police guarding the door of the court building tried to stop about 300 Pagad supporters entering.

They were attempting to attend a bail hearing for Pagad members and supporters - 11 men and two women - arrested after the illegal gathering at the airport.

A Bellville resident living in a flat nearby said he had heard gunfire that "sounded like war" and had gone to investigate.

"All hell had broken loose. People were



Armed intervention: a pregnant woman is seized during the clash between Pagad and police at Cape Town airport

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Pagad chief blames Maharaj

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lying injured and others were just lying flat to escape the bullets," said the man, who asked to remain anonymous.

"People were screaming, there were flashing lights everywhere, ambulance men were kneeling over people lying in the road, and police cars and armoured vehicles were driving in all directions.

"It was a miracle that no one died."

Early today, the court building resembled a war zone as police forensic experts combed the scene for clues.

A trail of blood led several metres from the foyer along a passage, where a seriously wounded policeman had dragged himself out of the line of fire.

Police seized five guns, one of which was not registered, during a follow-up operation immediately after the shootings.

Mr Toefy claimed police had targeted Pagad's leadership during the demonstration at the airport yesterday afternoon, and said he had avoided arrest because ordinary members had shielded

him and put him in a car.

"All this happened after the leadership had instructed the people to disperse peacefully. As the leaders, we were setting an example by leaving the gathering, but police moved in and arrested several leaders.

"I was forced into a car and driven away from the airport with a police Casspir in pursuit. Fortunately we managed to give the police the slip."

Mr Toefy said the blame for yesterday's violence should be placed squarely at the feet of the Minister of Transport, Mac Maharaj, and the police.

"We followed all the red tape and held discussions with all the relevant authorities about getting permission for the awareness programme.

"But at the last minute Mr Maharaj decided we could not hold our programme at his airport."

Mr Toefy said it appeared the Government was more concerned about getting tourists to visit the country than about ridding the society of the scourge of drugs and crime.

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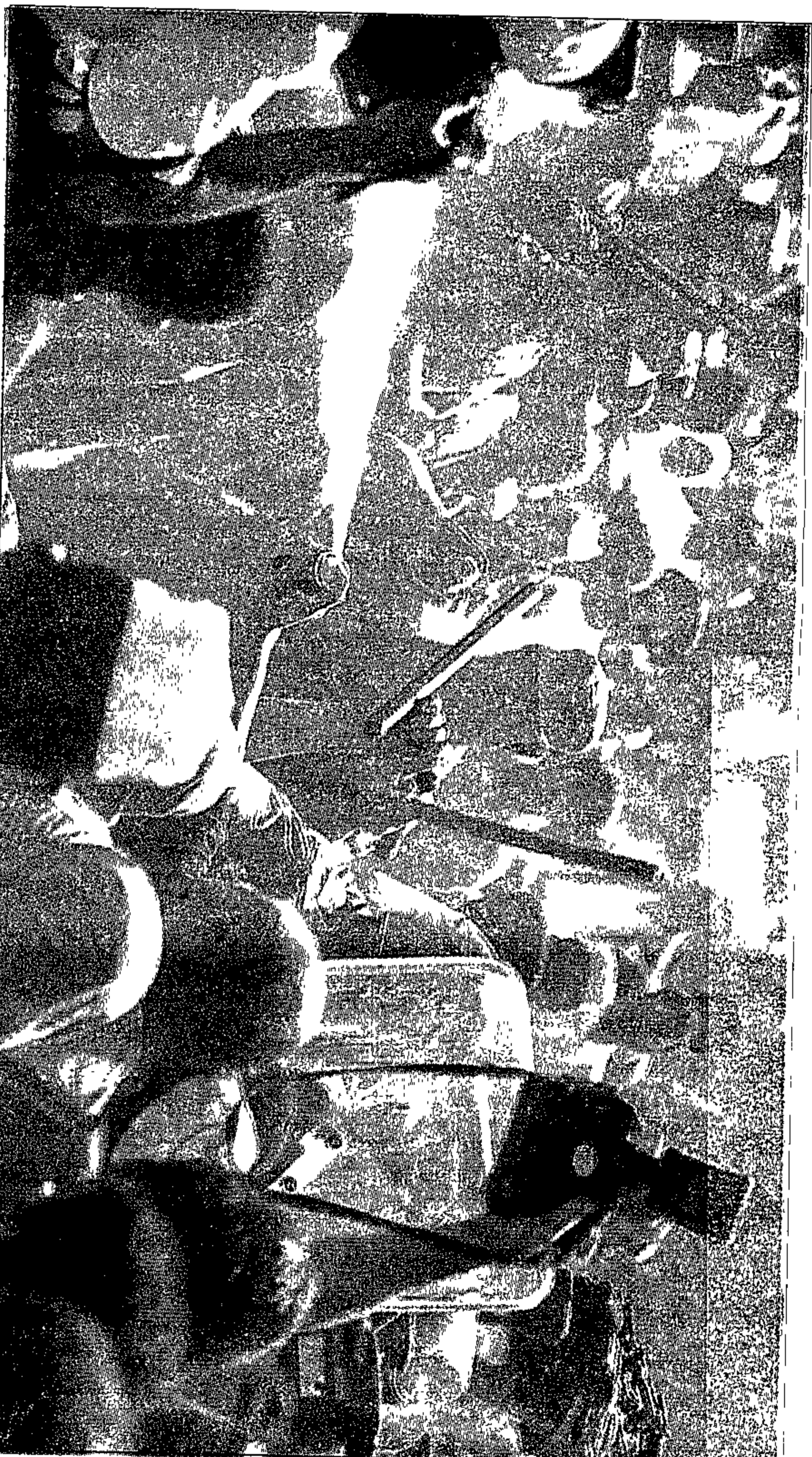
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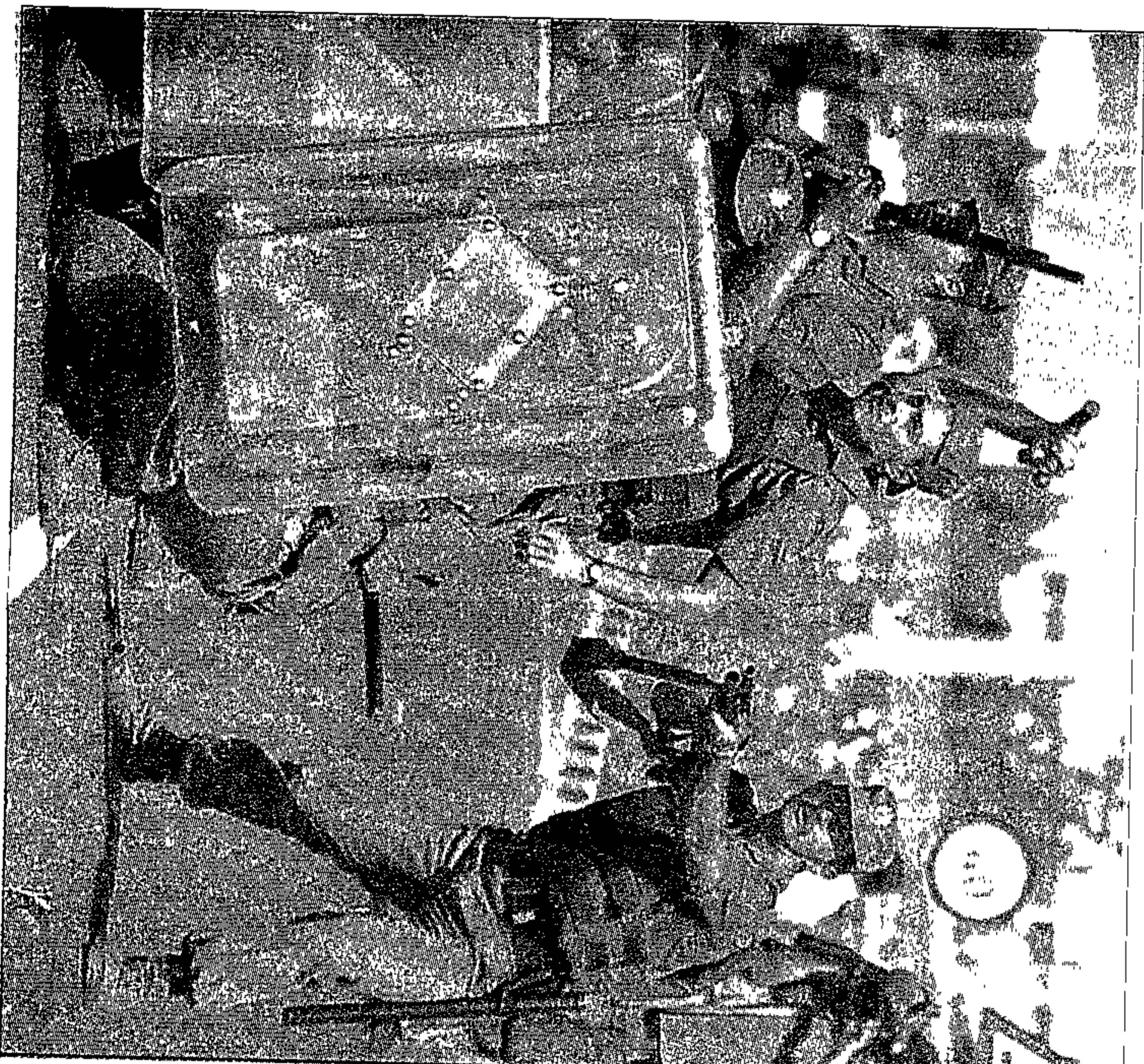


