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# Pagad blames 'third force' in Staggie blast

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People Against Gangsterism and  
Drugs today blamed a "third force" for  
bombing the Sea Point home of self-  
proclaimed former gangster Rashied  
Staggie.

In response to allegations that Pagad  
was behind the attack, in which one person  
was injured, Pagad chief co-ordinator  
Aslam Toefy said: "Everyone knows a  
third force, most possibly the right wing, is  
busy around here."

Mr Toefy is under house arrest until he  
appears in court with 26 other Pagad mem-  
bers on February 13. He denied knowledge  
of the bombing.

The bomb, which was packed with  
nails, was thrown through the open front  
door of Mr Staggie's home at 4am yester-  
day, causing extensive damage to the  
building. No one had claimed responsibili-  
ty for the attack and there were no suspects  
yet, said police Pagad task team co-ordina-  
tor Deon Spangenberg.

Mr Staggie was not at home but there  
were about 14 people in the house.



# Pagad 'won't be swayed'

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PAGAD is still aiming at drug-dealers and gangsters — and has no intention of being deflected from its stated goal of routing gangsters and putting a stop to drug-trafficking, says its chief co-ordinator Mr Aslam Toefy.

"We are not interested in going into politics. Our main task is still to fight gangs and stop drug-trafficking," he said.

In a newspaper advertisement earlier this week, Pagad criticised the government for having failed to address the problem of soaring crime, ignoring the "voice of the church" and disregarding the "religious sensibilities of countless of its people".

The advertisement offered festive greetings to "Christians of our city". It called on Christians to reflect on society and the "quality of life which is ours in the new South Africa".

The advertisement then raised a host of issues that bore more resemblance to the manifestos of lesser-known political parties than those of organisations dedicated to stamping out drug-trafficking and gangsterism.

These included abortion, which Pagad described as a "direct contravention of the laws of the Almighty", new censorship laws exposing adults and children to "filth and perversion" and "continued unemployment and homelessness in the face of extravagant and wasteful government spending".

Toefy said Pagad planned to extend its community base to include Christians who shared its objective of ridding Cape Town of its drugs and gangs scourge.

**JAGGED EDGE OF ANGER:** Police bomb squad member Captain Robbie Reijders inspects a large shard of glass that was lodged in a door by the force of the explosion that ripped through the Sea Point home of Mr Rashied Staggle on New Year's Eve. **PICTURE: BENNY GOOL**

# Bomb rips through gangster's house

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Cape Town - The new year was ushered in yesterday morning with a near-fatal bomb attack on the family-owned Sea Point home of former Hard Livings gang leader Rashied Staggie.

One person was injured when a homemade explosive device was hurled through an open front door of the house in Conifer Street just before 4am.

Shards of glass and shrapnel raked the ceiling and walls, as the explosion tore a large hole through the rear of the house. Glass fragments lay scattered in the street outside.

The attack came as Capetonians were celebrating the birth of a new year, with revellers spilling into the streets and partying amid firecrackers and the popping of champagne corks.

The brazen early-morning attack is the second in less than a week. On Sunday morning, two petrol bombs were thrown at the Bishop Lavis home of Jassiem Titus, allegedly by members of People against Gangsterism and Drugs.

The attack brings to eight the number of bomb or petrol bomb attacks on the homes of drug dealers and gangsters in the past month.

## Fears for conflict between gangs and Pagad

About 14 people, including Rashied's younger brother Solly, were in the house at the time of the blast. Also in the house was Chantelle Staggie, 19-year-old daughter of Rashaad Staggie who was slain by members of Pagad in August.

Rashied Staggie, who was at his London Road home in Salt River at the time of the bombing, later accused Pagad of being responsible for the attack.

The attack has once again fuelled fears of a possible violent confrontation between the gangs and Pagad. However, Staggie said he and his organisation of former gangsters, the Community Outreach (Core) forum, would continue with their peace drive despite the latest incident. "Core stands for peace," he said.

Yesterday's homemade device, which was laced with nails and also contained a flammable substance, caused extensive damage to the house. The people inside the house testified to seeing a large ball of flames as the device exploded.

The attack appeared well thought out, taking advantage of a lapse in the security around the Staggie home on a night of revelry and celebration in Sea Point.

Eyewitness Igshaan Moos said they had been having a New Year's Eve braai when he saw a



Wrecked ... former gang leader Rashied Staggie stands in the hallway of the house in Conifer Street, Sea Point, Cape Town, which was severely damaged by an explosive device in the early hours of yesterday.

"light complexioned" man walk past the gate. The man glanced in before continuing, but turned back, and lobbed the explosive device into the passageway.

Police bomb experts on the scene later said the bomb had travelled about 8m down the passage. The people inside the house scattered as the device rolled past the living room and kitchen towards the rear of the house.

Riedewaan Sunday tried to kick the device back out the door, but dived for cover when he realised he was not going to make it. Sunday was the only casualty of the explosion, suffering shrapnel wounds to the legs.

Moos said: "The explosion happened about two seconds after the bomb was thrown."

The powerful explosion blew out most of the back section of the

house, scattering belongings and debris all over the courtyard at the back.

The perpetrator managed to escape undetected. Rashied Staggie arrived on the scene shortly afterwards. He said: "Luckily no one was seriously hurt, but someone could easily have died."

When questioned about who could be behind the attacks, he said: "Of course a person doesn't even have to ask who it is, because one can only think of Pagad."

"They (Pagad) probably did it in Worcester," he added. Police have, however, excluded the possibility that yesterday's bomb could be related to the Worcester bombings which killed four people, including three children.

Fellow Core executive members, Pastor Albern Martins and Ernest "Lapepa" Peters, arrived at

the scene later yesterday morning and vowed to persist with their peace initiative.

The two men appealed to the police to act against the attackers and bring them to justice.

Police have no suspects at this stage. Police spokesman Vima Simon said it was still too early to be pointing fingers, but added that the possibility that the incident could be Pagad related would be looked into.

Pagad chief co-ordinator Aslam Toefy refused to comment on the attack yesterday.

Toefy was arrested following last month's violent clashes with police at Cape Town international airport and at the Bellville Magistrates' Court.

He said: "I cannot comment on this because I don't know anything about it."

# Pagad has usurped state sovereignty

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**PAGAD** has entered 1997 as a sovereign power and the state's response to this challenge has been weak, inept and, at times mystifying, argues **DANIEL NINA**.

**T**HE PAGAD (People against Gangsterism and Drugs) issue needs careful examination. In particular, we, as a young democracy, must reflect on the levels of responsibility of the various people and organisations involved. Who, in the last instance, is to blame for the crisis?

The reason for the emergence of Pagad is known by most: to eradicate drugs and gangsterism from our communities. But it's difficult to classify Pagad. It's a community-based formation, a religious group, a social movement, a vigilante group and, more recently, "just another gang". Pagad poses problems, because it is all of the above and much more.

Pagad achieved what no one in 30 months of our democratic society has been able to do: it established the terms of the debate when negotiating with the state. Pagad has consistently defined the agenda, and the state has followed suit obediently.

For reasons I cannot understand, Pagad has been able to question and challenge state sovereignty and the democratic principles of equal co-existence and, more than anything else, has continuously appropriated the use of both symbolic and real violence. In practical terms we need to recognise it: Pagad has emerged at the end of 1996 as an authority, a sovereign power. Normally, in traditionally Western

democratic societies, the state is sovereign and it determines how to regulate the emergence of small, but contesting, micro-sovereignities — such as those of corporate capital. However, the state, in the case of dealing with Pagad, has proved to be incapable of asserting its authority, its sovereignty, and its responsibility to defend the safety and security of South African communities.

The list of wrongs committed by Pagad in the past six months or so is quite long: extensive and unlimited hate-speech about anyone not adhering to their beliefs; alleged killing of a citizen; "forced removal" of a minister of the national cabinet from his home for fear for his safety and that of his family; violence in public spaces, such as the airport and a shopping mall; and more than anything else, their unrepentant attitude towards carrying firearms and wearing Palestinian masks — as if we were experiencing our own *Intifada*.

Pagad has continuously played with the limits of democratic freedoms and has cleverly articulated a challenge to state authority. If democracy is about rights, it is also about responsibilities. It lies with the state, as the key organiser of our social co-existence, to determine and measure the limits of any social movement, vigilante group, or "just another gang".

This is where the crux of the matter lies: Pagad, has, as does every other organisation in society, the right to explore the limits of democracy. However, the state is the one with the capacity to limit that exploration.

The problem can be simply defined as that of an incapable state which cannot fulfil its responsibilities. The state has proved to be inefficient in dealing with



the real threat that Pagad poses to both it and the democratic principles that so many South African citizens have fought so hard for.

The recent arrest of 26 Pagad members might not contribute to a solution to the crisis. In a way, the state's "tough" response came too late — it arrived after five police personnel had been shot, tear-gassed and verbally abused.

But before this happened, Pagad attempted to intimidate Western Cape journalists. Ordinary community residents allegedly involved in drug dealing

were seriously harassed by "peoples' demonstrations" and members of other communities, such as the homosexual community, were also verbally molested.

The state response came at a time when, perhaps, Pagad had become "just another gang". But by then Pagad had done its utmost to reduce state authority to a charade.

The solution to the current crisis should not be limited in 1997 to the two main organisations involved. Pagad has shown that it is not prepared to accept the usual forms of debate and mediation. The

state, on the other hand, has proved incompetent and toothless in its attempts to impose its authority.

During our democratic transition, from 1990 to 1994, the involvement of sectors of progressive civil society helped to bring peace and stability to this country.

The intervention of peace monitors, mediators and facilitators and marshals could assist now, while democracy is still fragile. Moreover, the assistance of this sector could also help to create some order, which the state has been unable to achieve.

**ANARCHISTS OR SOCIAL REFORMERS? Pagad emerged in response to the rampant crime and drugs that plague Western Cape communities. However, some members of the very communities Pagad claims to protect feel Pagad is now no better than the gangsters it opposes.**

# Township groups hit back at crime

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STREET committees are turning away from taking the law into their own hands — and have formed neighbourhood watches that conduct special crime-prevention operations with police.

This is in stark contrast to the often hostile attitude displayed toward the police during the politically turbulent 1980s.

Community policing groups have sprung up in several Cape Flats townships, with a view to rebuilding family units and communities ravaged by crime.

The Gugulethu Community Policing Forum and the SA National Civics Organisation (Sanco) launched Operation Khululekani

just before the festive season, in an attempt to keep the rampant crime rate in check. Roughly translated, Khululekani means "Free the people from criminal activity".

Similar operations have been initiated in Langa and New Cross-roads.

These operations have been undertaken without weapons and members have shied away from vigilante-style actions or intimidatory tactics.

Despite being handicapped by a shoestring budget and meagre resources, the Gugulethu operation has succeeded in the arrest of several wanted criminals.

It has also resulted in the confiscation of a large arsenal of weapons, from switchblades to metre-long pangas, realistic toy guns, home-made zip guns and real firearms.

Any comparison to the anti-drugs group Pagad is quickly disclaimed.

The secretary of the Gugulethu Community Policing Forum, Mr Sto Jaxa, said: "There is no similarity between ourselves and Pagad. We have a totally different approach, we are not out to shoot people. We don't lynch people and we don't go out as a mob. We are not trying to take the law into our own hands."

Members of the group, which comprises street committees and a core band of volunteers, patrol the township streets, gathering information on suspected criminal activity. This is then given to the police.

Where limited police resources prevent immediate action, the group will confront the criminals and confiscate stolen property and firearms.

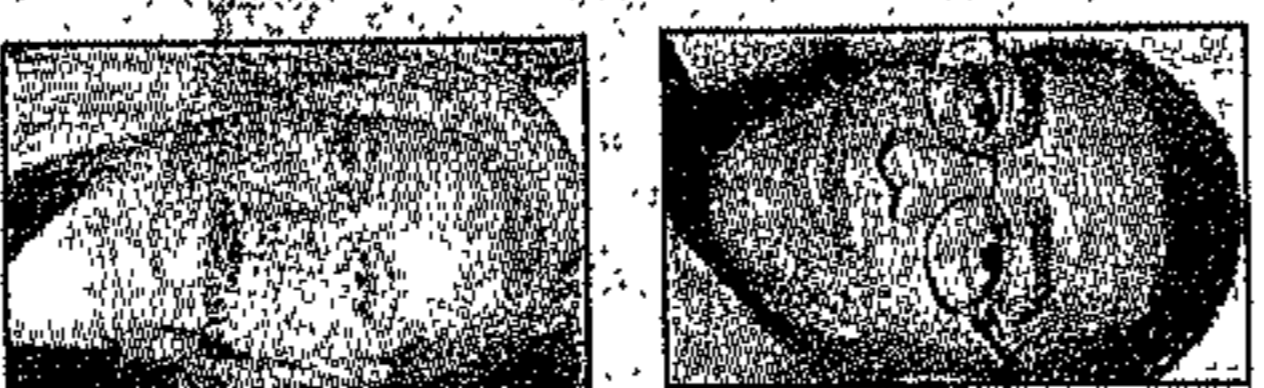
Suspects are then taken to the Gugulethu police station, where they are charged and arrested.

Jaxa said the aim of Operation Khululekani was not to do the police's work, but to assist the police.

The group had a broad community-based intelligence network, into

## RESIDENTS and police are working together in Peninsula townships to bring criminals to book.

**LINDIZ VAN ZILLA and JACKIE CAMERON** report on the latest "successful" anti-crime action.



from every street, who report any activity in their specific area.

Forum members also take action against "people who abuse their licensed firearms", member Mr Bonisile Malindi said.

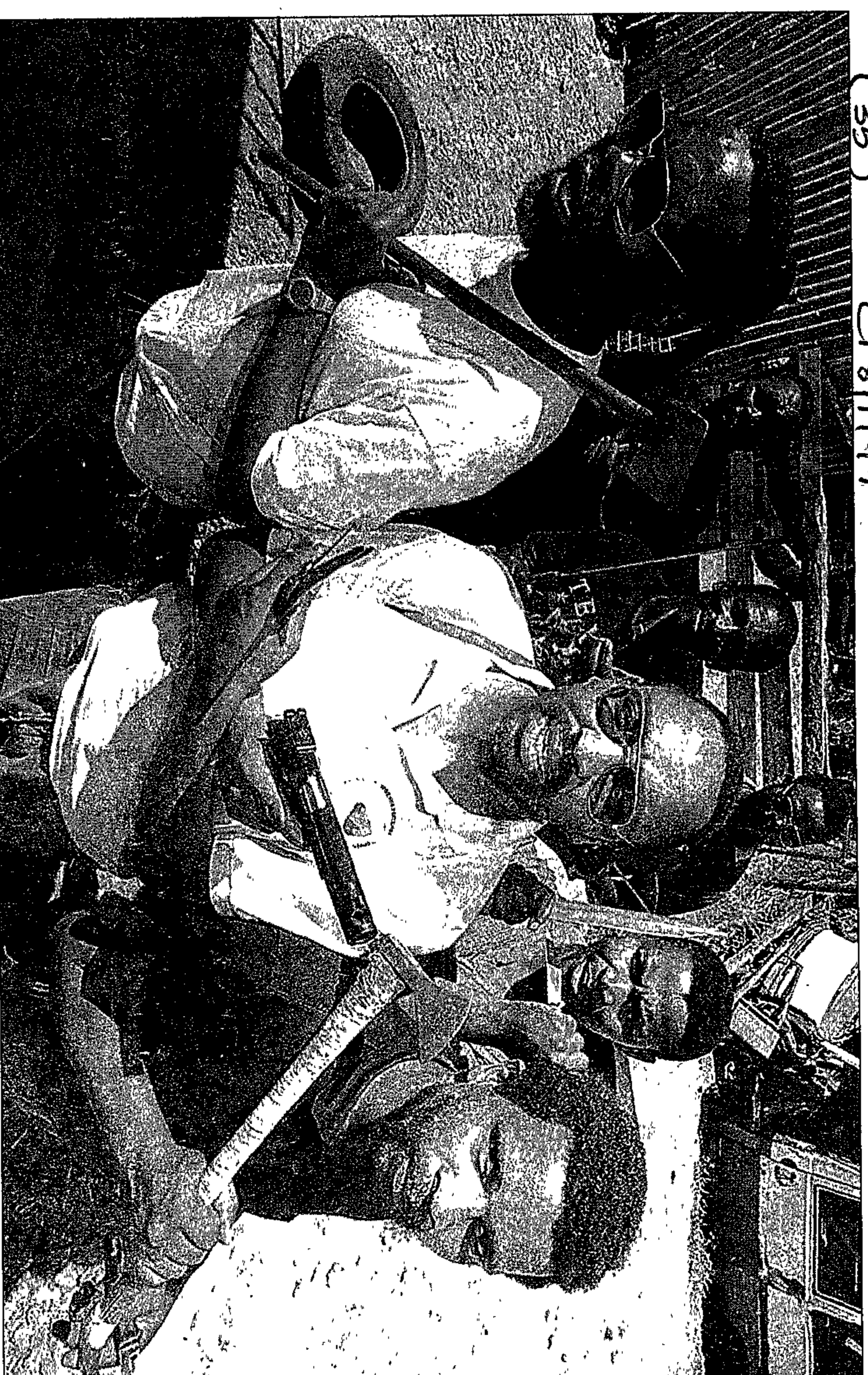
"We will confront these people and take their guns away from them, until such time as they show they can handle their weapons with respect and in a responsible manner. If that happens they can have their firearms back in a few weeks."

## Bid against crime.

The group makes do with one cellular phone, which is its "toll-free link" through which members of the community can report criminal activity.

Malindi said: "I receive more than 100 calls a day from people who supply us with information about illegal activities."

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**SEIZED:** Gugulethu community policing forum members with weapons confiscated in raids on the homes of suspected criminals are (back, from left) Mr Bennett Dalasile, Mr Enoch Hewu, Mr Smille Thandisizwe and Mr Bamba Skosana, (front) Mr Bonisile Malindi, Mr Sto Jaxa and Mr Shaun Mampupa.

PICTURE: GARTH STEAD

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# Fugitive Pagad man reappears

## 'We'll fight election'

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Pagad chief co-ordinator Abdoes-salaam Ebrahim, who is being sought by police, made a dramatic appearance at a meeting in Athlone last night and hinted the organisation may contest the 1999 elections.

Hours later police raided his Lansdowne home and confiscated a shotgun. Mr Ebrahim was not found there.

Acting police commissioner Dirk Crafford said police had a tip-off that Mr Ebrahim had gone home after attending the Pagad meeting at the Gatesville mosque. He said they found a shotgun for which "none of the people living in the house could produce a licence".

Commissioner Crafford said although there had been policemen outside the mosque last night, it had been difficult for them to identify Mr Ebrahim, as most of the Pagad supporters were wearing masks.

Mr Ebrahim turned up at the meeting in

spite of a large police presence. A warrant was issued for his arrest last month when he failed to give himself up to police after illegal firearms were found during a raid on his home.

Mr Ebrahim told chanting supporters that he "feared none but Allah" and launched a scathing attack on Leonard Knipe, head of the violent crimes unit.

He also heavily criticised Western Cape Attorney-General Frank Kahn. "Frank Kahn thinks that he holds the keys to the jails in the Western Cape, but Allah holds the keys to heaven and paradise."

He said politicians were trying to destroy Pagad because they wanted to mislead the people in the 1999 general election.

Politicians were misleading people but the emergence of Pagad had shaken this plan to its foundations. "They are forcing us to look at the 1999 elections," Mr Ebrahim said.

He also criticised former Pagad leaders

highway to Parkwood Estate in Grassy Park. Residents along the route shouted anti-Pagad slogans. Drivers hooted but did not stop.

Pagad chief commander Aslam Toefy said an incident like the bombing of a mosque in Rustenburg would never happen in the Western Cape as Pagad's infrastructure enabled it to protect places of worship.

After his speech Mr Toefy left, apparently for home. He is under house arrest after Pagad's airport demonstration last month.

as they planned to drive to two houses. They were instructed to stay in their cars when they arrived at their destinations. They should then hoot and shout anti-drug slogans through the open windows of their vehicles, he said.

This constituted a loophole in the government's ban on Pagad marches, said another Pagad member. A masked man then shouted: "Under no circumstances will people be allowed to get out of their cars once we arrive."

The convoy made its way along the M5

## Pagad fugitive: 'We may fight poll'

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Ali "Phantom" Parker and Farouk Jaffer, accusing them of "selling their souls to Satan".

At the meeting Pagad announced a new strategy to counter government attempts to stop members marching to the houses of druglords and gangsters.

The plan involves driving in convoys, hooting car horns and shouting anti-drug slogans. An unidentified speaker said those at the meeting should go to their cars,

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# TOEFY HELD AT PAGAD CITY RALLY

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## *Ebrahim surrenders*

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**Pagad chief commander Aslam Toefy was arrested today, while the organisation's fugitive chief commander surrendered to police after being hunted for nearly a month.**

Police arrested Mr Toefy, who is under house arrest, for attending a Pagad march on the Grand Parade today in apparent breach of bail conditions imposed after his arrest during a Pagad protest at Cape Town airport last month.

Police spokesman John Sterrenberg said that today's march was an "illegal gathering".

Chief co-ordinator Abdoes-salaam Ebrahim, clutching a Koran, walked into the Cape Town police station at Caledon Square at 11.25am today.

Mr Ebrahim was taken into custody amid loud cheers from hundreds of Pagad supporters in front of the police station.

Mr Ebrahim, 38, of Lansdowne, had arrived under heavy guard at a Pagad rally on the Grand Parade at 11.20am. Pagad supporters and a large police contingent waited for him for more than two hours.

He walked into the arms of his mother Gafsa Ebrahim and family members, wept



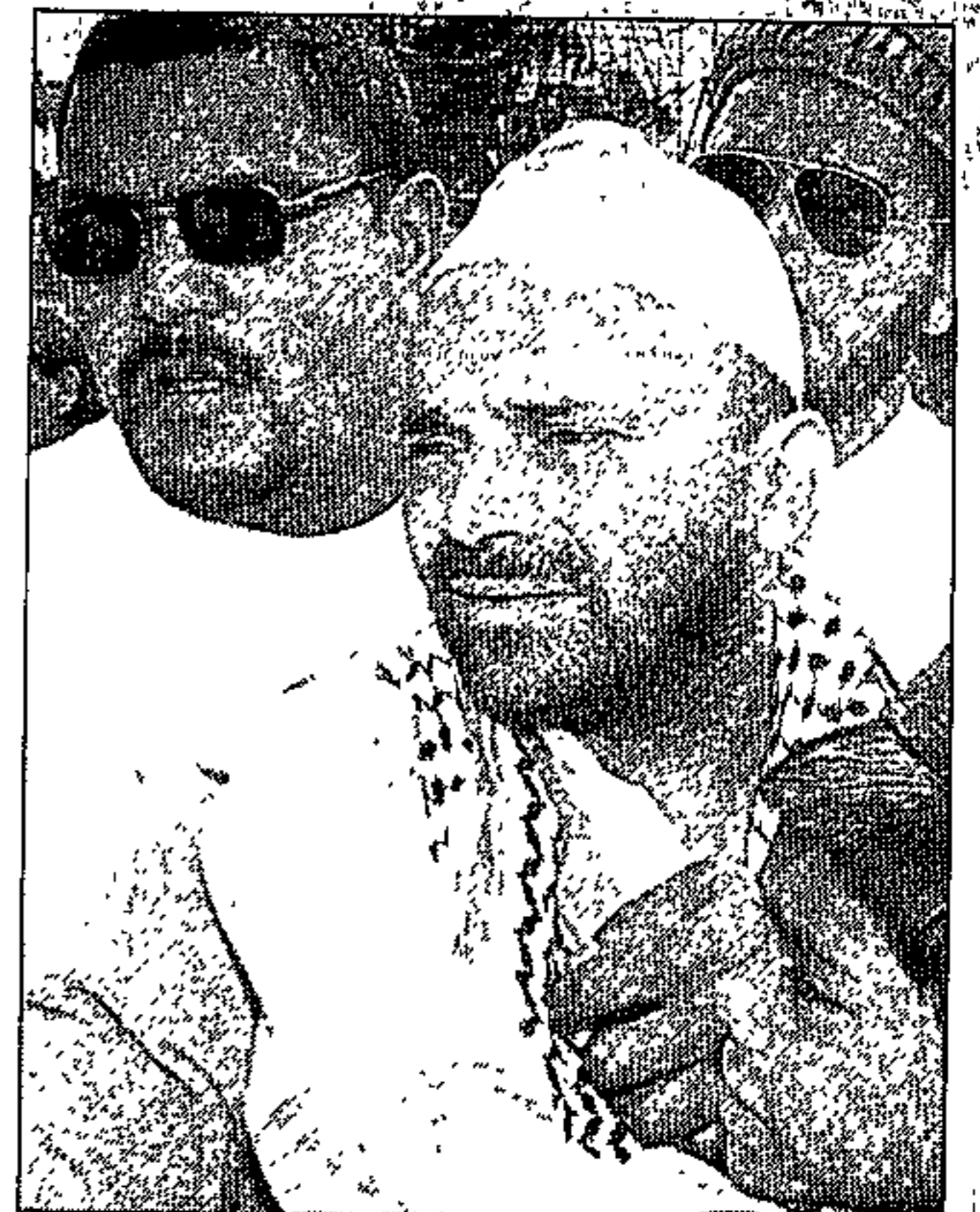
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**Held:** Aslam Toefy is arrested at the Parade today

and spoke to them before Pagad members marched to the police station, where he handed himself over to police.

A relative said there had been a strong

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**Arrested:** Abdoes-salaam Ebrahim

**Toefy held, Pagad fugitive surrenders at march in city** (35)

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police presence at Mr Ebrahim's Lansdowne home since early today.

Mr Ebrahim waved at and kissed well-wishers along the way while Pagad security officials kept the large crowd at bay.

He had been on the run from the police since a warrant was issued for his arrest when he failed to give himself up after Pagad's illegal demonstration at Cape Town International Airport last month. Allegedly illegal firearms were found during a raid on his home.

Mr Toefy, who was arrested after Mr Ebrahim surrendered, said Mr Ebrahim's arrest would not be the last.

He said Mr Ebrahim had done the nation proud by giving himself up, but warned that should anything happen to him in custody, certain sectors of the community would be held responsible.

Apart from today's rally, Mr Toefy also attended a meeting between Pagad and the Pan Africanist Congress yesterday.

On Wednesday he was at a Pagad meeting at Gatesville mosque, and earlier this week attended a meeting for Muslim clergy and community leaders at the St Athan's Road mosque in Athlone.

Attorney-General Frank Kahn said Mr Toefy's bail conditions were that he could attend mosque during specified times of worship and he was also given time off from his house arrest for "work".

When asked if Mr Toefy's community involvement amounted to "work", Mr Kahn said the media should approach Mr Toefy personally, as "he knows exactly what his bail conditions are".

Earlier this week, Mr Toefy denied breaking his bail conditions.



# Fugitive Pagad leader charged

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## Court drama

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**After a month on the run from police, People Against Gangsterism and Drugs fugitive chief co-ordinator Abdoes-salaam Ebrahim has been charged in the Bellville Magistrate's court with two counts of attempted murder and one each of public violence, attending an illegal gathering, assault and pointing a firearm.**

The wanted man gave himself up yesterday morning after police hunted for him for nearly a month. Police have raided his Lansdowne home and confiscated a firearm allegedly linked to last year's August 4 killing of Hard Livings gang leader Rashaad Staggie.

Police also arrested Pagad chief commander Aslam Toefy for attending a march on the Grand Parade yesterday in a breach of bail conditions and the house arrest imposed after his arrest during a Pagad march at Cape Town airport last month.

This weekend the outspoken Pagad official will be held in custody at Phillipi police station, where his religious beliefs will be observed during the month of Ramadan, which starts today.

Pagad member Sharief Khan also appeared in court for breaching his bail conditions. Magistrate J J van Reenen postponed Mr Toefy and Mr Khan's case until Monday. Mr Khan was also held in custody at Phillipi police station.

The men arrived at Bellville Magistrate's Court late yesterday afternoon amid a heavy police presence. A section of Voortrekker Road had been cordoned off with razor wire and traffic officers redirected traffic onto alternative routes. Police in Caspiers kept a close watch on a relatively small crowd who shouted Islamic slogans as the men walked into the court building.

Police arrested Mr Ebrahim, 38, of Lansdowne, amid loud cheers from hundreds of Pagad supporters in front of Caledon Square shortly after 11am. He had earlier arrived under heavy guard at a Pagad rally on the Grand Parade, where supporters and a large police contingent waited for him for more than two hours.

He waved and kissed well-wishers along the way as Pagad security officials kept the large crowd at bay.

Only a few family members and the press were allowed into the courtroom. After a complaint from Pagad supporters that the court should be open to everyone, a policeman allowed in another 15 supporters.

During an adjournment they chanted Islamic prayers and Mr Toefy, referring to the reporters, loudly accused the "newspaper people sitting there" of sensationalism.

Mr Ebrahim was initially only sought in connection with illegal gathering charges, but yesterday prosecutor E Cross told the court the State would oppose bail because further charges were being investigated. Defence advocate W King requested the State to provide details of the charges.

"The allegations that he is under investigation on other charges is prejudicial," he said.

The State then charged him with the alleged offences, but he was not asked to plead.

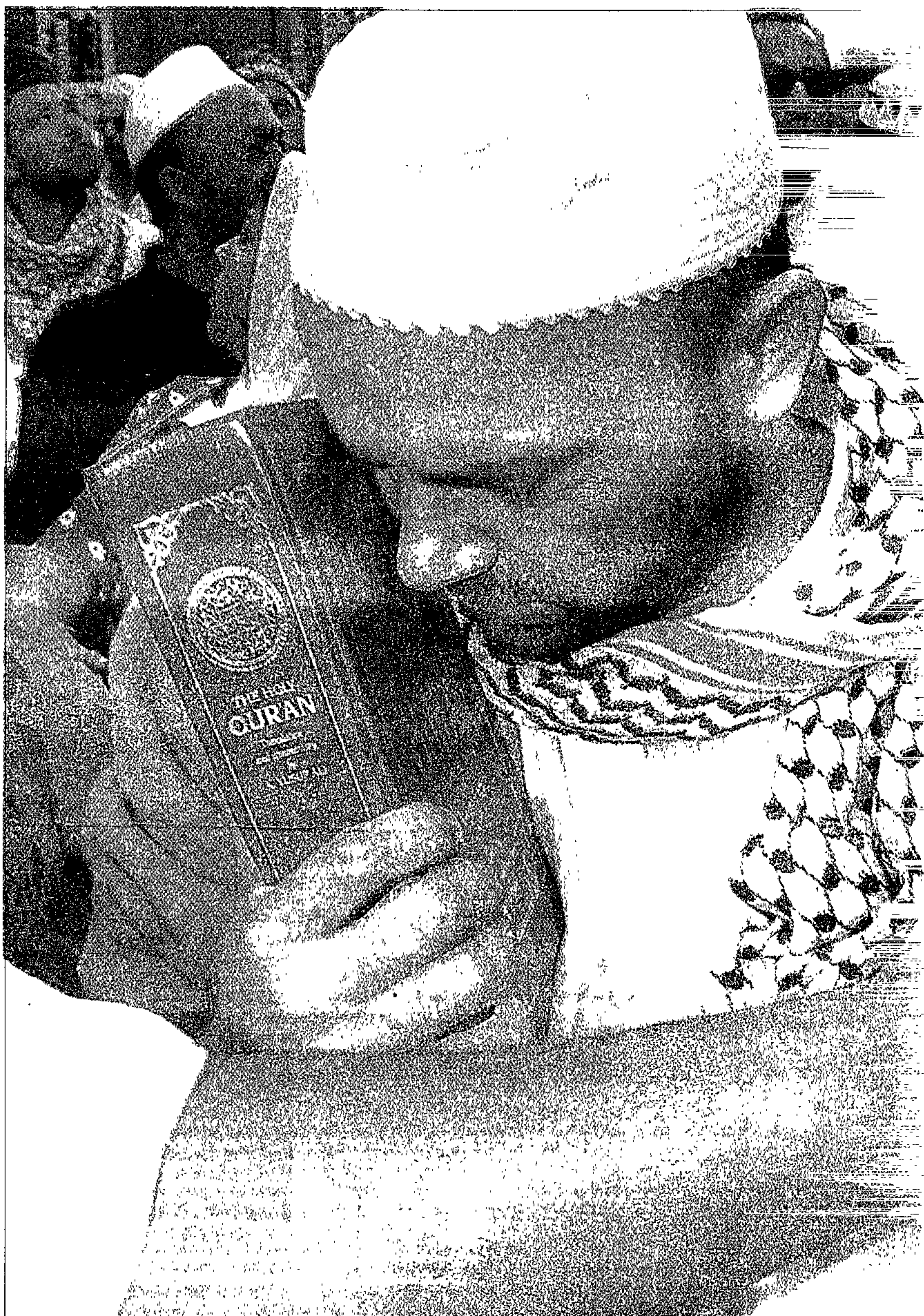
Ms Cross told the court it was not in the interests of justice to release Mr Ebrahim.

"Because he absconded in the past the State is of the opinion he will not stand his trial," she said.

Mr King objected to this and said Mr Ebrahim had not absconded as he had not been before a court.

Mr Van Reenen postponed the case to this morning when Mr Ebrahim's formal bail application will begin.

Emotions high at Pagad march, page 6



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Before arrest: Chief co-ordinator of Pagad and fugitive Abdoes-salaam Ebrahim just before surrendering to Cape Town police



BRENTON GEAR

Bail conditions breached: Chief commander of Pagad Aslam Toefy is arrested during a Pagad march at the Grand Parade

# Pagad gun linked to killing

By KEN VERNON

**WEAPONS registered in Pagad chief co-ordinator**

Abdoes-Salaam Ebrahim's name have been linked to attacks on drug dealers, including that in which druglord Rashied Staggie died.

This dramatic evidence was disclosed when Ebrahim, who gave himself up to police on Friday after being on the run for several weeks, applied for bail in the Bellville Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Ebrahim has been charged with two counts of attempted murder, two counts of attending illegal gatherings and one count each of public violence, assault and pointing a firearm.

He has not been asked to plead.

The bail hearing has been postponed. The state, opposing the application, has argued that Ebrahim was on the run from police for more than a month before he handed himself over to police.

Ms E Cross, for the state, said that if he was granted bail, there was a good chance he would not attend his trial.

Ebrahim failed to uphold an agreement reached with Attorney General Frank Kahn that he hand himself over to face charges arising from the Pagad demonstration at the Cape Town International Airport late last year.

One of the charges of attending an illegal gathering relates to the procession of supporters that Ebrahim led to the Cape Town Magistrate's Court on Friday before handing himself over to police.

After the procession, Pagad leaders Aslam Toefy and Sharief Khan were arrested for breaking their conditions. The terms of their bail are almost equal to house arrest.

Both attended the Bellville Magistrate's Court hearing yesterday as potential witnesses.

Police investigating officer Dirk de Beer testified that ballistic testing had linked a Winchester shotgun, registered in Ebrahim's name and seized from the Pagad leader's house, to shotgun shells recovered after attacks on alleged drug dealers' houses in August.

Evidence also linked a bullet cartridge found near the scene of the murder of druglord Staggie early in August to a weapon owned by Ebrahim.

The court viewed a 20-minute videotape filmed during the Pagad invasion of the airport. The demonstration ended in an attack on police, who responded with teargas and rubber bullets.

Ebrahim had been present during the confrontation.

Court officials said the bail hearing was complicated and could easily continue until tomorrow.

Ebrahim was represented by advocate William Kin



**UNDER ARREST . . .** Fugitive Pagad leader Abdoes-Salaam Ebrahim is led to the cells after surrendering to police at Caledon Square on Friday. He arrived with a throng of supporters. He faces a number of charges, including attempted murder, and has applied for bail. Picture: TERRY SHEAN

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# Man gunned down in home 'lived in fear'

**JUMAN SHIRONENI**  
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A Platteklouf man said to have had many enemies was gunned down at his home after returning with his wife from a holiday on the Wild Coast.

Joe Saban, 51, was a former member of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad), said police investigating officer Mike Barkhuizen.

He said no link had yet surfaced between the murder on Saturday and Mr Saban's Pagad membership, although the Kensington home of Mr Saban's son had been targeted in a hand grenade attack.

Captain Barkhuizen said that Mr Saban, according to his relatives, lived in fear, "looking over his shoulder" wherever he went.

Mr Saban had a long police record. His brushes with the law included murder, theft, car theft and fraud.

Captain Barkhuizen said Mr Saban had been awaiting trial in a case involving the sale of fake emeralds when he was killed, and was apparently involved in a scam selling cars across the borders of South Africa on behalf of the owners without producing the money after the sales.

Mr Saban, who apparently had been living in hiding in his townhouse in Two Oceans, Platteklouf, was shot dead by two intruders about 6pm on Saturday.

Mr Saban and his wife were in their bedroom, and had left a sliding door open to air the apartment.

The gunmen barged in and opened fire, hitting Mr Saban at least seven times in the upper body and head.

Miss Saban hid in the bathroom and was not hurt.

The intruders did not steal anything, and left about 10.00 in cash in their vic-

inity. The intruders said the attackers had got off the house and jumped over a fence to reach the Wild Coast, where they were hiding. The intruders said they were not interested in the money, but were interested in the house. A report of the murder was filed at the police station.

# Woman killed: Pagad threat to Stellenbosch

**NORMAN JOSEPH AND JENNAHE CRAIG** (35)  
**STAFF REPORTER**  
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Pagad have threatened to take the law into their own hands unless police take action within five days against gangsters arrested for allegedly murdering a Stellenbosch woman.

They also threatened to take action unless police acted on claims that gangsterism was rampant in Stellenbosch. A large group of Stellenbosch Christians and Muslims attended a Pagad rally at Vygieskraal Stadium in Athlone yesterday and pledged their support for the organisation.

Pagad security chief Sedick Samsodien told supporters that if Lynette Kespay's killers were not brought to book, action would be taken in Stellenbosch.

Miss Kespay was gunned down last week, allegedly by gangsters, in front of her teenage son, Owen.

She was allegedly harassed for several weeks by gangsters.

Her brother, George Kespay, wept as he told the rally that he and other family members had approached "a lawful organisation known as the police" but had got little protection from them.

"We are now turning to you for help



Restricted: Pagad leaders, from left, Aslam Toefy and Abdoes-Salaam Ebrahim with Sharief Khan

## R20 000 bail keeps Ebrahim at home

**FEROZA MILLER**  
**STAFF REPORTER**

People Against Gangsterism and Drugs chief co-ordinator Abdoes-Salaam Ebrahim has been granted R20 000 bail by the Bellville Magistrate's Court after a marathon eight-hour hearing.

He has been put under house arrest and cannot leave his home between 7pm and 6am except to go to a mosque for the sole purpose of worship.

He must also report daily to the police, and notify the investigating officer, Dirk de Beer, of any change of address.

In terms of his house arrest he may not attend Pagad meetings unless they are held in his house, and if he wants to take part in

because one of the gangsters who shot my sister six times is now out on bail and the others are expected to be released this week," he said.

"The moment a person resists or plans to testify against gangsters, he or she becomes a target."

Mr Kespay said his nephew Owen, who was on the podium, might develop into a person seeking revenge after witnessing his mother's murder.

Stellenbosch mayor Faghrie Patel, a member of the African National Congress, called on Pagad to open a branch in Stellenbosch.

Mr Patel said several prominent drug dealers were buying properties in the town.

Pagad leaders vowed to continue relentlessly with their theme "Pagad Marches On". They warned the rightwing Boere Aanvalstroep (Boer Attack Troops - BAT), movement, which has claimed responsibility for recent bombings in Rustenburg and Worcester, that Pagad was ready to defend itself.

Mr Samsodien said delegations would be sent to the V & A Waterfront airports and various border crossing points to discuss drug peddling with officials.

## Muslim leaders hold talks on rift after mosque clash

**CHEIKH BLISNAUR**  
**STAFF REPORTER**

Muslim leaders are meeting today to discuss a growing rift in Cape Town's Muslim community after supporters of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs disrupted prayers in a mosque.

Muslim Judicial Council president Sheikh Nazim Mohammed said the meeting, being held at the council's offices in Athlone, would address the disruption and the alleged assault of a religious leader at the Muir Street mosque on Friday.

About 50 Pagad supporters barged into the mosque during prayers and allegedly assaulted Sheikh Mogramad Moerat. They also reportedly confronted him about his association with former Pagad spokesmen Farouk Jaffer and Ali "Phantom" Parker and his involvement in founding a section 21 company under the Pagad name.

## Government, media attacked at rally

The Government and the media have again come under heavy criticism from People Against Gangsterism and Drugs, who have called for an independent commission of inquiry into alleged police corruption.

Hundreds of Pagad supporters packed the Vygieskraal Stadium in Athlone yesterday when the organisation's leadership vowed to march to Parliament on Saturday.

Pagad security chief Sedick Samsodien said a memorandum would be handed to

Islamic Unity Convention and Qibla leader Achmat Cassiem said Sheikh Moerat alleged that he had been assaulted soon after an altercation at the mosque. "I can't confirm that he was assaulted," he said.

Sheikh Mohammed declined to comment further about today's meeting or the weekend skirmish, apart from saying it would interrupt the busy schedule during the holy month of Ramadan, which began on Saturday.

Muslim clergy are deciding today if Friday's disruption would cause a split in the Committee of 10, which was formed recently in reaction to the rightwing bombing of a Rustenburg mosque.

Two Pagad members, including chief co-ordinator Aslam Toefy, were elected as members of the committee, which will oversee the protection of Muslim holy places. Mr Toefy was arrested on Friday for allegedly attending an illegal gathering.

The Government outlining a list of demands, including the right of Pagad members to defend themselves.

Speakers made scathing attacks on police, who recently raided the homes of Pagad members.

Pan Africanist Congress MP Patricia de Lille and other speakers lashed out at the media for allegedly biased reporting.

"Already the media is making a hoo-ha about PAC's alliance with Pagad," Mrs De Lille said - Staff Reporters



Solidarity: PAC MP Patricia de Lille with Western Cape Muslim community worker Madhief Botha, on the left, and a masked Pagad security official

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# PAC meets Omar on Pagad link

## Mandela's dilemma

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HUGH ROBERTSON  
Political Editor

The Pan Africanist Congress has sought to "iron out misunderstandings" over its show of solidarity with Pagad as President Mandela prepares to meet new PAC leader Stanley Mogoba for talks on joining the government of national unity.

Mr Mandela, who has been at odds with Pagad over some of its recent actions, is to meet Dr Mogoba on Wednesday to discuss his latest invitation to the PAC - the fourth in the past two and a half years - to join the Government.

A spokesman for the African National Congress Western Cape leader, Justice Minister Dullah Omar, confirmed today that PAC provincial leader Patricia de Lille, who is said to have been the prime mover in getting the PAC-Pagad "alliance" underway, had requested a meeting with Mr Omar to explain the PAC's position.

"Mr Omar met her yesterday, at her request. She informed the minister that she would be addressing the Pagad rally. The minister pointed out to her that Pagad would have to operate within the law," the spokesman said.

A PAC spokesman said today: "We are aware of the sensitivity around this issue, and we do not want anyone to get the wrong impression, so we will be explaining our position to the ANC and any other organisation involved in discussions with us."

A presidential spokesman said today that although the PAC-Pagad "alliance" probably would be discussed at the Mandela-Mogoba talks on Wednesday, Mr Mandela did not believe the incident would affect the outcome of the discussions on the PAC joining the Government.

Dr Mogoba was not available for comment but PAC officials confirmed there

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## PAGAD DISRUPTS FRIDAY PRAYERS

# Muslim anger at clash in mosque

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**MUSLIM CLERGY** have called a meeting for this morning to assess their continued association with Pagad. **JAMES BOWYER** and **HENRY LUDSKI** report.

**A**S the holy month of Ramadan starts, Pagad activities threaten to tear the city's Muslim community apart. Simmering tensions have been ignited by the disruption of Friday prayers at a city mosque, which has dramatically highlighted the deepening schism between Pagad and the Muslim religious community.

The weekly Jumu'ah at the Muir Street mosque came to an abrupt end when a group of about 50 chanting Pagad supporters barged in and allegedly assaulted Sheik Mogammad Moerat. This was after they had confronted him about his association with former Pagad leaders Mr Ali "Phantom" Parker and Mr Farouk Jaffer and his involvement in forming a Section 21 company under the Pagad name.

During the clash the imam was allegedly attacked physically and called a moenaafiq, or traitor. In the ensuing scuffle Pagad supporters clashed with worshippers who tried to protect the imam.

The mosque attack has led to Muslim clergy calling an urgent meeting for this morning to assess their continued association with Pagad, which has come under heavy fire for having violated the sanctity of the mosque during its holiest hour.

The incident threatens to break the fragile bond between Muslim clergy and Pagad leadership who only a week ago formed the Committee of 10 to co-ordinate the Muslim community's response to the Rustenburg bombings.

The continued militancy of the Pagad leadership has worried the clergy, but many are reluctant to openly break with the organisation for fear of reprisals.

The Muir Street mosque incident has brought matters to a head with the rest of the religious leaders, who are said to be determined to re-establish their authority among Muslims in the region.

The crisis flared into the open yesterday at a Pagad rally at Vygieskraal at which the clergy were severely criticised for being



**FREED:** Pagad chief co-ordinator Mr Abdoes-Salaam Ebrahim was released on R20 000 bail at the Bellville Magistrate's Court yesterday. With him here are fellow Pagad members Mr Aslam Toefy and Mr Sharief Khan. ● See Page 3

PICTURE: GARTH STEAD

"armchair critics".

Pagad's spiritual leader, known as the Amir, told the gathering of about 2 000 people that it was a "shame" that the religious leaders had failed to turn up at the rally.

Saying that the clergy had to "get out of

their armchairs", the Amir called on them to "come forward to accept your responsibility". He said that if there were things wrong in Pagad the religious leaders had to accept some of the responsibility.

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# Pagad's fight against crime a great service, says PAC

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OWN CORRESPONDENT



Alliance against crime ... PAC MP Patricia de Lille with Western Cape Muslim community worker Madelief Botha on the left and a masked Pagad security official behind them.

Cape Town - The Government has again come under criticism from People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) which has called for an independent commission of inquiry into alleged police corruption.

Hundreds of Pagad supporters packed the Vygieskraal Stadium in Athlone yesterday when Pagad security chief, Sedick Samsodien, said they would march to Parliament on Saturday and hand over a list of demands.

In her speech, Pan Africanist Congress MP Patricia de Lille criticised the large police contingent around the stadium, and said Pagad's fight against crime, cor-

ruption and drug trafficking was a great service to the country.

"It represents what everybody wants; the community in the fight against crime. It is community policing and participation on its highest level," she said.

■ Pagad chief co-ordinator Abdoes-Salaam Ebrahim was granted bail of R20 000 in the Bellville Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Ebrahim gave himself up to police on Friday after he "disappeared" for several weeks. He was wanted in connection with two cases of attempted murder, two cases of attending illegal gatherings as well as public violence, assault and pointing a firearm.

# Cape Islamic leaders slam

## Pagad over

### mosque fight

#### Militancy condemned

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Muslim religious leaders have condemned the violence which ended prayers at a Cape Town mosque and censured People Against Gangsterism and Drugs for alleged militancy and intolerance.

Prayers were disrupted at the Muir Street mosque on Friday when about 50 chanting Pagad supporters barged in and allegedly assaulted Sheik Mogrammad Moerat.

They first confronted Sheik Moerat about his association with former Pagad leaders Ali "Phantom" Parker and Farouk Jaffer and his involvement in the formation of a Section 21 company under the Pagad name.

A large group of leading Western Cape Muslim clergy said in a statement Pagad members had physically and verbally abused the sheik, his relatives and the congregation.

"This constitutes a violation of the sacred time of Jumaah, the sacred space of the masjid and the sacred person of an individual and calls for the highest censure by all decent human beings."

They said it was disconcerting that the events occurred in the presence of the leadership of Pagad, which included its Amir, whom the clergymen named as Abdurazag Ebrahim.

They said the Amir had done little to

control his followers. "Their leadership must take full responsibility for these actions since they directed members to the masjid," the clergymen said.

"These acts are borne out of deep intolerance for those who hold different views and is a blatant disregard for the rights of others," they added.

The clergy said no group could flagrantly disregard the values of a community and not be held accountable.

They were appalled at the behaviour of some Pagad members, and they held its leadership and particularly its Amir, responsible for Friday's events.

"We also hold the chairperson of the Islamic Unity Convention and leader of Qibla, Achmat Cassiem and Radio 786 responsible for creating an atmosphere of belligerence, militancy and intolerance in the community as a result of their inflammatory statements and programmes," the statement said.

"As a result of this, the image of Islam and Muslims has been tarnished and damaged."

They demanded that the Amir Hafiz Abdurazag Ebrahim, Mr Cassiem and the management of Radio 786 condemn the outrageous behaviour at the mosque or be considered accomplices.

A large group of Western Cape clergymen supported the statement. - Sapa

# Toefy stays in jail as bail breach probe

STAFF REPORTER

People Against Gangsterism and Drugs chief commander Aslam Toefy and member Sharief Khan will remain in custody until Friday while police investigate an alleged breach of bail by the two men.

Police are also searching for five other

members of Pagad who allegedly contravened their bail.

Conditions including house arrest were imposed after Mr Toefy and Mr Khan were arrested during a Pagad demonstration at Cape Town International Airport last month.

The men appeared briefly late yesterday in a tightly guarded and cordoned Bell-

ville Magistrate's Court. No charges were put to them. Their lawyer, Adiel Theunissen, also requested the postponement.

Mr Toefy and Mr Khan were arrested on the Grand Parade on Friday during a march in which Pagad national co-ordinator Abdoes-Salaam Ebrahim handed himself over to police, who had sought him for nearly a month.

On Sunday Mr Ebrahim was granted bail of R20 000 in the Bellville Magistrate's Court.

Mr Ebrahim's stringent bail conditions include house arrest, reporting daily to a police station and not attending Pagad meetings held outside his home. He has not paid the bail and is still in custody at the Phillippi police station.



Squaring up: Pagad leaders confront a police constable whom they accuse of reckless driving. They claimed the constable's driving caused them to be bounced around on their journey to court

## Leaders fight with police after 'rough ride' to court

JOSEPH ARANES  
STAFF REPORTER

Three Pagad leaders were involved in a scuffle with policemen who, they said, gave them a rough ride in the back of a van by driving recklessly on the way to court.

Pagad chief commander Aslam Toefy,

chief co-ordinator Abdoes-Salaam

Ebrahim and legal adviser Sharief Khan were driven from Phillippi police station to Bellville Magistrate's Court yesterday to appear on allegations of breaching their bail.

The three claimed that the constable behind the wheel deliberately drove recklessly, causing them to be bounced around.

This infuriated the trio so much that when they were taken out of the van outside court they got into a scuffle with their escorts.

The men's legal representative, Adiel Theunissen, said they wanted to lay charges against the policemen but all three officers were named Smith, according to their name tags.

"The policemen refused to identify themselves properly and to tell me where they are stationed," Mr Theunissen said.

In turn the policemen have laid assault charges against the three Pagad leaders.

Police spokesman John Sterrenberg said the three men were invited to lay charges against the police but they had not.

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# Muslim Clergy attacks Pagad

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**IN A MOVE** that effectively undermined Pagad's spiritual ground, a meeting of the majority of the Muslim clergy in the Western Cape yesterday buried their differences to spell out their condemnation of the "thugger" displayed by the group. **ANEEZ SALLE** reports.

**T**HE Western Cape's leading Muslim clergy yesterday put aside their differences to roundly condemn Pagad, accusing it of thuggery, of un-Islamic behaviour, and of damaging Islam.

In an acrimonious parting of the ways, the Ulama (religious leaders) have switched from open support to venting their anger on the leadership of Pagad (People Against Gangsterism and Drugs), to the extent that they have unmasked its hitherto heavily disguised and secretive spiritual leader, known only as the Amir. They named him as Hafiz Abdurazaq Ebrahim, until recently an announcer on Radio 786, one of two local Muslim radio stations.

He has memorised the Qur'an and is a graduate of the Islamic College of South Africa, which is adjacent to Gatesville Mosque, both of which are headed by Sheik Saadullah Khan.

The anger of the more than 60 sheiks, imams and maulanas, is in response to the alleged assault on one of their number, Sheik Mogammad Moerat during the main weekly congregational prayers last Friday, at the Muir Street Mosque on the fringes of District Six.

Such prayers (Jumu'ah) are considered sacred by Muslims. The clergy's watershed move effectively removes the moral and religious

the one hand, and the head of the Main Road, Claremont Mosque, Imam Rashid Omar on the other. Omar had previously been on the receiving end of allegedly physical protests from the MJC for inviting a Muslim woman to address Friday prayers.

Of all the major Muslim organisations, only the Islamic Unity Convention (IUC) and the smaller Qibla, both headed by Imam Achmat Cassiem — who is said to be very influential within Pagad — were not present.

The clergy, through spokesman Sheik Achmat Sedick, stressed they constituted the vast majority of Muslim religious leaders, and expressed "our strongest condemnation of the abhorrent behaviour" of a group of 50 Pagad supporters who disrupted the Muir Street Jumu'ah prayers, and allegedly assaulted the presiding imam, Sheik Moerat, and his family, inside the mosque.

"This constitutes a violation of the sacred time of Jumu'ah, the sacred space of the masjid, and the sacred person of an individual, and calls for the highest censure by all decent human beings," said a statement from the group, released by Sedick.

The ultimate penalty for a Muslim is ex-communication, which is rarely considered because of its devastating effect on those condemned. Islam is more than a religion: it is a way of life, its followers believe. Those cast out remain in a social and spiritual wilderness until death, and may not even be buried in Muslim cemeteries.

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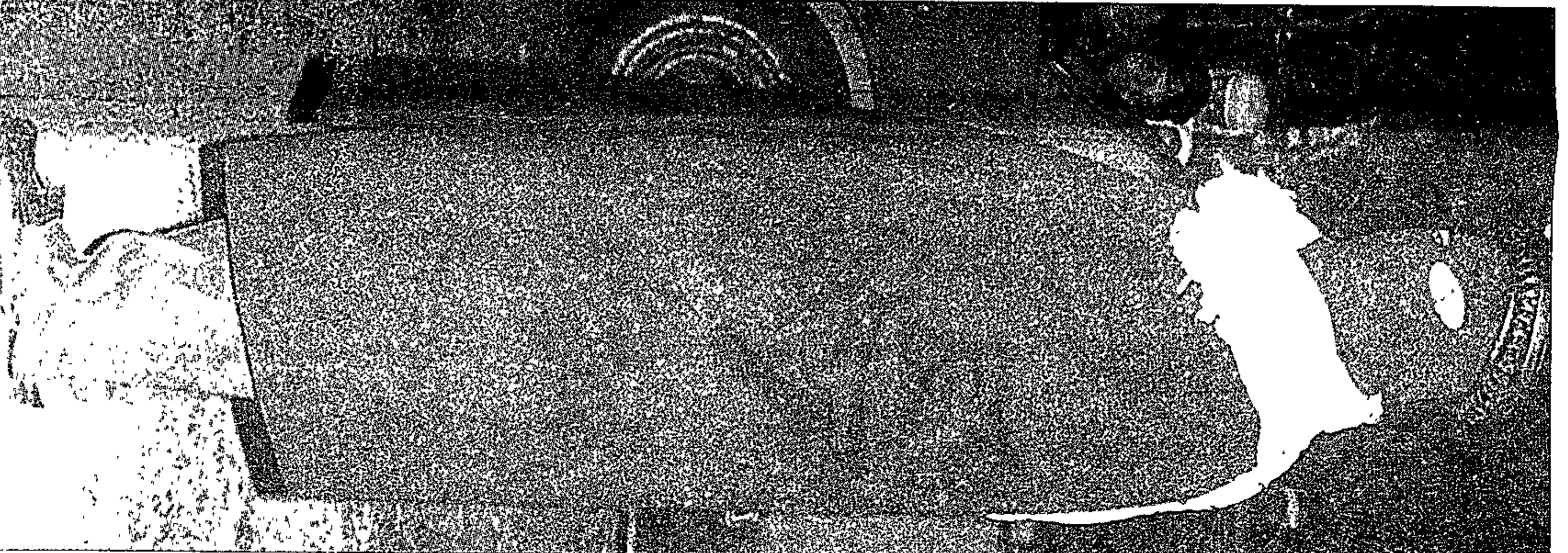
**CENSURED:** Qibla and IUC head Imam Achmat Cassiem received a drubbing.

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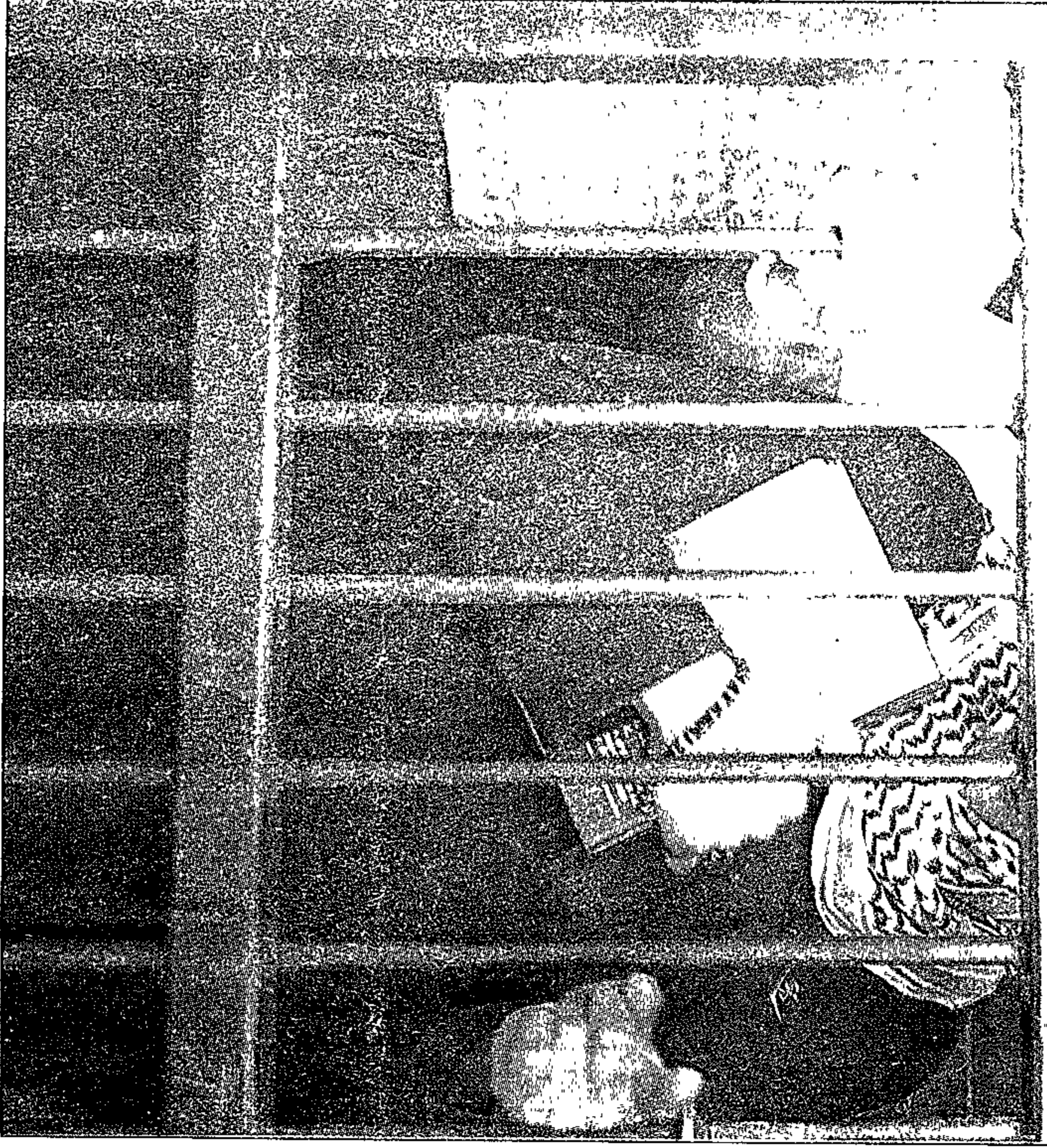
foundation that has underpinned Pagad.

The Muslim leadership, from widely differing groups, met yesterday at the Athlone offices of the Muslim Judicial Council, where the president, Sheik Nazeem Mohamed, chaired the gathering.

Indicative of the degree of unity wrought from the palpable anti-Pagad anger, was the close co-operation between the leadership of the MJC on



**UNMASKED:** The disguised spiritual leader of Pagad was named as Hafiz Abdurazaq Ebrahim. PICTURE: BENNY GOOL



**IN CUSTODY:** Pagad members (front left), chief commander Mr. Aslam Toefy, Mr. Sharief Khan and chief co-ordinator Mr. Ali Iqbal-Salaam Ebrahim during yesterday's court proceedings.

PICTURE: ALAN TAYLOR

**THE following Muslim clergy support the statement issued in Athlone yesterday:**

- Sheikh Nazeem Mohamed
- Sheikh Abduragiem Salle
- Sheikh Amlen Fakler
- Sheikh Moosa Goder
- Sheikh Abdurahman Gaffielden
- Sheikh Omar Gabler
- Sheikh Mogamat Woerat
- Sheikh Achmat Sedick
- Maulana Yusuf Karaan

- Sheikh Mohamed Cartoo
- Maulana Achmat Dawids
- Sheikh M Falek Gamlaldien
- Sheikh A Gamlak Gabler
- Sheikh Ebrahim Gablreis
- Sheikh Ibrahan Abrahams
- Imam M Ganief Siamang
- Sheikh Abu Bakr Gablreis
- Imam A Rashied Omar
- Sheikh Abdullah Awaidien
- Imam Ederles Mohamed
- Imam M Shakier Achmat
- Imam Achmat M Edwaridi

- Sheikh Igsaan Talliep
- Maulana Abduragman Hendricks
- Imam M Sedick Sedick
- Sheikh Adiel Hattas
- Sheikh Achmat Daniels
- Imam Yusuf Achmat
- Sh Abduracouf Abduracouf
- Maulana A Khaalq Allie
- Sheikh Ebrahim Abrahams
- Imam Gassan Solomon
- Imam Redar Beharidien
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- Imam Ebrahim Majiet
- Imam Yashin Hattis
- Imam Ismail Allie
- Sheikh Falek Bassadlen
- Sheikh Achmat Samaal
- Imam Gassant Moos
- Maulana Igsaan Hendricks
- Imam Adam Philander
- Maulana Yunus A Rhoda
- Maulana A Qaadir Murray
- Maulana Igsaan Daniels
- Maulana Ebrahim Gaffoor
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- Sheikh Amlenoldien du Toit
- Imam Adnaam Gorder
- Maulana Noor Bloomberg
- Maulana Khutubdien Kagoe
- Imam Abdulatif Parker
- Sheikh Ababakar Abduracouf
- Maulana Ali Adam
- Imam Arhin Ahmed
- Imam Mustapha Ahmed
- Sheikh Ebrahim Adams
- Imam Ebrahim Singsh
- Sheikh Kashief Damon
- Imam Omar Effendi



# Feud spirals: 'open war' fear

## 'Gangsters' hit in early-morning attacks after Bloody Sunday

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Staff Reporters

Cape Town is bracing itself for a long-fearing war between gangsters and Pagad after "Bloody Sunday" yesterday.

Five people were wounded in attacks on prominent members of the Muslim community and there were also five attacks on the homes of suspected drug dealers.

Two attacks were directed at people linked to the Gatedville Mosque in Athlone, where People Against Gangsterism and Drugs hold regular meetings.

Shots were fired at alleged drug merchants in Retreat, Bishop Lavis, Athlone and Strandfontein. Petrol bombs were thrown at a house in Rocklands, Mitchell's Plain and another in Bishop Lavis.

Rylands, where many top Muslim business people live, was shaken by a blast soon after 11pm yesterday when a hand-grenade was lobbed into a home of a relative of Gatedville Mosque official Siraj Parker, who had been wounded by gunmen at his Primrose Park home earlier.

A police spokeswoman said Mr Parker was in a critical condition after being shot four times by two unknown attackers - who confronted him when he parked his car in front of his garage.

Mr Parker, secretary of the Gatedville Mosque, was attacked just after midnight near Aziza Moosa and Rafaat Mowser, 15, were taken to Groote Schuur Hospital with



Cleaning up: Jambouffien Parker hoeses down the tiled entrance of the Rylands home after the attack



Police line: neighbours mingle with police outside Vegun Parker's house after the attack

shrapnel wounds after the grenade explosion ripped through the double-storey mansion.

Others injured in the blast were Jamiela Khan and Shirvan Khan. The four were in satisfactory condition, relatives were told.

Neighbours said the attacks were the opening salvoes of a war which could change the Cape Flats into a battleground if the Government did not intervene.

The house in Middel Road, belonging to businesswoman Vegun Parker, resembled a war zone after the grenade was thrown into the house.

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WEEKEND OF VIOLENCE

Five people were admitted to hospital after several weekend attacks that were allegedly part of the feud between Pagad and Cape Flats drug dealers and gangsters. A hand-grenade and petrol bombs were hurled and houses came under gunfire in at least seven attacks.

On Saturday the Strandfontein home of an alleged drug dealer came under fire. No one was injured.

Yesterday morning at least two gunmen opened fire on the secretary of the Gatedville Mosque, Siraj Parker, in front of his Primrose Park home. Mr Parker is critical in Groote Schuur Hospital after being shot four times.

A few hours later four people, including a pregnant woman, were injured when a hand-grenade was lobbed into a house in Rylands Estate belonging to businesswoman Vegun Parker, a relative of Siraj Parker.

The house of Shaun Hendricks, an alleged Retreat drug dealer, was shot at and a car outside was heavily damaged in what police believe could be a Pagad-related attack. Mr Hendricks was not at home and the three people in the house were not injured.

Today two men with shotguns threw a petrol bomb on to the roof of the Mitchell's Plain home of alleged drug dealer "Dimes" Mard.

The Athlone home of an alleged drug merchant known only as Mohamed also came under shotgun fire today. No one was injured.

Armed men threw a petrol bomb and opened fire on the Bishop Lavis house of shebeen owner Willie Solomon today. Police said Mr Solomon had been awakened by people calling his name. When he opened his door the petrol bomb was thrown and shots were fired. He dived back into the house and escaped injury.

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# 'Bloody Sunday' - city braced for warfare

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prayer. The girl, who did not want to be named, was still trembling as she described the mayhem after the explosion that shattered the Sunday night peace:

Najumuniesa Jainoordien, a neighbour who dashed to the aid of the Parker family, praised police for their swift reaction.

She said the Muslim community was outraged, especially because those responsible for the blast had chosen the holy month of Ramadan to strike.

A few hours after the grenade attack, gunmen opened fire on the home of alleged drug dealer Shaun Hendricks in Retreat. But Mr Hendricks was not home and the three people in the house were not injured.

According to police spokeswoman Ciska du Plessis, at least one car stopped outside the house and the occupants of the vehicle opened fire.

On Saturday the house of an alleged drug dealer in Strandfontein was fired at by unknown assailants.

According to a neighbour, Pagad marched to the house last year and delivered an ultimatum to the owner to "stop dealing in drugs".

Senior Community Outreach Forum (Core) member Ernest "Lapepa" Peters said the organisation believed disgruntled gangsters who were not part of Core could be responsible for the recent attacks on homes of Pagad members.

Core represents gangsters who say they have reformed.

"A number of gangs are sick and tired of our calls for peace because it seems as if they are falling on deaf ears," he said.

Mr Peters said Core would meet at the weekend to discuss a new strategy to deal with Pagad. This could include going to war.

Police spokesman John Sterrenberg said police were treating the weekend's attacks in a serious light.

"But we will not be narrow in our investigations and will look at all the possibilities as there could be other motives for the attacks," he said.

Meanwhile, Dawood Khan of the Western Cape Traders Association said it was a matter of urgency that Minister of Safety and Security Sydney Mufamadi meet Western Cape businessmen to discuss escalating attacks on innocent people.

Mr Dawood, who is also vice-chairman of the African National Congress in Kensington, said he would phone Mr Mufamadi today to arrange an urgent meeting.

**2am LATEST**

**FIVE LIE WOUNDED IN HOSPITAL**

# Grenade attack follows

# strike on mosque official

**A GRENADE** hurled late last night into the Rylands home of relatives of the secretary of the Gatesville Mosque who was shot early yesterday has raised fears that gangsters may be taking revenge against people they believe are associated with Pagad. **JAMES BOWER** reports.

**A**Ssistant secretary of Gatesville Mosque Mr Siraj Parker lay in Grootte Schuur Hospital after being shot down yesterday, a handgrenade was thrown into his cousin's Rylands home, very close to the mosque.

The grenade was hurled into the home of Mrs Vegun Parker shortly before midnight as family members and friends, about 20 people, were sitting in the Middle Road house.

"We were sitting around the table, chatting, when something was thrown through the window," said Mr Mohammad Parker, a family member who lives in the house.

Late last night police and ambulance men were ferrying the wounded to Grootte Schuur Hospital. One man and one woman were seriously hurt and two other women slightly injured. The hospital said they were suffering mainly from shrapnel wounds.

One of the policemen at the scene said blood was running down the walls of the living room. "There was lots of blood, and the fridge was peppered with shrapnel."

A shocked neighbour, who called the ambulance after hearing the blast, told the Cape Times early this morning: "It was shockingly loud. I heard the bang and immediately called the ambulance.

"My ears were still ringing half-an-hour later. It was terrible."

Police could not confirm that the attack was part of the escalating war between Pagad and city drug dealers.

"We just don't know at this stage," said a police spokeswoman.

Mr Siraj Parker, whose condition was said to have stabilised last night in Grootte Schuur Hospital, is not a Pagad member, the Imam of Gatesville Mosque, Sheikh Sa'Dullah Khan, told the Cape Times.

But the Gatesville Mosque is widely viewed as Pagad's headquarters as the group holds most of its meetings there.

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Parker was followed home early yesterday by a group of men wearing balaclavas and shot several times as he alighted from his car.

Kahn said that in the absence of robbery as a motive, "the possibility exists that it could be gang-related".

If this was found to be the case, it would be very disturbing that a senior member of the mosque's community had suffered as a result of the mosque's "open policy".

Khan said that although most members of the mosque broadly agreed with combating gangsterism and drugs, which is an ideal expressed by Pagad, the fact that the mosque's open policy allowed Pagad to hold meetings there did not make everyone associated with the mosque a Pagad member.