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'HOUSE ARREST' FOR PAGAD ACCUSED

State seeks tough bail conditions for 26 marchers

STAFF REPORTERS

The state is proposing tough conditions, including 24-hour house arrest, for the release of the 26 Pagad members due to appear at a bail application at Bellville Magistrate's Court today.

Their appearance follows violent clashes with police at Cape Town International Airport and outside the court on Monday.

Among the 26 is Pagad chief commander Aslam Toefy, who gave himself up at the Bellville police station about 6pm yesterday where he was arrested and charged with attending an illegal gathering.

It is understood the Pagad members will accept the conditions for their release.

Charges against the other Pagad members include attempted murder, public violence and attending an illegal gathering.

The charges carry maximum sentences varying from a fine of R20 000 or a year in jail or both for attending an illegal gathering to a lengthy jail term for attempted murder.

Mr Toefy and Pagad chief co-ordinator Abdoes-Salaam Ebrahim had been given an ultimatum to hand themselves over to police by 3 pm yesterday in connection with the Pagad demonstrations earlier this week.

Mr Ebrahim did not turn up, and police today said today they were treating him "like any other fugitive".

Pagad investigations co-ordinator Deon Spannberg confirmed Mr Ebrahim had failed to turn up and said he had heard Mr Ebrahim was out of town on holiday.

"We are going to treat him like any other fugitive and enforce the warrant of arrest when we find him. We hope to trace him soon."



In tears: weeping wives outside the Bellville Magistrate's Court

"Like any other fugitive he is also welcome to hand himself over. At the end of the day he will be arrested, no matter how long it takes," Superintendent Spannberg said.

The conditions proposed by the state for the release of the 26 include voluntary 24-hour house arrest, a stipulation that those with permanent jobs will only be allowed to leave their homes after 6am and must have returned by 7pm, and a demand that they must be contactable at all times.

Pagad's lawyers were discussing these conditions with their clients at the heavily guarded court today.

Earlier, police cordoned off a one kilometre stretch of Voortrekker Road in Bellville in preparation for the court appearance and traffic police diverted vehicles down side streets. At 8.45am, a police truck with the 26 Pagad members who were arrested on Monday arrived. The

accused beat on the sides of the truck and chanted as it entered the court premises.

Scores of heavily armed policemen surrounded the court building and a group of policemen carrying shields and shotguns guarded the entrance.

Razor wire was placed at the entrances to houses and businesses around the court.

About 150 supporters and relatives assembled for prayers outside the court about 11am.

No more than 25 relatives of the accused were allowed to enter the court building.

Among those allowed in was Sheikh Nazim Mohamed, president of the Muslim Judicial Council.

Meanwhile Mr Toefy's surprise appearance at the office of Attorney General Frank Kahn with his



Under arrest: Pagad chief commander Aslam Toefy, centre, armed with fruit juice and chips in a packet, hands himself over to police

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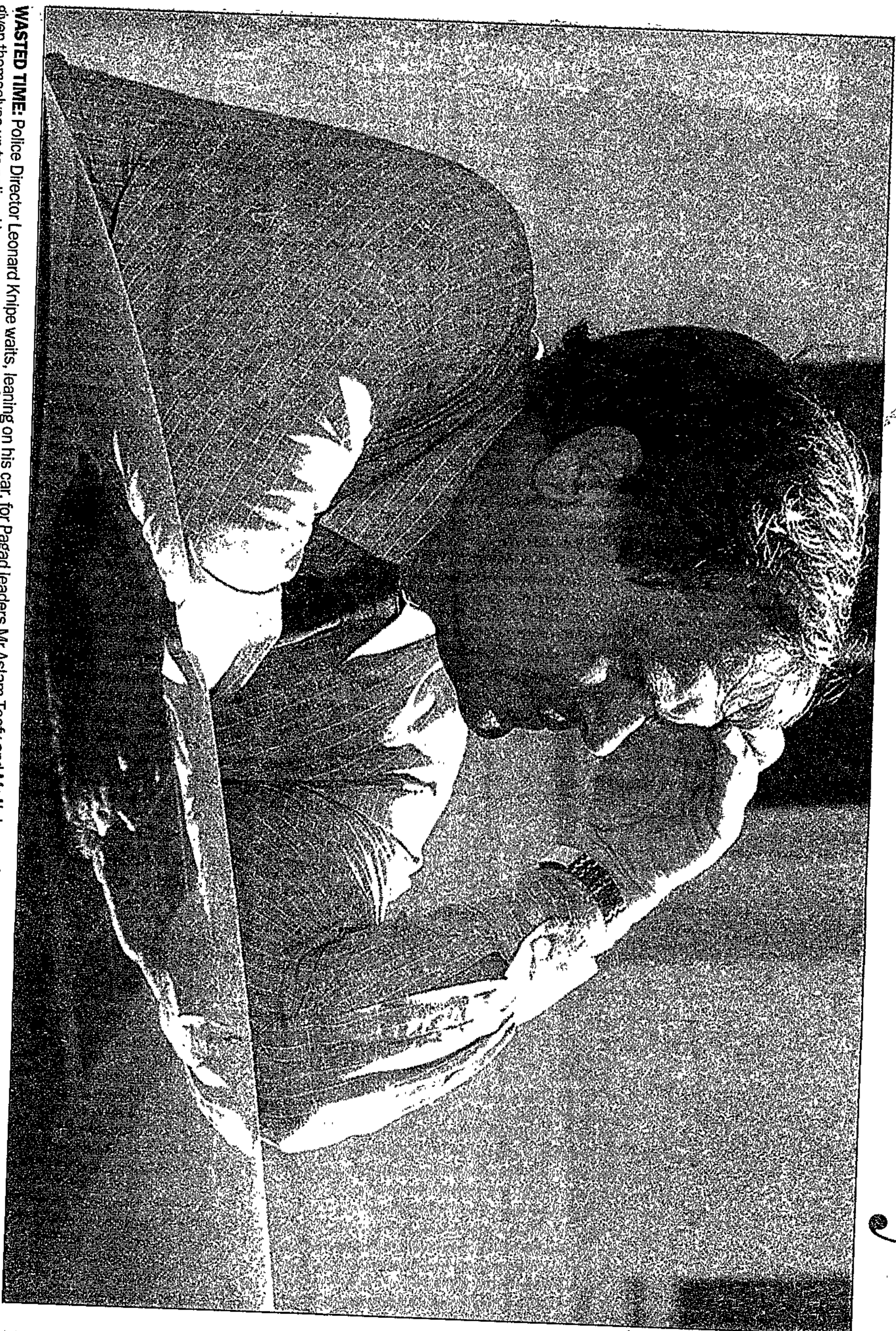
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EBRAHIM GOES INTO HIDING

Long wait for Toefy to surrender



WASTED TIME: Police Director Leonard Knipe waits, leaning on his car, for Pagad leaders Mr Aslam Toefy and Mr Abdoss-salaam Ebrahim — nearly three hours after they were to have given themselves up to police. He eventually ordered about 50 police officers stationed outside the Bellville Magistrate's Court to go home and said if the Pagad leaders did not surrender themselves police would arrest them "on our own terms".

PICTURE: GARTH STEAD

SENIOR POLICE officials have expressed anger at the "preferential treatment" being given to Pagad members. **EUNICE RIDER** and **WILLEM STEENKAMP** report.

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PAGAD chief commander Mr Aslam Toefy gave himself up to police yesterday — but three hours after the police deadline for him to do so had expired — in connection with violent Pagad demonstrations earlier this week.

Today, Toefy and 24 Pagad members will appear in court in a bail application.

Pagad chief co-ordinator Mr Abdoss-salaam Ebrahim, who had been given a similar ultimatum, failed to meet the 3pm deadline and is now a fugitive from justice. A warrant for his arrest will be executed, police said last night.

Attorney-general of the Cape Mr Frank Kahn said last night he had met lawyers acting for all the Pagad members arrested and held in custody after Sunday and Monday's violent Pagad clashes.

Kahn said representations were made about bail. These were being considered and decisions would be made tomorrow at court.

After nearly three hours of waiting for Toefy and Ebrahim to give themselves up at the Bellville police station yesterday afternoon, Violent Chimes Unit head, Director Leonard Knipe, expressed anger at the waste of police man-hours.

Frustrated at having to wait for Toefy and Ebrahim, Knipe asked why they should be "given prefer-

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lawyers' meeting". After nearly three hours of waiting, Knipe dismissed the 50 police officers on duty outside the police station, telling the press the policemen and women "have homes to go to".

He said policemen on duty in the police station could "process"

Toefy if he appeared.

Knipe said he did not know what had become of Ebrahim and did not know whether or not he was with Toefy.

"I only know that he has not yet arrived here as per our gentlemen's agreement."

Toefy appeared at 6pm. "He availed himself of our invitation and reported to the Bellville police station, where he was arrested and taken into custody," police spokesman Senior Superintendent John Sterrenberg said last night.

Toefy and 24 other Pagad members were arrested in connection with an illegal demonstration at Cape Town International Airport and the shooting of four policemen at the Bellville Magistrate's Court on Monday.

Sterrenberg said last night that police were "investigating the authenticity" of a coded letter that alleges that Pagad supporter Mr Achmat Najjaar, who was shot dead at a Pagad demonstration at the Waterfront on November 3, was the victim of a Pagad assassination plot.

Copies of the letter, which was left by an unknown person at the Rondoosch police station, were also posted to all three Cape Town daily newspapers this week.



ARRESTED: Pagad commander Mr Aslam Toefy.

A MATTER FOR THE POLICE

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 The curious love affair between People Against Gangsterism & Drugs (Pagad) and the police must now be over. Pagad not only provoked a violent clash on the access road to Cape Town airport on Monday; militants later opened fire on police outside a Bellville court where 13 demonstrators arrested at the airport were brought for a bail hearing.

The airport march was illegal, having been vetoed by Transport Minister Mac Maharaj in line with the warning issued by President Nelson Mandela that Pagad would not be allowed to march armed and masked (*Current Affairs* December 13). After an order to disperse had been given and was ignored, mayhem broke out around lines of blocked cars that included tourists to the Mother City.

The midnight attack on the police — during which the court building was raked by gunfire — was the most blatant evidence to date that Pagad has members willing to behave like the gangsters they purport to target. Who opened fire first is a matter of dispute, but the anti-crime group was in a belligerent mood and five policemen were wounded.

A police spokesman said that talks had been held throughout the preceding week with Pagad chief commander Aslam Toefy, who had been "informed of the consequences of any illegal gathering." Toefy was among the airport crowd, but denied being in Bellville. One placard read: "The airport belongs to the people, not Mandela."