It was not only Pagad that was allowed to hold meetings at the mosque. A variety of people of differing religions — some famous, some controversial — had been welcomed into the mosque in the past.

This did not mean that everyone associated with the mosque necessarily subscribed to their differing views.

"But sometimes the open policy is open to abuse," he said. "Pagad has used the mosque. Now, whatever excesses they commit, people will link Pagad to the mosque. Certainly he is not a member of Pagad, as I am not."

According to a police spokesperson

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Captain Ciska du Plessis, Parker arrived at his Amazon Street home just after midnight. He had apparently been followed home by two people.

As he climbed from his car he had been shot several times, the bullets hitting him in the leg and chest.

As he had run into the house, some neighbours had emerged, and the guns had been turned on them. None had been hit and the gunmen had escaped.

Du Plessis did not wish to speculate whether the incident was Pagad/gang-related.

A few hours later, just before 4am yesterday, a group of gunmen descended on the home of an alleged drug dealer in Retreat.

The alleged dealer, named by Du Plessis as Mr Shaun Hendricks, was not at home. There were three people inside the house, including a friend of Hendricks', Ms Shereen Baatjies.

At least one car ground to a halt outside the Scottsville Street house, and the occupants sprayed the house with gunfire. Du Plessis said the police had found 45 spent cartridges at the scene.

A car outside the house was badly damaged, as was the house itself. Nobody was seriously injured. Du Plessis said the incident was "possibly Pagad-related".

## Grenade killing: Omar urges calm

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Justice Minister Dullah Omar has appealed for calm after the spate of attacks at the weekend which left a pregnant woman dead and raised fears of open war between Pagad and gangs.

Aziza Moosa, who was wounded by shrapnel when a hand-grenade was tossed into the Rylands Estate home of Vegun Parker on Sunday, died in Groote Schuur Hospital yesterday.

Three other victims of the attack and secretary of the Gatesville Mosque Siraj Parker, who was shot several times outside his Primrose Park house on Saturday night, are still in hospital.

Several houses belonging to alleged drug dealers were also the target of petrol bombs and gunfire.

The attacks are widely seen as part of worsening conflict between alleged gangsters and Pagad. Mr Omar said he would

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# Omar calls for calm after killing

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not apportion blame for the incidents, but condemned the intensification of the conflict in the strongest terms and hoped police would bring those responsible to justice swiftly.

"People must co-operate with the law enforcement agencies, remain calm and avoid revenge situations," said Mr Omar.

He expressed condolences to the next of kin of Mrs Moosa and with the other families and friends affected by the attacks.

A Pagad spokesman condemned the "senseless" acts of violence and appealed to the authorities to speedily bring to book those responsible for the death of Mrs Moosa and the injuries to the others.

"But we will continue with our stated programme to rid our country of drugs and gangsters and will not be sidetracked by

these cowardly attacks," he said.

Provincial Police Minister Gerald Morkel expressed his government's sympathy with the victims of the weekend's violence and said the police would do all in their power to catch those responsible.

He appealed to the public to support the police by supplying information which would lead to the speedy arrest and successful prosecution of the perpetrators.

Meanwhile the Muslim Judicial Council has called on imams and mosque committees to tighten security.

Council secretary-general Sheikh Achmat Sedick said the organisation strongly condemned the shooting of Mr Parker and the subsequent grenade explosion at the home of Vegun Parker.

"We categorically state that life is sacred and that it is forbidden for a person to take a life unjustly. May the perpetrators

of this vicious and abhorrent attack be brought to justice," he said.

The African National Congress in the Western Cape has called on national Minister of Safety and Security Sydney Mufamadi to intervene as the conflict between gangsters and Pagad supporters escalates.

ANC provincial secretary James Ngculu said if the Western Cape police services failed to stabilise the current explosive situation it would urge Mr Mufamadi to urgently address the crisis.

"South Africa cannot afford a situation to develop where opposing groups violently attack each other," he said.

Mr Ngculu also called on Pagad supporters not to take the law into their own hands and said he hoped that they would give the police their full co-operation.

"On the other hand we call on gangsters to stop revenge attacks on Pagad," he said.

# Fears of 'all-out war' in W Cape after attacks on Pagad members

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Cape Town – The Western Cape government will have to take urgent steps to prevent all-out war between drug dealers, gangsters, and People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad), the ANC in the Western Cape said yesterday.

The ANC was responding to the shooting of the secretary of the Gatesville mosque, and a hand-grenade attack on a house in Rylands.

Five people were wounded in the two attacks, directed at people linked to the Gatesville mosque in Athlone.

ANC provincial secretary James Ngcuku said the police would have to do everything in their power to prevent the conflict, which could be done only if people gave the police their full co-operation.

He said the latest attack on the mosque secretary, Siraj Parker, and the subsequent grenade attack, should be condemned in the strongest possible terms.

"If the provincial MEC for police services fails to stabilise the current explosive situation, we will call on the national police minister to urgently address the crisis."

The minister of police services in the

Western Cape, Gerald Morkel, also condemned the attack. He said the police would do everything in their power to arrest those responsible and appealed to the public to support the police by supplying information which would lead to the arrest and prosecution of the perpetrators.

Morkel said his door was also open to all parties, including Pagad, who he said were dedicated to a peaceful solution to the problem.

In the weekend attack four people, including a pregnant woman, were injured when an M26 hand-grenade was lobbed into a Rylands, Cape Flats, house.

■ Two Pagad leaders and two supporters were released from police custody late yesterday in an unexpected development caused by "problems" at the Philippi police station on the Cape Flats, where they had been held.

Pagad leaders Aslam Toefy and Sharief Khan, and supporters Abieda Roberts and Mohamed Shaik, will appear in court on Thursday on charges of defying house arrest orders following the march by Pagad members on the Caledon Square police station on January 10. – Sapa.

**SPLITS AND VENGEANCE**

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The slogan chosen by People Against Gangsterism & Drugs (Pagad) for its march on parliament last Saturday was explicit: "New democracy stinks." About 1 000 people took part to demand the release of key leaders and the suspension of bail conditions, such as house arrest.

Pagad missed Minister of Justice Dullah Omar, who was attending the ANC's *lekgotla* at the time. But a memorandum was accepted by Omar's special adviser Enver Daniels, who says he will discuss policy with the Minister this week.

While reiterating demands Pagad has made in the past, the schismatic organisation invoked the Constitution in claiming that its rights to freedom of expression, association and movement were

being infringed. It said "gangsters and drug lords receive no such restrictions in the rare event of them being apprehended."

Pagad's immediate rage was directed at the bail hearings of several of its leaders, including Aslam Toefy and legal representative Sharief Khan. Toefy, in particular, is accused of breaking bail conditions by taking part in an anti-crime march; and last week he secretly made a tape recording in jail and had it released to the media.

Before the weekend was over, however, Pagad faced a graver threat — one that could stretch police resources in the Western Cape to its limits. Sirajsodien

Parker — an official at the Gatesville mosque where Pagad regularly meets — was shot and wounded by unknown men in Manenberg. Then in the early hours of Sunday, the home of Amien Parker (a restaurant owner and relative of Sirajsodien) came under a hand grenade attack and four people were seriously injured.

Last week, a Pagad member was executed, gangland style.

The question is whether these incidents were reprisals against Pagad. According to Western Cape police senior media liaison officer John Sterrenberg, there was no immediate evidence to indicate the attacks were related. However, he says that, given the views that "certain gangsters" had made public last week, all possibilities were being investigated.



**Armed prophets . . . against drugs or the secular State?**

This, presumably, is a reference to comments by Rashied Staggie, brother of slain Hard Livings gang leader Rashaad Staggie, whose murder first led to widespread publicity — and considerable support — for Pagad. Though denying that he knew who killed the Pagad member "executed" last week, Staggie's words were clearly sinister: "Nobody wants to die, and to survive people will do anything. Things are going to start happening for which no-one will accept responsibility."

The Pagad story grows more complex by the day. The Gatesville members led

by Toefy (who reports to a shadowy figure known as The Amir) last year expelled the original men associated with the movement, most notably Ali "Phantom" Parker and Farouk Jaffer. According to Sterrenberg, the Parkers attacked at the weekend are related to Ali Parker "in the same way that all the Van der Merwes are related."

A further ominous dimension — a religious one — has been added to Pagad's consistently reckless behaviour. The vigilantes led by Toefy — who was arrested after the violent march

on Cape Town International airport in December — have been linked to the Islamic fundamentalist group Qibla. Ali Parker and Jaffer's expulsion was justified at the time on the grounds that they had brought both Pagad and Islam into disrepute. But now Toefy and some of his followers face the same charge.

Last week, 62 Muslim leaders denounced Toefy's Pagad for thuggery and un-Islamic behaviour. This was prompted by an alleged assault by vigilantes on religious leader Sheik Mogam-

mad Moerat during prayers at a Cape Town mosque. This assault is widely assumed to have occurred because Moerat was associated with the registration of Pagad in December as a Section 21 company (not for gain) by Ali Parker and Jaffer.

In his prison statement, Toefy berated the clergy who condemned the Moerat outrage as violating the sanctity of the mosque, echoing a Pagad statement which rhetorically asked: "Where was the sanctity of the mosque when the imam and sheiks promoted and supported political parties who stood for abortion on demand, gay rights, prostitution and pornography?"

This statement alone suggests that Pagad's "wars" — against gangsters, the police, media, dissident members and now the clergy — have eroded community confidence in its methods and that a hard core has been left that sees its crusade in very broad terms indeed. If the new democracy "stinks," Pagad's actions look like an orchestrated campaign against the ruling order itself — which would in turn indicate a desire to create a fundamentalist State.

Pagad says that it will "bring sanity, love, unity, justice and a drug-free, gangster-free society and bring true liberation soon, with the help of the Creator and the communities."

With the probability that the gangsters are now striking back, there's a real potential for widespread violence across the Cape Flats — and the police are bracing themselves for an intensification of the multifaceted conflict. ■



## Top cop praises elite units for curbing crime in W Cape

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CRIME REPORTER

Crime in the Western Cape, including gang-related offences, took a beating last year.

Provincial police commissioner Leon Wessels heaped praise on three elite units – the gang investigation detective unit, the visible unit which does patrols and the public order unit.

These were at the forefront of investigating gang-related crimes, which had decreased from 549 in 1995 to 265 in 1996.

Last year a total of 468 757 crimes were reported in the province compared to 479 771 in 1995 – a decrease of 2,3 percent.

Commissioner Wessels said the reduction in crime could be attributed to the “sterling work” of the three units.

Acting on information, they had carried out successful operations in gang strongholds, resulting in a significant drop in gang-related crime.

The gang unit had a 76 percent success in solving gang-related crime last year. It had investigated 88 murders and solved 67, arresting 459 suspects.

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HOSTILITIES MOUNT BETWEEN PAGAD, CORE

# Govt blamed for lack of action as war escalates

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**THE JOINT FORUM** on Policing has warned that hostilities in "the war between Pagad and Core" could escalate. **ROGER FRIEDMAN** reports.

**A**N influential body of more than 20 non-governmental agencies specialising in policing, justice and conflict-resolution yesterday rebuked the government for its seeming inability to stem what now threatens to evolve into an all-out war between Pagad and the underworld.

The Joint Forum on Policing — whose membership comprises such organisations as Nicro, the Community Peace Centre, the Western Cape Anti-Crime Forum, National Association of Democratic Lawyers, Centre for Conflict Resolution and the Western Province Council of Churches — warned that hostilities in "the present war between Pagad and Core" could escalate.

Core, the Community Outreach Forum, is a group largely comprising prominent underworld leaders who claim to be on the path to permanently mending their ways.

In the past six months, Pagad is said to have been responsible for more than 50 violent actions against alleged drug dealers and their property. Increasingly, the incidents have involved explosives. Core believes Pagad has gone out of its way to entice its members and supporters to attack.

Since its formation, Core maintained a position of non-retaliation against Pagad, but last weekend came signs that the dam wall could be about to break.

First, an official of the Gatesville Mosque (where Pagad usually congregates) barely survived an attack by two balaclava-clad gunmen who followed him home, then a pregnant woman died in a grenade explosion.

Explosive devices were hurled at the homes of at least two alleged drug dealers last weekend, too.

Core has consistently urged the government to engage in talks on

issues such as the granting of amnesties, programmes to rehabilitate convicts and gangsters, providing training and jobs as an option to gangsterism, and easing tension with Pagad.

But the government has only been prepared to talk to Pagad.

After talks with Core in December, the Joint Forum on Policing sent letters to President Nelson Mandela, cabinet ministers and MECs suggesting a meeting of Core, Pagad and the government — "which could eventually lead to a process of defusing the current social tensions in the Western Cape".

Apparently the only response the forum received was an acknowledgment of its letter from the President's office. And the violence escalated.

"The current war suggests that the official leadership of Core and Pagad are losing control over their members. We strongly feel that the need for an inter-departmental task force to make urgent recommendations to the government has become apparent," the forum said in a statement yesterday.



# 'Pagad is helping the gangsters'

Gustav Thiel

**F**OLLOWING bomb blasts at two homes of people linked to People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) in Cape Town this week, observers warned the organisation was creating an environment in which gangs could flourish.

Pagad could end up promoting what it is trying to destroy, warned Don Pinnock, a former University of Cape Town criminologist who has published extensively on gangsterism in

the Western Cape.

"The organisation is consolidating gangs in the Western Cape, and is in effect creating alliances among gangsters that would never otherwise have existed," he said. "This leads to better-organised gangs and consequently to more crime, which is what Pagad set out to fight in the first place."

He was responding to fears expressed in the city that the exchange of fire between Pagad and gangs on the Cape Flats recently could lead to a full-scale war.

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The Muslim Judicial Council

warned: "If any child or 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."

A pregnant woman died and five people were wounded last Sunday in attacks on members of the Muslim community. Two of the attacks were aimed at members of the Gatesville Mosque, where Pagad holds regular meetings. Pagad was blamed for five

retaliatory attacks on the homes of alleged drug dealers.

Ganief Hendricks, representative of the Islamic Unity Convention, which has strong ties with Pagad, said: "The chances are very strong that the latest spate of violence could indicate the start of an open war. It must be remembered violence is not part of Islam, but life is sacred and therefore Pagad will have to protect its people."

He added that elements within Pagad hoped to take over the Western Cape government eventually, and would use force to achieve this.

Pinnock said Pagad is "essentially a political organisation aiming to contest the next elections in 1999. It is

forming political alliances, most notably with the Pan Africanist Congress and with Justice Minister Dullah Omar, and could one day become a political force.

"For the moment, however, it is a vigilante group causing a lot of damage to the community it is trying to serve."

Pinnock said gangs on the Cape Flats are still seen by many as "Robin Hood figures who are there to protect the community. It is wrong to assume gangs are seen as the bad guys."

"The only real solution to the problem of gangsterism in the Western Cape is to raise the general standard of living, which Pagad will not achieve."

# Pagad a result of incompetent police' (315)

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## STAFF WRITER

MOST South Africans feel that Pagad (People Against Gangsterism and Drugs) is the result of an apparently incompetent police force and legal system.

A survey of 2 700 respondents carried out by Research Surveys, South Africa's largest consumer research company, is

indicated that 70% of Capetonians have no faith in the legal and police systems.

On a national scale, some 69% of English speakers hold this opinion, compared to 57% of Afrikaans speaking people.

The comprehensive study, conducted from August to November last year, was done to find out what South Africans in the major metropolitan areas

felt about Pagad.

The respondents interviewed were all over 18 and came from all racial and economic groups.

The population appears to be divided on its views of Pagad's recent actions and demonstrations with some 52% of the respondents in favour of the group's actions and 45% disagreeing with them.

Most (63%) support the beliefs and principles of Pagad, with the coloured population showing the greatest support, but they also criticised Pagad's means to achieve its ends the most.

Two-thirds of the sample felt that gangsterism was a socio-economic problem, with 60% of black respondents holding this view.

Almost half the respondents (49%) believe that the police are biased and appear to side more with the gangsters than with Pagad.

A spokesperson for the research company said the findings have been "mathematically and scientifically formulated making them fully representative in terms of race, age and income".

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## Lack of faith in police led to Pagad's birth'

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# THE BATTLE

# OF BELLVILLE

## Mandela's man raps Pagad

JONAS SCHARBER AND JOSEPH ABRAHAM  
SINCE REPORTERS

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 it (Pagad) is doing nothing in the fight against crime," he said.

Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi said police attention was being diverted from dealing with crime, "which Pagad purports to be concerned about".

Mr Mufamadi said in a statement today: "As previously indicated, the government has already spent over R1-million policing Pagad marches."

Police had had no choice but to act in a

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firm manner, as Pagad had not had permission to gather at the airport and had acted "with total disregard for the rule of law".

Hours after yesterday's violent clash with police at Cape Town International, seven policemen were injured - four by bullets - during another battle at Bellville Magistrate's Court, where 13 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

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treasurers, his legal adviser, Sharief Khan, and his assistant secretary, Aheeda Roberts, had been arrested at the airport.

Police said they had returned fire after being shot at outside court and believed some members of Pagad may have been wounded. They were trying 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 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 interior 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



Armed intervention: a pregnant woman is seized during the clash between Pagad and police at Cape Town airport

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## Motorists flee as Pagad and police clash

POLICE and People against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) supporters fought running skirmishes past terrified tourists outside Cape Town International Airport yesterday.

Sapa reports that at least 13 Pagad supporters were arrested and two policemen and two journalists were injured in the confrontations, which followed an illegal protest by the anti-drug group.

About 200 people, some of them masked, gathered beside the approach road to the airport despite being refused permission for the protest, and despite a warning from police commis-

sioner George Fivaz that they faced "extremely firm" police action.

Pagad said they wanted to present a memorandum to airport management calling for tougher measures to stop drug smuggling, but police, backed by armoured vehicles, a helicopter and an SA National Defence Force reaction unit, prevented them from entering the airport grounds.

At 3.20pm a police senior superintendent warned the protesters that their meeting was illegal, and gave them 10 minutes to disperse.

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Most regrouped on a grassy patch about 15m from the road, but some became involved in scuffles with police. Pagad supporters threw rocks, lumps of concrete, bottles and planks at police. One demonstrator sprayed police with teargas.

Police retaliated by firing teargas canisters and rubber bullets.

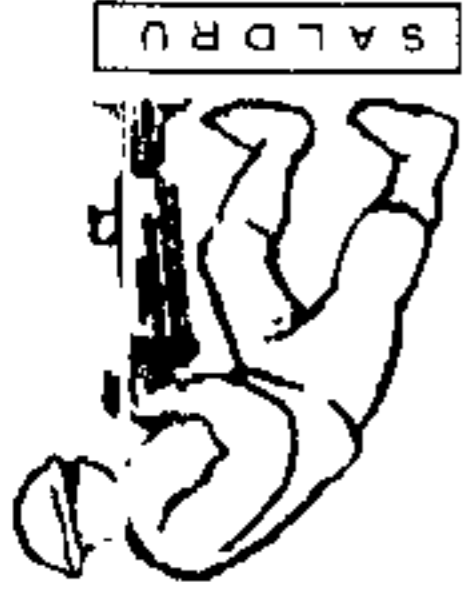
A group of Pagad supporters retreated down the airport access road past motorists in a traffic jam, and police followed, firing several times as the

stonings continued.

Reuter reports people heading for the airport abandoned their cars in the road when clouds of teargas billowed through the traffic piled up ahead of a police roadblock. Others ducked below window level as police aimed shotguns into the crowd and fired rubber bullets.

By 5pm most protesters had left.

Pearl Sebolao reports that Airports Company spokesman Hennie Taljaard said there had been no disruptions and all flights landed and took off on schedule. Taljaard said the company they had been prepared for the demonstration. Passengers were called in the morning and asked to arrive earlier for their flights.



LEON MULLER

**On your way:** police remove a Pagad supporter outside the Bellville Magistrate's Court today

# Scuffles at Pagad hearing

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Several scuffles broke out between police and People Against Gangsterism and Drugs supporters at the Bellville Magistrate's Court today amid tight security before the start of a bail application for 13 Pagad members.

They were arrested during Monday's demonstration at Cape Town airport.

A further 11 Pagad members, arrested at the court on Monday night after a clash in which four policemen were shot, are due to appear later today.

The court building was cordoned off with razor wire, and only police and the media were allowed in. A police helicopter hovered overhead.

A few Pagad supporters managed to get inside the cordoned-off area and refused to leave, threatening legal action.

Police eventually removed five of them - three men and two women.

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# Pagad now part of crime problem, says police chief

## More arrests may follow violent clashes

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### ARGUS CORRESPONDENT

Pretoria - Police have called off all talks with People Against Gangsterism and Drugs, saying it was just another gang that would be treated as such from now on.

Making the announcement at police headquarters in Pretoria yesterday, the acting national Commissioner, Zoli Lavisa, said: "Pagad's naked aggression - especially against police - shows quite clearly that it has embarked on a policy of deliberate criminality."

This follows violent clashes between police and Pagad at Cape Town International Airport on Monday.

Commissioner Lavisa said these incidents, which included the injuring of police, were only the latest in the queue of Pagad provocations and illegal actions.

"As far as the SA Police Service is

concerned, Pagad has degenerated into just another gang and is now firmly part of the crime problem and not the solution in the Western Cape.

"We (police) are treating them as they portray themselves," Mr Lavisa said.

Police had suspended all talks and contact with Pagad on a national level with immediate effect until Pagad could practically demonstrate that it operated within the law.

A Pretoria Pagad group called the breakdown in talks a foolish move and condemned the likening of Pagad to criminals.

"If the lines of communication in Cape Town are closed, we'll close down the communication here," said Pretoria Pagad coordinator Carim Alli.

"If people take to the streets, it is out of concern. We are not gangsters."

He said they had been co-operating with police and the Department of Justice and would now have to review the situation.

Mr Lavisa said more arrests might follow Monday's incidents, when 13 Pagad supporters were detained in the airport clash and police were shot by Pagad supporters trying to storm the Bellville Magistrate's Court.

Commenting on the possible arrest of Pagad's leadership, Mr Lavisa said: "We are not dealing with leaders or non-leaders. We will deal with everyone only as evidence points us."

"The decision to call off talks deals specifically with Pagad, and not in anticipation of any group who in future might act like vigilantes. Marches will be dealt with as the situation arises."

Mr Lavisa added: "National Commissioner George Fivaz announced that we will beef up the drive against gangs and drug trafficking in the Cape."

"Momentum is on the rise as far as police action is concerned, and Pagad will not surprise us into further action."



LOVE: policeman Dennis Collins, who was shot during the Pagad fracas, with his wife Minnette

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## Group 'is yet another gang' (35)

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R1 million policing Pagad marches.

"Their actions are inimical to the growth and development of the tourist industry in the Western Cape," Mufamadi said.

In response to questions yesterday about what action they would take after the police-Pagad shootings outside the Bellville court, Mufamadi's spokesman, Mr Maxwell Malaudzi, said: "There needs to be consultation with the Western Cape provincial government before any step can be taken. The minister can't impose from Pretoria."

A spokesman for the Minister of Justice Mr Dullah Omar, said the minister had condemned the shootings "in the strongest possible terms. The leadership of Pagad must take responsibility for controlling its members."

Meanwhile, the Cape Chamber of Commerce and Industry said yesterday that Pagad appeared to be losing its focus in the fight against gangsterism and drugs. The chamber's president Mr Ali Gierdien said the chamber was seriously concerned about this.

"Instead they seem to be intent on seeking confrontation with the police and on disrupting key tourist facilities.

"By showing disrespect for the law, they are fostering the very conditions in which gangsters and drug dealers thrive.

"Tourism is our fastest growing industry and generator of new jobs. It is a very fragile industry and once tourists are frightened off, they do not easily return," Gierdien said. He appealed to Pagad to focus on its real mission to combat gangsterism and drugs and to do so within the law. — Sapa, Own Correspondent



'ALL HELL BROKE LOOSE'

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# Pagad fired first, says injured policeman

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**A POLICEMAN** injured in clashes with Pagad at Bellville Magistrate's Court described what happened. **DAN SIMON** reports.

**A**T FIRST the 250 Pagad supporters outside the Bellville Magistrate's Court kept a short distance from the police cordon and chanted praises to Allah. Then "all hell broke loose" and the mob charged the police line and fired live ammunition at the 15 public order police officers blocking their way.

This is what Sergeant James de Ville, 36, and Sergeant Dennis Collins, 27, recalled yesterday of Monday night's events at the court. They and three fellow police officers were shot and wounded when their police chain was attacked by Pagad supporters trying to force their way into the court building where 13 Pagad members were appearing at a late-night bail hearing.

Both police sergeants, together with Sergeant Allan Wilson, are recovering from gunshot wounds in the NI City Hospital.

De Ville was shot in the right leg, Collins in both legs and Wilson in the stomach.

Two other policemen, Constable Randall Mannel and Sergeant Marius Malan, were discharged yesterday. Mannel was shot in his left arm and Malan lost part of a little finger.



**SHOT:** Sergeant Dennis Collins, 27, who was rushed to hospital after he was shot in both legs by a Pagad member, with his wife Minnette.

when the shooting started was Wilson.

The bullet had entered Wilson's stomach, just centimetres below his bulletproof jacket.

"Pagad definitely fired first. They were 250 against 15 guys.

"But it happened so fast. My perception was that a thunderflash had been thrown. But then I saw

the muzzle flashes," De Ville said.

De Ville said there was no warning that the crowd of Pagad supporters was going to attack the police.

"We had formed a human barrier in front of the court. We're so used to forming a human chain like at Parliament. At first the crowd were praising Allah and the



**RECOVERING:** Sergeant James de Ville, 36, of the Public Order Policing Unit, recovers from a bullet wound in a Goodwood hospital after Monday's midnight attack on a police cordon at the Bellville Magistrate's Court by about 250 Pagad supporters.

mood was not bad but ... you could sense a change.

"Then all hell broke loose and they suddenly charged us and started firing live ammunition.

"It happened so fast. I saw Sergeant Wilson slump to the ground. He was shot in the back and the stomach.

"Then something hit me and I

slumped and saw blood.

"I then fired a few rounds of rubber bullets — hoping the crowd would scatter — before being dragged to safety."

De Ville said it was after he fired off a number of rubber bullets that Pagad supporters retreated and sought refuge behind parked cars from where they con-

tinued to fire on the police.

"Constable Krynaauw then moved the Casspir in front of us for protection. The guys were talking to me the whole time telling me to hang in there."

Although he had been shot at on four previous occasions, De Ville said it was the first time he had been hit.

But he said he would return to the unit once he had recovered and would continue to link up in human chains with his colleagues when they were needed.

"It's a calling. I know we live with danger. But we are a tight and very effective unit who bring in a high percentage of arrests in the Western Cape."

## Armour-piercing bullets used against police

# Pagad is now just another gang — police

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SAPS halts talks with organisation, saying it is now part of the crime problem, not its solution, in the Western Cape

## OWN CORRESPONDENT

Police will not have any further talks with Pagad in the Western Cape and has promised to use an iron fist in its dealings with People Against Gangsterism and Drugs, which, police said, was now "just another gang" and whose members should be treated as criminals.

After clashes this week during which Pagad shot and wounded policemen, acting national commissioner Zoli Lavisa said at a media briefing in Pretoria yesterday: "Pagad's naked aggression, especially against police, shows quite clearly that it has embarked on a policy of deliberate criminality."

The clashes between police and Pagad supporters started at Cape Town international airport on Monday and continued during that night outside Bellville Magistrate's Court.

Shots were fired by Pagad, and five policemen were wounded as they prevented about 300 Pagad supporters from storming the court building during bail applications by 13 who were arrest-

ed during an illegal march on the airport.

Two policeman and three journalists had been wounded at the airport when the Pagad marchers were intent on delivering a memorandum to officials, demanding that they do more to prevent drugs being smuggled in by airline passengers.

In the early hours of yesterday, after praying outside the court, the mob turned on the police, injuring five of them.

Lavisa said these incidents, which included the injury of police at the airport, were only the latest of Pagad's provocations and illegal actions.

"As far as the SAPS is concerned, Pagad has degenerated into just another gang and is now firmly a part of the crime problem and not the solution in the Western Cape.

"We (the police) are treating them as they portray themselves.

"The SAPS has suspended all talks and contact with Pagad on a national level with immediate effect until such time as Pagad can demonstrate that it is operating within the law," Lavisa said.

Police also said they were facing armour-piercing bullets from members of Pagad while they themselves were armed with tear-gas and rubber bullets.

Senior Superintendent John Sterrenberg said the shooting of five policeman during the battle with Pagad members outside Bellville Magistrate's Court was the highest number of policemen wounded in a single incident in the Western Cape in recent years.

The Pretoria branch of Pagad called the breakdown in talks a foolish move and condemned the statement likening Pagad to criminals. "If the lines of communication in Cape Town are closed, we'll close down the communication in Pretoria," Pretoria Pagad co-ordinator Carim Alli said.

He said they had been co-operating with police and the Department of Justice on a local level. "We'll now have to sit down and review the situation."

Commenting on the possible arrest of Pagad's leadership, Lavisa said: "We are not dealing with leaders or non-leaders. We will deal with everyone only as evidence points us."

# Police vow to take firm line on Pagad

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Linda Ensor and  
Stephané Bothma

AS THE authorities closed the door on further talks with People against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) yesterday, the militant organisation vowed to continue its campaign to rid its community of these crimes.

The SA Police Service (SAPS) yesterday suspended all talks or contact with Pagad, saying it had degenerated into just another criminal gang.

Acting national police commissioner Zolisa Lavisa said: "Pagad is now firmly part of the crime problem and not the solution in the Western Cape."

Investigations into its actions were continuing and more arrests were expected.

This follows Monday's clashes between Pagad and policemen at Cape Town International Airport and subsequent shootings in which five SAPS members were injured.

Western Cape attorney-general Frank Kahn said: "The party is over. There will be no more sitting down and talking with them."

Kahn was one of those who attended recent controversial talks between Pagad leaders and Justice Minister Dullah Omar, Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi and Correctional Services Minister Sipho Mzimela.

Lavisa said it had become clear that Pagad had distanced itself from its original objective of combating crime. "Pagad has confused fighting crime with causing crime and will from now on be treated accordingly by the SAPS." Pagad's naked aggression, especially towards SAPS members, indicated that it had openly embarked on a policy of deliberate criminality.

"Monday's actions were only the lat-

est in the queue of Pagad provocations and illegal actions. As in the recent Waterfront shootings, the blood of those injured on Monday is on the hands of Pagad and its leadership," Lavisa said. The SAPS would therefore suspend all talks or contact with the gang until Pagad could demonstrate that it was operating within the law.

President Nelson Mandela's spokesman Parks Mankahlana accused the organisation of undermining SA's sovereignty and of abusing the rights enshrined in the constitution.

Mufamadi's spokesman Maxwell Mulaudzi said the minister was concerned that police attention was being diverted from dealing with crime, which Pagad purported to be concerned about. Already more than R1m had been spent in policing Pagad's marches. Mulaudzi said its actions undermined the growth of tourism.

Twenty-four Pagad members were arrested and charged with offences ranging from attending an illegal gathering to public violence following the airport confrontation and an incident at Bellville Magistrate's Court on Monday. Eight members were charged with attempted murder for shooting four policemen and injuring three others and five firearms were confiscated. Bail was refused and they were due to appear in court again today.

But Pagad chief commander Aslam Toefy said community support for his organisation was growing stronger.

"We will continue to apply pressure on the authorities to remove drug dealers and gangsters from our streets... The state must get serious and get rid of this scourge."

He blamed Monday's events on the police who he said had never been serious about fighting crime.

PAGAD HEARINGS POSTPONED

# Court throws out protesters

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**PROTESTERS** were yesterday forcibly removed from a court where Pagad members were appearing in connection with recent clashes with police. **EUNICE RIDER** reports.

**P**AGAD members allegedly involved in violent and bloody clashes with police at the airport on Sunday, injuring three before moving to the Bellville Magistrate's Court where they allegedly shot and injured another two, yesterday made a brief appearance in the Bellville Magistrate's Court.

The atmosphere outside the court was tense — with some protesters having to be forcibly removed from the courts by police — until the hearing was postponed. About 100 heavily armed policemen, soldiers and traffic policemen cordoned off a large section of Voortrekker Road in front of the court, the police station and the municipal sports fields, with three layers of razor wire.

Outside the double doors to the courts, blood was still visible on the ground where the policemen had been shot and bullet shattered glass doors and windows had not yet been replaced.

Several Voortrekker Road shops closed their doors and angry Pagad

members demanded to know why they were not allowed to attend the court hearings.

Mr Achmat Cassiem, chairman of the Islamic Unity Convention (IUC), said Pagad members had an "inalienable right to protest and to attend public hearings".

He also expressed outrage that only one drug dealer had been arrested "despite Pagad's efforts at assisting the police".

"We (Pagad and the IUC) have supplied the police and the Minister of Justice with the names of possibly every single drug dealer in the Western Cape and they have only arrested one.

Commenting on remarks by acting national police Commissioner Zolisa Lavisa, that Pagad had "degenerated into just another gang" and was "a part of the crime problem in the Western Cape", Cassiem said one "had to be an idiot" to make such remarks.

"Pagad are the People Against Gangsterism and Drugs — how can we be 'just another gang'?" he asked, outraged.



**TEARS:** Miss Shahema Adams, Mrs Subeida Adams and brother were taken to prison.

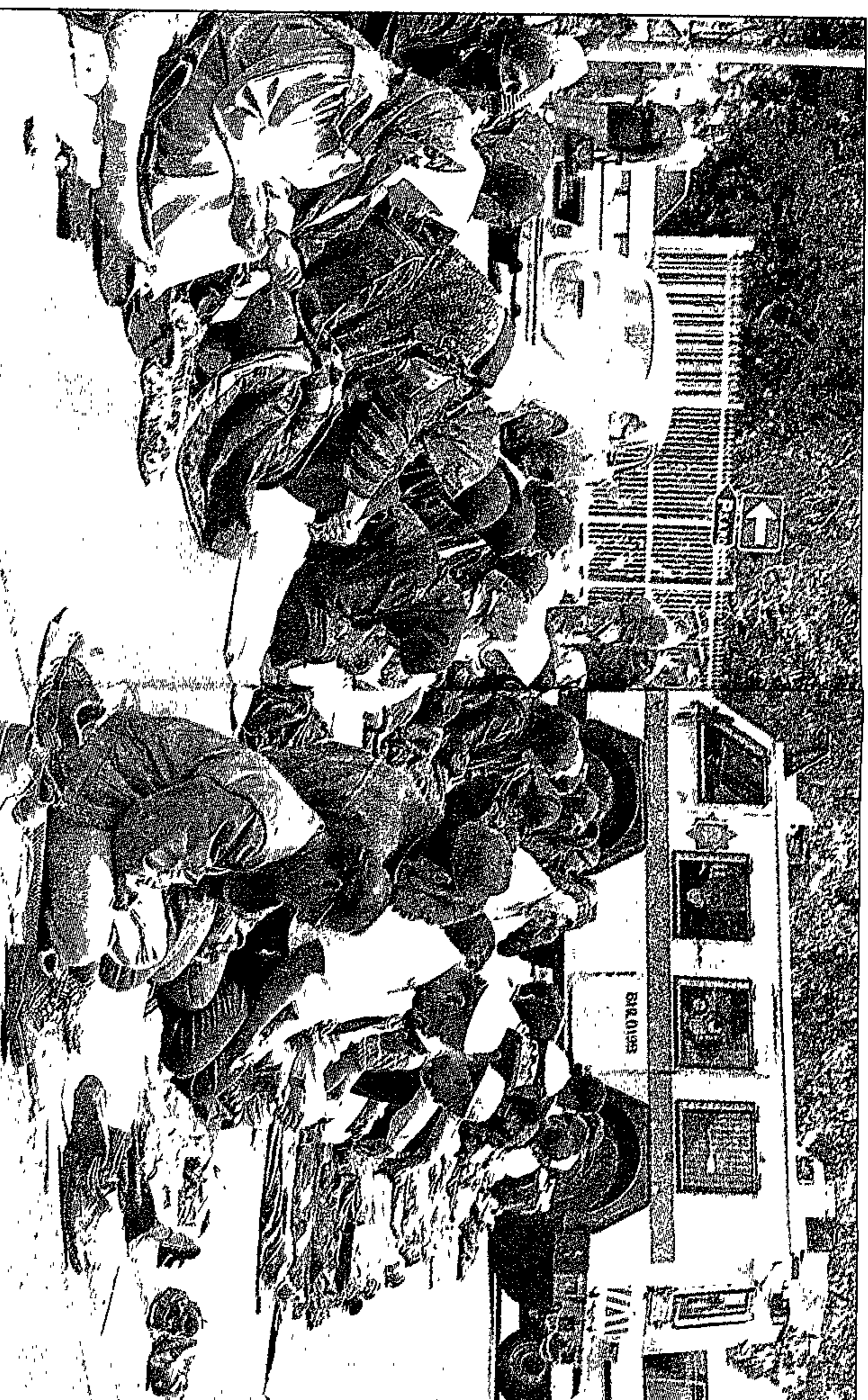
He said the IUC — an umbrella body for 298 Muslim organisations in South Africa — had decided in September to support Pagad.

"No sane human being could oppose such a decision (to support Pagad)," he said.

Twenty-five Pagad members appeared before Magistrate Mr J J van Reenen, who postponed the hearings until tomorrow for repre-

sentation to be made to the attorney-general and for possible formal bail application hearings.

Mr Moegamat Samaai, 42, of Crawford, Mr Sharief Adams, 34, of Grassy Park, Ms Rashieda Francis, 29, of Delft, Mr Mujahied Kassiem, Majat, 25, of Valhalla Park — who stood holding an infant baby in the dock — Mr Mohammed



**PRAYER TIME:** Pagad members pray outside the heavily barricaded Bellville Magistrate's Courts yesterday. They were not allowed to enter the building, where 25 Pagad members appeared on allegations of attempted murder.

Kassiem Karder, 32, of Crawford, Mr Sharif Kahn, 28, of Crawford, Mr Muhammed Shahid Shaik, 40, of Crawford — who stood defiantly sucking an orange in the dock — Mr Abubaker Hendricks, 31, of Retreat, Mr Muhammad Jihaad Okkers, 26, of Lotus River, Mr Abdullah Parker, 46, of Crawford, Mr Mogamat Said Samuels, 33, of Grassy Park and broad-smiling

Radio 786 reporter, Ms Abieda Roberts, 37, of 52 Hyde Road in Cape Town, all appeared in connection with clashes with the police at the airport on Sunday.

Minutes later, Mr Mustapha Jacobs, 40, of Eastridge, Mitchell's Plain, Mr Abdullah Holmes, 44, of Bishop Lavis, Mr Redewan Solomon, 20, of Silvertown, Mr Mohamed Zain Isaacs, 32, of Wyn-

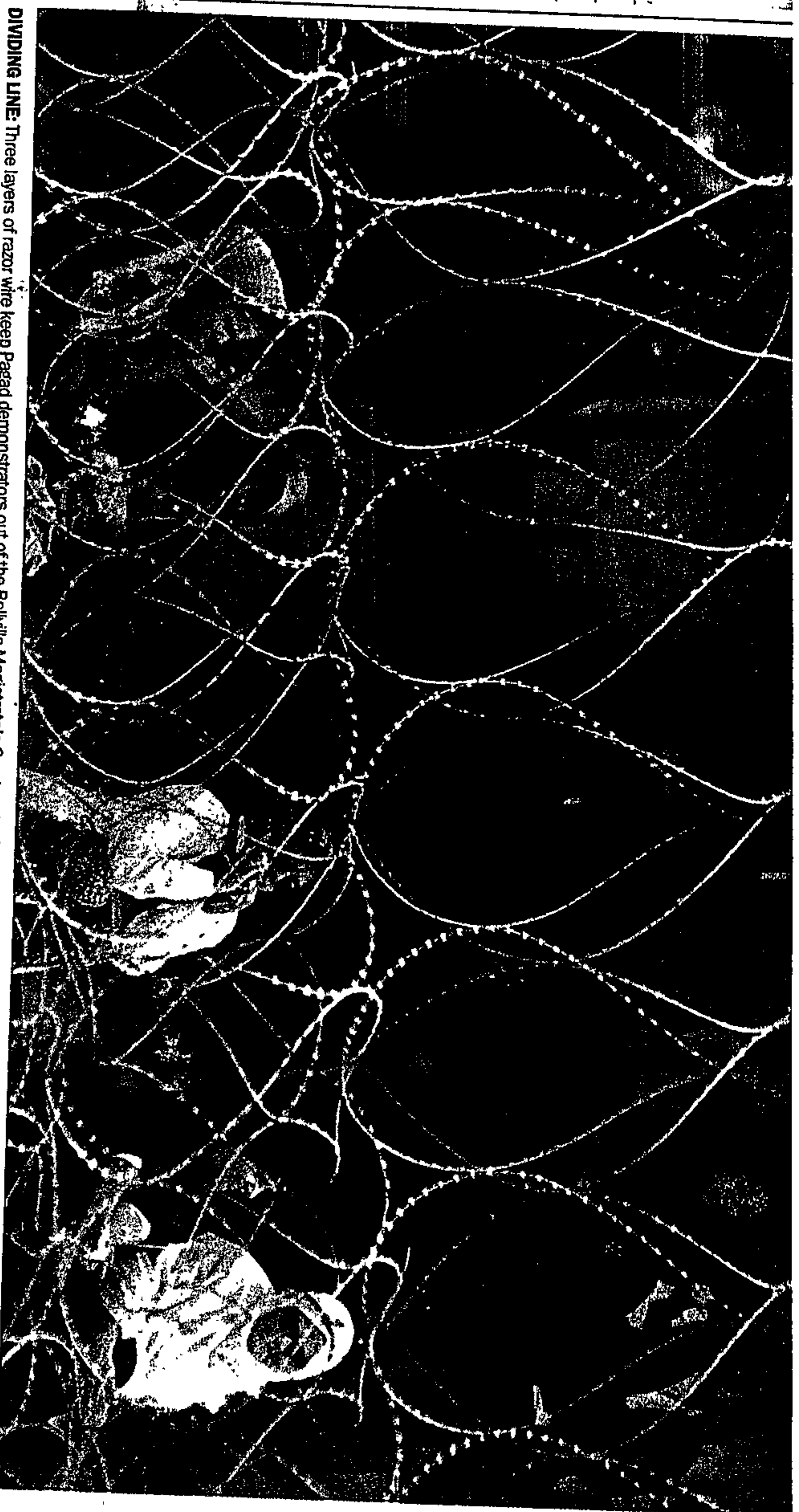
berg, Mr Mogamat Alauhaar, 21, of Belhar, Mr Moegamat Aneez Ryland, 39, of Portlands, Mr Masaad Ahmed Mohamed, 20, of Gatesville, Mr Mogamat Sahipo, 39, of Salt River, Mr Ashraf Mohammed, 18, of Eastridge and once again, Radio 786 reporter Roberts appeared in camera with a 17-year-old youth who may not be named, in connection with charges of hindering the police in

the performance of their duties and attempted murder for the shooting of the two policemen during the protest outside the Bellville court.

No charges were put to any of the accused, all of whom were ordered to be held at Pollsmoor Prison, separate from other prisoners and suspects. They will appear again tomorrow.

*Mr Ramjan Yaga appeared for the accused.*

**PICTURES: ALAN TAYLOR**



**DIVIDING LINE:** Three layers of razor wire keep Pagad demonstrators out of the Bellville Magistrate's Court yesterday.

PICTURE: ALAN TAYLOR

**Jonny, Fanie out as Bacher is capped**

**JONNY RHODES** has been dropped from the South African test match side for the first time since making his debut four seasons ago.

Also out of favour is fast bowler Kante de Villiers while there are recalls from injuries for Allan Donald and Shaun Pollock.

The only new cap is Adam Bacher of Transvaal who seems certain to bat at No. 3.

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**Pagad leaders urged to give themselves up**

**POLICE** have asked Pagad's lawyers to tell the organisation's top leaders to give themselves up by today, because police "do not want to rouse people in the early hours of the morning".

Police spokesman Captain John Sterrenberg confirmed yesterday that warrants for the arrest of Pagad national chief commander Mr Aslam Toefy and the organisation's national chief co-ordinator, Mr Abdoes-Salaam Ebrahim, had been signed yesterday by the Bellville

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chief magistrate.

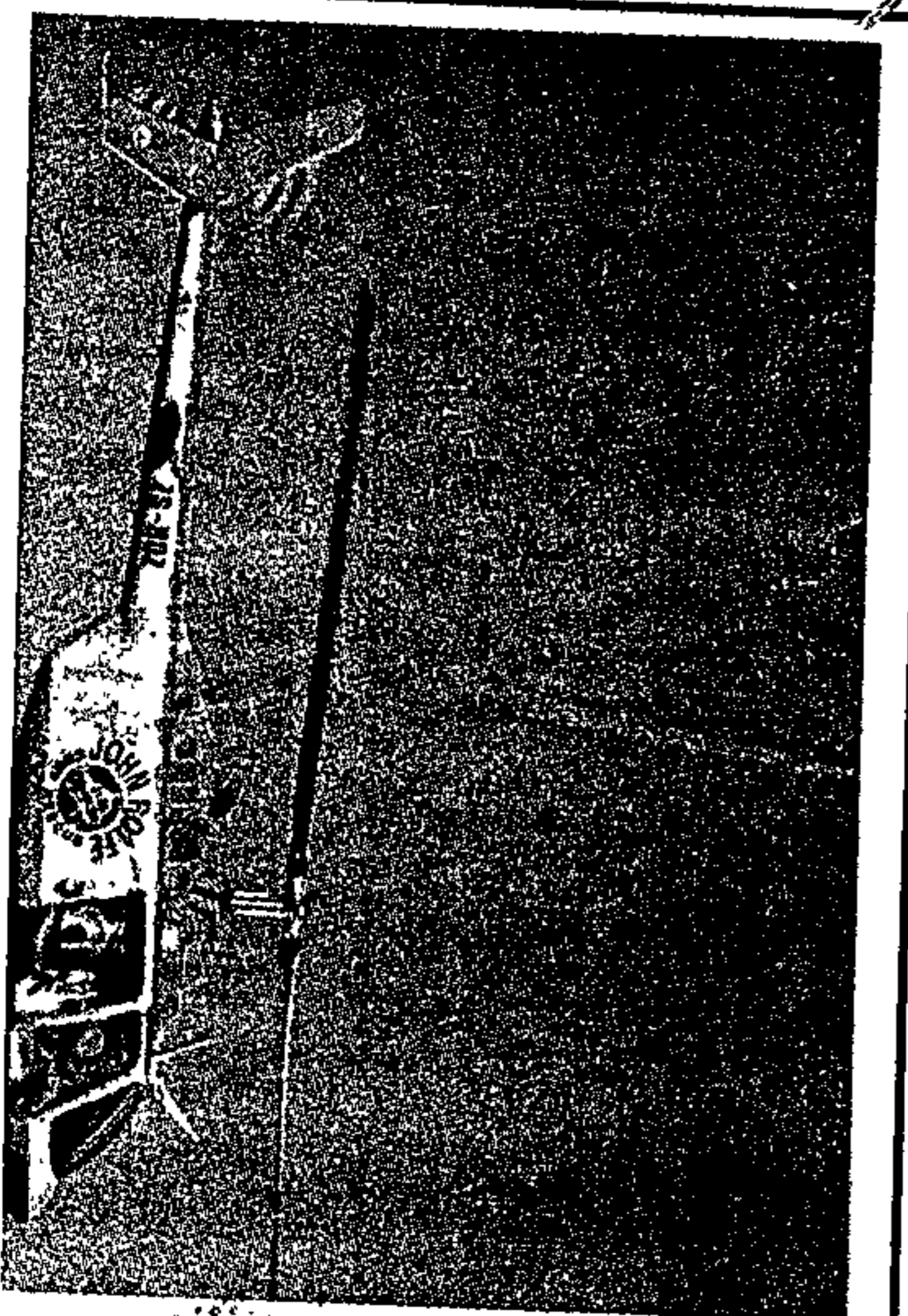
He said charges against the two would be formulated "emanating from Sunday's fiasco".

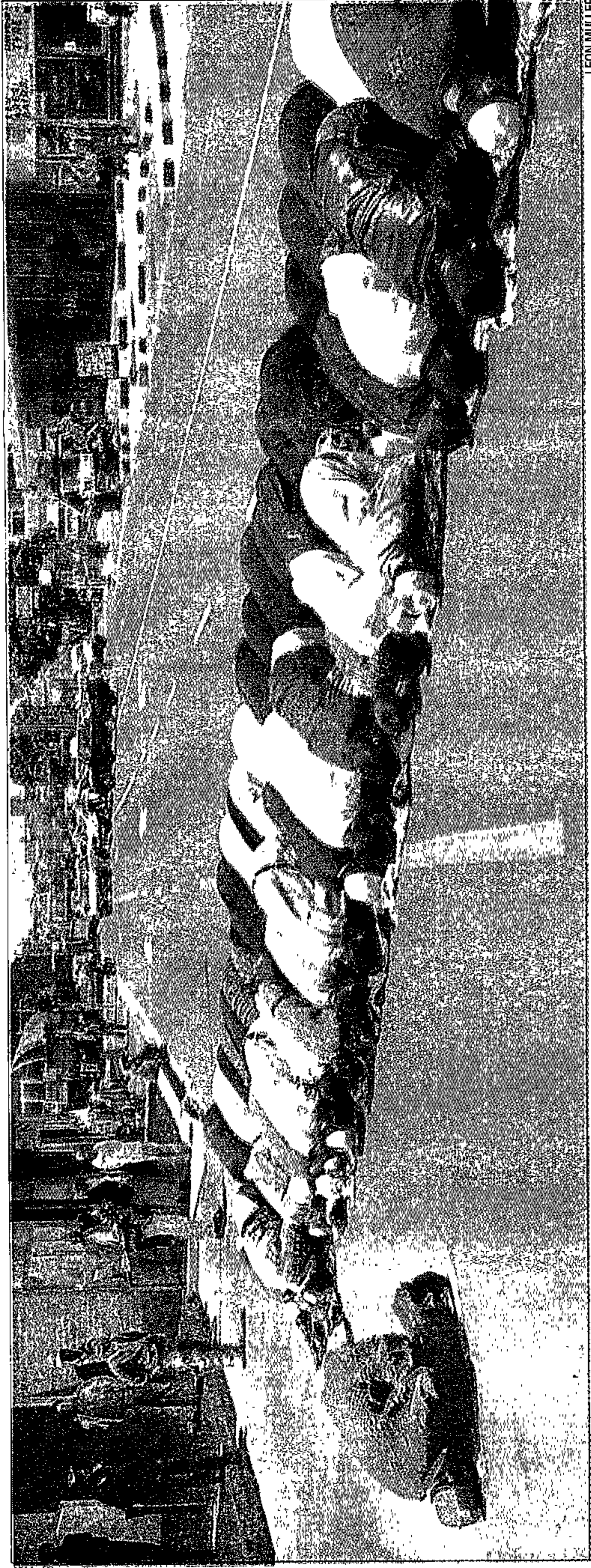
Asked why Toefy was not arrested on Sunday, Sterrenberg said: "By the time arrests were carried out, he had disappeared in the confusion."

Last night, Pagad met for several hours at the Gatesville mosque.

Only community radio station Radio 786 was allowed into the meeting.

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Fervent support: a crowd of Pagad supporters kneel in prayer in Voortrekker Road outside the Bellville Magistrate's Court, as their comrades appear at a bail application hearing

LEON MULLER



Emotional: two women, surrounded by razor wire, burst into tears during their prayers

# 'They can't stop Pagad'

## Acting police head 'idiot', says Cassiem

LENORE OLIVER AND ANDREW SMITH  
STAFF REPORTERS

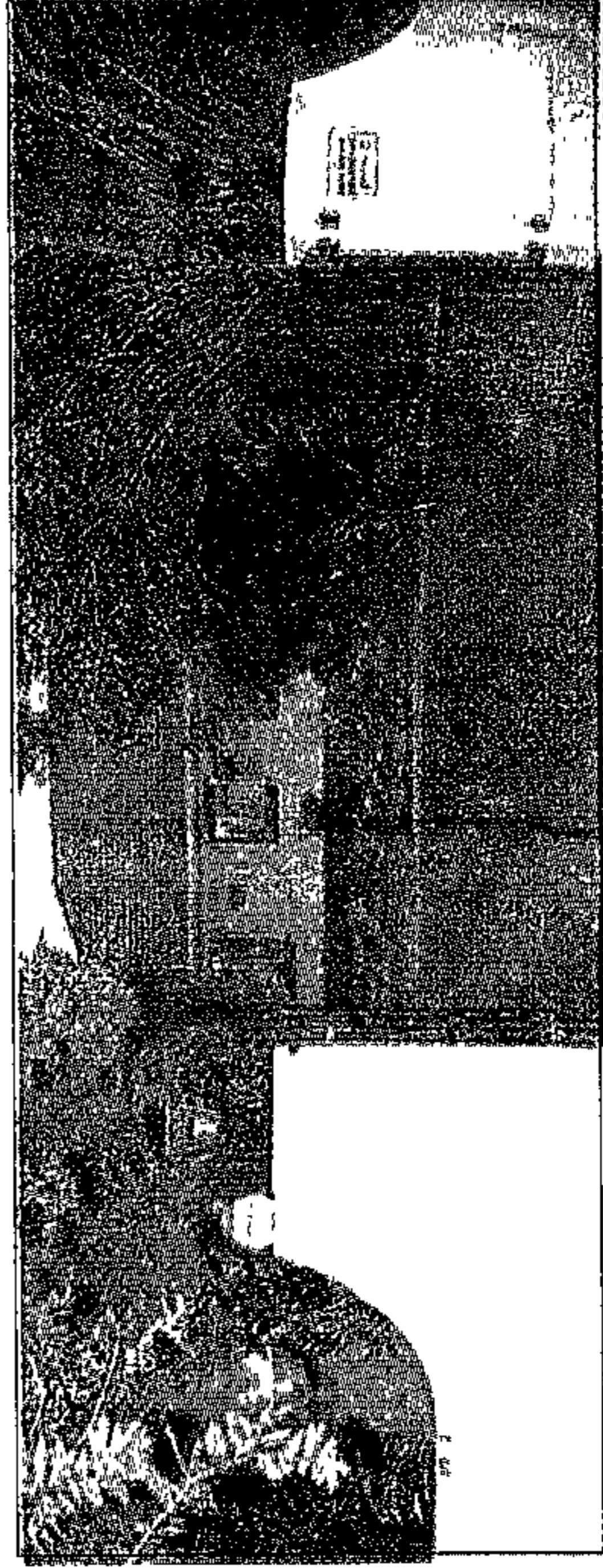
Authorities have "scant hope" of outlawing People Against Gangsterism and Drugs, says the chairman of the Islamic Unity Convention, Achmat Cassiem.

Mr Cassiem, who pointed out that the convention had resolved at its annual meeting to support the aims and objectives of Pagad, said the authorities should rather "outlaw corruption and crime syndicates". He was reacting to a statement by acting national police commissioner Zoli Lavisa, who earlier this week referred to Pagad as now being "just another gang".

Acting-Commissioner Lavisa, who flew to Cape Town yesterday to visit policemen shot by Pagad supporters outside Bellville Magistrate's Court on Monday night, said police would not issue a blanket order prescribing new regulations for Pagad marches or banning them outright.

"We will look at each march on its individual merits," he said.

Mr Cassiem hit out at the acting police head for his comments about Pagad, saying: "You must be an idiot to make such a statement."



Targeted: the home in Valley Close, Constantia, of alleged druglord Marne Abrahams

OSRED ZILWA

Court yesterday while waiting for the outcome of two bail applications involving Pagad members after Monday's clashes, Mr Cassiem said: "The police should know about gangs. They've got gangsters in the Government - and what about the CCB?"

The CCB - Civil Co-operation Bureau - was a covert operation of the SA Defence Force's Military Intelligence arm.

"The police know exactly where the gangsters are, because we've furnished them and Minister of Justice Dullah Omar with names and places where drug traffickers operate," said Mr Cassiem.

# Mother and baby among 24 held at Pollsmoor

LENORE OLIVER  
STAFF REPORTER

A mother and her seven-month-old baby, and a 17-year-old youth, are among 24 Pagad supporters being held in custody at Pollsmoor Prison until their bail application tomorrow.

They appeared in the Bellville Magistrate's Court yesterday at a formal bail application hearing which was adjourned to tomorrow to allow the defence to make representations to the Attorney-General.

Fourteen people were arrested over Monday's demonstration at Cape Town airport and a further 11 were arrested at the court on Monday night after a clash in which four policemen were shot.

The brief court appearance late yesterday was attended by only five family members, the media and police, while most Pagad supporters were kept outside.

Those arrested over the airport incident are Mogamat Samaai, Sharief Adams, Rashieda Francis, Essa Francis, Mujahied Kassiem, Shanaaz Majjal, Mohammed Karder, Sharief Khan, Muhammed Shaik, Abubakhar Hendricks, Mogamat Ockers, Abdullah Parker, Mogamat Samuel and Abeda Roberts. Those arrested at the court are Mustapha Jacobs, Riedewaan Solomons, Mohammed Isaacs, Mogamat Ajouhaar, a 17-year-old youth, Mogamat Ryland, Masaad Mohammed, Mogamat Sahibo, Achmat Abrahams, Ashraf Mohamed and Abeda Roberts.

# I've had enough - Kahn

Cape Attorney-General Frank Kahn, tasked with convening a body to mediate between Pagad and officials in the justice system, has decided not to form the structure because of the violent clashes between Pagad and the police.

"I can no longer tolerate the way in which they are conducting their campaign and I will treat them like I do any other criminal element," he said.

# Sea Point march banned

People Against Gangsterism and Drugs members have been refused permission by the Cape Town municipality to march in Sea Point on Saturday.

The council took the decision at a meeting attended by the police and traffic department. Pagad was invited but failed to arrive. Council spokesman Ted Doman said the council was not satisfied Pagad leaders could control their followers if a confrontation developed.

Staff Reporter

# Now Constantia

# Pagad target

ASHLEY SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

People Against Gangsterism and Drugs has shifted its attention to affluent Constantia, with a march planned on the home of a man it claims is a cocaine dealer with links to drug barons in the Western Cape.

But as tense Constantia residents braced themselves for possible trouble, last night's march was called off after permission was refused by the South Peninsula municipality and police cordoned off the area.

The target of the protest, "Mamme" Abrahams, who lives in Valley Close, told the Cape Argus last night he was a building contractor and strongly denied Pagad's allegations that he was involved in illegal activity.

A plan by Pagad to drive from the Gatesville mosque to Constantia and then march to Mr Abrahams's house failed to materialise.

Police cordoned off Mr Abrahams's house and patrolled the area until late last night.

Mr Abrahams left the house about 8.30pm, saying he was going to a mosque. Tensions were high in the leafy green suburb as residents braced themselves for a possible demonstration at the house, and several of them approached the police. But they were told a march was "highly unlikely".

The municipality had posted notices in letterboxes in the area warning about a possible demonstration. About 10.30pm, all was quiet at the

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**In custody:** relatives talk to Pagad members as they are taken to Pollsmoor Prison

spacious, white-painted Abrahams house.

Neighbours of the alleged drug-lord were tight-lipped about the activities of their fellow resident.

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However, one of them said that he did not wish to comment as he was afraid of Mr Abrahams.

Another neighbour pointed a revolver at the Cape Argus news team when they approached him for comment on why Pagad had decided to target Mr Abrahams's house.

"I don't want to talk to the press," he said.

At the start of its campaign, Pagad pledged to eradicate drugs and gangs from the Cape Flats.

But over the past few months, its activities have spread to:

- Houses of alleged gangsters and drugs dealers in predominantly working-class suburbs such as Salt River, which culminated in the killing of Rashaad Staggie.

- The Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, where a Pagad member was fatally wounded during a demo.

- Cape Town International Airport, where 13 Pagad members were arrested after an illegal march.

- Bellville Magistrate's Court, where five policemen were wounded - four by gunshots - as a Pagad crowd attempted to get into a late-night bail application hearing.

## Ultimatum for Toefy, Ebrahim

LENORE OLIVER AND JOSEPH ARABIES  
STAFF REPORTERS

Warrants of arrest will be issued for People Against Gangsterism and Drugs leaders Aslam Toefy and Abdoes-Salaam Ebrahim if they do not hand themselves over to police today.

Cape Attorney-General Frank Kahn took the decision yesterday after the bail applications of 25 Pagad members who were arrested after violent clashes with police at Cape Town International Airport and at Bellville Magistrate's Court on Monday.

Both Mr Toefy, who is Pagad's chief commander, and Mr Ebrahim, the organisation's chief co-ordinator, were not at the court for the bail applications yesterday and were not arrested during Monday's clashes with police.

During the demonstration at the airport, police arrested several key Pagad leaders but Mr Toefy and Mr Ebrahim managed to elude police

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who have tried several times to arrest the two men.

On Tuesday Mr Toefy said ordinary people at the protests had shielded him from the police and had managed to put him in a car before he could be arrested.

Police spokesman John Sterrenberg said: "Charges have been formulated as a result of the violence and shooting at the airport and at the court."

Senior Superintendent Sterrenberg said that if the two did not give themselves up by 3pm, police would search for them until they were found.

## Padav leaders in court

Port Elizabeth - Three members of a Port Elizabeth vigilante group, People Against Drugs and Violence (Padav), have been arrested and appeared briefly in the Regional Court here, where they made an urgent application for bail.

The trio included Padav leaders Shaun Blunden, 33, and Yusuf Carro, 32, police said. The third was Neizaan Lagerdien, 36.

Their bail application was postponed to December 23 and they are being held at the Louis le Grange Square police station in Port Elizabeth.



# Attorney-General rules out meeting with Pagad

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Decision follows violent clashes between group and police

**OWN CORRESPONDENT,  
SAPA, REUTERS**  
Cape Town

**F**rank Kahn, the Western Cape Attorney-General has decided not to go ahead with an agreement to convene a body that would mediate between Pagad and his own officials in the criminal justice system because of this week's clashes between Pagad and police.

The police have already taken a similar position, with the acting national commissioner saying the People Against Gangsterism and Drugs had become just another gang instead of the gang-buster it intended to be.

According to the agreement earlier this month, Kahn was to bring together Pagad, the police, prison services and his justice department. Yesterday he said: "I can no longer tolerate the manner in which they are conducting their campaign and will treat them like I do any other criminal element."

A mother with her seven-month-old baby and a 17-year-old youth are among 25 Pagad members in custody at Pollsmoor Prison until their bail application tomorrow. They ap-

peared at a formal bail application hearing yesterday which was postponed to tomorrow because the defence team wanted to make representations to the attorney-general's office.

Fourteen people were arrested during Monday's demonstration at Cape Town airport and a further 11 were arrested at the court on Monday night after a clash in which four policemen were shot. Police have asked Pagad's lawyers to tell the organisation's leaders to give themselves up by this afternoon as they "do not want to go around kicking-in doors in the early hours of the morning".

Police Captain John Sterrenberg confirmed yesterday that arrest warrants for "chief commander" Aslam Toefy and co-ordinator Abdoes-salaam Ebrahim have been signed by Bellville's chief magistrate.

He said that the warrants were being held to allow the Pagad leaders to "show their civic-mindedness" and hand themselves over to the police by no later than today.

Sterrenberg said the warrants had been issued on request from the police. He said charges against the two would be formulated "emanat-

ing from Sunday's fiasco when Pagad members were involved in violent and bloody clashes with police at the airport and Bellville Magistrate's Court".

A bail application by 24 Pagad members was postponed to this afternoon.

The case was postponed in order to give the accused time to make further representations to Western Cape Attorney-General Frank Kahn.

He said the 24 suspects would in the meantime remain in custody.

A court refused bail yesterday to Muslim militants arrested after an anti-drug rally turned violent and demonstrators attacked a police station where their supporters had been detained.

Magistrate Mr JJ van Reenen said the 24 should be kept in isolation for their own protection from prison gangs, which are allied to the drug-dealing gangs Pagad oppose.

Some 100 supporters gathered outside the Bellville Court yesterday, where police had thrown up a cordon of razor-wire and blocked the suburb's main street. The crowd dispersed after being briefed by Pagad lawyers.



HANNES THART

Smoking gun: a policeman disperses a volatile Manenberg crowd after gangsters broke up a Pagad meeting. Later a man was shot dead as the homes of alleged drug dealers came under fire

# One killed, five hurt as 'drug dealers' targeted

ASHLEY SMITH, JOHAN SCHRONEN  
AND SHARKEY ISAACS  
STAFF REPORTERS

A man was killed and five people were injured in attacks on the homes of alleged drug dealers on the Cape Flats early today.  
The attacks follow an attack in Manenberg yesterday on supporters of People

Against Gangsterism and Drugs by the Hard Livings gang, who invaded a drug awareness meeting.

Two people were wounded by gunfire at the meeting and a number of others were injured when they were attacked by gangsters allegedly led by Community Outreach Forum leader Rashied Stagie.

Five Pagad members were arrested after the clash at the Manenberg People's

Centre and four other Pagad supporters were arrested there later.

Police Superintendent Hendrik Pistorius said the homes of three alleged drug dealers were shot at in Mitchell's Plain and Steenberg early today.

In one of the attacks, Jerome Williams of 130 Flora Street in Steenberg died when he was wounded in the chest.  
Other attacks had taken place in Heide-

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veld and Athlone, the superintendent said. Among those injured in the attacks today were 10-year-old Monique Philander and Ismalle English, 15.

Yesterday afternoon five Pagad members were arrested after a tense confrontation with gangsters in Manenberg.

The five were freed on R600 bail each after appearing in the Wynberg Magistrate's Court on charges of public violence.

SEVERAL INJURED IN SHOOTOUT

# Pagad, gangsters clash after meetings

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**POLICE BELIEVE** gangsters had "no right" to walk into a Pagad meeting in the Manenberg People's Centre and violently disrupt it. But Community Outreach leaders say Pagad booked the hall under "false pretences". **JUDY DAMON** and **PETER DENNEHY** report.

**P**OPLE Against Gangsters and Drugs (Pagad) yesterday ventured into Manenberg — the heart of Hard Livings gang territory — and the result was a shootout with gangsters.

Two people were wounded outside the Manenberg People's Centre as they were being escorted by police out of the building. Earlier, many others suffered injuries in a chair-throwing brawl inside the building.

Police then fired teargas and rubber bullets at an angry crowd, who stoned them and said they were protecting "the wrong people (Pagad)".

Police spokesman Superintendent Hendrik Pistorius said last night that the Manenberg residents were wrong to say the police were protecting the wrong people in this incident, because Pagad had clearly been in the minority.

He said there had been about 150 Pagad members up against 350 people who had walked into the meeting, with hundreds of Manenberg residents waiting outside in support.

However, he also said Pagad should have informed the police they were going to meet in the Hard Livings stronghold.

He said the shooting could have been avoided.

But, he added, the gangsters had "no right" to walk into the meeting and disrupt it in the way they had.

He confirmed that two people had been shot while they were leaving the building, but said he could not determine who had fired the first shot.

The injured were rushed to the GE Jooste Hospital in Manenberg, under heavily-armed guard by Pagad and the police. Pagad members aimed their guns at the residents as they escorted the injured to the hospital.

The condition of the two wounded Pagad members could not be confirmed last night, but it was reliably ascertained that their wounds were slight.

The Pagad Investigating Team was investigating the incident, Pistorius said.

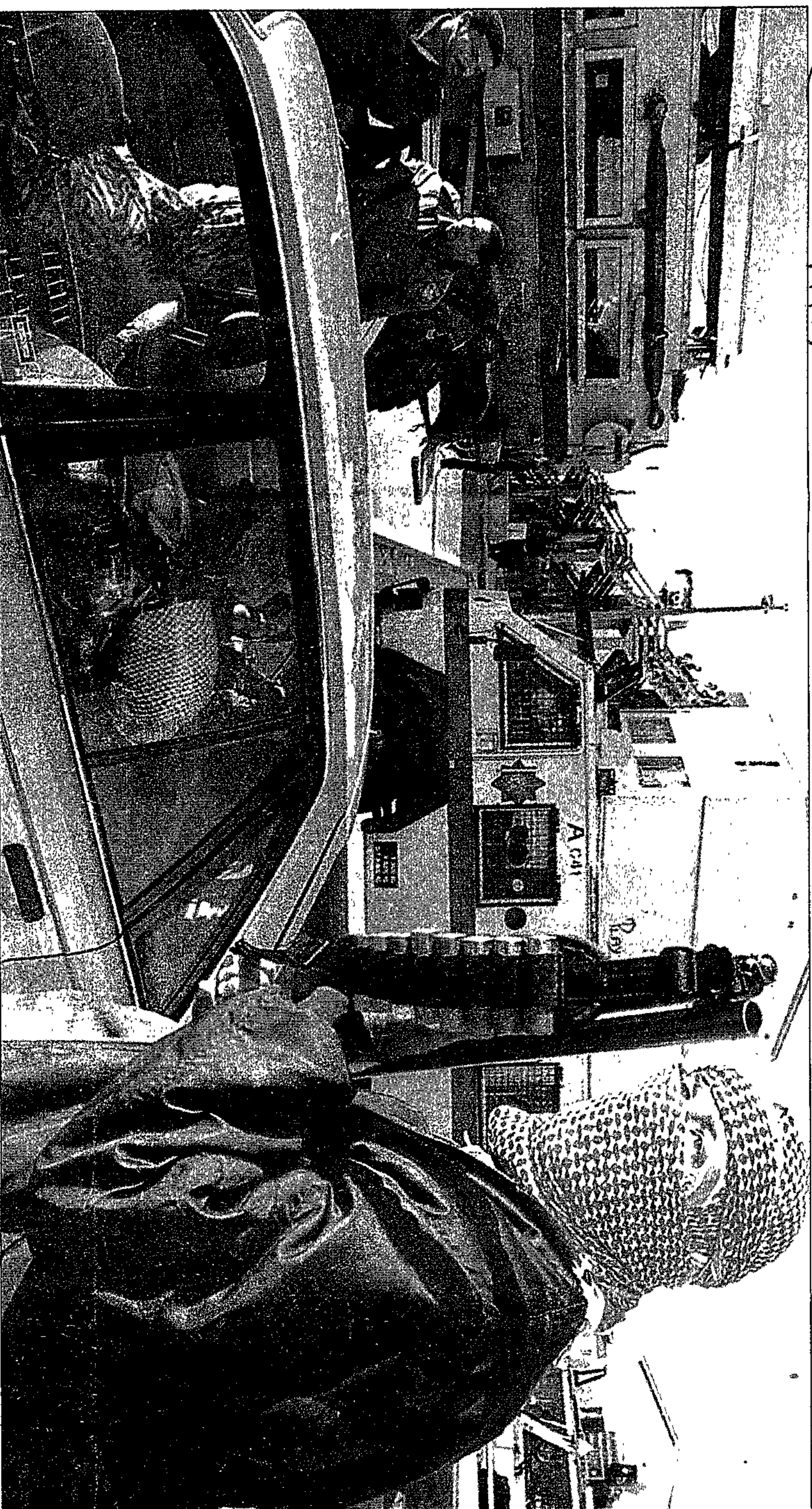
The fight started when, according to Pistorius, members of the Hard Living Kids stormed into a Pagad meeting and "beat up" its members.