The reason given for the airport demonstration was to hand over an anti-drugs memorandum to Customs authorities. In fact, drug busts at the airport are common and accusations that Pagad has a secret confrontational agenda — linked to anti-State, Islamic fundamentalism — need to be investigated. Even if only a minority of Pagad is prepared to ignite violence, the potential for social disruption is large.

Until the Day of Reconciliation clashes, police and senior government officials in the Western Cape displayed a strange willingness to recognise and negotiate with Pagad. Most notably, Justice Minis-

ter Dullah Omar — leader of the ANC in the province — appeared to want to tame Pagad into becoming an organ of peaceable community policing. This course was self-deluding at best.

After high-level talks in the parliamentary precinct two weeks ago, Pagad announced that no deal had been struck — and it would continue its armed marches. To prevent Pagad from entering the airport grounds, it was necessary to deploy police armoured vehicles, a helicopter, and the army's reaction unit. The resulting scenes were reminiscent of

police-community violence in the Eighties.

A common police complaint is that ever since Pagad started its public activities, the police's crime-fighting abilities have been sapped. There seems to be no option now but to write off any thought



Mac Maharaj

of enlisting Pagad in the name of law and order. Instead, prosecutions need to be pursued until the group subsides for lack of leadership and publicity.

On one previous occasion, prosecutions were abandoned when journalists refused to hand over visual evidence of Pagad's wrongdoing. This time round, the police must surely have enough to put the offenders away.

□ Acting national police commissioner Zolisa Lavisa on Tuesday said that Pagad is now part of the crime problem in the Western Cape and that the police would immediately suspend all talks with it. ■

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Cape attorney general condemns group as a 'lawless, arrogant mob'

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permission to march in Sea Point tonight, but permission had been refused by the Cape Metropolitan Council.

As members of Pagad were yesterday weighing up the consequences of the house arrest

bail conditions, former leaders of the organisation who have formed a splinter group, claimed they had registered the name Pagad under Section 21 of the Companies Act.

Founding Pagad leader Farouk Jaffer - who along with Ali "Phantom" Parker and

Nadthmie Edries, were expelled from the organisation earlier this year - said the registration had been effective from December 11.

Lawyers acting for Pagad members led by Mr Toefy said they would contest the matter in court.



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Allowed in: relatives of the 26 Pagad members appearing at the Bellville Magistrate's Court are led inside the court by police

Toefy, 25 Pagad protesters placed under house arrest

Barred from taking part in protest marches

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Twenty six members of People Against Gangsterism And Drugs (Pagad), including the organisation's chief commander Aslam Toefy, have been placed under strict 24-hour house arrest and barred from taking part in marches.

The house arrest of the members comes after Pagad marches and gatherings grew increasingly violent culminating this week in five policemen being shot during clashes between Pagad supporters and the police at the Bellville courts. This court order was made by magistrate JJ Van Reenen in the Bellville Magistrate's Court, where the 26 were to have brought bail applications yesterday. The applications were shelved when an agreement was reached between the Attorney General's office and lawyers for the arrested members of Pagad.

They were arrested after violent clashes with police at an illegal protest at Cape Town

International Airport on Monday, and at the Bellville Magistrate's Court later that night, when the five policemen were shot. They face charges including attempted murder, public violence and attending an illegal gathering. The charges carry maximum sentences varying from a fine of R20 000 or a year in jail or both for attending an illegal gathering to a lengthy jail term for attempted murder.

Early yesterday morning police used razor wire to cordon off a portion of Voortrekker Road in Bellville, in preparation for the court appearance. Scores of heavily armed policemen surrounded the perimeter of the cordon, where Pagad followers had gathered.

Another group of policemen carrying shields and shotguns guarded the entrance to the court building. A blood stain on the ground and bullet holes in the glass doors were a grim reminder of the shooting on Monday.

In terms of the agreement, the 26 were released under

strict conditions which will remain in effect until their trials are over.

Those who are employed may only leave their homes between 6am and 7pm to go to work and must be contactable at all times. Those who are unemployed must remain at home at all times. They are not allowed to leave their homes on weekends or public holidays. None of the 26 may participate in any marches. They must appear in court on February 13.

Shortly before 2pm, when Mr Toefy and the 14 arrested in connection with the airport protest came into court from the holding cells below, supporters in the gallery chanted *Allahu Akbar* (God is Great). Before magistrate Mr Van Reenen came into the court Mr Toefy told the gallery that "we are being tested".

Only 25 family members and three members of the community were allowed inside court. Mr Toefy said he wanted reporters removed from the court, "because they are harassing me".

The eleven accused who were arrested in connection with the shooting at the court appeared minutes after the first group, and were released on the same conditions. The trial for these eleven will be

held in-camera, as one of them is a 17-year-old.

When the 26 left the court they were welcomed by about 250 chanting followers behind razor wire. Led by Mr Toefy, the supporters broke into song.

As the reunion gained momentum policemen reached for their riot shields, but Mr Toefy broke up the gathering, saying: "We don't want a recurrence, we won't give them another opportunity. Let's go. We know where we are going to".

Those who appeared in court are: Aslam Toefy, Essa and Rashieda Francis, Shanaaz Majjat, Abedah Roberts, Shariff Adams, Shariff Khan, Ihsaan

Samaai, Cassiem Parker Kader, Shahied Shaikh, Abdullah "Abe" Parker, Mohammed Jihad Okkers, Mujahid Cassiem, Ashraf Mohammed, Mustapha Jacobs, Masood Ahmed Mohammed, Abdullah Homes, Achmad Abrahams, Mohammed Ajalaar, Mohammed Ansaar Sahiba, Mohammed Sain Isaacs, Ridwaan Solomon, Mohammed Amees Rylands, Abubakir

Hendricks, Mogamat Samuels, and a 17-year-old student.

Meanwhile, Pagad chief coordinator Abdoes-Salaam Ebrahim is still at large, after failing to hand himself over to police on Thursday with Mr Toefy.

During a raid on Mr Ebrahim's Lansdowne home last week police found three licensed firearms which had been sent for ballistic tests to determine possible links with earlier Pagad-related attacks,

according to Pagad investigations coordinator Deon Spanenberg.

"But at this stage we do not want Mr Ebrahim for anything more serious than his alleged involvement in illegal protest marches recently," said Superintendent Spanenberg. He said Mr Ebrahim was being treated "like any other fugitive ... at the end of the day he will be arrested, no matter how long it takes".

J J Van Reenen presided. K Rossouw appeared for the State, and R Jaga instructed by Mayat's Attorneys appeared for the accused.

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Pagad an arrogant, lawless mob, says A-G

ELVINNS UNDERHILL
CHIEF REPORTER

Cape Attorney-General Frank Kahn warned yesterday the "party is over" for Pagad, after 26 of its members were given tough bail conditions which placed them under 24-hour house arrest and barred them from taking part in marches.

"In the end, People Against Gangsterism and Drugs simply abused a just cause and intimidated law-abiding citizens who were trying to earn a living in difficult times," said Mr Kahn. "There is no room in a true democracy for mindless vigilantes and that is what they became."