But Mr Ernest "Lapepa" Peters, one of the members of the Community Outreach Forum (Core), said yesterday that he and Hard Livings leader Mr Rashied Staggie had gone to the Manenberg People's Centre to ask the Pagad members what they were doing there, and why they had booked the hall under "false pretences".

He explained that when Pagad had a meeting, they usually told the police and put up banners or posters — but in this case they had booked the hall under the name of "some welfare organisation". He and Staggie had first heard of the meeting yesterday morning.

A crowd of Manenberg residents had accompanied Staggie and himself on the way to the centre, he said. When they arrived, the Manenberg residents also entered the centre.

"Some of the (Pagad) women and men



**ON GUARD:** A Pagad member keeps guard over some of the women who were inside the Manenberg People's Centre when the confrontation with Hard Livings gang members erupted. **PICTURE: GARTH STEAD**

# Cape Flats war sparks frenzy of buck-passing

## *Police shortage blamed*

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LINDSAY BARNES  
CRIME DESK

Politicians and officials are passing the buck over who should resolve conflict between gangsters and People Against Gangsterism and Drugs.

The war claimed another victim in a drive-by shooting this week.

But spokesmen for Minister of Justice Dullah Omar, police Commissioner George Fivaz and Minister of Safety and Security Sydney Mufamadi all said the conflict was not their baby and should be tackled at provincial level.

Not so, said National Party and Democratic Party spokesmen.

The situation could lead to anarchy if the central government did not take action immediately, said Gerhard Koornhof, NP defence spokesman.

"Most of the powers are vested in the national government, but there is a growing perception that the minister of safety and security is not in control.

"Unless the Government shows a strong hand and fosters a culture of law and order,

we are not going to solve this," he said.

The short-term solution to the conflict, which began a year ago and peaked with the mob killing of gang leader Rashaad Staggie in Salt River in August, was for Pagad and gangsters to resolve, he said.

ANC spokesman Brent Simons said the issue boiled down to the urgent need for redeployment of Western Cape police to areas where they were needed most.

He said the ANC had long demanded that the provincial police ministry get on with the job and urged Western Cape Police Minister Gerald Morkel to act fast to prevent further violence.

James Selfe, Western Cape Democratic Party spokesman on police, said it was up to Mr Mufamadi and Commissioner Fivaz to ensure adequate police resources to end conflict and restore peace to Cape Town.

He said the feud between Pagad and the Community Outreach Forum (Core), representing gangsters who say they have reformed, was unacceptable, as it brought misery to those caught in the crossfire and could affect Cape tourism and the city's Olympic bid.

# Ganglands prepare for conflict

KEN VERNON

'If the war is not stopped soon, the streets will run with blood'

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**R**ITA PETERS will not hear a bad word said of Rashied Staggie, the gangster who effectively controls the crime-ridden suburb of Mannenberg in the Cape Flats, where she lives.

"Rashied grew up in front of me and he is a good man. We know him and he knows us; and here in Mannenberg we all help each other — just tell Pagad to leave us alone," she said this week.

As she spoke, policemen and soldiers were patrolling Mannenberg and other Cape Town ganglands in an attempt to contain the war between the gangsters and Pagad (the anti-drug group).

For Peters and thousands like her, Staggie and the gangsters he controls — identifiable by their "uniform" of gold chains, leather jackets and cellphones — are heroes; and Pagad are villains.

In the past two weeks, the war between the two groups has been marked by fit-for-fat attacks, bombing of members' homes, and drive-by shootings. Two people have died and several have been injured. The conflict could flare into all-out battle at the slightest provocation.



**THIS IS MY TURF:** A Mannenberg resident gives Captain Marius Limb a piece of his mind as conflict between Pagad and gangsters simmers

"The government, the gangs and Pagad must sit down and talk. But the government says it will not talk to gangsters, and Pagad prefers shooting people to talking."

After Peters has melted into the Mannenberg shadows, another woman says Staggie and his men are not heroes to all.

"They are murderers and rapists. My children can't walk the street here," she says. "I want to get out before something worse happens."



**JUST CHECKING:** Rashied Staggie makes sure 'everything is okay' minutes after a police patrol stops in front of a shebeen Pictures: TERRY SHEAN

The gangsters have threatened to hold the city's Olympic bid hostage unless the government opens talks to try to stop the violence.

Ivan Waldeck, the chairman of Core, an organisation of "reformed" gangsters, said this week:

"The gangs hold the safety and security of the Games in their hands. If the government wants the Games to go ahead it must talk to us. If the war with Pagad is not stopped soon, the streets will run with blood."

Waldeck blames the deaths of the past two weeks on Pagad's campaign to rid the area of gangsters and drug dealers.

But Aslam Toefy, the leader of Pagad, blames the gangsters, saying they have attacked peaceful "educational meetings" held by his organisation. He also raises the possibility of a "third force" that sets Pagad and gangsters against each other.

Both groups blame the police for not taking action against the other.

Police fear that just one spark — such as a fatal attack on a senior member of either organisation — could spark all-out war. Police units, bolstered by the army, have been patrolling the Cape Flats since Monday to keep the two groups from each other's throats.

There has been no violence since the patrols began, but police intelligence sources see this as the lull before the storm.

A veteran police gang-fighter said: "The gangsters said 'Enough is enough' after Pagad ran sorties into the gang heartlands of Hanover Park and Mannenberg a couple of weeks ago. Until then, Pagad attacks had

ity. It's a vicious cycle".

Informed sources say Staggie has been reining in the gangs. Waldeck agrees: "Rashied has tremendous respect in the gangs and he has managed to hold them back for more than seven months, since Pagad began their campaign. But he will not be able to hold them back much longer. Already some of them have hit back."

# Criminal Lords Control

## Mandela's task unit reveals foreign

JOSEPH ARANES  
STAFF REPORTER

Local and international syndicates control street crime in Cape Town's central business district and use street children and vagrants as pawns, a top-level investigation has found.

The revelation has been made by the head of the task unit appointed by Presi-

dent Mandela last year to investigate foreign crime syndicates operating in the city centre.

Unit head André Lincoln said street children - as well as children living at home - were being forced into mugging, pickpocketing and theft from vehicles and buildings.

He said a gang from Morocco was heavily involved in city centre crime.

The gang's alleged leader, Yuri Uliantisky, a Ukrainian known as "The Russian", was arrested last week on various charges including assault. He was released on R15 000 bail by the Cape Town Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Director Lincoln said: "There is a big move by a Moroccan crime syndicate to force children to commit these type of deeds. Although these children are not

angels, in many cases they are being beaten to comply with gangsters.

"Local gangsters are also using children to perform their dirty work and are engaged in a struggle for control of them with the Moroccans."

André Traut, spokesman for the Cape Town Central police station, said police were slowly winning the battle to make the city's streets safer.

## masterminds

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It was not only street people who were involved in crime, but people with ordinary homes.

"We have identified several street children and vagrants as culprits but have also arrested numerous other people who live at fixed addresses across the Peninsula for some of the crimes," Captain Traut said.

Visible policing had been stepped up in the city centre and at any time at least 80

uniformed policemen, on foot, horseback, bicycle or in cars, were on patrol.

A mobile police unit was being moved around the city to flashpoints and a contact point had been opened in Adderley Street, making it easier for crime victims to report incidents to the police.

Captain Traut said street gangsters were becoming brazen, attacking people and committing crimes in daylight hours.

# Street Kids

# 'We thought airport demo was legal'

TWO members of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs denied yesterday that they had known last year's demonstration at Cape Town International Airport had been banned.

They testified when the case was resumed against 16 Pagad members in the Bellville Magistrate's Court on eight charges arising from an illegal protest at the airport on December 16.

Mr Moegamat Samaai, 42, who denied a charge of public violence, told magistrate Mr

André le Grange that he had taken part in the demonstration as a matter of principle, under the impression that permission had been granted.

"I even took my wife and children, which I would never have done had I known the march was illegal and would result in confrontation with the police."

Samaai said he later stood on a bridge overlooking the chaos. Someone to his right threw a stone at the police

"I can swear I didn't throw that stone, although I was arrested for it," he told the court.

Mr Sharief Adams told the court he also understood the event had been approved by the authorities. He was talking to Mr Magamat Samuels (another accused) when a shot rang out from the direction of the police, and Samuels fell to the ground. He fled, fearing he would be shot, and was later arrested. He was not told why.

The trial continues. — Sapa

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# Pagad war hots up on Cape Flats

## Grenade rocks suburb

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**JOHAN SCHRONEN**  
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A powerful grenade explosion rocked the home of controversial former Pagad leader Nadthmie Edries in Primrose Park early today in the latest incident in the tit-for-tat war gripping the Cape Flats.

The attack followed several last week on the homes of alleged gangsters and members of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) in the simmering war between dealers and anti-drug vigilantes.

Today's attack badly damaged walls, windows and furniture.

In another attack about the same time today, shots were fired at a house in Port Jackson Street Athlone. Police believe attackers may have mistaken it for an alleged drug dealer's house nearby.

No one was injured in either attack which happened about 1am. Mr Edries, his wife Fadila and their three sons were out.

Police examining the debris found the blast was caused by an M26 anti-personnel grenade with wire nails tied to it, apparently to maximise injuries.

Mr Edries rushed home when an armed response company told him of the blast.

Most windows in the house were shattered; furniture was overturned and walls and ceilings were extensively damaged.

The family pets, two cats and a dog, were in the house when the grenade exploded and were still cowering in terror when Mr Edries got there.

He is a former prominent member of Pagad and was associated with the group lead by Ali "Phantom" Parker which split



JOHAN SCHRONEN

**Grenade attack:** Nadthmie Edries inspects damage to the lounge of his Primrose Park home

from the main organisation. He has appeared in court on sedition charges.

He said he had "walked away" from Pagad after his arrest and did not know what the motive for the attack was.

"I left Pagad to get on with my own life," Mr Edries said. "But about two months ago there was an attack on another house in my street which we believe was at the wrong place and actually aimed at me.

"Since then we have been vigilant and aware of a possible threat but the reason is a mystery to me.

"It would be inappropriate for me to speculate. All I can say is that we're lucky

to be alive," said Mr Edries.

He is one of the three original leaders of Pagad arrested on sedition charges for alleged involvement in events which led to the killing of Hard Livings gang co-leader Rashaad Staggie in Salt River on August 4.

Mr Edries was later released on R10 000 bail but charges were eventually dropped pending further investigation.

The Pagad split came after the organisation accused Mr Parker, Farouk Jaffer, and Mr Edries of bringing it into disrepute. They in turn criticised the "militant" and "anti-government" influence on Pagad of the Muslim organisation Qibla.



# Pagad condemns panga attack

## Women and children assaulted in Manenberg

ASHLEY SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

Pagad has condemned panga-wielding Hard Livings gangsters headed by Rashied Staggie for allegedly attacking about 120 people, including women and children, at a drug awareness meeting in Manenberg.

Police spokesman Hendrik Pistorius said two members of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs were shot in the stomach outside the Manenberg People's Centre hall during ensuing mayhem yesterday and taken to hospital.

About 10 people in the hall were injured when they were hit with chairs and bricks, kicked and punched.

Nobody appears to have been hurt by the pangas.

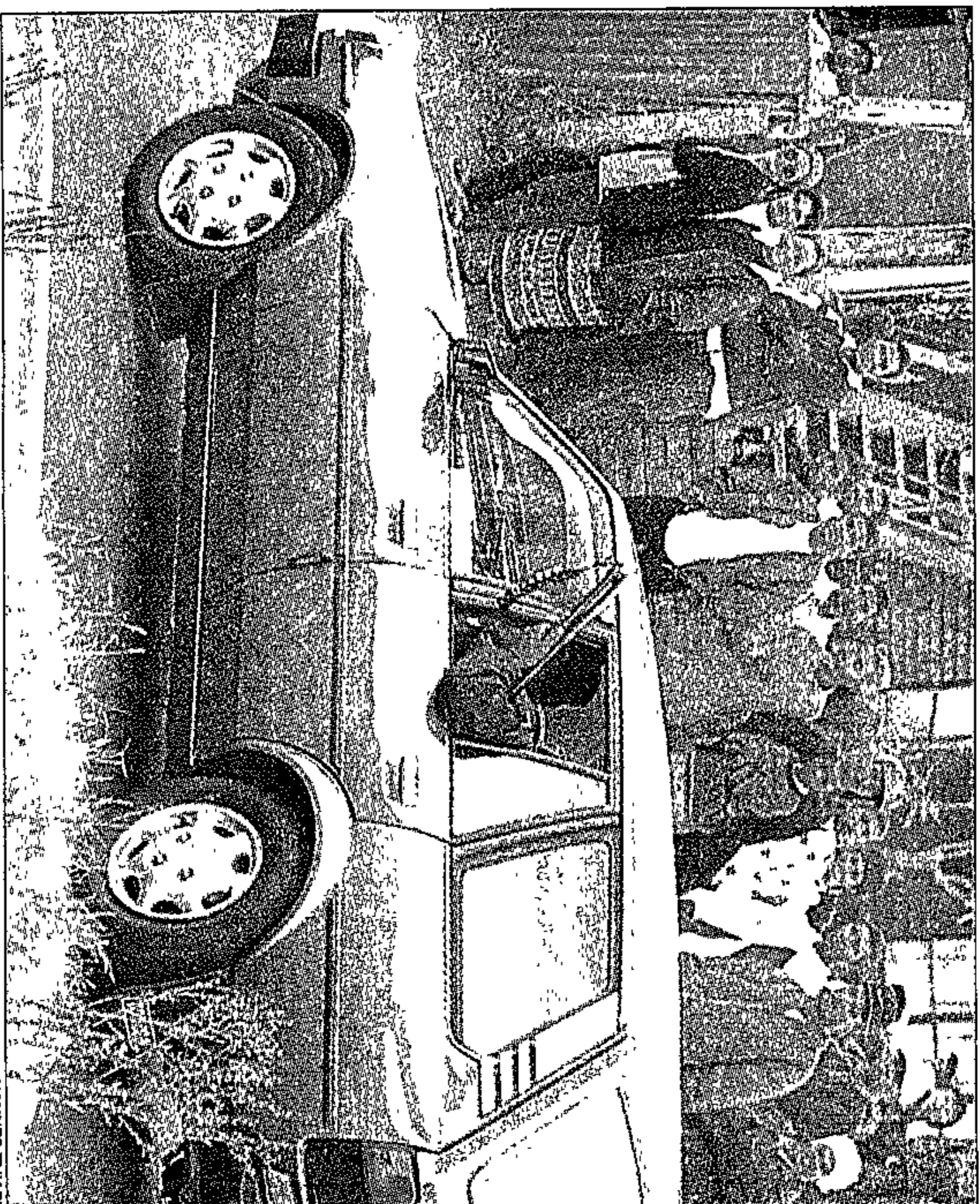
Earlier the meeting had been guarded by four members of Pagad's "G-force" self-defence unit, but reinforcements arrived later.

Pagad's national co-ordinator, Abdus-Salaam Ebrahim, said he was attacked by about five gang members.

He was injured on the head and in the back when he was hit with a chair and punched after the gangsters told him: "Jy's wit bene" (gangster slang for "you are going to die").

Other people at the meeting, including a 10-year-old boy and several women, were injured when they were kicked and hit with bricks.

A masked Pagad supporter said her husband was standing outside the hall before the incident when he overheard one of the gangsters asking the police: "Wat maak



HANNES THART

**Pagad leaves:** armed members of the anti-gangster group leave Manenberg as residents jeer 'Julle hier?' (what are you doing here).

She added that several gangsters then chased her husband but were unable to catch him.

A woman who was badly cut during the attack said she had been standing at the

She said she was punched and hit in her back with a chair after gangsters asked her: "Why didn't you ask us for permission to have this meeting?"

She said the gangsters went for Mr Ebrahim with a panga.

Another victim said he was kicked "all the way from the hall to the outside of the centre by gangsters".

Fearing for their lives, Pagad supporters fled the hall, but outside they were confronted by more than 350 local residents, who shouted abuse and hurled stones at them.

The streets of the Cape Flats township, traditionally the headquarters of the Hard Livings gang, erupted in chaos as police escorted a heavily armed convoy of Pagad supporters out of the area.

As the supporters left with faces covered and shotguns drawn, residents and gangsters shouted abuse and pelted their vehicles with stones.

The police fired several shots when they came under attack by the mob, who screamed: "Why are you protecting these bastards?"

A Manenberg resident said Pagad had taken a "big risk" by coming to the area after the killing of Hard Livings co-leader Rashaad Staggie during a Pagad march in Salt River last year.

Mr Peters claimed that Pagad had booked the hall under "false pretences" by using the name of "some welfare organisation".

He said Mr Staggie had led a group of residents into the centre and they had been pushed around by Pagad supporters before the scuffle broke out.

# More blasts rock homes of drug suspects

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CRIME CORRESPONDENT

ARG 3/4/97

Three more explosions have rocked the homes of alleged drug dealers on the Cape Flats in the war between anti-drug campaigners and gangsters.

The explosions late yesterday and early today in Hanover Park, Grassy Park and Athlone followed two attacks yesterday - one in Primrose Park where a powerful explosion ripped through the home of former Pagad leader Nadthmie Edries and the other a gun attack on a home in Athlone.

In Hanover Park about 10.30 last night a handgrenade exploded at a house in Sirdown Walk. About midnight another grenade exploded at a house in Seventh Avenue, Grassy Park. Just after 3am today a home-made device exploded at a house in Elwin Street, Athlone.

No one was injured but the blasts damaged the houses. Investigators of Pagad-related attacks are collecting clues but no arrests have been made.

Meanwhile, communities are bracing themselves for violent clashes between gangsters and armed cells of Pagad.

Pagad has claimed to have the support of Cape Attorney-General Frank Kahn and earlier vowed to release tape recordings which would "embarrass" Mr Kahn "out of his office". Mr Kahn has rejected the claims as "absurd" and said the conversation took place before an airport demonstration was banned and at no time did he indicate support for illegal marches.

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own house, and the right to use the natural environment in a particular way." (Pearce and Turner 1990).

The question of property rights assumes importance in practical pollution control policy. The fundamental question here is whether firms have the right to pollute or whether the remaining members of society have the right to a pollution free environment.

In the former case, a firm creating an external cost through polluting activity is merely exercising its right to use the natural environment as a receptacle for pollution and there seems to be little basis for imposing on it any form of penalty or regulation for doing so.

On the other hand, the latter case would prohibit the firm from undertaking pollution creating activity unless it were prepared to fully compensate all affected parties.

The assignment of property rights to the environment is clearly a thorny social and ethical issue. Pezzey (1988) has defined two principles, to be used by policy makers, which incorporate slightly differing views of the underlying environmental property rights.

The first of these, known as the Standard Polluter Pays Principle (Standard PPP), is generally applied by most western industrialised countries. This requires polluters to pay for controlling effluent down to the optimal load, but not for environmental damage caused by the optimal effluent load. De facto, therefore, it grants polluters a property right to discharge the optimal level of effluent free of charge. Firms do not, however, have the right to discharge more than the optimal effluent load and are responsible for any costs associated either with additional discharges or abating discharges to the optimal level.

The second principle is less benevolent towards firms in that it asserts that they have no pollution rights at all. Under the Extended Polluter Pays Principle (Extended PPP), polluters are required to pay both the cost of optimal effluent control and the

## THE STORY

# 'Third force' feared in Flats drug war

### Gangsters claim NP and ANC using conflict as political football

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**THE CONFLICT BETWEEN CAPE FLATS GANGSTERS AND PAGAD SEEMS TO BE INTENSIFYING IN THE NUMBER OF ATTACKS AND COUNTER-ATTACKS AND IN THE WEAPONS BEING USED. STAFF REPORTER JOSEPH ARANES SPOKE TO THE TWO PARTIES AND THE POLICE TO ESTABLISH WHETHER AN ALL-OUT WAR COULD BE AVERIED**

Just after midnight on Wednesday last week, Aaron Mapeko, an alleged Mitchell's Plain drug dealer, and his family were in bed about to go to sleep when all hell broke loose.

Unknown attackers lobbed a petrol bomb and a handgrenade at their house and raked it with gunfire. Fortunately, nobody was injured.

On the other side of the Peninsula, People against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) leader Abdus-Salaam Ebrahim had just switched his Lansdowne house lights off and gone to bed when he and his family were woken by two explosions.

Again, unknown attackers had tossed two M26 grenades at the bedrooms of the house.

Although the explosion shattered the windows and damaged the house, Mr Ebrahim and his family were not hurt.

During the past seven months the number of attacks has increased dramatically.

Initially most were directed at the homes of alleged drug dealers and gangsters, creating the perception that there were people who wanted the gangsters to retaliate.

Both Pagad and the Community Outreach Forum (Core), the organisation representing gangsters - who say they have reformed - allege a "third force" is responsible for the attacks, a claim the police are investigating.

Guns, grenades and home-made bombs were used in the attacks.

A worrying factor is that homemade explosive devices have become more lethal and powerful and it is more luck than anything else that many have failed to ignite, thus not causing injuries or deaths.

Under the banner of Core, most of the attacks were condemned, but no retaliatory action was taken.

Core continued spreading their gospel of peace and claimed that a "third force" was responsible for the attacks.

During the past weeks, more and more Pagad supporters have become targets of gunmen who sometimes carried petrol bombs and grenades too.

Pagad has condemned the attacks and vowed to continue with its anti-drugs campaign in spite of the intimidation.

Mr Ebrahim said his organisation believed there were forces intent on undermining the Government and who were using the gangsters as tools to achieve that objective.

"Core is small fry in this equation, it's fight is bigger than many people think.

"There are agencies who want to destabilise the Government and throw the country into civil war."

He said agencies of the previous government were still intent on getting back political control and were trying to use Pagad's campaign to create disillusionment.

Mr Ebrahim alleged there were people in Parliament who were involved in the drug trade and that several economic giants were guilty of committing atrocities against people.

These people needed to appear before the Truth Commission so their illegal activities could be exposed.

"These crimes are worse than the apartheid crimes as people are still being drugged and oppressed.

"Pagad is not anti-government, but we are out to save the country from destruction and stop the intelligence agencies, local and international, from destabilising the country."

He said they had a simple message for the Government - get rid of drugs.

"The Government must also get rid of corrupt criminal justice officials and use the necessary force to deal with the problem as 'third force' elements are trying to undermine them," said Mr Ebrahim.

While Core does not agree with Pagad's strategy of marches and threats, it believes, too, that there are other forces with devious motives using the conflict to cause mayhem and strife on the Cape Flats.

Core spokesman Ernie "Lapepa" Peters said that while they agreed with Pagad that drugs were unacceptable, marches would not rid society of this evil.

"Pagad should be promoting peace and educating people about the evils of drug abuse.

"As drug dealers we have stated on numerous occasions that we are prepared to stop dealing if we are given a chance to find an alternative income.

"We are prepared to sit around the table with Pagad and the government to discuss their concerns and come up with solutions to this crisis.

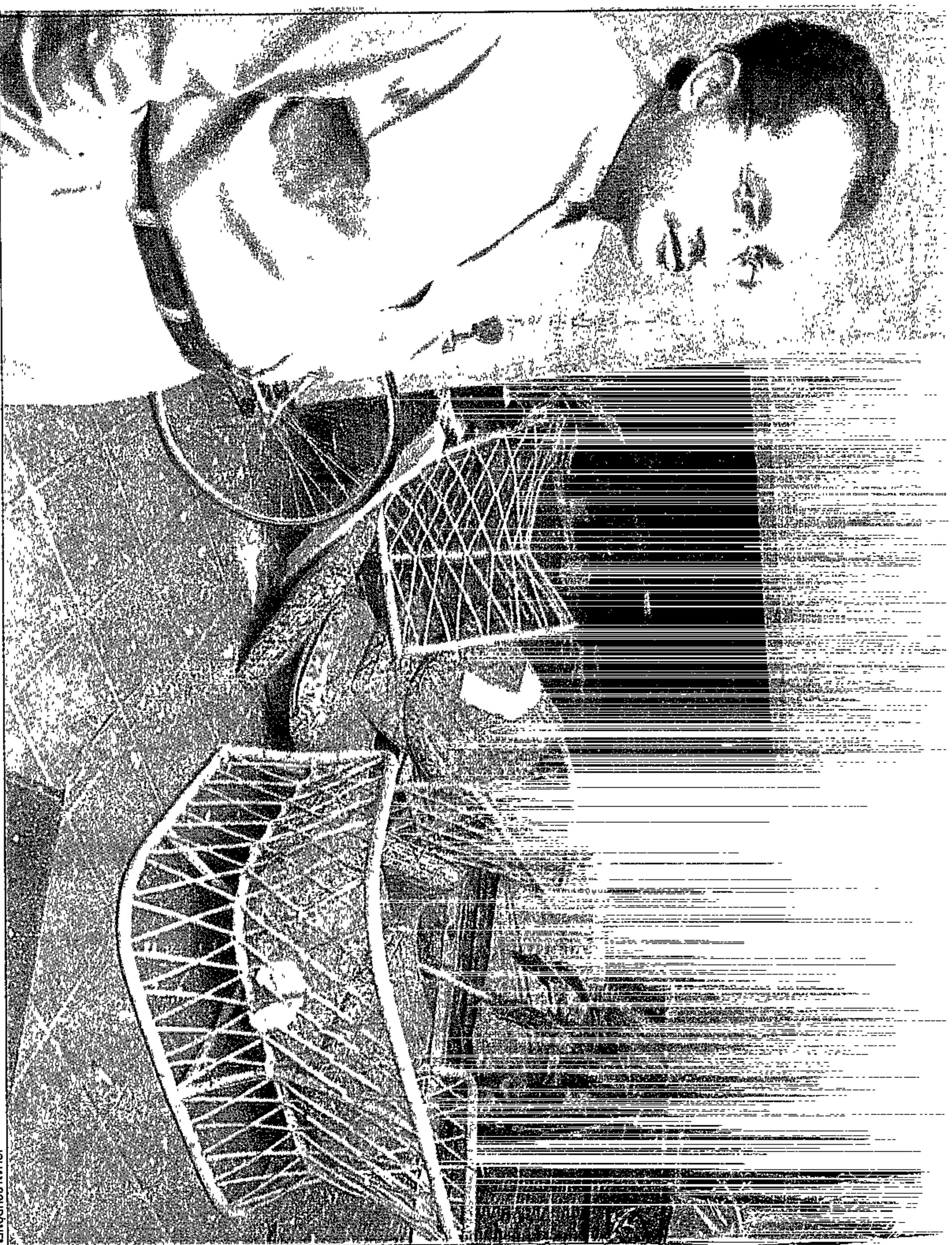
"But the continuous threats and attacks on homes of merchants are testing our resolve, as an organisation committed to peace, to the limits."

Mr Peters said if the attacks continued it would become more difficult for Core to control their members, many of whom were intent on retaliating.

"The gangs are looking for Core for leadership and we are calling for peace, but all these attacks and public threats to the lives of our members and the fact that the police have not arrested anyone for the bombings are placing us in a very difficult position."

He said information from their sources within the police indicated that police got orders from their top structure not to arrest or act against Pagad members.

"Both the National Party and African



**Blast remnants:** Nadhimie Edries surveys the damage after a hand-grenade was lobbed at his family's home in an attack this week

JOHAN SCHÖNEN

National Congress are using this tension between Pagad and Core as a political football and don't want to find ways of resolving it.

"The NP controls the provincial government and the ANC rules nationally, but both have failed to come up with mechanisms to deal with the problem."

He said both parties were sitting on the fence watching developments and would get involved only if they thought they could gain political mileage and votes from it.

Both had skeletons in their cupboards which they wanted to keep there and the only way of keeping them locked away was for them to do nothing.

Although the police have come in for a lot of criticism from all sides for their handling of the situation, they say they are doing their best to keep the peace, arrest the offenders and prevent an all-out war between the groups.

Head of the violent crimes unit Leonard Knipe said the police were extremely concerned that the conflict could escalate and were putting as many

resources and personnel as possible into the field to avoid that happening.

He said it should be remembered that the police were dealing with highly sophisticated networks of drug smugglers and bombers which were difficult to police.

"But we have made several arrests and confiscated numerous firearms, explosive devices and drugs.

"It would appear the attacks are being carried out by different groups of people and allegations of third force involvement are being taken seriously and investigated," said Director Knipe.

He said homemade bombs being used were becoming bigger and more powerful and could be made by almost anyone with a little knowledge of chemicals as the substances could be bought at any good hardware store.

Although the police have appealed to people with information about bomb-makers to come forward, people were reluctant and genuinely scared as the danger of having their own houses blown up or shot at was very real.

## **'There are agencies who want to destabilise the government and throw the country into civil war'**

## **'We have arrested several Pagad supporters for illegal firearms and gangsters are being arrested'**

Director Knipe said that in spite of this, police were conducting their work in a professional manner and were having phenomenal success in arresting people.

"We are scared that open warfare could erupt between the groups and we are doing everything in our power to prevent this.

"We have arrested several Pagad supporters for the illegal possession of firearms and gangsters are being arrested," he said.

Police statistics showed serious violent crimes were down, with 572 people arrested in connection with 256 cases last year, compared with 460 people arrested in 1995 in connection with 549 cases.

Several known gang leaders and alleged drug dealers were being investigated and several cases were pending.

But Director Knipe said not many of the other top gangsters and drug dealers had cases against them.

"We have taken out several middle men and while we don't believe the big guys have stopped their activities, we have just not linked them to cases yet.

"And this is not because of a lack of trying on the part of the police.

"We can lock them away only if we catch them and we are endeavouring to do just that," he said.

# Cape drug war heads for the polls

Gustav Thiel

**T**HE war between Cape Town's drug lords and People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) is heading for the ballot box. Notorious gangster Rashied Staggie has announced that he will contest the 1999 elections, while Pagad is said to be forming a political party for the elections.

Staggie, the twin brother of Rashaad Staggie who was slain by Pagad members last year, is a member of the newly formed party for coloured people, Die Suid-Afrikaan.

The party is an extension of the Community Outreach Forum (Core), which was formed in 1996 by pastor Albern Martins to "provide a haven for reformed gangsters".

Martins told a meeting in Ladysmith last weekend that "the coloured people of South Africa should take back the country. We are the only ones that are left out and even the blacks have a say in the country now," he said.

Pagad's national commander, Aslam Toeffy, told the *Mail & Guardian* this week that his organisation sees Core and Die Suid-

Afrikaan as "institutions which aim to further drug smuggling in the Western Cape".

He remains "convinced" that Staggie still trades in drugs.

"At this stage we do not want to comment on the new party, but it consists of gangsters like Martins and Staggie who will never mend their ways," he said.

Martins denied accommodating gangsters, but said "we will fight Pagad because their struggle is a futile one".

He added that Staggie "will definitely be a member of the new party

and he will contest the next elections. Why should there be a problem if ex-gangsters want to become members of Parliament?"

Asked whether he was aware that Staggie has previously admitted to "killing men with my bare hands", he said: "That is a thing of the past."

Toeffy said this week that Pagad has no official policy about forming a political party to counter the aims of Die Suid-Afrikaan.

He did say, however, that the organisation "will do everything necessary to stop the gangsterism of Staggie and Martins".

Cape Town criminologist Don Pinnock says that Pagad aims to contest the 1999 elections and he believes it is currently "forming political alliances with the aim of establishing a political party".

If this is so, Die Suid-Afrikaan and Pagad could be on the same ballot paper in 1999.

Until then, Pagad and the gangsters remain committed to a struggle that frequently results in violence. In the latest outbreak, the house of ex-Pagad leader Nadhmie Edries in Cape Town's Primrose Park was bombed on Tuesday by suspected gangsters.

The attack followed several the previous week by gangsters on the homes of Pagad members. There was also an attack on Staggie's house in Sea Point.

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CRIME DESK

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**A large police contingent – bolstered by members of the Public Order Policing Unit and the army – has been moved to the Cape Flats in anticipation of further conflict between Pagad and Core members.**

Provincial Commissioner Leon Wessels and his area commissioners met early today to discuss the clashes and formulate contingency plans to pre-empt violence between the groups, police spokesman John Sterrenberg said.

Senior Superintendent Sterrenberg said patrols had been increased on the Cape Flats around flashpoints from Manenberg to Retreat and Steenberg.

“Our members have been bolstered by troops while we are busy re-evaluating our strategy today to address the current situation,” he said. This would involve talking to the groups involved in a bid to end the bloodshed.

“Four of the victims yesterday were neighbourhood watch members who tried to intervene during the clashes,” he said.

“After this weekend’s attacks we arrested nine people and confiscated three heavy-calibre pistols.”

He declined to give details of the police initiative but said resources were being stretched to the limit as a result.

Provincial police minister Gerald Morkel said the government would be monitoring the situation closely.

“We obviously can’t watch every house, but the best is being done under trying circumstances. The police do have a plan, which is not ready for publication,” he said.

He appealed to both sides to restrain themselves and to “avoid killing and injuring one another”.

A shortage of police was a problem that seriously clouded the issue. “Manpower must be increased as it is clear that visible policing does work,” he said.

Nine people were arrested as a result of the clashes, Senior Superintendent Sterrenberg said.

Five people were arrested after gangsters stormed into the Manenberg People’s Centre yesterday afternoon and, in the early hours today, four suspected Pagad members were arrested and four guns confiscated when police stopped a vehicle in Manenberg, he said.

Pagad chief co-ordinator Aslam Toefy warned police that if they did not arrest Core members Rashied Staggie and Ernest “Lapepa” Peters as a result of the attack on the centre, Pagad members would make citizens’ arrests. “I would like to see the police put out a request for Staggie and Lapepa to give themselves up within 24 hours like the police did with me,” he said.

He said there was a definite pattern of police not arresting alleged gangsters after attacks on Pagad members – and Pagad would put pressure on police and the Government to effect arrests following yesterday’s mayhem.

Pagad was considering marching on Parliament to “ask for our human rights” but would not take matters into their own hands, he said.

Director Joseph Ngubeni, spokesman for George Fivaz, referred the matter to provincial Commissioner Leon Wessels’s office. “It is a provincial matter at this moment,” he said.

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# TROOPS INTO WARTORN FLATS

## Army called as night of clashes follows Pagad rally



# Pair get life for brutta E Cape murder

## Killers raped widow, gouged out her eye, slit her throat

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DAVID MACGREGOR  
OWN CORRESPONDENT

Grahamstown - Daphne Birch, 76, was found asleep in her bed when Nana Banzima Dywili, 21, and Thanduxolo Nase, 20, forced their way into her home by bending a burglar bar.

Not just intent on robbing the home, the two men raped and tortured the helpless widow before they strangled her and slit her throat.

They were both on parole for similar crimes.

When police went to the house last January, they found one of Mrs Birch's eyeballs lying on the floor next to the bed where her body lay. It had been gouged out.

A sullen Dywili sat in the dock of the Grahamstown High Court this week while Mr Justice Jeremy Pickering handed down a life sentence.

At one stage he defiantly leaned back in his chair and firmly placed both his feet on the hand railing.

When he was ordered by a policeman to remove his feet, the young killer slumped his head between his legs.

The only person in the gallery when judgement and sentence was delivered was 60-year-old Alfred Nase, Thanduxolo's father.

The tragic events have left both the Nase and Birch families shattered.

Alfred Nase, who recently retired after 30 years at a Dordrecht bank, made the five-hour trip from the small Karoo town in a taxi and listened in shock as the case unfolded over the past five days.

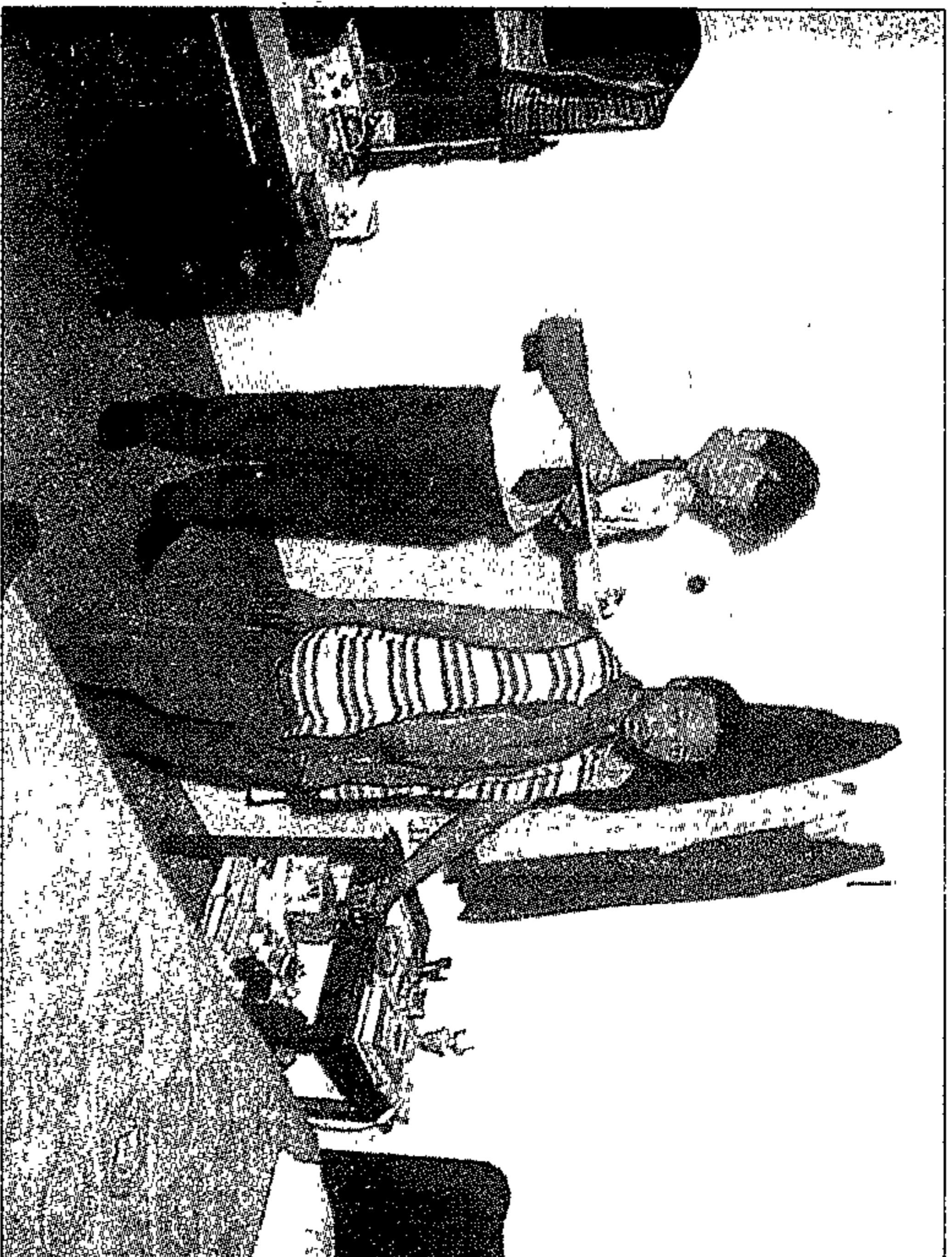
The elegantly-dressed, softly-spoken Mr Nase, a pillar of Dordrecht's black community and an elder of the local Old Apostolic Church, was left wondering "where things went wrong" with his youngest son.

The heartbroken father said: "What can I say about the sentence? If it was a small sentence, the public would be outraged. I cannot say I am not satisfied."

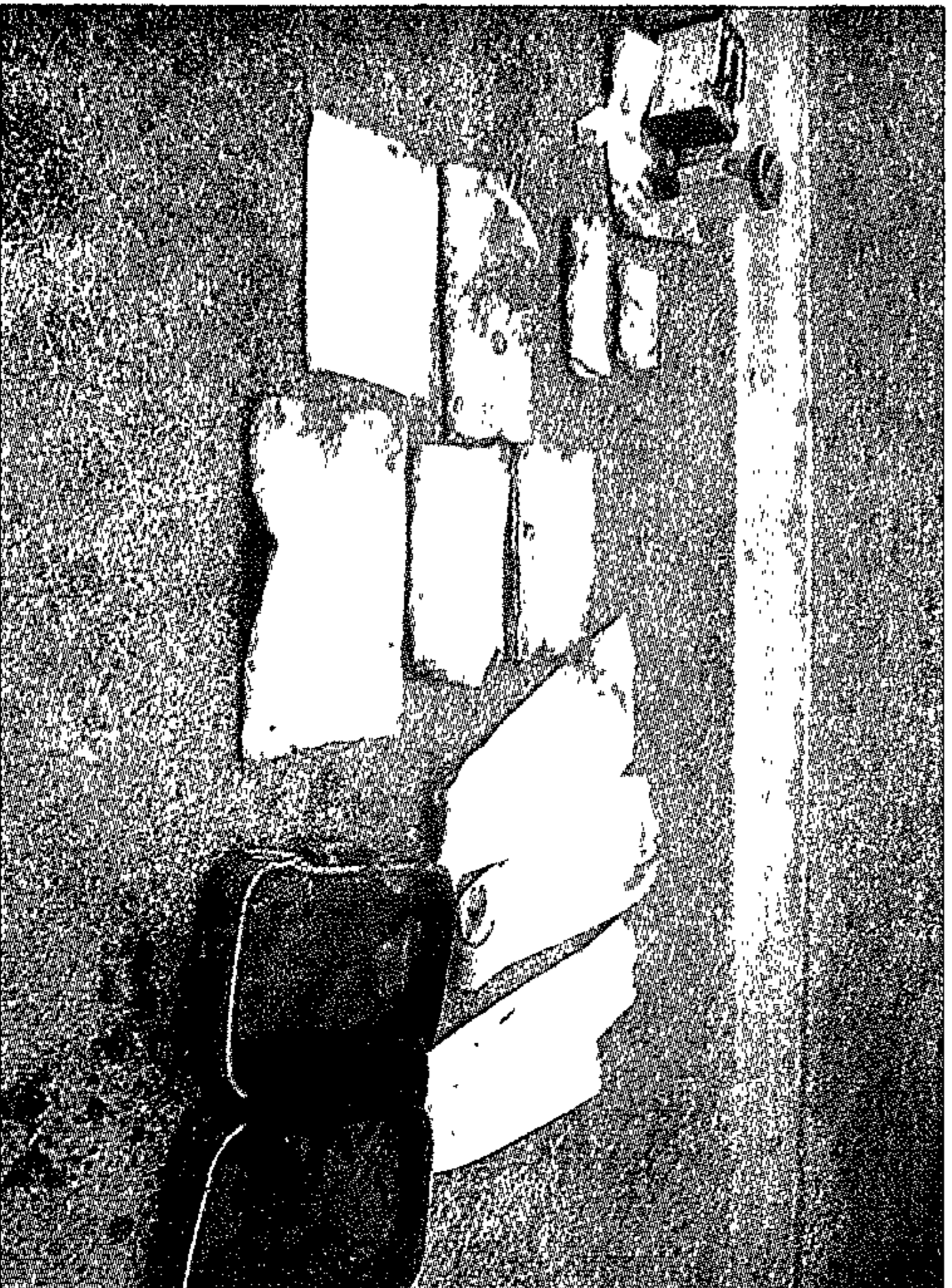
He said he had known the Birch family for years and had regularly greeted them whenever they came to town.

"I prayed for the Birch family and even talked with Mrs Birch's son, Derrick, when he attended the court case. They are very good people and I am sorry that this all happened."

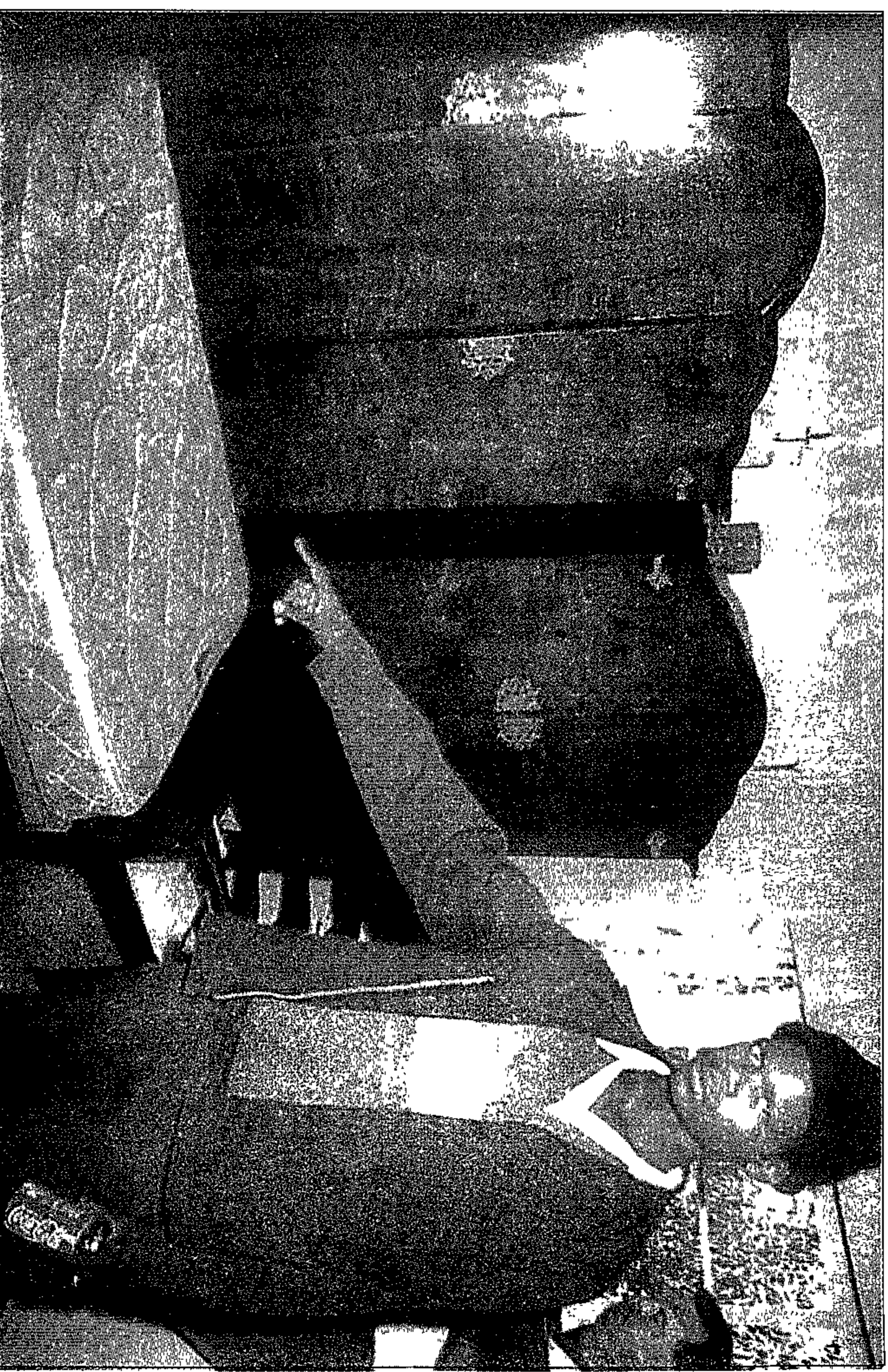
He said he had told his son to try and better the rest of his life in jail by studying, adding that the sentence was the price Thanduxolo had to pay for the murder.



Return: murderer Nana Dywili aids the investigation. The killers gained entry by bending a burglar bar



Grim prize: a suitcase of stolen goods, worth R487, recovered from Mrs Birch's garden after the murder



Room of horror: murderer Thanduxolo Nase points out the crime scene to police. The victim's right eyeball had been cut out and the optical nerve severed

Veteran Queenstown district surgeon Joseph Koopowitz told the court the widow's bodily injuries were the worst he had ever seen in "my entire career".

Although friends, the previously convicted Dywili and Nase stunned the court by turning on each other in a desperate effort to deflect blame for the rape and murder.

In his four-hour judgement on Thursday, Mr Justice Pickering said Mrs Birch was brutally assaulted "by one or the other or both accused".

"It is clear from the medical and photographic evidence that Mrs Birch was brutally murdered and both the accused admit that they were present in the bedroom on the night in question and each seeks to blame the death on the other.

"This fact is immaterial as it is not nec-

essary for the court to prove which of the accused committed the murder.

"It is clear from the evidence that the assault was a protracted one.

"Her right eyeball was cut out and the optical nerve was severed. Her throat was slit and she was strangled.

"An attempt was made to cut out her left eye. It is clear to the court that both the accused acted in common cause in the common purpose in removing stolen property belonging to Mrs Birch," he said.

Thoroughbred Breeders Association secretary John Kramer said the death of Daphne, married to Birch Brothers founder Walter, had been a great loss to the fraternity.

"We were shocked and horrified when we heard of her death," Mr Kramer said,

adding that the murder had ended "a golden era".

"For forty years they ran the top stud in South Africa and they ruled the breeding scene," Mr Kramer said.

Daughter-in-law Zandra, who is married to Daphne's son Derrick, said the family "never thought she would be attacked when she decided to move to town 10 years ago" from the nearby family farm.

On Friday morning, as grey rain clouds gathered over the Grahamstown High Court, a stone faced Dywili and Nase were sentenced to concurrent terms of life imprisonment for murder, five years for indecent assault and 12 years for robbery and housebreaking with intent to steal.

The church elder quietly hugged his son before Nase was led down to the cells. Only then did Dywili begin weeping.

MURDER LEVELS HIGHEST IN KHAYELITSHA

# City's violent death rate reaches new peak

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A RECENT report indicates that the causes of violent deaths in the city are closely related to socio-economic disparities. **MELANIE GOSLING** reports.

CAPE TOWN'S murder rate is seven times higher than that in the average city in the United States — and the city's death rate from railway accidents is almost six times higher than that on the London Underground.

These figures emerged from an article by the Medical Research Council (MRC) in the latest South African Medical Journal, and from a report by the MRC on violence and injury mortality in the Cape metropole.

The reports, which look at non-natural deaths in the city in 1994 and 1995, show that the homicide rate in Cape Town increased from 46% (1 789) in 1994 to 56% (1 962) in 1995.

There has also been an increase in the use of guns in the metropole. The number of deaths resulting from guns increased from 200 in 1976 to 700 in 1995.

One of the researchers, Dr Rozette Phillips, said the increase in gun deaths was greater than the increase in the city's population.

"An increasing proportion of both firearm homicides and suicides have occurred in Cape Town since 1986: The availability of firearms in the home is regarded as a risk factor for suicide, and may be associated with the increased risk of adolescent suicide," the medical journal report said.

There are differences in the major causes of non-natural deaths

Cause of death	Cape Town (1994)	Cape Town (1995)	USA baseline
Homicide	67	67	9
Suicide	11	9	11
Transport accidents	43	33	20

**HIGH DEATHS:** Cape Town's homicide rate is seven times higher than that of the average city in the United States.

in Cape Town's different population groups. Homicide is the leading cause of non-natural death in the black and coloured populations, with males between the ages of 15 and 34 at the greatest risk. Of the 1 962 homicide deaths in 1995, 54% were due to stabbings and 32% to guns.

The major cause of non-natural death in Cape Town's white population is suicide, which accounts for 33% of deaths. Firearms were used in 38% of these suicides.

Other key points which emerged were:

- Homicides were high among adolescents and young adults.
- Elderly pedestrians were at particular risk of being killed in motor vehicle accidents.
- The main cause of non-natural deaths in children was collisions between vehicles and pedestrians.
- Homicides accounted for about one-third of all female non-natural deaths.
- Alcohol featured in all forms of non-natural deaths in Cape

Town, except suicide.

● More than two-thirds of all deaths by stabbing involved people with elevated blood-alcohol levels.

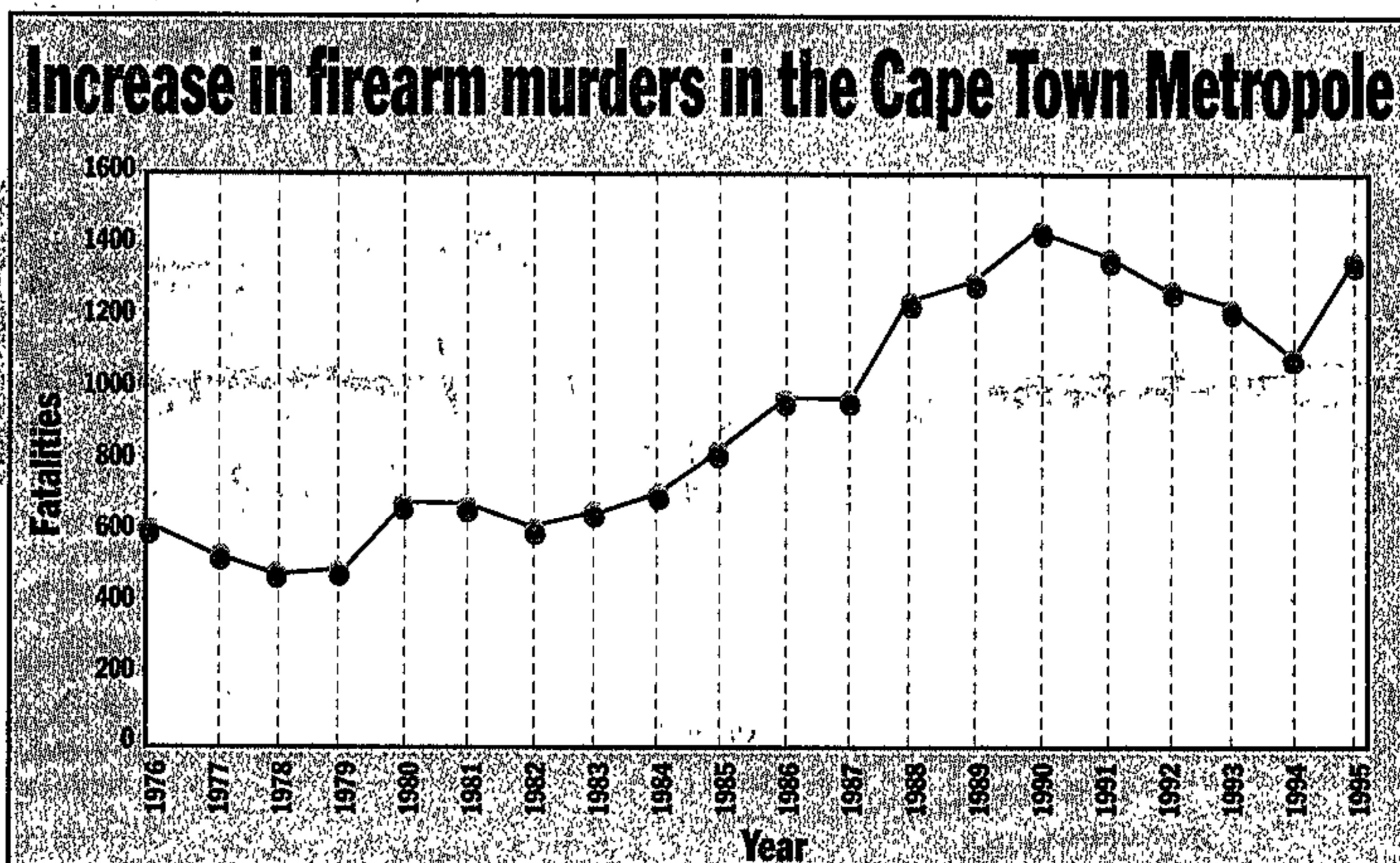
● More than two-thirds of all deaths involving pedestrians and motor vehicles involved people with elevated blood-alcohol levels.

● Alcohol was also associated with many of the city's drownings and fire deaths.

● Cape Town's five highest homicide areas in 1995 were Khayelitsha (306), Guguletu (176), Mitchells Plain (170), Nyanga (160) and Bishop Lavis (134).

Cape Town's homicide rates vary between substructures. The highest is the Tygerberg substructure (which includes Khayelitsha) with a homicide rate of 77 per 100 000 people. This is followed by the Eastern substructure (75), Central (71) and Southern (8).

The Northern substructure has the highest suicide rate of 9,8 per 100 000 people, followed by Central (8,7), Tygerberg (7), Eastern (5,9) and Southern (3,5).



**MORE GUNS:** Deaths by guns in Cape Town increased from 600 in 1976 to 1 300 in 1995. The availability of guns in homes is regarded as a risk factor for suicide. **GRAPHICS: M JACOBS**



# Pagac, marchers with a major mission

## National secretary Khan spells out aims to stamp out drugs, gangs

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**DURING ITS IMPORTANT AND AT TIMES MILITANT ANTI-DRUG AND GANGSTERISM CAMPAIGN, PAGAD HAS BECOME A HOUSEHOLD NAME. FROM MARCH 21 TO 23 THE ORGANISATION WILL HOLD ITS SECOND NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN CAPE TOWN. STAFF REPORTER JOSEPH ARANES TAKES A LOOK AT THE GROUP AND ITS PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**

was organised, calling for visual deterrents to gangsterism and drugs and more competent and effective legislation.

The organisation also handed Justice Minister Dullah Omar a memorandum listing their demands that:

- Those convicted of drug dealing should be hanged or given life sentences;
- Those suspected of drug dealing should be monitored constantly and their properties searched without warrants;
- Current lists of business people who were convicted on drug-dealing charges should be made known to the community;
- All assets of guilty drug dealers should be frozen and their property confiscated and used for rehabilitation purposes;
- The public should be informed about drug dealers linked to international syndicates and the type of drug routes and modus operandi of drug dealers; and
- Witness protection programmes should be established for people prepared to speak out against the criminals and all confiscated drugs should be publicly destroyed.

What started out as a discussion among a few friends concerned about gangsterism and drugs on the Cape Flats, developed into People Against Gangsterism And Drugs (Pagad).

The organisation quickly captured the attention of the world when its supporters were allegedly involved in the fiery public lynching of gang leader and drug merchant Rashaad Staggie.

The birth of Pagad dates back to July 1995 when 10 friends, all of whom are still part of the organisation, began getting other people involved and highlighted drugs and gangsterism as a major problem.

A number of meetings were held to devise ways of addressing the issue and to talk about the failure of existing organisations to eradicate the scourge.

As the attendance at these meetings increased, the need to establish an effective and dynamic campaign against gangsterism and drugs became apparent. The silent suffering of the people no longer sufficed and they sought ways to empower themselves against these social evils.

Pagad was seen as the means of empowering the people.

It was against this background that Pagad decided to invite religious leaders of all denominations and people from different backgrounds to take part and to broaden its base in articulating its objective of eradicating drugs and gangs from society.

Roman Catholic priest Christopher Clohessy was one of the many outspoken non-Muslim clerics to come out in support of Pagad's ideals of Pagad.

"The people need to be able to defend themselves. I'm one who wants a gun-free society. If the gangsters attack the people, they must be able to carry legal firearms and defend themselves," Father Clohessy advocated.

Initially, the organisation held meetings with government officials and departments at which they also raised the issue of corruption in government structures. Their concerns about drugs and gangsterism were also raised with the police, justice and correctional services departments.

Pagad national secretary Sharief Khan claims: "In spite of all these efforts by Pagad, no meaningful change was brought about by the police and justice system.

"In a nutshell, all avenues that could be followed concerning the problem were exhausted."

On May 11 1996 a march on Parliament

protests also were marred by violence.

One at the Waterfront resulted in the death of Achmat Najaar while most of the regional leaders were arrested during a confrontation with the police at the airport.

Mr Khan said their goal of eradicating gangsterism and drugs was a tremendous task.

"It is remarkable that after 66 marches in the Western Cape, only three ended in confrontation.

"If Pagad succeeds, the entire country and all its citizens will benefit and reap the fruits of the tears, sweat and blood of those who selflessly fought in the struggle against gangsterism and drugs," he said.

After numerous marches, it became apparent that the strategy was working as drug dealers started cracking under the pressure.

Many stopped trading while others desperately tried to relocate their operations and began pushing up the prices of the drugs.

But the organisation came in for a lot of stick from the government because of Pagad's insistence on carrying firearms and covering their faces during their marches.

Mr Khan said: "At a later stage, the wearing of facial covering and the carrying of firearms in a legal march became illegal. "It seemed as if the police wanted to stop Pagad from growing."

In spite of these obstacles, Pagad, which was at one stage merely a local organisation progressed to become a nationally structured body and will hold its next national conference in Cape Town at the weekend.

Mr Khan said there was no organised or systematic approach to ridding society of gangs and drugs.

No single agency or level of government had taken responsibility for the eradication of the scourge in its broadest sense and there was currently no special plan to manage and co-ordinate crime prevention.

Strategic initiatives were developed without adequate analysis of the root causes of the high crime rate and have focused on only a few aspects of the problem and existing crime prevention efforts have relied on reactive strategies.

He said Pagad did not want to reduce the crime rate, it wanted to totally eradicate gangs and drugs from society.

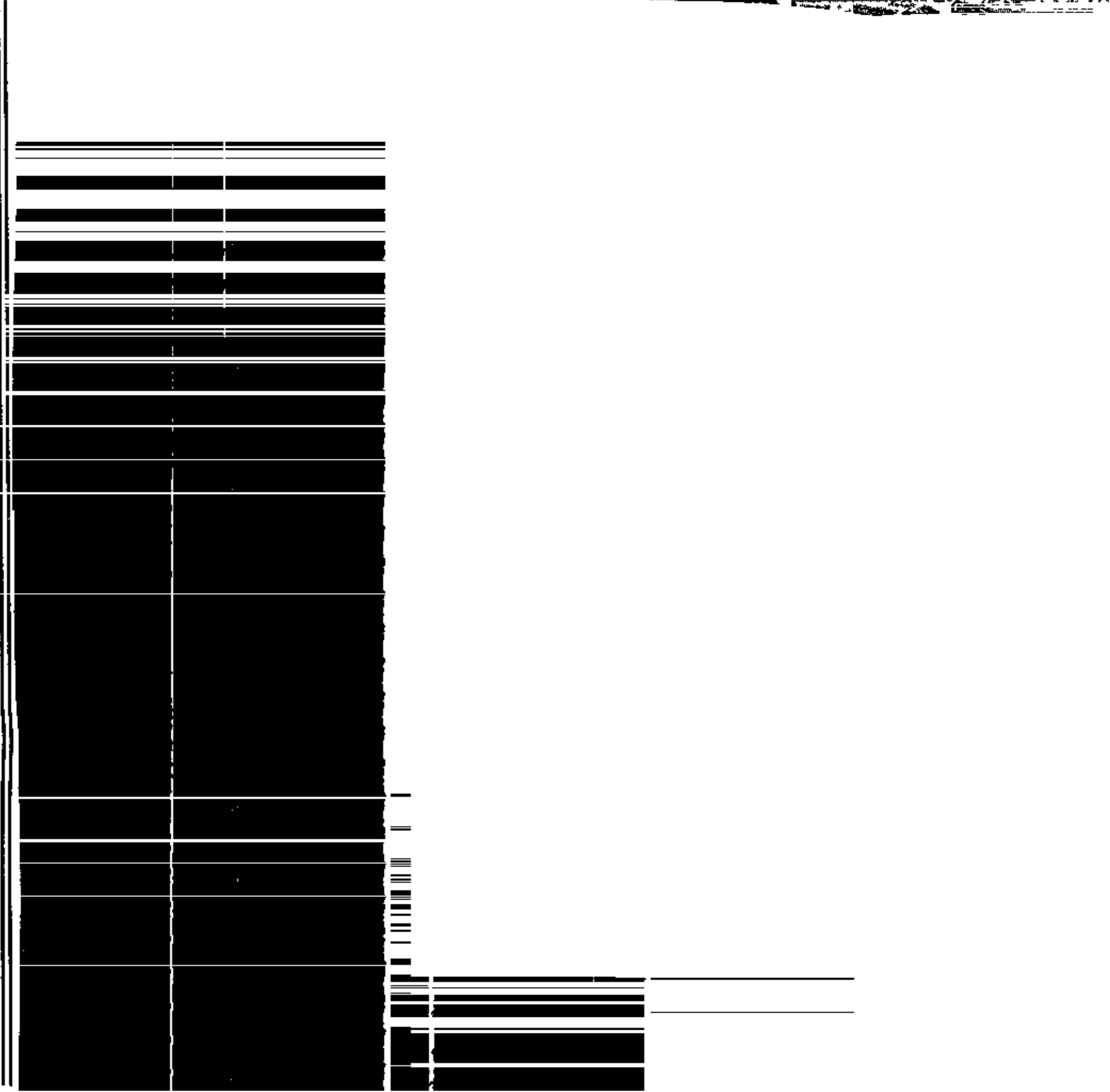
"We argue that everyone is affected by the problem.

"Let us not wait until we become victims, we already have seen how our children have been raped by gangsters... we have seen how our fathers and mothers have been brutalised and we have seen how our tourists have been robbed, raped and terrorised.

"Pagad says we are sick and tired of this scourge and beg of you, as caring human beings, to stand up for yourselves and your children and join the fight against gangsterism and drugs," said Mr Khan.



Pagad leaders: Aslam Toefy, Adus-Salaam Ebrahim and Sharief Khan, the national secretary



# Pagad, Core hedge over key talks

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ROGER FRIEDMAN AND LINDIZ VAN ZILLA

BEHIND-THE-SCENES negotiations by the Pan-Africanist Congress with Pagad and Core could be on the verge of bringing the two parties together to discuss common developmental and anti-crime interests — provided a serious bout of 11th-hour hiccups can be overcome.

The two community organisations — one an anti-drugs group and the other containing a number of allegedly reformed or reforming druglords — have been embroiled in parallel programmes to win the hearts and minds of the Cape Flats community since August.

This has resulted in seven months of bitter accusations, recriminations, threats, counter-threats and violent conflict.

PAC MP Ms Patricia de Lille, who has been conducting the negotiations in secret so as not to compromise either group's constituency, told the Cape Times last night the sides had already submitted proposed agendas and were identifying suitable venues and delegates for a first meeting.

But De Lille said she feared that if either side tried to capitalise from the proposed engagement to the detriment of the other, it could derail the entire process.

Last night her fears seemed about to come true, with Core threatening to pull out of the meeting and citing alleged Pagad attempts to portray them as "weak" or "defeated".

Pagad chief commander Mr Aslam Toefy was adamant last night that Pagad was "not interested in talking to Core" until Pagad's demands to stop all drug-trafficking had been met.

"They are the people who put the drugs on the street, and they must first take them off the streets before we will talk to them," he said.

"People want to see the end of drugs and gangsterism and Core must show their true commitment to the community by stopping their drug-trafficking."

Core chairperson Mr Ivan Waldeck said last night Core remained committed to meeting Pagad in the interests of community peace, but such a meeting would be impossible if Pagad did not withdraw its "threats and demands" and "claims of victory".

Waldeck said Core had not initiated the talks-about-talks — this had been done by the PAC.

"We are not frightened of Pagad. They must not go around saying we are running scared to them for a meeting. If they are genuine about seeking solutions to gangsterism why do they have to try to score points before a meeting which has good possibilities, before it even happens?" he asked.

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## Pagad, Core plan to hold talks, says PAC

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De Lille said the PAC first became involved in the process when a delegation met Pagad in January in terms of the party's outreach programme.

Then she approached Core executive member Mr Ernest Peters with the aim of bringing the parties together.

"I explained to them both that it was in the interests of the whole of Cape Town, in the interests of peace and development — even the Olympic Games — that they talk."

Several meetings were held with members of each group, which eventually led to the submission of proposed agendas for a first contact.

Pagad proposed that the agenda should include that all Core members stop alleged drug activities, that entry and exit points for drugs be identified and all druglords and corrupt policemen be named, De Lille said.

Core's proposals included dis-

cussing job-creation projects to entice Cape Flats youth from dealing in drugs, conditions in prisons, exit and entry points, corrupt police and engaging the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Poised at a delicate stage, the negotiations appeared to be going astray two weeks ago when Pagad asked for a letter from Core requesting a meeting.

De Lille said although she disagreed with the demand, she relayed it to Core.

However, Toefy said Pagad were "not prepared to speak to druglords and gangsters" and that Core should first write a letter to Pagad, asking Pagad to speak to them. Peters declined to write the letter.

Last night Toefy also said that promises of an immediate cessation of drug-dealing would not be enough to warrant talks with Core.

"We will first wait a while, and monitor the situation before engaging in any talks with Core," he said.

# PAC bid for Pagad-Core truce

## Tough pre-conditions to peace talks an obstacle

JOSEPH ARANES AND ASHLEY SMITH  
STAFF REPORTERS

The Pan Africanist Congress has approached People Against Gangsterism and Drugs to discuss a truce in its war against the Community Outreach Forum (Core), which represents gangsters and drug dealers who say they have reformed.

The PAC approached Pagad on behalf of Core. But Pagad spokesmen insist on tough pre-conditions before meeting Core representatives.

Pagad national commander Aslam Toefy said that while Pagad members had not completely rejected the idea of meeting their adversaries, there were definite conditions that had to be met first.

As long as there were drugs and gangsters on the streets, talks about negotiations could not take place.

Pagad's other pre-conditions included:  
■ All importing, manufacturing, wholesaling and retailing of drugs must stop.

■ All contact people guilty of undermining society, whether they were politicians, business people, policemen or cartel bosses, must be made known to the public.

■ All drug routes and the types of drugs being shipped along these routes must become public knowledge.

■ All profits from this illegal trade must be ploughed back into the communities in the form of rehabilitation, sports, education and recreational facilities.

Mr Toefy said these pre-conditions for talks with members of Core or any drug cartel who really wanted to mend their ways needed to be in the form of a written undertaking to Pagad.

Pagad members would monitor the situation closely to see if the conditions were met before going into the meeting.

"But there will never be a ceasefire until all the drugs are off the streets and all the conditions have been met," Mr Toefy said.

In return, Pagad's leaders would provide the infrastructure for Core members to be spiritually, morally and socially re-integrated into the community.

"We will help open doors with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, so that they can reveal the names of corrupt officials in the criminal justice system, and the doors of other agencies which will help to rehabilitate them," Mr Toefy said.

But Core chairman Ivan Waldeck reject-

ed conditions for talks and said that although Pagad leaders claimed to speak on behalf of the community, support was dwindling.

"We will not be prescribed to or threatened by Pagad leaders, but are willing to sit down and speak to them about peace because we have the welfare of our communities at heart.

"Pagad's demands and marches must stop as it is fast losing credibility and has not managed to come up with workable solutions to the problems," Mr Waldeck said.

Pagad leaders had created only more chaos and trouble and their agenda went only as far as drugs.

"They have not lifted a finger to stop the gunfights in our communities, and it is Core members who broker peace.

"The conditions they have set before talks can take place are not conducive to peace," he said.

PAC Member of Parliament Patricia de Lille, who acted as intermediary for the groups, said it was time the parties agreed to talk as the situation was becoming highly explosive.

"This is a very sensitive matter and one in which solutions will not be found

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through emotions. It is in the interest of the whole country that the situation is resolved in a manner that will suit both parties," Ms De Lille said.

At a public debate on the rights of criminals yesterday, Mr Waldeck said prison inmates and former criminals united under the Core banner would change the Cape Flats into a zone of peace and instill a culture of human rights.

The Government needed to realise that Core would play a major role in local politics in the future.

The meeting was also attended by Core leaders Rashied Stagie and Ernie "Lep-epa" Peters.

Mr Waldeck represented Core on a panel that included Human Rights Commissioners Rhoda Kadalie and Ron Paschke, Rosemary Shapiro from Nicro, Judge Siraaj Desai and Democratic Party Member of Parliament Dene Smuts.

Mr Peters said gangsters had been given free reign during the anti-apartheid years.

"We were taught how to throw stones, burn tyres and riot. In fact lawlessness was seen as right back then. Now the very people who wanted the state to be ungovernable do not even want to sit down with us at the same table."



LEON MULLEN

Out for supper: a note on the door of Rashied Staggie's Conifer Road house greets Pagad protesters as they arrive to deliver their 'last warning' to the alleged drug dealer

## City woman's home damaged in 'revenge attack'

JOHAN SCHROENEN  
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

The Heideveld home of a woman said to be a member of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs has been extensively damaged in what police believe was a revenge attack on Pagad by gangsters.

A police spokesman said the woman heard gunfire and breaking glass while she was watching television at her Bufelshoek Street home late yesterday.

The spokesman said she was a Pagad member. She could not be contacted today.

Police found 21 spent 9mm cartridges outside the house. No one was injured.

Three people were seen fleeing from the scene but no arrests have been made.

Pagad leaders, including Aslam Toefy and about 40 supporters, arrived at the house a short while later to discuss the attack and offer the woman protection. The group left later.

## Pagad marchers vow to 'get' Staggie

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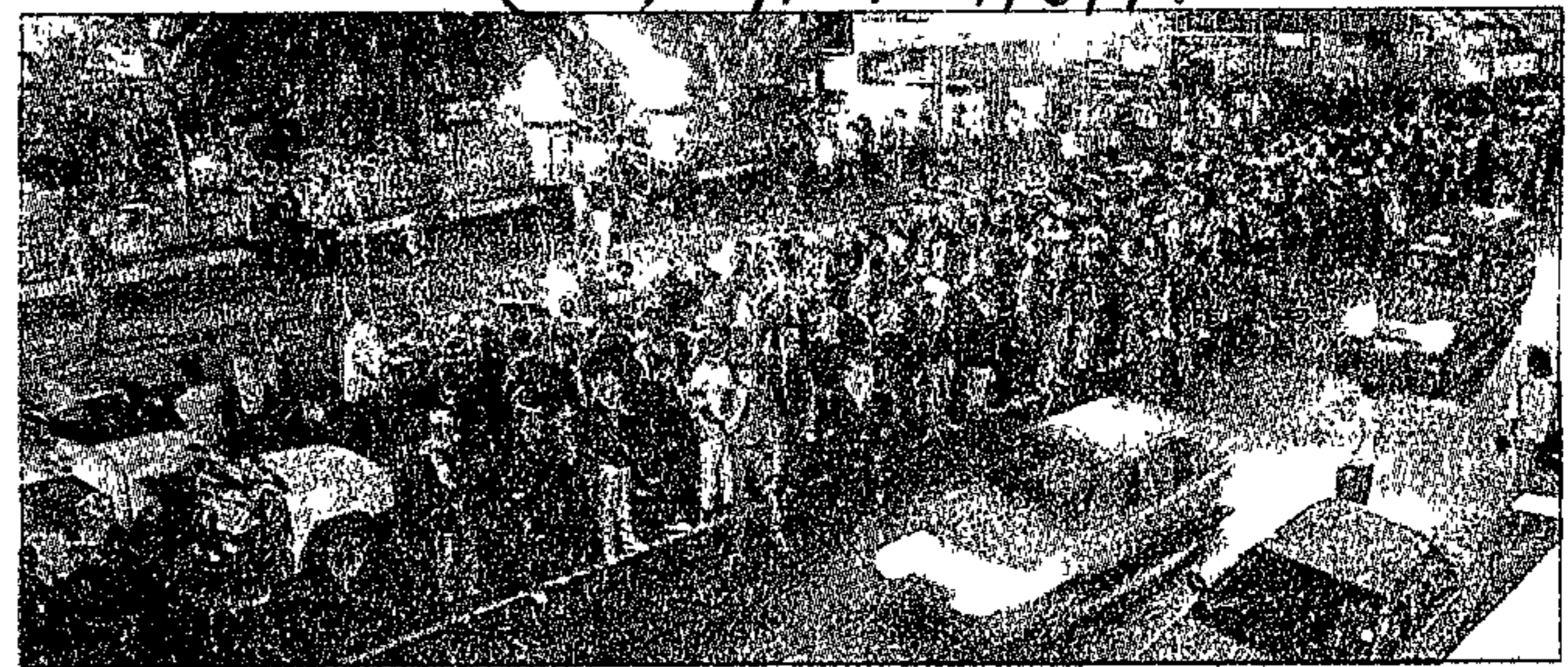
Supporters of the anti-drug organisation Pagad have made death threats against Rashied Staggie, twin brother of Rashaad Staggie, who was lynched during a demonstration last year.

In a march through the streets of Sea Point on Saturday night, hundreds of supporters of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) openly threatened to take the law into their own hands again and end "Staggie's reign of terror" in the Western Cape. They also marched to the homes of several other suspected drug dealers in Sea Point.

They converged on the Conifer Road home of Mr Staggie where there was a notice on the gate which read: "Out for supper, call again. Thank You."

A masked Pagad member who led the marchers in a white bakkie said he was glad Mr Staggie had chosen these appropriate words, as it would definitely be his last supper.

Mr Staggie is leader of the Community Outreach Forum (Core) which says it rep-



On the move: Pagad supporters march on the homes of alleged drug dealers in Sea Point

resents reformed gangsters.

"This is definitely your last supper. You have overstayed your welcome and continue to terrorise and plunder our communities. This is your last warning," the Pagad member said.

A few days before it was reported that Core was prepared to meet Pagad to defuse tensions.

The Sea Point gathering coincided with Pagad's second national conference held in Cape Town at the weekend. It was attended

by representatives from far afield, including KwaZulu Natal, Soweto, Northern Province and Boland.

After surrounding Mr Staggie's house, several groups within the crowd shouted "death to Staggie" and openly said the same treatment would be meted out to him as was given to his brother. Hundreds of Sea Point residents and visitors enjoying the nightlife lined Sea Point's Main Road and voiced their support for the marchers.

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# Pagad hits out at Parker

## group's political plans

### Leader warns of national opposition

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ASHLEY SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

**People Against Gangsterism and Drugs** has lashed out at one of its former leaders, Farouk Jaffer, who has said he will start a political movement under the Pagad name.

Soon after Pagad's second national conference ended in Cape Town yesterday, chief commander Aslam Toefy said any move by Mr Jaffer to use the organisation's name would be vigorously opposed.

The three-day conference was held behind closed doors except for the opening, which the media was allowed to attend. Delegates came from as far afield as KwaZulu Natal, Gauteng, the Northern Province and Boland.

Last year Mr Jaffer, Ali "Phantom" Parker, Nadhmie Edries and Ismail Effendi were expelled from Pagad after making controversial remarks.

These included Mr Parker saying that Pagad was linked to Middle East Muslim

militants Hezbollah and Hamas and that he would tie explosives around his body in a suicide-bomb attack on gang leaders.

After the split, Mr Parker registered the movement's name as a non-profit Section 21 company. Mr Toefy warned the Parker group, saying Pagad would mobilise national support to oppose the formation of a political party under the movement's name.

He also blamed the media for portraying Mr Jaffer as a Pagad spokesman.

"He is not part of Pagad," Mr Toefy said. Pagad chief co-ordinator Abdus-Salaam Ebrahim said the movement knew of international agencies, including the (former Soviet) KGB and the United States Central Intelligence Agency, which were involved in networks intent on undermining the work Pagad was doing to eradicate drugs from South Africa. He said an independent survey had shown that nearly 86 percent of South Africans supported the aims and objectives of Pagad. He declined to comment on whether

Pagad itself was considering the possibility of forming a political movement:

"It was not discussed at the national conference so I can't comment on it," Mr Ebrahim said.

He added that Pagad had a vision of ridding the world of drugs and gangsterism and to this end "international links" would be established.

He did not elaborate on who the organisation would link up with internationally.

A number of strategies had been discussed at the conference, he said.

These included mass citizens' arrests of drug dealers and gangsters, educating pupils at schools throughout the country, feeding schemes and spiritual upliftment clinics.

"We will also march to police stations, justice departments and other government institutions.

"However, we will give the Government enough time to address the drug situation before we step in and save the country," Mr Ebrahim said.

# Grenade attack on Pagad chief

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Two handgrenades were thrown at the Lansdowne home of Pagad national co-ordinator Abdus-Salaam Ebrahim early today, in an apparent escalation of the conflict between Cape Flats gangsters and the anti-gang group.

It follows the shooting up of a Pagad supporter's house in Heideveld on Sunday. Police believe gangsters fired 21 shots at the house, damaging furniture and smashing windows.

Mr Ebrahim, his wife and two sons aged six and eight were at home when their house was attacked today, but they were not injured in the explosions, which caused considerable damage to the building and a car.

Community Outreach Forum (Core) spokesman Ernie "Lapepa" Peters condemned the attacks and said it was time the Government acted against, and arrested, those responsible. Core represents gangsters who say they have reformed.

Mr Ebrahim said the "cowards" who carried out the attack should not be under the illusion that it would distract Pagad from its campaign to rid the country of the scourge of "drugs and scum".



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**Grenade damage:** Pagad national co-ordinator Abdus-Salaam Ebrahim inspects damage to his house

He said the grenades were thrown at the room where he was sleeping with his wife and at a back bedroom where his sons were sleeping. But both bounced off the windows and exploded outside the house.

Mr Ebrahim criticised police for taking almost an hour to reach the house and then cordoning it off so Pagad members could not come to his aid.

Police spokesman Shorty Pistorius said the person who made the initial call had given the wrong address and the police who were dispatched had returned after finding nothing. "But they were sent back after more information was received."

He said both attacks were being investigated by a special police team probing the conflict between Pagad and gangsters.

HIGH POTENTIAL FOR DEATH AND DESTRUCTION

# Shock increase in local home-made bomb attacks

**A SELF-STYLED** anti-gang-ster armed struggle is on an alarming upward spiral designed to maim and kill, warn police.

**P**OLICE investigating bomb attacks on the houses of drug dealers have warned that the home-made explosive devices have increased alarmingly in size and effectiveness — and could cause destruction on the same scale as the Christmas Eve bombing in Worcester, which killed four people.

Captain Bernie Posthumus, provincial co-ordinator of the police's new technical support unit (bomb disposal), told the Cape Times yesterday recent devices had been designed specifically to "main and kill".

The most recent devices had "more than doubled in size" since the first, crude explosive devices were discovered.

The unit has recorded 15 bomb or handgrenade attacks since October last year. This excludes numerous petrol bomb attacks.

The latest evidence of a stepped-up bombing campaign against suspected drug dealers happened over the weekend.

A large undetonated device was found at the scene of an attack on a Brooklyn home early on Saturday morning.

## Incidents in the W Cape

**NOT** only have there been an alarming increase in the number of bomb attacks in the Western Cape, but the power of the explosive devices has also increased:

- 19 October — A M26 hand-grenade explodes at a house in Erica Street, Tafelsig, Mitchells Plain.
- 26 November — Two home-made devices are thrown at a house in Mulholland Crescent, Strandfontein. One explodes, the other falls to detonate.
- 6 December — A similar device explodes in Paarl East.
- 15 December — A similar device explodes at a house in Pitt Street, Salt River.
- 12 December — A similar device and a M26 handgrenade found at a house in College Road, Rylands.
- 22 December — A device explodes at a house in 7th Avenue, Beigravia.

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- 1 January — A device explodes at the Sea Point home of Mr Rashied Staggle.
- 27 January — A device explodes at a house in Wetton Road, Wetton.
- 15 February — A Russian-manufactured F1 handgrenade thrown onto the roof of a church in Valhalla Park.
- 9 March — A device explodes at a house in Kalkoen Road, Bridgetown, Athlone.
- 13 March — A device explodes at a house in Pitt Street, Salt River, causing a fire.
- 18 March — A stun grenade explodes at a house in Eastridge, Mitchells Plain.
- 21 March — A device explodes in Bonteheuvel Avenue, Bonteheuvel. Another at a house in Sherwood Park, Manenberg.
- 22 March — A device fails to detonate during an attack on a house in Brooklyn.

An innocent neighbour was

gunned down in the attack, and a large explosive device thrown at the house — but it failed to explode.

Police yesterday revealed that two similar devices had also been used in attacks on houses in Bonteheuvel and Manenberg over the

weekend.

A device thrown at a home in Sherwood Park, Manenberg, landed under a large shrub. Posthumus said the blast shattered six windows several metres away.

In the Bonteheuvel incident, the device landed under a three-ton truck, which caught fire when

the device exploded. The blast also left a "15cm-by-5cm-deep hole in a solid concrete floor", Posthumus said.

Explosive experts on the scene found shrapnel pieces some 80m away from the centre of the blast.

Posthumus said there had been a definite increase in the size and effectiveness of the explosive devices since the first home-made bomb was discovered in November.

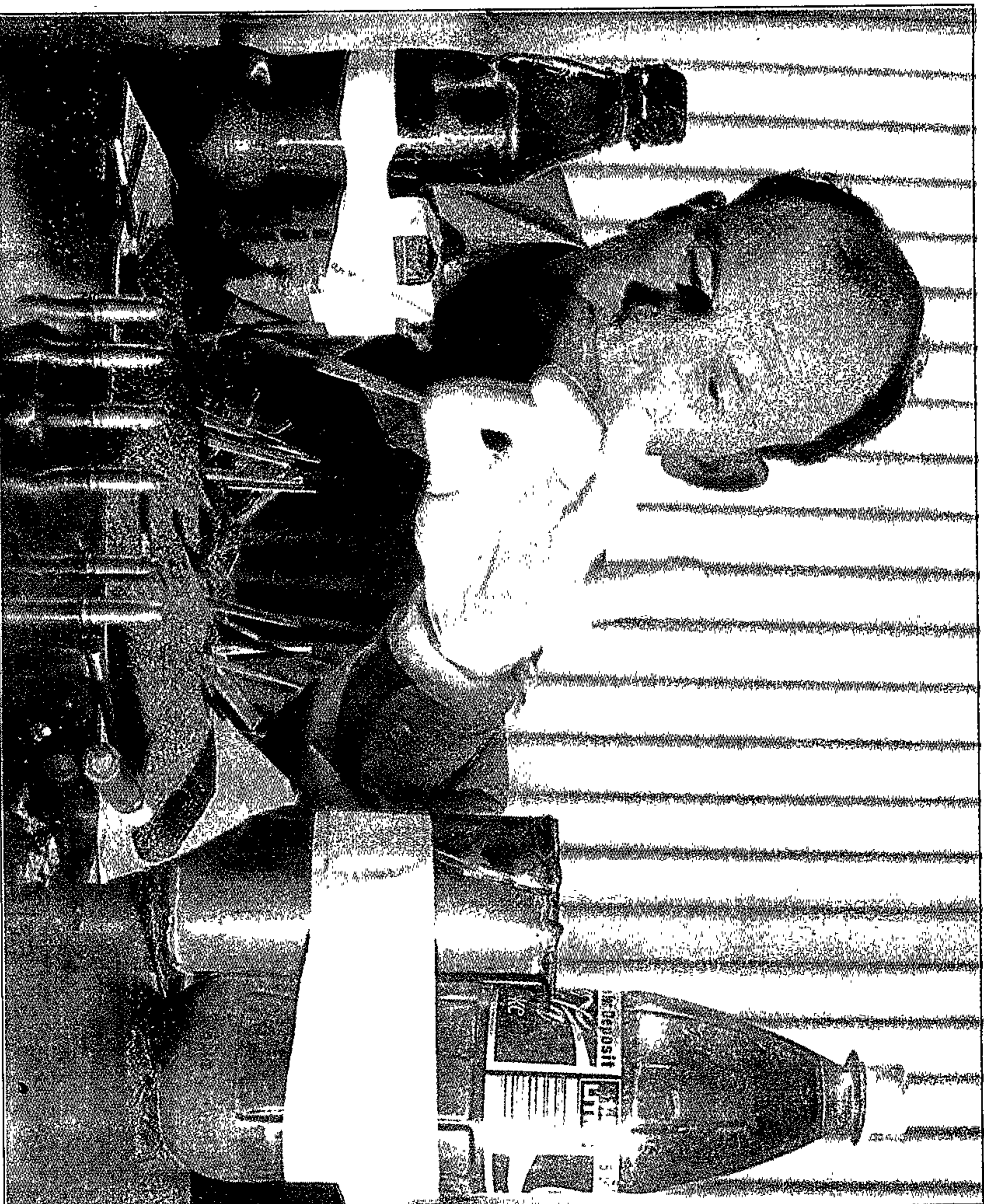
Posthumus said the most recent explosive devices were twice the size of the one which destroyed a large part of a Sea Point house, connected to Core executive member Mr Rashied Staggle.

The Brooklyn bomb weighed about three kilograms. Posthumus said: "If the Brooklyn bomb was to be placed in a shopping mall it would cause similar damage to the Worcester bomb. Also, people would be burnt by the petrol."

At its national convention over the weekend Pagad denied any knowledge of the Brooklyn attack.

Captain Dirk de Beer, of the Pagad investigative unit, said police were in the process of opening a docket of conspiracy against Pagad in connection with the bomb attacks.

De Beer lashed out at the "improved" bombs, saying the "intention is clearly to damage and to kill".



**LETHAL:** Captain Bernie Posthumus illustrates how the first home-made explosive devices (left) have evolved to the more lethal "Brooklyn" bomb (right) discovered this weekend, which is double the size.

He appealed to members of the public to come forward with information relating to the spate of bomb attacks in order to "help stop this blatant method of murdering people".

He gave the assurance that all information would be treated in confidentiality.

De Beer also cautioned the public to be on the look-out for any suspicious-looking devices.

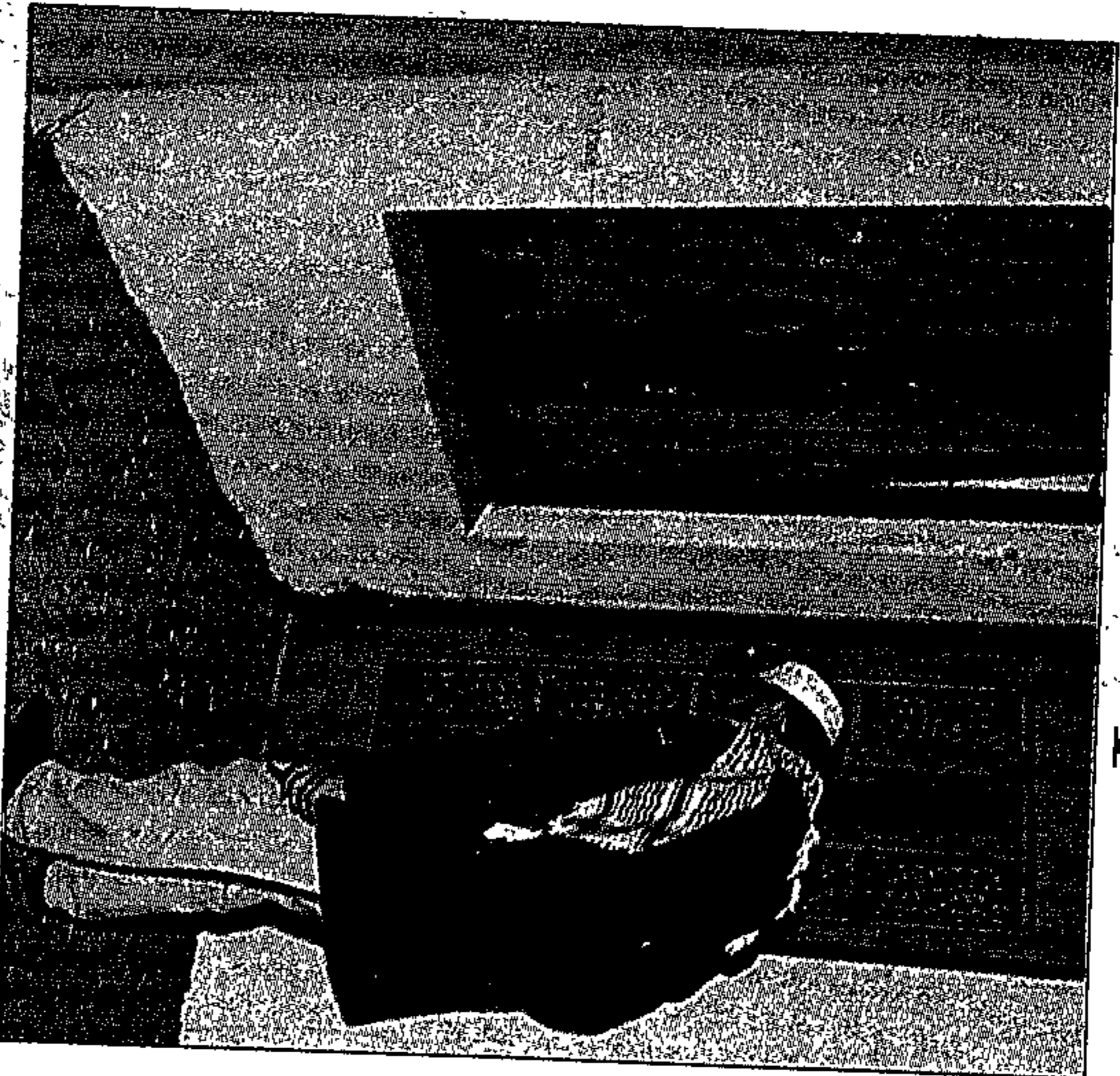
"We are a dedicated team of police officers and we will get the bombers," De Beer vowed.

● The Cape Times reported yesterday that Mr Gary Lotz, 28, who died in an attack on a house on

Brooklyn over the weekend, was a leader of the Hard Livings gang. Mr Lotz had no involvement with the gang. We apologise for the error and for any inconvenience this has caused his family. — Staff Writer

# Mayhem, predicted in Pagad-Core war

LINDIZ VAN ZILLA



**BOMBED:** Pagad chief co-ordinator Abdoes-Salaam Ebrahim inspects his home after a handgrenade attack yesterday. **PICTURE: NASIEF MANIE**

THE Human Rights Commission yesterday made an urgent appeal to the government to intervene in the escalating conflict between Pagad and Core, saying continued warfare would cause "mayhem and destruction in the Western Cape as never witnessed before".

The appeal follows yesterday's handgrenade attack on the Lansdowne home of Pagad chief co-ordinator Mr Abdoes-Salaam Ebrahim, and weekend bomb attacks which killed an innocent Brooklyn man, Mr Gary Lotz.

The grenade attack is being investigated by the gang investigation unit.

Reacting to the recent violence, Human Rights Commissioner Ms Rhoda Kadahle, in a statement, urgently called upon Minister of Justice Mr Dullah Omar and Safety and Security Minister Mr Sydney Mufamadi to intervene in the conflict.

"Innocent victims, like Mr Gary Lotz of Brooklyn, have already fallen victim to this warfare," which, if left unchecked "will cause may-

hem and destruction in the Western Cape as never witnessed before", she said.

The HRC called upon all people involved to "come to their senses as intestine warfare of this kind can only lead to anarchy and self-destruction".

Western Cape Police Services MEC Mr Gerald Morkel said yesterday: "I've noted with concern the grenade attacks on Ebrahim's house and also the violent attacks which preceded this."

He appealed for peace and calm over Easter.

Both Kadahle and Morkel also noted with alarm and concern the "increase in manufacture of dangerous explosive devices".

Morkel said he had asked police to probe the manufacture of homemade bombs.

Yesterday both Pagad and Core criticised the double handgrenade attack, which came just 24 hours after Pagad's national conference in Cape Town and a Pagad march on the homes of drug dealers in Sea Point on Saturday night.

Police spokesman Superintendent Shortie Pistorius said police

believed the attack was probably one of retaliation by gangsters intent on taking revenge after the homes of a number of gang members came under attack recently.

Lotz was shot dead in Brooklyn and an explosive device lobbed at his flat on Saturday, in what appeared a botched attempt to target a neighbour — a well-known drug dealer.

Yesterday, however, Ebrahim said he doubted local gangsters were responsible for the attack.

"We at Pagad see this attack as something bigger. We think it is an international response to our declared policy to stamp out gangsterism and drugs internationally," he said.

He added that he did not put the attack beyond a possible "third force" wishing to cause a bigger rift between Pagad and local gangsters.

Core executive member Mr Ernest "Lapepa" Peters also criticised the attack, saying: "Core doesn't agree with it."

He, too, mentioned the possibility of a "third force" at work, attempting to bring Core and Pagad closer to open conflict.

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# Ministers

# fiddling as Flats burn'

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## Government under fire

JOSEPH ARANES  
STAFF REPORTER

The central and provincial governments were criticised today for failing to act decisively to end the conflict between gangsters and the anti-crime militants on the Cape Flats.

In calls to a Cape Argus phone-in poll, scores of readers added their voices to the growing criticism and called on the Government to declare a state of emergency and arrest the perpetrators of the senseless attacks which have resulted in the deaths of five people, including a month-old baby, since the weekend.

The Western Cape region of the African National Congress accused provincial Police Minister Gerald Morkel of living in a "fantasy world" after he described the situation as being "under control".

Spokesman Brent Simons said Mr Morkel's statements were nothing more than a cheap attempt to dismiss the crisis.

"He is living in a fantasy world as his own policemen have admitted that they are fighting a losing battle, and for him to continue to deny the seriousness of the situation is laughable."

Mr Simons said the gangsters and Pagad should take full responsibility for the explosive situation on the Flats. "If police reports are correct, Pagad has gone from an organisation with a noble cause to just another gang intent on breaking the law at every turn," he said.

The Muslim Judicial Council said it was the Government's responsibility to take the most effective steps with strong determination to eradicate crime, especially in the province.

Spokesman Sheikh Achmat Sedick said: "We have no alternative but to place the responsibility at the doors of the Government and the authorities tasked to bring peace, security and safety to our people.

"We strongly condemn the maiming, murder and killings of innocent people and

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children and call on the Government to act decisively to put a stop to the violence."

The Muslim Youth Movement called on the Government to deploy more police and soldiers and to consider declaring a partial state of emergency in hardest-hit areas:

"We call on the Government to show they have the political will to find solutions to the conflict and for them to display their commitment by being present on the Cape Flats during this time of war," the statement said.

Pagad national co-ordinator Abdus-Salaam Ebrahim said police strategies should be focused on how they were going to crack down on organised crime syndicates and drug dealers, and should not be concentrated on suppressing community efforts to fight crime.

"The gangsters are using this war to employ their terror tactics to mobilise the affected communities against Pagad's anti-crime programme so they can continue to sell their drugs with impunity."

Mr Ebrahim said Pagad wished to express their condolences to the families and friends of those who had lost their lives during the conflict.

# High-speed chase ends in arrest of Pagad leader

JOHAN SCHRONEN  
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

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**A Boland Pagad leader was arrested after a high speed chase in Paarl.**

Faghrie Patel, Pagad's Boland Co-ordinator, and three other men were held last night when police found a stolen pistol and a revolver without a serial number which were allegedly thrown out of their car while they were speeding away from police.

Police spokeswoman Ciska du Plessis said a patrol saw a convoy of 12 cars travelling slowly in Jan Van Riebeeck Street, Paarl, just before 11pm.

Police tried to stop the convoy but the cars scattered and sped off in several directions, she said.

Two of the cars were followed towards the N1.

The occupants of one allegedly threw two guns into the road and soon afterwards police forced the cars off the road near the N1, Superintendent Du Plessis said.

Policemen searched the verge and found two guns, a 9mm pistol which had been reported stolen in Stellenbosch and a

revolver with its serial number filed off.

Police then arrested Mr Patel and three others in the car. Four licensed firearms found in the possession of the occupants were confiscated for ballistic tests.

Superintendent Du Plessis said the other arrested men, aged 37, 59 and 21, were from Mitchell's Plain, Athlone and Rondebosch East.

The four are expected to appear in court in Stellenbosch on Monday.

Pagad's legal adviser, Cassiem Parker, said he was investigating the incident but could not comment on the arrests.

Last month police raided Mr Patel's home and confiscated three licensed guns and a two-way radio.

In July Mr Patel narrowly escaped death when he was ambushed by gunmen in Elsenburg Road outside Stellenbosch after being called to an "anti-crime meeting" which turned out to be a trick.

A man posing as a policeman or a traffic officer waving a blue light flagged down Mr Patel's car and when he stopped people on the back of a bakkie opened fire.

Mr Patel sped away, escaping the bullets.

# Business sees no role in tackling Cape Flats crisis

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## BUSINESS EDITOR

**Business Against Crime does not see any immediate role for business in tackling the crisis on the Cape Flats, says chief executive John Pemberthy.**

He said the fight against crime was the task of the police.

"We have the greatest confidence in Commissioner Leon Wessels. The matter is in the very best hands and if Business Against Crime has a role to play, the commissioner will let us know," Mr Pemberthy said.

Asked whether he would return to Cape Town from Knysna, where is on holiday, to call a meeting of the organisation, he said: "We are in touch with the police and if they feel we have a role to play they will tell us."

Business Against Crime was formed last year to bring business leaders together in a bid to help reduce crime rates in the country.

National chairwoman is Wendy Lucas-Bull of Rand Merchant Bank. Western Cape chairman is Mike Thompson of Cape of Good Hope Bank, and prominent business people associated with the initiative in Cape Town include Charles Davies of Norwich Life, David Bridgman of Wesgro, Trevor Honeysett of Clicks, Nafcoc's Edward Gobodo and Protea Hotels' Otto Stehlik.

The organisation began a high-profile campaign in Cape Town in June in the run-up to the Olympic bid decision to channel private sector expertise and resources into the anti-crime drive.

Mr Pemberthy said at the time that the business initiative would "identify practical steps" to be taken in the fight against crime and "find the resources to achieve them".

"Law enforcement will always be the responsibility of the police, but they need help", he said.

# Kriel, Morkel reject state of emergency move

## Round-the-clock patrols by soldiers and police get the thumbs-up

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ASHLEY SMITH  
Staff Reporter

A state of emergency on the Cape Flats will not be declared at this stage.

Instead, hundreds of soldiers are patrolling around the clock and extra police from other areas are being deployed in a bid to end the war between anti-drug militants and gangsters.

Western Cape Premier Hernus Kriel and Police Minister Gerald Morkel met yesterday to discuss the possibility of a state of emergency but decided against it.

Mr Morkel said he had told Mr Kriel an emergency was not necessary at this stage but they were "leaving the door open to that option".

"I believe we don't need to call for a state of emergency as we have the people on the ground to cope with the crisis," Mr Morkel said.

The State of Emergency Act of 1995 states that a state of emergency "shall be declared only where the security of the Republic is threatened by war, general insurrection or disorder or at a time of national disaster and if the declaration of a state of emergency is necessary to restore peace or order".

Only the president can declare a state of emergency.

Army spokesman Colonel Riaan Louw said soldiers on horseback and vehicle and foot patrols were on standby in case of further violence.

"We are covering several areas on the Cape Flats and are able to react very quickly because of intelligence sources in the community," he said.

Colonel Louw said the army was working with police in several suburbs on the Flats to react to incidents immediately.

Provincial police commissioner Leon Wessels said about 70 police from the Free State and the Southern Cape would be deployed and an extra 6 000 Western Cape policemen were focusing on the war.

Two army units from Bloemfontein and Potchefstroom were already on patrol, he said.

Mr Morkel said police would not meet the Community Outreach Forum (COF), the group of top gangsters who say they have reformed, but a meeting with the People Against Gangsterism and Drugs was in the pipeline.

He said police stations on the Flats had been assigned an intelligence officer who had the job of collecting information about the groups involved in the conflict.

## Secret force seeks help

NORMAN JOSEPH  
Staff Reporter

The 150 police trying to control the war between anti-drug militants and gangsters have appealed to communities for help.

The special task force set up to stop the violence has called on residents to come forward with information as "every little bit can help".

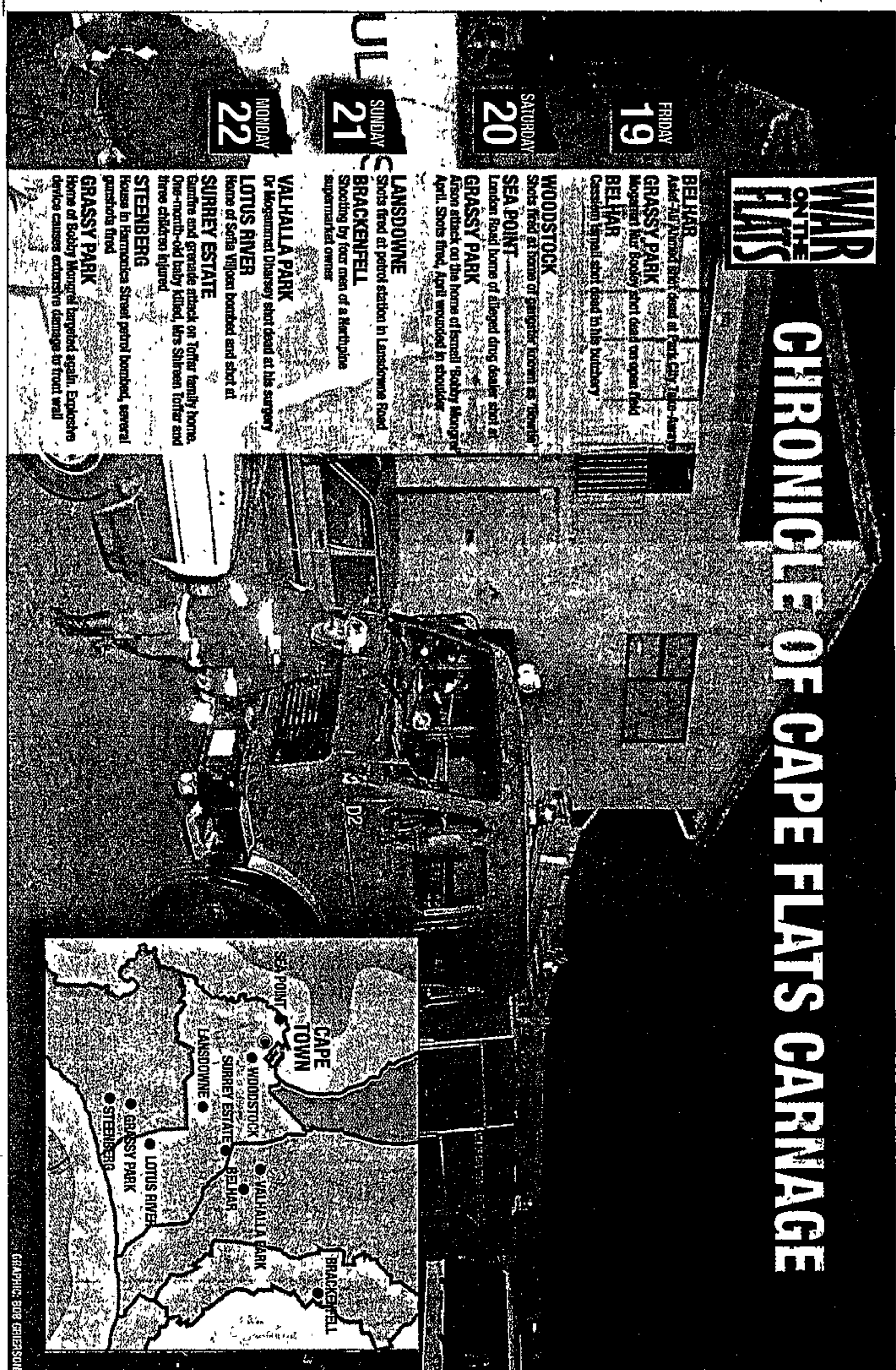
The team, whose identities and movements are being kept secret, consists of 120 uniformed police and

30 detectives. They are working around the clock in unmarked cars to track down and arrest suspects.

Arno Lannoer, head of the team, said his men had arrested three suspects after the murder of Mogannat Dharsey on Monday.

On Saturday, a man was arrested for the fatal shooting of Nur Boooley, a suspect in Rashad Staggie's death.

The investigators said Capetonians were under the wrong impression that they were not doing enough to arrest the perpetrators of violence.



**MAP OF THE FLATS**

**CHRONICLE OF CAPE FLATS CARNAGE**

**FRIDAY 19**

**BELHAR**  
A shot fired at a house in Belhar, Cape Town, killed a man and injured a woman.

**GRASSY PARK**  
Mogannat Dharsey shot dead in a house in Grassy Park.

**SEA POINT**  
A house in Sea Point was hit by a bullet.

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A house in Grassy Park was hit by a bullet.

**WOODSTOCK**  
A house in Woodstock was hit by a bullet.

**SATURDAY 20**

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**GRASSY PARK**  
A house in Grassy Park was hit by a bullet.

**WOODSTOCK**  
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**SUNDAY 21**

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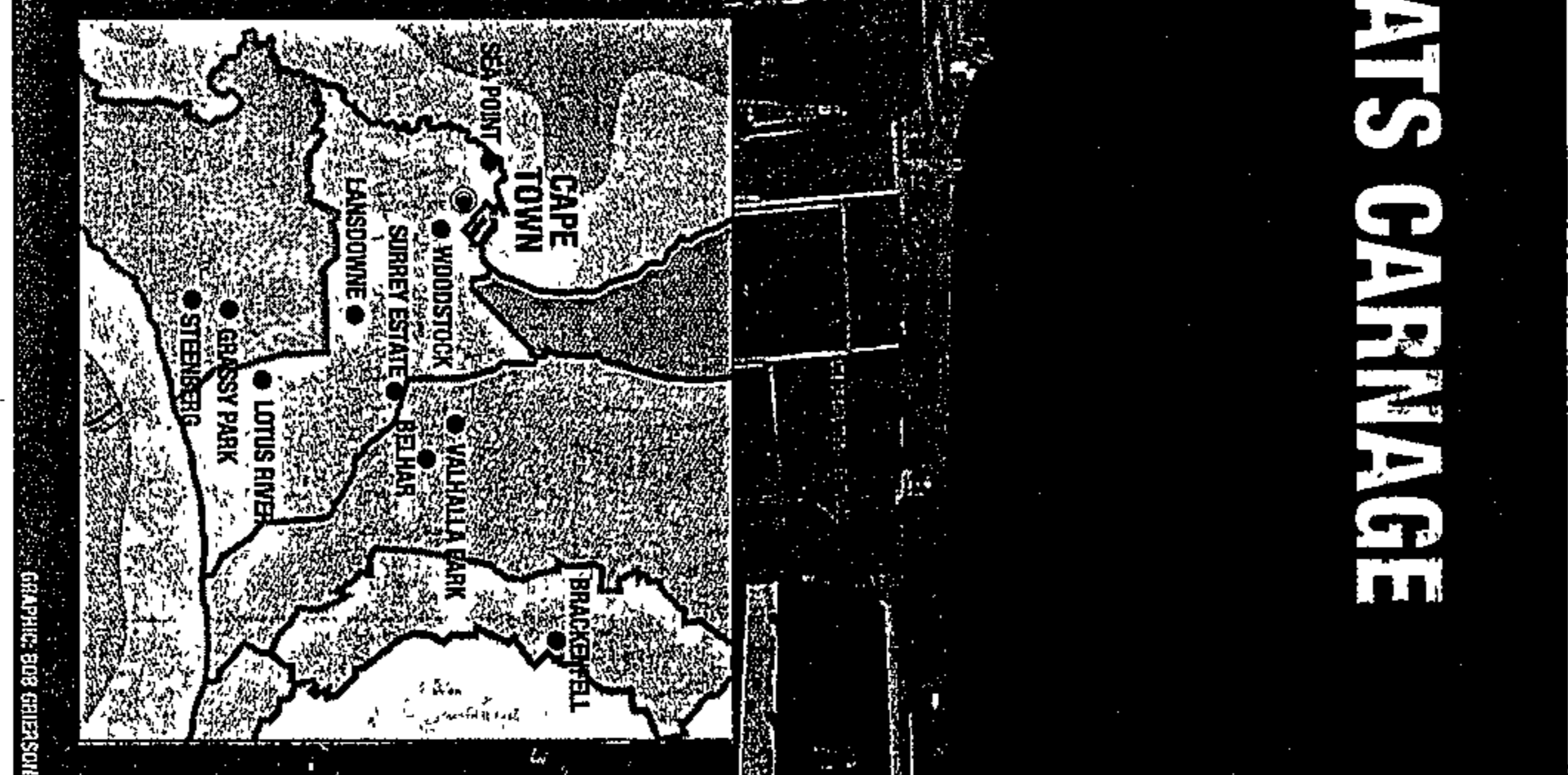
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GRAPHIC: BOB GREENSON



Flashback... Pagad members handing a memorandum to Minister of Justice Dullah Omar earlier this year. The group believe that Cape gangs are behind attacks on their members last week.

# Residents live in fear of more attacks

*Sowetan* 25/9/97  
By Rafiq Rohan  
Political Correspondent

PRACTICALLY every morning this week Capetonians have awakened to the terrifying news that there have been new victims in the raging war between gangsters and the anti-drug and anti-gangster group, Pagad.

While the bloody feud escalates – it is now clearly out of control – the powers in government have been accused of fiddling while Rome burns.

In an extraordinary turnabout which highlights the crisis, an ANC stalwart and leader of the Western Cape Traders Association, Mr Dawood Khan, has called for the dismissal of Safety and Security Minister Mr Sidney Mufamadi.

He said that it was clear that Mufamadi was "incapable" of dealing with the crisis.

Capetonians heard earlier this week the news that a committed medical practitioner, Dr Mohammed Rifai Dharsey, was gunned down in his Valhalla Park surgery.

Valhalla Park is one of the most depressed areas in the Cape, with high unemployment, gangsterism and crime defining the character of the area.

On Monday night Dharsey was attending a patient in his surgery when two men, allegedly gangsters, walked in, put a gun to his head and shot him dead.

The irony of it all is that Dharsey had committed 20 years of his life to the area, providing medical service to the people, including many gangsters who came into his surgery with gunshot wounds.

*Sowetan* was at the scene of the killing on Monday. A relative, who did not want to be named said: "He gave his life for this community. He even contributed largely to the mosque that was built in this area and we are convinced that he was murdered because he was a Muslim and he was killed by the gangsters."

The relative denied he had any links to Pagad.

Dharsey was not the only casualty on Monday night.

An even more terrifying attack took place on a home in Surrey Estate which left a one-month-old baby dead.

Unknown people threw a grenade into the house, which started a fire that left the baby dead.

Another child had a leg blown off while another sibling was maimed and the mother seriously burnt and currently in a critical condition in hospital.

In another attack the same night, a man, presumed to be a drug dealer, was shot three times and beaten up by people perceived to be anti-drug campaigners.

Over the past weekend funerals relating to the war abounded on the Cape Flats. Most of the victims are Muslim businessmen with shops in gang-infested areas.

When the fighting first broke out last year between Pagad and the gangsters, particularly following the killing of a twin brother of a gang leader of the Hard Livings, Rashaad Staggie, threats were made by gangsters that Muslim businesspeople in Cape Flats areas would be targets.

Another chilling threat was that Muslim children who attend the after-school *madressahs* would also be targeted. So far, this threat has not been carried out.

At the weekend a Muslim shopkeeper, Mr Asif Logday, was shot dead in his shop. Robbery was not the motive because a till with money in it was left untouched.

Also at the weekend Mr Nur Booley, previously arrested for the killing of Rashaad Staggie, was also shot dead.

At the moment life on the Cape Flats is tense with fear characterising the streets.

"We don't know who will be next," resident of Surrey Estate Mrs Ayesha Abrahams told *Sowetan*.

"It is killing after killing yet the law stands by idly and does nothing," she said angrily.

In another unusual move the gangster group called Core said that it wanted people like *Sowetan* Editor-in-Chief Aggrey Klaaste and *Sowetan* associate editor Don Mattera to act as go-betweens in the conflict.

## Western Cape launches crime prevention plan

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Linda Ensor

CAPE TOWN — Western Cape police service MEC Gerald Morkel launched a R2,3m crime prevention campaign for the pending festive season involving the mobilisation of communities, government departments, law enforcement agencies and social and religious organisations.

Morkel said various sectors of the community had called on the provincial government to take a proactive stance during the festive season when crime showed a sharp rise.

The programme, in which community police forums would play a prominent role, would last from December 1 to January 15.

At a media briefing to launch the project, Morkel expressed concern about the escalation of violence and gang warfare on the Cape Flats which led to the death of a baby and prominent community doctor on Monday.

Western Cape police commissioner Leon Wesels said the SA National Defence Force had sent two platoons to release the local police from administrative duties for public order work. The attorney-general had dedicated two advocates to assist with the investigations.

Justice Minister Dullah Omar condemned the senseless killings and spiralling violence, but also said the events had been sensationalised.

"We want to see the perpetrators of these crimes relentlessly pursued, arrested and dealt with according to law," he said.

# Police from other areas to help curb Cape Flats strife

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Bonile Ngqiyaza

ADDITIONAL army and police units from Bloemfontein and Oudtshoorn would be deployed in Cape Town's troubled Cape Flats this week to help curb an upsurge in gang-related violence, a police spokesman said yesterday.

The decision followed a cycle of violence in the past few weeks, including a firebomb attack on a house which resulted in the death of a one-month old baby and the injury of several others at the beginning of the week.

The violence appears to be related to conflict between gangs and the vigilante organ-

isation, People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad).

Police spokesman Oiska du Plessis said the attack in Grassy Park resulted in a seven-year-old boy having his leg amputated and two girls of four and five years old sustaining burns. The mother of some of the children was also injured.

In a separate incident last week, alleged gangster Bobbie Mungalee had shots fired into his house and was hit in the arm, she said.

Du Plessis said four Pagad members were arrested in Boland last night for the illegal possession of a 9mm pistol and a .357 Special Five licensed firearms, including two .38 Spe-

cial and three 9mm pistols would be sent for ballistic tests.

Du Plessis said the provincial commissioner had promised administrative support from other police stations to back the deployment. The units would stay in place until the situation in the area was stabilised, she said.

Pagad spokesman Ayob Mungalee said yesterday the police in the Western Cape were not on the side of justice, and accused them of protecting the drug syndicates operating in the province.

"Some of these policemen are the same people who were working to defend apartheid and they are not interested in bringing safety

and security to the common man on the street," he said.

Mungalee said the cycle of violence had long been a problem, but reports of these occurrences had apparently been kept under wraps for fear they would derail Cape Town's Olympic bid.

Meanwhile, Sapa reports the Democratic Party (DP) on Monday appealed to President Nelson Mandela to appoint an experienced High Court judge to head an interdisciplinary task force to secure successful prosecutions of those guilty of drug, gang and Pagad-related crimes in the Western Cape.

The team, possibly to be modelled on a spe-

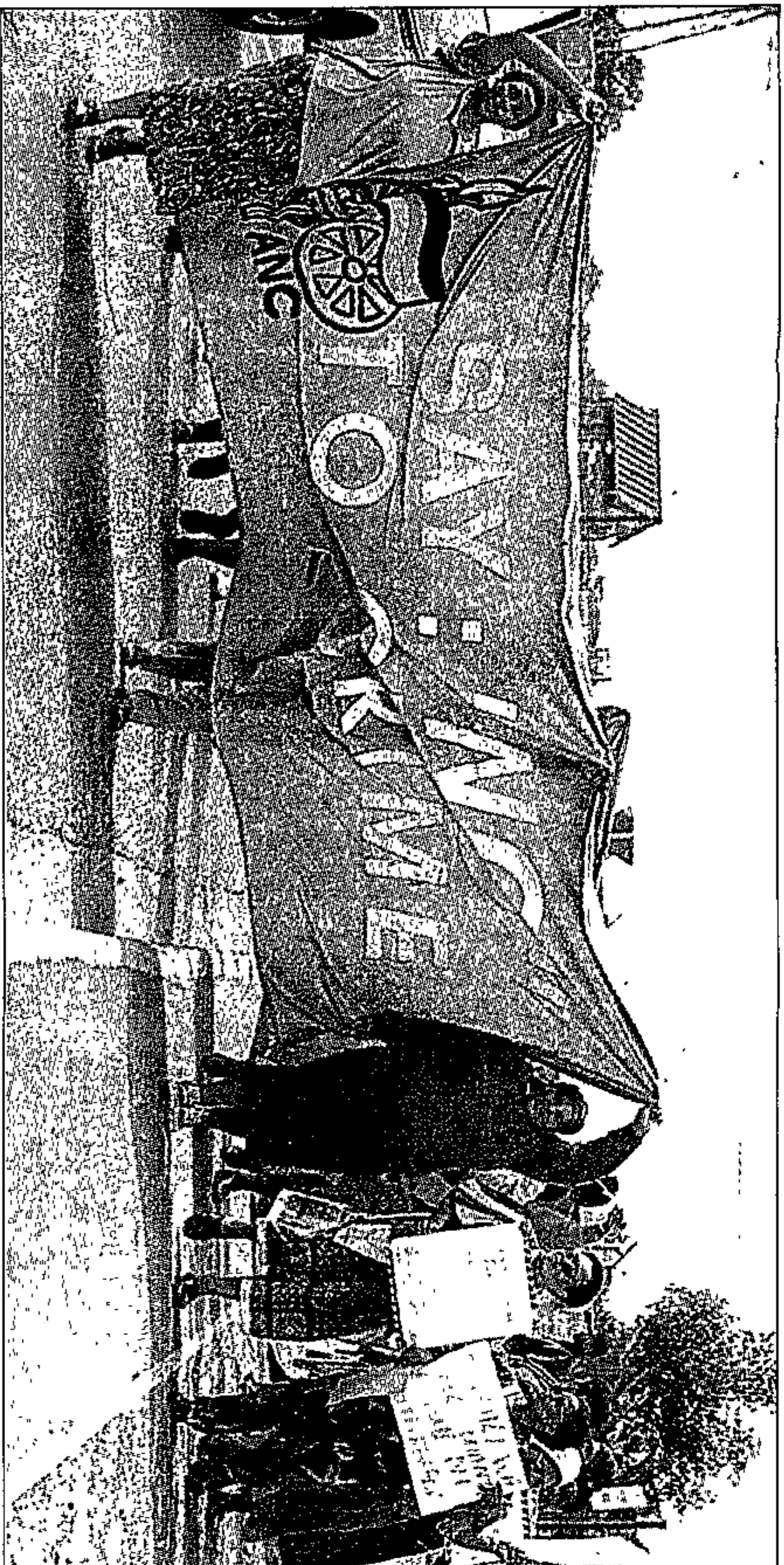
cial investigative tribunal, should be appointed for a limited period, with a clear presidential mandate, DP Western Cape leader Henrie Bester said in a letter to Mandela.

The task force should be well resourced and report directly to the president.

Bester said the SA Police Service had been unable to stem the tide of crime and violence partly because certain elements in the police were allegedly co-operating either with the gangs or with Pagad.

Other reasons were understaffing and logistical problems affecting the police.

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Anti-crime: Langa ANC Women's League members and supporters march to the Langa police station.

# Crime running our lives, say women

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**JOHAN SCHROENEN**  
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

**The women of Langa are angry about criminals in their midst who force them to live in fear of being robbed, assaulted or killed.**

ANC Women's League chairwoman in Langa Deborah Ntyobile said a spate of killings recently had highlighted their plight and their appeal for more effective police action.

There have been five murders in Langa in the past fortnight.

■ A businessman was shot dead in

his home in Zone 24.

■ A money-lender was stabbed to death in his home in "Old Flats".

■ Two youths were killed in a tavern.

■ A sleeping woman was murdered in her Joe Slovo Camp home.

Mrs Ntyobile said the women of Langa had had enough and were putting pressure on the police to clamp down on crime.

"We're living in fear, day and night, wherever we go our lives are being threatened, crime is everywhere, in the schools and in the streets and parks.

"Criminals even force their way into our homes when we sleep at night," said Mrs Ntyobile.

"We demand police action right now. Crime is controlling our lives."

But Mrs Ntyobile also recognised that the community needed to be mobilised to help. Youths were often involved in crime and needed to be exposed and rehabilitated to become worthy members of society.

Mrs Ntyobile yesterday led a small contingent of supporters in a march to Langa police station where she handed a memorandum to management pleading for immediate action.

# Sanco: Police 'complicity' in violence'

**BEAUREGARD TROMP**  
STAFF REPORTER

Police are accused of complicity in township violence in a petition handed to Guguletu police by South African National Civic Organisation members.

The petition demands investigation into the involvement of Guguletu police in crime.

The Sanco members marched to the police station yesterday to protest the murder of Sanco area chairman Milton Mbewana.

Eight people, all members of the rival National Consultative Forum, were arrested in connection with the killing. Sanco alleged the police dock-et was lost.

Police spokesman Mark Romberg said the arrested people were released as they could not be linked to the murder, and denied that the docket had been lost.

Justice Minister Dullah Omar, MECs Ebrahim Rasool and Leonard Ramatlakane, and Police and Civil Rights Union provincial secretary Eddie Johnson were at the march.

Mr Johnson criticised police inefficiency and said high ranking "old regime officers are undermining the new government".

Mr Omar addressed the crowd and urged police to attend urgently to the community's grievances.



# Flats war widow in bid for peace

## Grieving Roshen teams up with Staggie after murder

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**JOSEPH ARANES**  
STAFF REPORTER

When you look at Roshen Ismail and Rashied Staggie your first impression is that they have very little in common.

But when they greet each other with a comforting hug you sense they are both hurting deep inside. Each has lost someone close and dear in the bloody conflict that is tearing Cape Flats communities apart.

Mrs Ismail's husband Cassiem was gunned down in his butchery in Belhar at the weekend, allegedly by gangsters, while Mr Staggie's twin brother Rashaad was shot and set alight a year ago in a public execution at a People Against Gangsterism and Drugs demonstration.

Mrs Ismail and Mr Staggie have met and spoken to each other on the telephone several times this week.

And out of this unlikely acquaintance a common message has emerged: they want the war to end and the antagonists to sit around a table to resolve their differences peacefully.

Mrs Ismail, dressed in a long black salaah thobe (long Middle-Eastern dress), said that since she had approached Mr Staggie about her husband's death, many relatives and friends had asked her if she was mad going to the devil for help.

"Since my husband's death I have had very little sleep as this conflict is keeping me awake. My heart bleeds



ANDREW INGRAM

**Calling for peace:** Roshen Ismail with Ernest 'Lastify' Solomons, left, and Rashied Staggie, right, of Core

when I read in the newspapers that more innocent people have been killed. My life began to seem meaningless and I knew that I had to play an active role in trying to bring peace to this province," Mrs Ismail said.

She approached Mr Staggie initial-

ly because it was alleged that gangsters had killed her husband. "I needed to know who was responsible. He told me he did not have a hand in Cassiem's death but he would try to find out who was responsible. I believe and trust him."

Mrs Ismail said she was hoping to meet Justice Minister Dullah Omar and would try to arrange a meeting between herself, Mr Staggie, Mr Omar and Pagad's Aslam Toefy.

"People tell me I am mad but I sincerely believe it is only through talk-

ing that this violent conflict will be resolved," she said.

Mr Staggie said while he did not expect any sympathy from anyone as he had made mistakes in the past, it was with a great sense of humility that he hoped the message Mrs Ismail was spreading would not be lost.

"I have deep sympathy for her and her tragic loss and at the same time want to warn her that the path she has embarked upon is not an easy one. People are reluctant to talk about peace and resolving conflicts through peaceful means," he said.

"For the past year, with the Community Outreach Forum, I have been calling for a peaceful solution to this war but the message has fallen on deaf ears.

"It would have been easier and less problematic had I just continued with my violent ways. People expected that anyway."

He said Core was just as concerned that innocent people were being killed almost daily and would like the attacks to stop.

"We will do our best to find out who is responsible for the killing of local Muslim traders and demand that Pagad come forward and apologise to families and innocent victims of their attacks," he said.

"They are cowardly enough to throw petrol bombs and grenades at the homes of innocent people causing death and suffering. Let them now be manly enough to come forward, admit their mistakes and apologise."

# Now it's 'zero tolerance'

## Cops on 24-hour standby for ravaged Flats

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JOSEPH ARAMES  
STAFF REPORTER

Police have adopted a "zero tolerance" approach to the bloody war ripping apart the Cape Flats and warned those involved they can expect to face the full wrath of the law.

This was decided at a meeting in Pretoria of the national operational co-ordinating committee, chaired by police head of internal security André Pruis.

At the meeting on Tuesday, held at the instruction of Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi, it was decided to send more policemen from Oudtshoorn, Bloemfontein and Pretoria and more soldiers to the violence-ravaged Flats.

Administrative staff at police stations across the Peninsula will be freed from desk duties to join their colleagues on the beat and all staff will be put on 24-hour standby.

Mr Mufamadi has also instructed provincial police commissioner Leon Wessels to oppose bail for four People Against Gangsterism and Drugs members arrested in Paarl after a car chase on Tuesday night.

One of the men is Pagad Boland region co-ordinator Paschrie Patel.

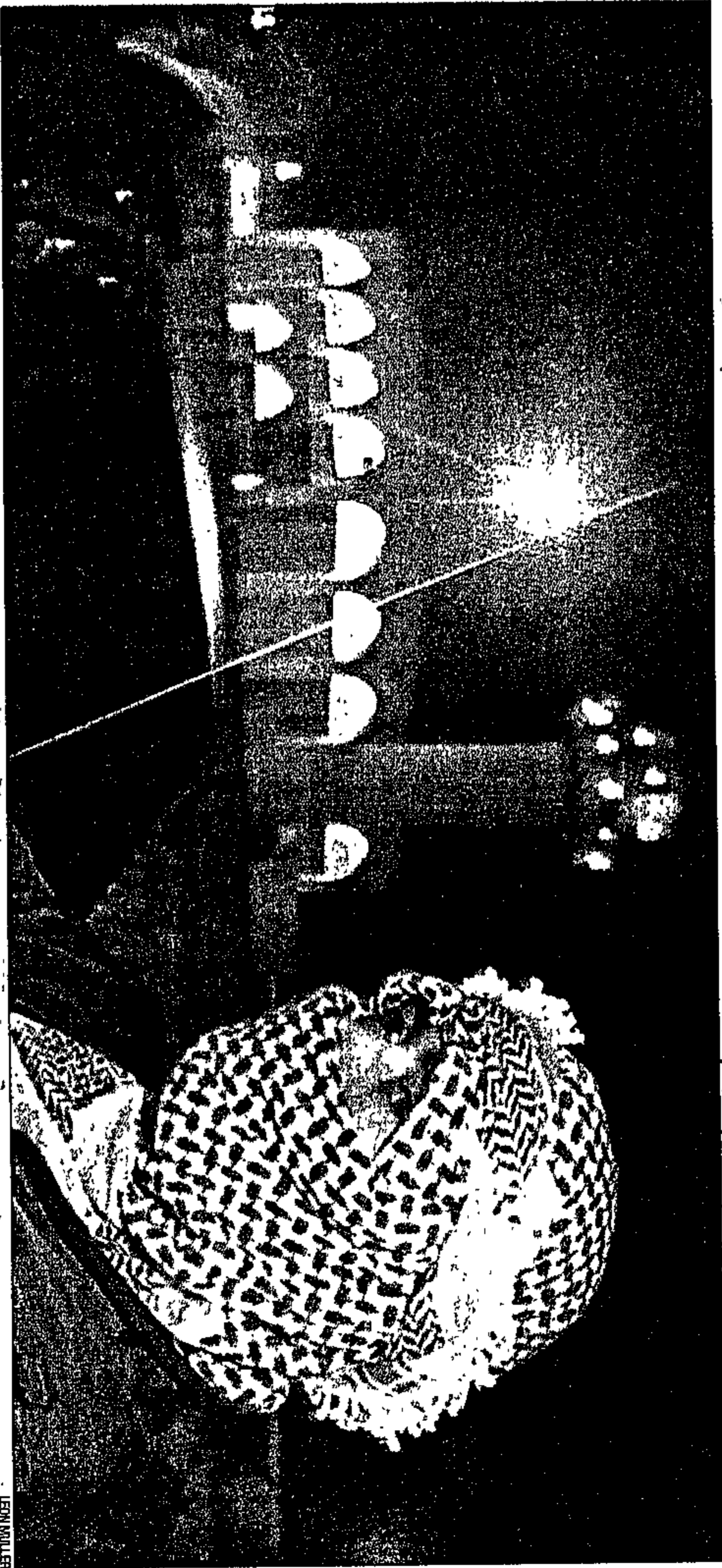
They will appear in the Paarl Magistrate's Court today on charges of illegal possession of firearms and reckless driving.

Meanwhile, Pagad leaders have warned gangsters that if they burn mosques, churches or other places of worship they will face a rising tide of anger from the community.

Pagad's spiritual leader, the Amir, told hundreds of heavily armed members at Bishop Lavis mosque last night that the time for killing had arrived. The mosque was broken into yesterday, allegedly by gangsters.

"We can't let the gangsters continue to terrorise us ... We must act now and must strike back harder to counter their terror and fear tactics to let the flame of truth and justice prevail," he said.

The imam of the mosque told the crowd that gangsters, some with guns and petrol



Vigil in the darkness: a Pagad supporter peers into the gloom as he watches for suspicious people outside the Bishop Lavis mosque last night after gangsters threatened to torch it

bombs, had threatened a Malawian religious leader and the deputy imam at the mosque for more than three hours.

Pagad national co-ordinator Aslam Toeky said the organisation would annihilate gangsters who threatened religious leaders, the house of Allah or any place of worship.

After Pagad left, a petrol bomb was thrown at the house of a Pagad member, police said. Spokesman Wicus Holzhausen

said the attack happened about 6.40am but no one was injured.

Police spokesman Martin Aylward said operational plans had been drafted and a first step was to stabilise the area so normal policing could be reintroduced. The stability operation - with a huge police and army presence at trouble spots and stopping and searching of all vehicles driving in convoys - would form part of the national crime pre-

vention strategy to restore calm.

Superintendent Aylward said Mr Mufamadi had reiterated the necessity to restore safety and security. "While the provincial police structures will have to devise strategies to effectively use the additional staff, in terms of the priorities of the strategy organised crime syndicates and drug dealers will be targeted. We will have to win the streets back from the gangsters and

those intent on causing mayhem.

Once the situation had been normalised their cases processed by the courts speedily. "We would like to emphasise that persons involved in criminal activities will be firmly dealt with and that a zero tolerance approach will be followed," he said.

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# Time for playing is over — angry Pagad

ERIC NITABAZALLA

HUNDREDS of heavily-armed Pagad supporters, angered by a break-in by a gang at the Bishop Lavis mosque earlier this week, last night converged on the mosque.

About 15 men held the deputy Imam and bilal hostage for about three hours on Tuesday night. The group argued among themselves about whether or not to torch the mosque, but eventually left after steal-

ing a few items.

After a meeting at the Gatesville mosque last night, armed supporters drove to Vanguard Drive. A short while later the convoy of about 100 cars, drove to Bishop Lavis, where the passengers disembarked and chanted slogans.

"We are here to protect the house of Allah," Pagad chief commander Mr Aslam Toefy told the crowd. "Tonight we see who is committed and who is not."

Another speaker, using a public address system from inside the mosque, said: "The time for playing is over, talking is over, and time for a passive attitude is over."

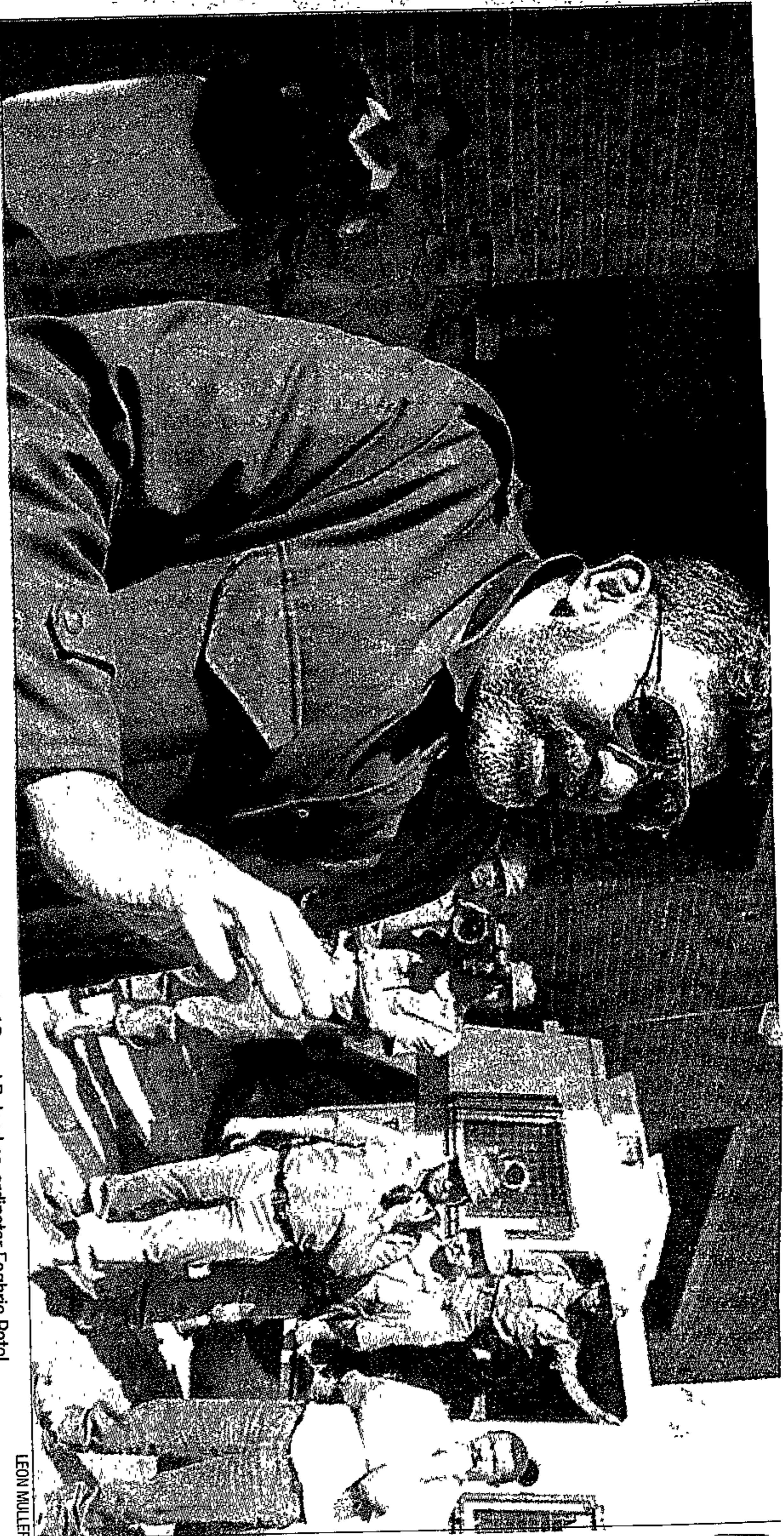
"The time has arrived and we have reached the hour in our society where time for taking things lightly has passed. We are busy with a war of injustice against justice."

"Our struggle should be waged not by Muslims only, but by everybody. It is the Muslims who have taken a stand against

gangs and drugs," the speaker said.

"If we want peace and harmony inside our society, it is necessary to endure this suffering. The perpetrators who have taken the lives of our people — their lives should be taken."

"When they touch our masjid (mosque), they are touching the firepower of our society. You can touch us, but (in) touching the masjid you will see the anger of the masses," the speaker said.



LEON MULLER

Holding court: Pagad leader Aslam Toerly talks to reporters and the crowd at Paarl Magistrate's Court after the arrest of Pagad Boland co-ordinator Faghrie Patel

# Traders call for state of emergency in Flats

**JOSEPH ARAJES AND ASHLEY SMITH**  
STAFF REPORTERS

The Western Cape Traders Association, whose members are being targeted in the conflict between gangsters and anti-drug vigilantes, has urged that a state of emergency be declared on the Cape Flats.

It has also threatened to call a boycott of newspapers, including the Cape Argus and the Cape Times, claiming that they are "sensationalis-

ing every killing" in the drug war.

The traders, operating on the Flats, met provincial Police Minister Gerald Morkel yesterday to express their concern that their members were being picked off as soft targets.

Two Belhar shopkeepers and a Valhalla Park doctor have been murdered in the past week, apparently by gangsters targeting Muslims.

Association chairman Dawood Khan said the meeting with Mr Morkel had been very successful, even though their calls for a state of

emergency had fallen on deaf ears.

"The minister said that he hasn't closed the doors on the option of calling for a state of emergency, and it was a very fruitful meeting," he said.

Bringing in the army and extra police was positive, but traders would renew their call for a state of emergency if the conflict intensified.

Mr Khan lashed out at the press for "sensationalising" every killing.

He claimed "every death is great news for the media", and added: "We are thinking of calling for a boycott of

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the newspapers."

Mr Khan also attacked Minister of Safety and Security Sydney Mufamadi, claiming he was unwilling to intervene in the violence at national level.

Mr Morkel's spokesman, David Frost, said Mr Morkel had assured traders that steps were being taken to have more visible policing and patrols on the Flats.

He had also told them that police were committed to a "proactive" approach.

# Dawn swoop on gangs

## Army raids Cape Flats homes in crackdown

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ASHLEY SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

Raids in the early hours of today on nine houses in gang-infested

Bonteheuwel heralded a crackdown on the violence ravaging the Cape Flats.