"Pagad became an arrogant lawless mob who could not control themselves, let alone take the place of law enforcement officials in this country."

"These measures might appear arrogant and reminiscent of a by-gone era, but no true democracy can allow the tail to wag the dog."

"The bloodshed which marked Pagad's marches speaks for itself."

"In the past few months, I have endeavored to be very sensitive to communities suffering the brunt of crime and I will continue on this path - but not through Pagad."

"They did not raise awareness as they were preaching to the converted," he said.

Chief commander of Pagad Aslam Toefy said yesterday he was unable to comment on the bail conditions at this stage. The usually outspoken Mr Toefy said he would have to study his bail conditions and clarify with his lawyer whether he was able to speak to the press.

It had been made clear that the

members of Pagad placed under house arrest would not be able to attend mosque, said Mr Toefy.

"We will, however, comply with the conditions for bail," he said.

The 26 Pagad members agreed to the house arrest - at a bail application hearing in the Bellville Magistrate's Court - which allows them to go to work from 6am, but they have to be home by 7pm. The Pagad members cannot leave their homes at weekends and on public holidays, and the bail conditions apply until February 13, when they will appear in court again.

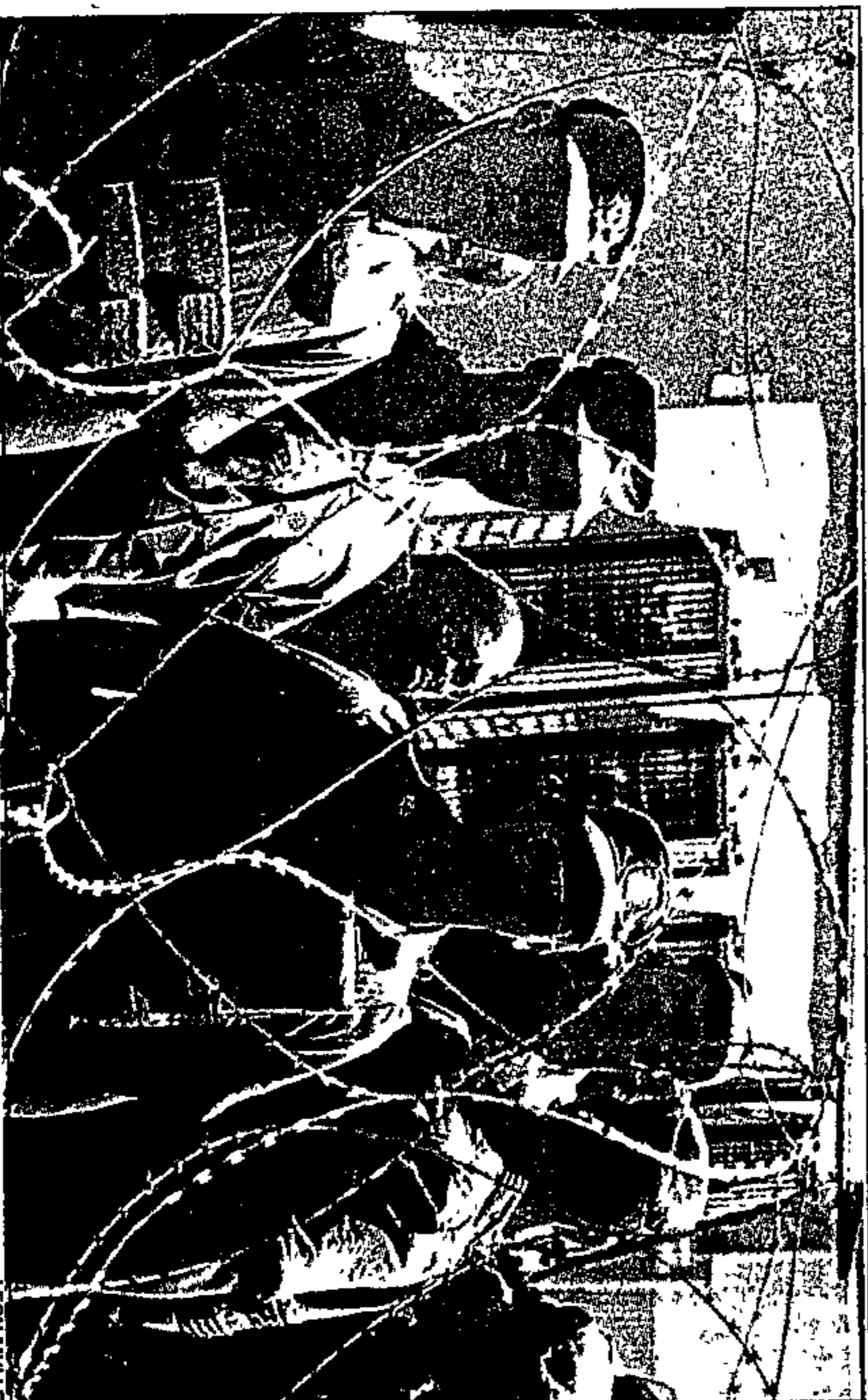
Mr Kahn's tough action follows violent

clashes with police at Cape Town International Airport and at the Bellville Magistrate's Court, where five policemen were shot. Charges against Pagad members include attempted murder, public violence and attending an illegal gathering.

Mr Kahn said it was a time when Cape Town should be made as hospitable as possible for tourists, and as inhospitable as possible for criminals. If Pagad continued their unlawful defiance, the next time around he would oppose bail in its entirety, said Mr Kahn.

He said house arrest was the only way to effectively discipline bail conditions

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Razor cordon: police watch Pagad supporters from behind a cordon of razor wire

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without endangering police or the public. Mr Kahn said he wanted any like-minded people to get the message that any illegal marches would be viewed seriously by Parliament, which made provision for imprisonment of up to 12 months or a fine of R20 000.

"I appreciate these are stringent bail conditions, but the public is entitled to a semblance of law and order, especially over the festive season," he said.

Mr Kahn said the decision had been taken in the interests of public safety, talking into account the unhappy history of such marches in the Western Cape over the past few months. He said he would enforce the law stringently.

"The people who march illegally in the company of those having firearms, or associate themselves with people or organisations, will be severely dealt with."

"People carrying lawful firearms under unlawful circumstances will be treated in the same light as people carrying illegal fire weapons, and we will ask for terms of imprisonment," said Mr Kahn.

He said Pagad had agreed to work within the framework of the law, but they had broken the law.

"They will now be treated as criminals. However good or just a cause is, it can never justify illegal means to achieve its end."

"Pagad, at the end of the day, has simply achieved the immobilisation of five policemen and is wasting the time of the police," he said.