More than 100 police and soldiers took part in the operation, in which houses in the heart of the gang stronghold were searched for illegal firearms and drugs.

Roadblocks sealed exits to the township while search warrants were executed.

An army spokesman said police and the army were acting on information supplied by intelligence sources in the community and warned that similar operations would be held across the Flats soon.

The crackdown comes in the wake of unprecedented bloodshed and mayhem in which two Muslim businessmen, a Muslim doctor and a baby have died.

A Cape Argus news team joined the taskforce as they signalled their intention to put an end to the drug war by disarming gangsters and anti-drug militants.

Three licensed firearms were confiscated and will be sent for ballistic tests. About 2kg of dagga was also found during the operation, which lasted two hours.

No arrests were made.

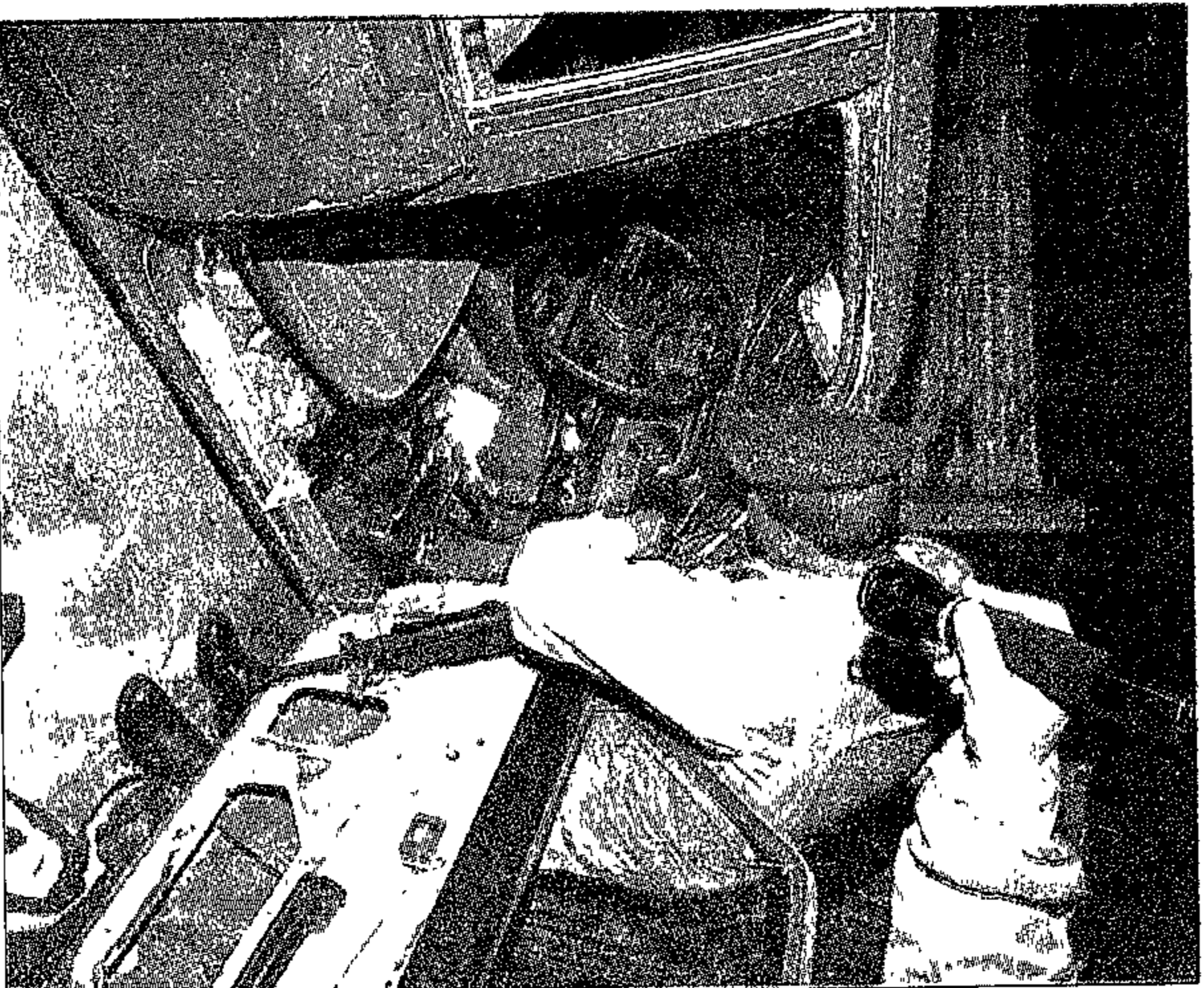
Residents lined the streets and peered out of their windows as army vehicles rolled into an area controlled by the Dixie Boys gang.

At one house soldiers kicked down a garage door when the owners refused to open it. Police dogs were brought in and a bag of dagga was found buried near the kennel of a vicious dog.

Army spokesman Piet Paxton said the operation was the first of "many to come" as the large contingent of soldiers deployed on the Flats tried to restore stability.

He said the task force was acting on information from intelligence sources in the community and similar operations would be co-ordinated the same way.

Major Paxton said operations were in the

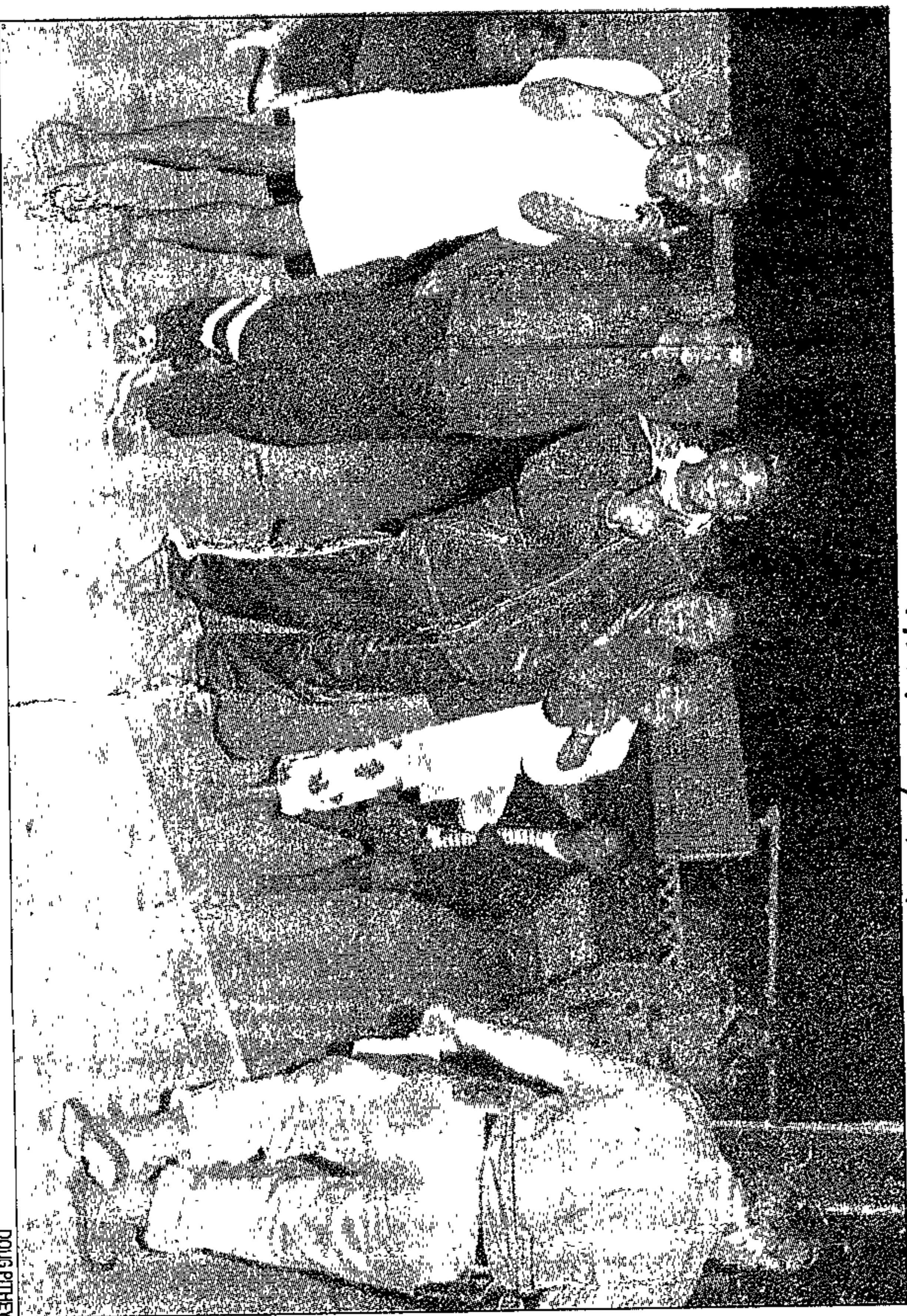


Clean sweep: troops search a car in a swoop at Bonteheuwel early today

pipeline for several areas on the Flats where the drug war had claimed innocent lives.

During today's raid, nine houses suspected of being storerooms for illegal guns and ammunition were searched. Although the operation had limited success, it was only the beginning, Major Paxton said.

Frans Baker, leader of the army's contingent in the taskforce, said such operations were vital to reclaiming the streets from gangsters. He appealed to communities in other townships to come forward with information to assist the taskforce.



Happy to see you: residents of Bonteheuwel greet troops early today at the start of a clampdown on violence in the suburb

## Family scrambles from bed to escape bomb

NORMAN JOSEPH  
STAFF REPORTER

A Bishop Lavis family escaped unhurt today when their home was petrol bombed and shot at.

Shahieda Morgan said she and her family were Pagad members and their house was the second in the area to be petrol-bombed in the past four weeks.

The other house also belonged to Pagad members.

At 2.30am today Ms Morgan, five adults, including her 80-year-old grandmother, and a boy of four fled through the back door when a petrol bomb was hurled through a bedroom window and a mattress and curtains caught alight.

Ms Morgan said windows and furniture in the lounge were extensively damaged by

the blast and the front gate and walls were riddled with bullet holes.

"If the end justifies the means, we will continue our fight against gangsterism and drugs on the Cape Flats," said Ms Morgan.

Police spokeswoman Fieffe Phillips said the family was lucky to escape unhurt as they were asleep when they were attacked.

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# 300 cops to join war on lawlessness

## 'Killing must stop'

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STAFF REPORTER

Three hundred police will be sent to Cape Town from other parts of the country to help curb the violence between anti-crime vigilantes and gangsters on the Cape Flats.

The instruction came from new police chief executive officer Meyer Kahn in response to an urgent call from Western Cape premier Hennis Kriel for reinforcements.

The additional police will bring the contingent on the Flats to 600.

Mr Kahn said: "We are dealing with lunatics. My heart goes out to the people of the Cape Flats and Mr Kriel. The best we can do at this moment is send all the people necessary to bring the situation under control because this is a war."

Yesterday Mr Kriel asked for a meeting in Pretoria today with Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi, police commissioner George Fivaz and Mr Kahn.

When Mr Mufamadi said he would not be able to see him at such short notice, a member of Mr Kriel's staff spoke to Mr Kahn and was told about the reinforcements.

In response, Mr Kriel said he had achieved his aim.

"I wanted more men and I was prepared to stay in Pretoria until I got them."

He said if the situation called for more men "I will fly to Pretoria and stay there until I get more". He said his government could no longer tolerate the killing of "our children or the killing of law-abiding citizens in the Western Cape".

## Robbers grab cash, phone cards

Staff at two post offices in the Peninsula were held up and robbed, police reported today.

Police said a cashier at the Pinelands post office yesterday handed over R4 000 after a robber approached her, pulled out a firearm

and demanded cash about 12.45pm.

Fifteen minutes later four men entered the Langa post office. They forced the postmaster to open the safe before fleeing on foot with R1 000 in cash and phone cards amounting to about R3 000, police said - Sapa

# Pagad violence hits soft targets

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*Following a spate of murders, 70 officers have been deployed to the troubled Cape Flats, reports Andy Duffy*

**M**ogammad Dharsey had little reason to feel threatened. The 55-year-old doctor had worked in Vallhalla Park on the Cape Flats for years. He knew it was a region overrun by gangsters — he had several on his books as patients, including Colin Stansfield, alleged leader of the powerful gang cartel, The Firm.

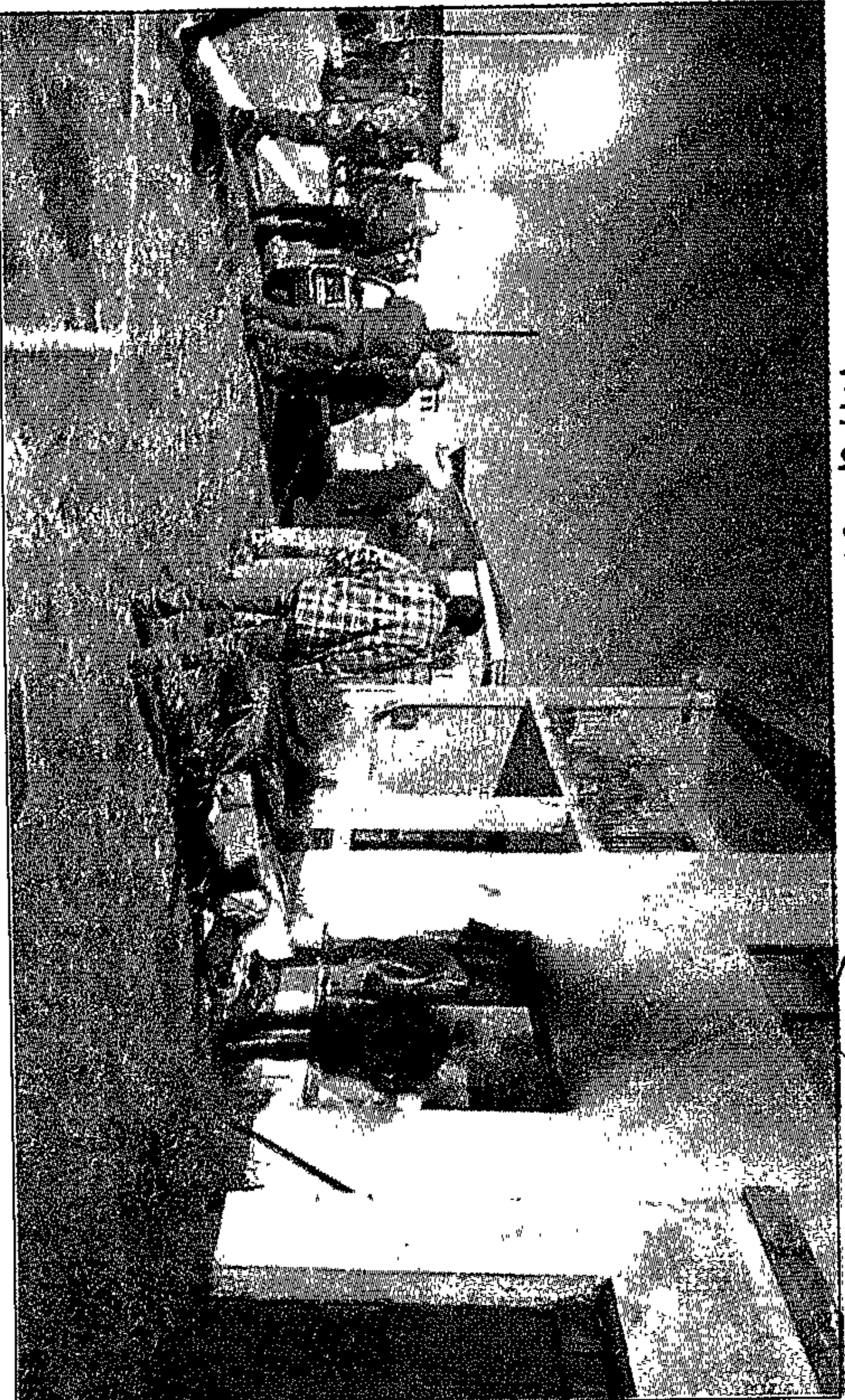
He knew them, and they knew him. So Dharsey was probably not concerned when two well-dressed youngsters walked into his Angelo Street surgery early Monday evening.

But as Dharsey's receptionist turned to check her files, they strode past her, barged into Dharsey's consulting room and shot him twice in the forehead. He had been seeing a patient at the time, who was left unharmed.

The only theory his grieving family have for the killing is that Dharsey was involved in building a local mosque — which hardly warrants an execution-style murder.

"He didn't have any enemies. He never received any threats," says daughter Fayerz Dharsey, a 26-year-old masters student at the University of the Western Cape. "He watched TV and knew about the violence, but it was always happening to someone else. People knew him and he was just doing his work. He felt safe."

Mogammad Dharsey is just one of a growing number of victims claimed by a sudden upsurge in violence on the Cape Flats. And, as with Dharsey's death, there is no obvious



**Aftermath: Police sift through the debris of a Surrey Estate house where a month old baby was killed.**

PHOTOGRAPH: CAPE INDEPENDENT

explanation for any of the murders. By midweek, the death toll included a month-old baby, killed in a grenade attack in Surrey Estate on the night Dharsey died; a two-year-old burnt to death in a petrol bomb attack in Hanover Park; and two Muslim store-owners in Belhar shot by assassins who left their tills untouched.

And then there has been a spate of other incidents: attacks on alleged gangsters' homes; firebombing of petrol stations; a Lotus River man beaten and shot three times by attackers who mistook him for a drug dealer who lives a few doors away.

Gang leader Ismail April (also known as Bobby Mongrel) was attacked twice in three days. The obvious antagonists are People against

Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad), and gangsters, claiming to be reformed, who are represented by the Community Outreach Forum.

But the authorities are working on the basis that Pagad — which sprang to prominence last August when its members shot and burnt gang leader Rashaad Staggie — has splintered beyond recall.

The hit-and-run attacks on alleged drug dealers are thought to be the work of a string of "cells" — small squads drawn from a particular neighbourhood that pounce on their target once police or army patrols have moved on to the next road. Both the gangsters and anti-drugs vigilantes listen in to police radio while planning their attacks.

"It is these isolated incidents that are really difficult to deal with," says Andre Pruis, divisional commissioner of crime prevention and response services for the South African Police Service.

Many of the frightened people of the Cape Flats suspect that the murder of store-owners and doctors is part of a strategy to drive out businessmen, opening the way for gangsters to establish their own concerns as fronts for laundering drug money. The authorities offered a number of theories this week about why state forces cannot protect the public.

Minister of Justice Dullah Omar had to cancel a meeting with Premier Heranus Kriel on Tuesday to attend Dharsey's funeral. He says the

greatest mistake so far in dealing with the violence "is the fact that the provincial government has totally ignored the problem".

Police efforts are undermined by "heavy corruption" Omar says — corruption that extends to the courts, where dockets are routinely lost or sold back to the accused. Omar believes a national government task team could be deployed on the Cape Flats, repeating the approach taken in the Kwazulu-Natal Midlands.

An independent team secured enough evidence to arrest warlord Sifiso Nkabinde on 18 murder charges. Local police, until then, had failed to find anything that would stick. "I think it provided a very big lesson," says Omar.

That idea, however, has so far still to be taken up by Minister of Safety and Security Sydney Mufamadi. Special adviser Peter Gastrow says there are sufficient resources in place. It is just a matter of using them better.

"No additional effort at national level can really substitute for creativity at local level," Gastrow adds. However, Mufamadi did call a meeting of the operational committee of the National Crime Prevention Strategy, chaired by Pruis.

The committee decided to deploy public order police from the Free State to the Flats. The contingent, thought to number around 70 officers, arrived on Thursday, bringing armoured cars with them.

The authorities believe the fight-back would be more effective if communities came forward and named the guilty parties.

A week ago, Fayerz Dharsey says, she could have reeled off a whole list of measures that could be taken to bring a halt to the killings. The day after she had buried her father, however, she was lost for a solution. "I don't know what to tell you."

# Police incompetence to blame for conflict

ROGER FRIEDMAN

INDISCIPLINE, incompetence and low morale in the ranks of the Western Cape police, including its intelligence component, were the reasons behind the state's inability to bring the Cape Flats conflict under control, policing expert Mr Stef Snel said yesterday.

The region could no longer afford "policemen in sheltered employment" said Snel, a former director of the non-governmental organisation Urban Monitoring Awareness Committee (Umac), who has been extensively involved in the police service's transformation since 1994.

His comments come three days after Senior Superintendent Jeremy Veary of the Provincial Intelligence Co-ordinating Committee said the police were generating adequate intelligence, but squabbling internally and making too few arrests.

Veary added that although all levels of the government had been kept up to date on the seriousness of the Cape Flats situation, politicians appeared to "lack the resolve" to adopt a firm stance.

Also three days ago, Western Cape MEC for Safety and Security Mr Gerald

Morkel said the province was "not getting enough information to act proactively", and that this situation had also been identified as a problem by Deputy President Thabo Mbeki during a recent meeting.

Western Cape police commissioner Mr Leon Wessels was unavailable for an interview until Wednesday.

Snel said there were "some excellent people in the police who are doing brilliant work way beyond their station" but their capacity to function effectively was being hampered by the inefficiency of others.

He said the police appeared to have "developed a culture of not fitting incompetent or undisciplined members".

The responsibility for controlling the spiralling Cape Flats conflict rested squarely on the shoulders of the police in the Western Cape, specifically the specialised detective units and regional intelligence structures, he said. He dis-

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missed as unimportant suggestions that politicians had attempted to use the issue as a political football. "This is what politicians could be expected to do."

Snel said it would be unfair not to recognise the extent to which problems in the police force related to the country's divided history.

**'It is time they started firing people and using the available resources better. The country cannot afford policemen and women in sheltered employment.'**

The organisation was "extensively damaged" and battling to transform. It was still largely held in contempt by the population.

"But what's happening is that the intelligence structures are generating information, and communicating it. The problem is they don't have the capacity to collect information covertly. They have neither the resources nor the skills.

"This means that they cannot provide information that can inform an investigation and eventually lead to a prosecution. And the detectives, due to morale issues, lack of discipline and incompetence, are not able to produce *prima facie* evidence.

"They are able to identify a threat, but not able to collect information or effectively investigate a threat. They don't know who to arrest and they have no evidence to hold anyone," he said.

"At the same time the capacity of the (civilian) National Intelligence Agency to provide effective information in the Western Cape is also diminished, again mainly due to general transformation problems.

"The only way the police have been dealing with the Pagad-gangster issue is through visible policing, which is hugely expensive and short-lived in its effectiveness. They cannot rely on visible policing alone, and have to get the other capacities to function."

Snel said he did not believe the police needed to overhaul "the structure of their system", but rather "the ability of the people within the system to operate effectively". They urgently needed to address competence, morale and disciplinary issues, redeploy some people and get rid of the dead wood.

"It is time they started firing people and using the resources at their disposal better. The country cannot afford policemen and women in sheltered employment," he said.





Pair: Justice Minister Dullah Omar listening to Soraya and Moegamat Davids telling of their experiences of violence on the Cape Flats



Walkabout: Dullah Omar and Provincial Health Minister Ebrahim Rasool meet members of the Surrey Estate neighbourhood watch

# Omar calls for an end to corruption

## Top ANNC delegation visits Cape Flats victims of violence

BEAUREGARD TRONP

A top African National Congress delegation headed by Justice Minister Dullah Omar has visited the relatives of people who died and who were injured in the Cape Flats violence over the past month.

Mr Omar and the Western Cape ministers of Health, Ebrahim Rasool, and of Public Works and Transport, Leonard Ramatlakane, last night heard heart-rending accounts of people who have been physically and psychologically scarred by the vio-

lence. Mr Omar vowed to fight government bureaucracy and corruption in the police and to lobby for more troops to control the violence.

One victim, Soraya Davids, told the group of the trauma she experienced when shots were fired at her home. She grabbed her eight-year-old son and got him to safety as a pipe bomb exploded in the front room on the ground floor of her home.

The Toffar family - who live downstairs - suffered the brunt of the attack.

The delegation visited Shireen Toffar in Groote Schuur Hospital.

**'You must do something ... it's innocent people who are dying'**

They also went to see her children at Red Cross Children's Hospital.

Seven-year old Jureij has had his leg amputated and four-year old Fazlin is being treated for severe burns. Mrs Toffar's six-week-old baby

Sadieta died in the attack. Earlier, a crying Mrs Davids pleaded with Mr Omar saying: "You must do something ... it's innocent people who are dying."

Mrs Davids told the ministers that her family had been driven from their home and that they had been forced to sleep at their relatives' homes as they lived in fear of further attacks. They have had to seek counselling.

Mr Omar responded to the family saying that he believed there was much more the government could do to fight the scourge of gangsterism. He said those in charge of the

police should ensure greater visibility and called for greater military involvement in ensuring people's safety.

The minister said corruption in the police had led to "collusion with gangsters which means that those who must be brought to justice are not".

The delegation also visited the homes of the Williams and Morgan families whose Bishop Lavis homes were petrol-bombed on Thursday and yesterday, respectively.

They stopped in on Roshan Ismail who lost her husband on Septem-

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ber 12 in a shooting incident. At the Bishop Lavis mosque last night Mr Omar said he was not responsible for curbing violence in the streets, but that in his capacity as Minister of Justice, legislation would be used to deter criminals.

Imam Sharief Achmat said: "The community will not be used as political footballs in the 1999 elections."

Mr Omar then assured the crowd that he had not come to address them for political gain, but to identify with them as a member of the community. He called for community initiatives to work closely with Govern-

ment to get rid of corruption in Government.

A larger police and army presence was on the cards. Mr Omar promised to bring it up at a meeting with Minister of Safety and Security Sydney Mufamadi on Tuesday.

Earlier in the week Mr Omar said that the task of the justice department was hampered by:

- 50% of police dockets not being given to the regional courts.
- That key witnesses were not subpoenaed.

- That police often did not oppose bail when they should.

# Pagad's call to arms in Boland

By KEN VERNON

**MORE** than 200 Stellenbosch gun-owners have joined a Pagad strike force that has vowed to resort to "any means necessary" to rid the town of gangsters and drug dealers.

The formation of the armed force follows the creation last week of a Stellenbosch branch of Pagad in response to a surge in gangsterism, says Faghrie Patel, a local councillor and Pagad leader.

Local councillor and chairman of the Stellenbosch Tourism and Information Association, Gert Lübber, welcomed the formation of the Pagad branch "if it helps get rid of the gangsters".

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Patel said Pagad was planning a huge "legal" march in the town shortly, but warned that if the march did not smoke out the town's drug merchants, the organisation would resort to any other means necessary to do the job.

"There are more than 70 drug merchants in the Cloetesville and Ida's Valley townships and the police are doing nothing to get rid of them," he said. "We know them and will report them to the police, but if the police still do nothing we will take action, just as we did in Cape Town."

"We will march to the houses of gangsters and drug merchants and confront them — and if they do not leave we will force them to go."

The Pagad branch was formed at a meeting held in the Eike Town Hall last Sunday attended by almost 2 000 people, Patel said, adding that most of them were Christian.

Patel said an appeal for gun-owners to join the branch's "G-Force" — Pagad's security arm — had drawn more than 200 people.

He said there had been 35 gang-related murders in the town last year.

"If a white person is murdered it's all over the news, but people in Cloetesville and Ida's Valley are murdered and raped every day and nothing is done because the police are corrupt.

"We monitored one drug-dealer's house late last year and counted 21 police entering and leaving in two days."

Pagad national leader, Aslam Toefy, who was present at last week's meeting, said there was a "dire need" for Pagad in the town.

Police liaison officer Senior Superintendent John Sterrenberg appealed to anyone who wanted to combat gangsterism and drug-dealing to remain within the law and to assist police by becoming police reservists or joining police community forums.

He said promises by Pagad to reveal information on drug-dealing "never materialises" but added that police would follow up any leads.

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THE Western Cape accounts for 40 of the 300 police stations identified nationally as urgently needing more resources to fight the high crime rate in the areas in which they operate.

The 40 stations operate among those with the least resources in areas with the highest crime rates in the country, and have been identified in terms of a plan to redistribute resources.

The local list is topped by Mitchell's Plain, followed closely by Khayelitsha, according to Western Cape police commissioner Leon Wessels.

The stations were identified at a police *bosberaad* near Rustenberg last weekend where police set their objectives and priorities for 1997.

Commissioner Wessels said one of the main problems in the province remained the high number of murders.

Cape Town has been damned as the murder capital of the world in numbers of people killed per 100 000 residents, although Northern Province recorded the highest number of killings, ahead of the Western Cape.

The Boland beat the city in the body count. And since shebeens were frequently the venue of the deaths, Wessels said he planned to introduce stricter control over opening hours to enable police to patrol venues during set hours.

Most local murders occurred at weekends and the victims and perpetrators were usually under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

While People against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) activities had quietened somewhat, the organisation had changed its *modus operandi* and was now marching in smaller groups, which were more difficult to police.

He said six people arrested recently in Mitchell's Plain for possession of illegal firearms had been linked to shooting incidents at houses. — *Sowetan Correspondent.*

# Four held, church blasted in Cape war

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By KEN VERNON  
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FOUR alleged Pagad members have been arrested and a church damaged as violence erupted in the Cape flats gangland stronghold of Valhalla Park at the weekend.

The four were arrested yesterday after shots were fired at police from a passing car. This was after police had defused a tense stand-off between gangsters and People Against Gangsterism and Drugs members.

Police are maintaining a strong presence in the area and intelligence sources are privately warning that an all-out war may break out between gangs and Pagad.

The catalyst for Friday night's confrontation was the shooting of a woman, thought to be a Pagad supporter, in her Valhalla Park home on Thursday night.

Pagad sources say she was shot by gangsters in a "cowardly fashion", through the windows of her home. She apparently underwent emergency surgery. They would not release her name for fear of her continued safety.

The New Apostolic Church opposite the woman's home was damaged in a mysterious grenade blast.

Pagad members arrived to protect her house in strength, precipitating the confrontation with gangsters on Friday night.

A bloodbath was averted only by a strong police contingent that stood, guns at the ready, between the two armed groups, police say.

After persuading them to disband, police were fired upon by four men in a white Ford Grenada.

One of those arrested is said to have been arrested before, when Pagad invaded Cape Town international airport.

Police spokesman Captain Wickus Holtzhausen said the men would appear in court tomorrow charged with attempted murder.

# 'Death threat' to Stellenbosch gangs

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IN its first major initiative since the end of the holy month of Ramadan, Pagad moved into Stellenbosch on Saturday night with a message to gangsters to stop their activities.

Pagad, under the direction of the organisation's Stellenbosch leader Mr Fagnrie Patel, issued a warning to the Americans gang to cease their illegal activities. At the start of the march Patel warned American gangsters in the crowd that if they were caught "they would be killed."

He said Pagad had chosen Stellenbosch as a starting point because many of "Cape Town's gangsters had moved to this small town."

The march followed months of skirmishes and altercations between members of Pagad's Stellenbosch branch and local gangsters.

A large contingent of Pagad members, many from Cape Town and nearby Paarl, descended on the Cloetesville civic centre in Stellenbosch. The crowd swelled to about 2,000 people as the march attracted hundreds of followers.

The march proceeded to a house which they allege to be the Cloetesville headquarters of the Americans gang.

# Pagad 4 held, police shot at after blast

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POLICE were shot at, a church was bombed and a family fled into hiding in a weekend of terror in which Pagad and the gangs moved closer to open conflict.

A tense, night-long stand-off on Friday between Pagad and gangsters in Valhalla Park, near the headquarters of the gang syndicate the Firm, ended with a salvo of shots being fired at police officers, allegedly by Pagad members.

Four Pagad members were arrested in connection with the shooting early on Saturday morning.

The policemen were attacked while sifting through debris caused by a hand-grenade explosion at the New Apostolic Church in Valhalla Park about 4am on Saturday. The explosion ripped off pieces of the church roof, causing R5 000 worth of damage.

Police spokesman Senior Superintendent John Sterrenberg condemned the shooting yesterday. He called upon those responsible to "act within the law".

Before the blast, police battled to restrain Pagad members and gangsters as they faced up to each other in a highly charged atmosphere.

The catalyst for the weekend's violence may have been the shooting of a Valhalla Park woman. An alleged Pagad member, she was shot and wounded on Thursday when several shots were fired through the windows of her daughter's home here by suspected gangsters.

She was rushed to Tygerberg Hospital where she was treated for a gunshot wound to her side. She was released yesterday morning and was apparently taken to an undisclosed place of safety. Her home was deserted yesterday.

On Friday night, a large convoy of cars, ferrying Pagad members, pulled up outside the woman's house to conduct a prayer meeting with her family.

A stand-off arose between Pagad and gangsters, who cordoned off the road leading to the Firm's headquarters, the "Purple House", believing it to be Pagad's latest target.

Heavily armed police formed a barricade between the two groups, remaining on standby throughout Friday night and early Saturday morning.

The situation was eventually defused about 4am on Saturday, but nearly spun out of control again when a hand-grenade was thrown on to the roof of the church.

Police suspect the grenade may have been thrown by Pagad members. While investigating officers were inspecting the scene for clues, a number of shots were fired at them by the occupants of a white Toyota Cressida.

In the ensuing chase, one of the men tried to throw away a gun, which the police retrieved. They said the gun matched shell casings found at the scene.

The men, who were arrested shortly after the chase, will appear in the Goodwood Magistrate's Court today.

Mr Ernest "Lapepa" Peters, an executive committee member of Core, the banner under which gangs have united in an attempt at transformation, said yesterday that time was fast running out for a peaceful solution to the problem of gangsterism and drugs.

He said: "How long does the government expect us to just sit back, hands folded, waiting to be attacked? The lives of our people are being threatened by Pagad, and the gangsters won't be able to hold back much longer."

Pagad yesterday declined to comment.

# Crime rate harms city's Olympic hopes

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**LAUSANNE:** Promoters of Cape Town's 2004 Olympic Bid were undeterred by a report from the international organising committee seeming to favour other cities.

**C**APE TOWN'S bid for the 2004 Olympic Games appeared to suffer a blow last night as Rome, Athens and Stockholm emerged as front-runners in a report released by the International Olympic Committee.

But the city may still hold an outside chance. Cape Town's bid appealed to the committee's social conscience by underlining that staging the Games in South Africa would create new jobs and help unify the country.

The IOC inspectors also noted that while the people of Cape Town were not generally against hosting the Olympics, many thought the city's candidature was premature, indicating that other priorities should prevail.

By far the biggest concern about Cape Town's bid was the crime rate.

The evaluation commission acknowledged that a detailed strategy had been developed to improve security, but added that full implementation of these plans over the coming years would be a challenge.

Examiners who visited all potential hosts of the Olympics said Cape Town's bid failed on several organisational points — including the positioning of rowing and canoeing courses in the Olympic Village, with potential security, noise and access difficulties. The quality of accommodation was highly praised, added the commission, which said the bid was well thought out.

But Olympic Bid Company chief Mr Chris Ball and Mayor Ms Theresa Solomon last night felt the

## Strengths, weaknesses

### STRENGTHS of Cape Town's bid for the Olympics:

- **Local support:** The committee says the Games will help unite South Africans in post-apartheid transition. Full government support although local poll results inconclusive.

- **Venues:** Some sites will help development. 75 000-seat Olympic Stadium to be built. Good conditions for most venues.

- **Facilities:** Generally good revised plans.

### Weaknesses:

- **Environment:** Preliminary environmental studies needed.

- **Security:** Serious crime situation is a challenge.

- **Transport:** Good basic infrastructure but improvements needed for the airport and railways.

- **Capacity:** A 45% growth in hotel capacity foreseen. 5 000 existing and planned four-five star hotel rooms.

- **Budget:** Sponsorship and ticket sales revenues on high side.

- **Legislation:** New pieces of legislation needed.

IOC evaluation commission report had been positive and "heart-warming", and augured well for the city's chances of reaching the final four or five when the list of 11 cities is whittled on March 7.

"Generally, the comments (in the report) are very understanding

and favourable," said Ball, adding that the report had been "very complimentary" about plans under the Olympic Bid Company's control — such as technical plans, transport, accommodation and finance.

There were "no stated significant errors" about Cape Town, only "minor issues" for which the company had "ready answers".

Ball conceded that cities such as Rome, Athens and Stockholm had an edge over Cape Town, as they had many facilities.

But, he said, "I believe the report puts us in a good position to be among the final cities".

Solomon said Cape Town was "going to Lausanne within the next two weeks, confident that we have an excellent chance of staying in the race for Olympics 2004".

She said there was "no doubt" that holding the Games in Cape Town would create jobs and help to unify all South Africans.

Solomon admitted that crime was "worrying" but that this was being addressed.

The report said all cities had proved their capability of organising the games but some would need more time than others to implement their plans.

The most important criterion, according to the IOC report is "the best conditions for the best athletes of the world in environmentally friendly venues".

Rome's bid was praised by the IOC's evaluation commission as "excellently planned and prepared in a professional manner".

Athens would boast an excellent Olympic sports centre just 15 minutes from the Olympic village and the Greek government had made considerable efforts to improve the serious pollution problems in the city. — Staff Reporter, Sapa-AP

# R300m for metro police presence

**BARRY STREEK**  
POLITICAL WRITER

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A R300-MILLION plan to tackle crime in Cape Town is finally in the pipeline.

The plan involves an additional 1 000 "highly mobile" police members on patrol on motor bikes and the provision of television cameras in the central city area and the Waterfront.

Provisional plans for the new force and Central City TV or CCTV are being drawn up.

Yesterday the civilian head of the Ministry of Safety and Security Mr Azar Cachalia said that the government was not opposed in principle to municipal or metropolitan police but stressed they should be preventative forces and that the police's investigative duties should remain a national responsibility.

Plans for municipal or metro police are to be discussed at crime summits in all nine provinces within the next three months.

Cachalia said Gauteng and KwaZulu-Natal has already made strong recommendations for the introduction of municipal police forces. The Western Cape government has also drawn up similar plans with the support of Premier Hennis Kriel and MEC for security Mr Gerald Morkel.

DP leader Mr Tony Leon also made a call for local police forces last week.

The police believe that each police station in the metropolitan areas should draw up plans for the prevention of crime and the introduction of "hot spots".

Cachalia said that no new strategies or plans had been discussed at the Inter-Government Forum being held at Stellenbosch meeting but the emphasis had been on implementation and delivery of crime prevention strategies.



# 2004 team recruits gangs to fight crime

*City is the first target*

MICHAEL MORRIS  
ON THE OLYMPIC BID

Turning gangsters into peace-makers is the essence of a revolutionary Olympic-related strategy being launched today to enlist the underworld in the fight against crime.

Gangs and their members are to be given responsibility for curbing violence and lawlessness in terms of a manifesto in which they declare their willingness to "act as the protectors of the community".

But the drug trade will not be affected by the project at this stage.

The strategy, dubbed the Olympic Peace Initiative, will run for three-months, with the emphasis on curbing murder, rape, assaults, robbery, housebreaking and theft.

The first project - from today until May 14 - will be to rid the central city and Bo-Kaap of criminal activity, and clear street kid gangs from the area.

Township children will be taken back to their homes, in terms of the plan, and those without homes will be taken to child-care centres. Gangs have undertaken to "use their influence" to halt central city muggings and other crimes.

The launch of the potentially controversial scheme follows weeks of discussions with gang leaders, who on Monday committed themselves to an inter-gang peace accord, and to stopping all crimes of violence against the community by their members. More details will be announced later today.

The gangs' commitment to a peace manifesto will be monitored by an independent group of prominent community leaders. Ultimately, the aim is to rehabilitate gangsters and draw them into the mainstream of society.

The leading figure in the project is Brian Williams, chairman of the Cape

Town Community Olympic Forum, an independent, pro-bid body representing civics and other organisations.

Mr Williams said the approach carried "huge risks", but had the potential to "dramatically reduce crime", and deserved support since all other strategies had failed. "The gangs will take ownership of the anti-crime strategy and be responsible for it. We think this is a coup, to get gangsters to become peace-makers."

Minister of Justice Dullah Omar had "reacted positively" to the initiative in a meeting this week. The strategy was also discussed by the Cabinet at its meeting in Pretoria yesterday. Bid Company chief executive Chris Ball, who supports the initiative, was present at yesterday's meeting.

Conditional support has also been given by the Cape Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and other community organisations.

Mr Williams said Pagad had been informed, adding: "We believe there is no difference between our objectives and Pagad's objectives."

The Schotse Kloof Civic Association - representing an area that is about 98 percent Muslim - has unanimously backed the initiative. Association chairman Yusuf Larney said: "It's no use fighting and killing each other, because the problem will still be there. Our affiliate organisations have backed this 100 percent."

Mr Williams said crime and violence constituted the major weakness of South Africa's bid, and this had impelled the Community Olympic Forum to launch the peace initiative.

"I am not afraid of the risks of this initiative because my political record is sufficiently strong to sustain me against any kind of integrity attacks. All we are asking for is three months, to see if this strategy can work. We have tried everything else."

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# Bullets fly in Bo-Kaap Pagad raid

*'Army' injures five*

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**JOHAN SCHRONEN**  
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A small army of about 30 heavily armed Pagad members invaded the Bo-Kaap early today, opening fire on the home of an alleged drug dealer with pistols and shotguns before setting fire to it.

Five occupants of the house were injured, two of them seriously, when they were beaten up as they fled the fire. The house, which the attackers destroyed with petrol bombs, was listed as a national monument.

It was the fifth and by far the largest attack this week on suspected drug dealers, and police have now given top priority to investigating the conflict.

Police believe all five attacks were carried out by members of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs.

The mini-invasion at 3.10am was aimed at three brothers, Noor, Mogamat and Abdurachman Jardien and their families, in the Chiappini Street home they shared. It lasted about 15 minutes.

The Jardien family denied dealing in drugs.

A tearful Noor Jardien, 61, said a "squad" of about 30 masked men carrying shotguns, pistols, pick-handles and petrol

bombs surrounded the house and broke windows with their gun barrels.

"I was sleeping in my room upstairs when I heard glass breaking downstairs," said Mr Jardien.

"The next moment all hell broke loose. Gunshots rang out, they were shooting through the windows from the outside - and then they lobbed petrol bombs through three of the windows at the front, side and back of the house. We were trapped.

"I ran downstairs, but smoke and flames drove me back up. The only way out was through a window on to the roof." The sickly Mr Jardien had to jump from the roof of the house to escape the fire.

"It's a miracle nobody was wounded in the gunfire," he said.

"The shooting just carried on - my brothers and the women and children were hiding under their beds while bullets flew over their heads."

Meanwhile the attackers assaulted the men one by one as they emerged from the burning house.

Mr Mogamat Jardien was pistol-whipped and chased to Rose Street by a man wielding a pistol.

Abdurachman Jardien, 20, was hit over the head and in the face with a pick handle

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# Five hurt in Pagad raid in Bo-Kaap

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and collapsed on the ground. Salie Jardien was pistol-whipped and afterwards had blood gushing down his face from a deep cut in his head.

A family friend, Patrick Matthews, also had serious head injuries and was taken to hospital with Mr Abdurachman Jardien.

The attackers damaged a minibus parked in the backyard of the house.

Today's raid followed four previous Pagad-related attacks in the past five days.

In Athlone a car was damaged early yesterday after a home-made device exploded on it.

The car belonged to George Smith of Kudu Street. Mr Smith also denied he was connected to drug-dealing.

Two home-made bombs were hurled at homes of suspected drug dealers early on Monday and a bomb exploded at the home of an Ottery man on Sunday, causing severe damage to the house and vehicles.

Police said the home-made devices which were hurled at houses in Cassel Street and Bolton Road, Crawford, did not explode but broke windows.

The angry owner of the Ottery house that came under attack early on Sunday, Hendrik April, challenged Pagad to meet him "face to face" in daylight.

Mr April said he had been warned earlier to stop dealing in drugs, but still came under attack.

More than R200 000 damage was caused to a minibus, a car, the house and garage.

Meanwhile police have intensified their efforts to investigate Pagad, drug-dealing and gangsterism.

Police spokesman Mark Romburgh said police had prioritised Pagad-related attacks since the weekend and would focus their anti-crime plan on these activities.

Captain Romburgh said the continuous attacks on drug-dealers, or people thought to be drug dealers, was illegal and could also target innocent people.

"We will leave no stone unturned to bring the perpetrators to book," he said.

"Police management appreciates the community's stance against gangsterism and drugs.

"But people cannot be allowed to take the law in their own hands.

The community must supply police with information about drug dealing or any other illegal activities - then we will act," said Captain Romburgh.

# Juvenile violence increases

LINDIZ VAN ZILLA

THE criminal justice system's battle with juvenile offenders is highlighted in a police document detailing shocking statistics of juvenile crime in the Western Cape.

It reveals that 12 483 minors were arrested last year.

The police document follows extensive research into juvenile crime. A database was started in 1995.

The 1996 figures are marginally down from the previous year, when 12 691 juveniles were arrested, a 1,6% decrease.

However, violent offences committed by juveniles have increased, with 256 arrested for murder, 115 for attempted murder, 400 for rape, 105 for armed robbery, 760 for robbery, 600 for serious assault and 19 for firearm-related offences.

Of the 12 483 juveniles arrested, 1 834 were between the ages of 7—13, while 10 649 were aged between 14—17.

Yesterday, police spokesman Senior Superintendent John Sterrenberg expressed police concern at the alarming figures and called for a "concerted all-round effort to address juvenile crime".

Another disturbing statistic to emerge from the document is the large number of juveniles absconding from insecure places of safety.

Of 1 152 juveniles, 454 absconded from

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**Stark statistics**

Juveniles arrested in 1996:	12 483
Aged 7 — 13:	1 834
Aged 14 — 17:	10 649
Murder	256
Attempted murder	115
Rape	406
Armed robbery	105
Robbery	760
Serious assault	600
Housebreaking	2 960
Theft	1 583
Car theft	547
Theft from motor vehicle	895
Possession of dangerous weapons	65
Possession of unlicensed firearms	214
Arson	27
Indecent assault	31
Sodomy	34
Drunkness	75
Possession of dagga	373
Possession of Mandrax	51

facilities such as Bonnytown and Houses Rosendal, Vredelus, Lindelani and Outeniqua last year.

Of the juveniles who were either released before appearing in court, or after their first appearance, 1 472 were released into their

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 parents' custody by the police.

A further 4 153 were released into the custody of their parents by the courts, 1 508 received free bail, 947 were sent to places of custody, 622 were referred to the Department of Correctional Services, 163 to dormitories and 2 132 to police cells.

Superintendent Niels Nilsson, of provincial commissioner Mr Leon Wessels' office, said yesterday the police would closely monitor juvenile crime for the next few years and would develop plans to address the problem.

He admitted that the police had great difficulty in dealing with juvenile crime because many juvenile offenders were hardened criminals, who often absconded from places of safety.

He said the police had been involved in drawing up a provincial plan of action, which included input from various state departments and non-governmental organisations.

Sterrenberg said one of the aspects which perturbed the police was that in many instances juveniles were used by adults to perpetrate crime.

He blamed this on a lack of secure family values, and said there was an urgent need to inculcate proper values in the family circle.

He questioned how much of a positive role was played in raising children by religious and youth leaders, educationists and welfare organisations.

# Olympic bid: Gangs unite to fight crime

**A NEW PLAN** to reduce crime in the city will give local gangsters a three-month window of opportunity to prove that their efforts to reform are genuine. **ROGER FRIEDMAN** and **BENNY GOOL** report.

**S**TARTING today, Cape Town's allegedly reforming gangster community will endeavour to rid the central business district (CBD) of crime within three weeks, in the first stage of a three-month programme to reduce crime ahead of the September announcement of the 2004 Olympic Games host city.

Representatives of several major criminal and reformed criminal groups — including the Community Outreach Forum (Core), The Firm, the 28s and the Americans — met early this week to sign a peace manifesto.

The programme will be launched officially by Cape Town Olympic Bid Company chairperson Mr Chris Ball today, barring last-minute hitches.

The programme is believed to have evolved out of a series of discussions between the chairperson of the bid company's Community Olympic Forum Mr Brian Williams — who is also the Labour Department's Western Cape director — and Core leaders.

It was apparently presented to the cabinet in Pretoria yesterday and will be known as the Olympics Peace Initiative.

Nobody connected to the programme was prepared to speak on-the-record to the Cape Times yesterday, suggesting we wait for Ball's announcement.

But a source with intimate knowledge of the programme confirmed that a panel

of eminent Capetonians, including Metropolitan Council mayor Mr William Bantam, human rights commissioner Ms Rhoda Kadalié, chairperson of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Mrs Dorothy Boesak, have agreed to act as "social patrons or sponsors".

And community leaders including the Islamic Unity Convention's Mr Ganié Hendricks and businessman Mr Peter Jones have agreed to act as a mediation group, charged with monitoring the process internally and externally, the source said.

Among non-governmental organisations which have apparently come out in support of the programme is the Bokaap Umbrella Executive representing 52 organisations.

If it proves successful, the programme will not only reduce crime and boost Cape Town's chances of hosting the Olympics, but will also give allegedly reforming gangsters a three-month window of opportunity to demonstrate their good faith.

Core leaders were yesterday taking their responsibilities in terms of the programme very seriously, viewing it as the chance they have been pleading for since their formation last August to prove their stated intention to turn over a collective new leaf.

Since August members of the government have refused to speak formally to Core, saying they cannot talk to gangsters.

But the intelligence community is now

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believed to have recommended some form of intervention or engagement in the light of continuing tensions between Pagad and Core on the Cape Flats.

The Olympic Peace Initiative is shaping up as an acid test of the ex-gangsters' commitment.

In the CBD they will target those who break into cars, as well as housebreakers and child prostitutes. They will attempt to trace the families of street children who say they are lost, and they will encourage all

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street people to spend as much time as possible off the streets and in programmes and shelters.

Thereafter, the theory goes, they will monitor other crime hot-spots, and so over a period of three months reduce crime in the Mother City.

What about after the three-month period?

"If there is delivery then we are saying that the national government must bring

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## Gangs to fight crime

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the necessary resources to break the cycle we are in," said the source, turning to the longer-term future of the initiative.

Indeed, the future was a common concern expressed by several other Cape Times' sources in the police, intelligence and NGO-sector yesterday.

If the results prove positive, should the programme be ended purely because the International Olympic Committee has reached a decision regarding 2004 come September?

Is the programme about the Olympics only, or about the Olympics and addressing social problems in the Western Cape?

Those close to the programme are adamant it is about both.

# Leaders refuse to help launch anti-crime plan

## *Blow to new campaign*

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STAFF REPORTER

**The Cape Town Olympic Bid Company's novel plan to harness gangs to fight crime had a setback when four prominent community leaders refused to attend the launch.**

Hours before yesterday's ceremony, the four, who had been asked to monitor the initiative, had requested a postponement on the grounds that it was "premature", said businessman and former political activist Peter Jones, speaking on the group's behalf.

The four community leaders had committed themselves to work for "significant community peace" and had been approached by Olympic bid chief Chris Ball's team to monitor the initiative.

Their refusal to take part in yesterday's launch at the Civic Centre was not a snub to the programme, Mr Jones said. "It is not ominous. We are not ready," he said.

"We have not fully satisfied ourselves as to the sustainability of the initiative in the manner in which it is now being put forward and we think it is premature."

The group consists of Mr Jones; Nombulelo Mkefa, chief executive director of the Community Peace Foundation; Matt Esau, a prominent Anglican cleric in Mitchell's Plain; and Gavin Pieterse, Western Cape president of the Black Management Forum.

"We need to understand fully what is being proposed and what it is we are supposed to monitor, and the level of seriousness and commitment of all parties," Mr Jones said.

At yesterday's launch there was an unlikely "marriage in brotherhood" between Rashied Staggie, a gang leader who says he has reformed, and Brian Williams, head of the Community Olympics Forum to make Cape Town a safer place.

Mr Williams denied any knowledge of

the community leaders refusing to join the initiative because of the gangster element. At the ceremony, the gangsters signed an agreement to help slash crime - starting with the city centre - in the next few months in the run-up to the announcement in September of the 2004 Olympic Games host city.

A press conference was attended by bid company chief Chris Ball, bid representatives, community leaders and about 100 gangsters who say they have reformed, many of them decked out in designer sunglasses, baseball caps, American-style clothing and gold jewellery, and toting cellphones.

It was significant that instead of seeking help from the country's leaders, the Community Olympics Forum had turned to the community leadership at grassroots level, Mr Williams said.

The new anti-crime initiative was put to the Cabinet in Pretoria this week, but Mr Williams would not divulge details of the discussion and said it was up to the Cabinet to make a statement.

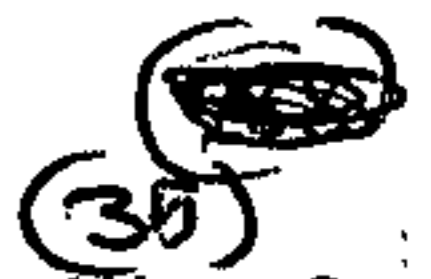
The declaration signed yesterday was historic in that during the next three months, reforming gangsters would attempt what the country's most powerful leaders had been unable to achieve. They would start with the city centre and later target Belhar and Mitchell's Plain, he said.

Mr Ball said the initiative was "brave" and "has to be a positive contribution".

"The risk is that the peace accord may not hold but it is better to have a peace accord and to attempt to do some good than not to try at all." Mr Ball made it clear the initiative was not a Bid Company project but was conceived by the Community Olympics Forum, elected independently by community organisations. He dismissed suggestions that it would legitimise gangsters. The exclusion of the drug trading issue from the agreement meant "any activity (such as drug dealing) which contravenes the law must be prosecuted".

# Gangs, Olympic team tie knot for crime-free city

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**THE POLICE** were conspicuously absent yesterday at the launch of a gangster-run project to clean up crime in the Mother City. **ROGER FRIEDMAN** reports.

the initiative could boost Cape Town's chances of winning the right to host the Olympic Games in 2004 in the short-term, and benefit communities which spawn gangsterism in the long-term.

**T**HE Olympic Peace Initiative, a three-month project involving the participation of gangsters to curb crime in Cape Town, was launched yesterday with an appeal by the head of the Community Olympics Forum, Mr Brian Williams, that society give gangsters a chance to demonstrate their social value.

majority of Western Cape gang leaders, members of the Community Olympic Forum and head of the Cape Town 2004 Olympics Bid Company Mr Chris Ball.

Firstly, however, the law-breakers will have to prove their mettle in the coming weeks as law-makers.

And in a second appeal Williams urged that once the gangsters and reformed gangsters have demonstrated good faith, national government, provincial government and all other social structures intervene to assist in the much wider project of rebuilding the fabric of communities.

Williams, who chaired the conference, said crime, violence and gangsterism had been identified as a weakness in Cape Town's Olympic bid. The Community Olympic Forum had been mandated to work at grassroots level to help win the bid, and the Olympic Peace Initiative was a product of that work.

Those traditional upholders of the law, the police, were conspicuous in their absence yesterday; nor were they mentioned, aside from Staggie appealing to them to accept the anti-crime initiative and support it.

The initiative was largely inspired by Williams and the Community Outreach Forum (Core), a group of confessed gang leaders and reformed gangsters now campaigning for social upliftment and an end to the cycle of gangsterism in predominantly coloured neighbourhoods.

He said the initiative would clearly make the statement that every single citizen can play a role in reconciliation, and a crucial role in rebuilding South Africa.

Asked to what extent the police backed the initiative, Williams said: "I'm sure every police agency and law-enforcement agency will be quite happy that their loads have been lightened."

Other powerful groups — including The Firm, the 28s and the Americans — are involved; and the initiative has the backing of the Olympic Bid Company and various business, labour, community-based and non-governmental organisations.

Core leader Mr Rashied Staggie said he could live with being branded "scum" by some, but he did not want his children to be gangsters and to have to live with that label. Core's priority was preventing generations to come from falling into lives of crime.

The project's progress will be closely monitored by a group of respected community leaders, who will also act as mediators.

Ball said nothing, which seemed to underline the difficulty for the bid company in being seen to forge alliances with known gang leaders. The government has not been willing to talk to the gangsters, but the government supports the Olympic bid and the Olympic bid company supports the initiative.

The first stage of the project will entail a crime clean-up of the Cape Town central business district, which is scheduled to be accomplished within two to three weeks.

Although Core president Pastor Albern Martins performed a bizarre marriage ceremony between the blushing Staggie and Williams yesterday, questions were being asked whether this was not merely a marriage of convenience and whether it would have any impact on crime.

The gang bosses will attempt to use their influence to stem theft, robbery, rape and murder. Then they will concentrate on other areas. The drug trade has not been mentioned as part of the crack-down.

But clearly, relative peace is a requirement if Cape Town is to win the Games; and equally clearly, Core is demanding to be taken seriously. Which is not to mention that gangsterism continues to bedevil the Cape Flats.

At the Cape Town Civic Centre yesterday the media launch of the project was attended by the overwhelming

Staggie and Williams were firm in their conviction that

# Omar blames third force

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**MINISTER OF JUSTICE** Dullah Omar has urged communities to become organised as this would help them to overcome the forces of conflict, like those in Pagad and Core, **ROGER FRIEDMAN** writes.

**M**INISTER of Justice Mr Dullah Omar is convinced that a "third force", intent on destabilising the Western Cape, is fanning the conflict between People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) and the Community Outreach Forum (Core).

He had received information "from a number of quarters" that former and present members of the security forces had a hand in engineering tension between Pagad and Core, Omar told the Western Cape Anti-Crime Forum's biannual general meeting in the Mowbray town hall yesterday.

Schooled in fomenting conflicts in the Eastern Cape and KwaZulu-Natal, they were taking advantage of differences between Pagad and Core to divide communities further, Omar said. Unless communities were vigilant, the conflict could take on religious connotations.

Omar did not say if these elements were said to have penetrated the two groups, nor whether they were supplying weapons or carrying out attacks.

As he spoke, Core supporters in Salt River were replacing street signs on London Road with a new set renaming the thoroughfare Rashaad Staggie Road. The first anniversary of his death is to be marked in Manenberg and Salt River today.

The Hard Livings gang co-leader was shot and set alight on the corner of London and Lower Main roads during a mass march by Pagad to a London Road house associated with

Staggie and drug-dealing. The killing prompted the formation of Core, which united a number of rival gang bosses and ex-convict community leaders under the slogan "Core for peace".

The notorious gang bosses — including Staggie's twin brother, Mr Rashed Staggie — have campaigned in the past year for peace and development in formerly coloured areas.

They have called, without success, for talks with government authorities to devise mechanisms that they say will enable them to create alternative jobs to drug-peddling for their followers.

Last week they warned that there would be a bloodbath unless Pagad stopped threatening and attacking its members and supporters by today. Core leaders said they would not attack innocent people or shopkeepers, but look at targeting members of Pagad's military wing.

Omar said the difference between the crime forum and many other "structures" was that "You are part of the communities ... and in your planning you try to involve the communities whose safety and security you are concerned about".

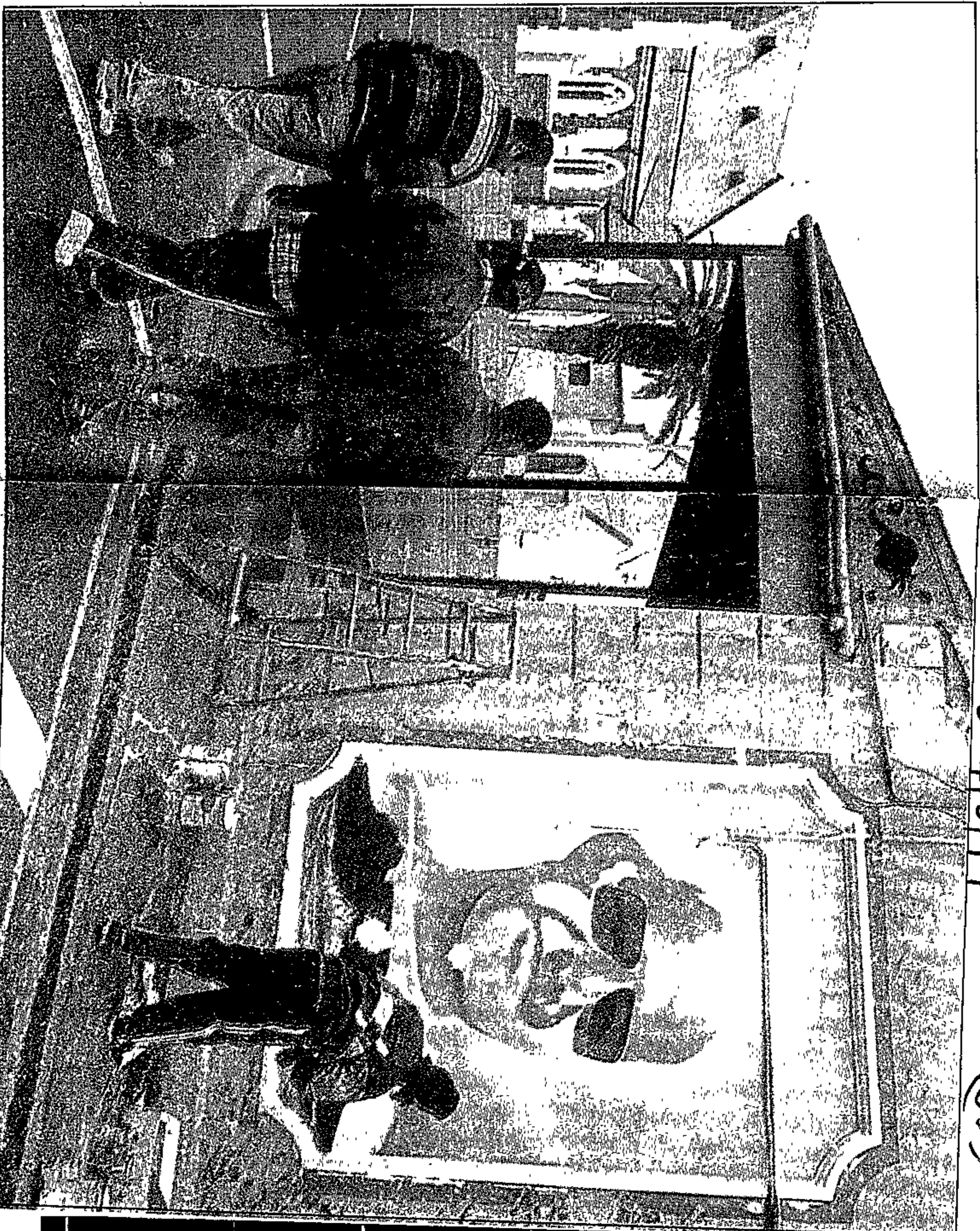
Echoing the sentiments expressed by Minister of Finance Mr Trevor Manuel at the funeral last weekend of a Fietreton youngster killed by a group of boys, Omar said communities needed to organise themselves, as they had in the 1980s. The conflict between Pagad and Core was "looming large at the moment".

If communities reorganised themselves such problems could be overcome easily, Omar said. Reorganisation required "maximum unity and maximum conscientising ... so that people understand what are the forces at work".

In his report, crime forum secretary Mr Irvin Kinnes also spoke of the Pagad-Core problem.

"This organisation will fight crime wherever it exists and if people want to use crime-fighting as an excuse to commit further crimes, then we should oppose it," Kinnes said.

"Both Core and Pagad have resorted to violence in attempting to reach their goals. The (forum) was part of an initiative ... by the Joint Forum on Policing last year to engage both parties. Two meetings were held with Core in December 1996, but attempts to get Pagad to the table for talks proved unsuccessful. The outcome of the meetings was communicated to the ministers, who asked us to continue exploring avenues for talks but, despite our warnings, the killings were



**MEMORIAL:** Core followers painted a commemorative portrait of slain Hard Livings gang leader Rashaad Staggie in London Road, Salt River, yesterday. They also replaced the street signs, rename thoroughfare Rashaad Staggie Road.

PICTURE: BENNY GOOL

allowed to continue.

"It is no surprise that things have taken a turn for the worse and we appeal to the reasonable elements within Pagad to come to the fore to assist in putting an end to the types of violence we have been seeing.

"The drug dealers should also be stopped from continued trading, extortion and murders. There can be no selective justice ... and we should genuinely engage Pagad with a view to uniting crime fighters around a common programme.

"However, the (forum) cannot engage Pagad as long as it clings to the types of violent methods it has chosen. Our organisation consists of men and women that have fought hard for democracy and a legitimate government. We, as crime fighters, cannot allow the rule of law to break down. We cannot sink to the levels of criminals to fight them.

"We also call on Core to expose their trading partners in the criminal justice system and to give up their lucrative drug trade before they can be taken separately."

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# Showdown looms for Pagad, Core

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Police will be out in full force and equipped to deal with any problem that may arise on today's anniversary of gang leader Rashaad Staggie's fiery lynching.

So says Simon Mpembe, supervisor of the special police task team formed last week to monitor the activities of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) and the Community Outreach Forum (Core), the reformed gangsters' organisation. Core has given Pagad until today to meet them to avoid a war.

Superintendent Mpembe said the 60-member police task team, operating from Manenberg, was working round the clock and the army, public order policing unit and police reservists were being deployed to beef up the team.

"We have enough police on the ground to handle any threat and are particularly looking to address the threat of gangs declaring war and Pagad attacks on drug dealers," he said.

Core was to hold a memorial service for Rashaad Staggie in Manenberg today and would then move to the scene of his murder in London Road, Salt River.

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# Police spend R8m in one year on monitoring Pagad demonstrations

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STAFF WRITER

THE South African Police Service spent almost R8 million on monitoring Pagad demonstrations in the year following gang leader Mr Rashaad Staggie's public lynching by a Pagad mob in Salt River.

Police statistics revealed that R7 987 270 had been spent monitoring 64 Pagad marches in the Western Cape.

The cost and the waste of man-hours have evoked strong criticism from Western Cape Police Commissioner Leon Wessels, who said normal policing functions had been severely curtailed.

He said yesterday: "Our crime-prevention operations are affected because members involved in nor-

mal policing functions aimed at crime-prevention must monitor these Pagad marches."

He called upon Pagad "to rather work with the police in gathering information" than force the police to spend millions of rands and precious resources on monitoring Pagad marches.

A total of 465 399 policeman hours, costing R7 235 492, was spent monitoring Pagad marches, and 1 338 police vehicles — including armoured vehicles — were used at a cost of R312 599.

Police overtime cost a further R439 179, adding up to a total of R7 987 270.

In addition, the South African National Defence Force allocated a large personnel contingent to help

monitor Pagad demonstrations.

Wessels said it was necessary for police to monitor Pagad demonstrations to keep opposing factions such as Pagad and Core from engaging in violent confrontations.

A strong police presence was also necessary at Pagad marches because some Pagad members made themselves guilty of criminal activity by attacking innocent bystanders, openly displaying firearms and by covering their faces, he said.

The police had at times also been forced to recruit members from other police stations in the Boland — even as far away as Oudtshoorn — to help monitor mass Pagad rallies.

# Gangs warn of Flats bloodbath

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GANG leaders in the Western Cape met under the banner of the Community Outreach Forum (Core) yesterday in reaction to what they said was Pagad's acceptance of Core's open invitation "to go to war".

The meeting between more than 80 gang bosses followed the attacks on two Athlone houses late on Monday night.

Gunmen wounded Mr Jeremiah August, 43, and Mr John Hofflander, 38, when they opened fire on a shack in Hood Road, Athlone.

Twenty minutes later unidentified gunmen shot dead Mr Paul Crowley, 40, and wounded Mr Wayne Harper, also 40, as they were sitting in a vehicle outside Harper's home in Carnation Close, Athlone.

After the attacks, police investigators found Pagad spray-painted in black on two walls and a door.

The police are reluctant to immediately tie the attacks to the anti-drugs group. But members of Core were adamant yesterday that by attacking the houses, Pagad had taken up Core's invitation to go to war.

After a year-long non-violent response to Pagad attacks and intimidation, Core last week said they were fed-up with being threatened by Pagad and invited the anti-drugs group to go to war.

Core executive member Mr Rashied Staggie said: "They cannot carry on shooting and bombing and threatening, and we cannot be expected to hide from them. If they want to fight, then let us finish the fight, remove the fear from our communities and start the rebuilding process."

An "armed and ready" Core warned of a bloodbath on the Cape Flats if Pagad decided to go to war with the gangs.

Yesterday fellow Core executive member Mr Ernest "La Pepa" Peters said Core strongly condemned the Athlone shootings because innocent people had been targeted. "We (Core) don't even know those people who were shot," he said.

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It appeared as if Pagad had "accepted our invitation to go to war".

Peters said: "This means no one will be able to stop the gangs from picking up their weapons and taking on Pagad. We will defend ourselves to the very last."

He added: "Pagad are killing innocent people and eventually the gangs will be forced to do the same. The Western Cape will turn into a bloodbath."

After yesterday's mass-gang meeting, Core said it had decided to stop reining in individual gangs, who for months had resisted retaliating.

The Core executive said: "Those people and gangs who have had enough and who want to fight back against Pagad must go ahead. Some of these gangs now want to pick up their guns."

The organisation said it didn't want to know how or when gangs were planning to retaliate. "We wash our hands in innocence."

A Core member said the next "couple of weeks" would be marked by a lot of shooting.

Pagad spokesman Mr Cassiem Parker said last night the organisation had "some time ago identified those people (shooting victims) as drug dealers, but that did not mean that Pagad members were responsible for the shootings".

He refused to speculate who might have been behind the attacks, saying it was up to the police to investigate.

Parker would also not be drawn on whether Pagad had accepted Core's invitation for war, saying: "We don't respond to gangsters."

Meanwhile, police have nearly finalised the setting up of a Pagad task team, whose main aim will be to investigate Pagad and gang-related incidents and try to resolve the conflict on the Cape Flats.

Senior Superintendent John Sterrenberg said the unit would consist of a detective section, backed up by a large uniformed police contingent.

The staff had been drawn from the areas most affected by the conflict between the opposing groups.

# Watch patrols on hit

## Three die as Pagad-gangs war spills

**JERMAINE GRAIG**  
STAFF REPORTER

Casualties are mounting in a spate of attacks on neighbourhood watch patrols, with Pagad and the "reformed gangster" group Core blaming each other.

Neighbourhood watch members say

they are coming under fire from gangsters who shoot to kill, believing them to be Pagad members.

Weeping uncontrollably, Salama Abdullah of Hanover Park yesterday mourned her second son to be murdered in four months.

In recent weeks three watch members have been killed and a number wounded

and there have been numerous attacks on their patrols.

Although the Community Outreach Forum groups say they have so far resisted taking revenge for Pagad attacks, watch members counter that they are regularly attacked by gangsters.