Police spokesman Wicus Holtzhausen said yesterday that Pagad had applied for

Vigilantes accept house-arrest deal

TWENTY-SIX members of the vigilante group People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad), including their leader Aslam Toefy, were released on Friday afternoon when they accepted a house-arrest deal offered by Western Cape Attorney-General Frank Kahn.

Twenty-five of them were arrested during an illegal gathering at Cape Town International Airport and skirmishes with police at the Bellville Magistrate's Court on Monday night. Toefy handed himself over to police on Thursday.

Certain conditions applied to some of those released; others were placed under 24-hour house arrest as an alternative to bail.

In terms of the agreement, the 26 accused would have to submit themselves to 24-hour house arrest until their case was heard.

Those holding down steady jobs would be accommodated between 6 am and 7 pm but would have to be contactable at their places of employment. They would have to return home immediately after work.

Fourteen were arrested at the airport and could be charged with attending an illegal gathering.

Toefy could be charged with organising an illegal gathering.

Eleven others arrested after skirmishes with police at the Bellville Magistrate's Court, in which five policemen were injured, could face charges of attempted murder.

About 300 family members and friends waited for the 26 outside the court building, which had been cordoned off by police and soldiers on Friday morning.

Meanwhile, police spokesman Captain Wicus Holtzhausen reacted to news that four reporters had suffered minor injuries at the airport on Monday.

A freelance cameraman working for Reuters, Fazlur Phillips, was hit in the neck by a rubber bullet,

whil Agence France Presse correspondent Michael Hamlyn was bitten on the leg by a police dog.

Two other reporters sustained minor leg wounds.

Holtzhausen said the blame for injuries could not be laid at the door of the police.

He said police did not specifically target reporters.

"We don't control the media. We can't tell them, 'listen guys, stand aside'.

"You have only to view the video material to see some of them were in the thick of things."

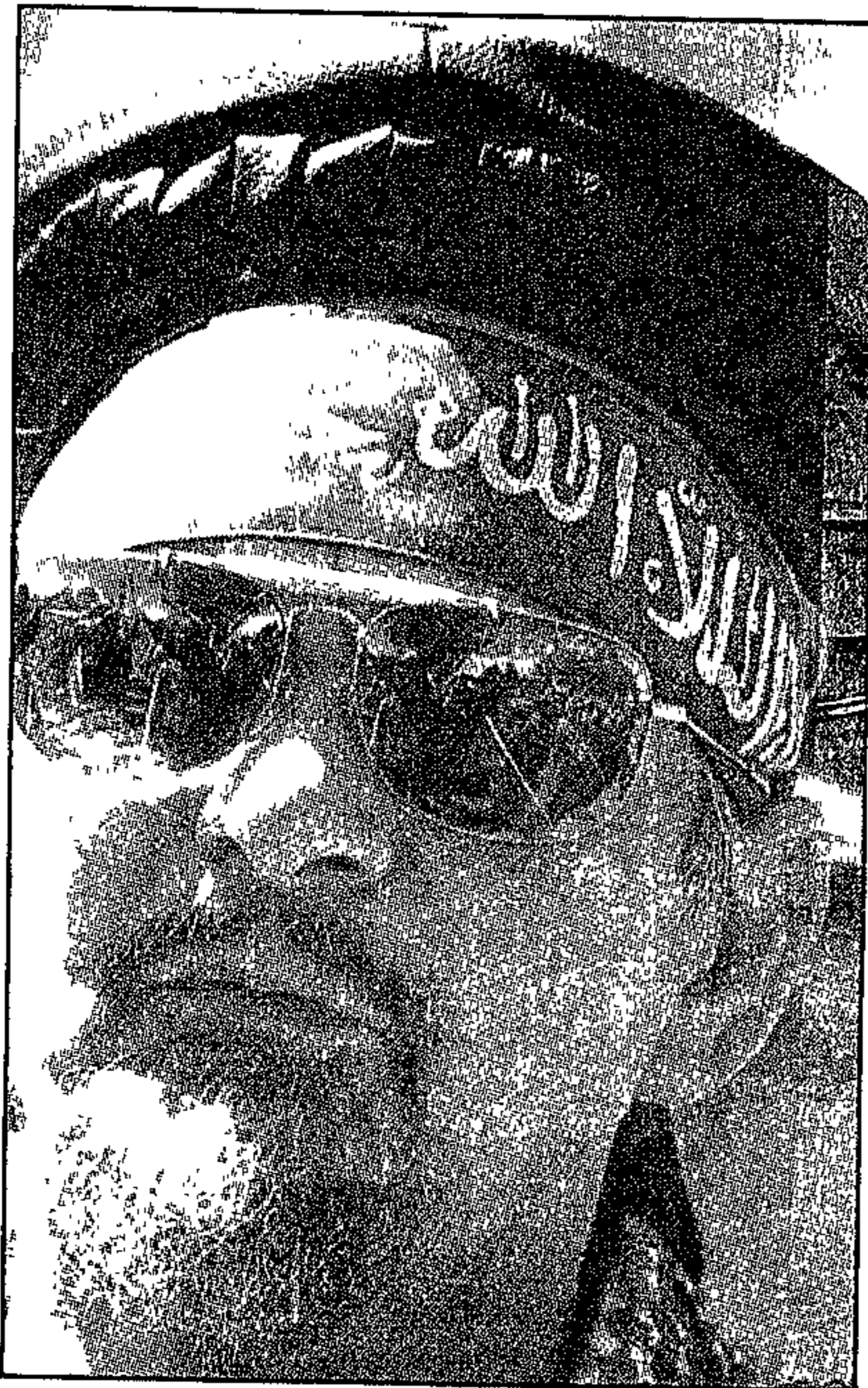
Earlier on Friday the head of a Pagad splinter group, Farouk Jaffer, said the organisation's name had been registered under Section 21 of the Companies Act. This was effective from December 11.

Jaffer, along with other leading figures such as Ali "Phantom" Parker and Nadthmie Edries, was expelled from the vigilante group earlier this year.

The faction led by Toefy would have to desist from using the Pagad name, Jaffer said. - Sapa

'LISTEN GUYS, STAND ASIDE'
... Everyone wants to be where the action is - above right, a journalist is mistaken for the enemy by a police dog. Below, everybody beats a hasty retreat as police unleash teargas on the Pagad mob outside Cape Town's airport. On the right a Pagad member calmly surveys the battle between the vigilantes and the police through his mirror sunglasses.