■ Mrs. Abdullah's son Toyer, a founder member of the Hanover Park neighbour-

hood watch, was shot dead in a gang ambush while patrolling the suburb on April 19.

■ On Monday, her son Noor was killed when he was shot in the back while walking to a shop in Manenberg.

■ In the incident in which Toyer Abdullah was killed, Hanover Park watch member Mansoor Herman was wounded.

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■ At the weekend, Bonteheuwel watch member Riedewaand Hendricks was killed in a drive-by shooting at his home.

■ Hanover Park watch member Nasleg Petersen was shot in the neck by gangsters while assisting the Bonteheuwel watch to patrol after Mr Hendricks's death.

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# Couple shot execution-style

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**WESTERN CAPE** Premier Hannus Kriel is to ask police CEO Meyer Kahn to intervene in the crisis between gangs and Pagad, and the MEC for Police Services says that as a last resort he won't hesitate to argue for a state of emergency in parts of the Cape Flats.

**D**ECLARING a state of emergency in gang violence-racked areas of the Cape Flats is a distinct possibility, says MEC for Police Services Mr Gerald Morkel.

And Western Cape Premier Mr Hannus Kriel, describing the situation on the Flats as "out of hand", said he would "urgently request" new police chief executive officer Mr Meyer Kahn to intervene.

Kriel and Morkel were speaking as policemen were out on the streets trying to restore calm at the end of a weekend in which a Valhalla Park couple were wounded fatally in an execution-style shooting and many homes were the targets of shootings and petrol-bombings.

Morkel said a state of emergency was a last resort, but he would not hesitate to ask President Nelson Mandela to consider imposing one.

Deputy President Thabo Mbeki had promised to meet him to discuss ways of dealing with the rampant gangsterism and violence, Morkel said.

Police intelligence was that 60% of the incidents involving Pagad indicated the perpetrators had had professional training in handling firearms. However, Morkel declined, for "security reasons", to elaborate.

He intends to call on police and communities to find solutions to the crisis.

"We need drastic action because just a small group are causing huge disruptions. There's a perception out there that this place is ungovernable."

Morkel also intends to ask Pretoria for funds and equipment, such as bullet-proof vests, to support beleaguered neighbourhood watches. "It's out of my hands if they say there's no money — there's nothing I can do."

Kriel said there had been no political leadership from the central government in trying to solve the growing crisis.

His administration had no "command and control" over the problem, he said.

"I don't even want to go into the negative possibilities that this (conflict) may have for our province such as tourism and the Olympic bid or just the plain right of citizens to live safely — a right that is fast disappearing."

Kriel, placing responsibility on Pretoria's shoulders, said Morkel, with his limited resources, had done "more than many other MECs for security".

Mr Dullah Omar, Minister of Justice and leader of the ANC in Western Cape, said he was deeply concerned that there "are elements who may be fanning conflict in our communities".

He said the lack of intervention "of any kind" by Morkel or Kriel was a "glaring omission".

"If you just compare that with how other premiers and MECs for safety and security, such as Mr Tokyo Sexwale and (MEC for Police Services) Ms Jesse Duarte (in Gauteng), are handling and containing situations, it's like chalk and cheese," Omar said.

Asked what he was doing to stem the violence, Omar said he was consulting the ANC and "broader democratic" structures, including religious commu-

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**UNDER ATTACK:** Hard Livings gang leader Rashied Staggle (with beard) mingles with friends in the wake of the drive-by shooting and grenade attack on his London Road, Salt River, home yesterday evening.

nities, "to see what we can do to intervene".

Tensions were heated to boiling point when supermarket owners Mr Maher Chansar and his wife, Shahieda, were each shot once in the head by two

men in balaclavas as they were locking up in Angelo Road, Valhalla Park, about 10.30pm on Saturday. The attackers fled empty-handed.

The couple were admitted to Tygerberg Hospital. Mrs Chansar died early

yesterday morning.

Her husband died yesterday afternoon, shortly after his wife's funeral, which was attended by a number of Pagad leaders and several hundred

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# Attacks on seven homes fuel tension

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members of the Gatesville community.

Mr Dawood Khan, publicity secretary for the Western Cape Traders' Association, said last night he believed the killers were "definitely" gangsters because they had not taken any money. "Every Muslim is a target to the gangsters," he said.

He called for more policemen and soldiers to be deployed on the Cape Flats or "we (traders) are prepared to take the law into our hands".

Last night, gangsters and Pagad supporters were engaged in a fierce gun battle in Greatfish Road, Manenberg. A man was wounded in the leg in the clash, which erupted after shots were fired and a stun grenade was thrown at the home of Mr Sharief Salie and the house next door. The fighting subsided after a strong police contingent moved into the area.

Salie's home had been firebombed on Friday, causing slight damage.

Earlier yesterday, up to four people were wounded as gunmen opened fire on gang leader Mr Rashied Staggie's house in London Road, Salt River — the scene of his twin brother Rashaad's death during a Pagad demonstration on August 4 last year.

Police said two men on a motorcycle had ridden down London Road about

5.40pm and fired several shots at the house. An explosive device — reported to be a handgrenade encrusted with nails to enhance the shrapnel effect — was lobbed at the house, but failed to explode.

A woman was wounded in the arm, one man in the shoulder and another in the hip. According to unconfirmed reports, a fourth person was also wounded in the attack.

After the attack, leading members of the gang cartel, The Firm, gathered at the scene. Staggie and fellow gang leader Mr Ernest "Lapepa" Peters said Pagad had thrown down the gauntlet.

"Let the games begin," Staggie said.

Peters said: "We accept our casualties — we hope they can accept theirs".

Among other attacks at the weekend:

● Three petrol bombs were thrown at the home of Mr Raymond Khan of New Woodlands, Mitchells Plain, early on Friday. There was no serious damage.

● An explosive device was hurled through the bedroom window of the Ravenscraig Road, Woodstock, home of Mr Joseph Yogi, 57, at 1.30am on Friday. Yogi was injured slightly.

● A petrol bomb was thrown at the home of the Damons family in Bonteheuwel Avenue, Bonteheuwel, about

3am on Saturday. Little damage was caused. It is believed a white Toyota Cressida was used in the attack.

● Forty minutes after the first attack, the Bonteheuwel Avenue home of the Africa family was petrol-bombed. The walls, windows and curtains of the house were damaged. No one was hurt.

● The Bridgetown home of Mr Edmund "Ougat" Herold, the brother of Americans gang leader Mr Jackie Lonty, was the target of a drive-by shooting on Saturday night. Several shots were fired, but no one was injured. Witnesses said they had seen a white or cream-coloured Mercedes Benz passing the house.

● Two petrol bombs were thrown and more than 20 shots fired at a Sirius Road home occupied by a Mr Wienana in Surrey Estate. One of the petrol bombs failed to ignite but the other exploded on the lawn, causing about R10 000 damage. No one was injured.

In gang strongholds such as Manenberg and Belhar at the weekend, the streets were deserted at night except for armed gangsters keeping a lookout. Cars with tinted windows — and some without number plates — cruised the neighbourhoods. Ambulances waited on standby at street corners, neighbourhood watches were out in force in some areas, and police and soldiers were on patrol in some areas. — Staff Writers

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# Intelligence chief warns of Pagad 'stealth' raids

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Pagad's G-Force is using "stealth attack techniques" in their war against gangsters, making it very difficult for police to monitor their activities, says the province's top intelligence officer, Jeremy Veary.

Last week Superintendent Veary briefed Deputy President Thabo Mbeki, provincial police minister Gerald Morkel and senior police management on Pagad's role in the war raging on the Cape Flats.

Superintendent Veary said it was clear that Pagad attacks this year showed a more sophisticated approach, with G-Force members first staking out their targets.

"Last year their 38 attacks were more rudimentary and amateurish and in most cases happened on the spur of the moment. Now they are engaged in sophisticated surveillance and stealth attack techniques."

The homemade bombs used in attacks were becoming technically more advanced and their modus operandi reflected a high degree of professionalism.

He said although Pagad was not a group of Muslim fundamentalists out to take over the country, its rhetoric in recent months had become alarmingly more anti-State.

He said since the lynching of Rashaad Staggie the police had arrested 60 Pagad supporters and 265 gangsters.

Police crackdown on Cape Flats, page 3

# Crackdown as war on Cape Flats boils over

*Handpicked team goes in*

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**Police are deploying their new 145-member handpicked task force today in an iron-fisted clampdown on the gangster-anti-crime war after conflict on the Cape Flats boiled over at the weekend.**

Police spokesman John Sterrenberg said the new team would get logistical and other back-up. The 25 detectives and 120 uniformed members would operate permanently from an operations room, he said.

"But we are also going to draw support from other government departments, including justice, welfare and correctional services," said Superintendent Sterrenberg.

"When necessary", welfare officials would be asked to investigate social problems linked to drugs or gangs in a family or community, while correctional services could help with the rehabilitation of offenders.

"Police alone cannot stand between warring groups and be expected to put the lid on violence without a broader approach which includes other departments and the support of the community," he said.

The conflict boiled over in a weekend bloodbath in which a Valhalla Park couple,

owners of a supermarket in Angelo Road, were shot dead execution-style.

Maher and Shahieda Ghansar were locking their shop about 10.30pm on Saturday when a gang wearing balaclavas sneaked up on them and shot them at point-blank range.

They were taken to hospital but died yesterday.

Three people were injured when Community Outreach Forum (Core) leader Rashied Staggie's Salt River home was attacked last night.

Police said guns and a stun grenade with wire nails taped to it were used but the grenade did not explode.

The London Road house was the scene of Mr Staggie's brother Rashaad's public lynching a year ago.

The attack came after Mr Staggie and about 80 gang leaders declared war on People Against Gangsterism and Drugs last week.

Other violence at the weekend included an attack in Surrey Estate, Athlone, yesterday on the home of a former Pagad member.

Police said several spent cartridges and two petrol bombs which failed to explode were found at the scene. The front of the house was badly damaged by gunfire but no one was injured.



# 'Bobbies' take to beat in Observatory next week

## *Residents sick of crime chip in R40 000*

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Observatory residents plan to finance their own "bobbies-on-the-beat" from next week - in spite of uncertainty over rent-a-cop projects.

Police commissioner George Fivaz has axed Cape Town's successful rent-a-cop scheme, apparently fearing it could blow up in his face, as did the apartheid era's notorious "kitskonstabels".

Also among the problems cited were legal complications about paying the 300 police reservists.

After a major outcry, he said the project could continue until the end of the year.

Because of uncertainty over the rent-a-cop's future, the Observatory anti-crime group, Obswatch, had decided not to mimic the scheme by using official police uniforms, said acting co-ordinator Rob Amato.

Observatory residents fed up with increasing thefts and attacks got together in May to fund their own street patrol, using about 50 police reservists from Woodstock.

Obswatch has formed a non-profit Section 21 company that will control the operation and funding. It has an office and control room in Pepper Square in the centre of Observatory, and this will be funded by two businesses.

From Monday the reservists will take to the streets wearing police trousers, boots and lumberjackets, and carrying truncheons and handcuffs. They would not have full powers of arrest, but could make citizens' arrests, said Mr Amato.

The reservists would have to conceal their firearms, and would not use them in arrest or conflict situations, except in self-defence, he said.

At any time there would be 14 reservists patrolling on bicycles, in radio contact with control room staff.

Although not all residents had bought into the scheme, R40 000 had flooded in - and more had been pledged - enabling Obswatch to fund 16 reservists for the first month, said Mr Amato. Residents would pay R50 a month and businesses R250 a month to fund salaries.

Mr Amato said the sustainability of Obswatch would depend on support and funding. About 5% of the 2 400 householders refused to join the scheme, but between 20% and 30% had paid their first month's subscription, and it was anticipated that more would contribute on proof of the project's success in preventing crime.

"We are going to deliver the goods," said Mr Amato, while Obswatch member Stephen van der Spuy said crime in Observatory was so rife that residents had to "make a positive stand".



HANNES THIART

Crimebuster: Obswatch mastermind Rob Amato

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# Kids caught in the crossfire

## Gangs paralyse Bonteheuwel

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Gang warfare is escalating in Bonteheuwel, where people are shot dead daily, residents live in fear, children are caught in the crossfire and education is at a virtual standstill. And police say staff shortages are making it impossible for them to bring the situation under control.

According to statistics provided yesterday by Bishop Lavis police, 10 murders and 10 attempted murders connected with gang violence have been reported in the suburb in the past fortnight alone.

The battle between the three main gangs in the area, the Dixi Boys, the Cisko Yakkies and the Junky Funky Kids, has been raging for years, but police say in the past two months violence has soared, with many innocents caught in the crossfire.

This week two schoolchildren, Monique Adams, 12, and Keanon Shurman, 10, narrowly escaped death when they were shot after being caught up in gang warfare.

Yesterday, Percy and Evelyn Rose died when they were shot in the head while asleep in a Saffraan Avenue Wendyhouse where they had lived for less than a month. Apparently the previous occupants



At risk: a pensive youngster at Cedar Primary in Bonteheuwel where a pupil was shot this week

were involved in gang activity.

Increased gang-on-gang violence, coupled with the conflict between Pagad and the Community Outreach Forum of "reformed" gangsters has the Bonteheuwel community in the grip of fear.

Parents say they are too afraid to send their children to school or let them play in

the street, because shootings happen daily and the children could be the next victims.

The detectives office of the Bishop Lavis police station, responsible for policing Bonteheuwel, was a hive of activity yesterday as a small team struggled to cope with the pile of cases.

Detective Harold Matthee said the station's 14 detectives, working in shifts, simply could not investigate all the cases properly and were hopelessly understaffed.

On Monday alone 35 criminal cases were reported in Bonteheuwel, ranging from robbery, assault and car theft to murder and attempted murder.

Besides handling Bonteheuwel, the station's detectives are responsible for investigating crime in Valhalla Park, Bishop Lavis, Nooitgedacht, Kalksteentfontein, Montana, Montevideo, Cape Town International Airport and Airport Industria, most of which are known for gang violence.

Another problem was the reluctance of the community to give information about gang battles, Inspector Matthee said.

The assistant director of the Secretariat for Safety and Security, Sydney Plaafies, visited Bonteheuwel yesterday to investigate the situation.

Schools close as kids become victims, page 3



Close shaver: 10-year-old Keanon Shurman was lucky to escape with his life while playing in the street when he was shot in the back by gangsters shooting at a rival gang member

LEON MULLER

# Residents reclaim Bonteheuwel streets

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**CHANTING PAGAD** supporters followed the peace march in Bonteheuwel, prompting complaints that Pagad was trying to hijack the peace initiative. **LINDIZ VAN ZILLA** reports.

**Y**ESTERDAY thousands of Bonteheuwel residents took back their streets — the battlefields of gangs.

In recent weeks gang fights between the Dixie Boys, Clisko Yackles and the Junky Funky Kids have claimed the lives of at least four people, including an elderly couple who were shot as they slept.

Several other people — among them Monique Adams, 12, and Kenian Stuurman, 10 — have been wounded in battles between gangs.

The violence has trapped residents in their homes and forced the closure of several schools.

Yesterday, an estimated 3 000 Bonteheuwel residents — led by a brass and vocal ensemble who sang Christian choruses from the back of a flatbed truck — marched side-by-side to send a message to the gangs.

The message was spelt out in their placards: "Stop this senseless killing", "Peace now", "Stop crime, stop killing our children", and "Gangs out, the Gang Unit in".

The peace march was organised by the Bonteheuwel branch of the African National Congress and a host of community structures, including churches, mosques and schools.

Minister of Justice Mr Dullah Omar was on hand to encourage the embattled residents. He urged them to put aside petty differences and to stand together in fighting crime.

so that we can wipe out crime."

Omar warned residents not to take the law into their hands. Communities had to work hand-in-hand with the police and community organisations, he said.

He called for a "door-to-door campaign" to teach our "men and boys to respect our women and girls".

He also urged religious structures to establish a culture of morality and set high moral values.

A sour note was struck by a group of about 600 Pagad supporters who staged a "second" march.

Following several car lengths behind the main body of peace marchers, the Pagad supporters chanted "Death to merchants" and "Gangsters are cowards".

Several organisers of the peace march said later they were concerned that the Pagad group had tried to "hijack" the community's march.

Mr Abdus Isaacs, of the ANC's Bonteheuwel branch, said Pagad had been welcome to take part in the march. However, there had been "indications that Pagad tried to hijack the march".

Isaacs said the residents' march might be seen, mistakenly, as being aligned to Pagad. In the light of the conflict on the Cape Flats, this might create problems, he said.

The organisers had also been opposed to Pagad's use of such slogans as "Kill the (drug) merchants, kill", he said.

Another organiser complained:



**MAKING THEIR POINT:** Thousands of placard-waving Bonteheuwel residents took to the streets yesterday to protest against the gang violence that has disrupted their lives and made them prisoners in their homes.

**PICTURES: THEMINKOSI DIMAYISA**

"This is not a Pagad march. We welcome Pagad taking part in this march, but we will not allow any organisation to hijack our peace initiative."

Many Pagad supporters responded by deserting the rally.

In a response to the crisis in Bonteheuwel, members of the newly formed police Pagad Task Team, the Gang Unit and the SA National Defence Force were deployed in the area on Friday.

Ahead of yesterday's march, police received information about possible retaliatory sniper attacks from the gangs. For this reason, the police and SANDF members were out in force for the march, which went ahead without incident.

Senior Superintendent Simon

Mpebe of the Pagad task team said last night that the operation had had an effect as there had been no reports of gang shootings in Bonteheuwel over the weekend.

However, patrols would be stepped up in the next few days.



**UNITE AGAINST CRIME:** Minister of Justice Dullah Omar urges residents at the Bonteheuwel peace rally to work together.

# Bodyguards in vogue among Cape elite

Samantha Sharpe

CAPE TOWN — The mother city's attraction as a haven for local and international businessmen and playground for the European jet set is proving good business for security firms, which are fielding an increasing number of calls for personal bodyguards.

Business executives and glitterati can expect to fork out about R30 000 a month for the protection on offer, with the service going beyond providing physical safety to include a range of secretarial and chaperoning skills.

Gray Security Services executive director Fanie de Witt says the training of those providing this kind of elite service far exceeds that of the traditional

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security guard or bouncer, frequently demanding tertiary qualifications.

"These are highly trained and educated individuals able to take control in any number of situations, including one that might result in a medical emergency. It is not an ordinary position and certainly not a traditional security position."

De Witt says while fears about personal safety have traditionally been stronger in Gauteng and other regions of the country, the Western Cape is proving to be a buoyant market for private security services.

"This is not necessarily an indication that crime is on the increase in Cape Town, but of the calibre of people that have moved here ... the type that

are aware of security risks and demand a high level of personal security wherever they reside.

"However, at the same time there is a feeling that Cape Town's southern suburbs are not necessarily as safe as they were a few years ago."

Gray Security Service's Mntungwa Morojele says a desire for privacy and need for someone able to provide the services of a personal assistant could also warrant the call for a bodyguard.

De Witt says the focus on safety and privacy stems from both local and international businessmen, and often people who demand an international service locally, "which is obviously something that we can offer as a local company with a UK subsidiary".

Key Market Movements — 18/8 to 19/8													
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'MONEY TO PROTECT COMMUNITY'

# Core denies putting price on Pagad heads

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**CORE'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** members say they want to stop smuggling drugs, but claim Pagad will not co-operate. They are tired of the killing of innocents and want to "finish the fight" with Pagad.

**T**HE Community Outreach Forum (Core) has denied accusations by People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) that it has offered rewards for the killing of leading members of Pagad.

Pagad claimed in a statement at the weekend that Core had "offered a reward for the execution of a number of prominent Pagad members".

"This, once again, is evidence that these gangsters have not taken one step towards reforming, but have been trying to pull the wool over the eyes of the people," Pagad spokesman Mr Cassiem Parker said.

At a Core executive meeting in Belhar yesterday, Mr Rashied Staggie, an

executive member and leader of the Hard Livings gang, denied that such rewards had been offered.

"We will admit we are gathering money together. But this money is to protect our families and the community who may become innocent victims in the war on the Cape Flats," Staggie told the meeting.

The meeting took place after a group of people, alleged to be Pagad members, set alight a mural of Staggie's slain twin brother, Rashaad, in London Road, Salt River, early yesterday. The group also ripped down a sign marking the road as Rashaad Staggie Street.

"We are disappointed they did that," Staggie said. "The painting is something

holy of ours, it is a symbol of our peace." His brother's death had brought a year of peace among the majority of gangs, Staggie said. "Why fight a picture? If they want a war they must fight us face to face and stop calling the police to protect them."

London Road residents said police had stood by while the group burnt the mural, ripped down the new street sign and fired shots into the air.

"They didn't even try to stop them," an angry resident said.

Police spokesman Senior Superintendent John Sterrenberg vehemently denied any reports of damage to property. He accused the media of fomenting tension between the two factions.

"It's not a painting, it's a wall — and you can't burn down a wall," he said.

Staggie said this was the second time police had failed to stop Pagad's actions in London Road. The justice system was corrupt, Core executive members said.

"The President (Nelson Mandela) wants to make peace in other areas. Even though the war on the Cape Flats has reached boiling point, he doesn't lift a finger to make peace," Staggie said.

Core's executive said it would like to stop smuggling drugs, but claimed Pagad was not willing to co-operate with it. Staggie said Core would like to use its funds to uplift the community, improve school facilities and provide better recreation facilities in poorer areas.

"Two months ago friends of mine stopped smuggling drugs in London Road. Then there was a drive-by shooting in London Road and, ever since, my friends have gone back to smuggling drugs," Staggie added.

Core members said they were tired of the killing of innocents and wanted to "finish the fight" with Pagad.

"Pagad must play the game," Staggie said. — Staff Writer



**ANGRY:** Core executive members Rashied Staggie (left), Ernie Solomons, Ivan Waldeck and Ernest Peters meet after a mural of Rashaad Staggie in London Road, Salt River, was destroyed yesterday.

PICTURE: NASIEF MANIE

# Talks 'essential to curb gangs'

STAFF WRITER

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TALKS under defined conditions with the Community Outreach Forum (Core) — said to consist of reformed gangsters — were essential to block opportunities for organised crime syndicates, the Western Cape government has been told in a confidential report.

The conditions should include the prevention of gang violence and drug abuse, as well as the identification of organised crime and those responsible.

The confidential briefing document was prepared by Mr G Brookbanks, provincial co-ordinator of the National Intelligence Co-ordinating Committee, for the Integrated Planning Group for Safety and Security.

The document, dated May 30, said Core's demand for employment as an alternative to gang-and drug-related activities should be treated with scepticism.

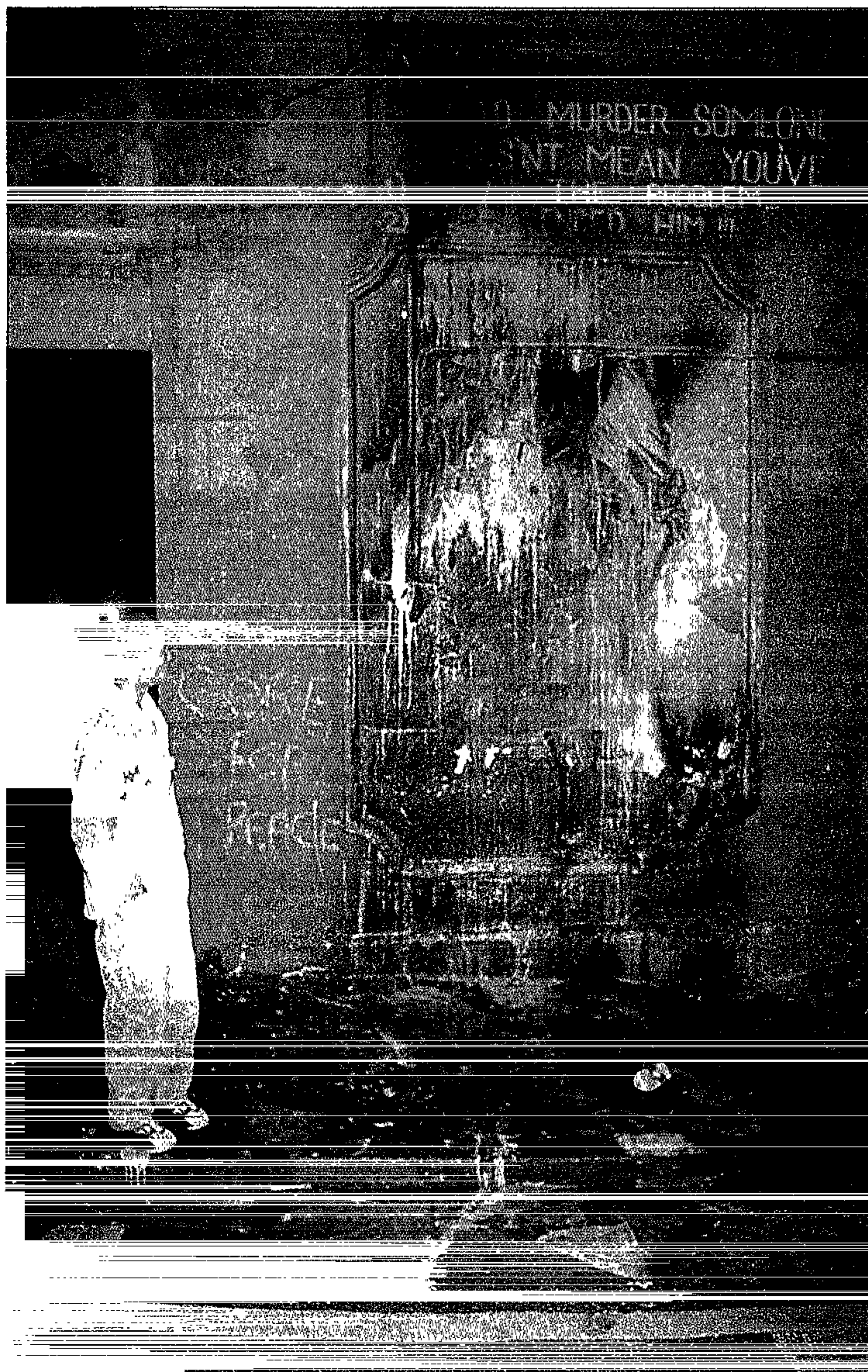
"Given the huge profits drug lords associated with Core earn from illegal activity, it is unrealistic to expect that any income from legal employment would compare adequately with their illegal income from the drug trade."

Although Core had committed itself publicly to stopping gang violence, it had not made a similar commitment about its members' drug-dealing.

Brookbanks said Core members had said several times that they intended seeking armed training to prepare them for their campaign against People Against Gangsterism and Drugs.

Core's non-retaliatory stance towards Pagad was an "expedient" to give it time to unite more gangs under its umbrella, the report said.

In spite of Core's professed intention of curbing gangsterism, there were no signs that affiliated gangs or the syndicate, the Firm, had stopped recruiting youths or had ceased their criminal activities, the report said.



**DESTROYED:** The mural of gang leader Rashaad Staggie in London Road was set alight by a group, alleged to be Pagad members, yesterday.

PICTURE: GARTH STEAD

# Time to act against crime — Kahn

## POLITICAL STAFF

MR MEYER Kahn, the man upon whom South Africans have pinned their hopes in the fight against crime, believes the time for talking about the scourge is over: the time to act has arrived.

In his first appearance before Parliament's Safety and Security Committee, Kahn, who was recently appointed chief executive of the SA Police Services, said the anti-crime strategy adopted by the government should yield results as soon as November.

"Enough is enough. The time for talking is long gone and the

time for doing has now arrived.

"We have to start reclaiming the territory that is lost to the criminals," he said.

Kahn described himself as a "manager and a doer, and not a writer of reports".

The former SA Breweries boss appeared before the Safety and Security Committee on Friday, alongside National Police Commissioner Mr George Fivaz and Safety and Security secretary Mr Azhar Cachalia, to brief committee members on their respective functions.

Kahn told the committee that he and Fivaz had agreed on a plan which will be launched within 30

days. He would not disclose details of the strategy in order to maximise its efficiency.

The strategy, he explained, would involve identifying areas in SA that were high profile and important to SA's reputation and to throw appropriate resources — both human and material — into them in order to create pockets of excellence.

"We will then use that pocket of excellence as a model for other areas in the country.

"We will very diligently and very determinedly widen those pockets of excellence into circles of excellence so that we will, over the

medium term, reclaim the country from criminal elements and make South Africa safe for all its inhabitants.

"It doesn't make sense for us in the police services to go public on detail, but you have our personal assurance — there is a plan. It will be launched within 30 days. Hopefully it will prove to be successful by the end of November and that plan then will be extended to other areas of the country," Kahn said.

He said his immediate plan was to eliminate any aspects of the SAPS' activities that did not add value to the two core goals of crime prevention and detection.

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**COLLARED:** Nyanga residents Mcebisi Tshandu, Zanele Mzamo, Herbert Ngzula and Martin Makasi with some of the 27 suspected criminals rounded up in a joint community, taxi association, police and army operation yesterday. **PICTURE: BENNY GOOL**

## RESIDENTS HUNT DOWN CRIMINALS

# Crime victims strike back

**POLICE IN NYANGA** received a pleasant surprise yesterday when residents handed over 27 suspects in what could be a turnaround in the crime battle. **ROGER FRIEDMAN** reports.



**N**YANGA residents yesterday issued a clear warning to criminals in their midst that they would no longer be tolerated, pointing out 27 suspects to the police in a matter of hours, including alleged murderers, rapists and members of armed robbery gangs.

When the Cape Times arrived at the Nyanga police station late yesterday, detectives were swarming about like bees. Witnesses gave statements, identity parades were convened, and preparations frantically made to oppose bail applications.

Nobody could say for certain, but this could have been the most arrests progressed at

Nyanga police station in a single day since the state of emergency. Only this time, alleged criminals were being collared.

On Tuesday night — the day after 20-year-old Sithembel Mathiso High pupil Howard Mackenzie was executed in class in an apparently gang-related hit — Nyanga's Community Police Forum decided a "firm statement" was needed to stop burgeoning Hollywood-style gangsterism and armed robbery in Nyanga, Gugulethu and New Crossroads.

"A trend seemed to be developing that these boys were following the American gangster things. We wanted to speak in clear language to them," forum chairperson Mr Mcebisi Tshandu said.

"One of the decisions we took was that the schools where the boys were learning had to be patrolled by the police, including random searches. Also, we decided that the shebeens should close at 10.30pm on the weekends and at 9pm during the week.

"On Monday we are due to meet the she-beens, and on September 5 we will kick off a campaign to ensure that what we have decided is happening.

"We have the will in this community to say the police cannot fight crime on their own. The meeting on Tuesday decided that all of us must be foot-soldiers to ensure that there is no crime in Nyanga. These people we caught today are showing to everyone else that if a community is prepared to fight crime, it can," Tshandu said.

"Members of the community carrying out the arrests were not armed and did not disguise their faces," he said.

Yesterday's arrests came after rumours started circulating that certain young men

were getting around in Cata (Cape Amalgamated Taxi Association) taxis.

On Wednesday several local youths visited the Nyanga office of the non-governmental organisation Umac (Urban Monitoring Awareness Committee) "to inform us that they were concerned that the youngsters committing the violence were driving Cata vehicles, and their fathers were Cata owners", fieldworker Mr Martin Makasi said yesterday.

"This morning we met several Cata leaders, who confirmed that they had also heard the allegations. They undertook to immediately head for the ranks and identify all the people involved in gangster activities," Makasi said.

"Yes, after we met we decided to take our cars and look for these kids who are killing and threatening people at our schools," said Cata executive member Mr Michael Smiley.

"As taxi owners we are also parents. One of the reasons we decided to take action so quickly was because of the allegations that the youngsters were tied somehow to the taxi own-

ers. We wanted to show the community clearly that this was not true," said Smiley.

Nyanga police commissioner Director Ganiel Daniels said incidents of armed robbery had increased by about 400% over the past three months. Twenty-seven robberies had been reported this month, but none since Tuesday night.

"The message we want to send out is that this is not a police thing. Because of the crisis in the schools, the community stepped in. All the people arrested today were pointed out by the community. Not only do we have alleged suspects, but we have statements from witnesses.

"I am just so glad that the community is responding in this way. This is the perfect example of how we should be policing in the new South Africa. All the people were arrested by the community in the presence of the police. Not one of the arrested people was injured," Daniels said.

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UNIVERSITY	333,700	LOWEST 40% MIDDLE 30% UPPER 30%	24 16 60
ALL LEVELS	...	LOWEST 40% MIDDLE 30% UPPER 30%	46 25 29

SOURCE: VAN DE WALLE, 1992

**UNIT SUBSIDIES OF HIGHER RELATIVE TO PRIMARY EDUCATION (EARLY 80S)**

INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES	2.2
ALL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES	26.4
ASIA	18.2
SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA	53.3

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**Government and Core in War of Words**

*State won't give us a chance to prove ourselves, gangsters claim*

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DEBATE AMONG ORDINARY CAPETONIANS AS THE CONFLICT BETWEEN PAGAD AND CAPE FLATS GANGSTERS. THE LATTER SAY THEY HAVE REFORMED AND ARE PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE GOVERNMENT ABOUT ENDING GANG VIOLENCE AND THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN THE ILLEGITIMATE DRUG TRADE.

**STAFF REPORTER JOSEPH ARANES LOOKS AT THE GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO THEIR CLAIM**

On September 22 1996, members of the Community Outreach Forum (Core), the organisation of gangsters who say they have reformed, marched on Parliament and handed Government officials a memorandum.

In it they demanded to negotiate with the State about alternatives and employment opportunities for those involved in the narcotics trade, a meeting with Justice Minister Dullah Omar to discuss the idea of a truth commission and amnesty for perpetrators of gang- and drug-related crime and an independent inquiry into the public killing of gang boss Rashaad Stage.

Failing which, Core threatened "polling mass action" inside and outside prison.

Officially, the Government responded that it would not enter into talks with gangsters, but instructed its intelligence agency in the Western Cape to investigate the sincerity of the gangsters' claims.

Police provincial commander of intelligence co-ordination Jeremy Veary said that although Core intended to use mass action to force the Government to recognise it as a legitimate organisation in civil society, no such action had been seen.

Senior Superintendent Veary said that, in essence, the intelligence community had recommended to the Government, after careful analysis of Core, that any possible engagement between the two should happen only after Core had shown its sincerity in ending the gang conflict and its involvement in the drug trade.

"In principle, engagement by the Government with leaders of any constituency-based grouping should be encouraged. However, the Government's engagement with Core should have clearly identified preconditions."

The conditions set by the intelligence community include Core preventing gang violence, stopping the sale of drugs at schools and identifying and exposing organised crime and those responsible for it.

In May, Core drafted a memorandum of intent stating that while it knew the issues of drugs, peddling and gang violence were complex, members were seeking to become valuable citizens because of the love they had for their children, families, communities and the country.

The memorandum enclosed what Core asking the community and Government to give it a second chance and said the issue of narcotics could be resolved only through direct talks with the Government.

Senior Superintendent Veary said they met the Core leadership shortly after it had released its memorandum of intent and at the talks Core agreed to identify gangs and individuals involved in recruiting pupils and selling drugs at schools and to stop the recruitment of pupils into gangs.

"They also undertook to identify all drug dealers and outlets on the Cape Peninsula, give police the information relating to drug routes and the names of those responsible for the ongoing gang violence in several Cape Flats communities."

He said that in spite of all Core's public grandstanding, it had not delivered on any of its promises nor shown any willingness, apart from through the media, to work with police in dealing with the issues it had tabled.

Core executive member Ernest "Lapepa" Peters said that while Core agreed in principle to adhere to its own statements, it expected the Government's intelligence agencies to bring something to the table which it could take back to its members to convince them of the correctness of stopping their criminal activities.

Mr Peters said that, at the time of Core's launch, the organisation had enjoyed the support of all local gang leaders and drug dealers, but a lack of motivation and help from the Government slowly cut into that support base.

"We clearly stated what our aims and objectives were and we were prepared to carry them through. But we expected the Government to come in with us in dealing with the problems, so that they could be resolved once and for all.

"They argue that we are not committed and don't have the capacity to deliver on our undertakings. How can they judge us if they are not prepared to work with us and give us a chance to prove ourselves?"

He said that for the past year Core had more than proved it was committed to resolving the crisis and had not retaliated against the anti-crime group Pagad even although it was expected of the organisation to avenge the death of Hard Livings gang leader Rashaad Stage.

"We understand the concerns of the community and know that crime is one of the biggest problems facing the country. As gangsters, we have been labelled outcasts, scum and criminals and are aware there are people who are sceptical of our present motives.

"But police statistics indicate that gang-related crimes are on the decrease, which can be interpreted that the gangsters are serious about their peace initiative.

"The Government's inability to come up with innovative strategies to engage gangsters without setting preconditions makes it impossible for us to participate and is the major stumbling block in this process."

Mr Peters said the fact was that the intelligence community first wanted Core to inform on its members without giving them an undertaking that higher levels of government would negotiate and talk



On the march: members of the Community Outreach Forum (Core) and gangsters, with their supporters, march to Parliament in a protest about crime

BRENTON GEACH

about alternative opportunities to drug dealing.

"If we had followed that route, our work have been placed in jeopardy and our lives threatened. As leaders, our credibility would have been shattered as we would have been viewed as sell-outs and this could have led to renewed fighting and killing among the gangs.

"The Government's refusal has led to some leaders becoming disillusioned with Core. They have decided the time for talking is over and the only way forward is to protect ourselves and to eliminate those responsible for attacking us."

Senior Superintendent Veary said the leadership of Core entered into the agreement and if the members expected the Government to trust them they needed to stick to the commitments they had undertaken.

"Core's demand for employment to procure a legal income as an alternative to the illegal profits from gang- and drug-related crime needs to be considered sceptically."

"It should be remembered that although the organisation has publicly committed itself to stop gang violence, it has not expressed the same commitment regarding drug dealing. Given the huge profits drug dealers, even those associated with Core, earn from the activity, it is unrealistic to expect that any income from legal employment would ever compare adequately with their illegal income.

**'The Government's inability to come up with innovative strategies to engage gangsters is the major stumbling block.'**

"They want to talk to the Government to strike a deal so that their illegally obtained money can be laundered before the Proceeds of Crime Act, which allows the High Court to issue an order freezing any proceeds of crime even before a suspected criminal is arrested, improves the current legislation with regard to assets forfeiture."

He said that although Core's activities did not constitute a classical political extremist threat, it was noteworthy that the gangsters believed they represented a legitimate political constituency in civil society.

"Attempts by gang and drug syndicates to justify politically their involvement in the illegal trade indicates a deliberate attempt by Core to undermine the integrity of both the criminal justice system and good governance.

"This is similar to what has happened internationally. In Colombia, Latin America, for example, the Cali and Medellin drug cartels elevated themselves by using the profits of their trade to get their members and supporters to hold political office while their narcotic dealing continued.

"It must be noted that Core is by no means representative of all the drug dealers or the full spectrum of gangs and, as a result, is not in a position to make an impact on the total expanse of narcotic and gang activity in the Western Cape.

"Core is aggressively trying to expand its base and has resorted to extorting money from shebeen owners and drug dealers in Elsies River and Bonteheuwel, said Senior Superintendent Veary. The affected owners saw this behaviour by Core as just another way of creating a broader crime syndicate.

Mr Peters said that while Core had been losing some support after the Government's refusal to engage the group, it was convinced it had enough clout to bring all the major dealers and gangs together if alternatives were established.

"We got a commitment from them to stop and this whole process will work if the Government, its agencies and other non-governmental organisations, including Pagad, and ourselves can all work together to resolve this problem.

"It is only by us all sitting around a table talking and working together that we will properly address the issue of crime and drugs in the province," he said.

Core feels it has a definite role to play in curbing crime - rightfully so, it can be argued, as many of its members are often directly involved.

The drug problem is not going to disappear by simply arresting drug dealers and criminals. The drug situation is out of control and perhaps it is time the Government and its intelligence agency looked at alternatives, like speaking to Core.

This could place the Government in a stronger position to get a handle on the scourge.

The alternative is to continue spending millions on crime prevention strategies, which seem to have had little effect.

# Name crime bosses, then we'll talk, state tells Core

*Secret report leaked to gangster group*

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The Government should not talk to apparently reformed gangsters until they supply the names of people dealing in drugs at schools and recruiting pupils into gangs, a secret intelligence report recommends.

The confidential document was apparently leaked to gangsters last month, jeopardising the work of intelligence officials.

The provincial commander of police intelligence co-ordination, Jeremy Veary, who drafted the report in March, said the information was not general knowledge and could create "paranoia" in the ranks of the Community Outreach Forum (Core) of self-professed reformed gangsters.

The document looks at the history,

influence and organisation of prison gangs and the background and role of Core in the conflict on the Cape Flats between the gangsters and the anti-crime group Pagad.

In June it was presented to the provincial integrated planning group on safety and security headed by Niel Barnard, former head of the National Intelligence Service, and soon afterwards landed in the hands of Core.

The contents were also discussed with the National Intelligence Estimates Board, which analyses possible threats to the state.

"What the document proposes is engagement with the gangsters on the highly sensitive issues of narcotics-dealing, gang violence and crime, on condition they meet certain criteria," Senior Superintendent Veary explained.

"These include handing over the names

of people directly involved in the distribution and sales of drugs at schools, the recruitment of pupils into gangs and the vandalising of school buildings."

He said these conditions were set after Core publicly declared its willingness to co-operate with the police and promised to stop gang violence on the Cape Flats.

"In spite of their being in possession of the document, the onus is still on them to prove they have the capacity to deliver on their promises before our recommendations to the Government will change.

"This approach by the intelligence community is fundamentally different to the way things were done in the past and the way in which agencies in other parts of the country deal with similar situations."

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# Stolen grenades used in attacks on dealers

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**ROGER FRIEDMAN**

A CONSIGNMENT of lethal M26 hand grenades, stolen last year from Swartklip Products, the old munitions factory in Philippi, may have been used in at least four Pagad attacks on homes of alleged drug dealers, police said yesterday.

Head of the violent crimes unit Director Leonard Knipe said the alleged thief had been arrested and would stand trial in Mitchells Plain soon.

Evidence would be presented that the grenades had been supplied to a Pagad contact person.

Police had established that seven grenades had been stolen, of which four had been used in attacks on houses.

The other three had not been accounted for so far, and might have been used for training, he said.

"(Apart from the thief) we believe that one of the handlers of the grenades is in custody, and we are investigating very seriously whether he can be charged in connection with using a grenade in an attack," Knipe said.

He could not confirm speculation that gangster elements had also been able to secure stolen Swartklip products.

"That particular consignment

went to Pagad. It is possible that the gangs are getting (arms) from the same source but not necessarily from the same thief."

Knipe said he was not alarmed at theft from an arms factory as "theft occurred all over, even from police stations."

A Swartklip Products spokesperson could not be contacted last night. The company is believed to be a subsidiary of Denel.

Knipe said Pagad appeared to have attained other grenades, and the police were still trying to trace the source.

But the majority of their attacks were committed with specially constructed petrol bombs which are obviously being made under the guidance and tutelage of someone with a degree of skill in chemistry and engineering", he said.

Police were concerned that Pagad hit-squads had fragmented into several small cells. It appeared that one cell did not necessarily know much about other units.

"We have very little evidence to prove the attacks are being orchestrated by one central force."

Knipe said he was convinced the majority of Pagad members and supporters had only the best intentions, but he was concerned about what he termed "the band of terrorists" in their midst.

# Policeman warns of Cape bloodbath

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CAPE TOWN — The fighting between People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) and drug lords could lead to a major bloodbath on the Cape Flats, police warned yesterday.

Leonard Knipe, provincial commander of serious and violent crime investigations, said in Bellville that serious retaliation by either group could start a civil war.

He called on Pagad's law-abiding members to expose criminal and terrorist members responsible for the violence.

Police have offered a R50 000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the "terrorist leaders" and the whereabouts of arms caches.

Since the violence erupted in July last year, 85 Pagad members and 350 gangsters have been arrested, but Knipe admitted that the police were no closer to solving the problem and stopping the violence.

He warned that religion was being brought into the dispute and that Christians were talking about forming a group in opposition to the Muslim-orientated Pagad.

"This can lead only to more violence."

Knipe said a Pagad leader had called for his death. "I take the threat seriously," he said.

There were 96 attacks in the first three months of this year attributed to gangsters and 25 for which Pagad was thought to be responsible. Since the start of the violence 28 home-made explosive devices had been used.

Knipe said the bombs were manufactured by someone with scientific knowledge.

Despite a shortage of police manpower Knipe said his gang unit had been successful. The middle-management members of many gangs had been arrested and were either awaiting trial or in jail.

Three of his detectives were undergoing a six-week course in Los Angeles and Chicago on combating street gangs and crime. — Sapa.

## LIQUOR ABUSE BLAMED

# W Cape tops provincial crime ratings for murder

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**STATISTICS** for last year show the Western Cape recorded a murder ratio of 85,5 for every 100 000 of the province's population, a figure which police say is mainly due to large-scale abuse of liquor. **LINDIZ VAN ZILLA** reports.

**T**HE Western Cape topped the provincial crime ratings for murder last year.

This statistic was largely prompted by liquor abuse and the free supply of liquor — a situation which Police Services MEC Mr Gerald Morkel has vowed will become one of the primary targets for police.

Morkel expressed the need for a clampdown on liquor-related offences during his budget speech in the Western Cape legislature yesterday.

He advocated a "conservative approach" to liquor availability as a means of reducing the high incidence of liquor-related crimes.

Statistics for last year show the Western Cape recorded a murder ratio of 85,5 for every 100 000 of the province's population.

This compares with the second-

placed Northern Cape's 83,7 and the national average of 61,1.

Morkel said 63% of all murders in the Western Cape were committed over weekends, with a further 65% of these murders taking place on Saturdays, "a day traditionally associated with parties and drinking".

He said in cases where the motive or circumstances were known to police, alcohol accounted for 65% of all murders.

"Liquor abuse and related offences should be targeted and the supply of liquor looked at in depth," said Morkel.

The regulating of liquor outlets had already taken place in Crossroads, where a community-based project had seen shebeen owners agree to close at 10.30pm, Morkel said.

He said community peace

workers had monitored the situation and reported that 90% of the shebeens had complied with the order.

"This is a small step forward, but one that can lead to the restriction of one of the major contributors of violence in the communities," said Morkel.

Police statistics have shown that abuse of alcohol also played a major role in most rape and violent assault cases.

The Western Cape recorded 165 rapes per 100 000 people, placing it third on the provincial ratings list behind the Northern Cape and Gauteng.

Statistics for cases of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm showed the Western Cape recorded 841,7 cases for every 100 000 people.

This is considerably more than the national average of 545,6, and placed the Western Cape second only to the Northern Cape.

In his speech Morkel also expressed support for recent initiatives by the Western Cape attor-

ney-general Mr Frank Kahn, to combat alcohol-induced crimes.

Kahn has in the past called for an anti-drug and alcohol campaign to be introduced in the Western Cape at school level.

Yesterday, Morkel also revealed that 532 police officials had applied for severance packages in the province up to March 31.

This constituted four percent of the total police service in the province.

Of these applications, 397 had already been approved by national police commissioner Mr George Fivaz, and it was expected all the applications would eventually be approved, Morkel said.

Turning to the question of crime prevention, he said this was not a matter for the police alone. It was vital for police to work with communities to determine local policing needs.

"Only by the police working in close partnership with communities can crime and community safety problems be addressed," said Morkel.

# Olympic 'shotgun wedding' misfires

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**O**NE week after staging a mock wedding ceremony with Cape Town's most notorious gangsters, the city's Olympic Bid Company is quietly muttering about irreconcilable differences.

The two sides signed their Olympic Peace Initiative late last week, in a carefully managed show — complete with priest — designed to persuade the International Olympic Committee that gangsterism should not stand in the way of Cape Town's bid for the 2004 games.

Away from international eyes, however, two areas of conflict have already emerged, with company officials privately conceding that the gangsters gained most from the marriage.

Bid officials took to the stage under protest. Chief executive Chris Ball said the show was not the company's idea — it came instead from the powerful Olympics community forum. The company has also scorned the gangsters' claims that the initiative has ended all their activities in the Western Cape.

"My friend, it is clear to me that there are no longer any gang activities in the Western Cape and that is all due to this agreement," says Pastor Albern Martins, a self-appointed "missionary" to the gangsters.

But the bid's media director, Paul Johnson, says it is obvious that the statement cannot be true.

The bid company's decision to endorse the initiative followed much hand-wringing. The determining argument seems to have been that the

city's escalating crime problem could be a key barrier to a successful bid.

Ball, nevertheless, balked at the prospect of joining Rashied Staggle, the leader of the Hard Livings gang, and Martins, on stage.

The group which Martins represents, the Community Outreach Forum, draws most of its membership from The Firm, an umbrella organisation for gangs whose main activity is regulating supplies of mandrax, heroin and dagga.

Such activities, police say, continue unabated, although Martins has committed his members to helping the police should the games be staged in the Mother City.

Ball this week refused to comment publicly about such misgivings, instead terming the show a "brave" initiative. "It is not our task to

restructure the social fabric of the community, but if the bid can be used as a catalyst to achieve something constructive, then it is to be encouraged," he said.

Zallegah Zardad, the bid's director of community relations, added that she believed it time "to give these people a chance". Other bid officials, speaking privately, are concerned that the initiative has merely helped the gangsters' search for respectability.

Martins and Staggle, both now claiming to be reformed, have already announced their plans to contest the 1999 general election through a newly formed party for coloured people, Die Suid-Afikan.

"I think maybe the Olympic people made a mistake in signing this agreement," said police spokesman John Sterrenberg.

# Pagad 'hit squads trained in Libya'

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POLICE are investigating the possibility that Pagad hit squads in Cape Town may have been trained in Libya, Afghanistan and Lebanon.

The hit squads have allegedly been responsible for a series of well-planned attacks against gangsters and alleged drug dealers.

Jeremy Veary, head of police intelligence in the Western Cape, said the probability existed that hit squad members had received military training in Muslim countries when they were members of liberation movements. Pagad has denied running hit squads

and Pagad leader Aslam Toefy this week attributed attacks on gangsters to a police "third force" aimed at discrediting the anti-crime organisation.

Police said that so far this year the hit squads have carried out more than 48 attacks on gang targets, mostly homes — peaking with 18 attacks in April and fuelling a low intensity war.

Police said they had utilised "agents of influence" and "engagement" with gangs — police-speak for making deals — in an attempt to prevent a bloodbath from gang retaliation.

The small, mobile squads of gunmen responsible for the escalating attacks on the homes of suspected drug dealers have shown a high degree of professionalism, said Veary.

"There is evidence that homes of alleged drug dealers have been kept under surveillance and escape routes plotted before the targets are attacked with military precision," he said this week.

"In addition, the attackers have shown a calmness and sureness in handling grenades and other weapons that only comes with intensive training."

Veary said there was even a possibility that rogue members of Pagad had formed their own hit squads.

"It is extremely difficult to track down the members of the hit squads because it seems that they operate independently. . . most Pagad members do not even know who they are," he said.

The Cape Flats were on the verge of "total conflict", according to Police Di-

rector Leonard Knipe, who was said this week to be on a Pagad hit list — a claim denied by Pagad as "nonsense".

The Pagad Investigation Unit that operates under Knipe's command has arrested and prosecuted 85 Pagad members since last August, according to chief investigating officer Superintendent Dirk de Beer, but he said none of the arrests had deterred the hit squads.

"It is almost impossible for us to find them without the help of the public, and that is not forthcoming," he conceded.

Faced with the prospect of all-out war between Pagad and gangs on the Cape Flats and unable to control Pagad, police admit they are actively "engaging" gangsters to prevent them from retaliating.

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# City centre the home of crime

## Surprising trends highlighted in police statistics

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Surprising new crime trends have emerged in Cape Town's suburbs with the release of police statistics this month.

They show Cape Town central reported the highest number of incidents by far - 1 984 for seven types of crimes committed from January to March this year - followed by Mitchell's Plain (1 553), Woodstock (664), Claremont (658), Sea Point (597), Bellville South (516) and Khayelitsha (512).

Statistics on murder, rape, armed robbery, attempted murder, residential burglaries, business break-ins and theft out of motor vehicles were collected at 19 police stations in the Peninsula area.

Crime figures for the first three months of this year were compared with the same period in 1995 and 1996.

Of the seven crimes surveyed in the city centre, 70 percent of incidents involved theft out of motor vehicles, followed by theft from residences and businesses.

But figures showed this was a 23 per-

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cent decrease on last year. Armed robberies were also down 30 percent on 1996 figures.

Mitchell's Plain has shown an overall drop in crime so far this year but violent crime remains rampant, along with theft from houses and cars.

Khayelitsha has particularly high figures for murder, attempted murder, armed robbery and rape, and low rates for theft from motor vehicles and businesses.

Most of the murders occur in or near the 1 000-odd illegal shebeens, and police

are planning to tighten control of them, station commander Hennie Haarhof said.

Khayelitsha's shocking rape statistics - 102 incidents between January and March this year - are closely followed by Mitchell's Plain, Nyanga, Bellville South and Gugulethu, while figures remain high for Manenberg, Bishop Lavis, the city centre, Elsies River and Grassy Park.

The suburbs of Rondebosch, Kirstenhof and Camps Bay reported the lowest rape statistics.

Nyanga and Gugulethu are the third and fourth most violent suburbs, according to the police figures, yet their overall crime rates are relatively low. This was because instead of reporting to police, Gugulethu residents tended to rely on street committees to solve problems of petty theft, assault and malicious damage to property, head of the crime prevention unit Bertie Brink said.

Taxi violence accounts for most of the violence perpetrated in Nyanga, but a new police strategy is expected to make a dent in these figures, head of communications Robbie Robberts said. Crime levels had also taken a knock

from the efforts of a strong community policing forum and the effective functioning of the community-based peace and development project, he said.

Levels of violence remain high in Bishop Lavis and Elsies River with figures for attempted murder up this year, but murder rates have declined.

Bellville South was the sixth most violent of the suburbs surveyed and also had high figures for house break-ins and theft out of motor vehicles.

Yet the levels of most of the measured crimes have dropped in the area over the last three years.

Murders in Manenberg have stabilised - nine each for the first three months of 1996 and this year, compared with 25 in 1995.

But attempted murders, armed robberies and rape statistics remain high.

In the southern suburb of Claremont, armed robberies and house break-ins have increased steadily in the past three years, while the risk of murder or rape remains fairly low.

In Sea Point, theft from residences and theft from vehicles accounted for almost all crime.

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# Violence worst in former townships

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Violent crime in Cape Town is still concentrated largely in former black and coloured suburbs – and formerly white areas are relatively safe in spite of fairly high theft levels, according to the latest police crime statistics.

The figures show that Mitchell's Plain, Khayelitsha, Nyanga and Guguletu rate as the most violent places in the Peninsula, while Camps Bay is one of the safest.

Cape Town's rape and murder centre is Khayelitsha, where statistics show a steady increase in reported attacks.

Crime levels are fairly high in Sea Point, Claremont and Woodstock – but most involve housebreaking and theft from homes, businesses and vehicles. Such

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# Camps Bay has the least crime

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thefts are higher in Cape Town central and Mitchell's Plain than other areas.

The figures from 19 Peninsula police stations are for seven crimes – murder, rape, armed robbery, attempted murder, housebreaking, business break-ins and theft from motor vehicles.

Figures for the first three months of this year were compared with those for the same periods in 1995 and 1996. They showed a drop so far this year while those for last year tended to be higher than in 1995.

Violent crime figures are relatively low for Woodstock, Kirstenhof, Camps Bay,

Claremont, Rondebosch, Grassy Park, Sea Point, Hout Bay, Athlone and Wynberg.

In general, crime is decreasing steadily in Camps Bay, according to station commander Andrzej Weclaw. Figures there are far lower than in other suburbs. This might be because of the limited size of the central business district, the presence of only a few "undesirables" and the small area to be policed, said Captain Weclaw.

Mitchell's Plain had about a million residents and only one police station.

The next safest areas are Hout Bay and Kirstenhof, with 279 and 280 criminal cases this year. Hout Bay had slightly more violent crimes, such as murder and rape.

# Two held in R2,5-million drugs bust

NORMAN JOSEPH

CRIME REPORTER

Police have seized compressed dagga with a street sale value of R2,5-million, hidden in wine boxes, in the biggest drugs bust in the Western Cape so far this year.

Police from the Western Cape Organised Crime and Drug Investigation Unit also found 50 Ecstasy tablets, 20 LSD capsules

and 5g of hashish in the stash.

They believe the dagga was destined for export to Britain in exchange for hard drugs sent to South Africa.

The haul was made in a warehouse in Killarney Gardens, a new industrial area in Milnerton, last night.

Two people were arrested – a 33-year-old British citizen and a 30-year-old South African businessman from Clifton.

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**Peninsula crime figures: Selected stations**  
**3 MONTHS JANUARY TO MARCH 1996 AND 1997 COMPARED**

Station	Murder	Armed robbery	House break-ins	Rape	Vehicle break-ins
<b>ATHLONE</b>	UP Murder 3 to 8	DOWN Armed robbery 38 to 22	DOWN House break-ins 120 to 102	UP Rape 6 to 9	DOWN Vehicle break-ins 207 to 168
<b>BELLVILLE S</b>	DOWN Murder 15 to 7	DOWN Armed robbery 44 to 20	UP House break-ins 205 to 243	UP Rape 44 to 52	DOWN Vehicle break-ins 119 to 115
<b>BISHOP LAVIS</b>	DOWN Murder 28 to 21	DOWN Armed robbery 44 to 37	DOWN House break-ins 189 to 129	DOWN Rape 37 to 35	DOWN Vehicle break-ins 142 to 103
<b>CAMPS BAY</b>	UP Murder 0 to 2	UP Armed robbery 1 to 3	UP House break-ins 38 to 72	NO CHANGE Rape 2 to 2	UP Vehicle break-ins 84 to 105
<b>CAPE TOWN CENTRAL</b>	UP Murder 7 to 12	DOWN Armed robbery 82 to 57	DOWN House break-ins 274 to 230	UP Rape 19 to 27	DOWN Vehicle break-ins 1831 to 1355
<b>CLAREMONT</b>	UP Murder 0 to 1	UP Armed robbery 17 to 19	UP House break-ins 177 to 202	UP Rape 1 to 6	UP Vehicle break-ins 316 to 367
<b>ELSIES RIVER</b>	DOWN Murder 20 to 18	DOWN Armed robbery 35 to 30	DOWN House break-ins 112 to 92	UP Rape 19 to 28	DOWN Vehicle break-ins 119 to 117
<b>GRASSY PARK</b>	UP Murder 7 to 9	DOWN Armed robbery 14 to 13	DOWN House break-ins 223 to 211	UP Rape 18 to 28	UP Vehicle break-ins 142 to 164
<b>GUGULETU</b>	UP Murder 38 to 41	UP Armed robbery 43 to 53	DOWN House break-ins 121 to 97	UP Rape 48 to 51	DOWN Vehicle break-ins 32 to 21
<b>HOUT BAY</b>	UP Murder 4 to 7	NO CHANGE Armed robbery 4 to 4	DOWN House break-ins 103 to 102	DOWN Rape 9 to 5	UP Vehicle break-ins 72 to 139
<b>KHAYELITSHA</b>	DOWN Murder 68 to 62	DOWN Armed robbery 117 to 87	UP House break-ins 121 to 171	UP Rape 91 to 102	DOWN Vehicle break-ins 41 to 39
<b>KIRSTENHOF</b>	NO CHANGE Murder 1 to 1	UP Armed robbery 2 to 8	NO CHANGE House break-ins 129 to 129	DOWN Rape 3 to 1	UP Vehicle break-ins 72 to 111
<b>MANENBERG</b>	NO CHANGE Murder 9 to 9	DOWN Armed robbery 46 to 25	DOWN House break-ins 162 to 106	UP Rape 20 to 23	UP Vehicle break-ins 101 to 104
<b>MITCHELL'S PLAIN</b>	DOWN Murder 31 to 28	DOWN Armed robbery 147 to 113	DOWN House break-ins 636 to 556	DOWN Rape 89 to 86	DOWN Vehicle break-ins 580 to 545
<b>NYANGA</b>	UP Murder 41 to 46	DOWN Armed robbery 59 to 48	UP House break-ins 75 to 81	UP Rape 52 to 55	DOWN Vehicle break-ins 25 to 24
<b>RONDEBOSCH</b>	NO CHANGE Murder 0 to 0	DOWN Armed robbery 9 to 8	DOWN House break-ins 87 to 81	UP Rape 0 to 1	DOWN Vehicle break-ins 253 to 189
<b>SEA POINT</b>	UP Murder 3 to 6	DOWN Armed robbery 20 to 14	UP House break-ins 136 to 223	DOWN Rape 6 to 4	DOWN Vehicle break-ins 367 to 332
<b>WOODSTOCK</b>	DOWN Murder 6 to 5	DOWN Armed robbery 33 to 27	DOWN House break-ins 168 to 166	UP Rape 6 to 7	DOWN Vehicle break-ins 514 to 340
<b>WYNBERG</b>	DOWN Murder 3 to 0	UP Armed robbery 9 to 10	UP House break-ins 67 to 124	UP Rape 4 to 5	UP Vehicle break-ins 166 to 176

PROJECT NAME	Devil's Peak
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Contractor, type	
Long-Term Arrangements	
Second round effects	
Source documents	CG1, 2, 3
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# Anti-crime chief challenges Core

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Core, the organisation of gangsters who claim to have reformed, must make a full disclosure about how the drug trade operates and about allegations of police complicity with gangsters before the public will believe they are sincere about their peace initiatives.

This was said by Chris Ferndale, chairman of the Western Cape Anti-Crime Forum, at a press conference, hosted by the Community Olympic Forum, to mark the second phase of the Olympic Forum's peace initiative.

The other aspect of the initiative involves the use of known gangsters and drug dealers to help fight crime in Cape Town's streets. The initiative is intended to make it easier for the city to win the right to host the 2004 Games.

This new phase, which involved the Community Outreach Forum (Core) committing themselves to work with the government and anti-crime organisations in helping rid the streets of drugs, was postponed because not all the participants had been properly briefed.

Brian Williams, chairman of the Community Olympic Forum, which is spearheading the peace initiative, said this important aspect of the initiative was being postponed for seven days because for it to be effective it required maximum input.

# Morkel rejects peace deal with gangs

## Minister may withdraw backing for games

**JULIAN JARVIS**  
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Provincial Police Minister Gerald Morkel has slammed the recent peace initiative between former gang bosses and the independent Cape Town Olympic Community Forum.

In an interview with Saturday Argus he said: "I am very unhappy about this and will reconsider my involvement with the Olympic Bid company. The gangs have promised that they would rid the city centre of crime before the September deadline, when Cape Town's Olympic Bid will be considered by the International Olympic Committee. Olympic role players have been severely criticised for involving gangsters in such a project."

Mr Morkel said the Secretariat for Safety and Security in the province had already mapped out a plan on how to approach the problem of crime as it affected the Olympic bid.

Mr Morkel said he would have pre-

ferred to have discussed the involvement of gangsters with Chris Ball, director of the Cape Town Olympic Bid Company.

Mr Morkel said his office had been swamped by calls from businessmen wanting to know why police were not involved.

He said the board of directors of Business Against Crime had slammed the idea and threatened to pull out of the bid process.

"Community Outreach Forum (Core) must first prove to me that they are serious about getting rid of drugs and stopping gang violence," he said. (Core is a group of gangsters claiming to have reformed.)

He was pleased with the progress and implementation of plans his ministry had instituted since he became the minister 13 months ago. But he admitted there were still problems.

"Three months into the job I became frustrated as I saw myself as a glorified public relations officer working for the police," he said.

Mr Morkel said he thought his min-

istry would have been given more powers by central government. He said he and his counterpart in KwaZulu Natal were the only ones asking for more powers at a regional level, but had been denied them by central government.

He said transformation of the SAPS had been difficult. Provinces with former homeland police forces had been reliant on the central government for assistance. This left the Western Cape and Gauteng struggling to implement projects on a regional level.

Facing a freeze on new recruits since 1995, police services in the Western Cape had been severely understaffed, causing serious problems.

"The moratorium on recruitment is having a severe impact on the crime situation in the Western Cape and we urge the national minister to ensure that the situation be addressed without further delay," he said.

Mr Morkel said that in order for police to effectively carry out their duties they needed more resources. However, this would be extremely difficult because of cutbacks on budget allo-

cations to the nine provinces.

"These allocations, which should have been made available on April 1, have only been made available on May 9. Because of this delay we expect serious problems to be encountered in this financial year."

Mr Morkel said Western Cape police had received R68-million less than requested and this had severely affected police performance and the ability to deliver an efficient service.

Mr Morkel said he was committed to stamp out crime and improve the police services in the province.

He has a municipal policing project in the six areas of the metropole. A task team has been formed and will liaise closely with senior police officers on a national basis.

Municipal policing will function in tandem with the SAPS and is seen as a law enforcement agency. It will include the traffic police and beach constables operating in different local authorities. They will share assets and human resources.

"This initiative will form the basis

of our visible policing plan," he said.

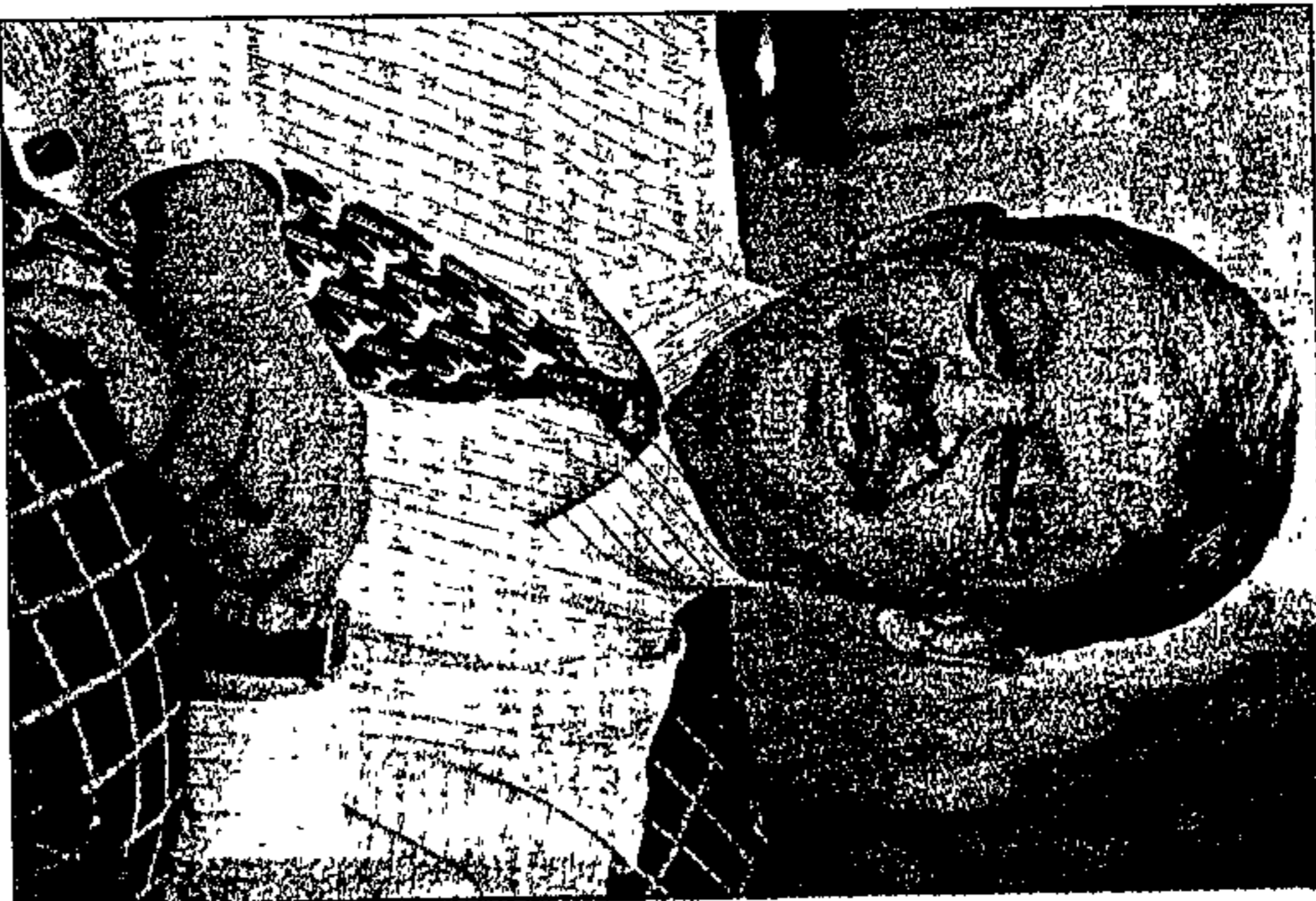
The partnership between police and communities at grassroots would also be improved. The ministry had accredited 156 out of 162 Community Policing Forums in the Western Cape.

Mr Morkel said top Scotland Yard detective Peter Stephens was acting as his personal assistant and adviser in dealing with community policing.

Mr Morkel, who is chairman the Taxi Task Team, said taxi violence had dropped substantially since new regulations were instituted to regulate the taxi industry.

Mr Morkel has also set up an Integrated Planning Group to advise and take decisions on the crime situation in the Western Cape.

Mr Morkel also announced a Peace and Development Project, which was established with the help of the German government. "About 100 men and women in Nyanga and Crossroads have been selected and trained. They are the new Peace Corps which will patrol the areas where proper policing is difficult," he said.



Anti-gang: Gerald Morkel doesn't like the Olympic peace deal with gangs

# Olympic 'wedding' on rocks

## Gangsters get the boot

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**T**HE controversial "marriage" between Cape Flats gangsters and the Cape Town Olympic Bid Company (Bidco) is on the rocks.

Fears of a bloodbath in central Cape Town have forced the removal of gangsters detailed to "clean up" the city centre as part of the "nuptial" agreement.

Police and securocrats intervened this week to convince Bidco officials that gangsters from outside the CBD could clash with gangs operating in the city centre if the planned "clean-up" went ahead.

"It would also have meant a complete abrogation by government of its duty," said one senior policeman, "We could not allow that to happen."

Plans by gangsters to put a brake on crime in areas outside the CBD have also hastily been shelved.

Some members of Core (Community Outreach — a coalition of "reformed" gangsters) had already begun "policing" parts of the city such as the main railway station, an area plagued by gangs of street kids, and had visited nightclubs and had met inner city gangsters, according to Bidco director Brian Williams.

Police sources have privately slated Bidco's "Olympic Peace Initiative" which, they say, is "muddying the water" of attempts to resolve the complex question of gangsterism and drug-related crime in Cape Town.