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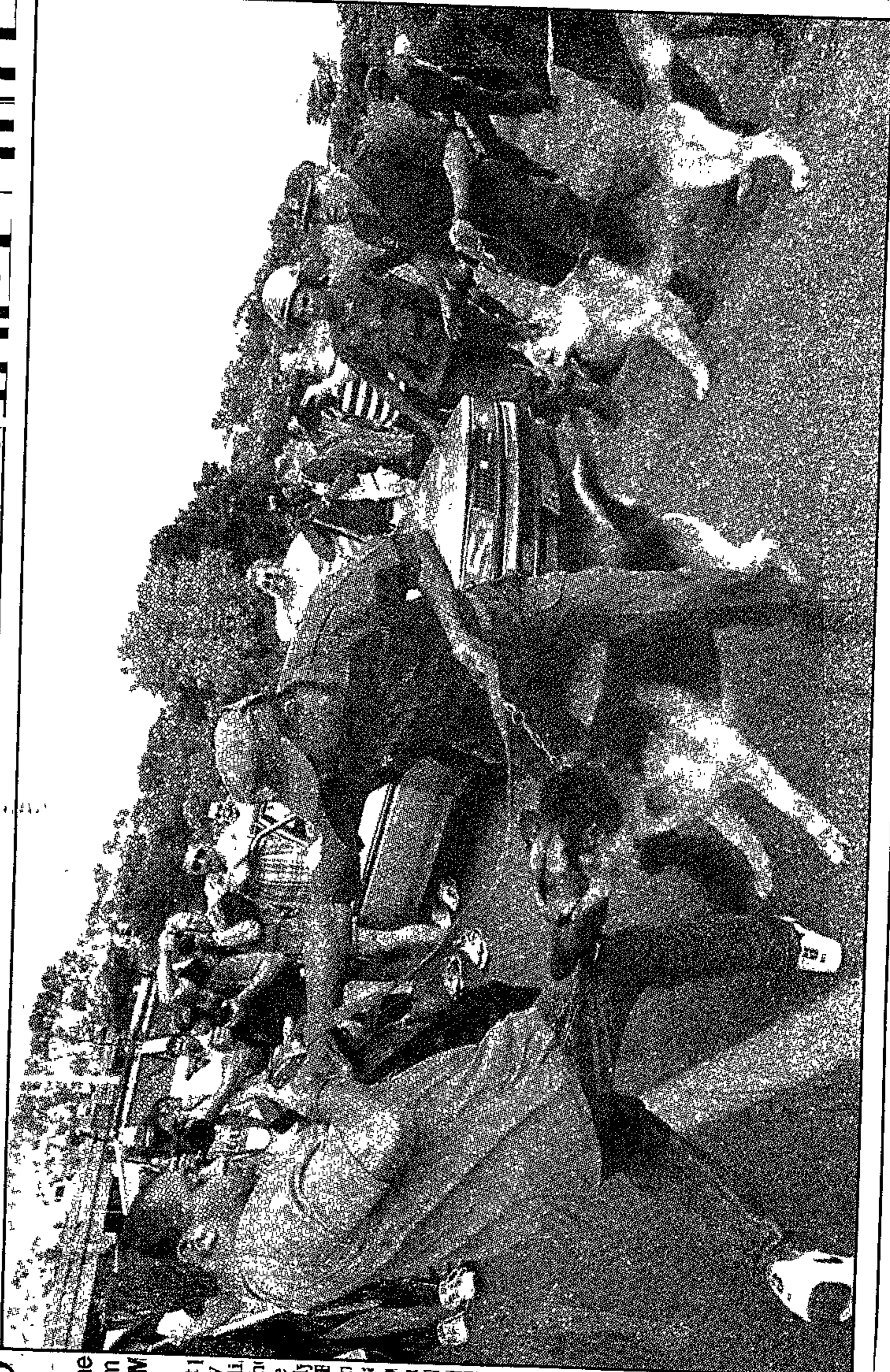
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Catholic priest supports Pagad's Stand

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democratic movement acted for change.

"The only reason Pagad exists is because the government's promises have not been fulfilled," he says. "The only reason we have an ANC-led government is because they made certain election promises and the majority of South Africans believed them."

"They promised a better life for all, but from my perspective things have got worse. They certainly haven't won the battle against crime and have made things worse for poor people struggling to make an honest living. The prices of everything have gone up and very few jobs have been created."

"I am very doubtful about a democracy where protests are deemed illegal. I am very doubtful about a democracy where one has to go to the authorities for permission to protest against them. In a democracy people have the right to protest whenever they want without being baton-charged by the police."

He says refusing Pagad's demonstrations on the grounds that they would have a negative impact on the Western Cape's tourism industry is not a good enough reason. "It is precisely those people we want to target — the people who are lured to South Africa on the grounds that it is a peaceful paradise, while people are dying in the townships. We want those people to take the message back to their countries that all is not well in the new South Africa and very little has changed for ordinary people."

On the question of Pagad members carrying arms on their marches and using them with fighting regularity, Father Christopher says he belongs to the anti-gun campaign and hates guns.

"But we live in a country where people are allowed to buy firearms and carry them for self-defence. The government tells us we cannot put ourselves deliberately into a situation of danger and then demand protection from police. The reason we are in those situations when we march on dealers is precisely because the police are not performing this task."

"I won't deny there are elements in Pagad who thrive on confrontation, who need to be constantly at war. But they are the minority, there is no plot

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He says he does not regret the time he spent with Pagad, marching on alleged dealers' homes and giving them ultimatums to stop their activities. The camaraderie gave him a sense of hope that life in the new South Africa could get better.

"I know what the effects are of crime in South Africa. Three years

FATHER Christopher Clohesy's life is filled with contradictions: he's a white man but lives in destitute Mitchell's Plain in Cape Town; he's a supporter of Gun Free South Africa but believes in the right to self-defence; and he's a Catholic priest but a committed member of the Muslim-dominated People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad).

"I often find myself between a rock and a hard place," he says with a wry chuckle. "Many people find it difficult to accept that I can live quite happily with these contradictions."

Father Christopher, as he is known to his congregation and cohorts in Pagad, says he's in the organisation for the duration. "No matter what Pagad does, the cause will always be a good one. I won't leave the Catholic Church because a few priests sexually abuse children, and I won't leave Pagad because a few members are trigger-happy."

He says he's probably so committed to Pagad because he's an "average white South African" who missed the anti-apartheid struggle in the 1980s, spending most of that decade at school and college.

"Even after I became conscientised, I didn't take part in the struggle and now that I'm living in a township I feel remorse for that. I see Pagad as an opportunity for making up for that shortcoming. One cannot live in a township and remain immune to the ravaging effects of gangs and drugs."

Despite not being involved in the anti-apartheid struggle, Father Christopher draws parallels between tactics used then and Pagad's campaign today. He is outraged at the government's refusal to allow Pagad's demonstration at the airport a fortnight ago and says the same people in government who are curbing Pagad now had urged their supporters to defy government restrictions on protests in the 1980s.

He believes Pagad's anti-gang and anti-drug campaign is as moral a cause as the campaign against apartheid and that the only way it can succeed is to pressure the government into action in the same way the



On the warpath: Pagad supporters clash with police outside Cape Town airport

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police, while some have decided to go it alone

Police win in town without murder

Angella Johnson

ago one of my friends was killed by a gangster during a robbery. The murderer has never been caught. So when Pagad took action, I was there like a shot.

"Marching at night, watching the dealers hide from us gave me a sense of power, a sense that there were people who were going to make life better for everyone. Islam is a very militant religion, its adherents are tightly woven into a strong community and when they take on a problem, man, you bet, I believe they're in it till the end."

Muslims are the only people in South Africa right now who give a damn about the underdogs. Look at the support given to the Bosnians — shiploads of food and medicine went there. The same goes to the people in north Africa who are starving. The government does nothing, the Muslims organise themselves within days to get relief to them."

But Williams says the deaths of two Pagad supporters left him stunned, and he began questioning the focus of the organisation. While he supported the protests at the Waterfront, he believed it should not have gone ahead at all costs.

"Pagad kept talking about martyrs and heroes. In Islam we believe that if you die a martyr you go straight to paradise. But is a martyr someone who just got caught in the crossfire? Do Pagad's leaders take responsibility for the blood on their hands? I believe the campaign against drugs and gangs is a good one, but very little is going to be achieved if Pagad keeps on battling with the police. They've lost sight of who the enemy is. It's not the police and the government, it's the dealers and the gangsters."

"There are a lot of conservative Muslims in the Cape. They didn't toy-toy in the past and they're not going to fight the police now. It's not going to help Pagad at all if they are killed or behind bars. It should rather campaign in a way that makes sure the crooks find themselves behind bars."

their "pedside" manners with regular training sessions on how to handle people in distress.

POLICE in Ficksburg are proud of their latest crime-fighting weapon — a R46 000 aeroplane bought with funds raised by local people — almost as proud as they are of having beaten colonial leagues across the country to grab the coveted title of best community police station for 1996.

The prize of R20 000 recognises the station's commitment to encouraging community participation in combating crime, and the light two-seater plane allows the station more effective coverage of an area littered with sprawling farms.

Ficksburg, a picturesque town nestled between the mountains overlooking Lesotho, is a busy border outpost where the horse-and-cart competes with the car for right of passage on roads which are pristine clean. The most prevalent crimes are drunken assaults over weekends, a few desperate house-brawlings — and cattle-rustling.

"The rustling is usually done by people coming across the border and stealing animals which are then taken back across the river into Lesotho territory, where we can't go after them," explained Captain André Claase.

"Fortunately, we have established good relations with our Lesotho colleagues who will snap into action with just a phone call from us, helping to cut the number of such crimes by 43%."

Claase cannot remember the last time the town had to deal with a serious crime like murder or armed robbery. There were a couple of arson attacks on farm schools in August, but the culprit was snagged within a month. This is a town where armed robberies do not involve guns, but knives or other weapons. There were 25 such crimes last year, but only seven so far in 1996.

It is not unusual for days to go by without any crimes being reported. This allows the town's 162 South African Police Service (SAPS) members to concentrate on

keep the town safe."

Crime in South Africa costs businesses approximately R31-billion a year. At present levels it has a dramatic impact on the consumer, who ultimately bears the brunt of the costs of extra security.

Saambou Bank, recognising that the only way to combat crime effectively is to improve consultation between the SAPS and the communities it serves at local levels, late last year introduced a R100 000 programme to encourage liaison between police stations, businesses and the public.

Every police station was evaluated in terms of community involvement, the management of crime prevention and service delivery. A police station from each province was selected as a regional winner of R10 000: Petrusville in the Northern Cape; Uitenhage in the Eastern Cape; Harding in Kwazulu-Natal; Barberton in Mpumalanga; Brits in North-West; Phalaborwa in Northern Province; Benoni in Gauteng; Kullis River in Western Cape; and Ficksburg in Free State.

Tourists report 36% decrease in Cape Town crime

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CAPE TOWN — Crimes reported by tourists dipped 36% to 14 in Cape Town in November compared with the same month last year, despite an increase in the number of visitors to the city, the latest SA Police Service (SAPS) figures show.

Spokesman Insp Virna Simon said while December figures were not yet available, it seemed police had the crime situation under control, with tourist-reported crime falling for the second month in a row.

The number of foreign visitors to the Peninsula was expected to have increased about 30% to 630 000 by the end of this year compared with the previous year.

Simon said the police were making use of all available resources and manpower to combat crime, with crime prevention operations continuous over the festive season.

Beach patrols had been stepped up as part of these measures in a bid to protect the flood of holidaymakers visiting the region, with extensive use made of the police water wing.

Meanwhile, Cape tourism board Captour's marketing director Jeremy Harris said the board was in contact with the police and their tourist assistance unit, with few crimes reported in the December period.

"Our perception is tourists have become more streetwise, with an increased police presence an effective discouraging agent to the criminal element."

Toefy spells out new social role for Pagad

LINDSAY BARNES
CRIME DESK

People Against Gangsterism and Drugs have admitted past errors and say they are to set sail in a new direction which involves a more supportive role in the community.

This included educating children against abusing drugs, placing addicts in rehabilitation programmes and offering food and "all kinds of support" to the victims of drug abuse and their families, said Pagad chief commander Aslam Toefy in an interview.

His comments were welcomed by Western Cape Police Minister Gerald Morkele who urged Pagad members to get involved in community policing forums.

Although Mr Morkele had no meeting planned with Pagad for the new year, his door was open for when they were ready to talk.

"I'm glad that sanity is now prevailing and they (Pagad) are moving in the right direction," he said.

Mr Toefy was one of 26 Pagad members placed under house arrest last week after chaos broke out at a demonstration at Cape Town airport and five policemen were shot outside Bellville Magistrate's Court.

He said Pagad's new role would be funded by the generosity of the community who were serious about uplifting themselves and desperately needed social change, he said.

Mr Toefy called Pagad a "monitoring pressure group" which aimed to broaden

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its base and work within the community towards social change. The organisation had suspended all marches and demonstrations until the 26 members had appeared in court. In future, permission would be sought for all marches and they would take place only in the presence of police, he said. This was in line with the organisation's serious intent to operate within the ambit of the law.

Police spokesman John Sterrenberg said invitations had been extended to Pagad members to become police reservists and to act on the information they had on drug dealers.

He welcomed the group's aim to work with the police service which strived for good relations with all sectors of the community and to give a quality service to all.

Pagad have placed an advertisement in today's Cape Argus calling for people to join them in the new year and wishing the city's Christians a peaceful, festive season.

Pagad would continue to advertise to win support from people and planned to involve "the whole of South Africa" against drugs and gangs, Mr Toefy said.

He denied the advertisement was a political party manifesto and said Pagad would remain a pressure group with a simple agenda: to get rid of gangs and drugs.

"At this time, forming a political party has not crossed our minds," he said.

He appealed to people to "come out strongly against gangsterism" and to speak in their churches and to their neighbours about it, to draw up petitions and to send these to the police.