The "marriage", a bizarre ceremony conducted by a priest, between Bidco and Core has enraged anti-crime organisation Pagad. The movement has threatened to mount a boycott against businesses supporting the Bid in retaliation.

In a dramatic move this week to try and revive the flagging initiative, Core members teetered on the edge of making a historic promise to hand back all their ill-gotten gains in return for political forgiveness — but they pulled back at the last instant.

In return for their "reformation" they are de-

manding face-to-face talks with the government. However, well-informed police sources say there is no way the government will be seen talking to criminals unless they stop all illegal activities — including drug dealing.

The gangsters' step-down widened cracks in the two-week-old accord between the Bid Committee and Core, intended to convince the International Olympic Committee that the problem of crime in Cape Town could be controlled.

Some senior Bidco staff are reportedly extremely unhappy about the committee's alliance with known gangsters involved in drug-dealing and organised crime.

But Williams, the man behind the controversial alliance with the gangs, points out that Cape Town has just a three-month "window of opportunity" to convince the IOC that crime is not a problem in Cape Town.

"In March the IOC short-listed Cape Town for 2004, but said crime was our biggest problem. By August the IOC's final decision will be made and if we are to win we will have to succeed in changing their minds," said Williams.

However, a press conference scheduled for Thursday to announce the gangsters' plans to give back their wealth had to be cancelled at the last moment because not all the gangsters arrived at the meeting, said Williams.

And on Thursday one of the homes of Core leader Rashied Staggie was twice raided and cocaine and crack cocaine seized, but police stressed this was purely "coincidental".

# Pagad, gangs mix it up with politics

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The fight between Pagad and gangster groups has political ramifications for the Western Cape, reports  
**Stefaans Brümmer**

**P**AST links between political parties and the antagonists in the Western Cape's escalating violence between vigilantes and gangsters have come back to haunt government and security agencies.

This week, a year after People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) first took to the streets to counter gang rule on the Cape Flats, the Western Cape violent crimes unit head, Leonard Knipe, warned of a descent into near-war — and said police were struggling to curtail the violence.

Said Knipe: "This is almost a civil conflict ... it's almost as if armies are on the loose out there attacking the houses of so-called gangsters."

Knipe said police had logged 23 acts of "naked terrorism" — mostly houses shot at or bombed — by alleged Pagad elements in the first three months of this year alone. During the same period 96 cases of gang-related crime were recorded.

The spiral of violence has forced tough choices on politicians. Justice Minister and African National Congress Western Cape leader Dullah Omar, for one, is in the unenviable position of having to deal with Pagad supporters as an important part of his Western Cape constituency. But his justice portfolio binds him to a politically neutral approach when the law is contravened.

Both Pagad and the anti-Pagad Community Outreach Forum (Core), an umbrella organisation of Western Cape gangs who claim to have "reformed" and to be working towards peace, have appealed to political sentiment to advance their aims. Pagad, which in principle unites communities across the board in service of its cause, is historically a predominantly Muslim organisation, and members have tried to enlist government members like Omar in the service of their cause on the basis

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of a shared religious background.

When Omar and the ANC did not give Pagad the sympathy it thought it deserved, Pagad started flirting openly late last year with the Pan Africanist Congress (PAC). The alliance was an easy one to form: the PAC's former military wing, Apla, had operational links with the Islamic fundamentalist body Qibla during the armed struggle against apartheid. Qibla has strong relations with Pagad, among them the fact that the two bodies share a number of their top leaders.

In spite of the escalation in attacks on alleged gang leaders' homes, it is not clear to what extent Pagad officially supports using the military option. Pagad has in recent months formed its "paramilitary wing", also called the G-Force, into small cell structures at neighbourhood level, which have the capacity to operate undetected and independently from central organisational control. Some cell members are said to be veterans of armed Islamic campaigns in hotspots like Bosnia, Lebanon and Afghanistan.

Said Jeremy Vearey, the commander of police intelligence co-ordination in the Western Cape: "Pagad seems not to be in any position to control the actions of its members. There is very little centralised control ... and the energy unleashed by the Pagad cause could reproduce itself in a pattern of militancy with a life of its own independent of direct structural ties to Pagad."

Nevertheless, the threat of more violence must be counted as an important bargaining chip in Pagad's attempts to extract concessions from government and security authorities.

Core has made a similar play of political expediency. Rashied Staggie, leader of the influential Hard Livings gang and now a leading light in Core, appears to believe the ANC owes the gangs a debt for support given during the liberation struggle.

A former ANC soldier confirmed that there had been a degree of co-operation between gangs and Umkhonto weSizwe members. Guerillas often had no choice but to use safe houses and safe routes supplied by gangs. But he insisted the co-operation was no more than



Both sides now: Pagad (above) campaigns against gangs like Rashied Staggie's Hard Livings (left, Staggie third from left)

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intelligence bodies in the Western Cape.

One police intelligence officer this week hinted that "agents of influence" may have been used to help establish Core: the rationale being that a more visible and unified gangster body would be easier to control. Another said there was a similar strategy to "bureaucratise" Pagad. When leaders are tied into official processes, and given the capacity to control their followers, violence can be curtailed.

But Core, and even more so the gangs who are not part of it, will be difficult to transform. Gangsterism on the Cape Flats represents a decades-old social alternative which, in some neighbourhoods, young men especially find extremely hard to escape. Gang crime, a multi-billion rand industry, provides a livelihood for thousands of people. Said Vearey: "The factors that generate gangsterism cannot be addressed by the appearance of gang leaders on a stage and a confession."

Whether Core is genuine about reforming gangs, or whether it is just a superficial response to the pressures brought to bear by Pagad, it holds its own aces for concessions from the authorities. Staggie appeared recently to flex his muscles on the "debt" the ANC owes him when some Core leaders let it be known they would support Bantu Holomisa's new party.

There has also been talk of Core going it alone as a political movement. Especially in the Western Cape, where the coloured community is first prize in the votes struggle between the ANC and the National Party, the gangs have tremendous potential to secure for themselves — or to deliver — constituencies. Gangs arguably have better organisational networks on the Cape Flats and in towns across the Western Cape than either party, and have shown themselves adept at "winning hearts and minds" by providing livelihoods where government is still struggling to fulfil its promise of a "better life for all".

For the politicians it is a tough call: give in to the demands of the gangsters or Pagad — but not both simultaneously, as they are so implacably opposed to each other — or face their wrath and alienate a potential constituency.

Alternatively, make no concessions and concentrate on neutral policing to put the worst offenders behind bars. But both forces are so deeply rooted in society, and their passions so pervasive, that a few offenders behind bars will hardly stop the crime.

"operational expediency" and that no promises were made to the gangsters.

He said that before the 1994 elections, ANC intelligence operatives again had no choice but to "interact" with gang leaders to ensure ANC election campaigners had safe access to gang territory. He claimed that at the time there had been active collusion between apartheid security forces and gangsters to harass ANC activists, which the ANC had to counteract.

That charge is not far-fetched. The Goldstone commission and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission have heard accounts of security forces in other regions enlisting gangs in attempts to smash activist networks.

While the ANC in government can clearly not afford to associate with gangsters, there are reports that, in a few individual cases, links have

remained. An unsubstantiated claim has been made to the *Mail & Guardian* that a senior ANC politician, who appears to have long-standing links with the Staggie family, was involved in a recent arms consignment to a Core member.

Formed last year in reaction to Pagad marches and attacks, Core has made a play for the government to crack down on Pagad and simultaneously help gangsters transform their "business interests" — traditionally based on the drug trade, prostitution and protection rackets — into legitimate areas.

There are precedents for this: in Malaysia and Burma, authorities are said to have helped drug lords channel their illicit profits into legal businesses, expecting them to walk the straight-and-narrow afterwards.

There is some sympathy for a similar approach among police and intel-

# Olympic Bid cuts link with gangs

**MICHAEL MORRIS**  
ON THE OLYMPIC BID

**The Olympic connection with the controversial gangs-for-peace initiative in the Western Cape has ended.**

The Cape Town Community Olympic Forum – which is associated with the Bid Company, but operates independently from it – has withdrawn from the initiative, which is now to be monitored and co-ordinated by other organisations as part of a broad anti-crime campaign.

The move comes on the eve of a major People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) rally on the Grand Parade on Sunday, and effectively neutralises criticism of the bid on the basis of any association with gangs.

The withdrawal of the Olympic Forum from the so-called Olympic Peace Initiative – now to be referred to as the Peace Initiative – is confirmed in a letter from Bid Company community relations director Saaliegah Zardad to Shariff Khan of Pagad.

Pagad has been threatening to launch a boycott of businesses supporting the bid.

Ms Zardad's letter seeks to defuse tension between the Bid Company and Pagad. She notes that after a meeting of anti-crime groupings in the Western Cape earlier this week, "the co-ordination and monitoring

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of the Peace Initiative and activities around crime will be managed by groups such as the Community Peace Foundation, an anti-crime NGO.

"The Olympic Forum's involvement in the Peace Initiative, functioning largely as a catalyst, therefore ceases as a result, and community groupings will hereafter manage the process."

She adds: "I need to point out that the Bid Company is committed to an anti-gangs and anti-crime position, and our policy has always been to support all initiatives that are geared towards reducing crime and improving the quality of life within our communities."

The Olympic Forum, the letter says, was established last November to give "grassroots communities" access to the bidding process. Combating crime was "one of the first priorities" identified by the Forum, and the Peace Initiative "should be seen in that context".

The objective was significantly to reduce crime levels and contribute to peace and reconstruction in the Western Cape.

Ms Zardad said the Bid Company had attended the launch of the gangs-for-peace initiative "because we support initiatives aimed at reducing crime".

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# Big business gets stuck into crime war

## *Olympic bid spurs new project*

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**MICHAEL MORRIS**  
ON THE OLYMPIC BID

**A high-powered Business Against Crime initiative, spurred in part by the Olympic bid, is to be launched in Cape Town today.**

The BAC initiative will effectively channel private sector expertise and resources into the anti-crime drive, and is likely to enlist support from all key sectors of the province's economy.

If it follows the pattern established elsewhere, a four-pronged strategy will cover short and long-term objectives - fighting crime; researching and advising the Government on legislative measures; developing initiatives to secure economic upliftment; and steps to achieve community rehabilitation.

Today's launch will be attended by Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi, and his Western Cape counterpart, Gerald Morkel.

A Who's Who of prominent city business executives, as well as top city and provincial government officials, will serve on the BAC board. Bid Company chief executive Chris Ball will also be a member of the board.

Crime was highlighted by the International Olympic Committee in March as one of several key concerns about Cape Town's bid.

Although individual IOC members have indicated that they do not consider crime an impediment to the city's Olympic hopes, the bid team has sought to use the Games project to promote strategies aimed at improving security and curbing crime.

John Pemberthy, co-ordinator of the bid team's security task group, and a key figure in the BAC project, said success in fighting crime would depend on measurable strategies to boost policing as well as to tackle the causes of crime.

Highlighting the benefits of business-backed initiatives, he noted: "These are not people who stand on ceremony. They want things done. They ask two things: what's to be done, and when? Their role will be to identify practical steps and find the resources to achieve them."

Mr Pemberthy added: "The bid, the police and the business sector have joined hands to work together.

"Law enforcement will always be the responsibility of the police, but they need help."

# Visible policing helps but 'culture change is needed'

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KARIN SCHIMKE

VISIBLE policing of the streets of Cape Town reduced crime in the CBD by 23,6% over Christmas, but police are still struggling to make headway against murder, rape and assault statistics, provincial Police Services MEC Mr Gerald Morkel has said.

He and senior provincial police officers are confident that crime in the Western Cape is stabilising and, in some instances, declining. Figures released by provincial police chief Commissioner Leon Wessels show that the number of crimes reported in the first three months of this year are down 4,2% from last year.

"Although this gives us an indication of the crime tendencies in our province, one must remember that crime fluctuates and incidents like taxi-violence, gang warfare or even police operations can influence figures and statistics," Wessels said.

He added that he was still positive that "contrary to the perception of the community and media, crime is at least stabilising and even declining".

Wessels said the sharp decrease in crimes like theft out of cars could be attributed to stepped up police presence in the CBD, but police were still very concerned about violent crime which was still unacceptably high.

"A study of murders in the Western

## Worst areas

BELOW are the areas that show the highest crime statistics in the Western Cape. They are also the most densely populated so the potential for criminal activities is higher.

Mitchells Plain — 5,93%  
Cape Town — 5,66%  
Worcester — 3,19%  
Kulls River — 2,91%  
Paarl — 2,34%  
Khayelitsha — 2,31%  
Bellville South — 2,18%  
Kraaifontein — 2,04%  
Bishop Lavis — 2,02%  
Bellville — 2,01%  
Woodstock — 1,90%

Cape shows that out of 388 cases, 82% were solved. But more serious, is the fact that in most cases the accused was known to the deceased and the motive for the murder was a trivial argument over small matters or cheap property," Wessels said.

Alcohol played a major role in more than half of these cases.

"This is then also the reason why visible policing or police efforts cannot really make an impact on the crime statistics. What we need is a culture change."

# Economic crimes unit 'lacking staff, funding'

Linda Ensor

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CAPE TOWN — The Office for Serious Economic Offences (OSEO) was unable to investigate serious crimes because of a lack of staff and funding, but at the same time had been unable to get justice department authorisation for the use of its unspent funds, director Jan Swanepoel said yesterday.

It appeared there were "communication problems", said committee members. They expressed concern that in the process serious economic crime was being put on the backburner.

In a briefing to Parliament's public accounts committee it emerged that the office, which fell under the justice department, was caught in a "bureaucratic quagmire" that prevented it from spending the full budgetary sums allocated to it.

Under-expenditure arose because justice department director-general Jasper Noeth had not authorised the unit to spend funds earmarked for the contracting out of auditing work. Also, no response had been received from the department to a letter sent last No-

vember requesting that money saved on vacant posts be used for hiring outside advocates.

Noeth said it seemed OSEO budgetary requirements were sufficient as for several years it had surpluses. For example, in the 1995/96 financial year the unit was allocated R9,6m but only spent R4,8m. In 1996/97, of R10,4m allocated only R7m was spent.

Noeth told the committee he had applied for funds for 29 additional posts for the office, but this had been refused by state expenditure. He said the justice department was very inadequately funded in terms of posts.

Swanepoel said that the OSEO had placed a moratorium on new investigations, and had also decided to concentrate on clearing away old cases. He recommended a task team be appointed to examine how the OSEO, the commercial branch and advocates-general dealt with commercial crime cases.

African National Congress MP Barbara Hogan described the situation as a "sorry case of everyone blaming everyone else", with a lack of political will evident in inability to solve problems.



Pagad confronts authority . . . irresistible force meets immovable object

PAGAD & THE OLYMPIC BID

# Fanatics spread tacks on the track

Cape Town's efforts to cut crime can't seem to satisfy the vigilantes' thirst for publicity

**I**t has shocked with its tactics, splintered and engaged in divisive recrimination; yet People Against Gangsterism & Drugs (Pagad) remains a force to be reckoned with in the Western Cape.

Pagad's latest target is the 2004 Olympic Bid Company because it became temporarily linked with an outfit of reformed gangsters who, in the guise of a community forum, said they would curb their own efforts and bring Peninsula crime rates down.

Despite the bid company's subsequent dissociation from the gangsters, Pagad held a mass meeting on the Parade this month where it threatened to boycott companies that have lent support to the bid — including Pick 'n Pay, Caltex, Mercedes-Benz and Telkom.

The bid company's subsequent attempts to reassure Pagad of its antigang stance have been snubbed.

Throughout its contorted history, one golden thread has run through Pagad's activities (apart from its willingness to break the law in the name of stopping the gangs): a love of publicity.

Pagad mounted a violent — and illegal — march on Cape Town International airport

last December to emphasise its accusations that the criminal justice system was neglecting crime.

The police duly vowed to crack down on Pagad, by then known to have been deeply influenced by fundamentalist Islamic principles. In the event, curbs placed on leaders merely led to new leaders achieving prominence. Pagad members continue to march masked and armed in defiance of the law.

The bid company's director of community relations, Saaliegah Zardad, has written to Pagad's current luminary, Shariff Khan, to protest against the anti-Olympic disruptions and boycotts threatened in the run-up to the decision in Lausanne in September on the host city for the 2004 Games.

Her letter essentially said that the appearance on a public platform with "reformed gangsters" of bid figures such as Chris Ball was to be understood in the context of a concerted attempt to bring down crime — the main obstacle seen to be compromising Cape Town's chances.

The gangsters' lobby, called the Community Outreach Forum (Core), is associated with Rashied Staggie, brother of Rashaad who was murdered by vigilante

elements last year at the time that Pagad first came to prominence.

A meeting of major anticrime groupings in the province — including Core and, naively, the bid company — took place on June 3. That triggered the Parade demonstration.

However, Zardad insists that "the co-ordination and monitoring of the peace initiative and activities around crime will be managed by groups such as the Community Peace Forum, an anticrime NGO."

This means that though the bid company supports efforts against crime in principle, it is not directly involved in actions that may be associated with Core. The company intends to "concentrate on its own mandate — winning the bid — and is not involved in issues of crime prevention."

Pagad has ignored this explanation.

The bid company, probably with the best of intentions, found itself caught in the tangled web of Cape community politics.

Pagad has said it is not against the Olympic bid but it would be inappropriate to hold the Games in a city where so little is being done about the drug and gang cultures that flourish on the Flats.

The association of the broad community peace effort with Core was described at the time as a "marriage." That connection has broken down, though Pagad still links it with the bid company's anticrime stance.

This is unfair but typical of the irrationality with which Pagad has consistently mounted its crusade, targeting any person or company it views as being less fanatical than itself in having no truck with crime.

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# Pagad threatens civil action after acquittal

## Court finds airport protest legal

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People Against Gangsterism and Drugs has threatened to sue Minister of Safety and Security Sydney Mufamadi after the Bellville

Magistrate's Court ruled that last year's anti-drug protest at Cape Town International Airport was, in fact, legal.

Hundreds of Pagad members and a strong police contingent were involved in bloody clashes on December 16 after Minister of Transport Mac Maharaj declared the demonstration illegal.

The court yesterday acquitted 15 Pagad members on

charges of attending an illegal gathering, public violence and refusing to disperse. Magistrate Andre le Grange ruled that Pagad had permission from the Cape Metropolitan Council to hold the protest.

But he found two of the accused, Rashieda Francis, 30, and Abubaka Hendriks, 31, guilty of unprovoked assaults on police and fined them each R500 or 50 days in prison, conditionally suspended for two years. Iseah Francis, Rashieda's husband, was convicted of hindering police in the execution of their duties and fined R1 000 or 100 days, suspended for three years.

Pagad national secretary Sharief Khan said the organisa-

tion would be taking civil action against Mr Mufamadi.

Action would be taken against "all relevant parties" for damages sustained in the "carefully orchestrated and calculated action designed to discredit the Pagad campaign".

"Innocent people were unlawfully arrested, detained, assaulted, hunted and brutalised by the police. The court has vindicated us in our innocence," Mr Kahn said.

Pagad national co-ordinator Abdus-Salaam Ebrahim criticised Western Cape Attorney General Frank Kahn, who, he said, "initiated the idea of the airport protest and then prosecuted us, although he knew that we had permission".

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Leadership line-up: from left, Pagad national secretary Sharief Khan, chief commander Aslam Toely and national co-ordinator Abdus-Salaam Ebrahim

LEON MULLER



# Rosebank street brawl as 'dozens' of club bouncers set upon Pagad group

By **CECILIA RUSSELL**

A street brawl erupted in Rosebank last night after "dozens" of bouncers set upon a group of five members of the vigilante movement People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad). Two were injured.

Pagad leader Ayob Mungalee was one of the five scarf-clad members who had targeted Rosebank's night-time revellers to get its anti-drug message across.

"It was meant to be very peaceful," Mungalee said. Two

policemen from the Rosebank police station had accompanied them.

"We had gone to 'Catch 22' to deliver pamphlets and were going across to 'Kryptons' in Tyrwhitt Avenue when about 100 bouncers pushed us out of the Constantia Centre and started to beat us up.

"About 15 started beating me while another member was being beaten up by about 10 bouncers," Mungalee said.

He said he had his back to a police van and was unable to escape. Police had arrived on the

scene but did not intervene, he added.

Mungalee escaped with minor injuries and the other member who was hit with the butt of a gun had minor head injuries and flesh wounds which were treated in hospital. He has been discharged.

Pagad has not laid charges against their assailants.

Mungalee said the pamphlets they had handed to patrons had been designed to warn people that Pagad would not tolerate drug dealers in society.

"It warned them to stop taking drugs or face the wrath of the community."

A man claiming to be a member of a splinter group of Pagad, Michael Saad, called The Star this morning and said his group - who were armed - would definitely avenge last night's attack.

He said the bouncers would be targeted as "they are the ones who supply the Ecstasy drug to the people".

Rosebank police station's head of community policing Captain Wimpie van Wyk said

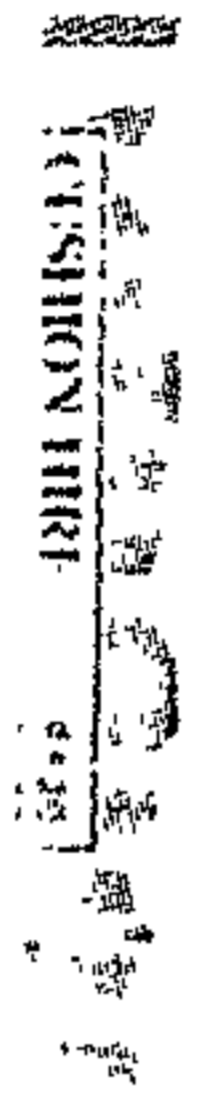
Pagad had previously met with the station's management and the police had told them they "should confine their activities to those which were lawful".

Van Wyk would be meeting with the management of the Constantia Centre and Pagad to try to clear up the situation.

Van Wyk said drugs in Rosebank centres were "a big problem", but did not know whether the bouncers were selling them.

The bouncers known to work in the Rosebank area could not be reached for comment this morning.

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# Authorities set to crack down on rave clubs

BOBBY JORDAN

CITY authorities warned this week that they were poised to crack down on major rave parties in the Cape Peninsula.

In recent weeks at least two raves had to be moved to "fire-safe" venues at the last minute after the Cape Town fire department raised the alarm about safety of their venue.

Now police are preparing to swoop on numerous rave venues in the centre of Cape Town for suspected sales of liquor and illegal drugs to underage revellers, according to police spokesman Senior Superintendent John Sterrenberg.

"If someone is peddling drugs at a venue then the venue owner has a responsibility to tell police," Sterrenberg said yesterday.

However, rave promotion companies are hopping mad at what they feel is an official bias against the growing rave scene, which they claim has been too closely associated with the use of designer drugs such as ecstasy.

"They're hassling us," said Pharcyde promoter Matthew Quinton.

"The rave scene is about love and respect for your fellow man. But it seems some of the authorities are on a mission to close us down."

He said Pharcyde's planned



RAVERS WARNED: This is how Peninsula ravers let their hair down. But city authorities plan a crackdown  
Picture: AMBROSE PETERS

Queen's Warehouse rave at the Waterfront, which was scheduled for June 15, had to be called off two days beforehand because fire authorities found the venue unfit to accommodate a huge crowd.

"What's dangerous about a crowd of people dancing around on a massive warehouse with a concrete floor, concrete walls and an asbestos roof? That's ridiculous," said John Portuesi, also of Pharcyde.

Another major rave party at the Culemborg Exhibition Centre, organised by Mother productions, was also cancelled at the last

minute last weekend and moved to the Milnerton Race Track.

Cape Town Fire chief Steven Henkin denied any vendetta against rave culture and said authorities would be "only too happy" to help organise safer raves if rave promoters were willing to co-operate.

"The rave scene wants to go into industrial buildings like warehouses so we get the situation where 5 000 people are in an environment with fire escapes for only 30.

"We haven't closed down raves before, but we're now going to play hardball for the simple reason that people's lives are on the line."

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Electronic eyes to fight crime  
High-tech surveillance cameras to focus on hot spots in Cape Town's city centre  
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**P**OLICE, the Olympic Bid Company and business have teamed up to rid Cape Town's CBD of crime with the aid of high-tech surveillance cameras.

The cameras will soon be focusing on crime hotspots in Adderley Street, St George's Mall and the Grand Parade. Minister of Safety and Security Sydney Mufamadi recently singled out the three areas as being among the 10 worst spots countrywide for attacks on tourists.

The police project, dubbed "the CBD safety and security eye", would swing into action once Telkom approved the licence for satellite space, Cape Town central police chief, Director Raymond Dowd, said this week.

Dowd, who checked out the camera system in Paris, said the three cameras would be able to record activities in 75 percent of Adderley Street, 60 percent of St George's Mall and the entire Parade. The station deck would be monitored with wide-angle lenses.

"The cameras will be put in place to combat hardcore crime such as mugging, car theft and theft from cars," he said.

A second project — an Olympic Bid security team initiative — focuses on Culemborg, the venue for next week's world fencing championships. Nine hidden cameras have already been installed there and are similar to those used at last year's Atlanta Olympics.

Cape Town will be the fourth SA city to use the high-tech cameras.

John Penberthy, Olympic Bid Company security head and CEO of the recently launched Business Against Crime initiative, said businesses had pledged their support for the police project and would help provide resources, cameras and other equipment.

"With these cameras we hope to drive criminals off the streets. At present citizens are afraid and unsure where it's safe. We want to reverse that trend," Penberthy said.

Dowd said the surveillance operation would be controlled from Caledon Square, but traffic police would be included in the task team.

Dowd said the cameras were vital for Cape Town "whether we get the Olympics or not".



**EYE IN THE SKY:** Technology boffin Bryan McDermott shows off the latest in high-tech surveillance cameras. Three will be installed in Cape Town's crime hotspots in the next few weeks  
Picture: RICHARD SHOREY



# Fears of mayhem as

Argument outside Cape Town mosque leads to killing: man arrested and movement demands his swift prosecution to avoid revenge attacks

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There are fears of renewed violence in Cape Town townships following last night's slaying of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs leader Sharief Khan outside a mosque.

Anticipating a huge outpouring of grief and repercussions, police mobilised extra patrols in the area and made appeals for calm.

Police spokeswoman Inspector Virna Simon said a Muslim man from Belhar on the Cape Flats had already been arrested in connection with the shooting. He will appear in court today.

Khan's murder comes amid already heightened tensions following the attempt on the life of alleged gang leader Glen Khan, who was seriously injured during an ambush in the Athlone township on Sunday. He was discharged from Groote Schuur Hospital yesterday and immediately went to ground.

Although police said the Sharief Khan murder was not related to the on-going conflict between Pagad and Cape gangs, Pagad said in a statement the murder was a direct result of the constant and active campaign being waged against the Pagad movement and its leadership by various agencies and individuals.

The movement demanded that the murderer be prosecuted "without delay".

Pagad said Sharief Khan had unselfishly dedicated his life and actively worked to-

wards the establishment of a moral and just social order.

Gauteng Pagad leader Ayob Mungalee called on the police to act against the killers because the organisation did not want to resort to revenge.

Khan died in hospital last night after he had been gunned down outside the York Road Mosque in Lansdowne during a heated argument with a 19-year-old fellow worshipper.

Western Cape police Commissioner Leon Wessels today issued a special appeal to the community to remain calm and assist police in their investigations.

The drama which led to the death started outside the York Road mosque when worshippers emerged.

According to a witness Khan and the suspect were involved in a heated argument. Khan reached for his cellular telephone on his hip. The suspect then drew his gun and opened fire.

As there was no blood from the wound, at first it was thought Khan had fainted, but at the hospital a bullet wound was found on his abdomen. He apparently died from internal bleeding.

The alleged killer did not to be a member of Pagad mainstream but supported the minor group led by Ali "Phantom" Mokoena.

The alleged killer's brother had testified against Pagad national co-ordinator Abdus-Salaam Ebrahim at a bail hearing after a clash between Pagad and police at Cape Town international airport in December, according to Pagad sources.

## Pagad leader is slain

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# Pagad killing: tension rises

## Police plea for calm as thousands mourn

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JOHAN SCHROEN AND ANDREA BOTHA  
STAFF REPORTERS

Police, fearing serious repercussions of a huge outpouring of grief after the slaying of Pagad leader Sharief Khan, today appealed for calm.

Thousands of supporters are expected at a huge service this afternoon at the City Park sportsground in Crawford before the funeral in Observatory.

And court officials in Wynberg are making special arrangements for the bail hearing tomorrow of a man held after the killing.

Mr Khan, national secretary of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs, died last night after being gunned down outside the York Road mosque in Lansdowne.

The shooting followed a heated argument with a 32-year-old fellow-worshipper from Belhar who is said to be a member of a splinter Pagad faction.

A long-standing feud between Mr Khan and the man came to a head outside the mosque after evening prayers.

Mainstream Pagad is embroiled in a simmering dispute with the splinter group, headed by Ali "Phantom" Parker, which has led to allegations of assault and kidnapping and complaints to the Independent Broadcasting Authority over material aired on the Muslim station Radio 786.

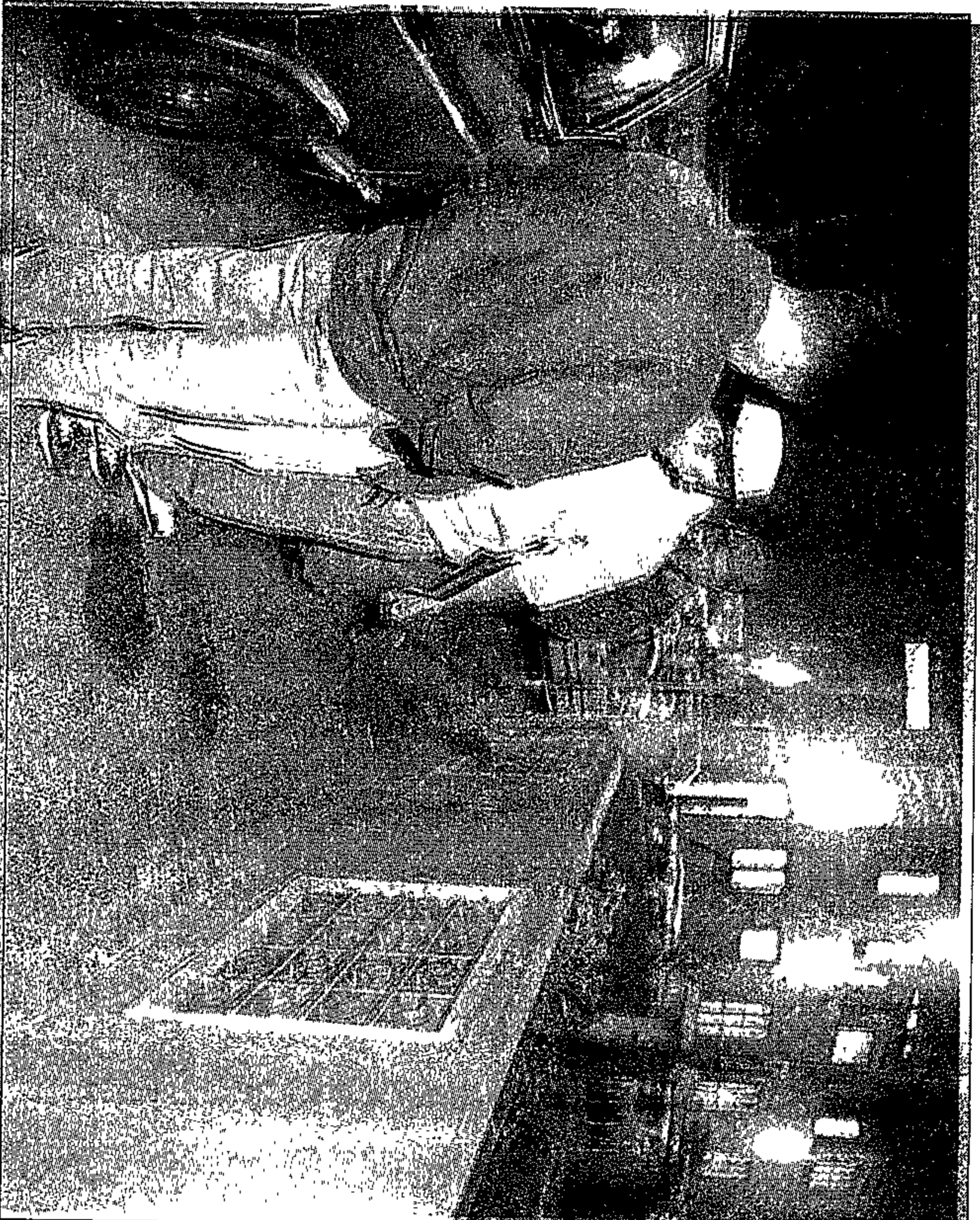
Western Cape police Commissioner Leon Wessels today made a special appeal to the community to stay calm and help police in their investigations.

He expressed sincere condolences to Mr Khan's family and friends and promised a thorough investigation of the killing.

Ebrahim Satardien, 32, appeared briefly in the Wynberg Magistrate's Court late last night in connection with the shooting. He was not asked to plead and was remanded.

For his own safety, police declined to disclose where he was being held.

A court official said Mr Satardien would appear in the Wynberg court for a bail hearing tomorrow. He is expected to appear in Court 5 during the morning.



Shooting scene: shocked bystanders at the spot where Pagad national secretary Sharief Khan was shot

Senior prosecutor Fatek Davids said court officials were expecting a large crowd of Pagad supporters at the hearing.

Nico Greeff of the Lansdowne detective branch said police arrested the suspect last night at the scene of the shooting.

Police still needed to get a complete statement and to take fingerprints.

Captain Greeff said the investigating officer had gone to the Salt River mortuary early today to examine Mr Khan's body



Slain: Sharief Khan, left, photographed recently with Pagad commander Aslam Toefy

from the mosque.

According to a witness, Mr Khan and the suspect became involved in a heated argument.

The suspect drew his gun and opened fire on Mr Khan.

As there was no external bleeding from the wound, it was thought Mr Khan had fainted, but at the hospital a bullet wound was found in his abdomen. He had apparently bled internally.

The alleged killer's brother testified against Pagad national co-ordinator Abdus-Salaam Ebrahim at a bail hearing after a clash between Pagad and police at Cape Town International Airport in December, according to Pagad sources.

Neither the chief commander of Pagad, Aslam Toefy, nor Ali Parker were available for comment.

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# PAGAD'S DEFIANT GUNS

## Police feared 'bloodbath' if ban enforced

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Pagad defied the ban on the public display of weapons when gunmen concealing their faces fired an IRA-style shotgun salute at the funeral of the anti-drug organisation's national secretary, Sharief Khan.

The 21-shot salute was fired by the security wing of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs at the funeral in City Park Stadium in Crawford yesterday.

Mr Khan was gunned down after an argument outside a Lansdowne mosque on Wednesday night.

Police said they did not enforce the firearms ban at yesterday's funeral, attended by 30 000 people, as they feared a bloodbath if they intervened.

Last September, Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi promulgated

**Drama at bail hearing today**  
**Thousands flock to martyr's funeral**  
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measures banning the carrying of dangerous weapons, including guns, at public gatherings.

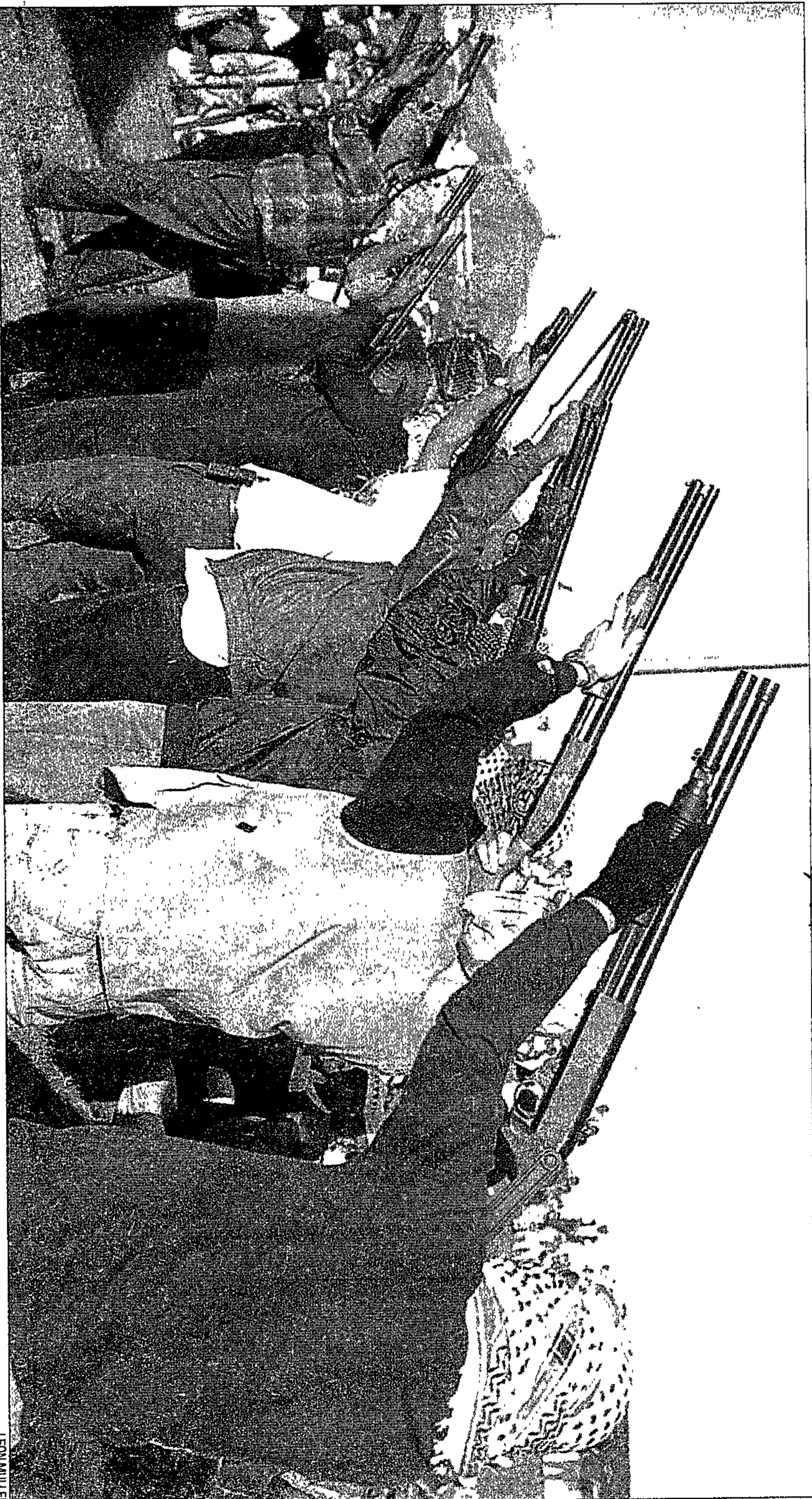
The minister said at the time that those "who dare contravene the new regulations will face the full force of the law".

The Pagad members who took part in the shotgun salute concealed their faces with scarves.

Pagad commander-in-chief Aslam Toefy appealed to the media before the salute not to focus attention on the firing of guns and to not to shift the emphasis away from burying Mr Khan with dignity.

Mr Toefy also urged press photographers not to take photographs of the shotgunners being fired, although the salute was shown on television news.

Police said afterwards they did not react to the public display of shotguns as they had feared violent repercussions if they



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The picture Pagad's leadership did not want you to see: a shotgun salute is fired at Sharief Khan's funeral in Crawford yesterday. "If we had taken action it would have led to a bloodbath".

If police at the scene had arrested or

disarmed people, it "would have created tension and an environment for retaliation which could have led to innocent people being killed," he said.

"Technically carrying firearms at pub-

lic gatherings) is a criminal offence," said Superintendent Sterrenberg. There had been "no complaints" from anyone regarding intimidation.

Mr Mufamadi's spokesman, Maxwell

Mulaudzi, said: "The regulations are in place. The police have a responsibility to implement these regulations, but in doing so they have to be prudent enough to take into account the prevailing conditions."



Hate target: The ruins of Ivan Maron's home PHOTO RODGER BOSCH



In full fury: Muslims Against Global Oppression marchers chanted slogans like 'One Jew, one bullet'

PHOTO ERIC MILLER/A-FRIKA

# Petrol bomb sparks unity

Muslim and Jewish leaders are united in their interpretation of this week's petrol bombing in the Cape, report **Rehana Rossouw** and **Gustav Thiel**

**T**HE petrol-bomb attack on a Cape Jewish centre succeeded this week in uniting local Muslim and Jewish leaders in the belief that the culprits used a bizarre incident in Israel as a pretext to further their political agenda.

Leaders from both communities are mystified about how a poster circulated in Hebron depicting the Prophet Mohammed as a pig could ignite such a violent response in Cape Town.

Though reaction on the troubled West Bank has been violent, the poster failed to ignite much excitement in the international Islamic community.

Yet, last Saturday, more than 2 000 Cape Town Muslims, marching under the banner of an organisation called Muslims Against Global Oppression, descended on the Israeli consulate. Marchers, who included Aslam Toefy, chief commander of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad), chanted slogans like "One Zionist, one bullet" and "One Jew, one bullet".

And early on Monday morning, the home of the owner of the Jewish Book Centre, Ivan Maron, was petrol bombed. Shortly after the attack, police received an anonymous call threatening to bomb a Jewish old-age home. A poster depicting Adolf Hitler was pasted on a

synagogue in Wynberg.

The Israeli embassy in Pretoria has offered the South African government the benefit of Israel's years of experience in combating terrorism.

South Africa's Chief Rabbi, Cyril Harris, is seeking talks with Muslim leaders in a bid to appease what he terms "radical factions in the Muslim community".

Muslims Against Global Oppression, active in Cape Town for about three years, has previously marched on the Israeli consulate — in protest against the bombing of Lebanon last year, and against brutality suffered by Bosnian Muslims in the former Yugoslavia. Little is known of the extent of its support, or its policies, and police have so far failed to establish any link to Pagad.

Observers, however, said they share similar tactics. "Pagad is controlled by the Islamic Unity Convention and Qibla," said a Muslim cleric, who declined to be named. "Qibla's strategy is to create dozens of organisations to spearhead various causes and to distance themselves from the consequences.

"The way [Muslims Against Global Oppression] operate is very revealing of the link with Qibla. They marched to the consulate on a Saturday, when everybody knows it will be closed. The intention isn't to confront the Israelis, but to clash with the police. This is similar to Pagad's agenda."

The group's ability to pull together a crowd so quickly and to whip up their feelings also surprised many in the Muslim community. There was no support for the action from Cape mosques.

"There is a particular group of Cape Muslims

which is looking to international events for issues around which to mobilise people locally," said one mosque sheikh, who declined to be named. "They are saying Islam is under attack globally, and a response is warranted in Cape Town. There are no local issues for them to take up.

"The question begging for an answer is whether ordinary Muslims in the Cape believe such a radical response is necessary to one woman depicting the Prophet Mohammed as a pig thousands of kilometres away. Without detracting from the honour of the prophet, I think not."

Some Muslim leaders have criticised the Muslim Judicial Council for failing to act decisively against radicalism in the community. The council's only authorised representative, Sheikh Ebrahim Gabriels, was not available for comment.

**R**eaction among the Jewish community ranged from local shock to international outrage. The Israeli embassy said the petrol-bombing was the action of "a radical faction of Muslims who wield great political power within their community".

The charge d'affaires, Ze-ev Luria, said: "The marchers used the poster as a pretext to further their own political agenda. Pagad members are part of this radical faction and they have larger political aims in the Western Cape.

"We call on the government to eradicate this kind of radicalism since it represents a big threat to Jews and all other people in South Africa. The security of the Jewish people in South Africa is the responsibility of the government."

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# Plea for unity in war on township crime

*'Data needed'*

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**Khayelitsha residents and police are joining hands to fight crime in the sprawling township where each month an average 22 people are murdered and more than 15 children are raped.**

Gerrit Nieuwoudt, police commander and senior superintendent in Site B, Khayelitsha, said crime rates in the area were high, especially violent crimes such as murder, rape and car hijackings.

"Other forms such as housebreaking, theft and robbery are the order of the day," he said.

Last month 32 people were murdered and 24 adults and 15 children under the age of 17 raped.

Also high on the crime list is armed robbery with 58 cases reported in June.

During the past six months there were 283 cases of robbery.

Superintendent Nieuwoudt said: "Certainly we are tracking down the perpetrators of this scourge by concentrating on the availability of illegal firearms in the area. But a lot of murders are committed with pangas and knives. Liquor also plays a major role.

"We search the area with the assistance of the Khayelitsha community policing forum."

Superintendent Nieuwoudt said the police service, Khayelitsha community policing forum and welfare organisations would have to work towards reducing unemployment and poverty which were the main causes of crime,

"There should be collective efforts," he said.

"We have succeeded in getting the support of the community which is prepared to hand over criminals to the police. We call upon all residents to supply us with any information that will be useful in our work."

He said police also had to work closely with the departments of Justice and Correctional Services to address the problem of crime.

The Labour and Sport ministries had the responsibility of creating jobs and sporting opportunities for the youth in Khayelitsha.

Superintendent Nieuwoudt said that while people believed gangsterism was limited to coloured residential areas Khayelitsha also experienced youngsters forming groups, especially at stations.

He also confirmed allegations of police involvement in crime.

"There have been cases of staff members being implicated in crimes," he said.

"So far we have suspended two staff members. We urge the community to come forward with information about police criminals."

He said the relationship between police and the Khayelitsha community policing forum had improved dramatically and the groups met regularly.

"The forum is not totally representative of all stakeholders in Khayelitsha," he said.

"We would like to involve all people and groups like the business sector in the fight against crime and poverty."

Hennie Haarhoff, director of police in Site B, said the police service was understaffed.

"We have fewer than 300 policemen and 24 reservists," he said.

"Currently 30 reservists are undergoing training but there are not enough offices.

"We utilise these scarce resources but money is a major problem. There are just not enough resources to meet the needs of the community.

"The police budget is not sufficient. Restructuring of the police service and voluntary packages are being processed by the Government.

"After that process we will be able to address this problem."

Nqaba Phiki of the Khayelitsha community policing forum said people still held negative attitudes towards the police.

"The police must address the needs of the community," Mr Phiki said.

"There should not be misuse of firearms.

"The police authorities have to work day and night shifts in order to supervise the staff members.

"Some police get drunk during working hours and Government vehicles are being misused by undisciplined staff.

"Some policemen go home with these vehicles and that causes shortages of transport in an emergency."

# Under siege - but Obs fights back

## Residents, businesses band together to tackle terror

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STAFF REPORTER

Observatory residents are living under siege from violent gangs who have committed nearly 900 crimes in the suburb since the beginning of the year.

This shocking statistic was revealed by Rob Amato who heads a steering committee consisting of residents, policemen and businessmen, who have banded together to halt the criminal onslaught. Armed robberies, murders, rapes, abductions and other violent crimes have left Observatory residents living in fear, said Mr Amato.

Estate agents in the area also fear that the "Gauteng-like crime wave" may send property values plummeting downward.

■ In March, Brooklyn man Steven Jeffries was murdered near a popular nightspot, and two women were raped in the area.

■ In May robbers held up two people in a textile factory.

■ In June, a businessman in Anson Street was held-up by an armed gang.

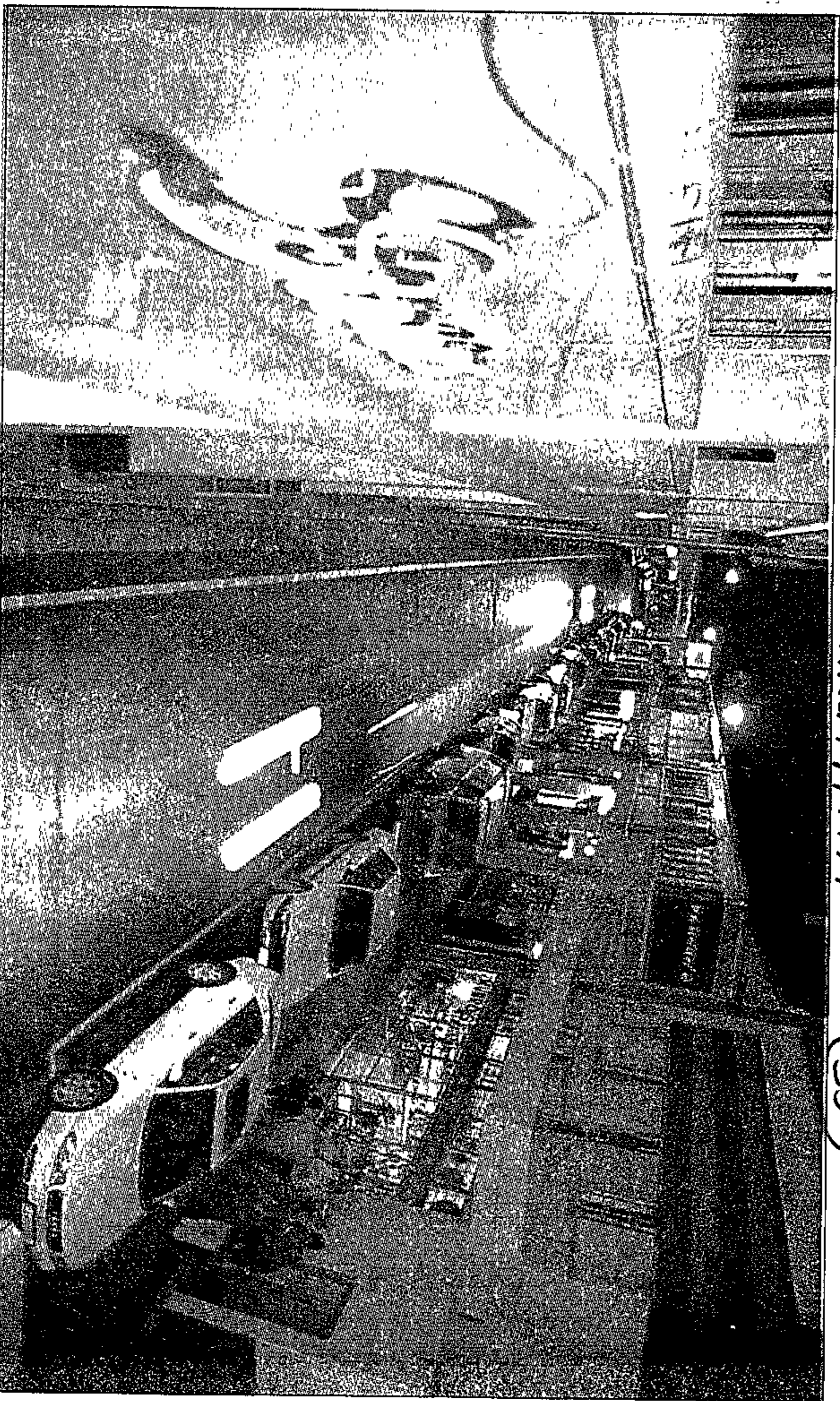
■ About two weeks ago two women visitors from Johannesburg were abducted in Pepper Street and taken to Phillippi, where they were raped and assaulted.

■ On Tuesday, a gang of six gun-wielding robbers held-up the local post office and escaped with thousands of rands.

The community has now formed a "professionally trained" neighbourhood watch called Obswatch. Membership will cost residents R50 a month and businesses R250 a month. It is a Section 21 non-profit company.

At a public meeting late last month, more than 400 residents voiced their support, agreeing it was time to act.

Mr Amato said it was important to establish preventive policing. "At any



**Street crime:** Observatory has become a suburb under siege with nearly 900 crimes having been committed in the area since the start of this year

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time of the day there will be 14 professionally trained police reservists patrolling the area. They will be monitored from a control centre in the suburb," he said.

Obswatch also had the support of Observatory police, who had been instrumental in providing the steering committee with

"specialised knowledge", Mr Amato said.

Obswatch was receiving at least R1 000 a day from residents and expected to start patrols next month. "These are very frightening times in Observatory. We have started Obswatch to protect our old residents and young women from these monsters."

Estate agent Monica Pike said: "One major thing that impacts on the price of property is security. In Gauteng the bottom has fallen out of the real estate market because of crime."

Miss Pike said she fully supported moves to rid the suburb of crime.

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# Extremism rears its head

Police probe 'politically religious' motive for firebomb attack

"The threat of Islamic extremist fundamentalism is now on SA's threshold."

This statement was made last year in a confidential police document on which the FM reported soon after People Against Gangsterism & Drugs (Pagad) made its dramatic claim on public attention through its involvement in the killing of a Cape Flats gangster, Rashaad Staggie (see *Current Affairs* August 16 1996). The reference was to the degree of influence within Pagad of Islamic fundamentalists.

On Monday this week the home of a prominent Jewish resident of Newlands, Cape Town, was firebombed, causing R200 000 damage. The target may have been the Jewish Book Centre at the house; and the attack was followed by telephone threats against a Jewish old age home and a synagogue.

Police are investigating a possible link between the bombing and a Muslim march on the Israeli embassy on Saturday.

Inflammatory anti-Semitic posters were displayed during the march and the level of religious hatred was high. The demonstration was in sympathy with Palestinians in the West Bank town of Hebron, where the

depiction of the Prophet Mohammed as a pig has seriously damaged prospects for peace in the Middle East.

The protest took place in the same week as the murder of Pagad national secretary Sharief Khan, who was shot dead outside a mosque following an altercation. Khan was buried on Thursday and received a full-scale shotgun salute from masked Pagad supporters.

Just after Khan's death, a man said to be associated with a Pagad faction expelled by the vigilante group was arrested; he is being held in custody and his family has fled to escape possible reprisals.

The real question is whether the anti-Israel demonstrators, the bombing and Pagad are linked. Police were this week investigating whether the Newlands attack

was "politically religious" in motivation. Such a connection, if proved, would be devastating to Pagad's avowals that it is a genuine community-based organisation; senior Islamic leaders have condemned the bombing and the threats.

It could be, however, that whoever carried out the bombing represents a radical faction that might well have Pagad links. The graveside salute to Khan defied a standing order against the carrying of weapons at public gatherings but a police spokesman confessed that "if we had taken action, it would have led to a bloodbath."

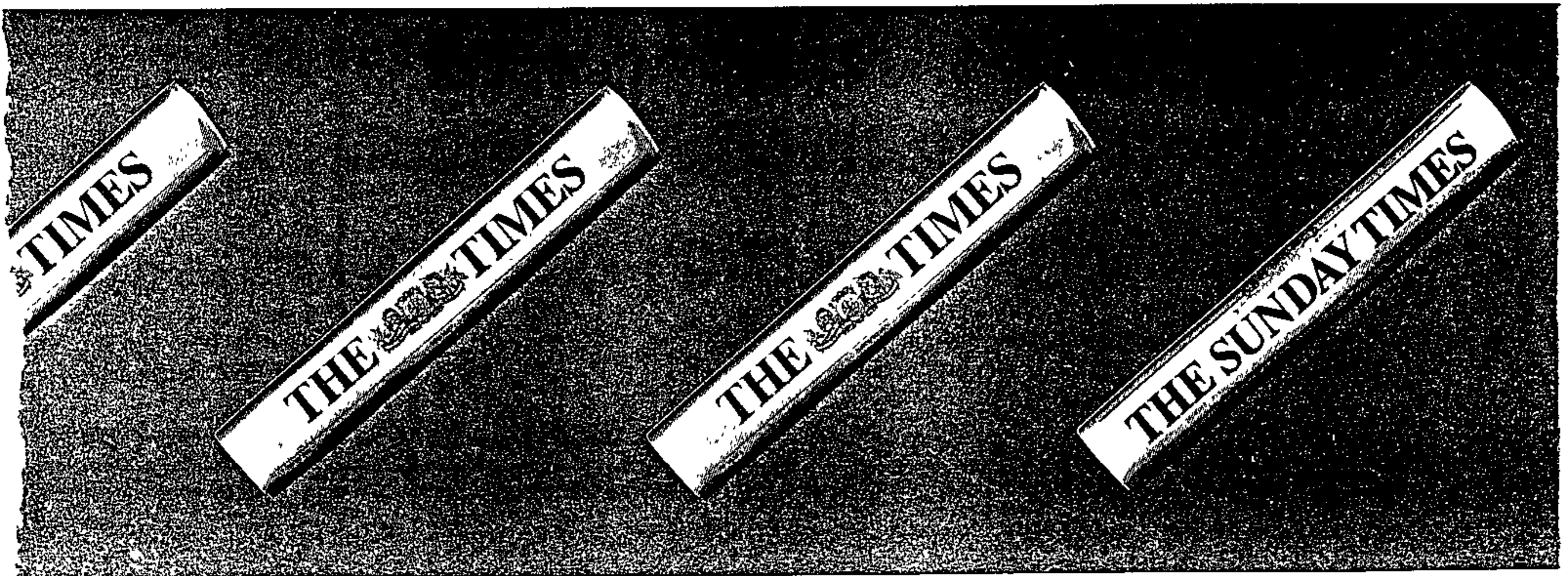
Furthermore, when Pagad first came into the open, one of its then leaders claimed the group could, if it wished, call on the fundamentalist militias Hamas and Hezbollah for assistance. Subsequent splits within

Pagad leave open the question of whether its fundamentalist orientation does, indeed, provide the leeway for extremists to operate within its ranks.

The fact remains that Pagad militants are on hand to display weapons and discipline. And anti-gangster and anti-Israel feelings do have one thing in common: hatred of the existing order. Community and religious tensions may be converging in the minds of at least some armed Islamic activists. Peter Wilhelm



Pagad on the march . . . just another community organisation?



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MORE SECURITY NEEDED ON STREETS

# City unsafe, say fencers

**THE FACILITIES** may be good and the events start on time, but if Cape Town wants the Olympics, it must improve its security, **DALE GRANGER** and **FATIMA SCHROEDER** report.

**F**RENCH double Olympic fencing gold medalist Laura Flessel loves Cape Town, but says overseas competitors feel unsafe and are scared to walk the streets of the city after several violent attacks on visiting fencers.

Fencers at the Cullenborg Exhibition Centre told yesterday of money being stolen from their hotel rooms earlier this week.

Cuban fencer Iván Trejevo said his wallet was stolen from his hotel room while he was out training.

"I think the money was stolen by someone who works at the hotel," an angry Trejevo said.

This is in contrast to claims by Cape Town Central police chief Director Raymond Dowd that this year's World Fencing Championships were virtually crime free.

Dowd claims the city's security at the championships has been successful in curbing crime. "Only two incidents have been reported. Obviously the policing systems must then be very good."

However Flessel, 26, said she was particularly shaken by the violent attack on veteran French fencer Guy Colin, who was robbed by five men armed with knives outside the Tulbagh Protea Hotel.

Colin, 74, and a fellow Frenchman were walking to his hotel when the muggers stabbed him in the head and upper torso. He was rushed to City Park Hospital.

"I'm not angry. It can happen anywhere, but I think better security is needed if Cape Town wants to host the Olympic Games," he said.

Flessel said the crime and violence had been a major talking point among the visiting fencers.

She and her husband, French journalist Denis Colovic, said a second Frenchman, a Pole, and a Hungarian were also mugged at knife-point last week, and this week another Pole and Hungarian were robbed at gunpoint.

"Yes, you can host the Olympics," she said. "The organization and facilities have been

good and everything always started on time. The only insecurity is crime and we never felt safe walking in the streets of the city."

What sickened us (about the attack) was that two of the (French) men attacked were old people," said Colovic.

He described Atlanta as a city with the same problems, it is also a violent place," but added: "It was no problem (at the Olympics). You could not walk for 2m without seeing a cop. We never saw the same thing in Cape Town."

A Russian journalist was mugged and threatened in Woodstock on Saturday by four men armed with knives. The muggers took his passport and money. Two Ukrainians also claimed that money was stolen from them.

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# 'Cruel, stupid, pathetic' - fury as community cops go

## *Residents fear crime wave*

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ASHLEY SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

Capetonians fear crime will spiral out of control if rent-a-cop projects are disbanded following a national police directive.

Western Cape police at grassroots level have also condemned the decision to "fire" their community police colleagues.

A Cape Argus team last night canvassed opinions on a police decision to stop more than 300 rent-a-cops from operating in Cape Town - and found locals fuming.

Prostitutes, policemen and residents expressed fears that an unprecedented crime wave was about to hit the Mother City and called the decision "pathetic".

Policemen at a station in the city centre expressed disappointment with senior management's decision. "I hope the whole of Cape Town supports the rent-a-cops, because we as policemen know what a difference they've made in our battle against crime. In the city centre alone crime is down by 20 percent," said one policeman.

Another said the decision to disband the rent-a-cops was "cruel" and "stupid".

"There is this rent-a-cop who got married last month and now he is sitting without work. Who will support his family?"

Daniel Mwelase from Khayelitsha described the decision as "a bad thing".

"Their decision is going to have several other implications, including that these rent-a-cops will be out of work. Some of them may even turn to crime themselves, as they have nothing to fall back on."

David Williams said he was disgusted the rent-a-cops were being "thrown to the dogs".

"In Sea Point these guys helped to exercise control over the nightclubs in the area and now that they're gone it will be business as usual for the pimps, drug dealers and racketeers," he said.

Natasha, a prostitute who works in Sea Point, said many sex workers in the area feared for their safety.

"The girls are very upset and they feel vulnerable again because the rent-a-cops offered some protection from perverts who try to beat up and hurt them," she said.

Isaac Pekeche from Green Point said his community needed rent-a-cops as it was no longer safe to walk on the streets at night.



'Crime is rising': Riaan van Biljon



'Bad decision': Daniel Mwelase



'Private police': Bernard Gotkin



'Needed': Brenda Gaya and Isaac Pekeche

# Outrage as rent-a-cop scrapped

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*Crime surge feared*  
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**JOHAN SCHRONEN, ANDREA WEISS  
AND CHENÉ BLIGNAUT**  
STAFF REPORTERS

**A row has broken out over urgent orders from police headquarters to disband the highly successful rent-a-cop programme immediately.**

Police have pulled the plug on the community police programme, ostensibly because reservists may not be paid by private companies, but police sources suggest that the real reason is that Pretoria fears it is losing control.

The move could set off a surge in crime statistics in the central business district, the Atlantic seaboard and on trains where community police, all trained reservists, are currently deployed.

The police area commissioner for Cape Town, Raymond Dowd, said he understood the controversy over paying reservists but that the contribution of community patrol officers in the CBD was "immeasurable".

"These so-called rent-a-cops are a big factor in the 30 percent drop in crime in the city centre and city bowl," he said.

"There are about 70 reservists in the scheme in my service, of whom about 30 at any given time are deployed to enhance visible policing.

"These officers are professional, dedicated people who put the lid on crime, especially in problem areas such as Government Avenue, where muggings are now at an all-time low," said Director Dowd.

He warned he might have to close at least one satellite reporting office in his area if the disbandment went ahead.

Police commuter unit boss André van Huysteen, whose unit serves on trains and railway stations, said he was shocked by the announcement.

"I have about 50 community police on my books and they have contributed tremendously to safety and security on trains, which have been plagued by roving gangs of muggers," said Superintendent Van Huysteen.

"The departure of my very willing and able contingent of rent-a-cops will leave a big gap in policing on the trains."

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# Rent-A-Cop

project may

be stopped

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DAN SIMON

THE highly successful anti-crime project Rent-A-Cop, which enjoys financial and public support from the city's business community, Metrorail and the city council, is in danger of being terminated.

The SA Police Services yesterday issued instructions that the project — together with similar projects elsewhere in the country — be stopped with "immediate effect", saying their existence was "questionable" as they did not conform to legislation or to treasury instructions and could cause serious legal difficulties for the service.

The move could see a possible escalation of crime in the CBD and Sea Point if the 140 reservists, who function as highly visible bobbies on the beat, are pulled off the streets, police sources said.

Police spokesman Senior Superintendent John Sterrenberg said the instructions to stop the project were being studied by the province's top police management to determine the effects on existing projects.

City of Cape Town councillor Mr Chris Joubert, who is chairman of the Central City Patrol Board which collects the money to pay the reservists, said he was "deeply disturbed" by the news.

However, he said the police head office instruction had to be treated with caution at this stage as he was yet to meet with Safety and Security Minister Mr Sydney Mufamadi and National Commissioner George Fivaz.

The Rent-A-Cop concept came about over two years ago, at a time when crime levels in the city were increasing alarmingly.

In order to get the project off the ground the city's business community, the city council and Metrorail rallied together to collect funds to pay for the increased police manpower.

The police vetted all the reservists applying for the advertised posts. They were mainly drawn from disadvantaged communities such as Langa, Guguletu and Mitchells Plain.

# Cold comfort as crime rate drops in Cape

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LINDSAY BARNES

CRIME DESK

AR 24/7/97

The Western Cape still has the country's highest per capita murder rate, but crime has taken a downturn in the province in spite of the public perception that the opposite is true, says the regional police research unit.

Between January and March there were 19,7 murders per 100 000 people in the province, compared with the Northern Province's figure of 19,2 and the national average of 13,6.

Overall crime in the province dropped 4,2 percent compared with the first three months of last year, according to the police crime information management centre's quarterly report.

Yet a perception persists that nothing has changed. To a large extent this can be attributed to an increase in the number of people who are victims of multiple crimes and the exposure of people to violence such as hijackings, armed robberies and organised crime activities, the report says.

The media played a role in formulating this perception with sensational reporting and front-page coverage of violent attacks, said superintendent Bertie Mollentze.

At the same time, media coverage had probably led to a more informed public who in turn were able to provide better quality information to detectives.

People had become more informed of their rights thanks to the Constitution's Bill of Rights and this had probably led to an increase in reporting of crimes, said the centre's Ursula Smit. School education programmes on rape and drug and alcohol abuse and anti-crime drives had added to increased anti-crime awareness, she said.

# Cape Town — from wine route to drug route

Gustav Thiel

**H**ENNIE MARAIS, Western Cape director of the South African Narcotics Bureau, is resigned to his officers doing little more than watching the drugs coming into the city, and occasionally checking the flow. They no longer bother with daggas, or even with releasing information about their successes in drug convictions.

"There are 100 000 dealers in Cape Town who will never be caught," he says. "The trade in the city is too big... drugs will never be eradicated. We will just do our job to the best of our ability."

Somehow, Marais still manages to say that he is "optimistic".

The reality is that Cape Town, in the past two years, has been given a new identity — as a world drug capital. South Africa has taken a central position on international drug routes that stretch from South America, around Europe to the Middle and Far East. And with that new position, crack cocaine has flooded the Mother City.

"South Africa, in particular Cape Town, has become a major depository for drugs," says Scott Lindsay, the director of the Cape Town Drug Coun-

selling Centre. "There is very little control over the flow of drugs in and out of the city. Drug use is rampant."

The result is that crack houses have sprung up across the city, bringing with them a growing army of addicts and overdose victims who line the corridors of counselling centres.

"The hit provided by crack is far more intense than coke," Lindsay says. "The problem is that the downer after the euphoria is far more intense and the drugs also far more addictive."

"People who were able to maintain a long-term drug habit on daggas, Mandrax or cocaine now find themselves unable to cope with crack."

"I can tell you many stories about people who maintained coke habits and could carry on working. Crack changed this. It is cheaper, used by everybody, and will make the drug problem here completely unmanageable if the authorities do not wake up. We are facing one enormous problem."

The city's drug dealers, of course, have never been happier.

Manuel (29) has been dealing in the central business district for 10 years — one of 1 000 big-time dealers, he says, who work for local

South American, Italian, Chinese and Indian gangs.

Manuel's Brazilian parents say he has a right to deal in drugs because he can't find a normal job. Initially, he struggled: clients hailed from the Cape Flats and mainly wanted daggas and Mandrax. Now business is thriving.

"The public has no idea what is going on in the drug industry, because they are fed the wrong information about the amount of drugs that are going around and the amount of people that use drugs," he grins.

"I am a small dealer, but I have more than 1 000 regular customers. There are more than 1 000 bigger dealers in the city, which shows how many people actually use drugs." Other dealers back his claims.

While he's talking, Manuel takes a call on his cellphone from his supplier in Gugulethu, the black township on the outskirts of the city. The supplier offers 1 000 Ecstasy tablets at R40 each, which Manuel reckons he can sell for R100 each.

"It is no problem to get rid of 1 000 Ecstasy tablets," says Manuel. "It is

now one of the most popular. It is not true that this drug is only used by youngsters going to rave parties. Rich business people also use it for entertainment and to improve their sex lives. The drug is cheap and gives a huge rush."

The trade spreads across Cape Town, with the favoured narcotic determined by the average income in each area. On the Cape Flats, in poorer areas like Athlone, Belhar and Grassy Park, Mandrax, crack, and daggas hold sway. In more affluent areas, cocaine and Ecstasy do well. School children in

the CBD go for daggas and Ecstasy. Steven (20) was studying chemistry until he decided he could do better selling cocaine, crack and Ecstasy from his campus room to clients in Bishopscourt, Constantia and Hout Bay. "Models, people in the film, music and advertising industries and business people are really into these drugs," he says. "You won't believe the amount of coke I can move in a weekend, easily 100 grams. I've now started selling to politicians."

"I sell 2 000 Ecstasy tablets a

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week. Everybody wants the drug. I recently witnessed a shipment coming into Cape Town with 100 000 tablets. It was amazing. People are getting rich off the drug trade and it is not only the gangsters who are involved anymore."

A gram of cocaine sells for around R300, Ecstasy for R100 a tablet, Mandrax R20 and crack around R70 for one rock. Daggas is still by far the cheapest, going for around R50 for a full plastic bag and around R20 for a stuffed banana leaf. Capetonians now openly smoke daggas at several nightclubs and pubs. "We're only going after hard drug dealers," Hen-

ry Marais notes. Peter (21), who looks after cars in a CBD car park, buys daggas for his clients as easily as he buys cigarettes. He has a rather tougher time securing crack, mainly from crack houses in Woodstock. "These people will kill you in a second," he says. "You don't fuck around there."

Cadeep, an old man from the Cape Flats, runs a crack house in Woodstock. He's reluctant to talk. "What do I have to gain?" he says. "I want everything nice and silent. Crack is now finally making me rich. Fuck off and write what you like."

# 'Children rule the streets and it must stop now'

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## *Tourist attacked, stabbed*

LINDSAY BARNES  
CRIME DESK

Street children are turning Cape Town into a dangerous environment in which to do business, says the Cape Chamber of Commerce.

Any action taken to solve the issue of street children had to be supported as the youngsters posed a "growing problem", said chamber president Ali Gierdien.

"Street children are robbing tourists on our streets, harassing and mugging Capetonians and making the city and its streets an unpleasant and dangerous environment in which to do business."

A member of the staff of the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art, Barbara Burn, 57, was walking with two teenagers from the Waterfront to the Victoria Junction Hotel at the weekend when she was attacked and robbed by a gang of street children, one a girl armed with a knife. She was stabbed and seriously injured.

Mr Gierdien said little action had been taken to ease the street children situation. Over the years his organisation had had numerous meetings with city officials, councillors and representatives of shelters, homes and churches.

"In spite of this there has been little progress in solving the problem and we are concerned that government at all levels lacks a plan to manage this growing problem," he said. The Government had indi-

cated it did not have the funds and while many non-government organisations were doing wonderful work with street children, the problem remained.

"The stage has now been reached where we believe any action taken to alleviate the problem must be supported," he said.

But it would be more productive if the chamber offered financial help to those working with street children, said Vuyani Ngcuka, a board member of Masihlume, a city centre organisation that helps homeless people and street children and provides them with skills training.

"We work our buns into a twist to get people off the streets in a dignified way. We have to allow them to work at their own pace and cannot force them to go," he said.

"Street children are a major problem but they land on our streets because of terrible circumstances. The real issue is that they are being run by gangsters."

People had two sets of values when it came to children: one for "normal kids" and the other a blanket hate for street children. He did not condone their behaviour when they contravened the law but they suffered terribly. They were raped and sodomised.

"The bottom line is to re-socialise and reintegrate these youngsters into society. If we let them slip through our fingers it means we will have an entire lost generation. We are trying to heal our society," Mr Ngcuka said.

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# NEW CRIME BLOW TO CAPE

## Fears drive world 4x4 launch out of

HENRI DU PLESSIS AND CHENÉ BUGHAUT  
STAFF REPORTERS

Foreign perceptions about crime have dealt another serious blow to the Western Cape tourism industry with the cancellation of a big international vehicle launch in Cape Town.

Land-Rover's new Freelander would have been unveiled to about 3 000 foreign guests, including the world's motoring

media, later this year at a launch in the city expected to cost an estimated R6-million.

But Cape Town was scrapped as the venue after invited foreign delegates expressed concern about the level of crime here, a Land-Rover of South Africa spokesman confirmed. The possible new venue is in Spain.

Tourism experts expressed disappointment and concern about the cancellation of the launch, which would have meant huge financial spin-offs and maximum international exposure for the city.

This blow comes while the city's tourism industry is reeling from the announcement that the successful rent-a-cop scheme will be disbanded, raising fears that crime will soar in the city centre.

The 3 000 foreign guests to the launch would have stayed in the city's hotels in groups for six weeks. "We cannot put a monetary value on Cape Town's loss, but

other people have offered figures in the region of about R6-million," said Land-Rover public relations manager Bruce Robertson.

He said the cancellation was a result of concern about unacceptably high crime rather than the actual situation.

"At the end of the day, a lot of negative concerns were expressed by a number of international delegates and we decided to cancel. The last thing you need is for some-

thing to go wrong after you've insisted on going to a particular venue your guests had reservations about," Mr Robertson said.

"At the moment it seems as if Spain will be the venue, but the final decision has yet to be made."

Western Cape Tourism Board chairman David Jack said the decision to cancel the launch of a leading product, which

and potential visitors.

Hugh von Zahn, chairman of the Western Cape Tourism Business Council, described the loss of income as "tragic".

"One has to ask oneself what is being done about crime and what wheels are turning to change the situation."

He said attempts to secure the inner city had failed because of a lack of capability in the police, justice and prisons departments.

On the disbanding of rent-a-cops, Mr Von Zahn said: "It is retrogressive. I feel we are constantly moving backwards."

Captour chairman Gordon Oliver, who was involved in earlier talks with Land-Rover about the city, was "disturbed" about the cancellation.

It once again justified calls from the tourism industry for the country and the city to "get a grip" on the crime situation.

The local promoters of the launch cited "commercial reasons" for the cancellation.

Shaun Blake, managing director of promoters The Inside Edge, accused Mr Robertson of having "a big mouth" and questioned Land-Rover's professionalism for pulling out several months before the scheduled launch.

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# 'Talk to us, or be prepared for war'

## Gangsters set deadline for meetings with authorities

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JOSEPH ARANES  
STAFF REPORTER

Gangsters who claim to have reformed have given the authorities until Monday, the anniversary of Rashaad Staggie's death, to meet them and avoid a war between them and Pagad.

In Belhar yesterday, the leadership of Community Outreach Forum (Core), the reformed gangsters' organisation, said they were frustrated that in spite of their year-long efforts to avoid a war and calls to engage the Government about development and job opportunities for drug dealers, they had not had any positive feedback.

In the past year, Core had campaigned to end inter-gang rivalry and had been to schools to urge pupils to steer clear of gangs as the life was filled with danger.

Several times they had called on the Government and Pagad to have talks with them about ending their involvement in the drug trade and creating alternative programmes to generate income for drug dealers.

They say that their pleas fell on deaf ears and instead, Pagad had intensified its campaign of terror against alleged drug dealers and gangsters.



LEON MULLER

Core: Kashief Joshua, Ernie Peters, Rashied Staggie, Ivan Waldeck, Claude Julius, Kaldimola Madatt and Chris Patterson

Executive member Rashied Staggie said they were "sick and tired" of the threats, bombings and shootings.

"Nobody gave us any credit for our peace initiative which resulted in a dramatic reduction in crime on the Cape Flats. Yet in spite of all Pagad's criminal deeds, the Government is prepared to speak to them.

"Now they have called on their supporters and the whole Muslim community to ignore the country's constitution and laws and kill drug dealers and gangsters on sight.

"If they want a war they must declare it so we can pick up our weapons and fight them. When this fighting is over, calm can return to our communities which have been under

constant threat by their cowardly attacks," Mr Staggie said.

Pagad was leading decent people, correctly concerned about the drug issue, to the slaughter, he said.

Fellow Core executive member Ernie Peters said Pagad was mistaken in thinking it could win a war against the gangsters: "We have been engaged in wars for a large part of our lives and did not emerge like them (Pagad) from their mothers' houses where the refrigerators were filled with food. We don't go around with our faces covered and shoot the houses of innocent people."

Core chairman Ivan Waldeck said although he was against violence, he could understand the frustration and anger being felt by other members of the organisation.

"I am appealing to President Mandela, Justice Minister Dullah Omar and Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi to find the time to meet us so we can still avoid this imminent bloodbath," Mr Waldeck said.

Core will hold commemoration services for Rashaad Staggie at the Greens Sportsfield in Manenberg and in London Road, Salt River on Monday.

Pagad spokesman Cassiem Parker said the organisation did not respond to gangsters.



# Worcester crime fight 'crippled'

## Police, community forums split by racial tensions

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CRIME DESK

Crime-fighting in the scenic town of Worcester, which has an unacceptably high rate of violent crime, is being crippled by racial tensions.

The police service and three community policing forums are allegedly beset by racial infighting which they say will have to be resolved at a higher level so they can turn their attention to criminals.

While the police service nationally is being supported by thousands of community policing forums, in Worcester the forum set up three years ago has split, along racial lines, into three.

Worcester mayor Riyahd Williams said the police lacked credibility and it was the task of a forum to help boost policing.

"I would like to see a fully-functioning forum as soon as possible so the community can fulfil its watchdog role."

Pat Horn, chairperson of one of the forums, the original Worcester forum, said Worcester police management was still dominated by whites and this frustrated and divided staff. Intervention at provincial level was needed.

Mr Horn referred to possible legal action by the police union Popcorn against police management for alleged racism. Nine police union members were suspended from work seven months ago but were reinstated recently after winning a court case.

In the greater Worcester area rape and alcohol-induced assault are rife, as are petty crimes such as shoplifting, theft out



**New deals:** rural sub-forum chairperson De Wet Latagan, police acting head of crime prevention Adri Kriel and Zwelethemba sub-forum chairperson Elizabeth Bushwana

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of motor vehicles, armed robbery and housebreakings.

While the Boland had almost 70 police stations, a large percentage of crimes occurred in Worcester, said Worcester acting head of crime prevention Adri Kriel.

The Worcester community policing forum was launched three years ago. Early in 1995 provincial Police Minister Gerald

Morkel refused to recognise it officially.

Members of the community apparently complained to the minister's office that the election of the executive committee had not been democratic.

Mr Horn said the forum had continued to operate regardless. "Crime has increased a lot and the community is worried. The forum cannot step down because

there are issues it has to deal with. We will remain functional until the community decides otherwise," he said.

He believes the complaint was a case of "sour grapes" by whites who did not like the racial composition of the new committee. It comprised one white, two blacks and four coloured people.

At the time, he said, invitations to the election meeting were sent to all organisations involved but few white people attended. He could not say why they stayed away.

As a result of the ensuing turmoil, two sub-forums were established, one representing the large rural area of Worcester, the other representing Zwelethemba, the black township.

Chairperson of the Zwelethemba forum Elizabeth Bushwana said her community had decided to go it alone last year out of frustration over how the Worcester police dictated to the Worcester forum.

De Wet Latagan, chairperson of the rural forum, said his forum operated effectively, hand in hand with the police. Its six executive members - half white and half coloured - represent about 20 rural organisations and serve within a 30 km radius of Worcester. "They intend staying separate.

"People agree that we will operate best as three sub-forums with an overall umbrella body," he said.

But there are allegations that the coloured members representing farm labourers are just "window dressing" and that the white component has the control.

Mr Horn said he had tried his utmost to bring the forums together and he would continue working to unite them.

# Bomb attacks on homes of Pagad members

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## STAFF WRITERS

WEEKEND skirmishes between the anti-drugs group Pagad and gangs boiled over on the Cape Flats last night, when the homes of two Pagad members were targets of separate bomb attacks.

The attacks in Crawford and Mitchell's Plain followed several earlier attacks on the homes of suspected drug dealers and gangsters.

It is believed that two other homes of Pagad members, in Bishop Lavis and

Rylands, also came under attack, but no details were available early this morning.

Suspected Pagad members were involved in a gun battle with the owner of a house in Lotus River early yesterday.

Two petrol bombs were also thrown at a house in Romelia Crescent, Athlone in a second attack believed to have been carried out by Pagad members.

Police suspect last night's attacks were co-ordinated by gangs, striking back after the earlier weekend attacks.

An explosive device — believed to be a hand-grenade — was thrown at a house in Thoinnton Road, Crawford, about 10pm. Nobody was injured. The family fled.

Police said three men were seen running away after the bombing.

A petrol bomb was also thrown at another house in London Village, Mitchell's Plain. No one was injured.

Although police were reluctant to confirm whether the targets were Pagad members, an unidentified police source said: "We suspect the attacks are related

to the ongoing violence between Pagad and the gangs as the owners of both houses were Muslim people."

In other weekend attacks:

● Friday — A hand-grenade was thrown at the Grassy Park home of Pagad executive member Mr Moegsien Heivel.

No one was injured.

● Saturday — Four gunmen opened fire on a Lenteguur, Mitchell's Plain, house about 8pm. A home-made bomb thrown at the house failed to explode.

● Yesterday — Two petrol bombs were thrown at a house in Romelia Crescent, Athlone.

● Yesterday — A street battle erupted after gunmen attacked a house in First Avenue, Lotus River.

The attackers, believed by police to be linked to the anti-drugs group Pagad, fired on the house and the owner retreated.

Members of the police's special task team arrived on the scene during the gun battle, and were also fired upon by suspected Pagad members.

# Murders down, but Cape is hell for kids

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LINDSAY BARNES  
CRIME DESK

## INSIDE STORY

The Cape Argus is spending this week focusing on a range of issues as post-bid blues leave many Capetonians wondering about the city's future. Today Lindsay Barnes looks at crime and what is being done about it. See page 14.

The Western Cape's murder rate has begun to drop for the first time since the new government came to power, according to statistics released today by provincial police head Leon Wessels.

But shocking figures for cruelty and ill-treatment of children in the Western Cape - excluding sexual offences, assault and murder - remain the highest in South Africa.

A total of 246 cases was reported between January and June.

Surprisingly, more businesses were broken into in the Western Cape than in Gauteng during the same period. Only slightly more homes were burgled in Johannesburg than in the Western Cape.

White-collar crime has risen by 22% in

the Western Cape since 1994, and the province is second only to Gauteng in the number of incidents per 100 000 people.

Western Cape statistics for drug-related crimes are way ahead of other provinces, but have declined by 9% since last year.

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KwaZulu Natal for illegal possession of guns and ammunition.

The statistics, which compare the first half of this year to the corresponding periods in the previous three years, show that murders in the Western Cape have dropped by more than 6% per 100 000 people compared with last year's rate. But attempted murders rose by almost 7% and vehicle theft by 11%.

The lower murder figure could be attributed to a change in gang dynamics after the murder of Rashaad Staggie last August, said Wilfried Schärf, director of the University of Cape Town's Institute of Criminology.

But the truce among gangs evident from last September began dissolving last month at the commemoration of Staggie's death.

The police report said that recent legislation regulating the taxi industry had possibly contributed to the reduction of the murder rate.

Western Cape murders per 100 000 people rose by 16% from 1994 to 1995 and by 10% from 1995 to 1996. The figures were based on the 1991 census.

The province still holds the dubious distinction of the most murders per 100 000 people - 37,8 from January to June this year.

Meanwhile, the number of rapes continues to rise in the Western Cape and is on a par with Gauteng for January to June this year when there were 81,4 for every 100 000 people. Rape figures have increased a whopping 30% since 1994.

# City 'getting to grips with crime rate'

## Poverty and unemployment also must be addressed to solve problem

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At last, there is good news. Violent crime levels have stabilised in Cape Town this year due to the structures now being in place on many fronts to fight the perpetrators.

But Cape Town must start a co-ordinated effort to address its socio-economic problems of unemployment, homelessness and poverty if it is to make a serious dent in crime, according to Cape Town central police commissioner Raymond Dowd.

Crime levels will naturally increase each year in tandem with the population increase. The focus must be shifted onto the greater issues of poverty and social upliftment if any real difference is to be made, he said.

With the full support of the national Government, the National Party-led provincial government has mobilised to a point where it may force crime levels into a decline, said Professor Wilfried Schärf, director of the University of Cape Town's Institute of Criminology.

This year, the provincial government set up a multi-department ini-

has played a major role.

Community policing forums have gone a long way to improving working relations between communities and the police. It is hoped a training programme will help police implement the philosophy of community policing in every facet of their work.

From 1993 to 1995, crime began escalating in response to the period of transition, a syndrome Professor Schärf refers to as transitionitis.

"It has to do with the state focussing inwards on its own transformation.

"The old systems of social control were dismantled, namely the apartheid security police and the policing system. The new social control structures only began to take shape and started working from 1994."

This meant the police had to rely on an evidence-based - instead of confession-based - form of investigation. The result was morale dropped substantially.

The Bill of Rights was introduced by the new Government and this was

perceived by many police officials as an obstruction to their success. Affirmative action caused considerable anxiety and demoralisation in the service and this is still prevalent to an extent, he said.

The offer of lucrative retrenchment packages led to a drain of experienced and capable members. With the internationalisation of South Africa's drug trade from 1994, drug dealers have moved towards "western" drugs such as cocaine and crack (crystallised cocaine), becoming more powerful and wealthy far quicker than before. The police have been caught flat-footed, Prof Schärf said.

Furthermore, all energies being spent in fighting the illegal drugs trade and gangsterism have focussed on supply reduction rather than demand reduction and development programmes.

The extent of white-collar crime in

within police stations, the better use of resources and strategic analyses of when and where crime is high, said Professor Schärf.

Much of the Cape Flats is dominated by gangs which are now firmly entrenched in the huge international drug industry. With the internationalisation of South Africa's drug trade from 1994, drug dealers have moved towards "western" drugs such as cocaine and crack (crystallised cocaine), becoming more powerful and wealthy far quicker than before. The police have been caught flat-footed, Prof Schärf said.

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The extent of white-collar crime in

Cape Town is difficult to identify. The electronic explosion in the country in the past five years has created enormous opportunities for a new range of criminals from con artists at automatic teller machines to sophisticated computer hackers.

"This is an area in which crime has grown way beyond police capacity." The transition period has given rise to a "loot and scoot" syndrome in which criminals unsure of the country's future have plundered millions of rands and vanished.

"People are very aware the criminal justice system has a relatively low capacity to apprehend perpetrators of crimes."

The complete eradication of crime is a "pipe dream", but Cape Town is as safe as any international city, said Director Dowd.

The present high crime rate is being exacerbated by people desperate for work pouring into the city.

There has been a definite increase this year in the number of people walking the city centre's streets look-

ing for work.

The result is a rise in anti-social behaviour such as drunkenness, fighting and urinating in public as well as minor violations of the law.

The Western Cape government must look at a system of social security, said Director Dowd.

The city has a high rate of unemployment, but ironically our society does not fully accommodate entrepreneurship, said Co-ordinated Action with Street People's (Casp) Debi Diamond.

"If people cannot find work, they will steal. It's human nature. People need work in order to feel part of a society."

"The powers that be and non-governmental organisations must provide the services that make it unnecessary for people to come onto the streets," she said.

Human resources must be developed, said Gerald Morkel's spokesman David Frost.

A lack of interactive skills to deal with interpersonal conflict contributes to the high number of violent attacks.

## INSIDE STORY



The Western Cape government has at last set up the necessary structures to take crime into a decline, reports LINDSAY BARNES

tative, the Integrated Planning Group. Importantly, the high-powered strategy group draws on all civil society institutions including religious organisations in its anti-crime drive.

Other organisations have added their weight to the anti-crime lobby in the Western Cape:

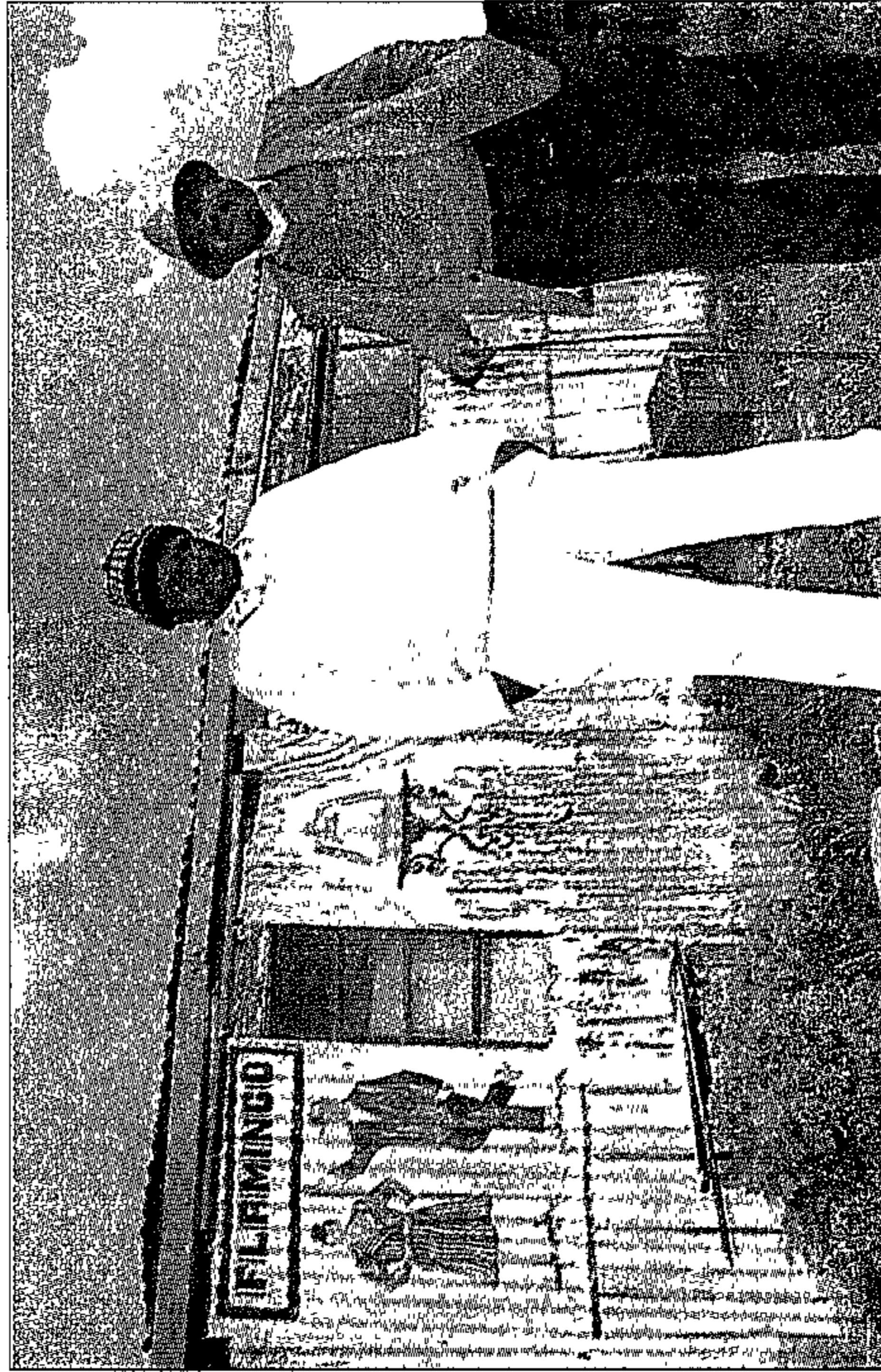
Violence in the taxi industry has dropped off after intervention by the Taxi Task Team in which the Urban Monitoring Awareness Committee

Gang menace: the threat of death at the hands of gangsters hangs over the heads of Phillippi youths Michael Dyasa and Christoff Gugu as they attempt to look unconcerned on their stroll past Brown's Farm to a general dealer. A friend of theirs was killed nearby recently for walking in the 'wrong' area. 'We are going to buy cards (for prepaid electricity metres)

and the only place is at this market (indicating nearby). We are worried we might be robbed or shot. We are scared to carry weapons because the police search us. If you are caught, you will be accused of being involved with a gang. We have to walk here. If we get mugged, we get mugged. Then we will lose our money. If we are not mugged, we are lucky."



OBEID ZILWA



Things fall apart: Jackson Khandisa and Joe Lindani outside a house in Brown's Farm near Phillippi. Mr Lindani says: "(Crime) has got to the stage where girls can no longer have respect as girls. Boys are going to girls' homes and demanding the girl (for sex) in front of their parents. They (the boys) have guns and there is nothing the parents can

do. If they tell the girl to go with them, she has to. It's unacceptable. If you have young kids, you don't live in peace. You don't know if they are safe. I can't say what the cause of this is. Sometimes you mustn't be too forward (in questioning this behaviour) because these things can turn around and come to you. That is why the community is not strong."

# School protection measures slammed

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Teachers and residents in Guguletu are up in arms over the apparent inability of the police and Western Cape Education Department to safeguard the lives of pupils and teachers.

On the first day security guards were deployed at schools, a guard shot himself in the thigh and five gangsters harassed pupils and teachers at another school.

This was revealed at a joint task team meeting of police, schools and community police forums yesterday at Guguletu police station.

At Guguletu Comprehensive School five gangsters allegedly scaled the fence and demanded to see certain pupils. A teacher said teachers and pupils felt intimidated as at least one of the trespassers was armed.

One of the security guards on duty was apparently complaining to the principal at the time about the lack of resources while the other was guarding the school's front gate. The deputy principal gave chase but had to flee themselves when the gang fired at them.

Task team chairman Sto Jaxa said this was indicative of the Western Cape Education Department's inability to deal with the problem.

Teachers also criticised police and army personnel who were supposed to be on duty at secondary schools at the time. "It seems that some police are not serious," said Mr Jaxa.

An Education Department spokesman encouraged community support to help protect schools.

HIGHEST MURDER RATIO

# Western Cape most dangerous province

IN THE FIRST half of this year, there were 37,8 murders to 100 000 people in the Western Cape, Political Correspondent **DONWALD PRESSLY** reports.

**K**WAZULU-NATAL still heads the murder statistics for the nine provinces — but the number of murders, as a ratio of provincial populations, shows that it is rapidly becoming a safer place.

The Western Cape has taken over as the most dangerous province with the highest ratio of murders to population — 37,8 murders to 100 000 people in the first six months of this year.

Kwazulu-Natal still has the highest number of recorded murders, but these have to be seen in the context of its high population in comparison with the other provinces.

According to figures submitted by national police commissioner Mr George Fivaz to the portfolio committee on safety and security, 1 476 murders were reported to the police in the Western Cape in the first six months of this year. The figure is an all-time high for the province.

In KwaZulu-Natal the number was 2 811, in Gauteng 2 530 and in the Eastern Cape 2 027.

The picture in KwaZulu-Natal has changed since the first six months of 1994 — the year of the country's first non-racial elections — when it was undoubtedly the most dangerous province to live in.

In 1994, 4 314 murders were reported. This translated into 50,7 murders to each 100 000 people in KwaZulu-Natal.

In Gauteng in the same period, there were 3 115 murders or 45,3 murders among 100 000 people.

In the Western Cape in the first six months of this year, there were 37,8 murders to 100 000 people.

This compares with the ratio of 34,1 in Gauteng, 33,5 in the Northern Cape and 30,7 in KwaZulu-Natal.

In the first six months of 1994 in the Western Cape, there

were 1 232 murders. The figure for the first half of this year was 19,8% higher.

In KwaZulu-Natal, the number of murders in the first half of this year was 34,8% lower than that in the same period in 1994.

The number of murders has also declined significantly in Northern Province from 559 to 443 murders — a decrease of 20,8%.

The breakdown for the nine provinces, with the figures for 1994 given first, is:

- Western Cape 1 232 and 1 476 (up 19,8%);
- Eastern Cape 1 965 and 2 027 (up 3,2%);
- Free State 638 and 594 (down 6,9%);
- Gauteng 3 115 and 2 530 (down 18,8%);
- KwaZulu-Natal 4 314 and 2 811 (down 34,8%);
- Mpumalanga 530 and 655 (up 23,8%);
- North West 658 and 606 (down 7,9%);
- Northern Cape 246 and 252 (up 2,4%);
- Northern Province 559 and 443 (down 20,8%).

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# Pagad, Staggie in showdown

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**YOUTHFUL FERVOUR:** A Pagad supporter chants slogans outside court where Pagad leader Abdus-Salaam Ebrahim appeared on charges of attempted murder yesterday.



**CONFRONTATION:** Angry gangsters confront police Captain Hein Bock after being isolated from a Pagad supporter who drew his gun outside the Wynberg Magistrate's Court yesterday.

**C**RIES of "Allah hu Akbar" (God is Great) rang out in the Wynberg Magistrate's Court yesterday when gang leader Mr Rashied Staggie, with an entourage of 30 gangsters, arrived for the trial of Pagad national leader Mr Abdus-Salaam Ebrahim on four attempted murder charges.

This was the first full face-to-face confrontation between Pagad and gang members who have been waging a running petrol-bomb and gun war on the Cape Flats for several months.

Ebrahim, 39, of Lansdowne, is charged with four counts of attempted murder after he allegedly opened fire on homes, believed to house drug dealers, in October last year.

He has pleaded not guilty to the charges.

The state alleges the offences — firing shots at homes — were committed

**A MAGISTRATE** warned he would bar the public from court if Rashied Staggie and Abdus-Salaam Ebrahim failed to control their followers. **Pictures: Alan Taylor**



between October 11 and 27.

He is accused of having attempted to murder Mr Saleem Bawa and his family in Rylands on October 11, Mr Caswell Karim in Grassy Park on October 14, Mr Basil Ferdinand and the occupants of his Klip Road Grassy Park home on October 20, and Mr Christian and Mr Sydney Gravenhorste at their Galant Street, Grassy Park home on October 27.

After the cries of "Allah hu Akbar" died down Staggie told Ebrahim's supporters who had packed the court benches that the gangsters were "the victims"

"Discipline yourself," he told the group.

Because there was no place for the gangsters to sit in court they stood along the walls surrounding Pagad's seated supporters.

This meant that police, on hand to keep the peace, had their hands full trying to keep control.

The shouting and the sudden arrival of the gangsters prompted magistrate Mr A P Kotze to call Staggie, Ebrahim and his lawyer Mr John van der Berg, outside to ask them to control their followers. If they could not do this, he said

he would have to bar the public from attending the proceedings.

"I don't want to do this because it is important for the public to be able to watch proceedings," Kotze said.

After the meeting Staggie told gangsters to leave the court and they did not come back inside for the rest of the day.

Throughout yesterday's proceedings police maintained a heavy presence in the courtroom and in the street outside.

The first witness was Mr Basil "Beer" Ferdinand who told the court he was a criminal and a member of the Mongrel gang.

He said he was asleep in the Grassy Park home of Mr Ismail April (alias Bobby Mongrel) when it was attacked.

He told the court that on the night before the attack he had smoked a Mandrax pipe to relax before going to sleep in the front room of the house.

About 5am on October 20 shots

were fired at the house from the street, he said.

He knew the gun being fired was a shotgun because he had become familiar with weapons in the line of his work.

The details of "his work", he told defence counsel Van der Berg, were "private".

During the shooting he said he had crept outside and hidden in the shadows behind a pillar to watch the attackers.

He said he saw a man whose face was covered with a black and white head scarf fire on the house with a shotgun. The man's scarf "fell down" uncovering his face and he recognised the shooter as being Ebrahim, Ferdinand said.

He knew it was Ebrahim because he was "well known" and he had seen his photograph in a local newspaper.

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Patel out-

**LEADER OF THE PACK:** Gang leader Rashied Staggle (left), leaves Wynberg Magistrate's Court yesterday afternoon. He was in court supporting witnesses in the trail of Pagad leader Abdus-Salaam Ebrahim.



**FIGHTING TALK:** Pagad's Boland co-ordinator Faghrie Patel (centre) and commander Aslam Toefy (right) address a crowd of enthusiastic supporters before leaving the Wynberg Magistrate's Court yesterday.



**CONFRONTATION:** Angry gangsters confront police Captain Hein Bock after being isolated from the Pagad supporter who drew his gun outside the court yesterday.

## Pagad and gangsters in out-of-court showdown

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Van der Berg established that Ferdinand's court testimony contradicted an earlier statement to the police in which he said the man whose face had been uncovered was tall and wore a red and white scarf.

Magistrate Kotze asked Ebrahim to stand so the court could assess his height. It was established that he was "reasonably short".

Ferdinand then said the police statement was wrong.

April (alias Bobby Mongrel) was called to the stand and said that about R16 000 damage had been caused to his home by the shooting which smashed windows and pitted walls with bullets.

Although he did not see the men who had fired on his home, Ferdinand had witnessed the shooting, he said.

Outside the court at lunchtime strollers and gangsters dashed for cover between parked cars when a Pagad supporter, confronted by the departing gangsters, pulled out a firearm in the busy Wynberg street.

Police swung into action, isolating the Pagad member from chanting and enraged gangsters, and dispersed the crowd.

The gangsters milled around after a brief stand-off with the police but eventually left the scene with threats and insults flying in both directions.

Captain Hein Bock, in charge of the operation, said afterwards that he did not have the name of the man who'd drawn the weapon "as yet" but that charges of pointing a gun in public would be laid.

After proceedings had adjourned for the day, and under the wary gaze of a, by now, strong police presence, a crowd of Pagad supporters gathered at the steps of the court chanting "Long live Abdus-Salaam", "Gangsters are all cowards and murderers", "One gangster, one bullet", "Kill the merchants" and "Viva Pagad".

"It justice doesn't come from here," said Pagad Boland co-ordinator Mr Faghrie Patel, gesticulating towards the building, "we'll have people's justice."

"Today we were allowed to be massacred by gangsters, but we showed them," said Pagad commander Mr Aslam Toefy.

"The police are not our enemy, but those who are corrupt are. These ones here are of the old order. They're protecting the gangsters and we have a problem with them."

"They might hold the keys to these gates, but Almighty God holds the keys to the earth."

"We fight for justice and a better life for our children."

Ebrahim's trial continues today  
— Own Correspondent



# Mandela gets close look at Cape gangland

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The finger points, and Madiba knows exactly where the drug dealers live

OWN CORRESPONDENT  
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When President Nelson Mandela toured the gang-ridden Cape Flats yesterday he chose as his special travelling companion, not a police chief or a high-falutin' intelligence officer, but an ordinary member of the police gang unit who was able to point out the homes of alleged drug dealers and provide thumbnail sketches of some of the more unsavoury characters.

It was a big day for Inspector Adriaan Saulse, and for the beleaguered residents of the Cape Flats, who have lived in the shadow of gangsterism for decades. No previous president had ever bothered to venture on to the Cape Flats specifically to view the gang situation firsthand.

The Mandela cavalcade included, among others, Minister of Justice Dullah Omar, Deputy Minister of Safety and Security Joe Matthews, Western Cape Health and Welfare MEC Ebrahim Rasool and Western Cape Anti-Crime Forum president Gor Wasser.

The cavalcade, comprising about a dozen security vehicles and 20 media vehicles, did not stop as it wound its way from Tafelsig to Avonwood Park. Mandela was able to devote his full attention to Saulse, who pointed out houses and told the president about alleged leaders of the underworld.

"He asked me how many people lived in Mitchell's Plain, and I told him there were about a million.

"Then he asked me how many police were stationed in Mitchell's Plain, to which I responded that there were between 300 and 400.

"He was concerned that this represented quite a low ratio," Saulse said.

"I explained to him our feeling that the houses and neighbourhoods were a huge part of the problem, that there is no place to park cars, let alone recreational facilities for children, that the whole area required social upliftment.

"I told him how the gangs operate, how they come down to the people who cannot afford to pay their electricity or telephone accounts and give them money. And later, how they then use some of these homes to sell drugs."



ANNA ZIEMINSKI / AFP

**Personal touch**  
... President Nelson Mandela waves to residents of the violence-torn Cape Flats from the helicopter which lifted him out of the area after a whirlwind tour of the troubled suburbs yesterday.

## President tells police and defence force to find new ways of fighting crime

Cape Town - Police and defence force chiefs were ordered yesterday to refine measures already in place to combat crime and violence on the Cape Flats, following a special security meeting called by President Nelson Mandela.

A follow-up meeting will be held in Pretoria tomorrow, said Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi.

Residents of the Cape Flats can expect an increase in visible policing and the carrying out of special security operations, in response to their demands that the government protect the lives of innocent people, he said.

National Police Commissioner George Fivaz would also make an announcement soon about ongoing police investigations into the "organised hand" fuelling gang violence, as well as about counter-action by sections of the community.

Mandela summoned his security chiefs and senior cabinet ministers to the extraordinary meeting following talks with concerned community representatives.

The talks were held in response to an open letter from the Western Cape Anti-Crime Forum, which said people in the province were at war.

The forum members said they had lost confidence in Mufamadi, his provincial counterpart Gerald Morkel, as well as in premier Hermus Kriel, to protect innocent residents.

Yesterday's meeting, which was chaired by Defence Minister Joe Modise, included de

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defence minister Ronnie Kasrils, Mufamadi, his deputy Joe Matthews, Fivaz, his provincial counterpart Leon Wessels, and SA National Defence Force chief Georg Meiring.

Justice Minister Dullah Omar, Finance Minister Trevor Manuel and Deputy Intelligence Minister Joe Ntshahla were also present for part of the

The MINISTER OF WATER AFFAIRS AND FORESTRY (for the Minister of Justice):

The hon member is referred to section 6A(1) of the Investigation of Serious Economic Offences Act, 1991 (Act 117 of 1991), which makes provision that an attorney-general may delegate his or her authority, on behalf of the State –

- (a) to institute and conduct any prosecution in criminal proceedings, and
- (b) to prosecute in any court an appeal arising from such proceedings, to the Director of the OSEO or a person designated thereto by him or her in writing.

Section 6A is an amendment (or addition) to the original section 6 which was promoted in and passed by Parliament in 1996. It was signed by the President on 12 November 1996 and is now law.

It is the opinion of the Minister of Justice that the system needs to be reviewed so as to eliminate duplication and to improve the system of investigation and the prosecution of serious economic offences. This is being considered urgently and seriously.

Mr D M H GIBSON: Madam Speaker, arising out of his reply, may I ask the hon the acting Minister of Justice what he intends doing, now that he has assumed office, to address the problems of the Office for Serious Economic Offences and the complaints which the incumbent has about the fact that he is totally disempowered because he has neither staff nor funds to do the job which this Parliament expects him to do. Perhaps the hon the Minister would tell us that.

The MINISTER OF WATER AFFAIRS AND FORESTRY: Madam Speaker, as the Minister of Justice said in his budget speech, the question of personnel in the department is being evaluated. There has to be a prioritisation – that is a terrible word – of expenditure in Government department, and clearly the area of serious economic offences is one of the priorities. I can convey the commitment of the Minister that this is one area, as generally with the prosecuting areas, that enjoys priority in the whole scheme of things in the Department of Justice.

\*3. Mr D M H GIBSON – Justice. [Question standing over.]

\*4. Mr M J ELLIS – Health. [Question standing over.]

**Oil spill by Apollo Sea: cost of clean-up operation**

\*5. Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism:

- (1) What was the total cost of the clean-up operation following the oil spill caused by the Apollo Sea;
- (2) whether any of this cost has been recovered; if so, how much; if not,
- (3) whether his Department is experiencing any problems in recovering such cost; if so, what problems? N1842E

The MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND TOURISM:

- (1) The total cost of the cleanup operation following the Apollo Sea oil spill was R25 286 796.
- (2) R23 631 220 of this has been recovered from the insurers, leaving a shortfall of R1 655 576.

(3) The recovery of costs incurred as the result of an oil spill are handled by the Department of Transport, with the assistance of the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism in cases involving cleanup operations supervised by the Department. As with all insurance claims, there are inevitably some difficulties in getting full costs paid out. Examples of the items which were contested in the case of the Apollo Sea included the payment of VAT on certain of the accounts, as well as the inclusion and amount of management fees by some of the parties involved in the cleanup operation. With respect to the former – which constituted most of the shortfall – there was a difference of opinion between the Receiver of Revenue and the legal representatives of the insurer. However, the shortfall was considered insufficient to warrant following it up, since this in itself would have been a costly process.

**Tracing of stolen vehicles: bonuses paid**

\*6. Dr W J BOTHA asked the Minister for Safety and Security:

What bonuses were paid during the period 1 January 1996 up to the latest specified date for which information is available (a) to members of the South African Police Service for vehicles they had traced and (b) in rewards to members of the public for information that had led to the tracing of stolen vehicles? N1843E

The MINISTER FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY:

- (a) None.
- (b) R4 171 420

**Crime wave: causes**

\*7. Mr J A MARAIS asked the Minister for Safety and Security:

- (1) Whether he or the South African Police Service has conducted an investigation so as to establish the reasons behind and causes of the crime wave currently sweeping the Republic; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether he or the SAPS intends taking any steps aimed at substantially reducing crime levels by a certain date; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether he will make a statement on the matter? N1844E

The MINISTER FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY:

- (1) Yes, the Crime Information Management Centre (CIMC) of the National Detective Service is conducting ongoing research into crime and the circumstances surrounding the incidence of crime, including its causes. The results of this research are published on a quarterly basis and released to the media and the public at large.
- (2) Yes, a number of steps are being taken of which the most important at this stage is the implementation of the 1997/98 Policing Priorities and Objectives, which was announced in Parliament on 18 April 1997. Very specific targets were set for March 1998 and performance indicators developed to guide the implementation process.

One of the priorities provided, for example, for special assistance in terms of the development of specific crime prevention strategies and the training of members in ten priority police areas throughout the country. Assistance to the Johannesburg police area is consequently ready at an advanced stage

To further operationalise the priorities and objectives countrywide, high density crime prevention operations were carried out in co-operation with the SA National Defence Force between April and June this year. Further specific and targeted combined operations are also expected to take place in the following months.

- (3) I intend to issue no statement on the matter, because I see no reason to do so.

\*8. Rev K R MESHOE – Health. [Question standing over.]

**Possession of automatic/semi-automatic weapons declared illegal**

\*9. Mr M F CASSIM asked the Minister for Safety and Security:

Whether he or the South African Police Service intends taking any action aimed at making the possession of automatic and/or semi-automatic weapons illegal with immediate effect; if not, why not; if so, what action? N1847E

The MINISTER FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY:

No. The possession of such weapons, which is strictly limited and controlled, is regulated by the Arms and Ammunition Act, 1969. A licence to possess a semi-automatic weapon will only be issued in exceptional circumstances, for example to security companies involved in the transport of large sums of money. Furthermore, such applications are approved by the Assistant Commissioner of Auxiliary Services.

In terms of the Arms and Ammunition Act of 1969, no licence may be issued for the possession of an automatic weapon. Under exceptional circumstances a permit may be issued by the Assistant Commissioner of Auxiliary Services.

courtesy dinner in a crowded public restaurant during which general matters of interest in the nuclear area, were discussed.

Finally, Dr Stumpf confirms that no further contact had been undertaken since then (or even before then) with any Iranian Government official and that the AEC has had no business or other dealings with Iran in the past nor are any being considered at present.

Should the Atomic Energy Corporation have any business or other dealings with Iran in future, these will take due cognisance of the requirement of the IIN's nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty, to which both Iran and South Africa have acceded, as well as South African legislation prohibiting the non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and other international agreements, such as the Pelindaba Treaty, which has declared the African continent a nuclear weapon free zone.

(2) No.

**Failure of Public Service Act: impediment to curbing corruption**

20. Mr J A JORDAAN asked the Minister for the Public Service and Administration:

(1) Whether the failure of the Public Service Act, 1994 (Proclamation R.103 of 1994), to enforce the disclosure of the findings of closed disciplinary hearings and to make provision for protection for officials who go above their immediate superiors to report corruption, has been found to be an impediment to the Government's efforts to curb corruption; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) whether he or his Department intends taking any steps aimed at correcting the situation; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) what steps and (b) when? N1976E

The MINISTER FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION:

(1) No, this has not been shown to be an impediment to the Government's efforts to curb corruption.

The principle underpinning discipline in the Public Service, is that it should be corrective in nature. Deriving from this approach, good practice dictates that discipline should be dealt with confidentially in order to protect those officials who report corruption. As such, the Public Service Act does not specifically enforce the disclosure of disciplinary hearings. The consequences of the disciplinary hearings, will of course, become known as it could entail, *inter alia*, the transfer, discharge or reduction in rank of an official.

Chapter M of the Public Service Regulations provides for a Code of Conduct for the Public Service. Regulations M4.4.1.0 of the said Code of Conduct directs that an employee in the course of his or her official duties, shall report to the appropriate authorities, fraud, corruption, nepotism, maladministration and any other act which constitutes an offence, or which is prejudicial to the public interest. If an employee contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of the relevant Code of Conduct, he or she shall be guilty of misconduct in terms of section 20(1) of the Public Service Act, 1994, and may be dealt with in accordance with the relevant section of the said Act.

Should an official who has reported any form of corruption to his immediate superiors be victimised by the alleged transgressor in any manner, such victimisation will in itself constitute misconduct on the part of the alleged transgressor and he/she may be dealt with in accordance with the relevant sections in the Public Service Act. The reason being that the latter's actions are to the prejudice of the administration, discipline or efficiency of a department, office or institution of the State.

(2) Considering the underlying principles, no specific steps are envisaged.

**SARS: money withdrawn from taxpayers' bank account**

\*21. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Finance:

(1) Whether the Commissioner of the South African Revenue Service has any powers to withdraw money out of a taxpayer's bank account; if so, under what circumstances;

(2) whether the taxpayers involved are advised of the Commissioner's intention to withdraw such money; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(3) whether any money was so seized during the latest specified period of twelve months for which information is available; if so, (a) what amount and (b) how many taxpayers were involved? N1978E

The MINISTER OF FINANCE:

(1) Yes. If a taxpayer owes the Commissioner any tax or interest, the Commissioner may appoint any person in terms of section 99 of the Income Tax Act to act as the agent of such taxpayer and such agent may be required to pay over taxes or interest due by the taxpayer from moneys which the agent holds on behalf of the taxpayer.

(2) No. It would defeat the purpose of the garnishee order if the taxpayer was informed in advance that it was the intention to withdraw money from the account as he or she would ensure that there was no money in the account. In normal circumstances the placing of a garnishee order is the last resort in a long process of trying to collect tax and the taxpayer would be well aware that tax is owing and South African Revenue Service was attempting to collect it.

(3) The appointment of agents is done throughout South African Revenue Service and many millions of rands of tax are collected in this manner but statistics of the number and amounts are not kept.

**Persons remitting capital abroad**

\*22. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Finance:

(1) Whether any individuals have taken advantage of the relaxation of exchange controls permitting them to remit capital abroad as from 1 July 1997; if so, (a) how many individuals and (b) what amount had so been remitted as at the latest specified date for which information is available;

(2) whether consideration is being given to the further relaxation of exchange controls; if not, why not; if so, (a) what is envisaged in this regard and (b) when will such further relaxation become applicable? N1979E

The MINISTER OF FINANCE:

(1) Yes

(a) Up to 31 August 1997 the number of applications processed in regard to individuals amounted to 2 035. It should be borne in mind, however, that a period of 2 to 3 weeks elapses from the original application being completed by an individual and final processing by the Exchange Control Department of the South African Reserve Bank.

(b) For the month of July 1997 the total amount remitted was R144 million, and for August 1997 the amount was R131 million.

(2) There is an ongoing review of exchange control measures, and further reforms will be made in due course.

**Number of members of federation of trade unions**

\*23. Comdt A BLAAS asked the Minister of Labour:

Whether he will make known details on the number of members of a certain federation of trade unions, the name of which has been furnished to his Department for the purpose of his reply; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) what was this union's enrolled membership number as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (b)

also referred to my written answer to Question 906.

Donor funds which do not form part of Departmental funds have been made available for facilitating and supporting the process of land reform. These funds can be accessed by beneficiaries of the DLAs programmes. They sometimes use the services of NGOs for this purpose. Details thereof are, however, not readily available.

*New questions.*

**Corruption in Northern Province: Semanya report**  
\*1. Mr A J LEON asked the Minister for Provincial Affairs and Constitutional Development:

(1) Whether the report by Advocate Ishmael Semanya concerning corruption in the Northern Province has been made public; if not, (a) why not and (b) when will the report be made public; if so, (i) when, (ii) what were the findings contained in the report and (iii) what recommendations were made;

(2) whether any action has been taken to give effect to the recommendations contained in the report; if not, why not; if so, what action? N2038E

**THE MINISTER FOR PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT:**

The information is not readily available in the Department, in order to assist the hon member, the following information was obtained from the Office of the Premier of the Northern Province:

(1) The report by Advocate Ishmael Semanya is not dealing with corruption as such but with the investigation into the procurement of immovable property acquired by the Northern Province Government since 1994 to date and in particular the Parliamentary building, Parliamentary village and the building occupied by the Department of Safety and Security.

The terms of reference were later amended to include the investigation around the *Gateway Airport Authority Limited and Gateway Airport Holding Limited*. The Commission remarked that no evidence of corruption or

enrichment of officials could be found on any of the issues referred to above.

(i) The report was made public on 4 July 1997 after which the Premier released a media statement to this effect.

(ii) and (iii) Recommendations were made in respect of matters such as: budgetary processes to be followed; recovery of fruitless expenditure; adherence to financial instructions; the engagement of legal expertise; appropriate training of government officials; adherence to tender procedures and several other related recommendations. The list of recommendations is too lengthy to be answered orally in full, but a complete list is available should you wish to study them.

(2) The recommendations will be implemented soon after the report of the team of experts, appointed to investigate the implementation of the Commission's recommendations, has been submitted to the Premier.

**Corruption in Northern Province: Nicholo report**  
\*2. Mr A J LEON asked the Minister for the Public Service and Administration:

(1) Whether the report by Dr Paseka Nicholo concerning corruption in the Northern Province has been made public; if not, (a) why not and (b) when will the report be made public; if so, (i) when, (ii) what were the findings contained in the report and (iii) what recommendations were made;

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**THE MINISTER FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION:**

(1) The report by Dr Paseka Nicholo focused on the state of administration in the Northern Province and was not specifically directed at uncovering corruption.

(i) The said report was made public on 22 August 1997.

(ii) Poor co-ordination and leadership within the senior part of administration, personnel and financial management were highly centralised, poor strategic planning and definition of priorities, weak human resource development, centralised disciplinary procedures and poor discipline, fraud and corruption appeared widespread, poor financial discipline and management.

(iii) General recommendations were made which focused on addressing key areas such as developing management skills, delegating decision making powers, reviewing the structure and functions to reduce overlaps and duplication, finalising disciplinary cases, undertaking a payroll audit, improved financial management and capacity building, reviewing the transfer of assets and ownership of parastatals, Management of information.

(2) Additionally, recommendations were made to the Premier to set up a Commission of Inquiry. Subsequently the Premier established the Semanya Commission which investigated a series of issues contained in the report. The premier of the Northern Province was also requested to submit action plans for the recommendations made in the Provincial Review Report. These are awaited.

**Releasing persons on early parole: dangers**

\*3. Rev K R MESHOE asked the Minister of Correctional Services:

(1) Whether he or his Department has given consideration to the possible dangers of releasing persons on early parole; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) whether any measures are to be implemented in respect of the 26% of the prison population currently awaiting trial; if not, why not; if so, what measures? N2040E

**THE MINISTER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES:**

(1) First of all, it has to be emphasized that the Department of Correctional Services does not

release inmates on early parole because of the obvious dangers inherent in such a practice. However, when the Parole Board considers parole, each and every case is considered on its own merits after various factors have been taken into account. The necessary circumspection is therefore applied when a recommendation for parole is made. The well-being and safety of the community at large, are, *inter alia*, some of the factors applied in this regard.

(2) Awaiting-trial persons are the responsibility of the Department of Justice.

\*4. Mr L T LANDERS - Safety and Security. [Question standing over.]

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**SAPS: personnel figures compared with international standards**

\*6. Mr J A MARAIS asked the Minister for Safety and Security:

Whether he or the South African Police Service has compared South African personnel figures with international standards concerning the total number of personnel of a country's police force performing administrative duties; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? N2043E

**THE MINISTER FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY:**

Statistics have been gathered on many different countries, but circumstances vary greatly, due to factors such as the duties performed by the different police services, the legal frameworks within which they operate and internal procedures. The South African Police Service is busy with an ongoing restructuring process in order to assess all duties which can be performed by civilians. At present approximately 15% of the total staff compliment consist of civilians.

**International syndicates in RSA**

\*7. Mr A FOURIE asked the Minister for Safety and Security:

Whether international syndicates in the Republic are claimed to be operating in

are currently renting plush offices in Johannesburg at a rate of R75 000 per month. The chairperson's salary has been boosted to more than R400 000 per year - about R33 000 per month - which is just about in line with that of a Cabinet Minister. The question is: What does one have to show for this?

In that commission, so far, there has been an inability to even set up a register for complaints, even though they have received quotes in this regard. I am advised by legal practitioners that not one single case has been brought before the Constitutional Court by this commission on behalf of indigent litigants or people who do not have the ability to approach the court.

We move on to the Gender Commission as another example, which is highly relevant. The powers of this commission are essentially the same as those of the Human Rights Commission. [Time expired.]

Mr D H M GIBSON: Madam Speaker, for many years in South Africa there has been a myth that our country is a rich country. The reality is quite different. We have vast disparities between rich and poor. [Interjections.] The great task which all of us in this House have is to try to ensure that we use our national resources in such a way that we actually achieve a better life for all. At the same time as we create the conditions which will enable the poor to uplift themselves, we have to make sure that we do not tax those who are better off to the extent that the country becomes even more uncompetitive than it already is in world terms. We also have to ensure that we do not waste the limited resources which our country has.

If the proper use of resources is the yardstick, then the ANC is not doing very well as a government. Some of our money is being squandered to the detriment of both the poor and the rich, and without anything concrete to show for it. Many of our standing and constitutional commissions seem to the DP to be nothing more than lavish exercises in self-indulgence, delivering not much more than grossly overprivileged lifestyles for a few fortunate friends of the ANC, with a leavening of a few others to keep some of the opposition political parties quiet.

The DP will not keep quiet. Someone has to cry halt. [Interjections.] Someone has to say that we

are not serving the interests of the poor, or of the rich for that matter, if we squander our resources on paying salaries and perks which are often totally out of proportion to the worth of the commissioners or the value of the work which they do. [Interjections.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Madam Speaker, the key question that neither the DP interpellant nor Mr Gibson has answered is how the agreements were struck. I am reliably informed that in respect of all the commissions, save the Gender Commission, the DP supported their establishment in the constitutional negotiations.

In respect of the Youth Commission - I imagine that the hon Leon's next set of questions will relate to that - I want to quote his party member and follower M J Ellis who, on 19 March last year, said in relation to the Bill:

... the DP made up its mind right from the start, when this Bill was first published, that we would support this piece of legislation, and I stand here today in support of it.

Therefore, the accusation levelled against Comdt Bias by the hon Leon in respect of hypocrisy applies as much to him regarding the commissions. They supported the establishment of the commissions, they participated in the negotiations and, in fact, in the hearings on the Youth Commission as well. But now he seeks to change his mind. The Pontius Pilate outfit does not fit the hon Leon.

Mr A J LEON: Madam Speaker, just for the edification of the hon the Minister of Finance, Mr Ellis never supported, at any stage, the fact that the chairperson would receive a salary of R352 366 a year or R30 000 a month. That is an obscenity, because the Minister is comparing the chairman of a commission which has done very little so far to a judge president of the High Court, when no such comparison is justified and there is no obligation in terms of the legislation for such obscene amounts of public money to be squandered on such a post. That is the reality. Nowhere can one find any textual or Hansard support for that concept.

We have always tried to bring these matters under some kind of regulatory control in terms of the amounts that are being spent on them. Indeed, as

far as the Gender Commission is concerned, the question that we have to ask is how we can justify a separate commission to deal with gender issues which are, in essence and by their nature, human rights issues, whilst simultaneously having a Human Rights Commission, a parallel structure in Parliament ... [Interjections.]

We have some very vocal members who serve on it. We have the Ad Hoc Joint Committee on the Improvement of the Quality of Life and the Status of Women, and indeed, in the hon the Deputy President's Office there has been a specific designated post dealing with the same issue. Yet another R4 million of that hon Minister's money, indeed the taxpayer's money, is expended on that.

We then come to the Pan South African Language Board. Here it is not so much the money, but the non-allocation thereof. According to our information, the board has a budget of R11 million. This money has not been made available to the board, not even for the payment of commissioners' salaries. As a result, commissioners operated in the first year without pay, which is at least a selfless example. The chief executive is the only appointment made so far. Yet they have expended R55 000 so far on domestic transport needs.

We go on to the Volkstaat Council. This provides for 20 members elected by members of Parliament who support the idea of the volkstaat. It must issue a report on its findings. That is all well and good; there is nothing wrong with that. That has cost a total of R9 809 000 since its inception. This is a concession which has been made, but is it worth R10 million? How do we justify or quantify it?

Let me also say something else for the hon the Minister's edification: The figures are widely divergent. The Human Rights Council gets R400 000, the Gender Commission R212 000, the Youth Commission R352 366. What is the basis for these distinctions and differences, and what attempts are being made to regulate matters or provide something which is a measurable standard against which the payment and remuneration are set, or are there no standards? Is there no remuneration, because this does not impact on independence, but rather on efficiency? [Interjections.] [Time expired.]

The MINISTER OF FINANCE: Madam Speaker, in many instances one would find reference in the specific statute. It is certainly there in the case of the Human Rights Commission. The Government may not reduce the salaries of serving members of the Commission. The salary of the chairperson of the Youth Commission is R212 400 a year and is in line with that of the Gender Commission. These figures have been set by the internal governmental structure known as the Central Evaluations Committee, and thereupon implemented. The perks would apply equally in respect of the Gender Commission and the Youth Commission, and in fact a number of the lesser-funded commissions.

The question of justification and quantification are matters to be dealt with in this House. This must be seen in the context of the separation of powers, and it is not for Government to turn around and say to the commission that it does not like what it is doing, because then the same Tony Leon is going to get up and say that this Government has cut resources of this commission because they are afraid that it will expose what they are doing.

More importantly, I want to ask if this is the same DP which, in the Western Cape, supported, in addition, the establishment of a provincial electoral commission, an environmental commission in the province, a children's commission and an enlarged provincial executive council. Can it be the same party? I believe not.

Debate concluded.

#### QUESTIONS

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For oral reply:

President of the Republic:

Combating corruption: national priority

\*1. Mr S J DE BEER asked the President of the Republic: (34) (38/19) Whether he intends declaring the combating of corruption a national priority; if not, why not; if so, what steps is he considering to combat corruption? NI795E

The EXECUTIVE DEPUTY PRESIDENT (for the President of the Republic): Madam Speaker, the President has directed that we reply as follows.

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In addition to the numerous measures and initiatives outlined there, the Department for Public Administration has launched a proactive education campaign to popularise the Code of Conduct for Public Servants, the foremost element of which is an injunction to prevent corruption of any kind.

We have also continued to appeal to the private sector to match these efforts to root out the legacy of corruption and moral degeneration which contaminated all sectors of our society under apartheid, including the private sector.

Mr S J DE BEER: Madam Speaker, arising out of the reply of the hon the Deputy President, I would like to ask him if the Government is willing to consider the possibility of establishing a multiparty parliamentary committee to investigate modes that will lead to the strengthening of the role of Parliament within the content of a more accountable and transparent Government.

The EXECUTIVE DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Madam Speaker, as we have said a number of times in this House, the Government is interested in a united national offensive on the question of corruption, and therefore we would be quite happy to discuss any measures that may be proposed which would result in such a united national offensive.

Dr T G ALANT: Madam Speaker, arising out of his reply, I would like to ask the hon the Deputy President a question. I am grateful that in the absence of the hon President, he answers the questions and not the Deputy Minister, because he has the authority to speak on behalf of the Government. I want to refer to Chapter 9 of our Constitution where provision is made for the establishment of, as they are called, institutions to strengthen constitutional democracy. One of these institutions is the institution of the Auditor-General. A while ago there was an attack on the person of the

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The EXECUTIVE DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Madam Speaker, the Government is discussing the particular question the hon member raised. Among other things we are concerned about the level, within the ranking system within Public Service structures, of officials who handle finances. It is the general belief of the Government that in many instances such officials need to be of a higher rank because of the responsibilities that they have. Indeed, the Government is discussing this matter. We are discussing the matter in detail across the spectrum, for instance, as it would affect the SA Revenue Service, again with a view to ensuring that the people who handle public funds have the capacity to discharge that responsibility.

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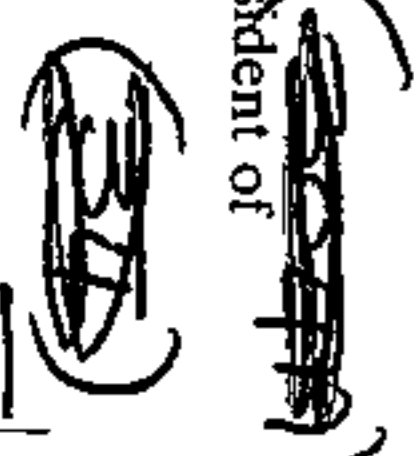
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Whether he intends establishing a judicial commission of inquiry to investigate the incidence and causes of corruption in South Africa; if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details? N1797E

The EXECUTIVE DEPUTY PRESIDENT (for the President of the Republic):

No. On 6 November 1996 the President assented to the Special Investigating Units and Special Tribunals Act, 1996. This Act provides for the establishment of special investigating units for the purpose of investigating corruption and maladministration in connection with the administration of State institutions, State assets or public money. It also provides for the establishment of special tribunals which will be able to deal with cases arising out of such investigations. The President is therefore empowered to establish a special investigating unit in order to investigate any matter or to refer the matter to an existing special investigating unit for investigation. The President has already appointed one such unit under the chairpersonship of Mr Justice Heath to investigate inter alia any improper transactions or practices regarding State property between 1976 and the present time.

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The President has from time to time appointed various commissions of inquiry to inquire into specific allegations of corruption or to recommend improvements to the Public Service generally, or in regard to maladministration, including -

- Commission of inquiry into the alleged smuggling of and illegal trade in ivory and rhinoceros horn in South Africa
- Commission of inquiry into the alleged arms transactions between Armscor and one Eli

Wazan and other related matters

- Commission to review irregularities in the Public Service between 27 April 1993 and 30 September 1994 (Browde Commission; now the White Commission)
- Commission of inquiry into the alleged irregularities or malpractices regarding the allocation, leasing, alienation and transfer of certain State land (De Meyer Commission)
- Commission of inquiry into the protein energy malnutrition scheme (Wiegand Commission)
- Commission of inquiry regarding the transformation and reform of the Public Service (Presidential Review Commission)
- Commission of inquiry to investigate the purchase of computer equipment regarding the literacy programmes for adults in the former Administration: House of Representatives (subsequently closed so as to allow for criminal proceedings to take their course)

In addition the Premiers of the Eastern Cape, Northern Province and North West have appointed commissions of inquiry regarding allegations of corruption or maladministration in the administrations which exist or existed in their provinces (Heath, Semenya and Skweyiya Commissions).

The President believes it would be more appropriate to establish commissions of inquiry or special investigating up its or to issue requests to the Public Protector in regard to specific allegations of corruption or specific institutions and to take the necessary civil and criminal law measures against persons implicated, rather than to establish judicial commissions of inquiry to investigate the causes of corruption in South Africa generally and without reference to any specific allegation of corruption. The President believes that the causes of corruption are well known.

Mr D DE V GRAAFF: Madam Deputy Speaker, arising out of the hon the Deputy President's reply, may I ask him why the activities of the Health Commission are being prejudiced by lack of funds?

The EXECUTIVE DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Madam Speaker, the hon the Minister of Justice has just told me that we are meeting next month with Judge Heath to deal with the question of financing that commission.

Mr D DE V GRAAFF: Madam Speaker, further arising out of the hon the Deputy President's reply, I want to ask him if he is aware that an international anticorruption conference is taking place in Lima, Peru, next month, from 7 to 11 September. I would like to ask him whether South Africa will be represented at this conference and, if they are being represented, by whom.

The EXECUTIVE DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Madam Speaker, I have no information regarding whether we will be represented at such a conference.

Mr R P Z VANDENHEEVER: Madam Speaker, further arising out of the hon the Deputy President's reply, can he confirm that in the normal course of investigating corruption he will ask the Office for Serious Economic Offences to speed up the investigation into the hon Abe Williams, an considerable period of time, for alleged fraud and corruption involving R22 million, and whether he thinks the NP will support him in his action. [Interjections.] [Laughter.]

The EXECUTIVE DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Madam Speaker, I would like to believe that the Office for Serious Economic Offences is doing its best with regard to that matter. I am sure that they would not necessarily want to drag their feet.

Looking at the expressions of the hon members across the floor - they are nodding vigorously - they are in support of the speeding up of that investigation. [Laughter.]

Mr P W COETZER: Madam Speaker, further arising out of the hon the Deputy President's reply, is he also willing to speed up the investigation surrounding the alleged irregularities in which an office bearer of this Parliament is involved as far as a driver's licence is concerned? Is he also willing to advise that particular person to follow the example of Mr Williams and, pending that investigation, to vacate the position that she holds? [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Prof B TUROK: Madam Speaker, on a point of orders. Do you not feel that that comment was a reflection on the Chair, on yourself, that it should be disallowed and that the hon member should be excluded from this House for total contempt? [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member, I take the point you raised in your point of order, but I choose to let the Deputy President handle the question.

The EXECUTIVE DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Madam Speaker, as I understand the situation with regard to what I suspect the hon member is referring to, this particular matter was investigated by the SA Police Service. It was referred to the Attorney-General of the Western Cape, who decided not to prosecute and said in discussing the matter that he felt there was, no reason to prosecute because, as far as he was concerned, the law had not been violated.

I am quite happy to accept the decision of that officer of our courts. The hon member may want to disagree with the Attorney-General, but he is not going to persuade me to disagree with the Attorney-General. [Laughter.]

Mr P W COETZER: Madam Speaker, further arising from the hon the Deputy President's reply, can he please explain to this House how the Attorney-General of the Western Cape can make a pronouncement on an investigation that is at present taking place in Mpumalanga. [Interjections.]

Mr A FOURIE: Madam Speaker . . .

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Hon member, we have already taken five supplementary questions and the hon the Deputy President is going to answer the last one.

The EXECUTIVE DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Madam Speaker, I did not hear the question properly, because the hon member spoke very closely into the mike and was shouting. That becomes inaudible, but if he could stand back a little bit and lower his voice a little . . . [Laughter.]

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Would the hon member like to repeat the question?



changed in our schools. The hon member still maintains that we should not introduce changes next year, only in Grade 1. My reading of what the hon member is saying is that no changes must be introduced in education. [Interjections.]

I have never come across such a well-staggered and phased-in approach as the one that we are following and I want to assure him that the teachers are ready.

I also want to say that our campaign to instill a culture of learning, teaching and service must be taken seriously because that campaign calls for us to affirm and to believe that the teachers can do it. I do not think that we are assisting our teacher if we come here to say that he or she is not prepared or is not capable of implementing changes in education. I suggest that we give the teachers the support they need and that we believe in them. If the hon member believes that the teachers are not ready, the teachers may be called to come and speak for themselves. What I have said is that the teachers are as ready as anything and they are excited about Curriculum 2005.

Debate concluded.

#### Report on SA: 33rd most corrupt country

4. Dr T G ALANT asked the Executive Deputy President:

(1) Whether his attention has been drawn to the report of "Transparency International" in which South Africa is classified as the 33rd most corrupt country out of 52 countries; if so, what steps are envisaged in this regard;

(2) whether any member of the Cabinet has been instructed to study this report and to formulate proposals with a view to improving South Africa's position in this regard; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? N1832E,INT

The DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Madam Speaker, the answer to the first part of the question is "yes". With regard to the second part of the question, work is taking place in the Office of the Deputy President to prepare for a discussion of this matter by the Cabinet.

The hon member may recall that I raised the important question of corruption during the debate on my Budget Vote in this House on 10 June this year.

Dr T G ALANT: Madam Speaker, it is quite clear that three and a quarter years after 11 May 1994, the new RSA in several respects does not enjoy the benefit of the doubt any more. [Interjections.] As in the case of crime, corruption represents one of the most serious threats to the stability of the new South Africa. Two recent publications, the NP's Corruption Barometer and Transparency International's Corruption Perception Index depict the same tale: Corruption is rampant in South Africa. [Interjections.]

The ANC's knee-jerk reaction has been quite predictable. Do not confuse us with facts - just blame apartheid!

This interpellation offers the de facto Head of State the opportunity to react to the perceived level of corruption in our country and to tell us what reforms he has in mind to strengthen the integrity of our systems.

\*I can quote figures to show that corruption has nearly got out of control during the past three years and has led to the threatened collapse of the public sector, the damaging of the character of the South African Government and a very poor international image of our country, which serves as a deterrent to investors.

Corruption has cost the taxpayer between R13,5 billion and R20 billion during the past three years. This estimate excludes corruption at local government level. The amount connected with maladministration during the first three years of the ANC Government totalled between R7,9 billion and R10,6 billion.

Fraud was the second most important form of corruption, and between R5,5 billion and R9,6 billion was at issue in this regard. Corruption at national level, excluding the provinces, involved between 75 000 and just over 100 000 people between June 1994 and June 1997. An unacceptably small number of cases of corruption have been followed up by the national Government and provincial governments. Recommendations in connection with the combating of corruption have been totally ignored in some provinces.

It seems to us as if there are individuals in the national Government who are very concerned about the growing problem of corruption, but a

general commitment by the Government to combat corruption has been absent up to now. The reasonable conclusion one reaches is that the ANC Government is soft on corruption. [Interjections.] The facts about corruption are indisputable. The question is whether the Government has the will and the ability to take the lead to eradicate this cancer in the RSA. [Interjections.]

Rev K R MESHOE: Madam Speaker, the fact that corruption has spiralled out of control in this country cannot be denied by any honest person. It is correct to put the blame squarely on the Government, which is too soft on corruption, just as it is too soft on crime. It refuses to be tough on corrupt officials, public servants and some members of the business community, just as it refuses to be tough on criminals.

Blaming the past all the time will not help to solve the problem. Everybody knows that there was corruption in the past. This Government has had more than three years to eradicate corruption from our society, but it has failed. [Interjections.] Calls to declare the prevention of corruption a national priority will not help much, as calls to declare crime prevention a national priority have failed to stop crime in this country.

Mr L M GREEN: Madam Speaker, on a point of order: Is it parliamentary for a member of Parliament to infer that another member is a thief? [Interjections.] The member of Parliament sitting next to the hon Shepherd inferred that the hon Rev Meshoe has abused funds, and that is a wrong inference.

The SPEAKER: Order! Hon Mr Green, could you please tell us how he "inferred" the words.

Mr L M GREEN: The exact words were: "What happened to the R75 000?", referring to election funds. Hon Speaker, that is unparliamentary. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order! Will the member referred to please rise. The reason why I asked you to repeat the words is because it is an inference which you may have drawn, and not a statement made. Had the allegation very specifically been that he took the money, then it definitely would be unparliamentary.

Mr W A HOFMEYER: Where is the IEC money? [Interjections.]

I said then that the task that faces all of us is to confront the enormous challenge to restore to our communities a system of social values which creates a climate hostile to criminal and other antisocial behaviour. The first step along this very necessary road is the recognition that we inherited from our past a corrupt society which demands of all of us that we become militant combatants for the moral renewal of our country as part of the process of its reconstruction and development.

I went on to say that the persistent propagation of the notion that all we require to deal with the problem of crime is more police officers and the strengthening of the criminal justice system as a whole, critical though these matters are, is not only a fig leaf with which to hide the reality of a deadly inheritance, but also constitutes the abdication of a responsibility without the discharge of which the cesspool which feeds all criminal behaviour will remain and continue to spawn its bitter fruit. I said that it did nothing to solve the problem or to build the necessary united national effort to add insult to injury by suggesting that corruption is endemic to the system of African governance and is therefore only three years old in our country.

Furthermore, the former editor of the *Sunday Times*, Mr Ken Owen, also addressed this matter in an article in his paper on 2 April 1995, in which *inter alia* he said:

Hardly a day passes without reminders of how bad things were under the Nationalists. The Public Service, according to the Auditor-General's report for the year before the transition, was both bloated and unable to gather tax revenue. The worst areas were the Bantustans which continued to be propped up by the Department of Foreign Affairs even after all financial controls had broken down into a system of wild looting.

Ken Owen continued to say:

This litany could continue forever but the incompetence and corruption of the Nationalists lies mainly in the past because they are not in Government, except in the Western Cape where they are still spending money they haven't got, like drunken sailors.

[Laughter.] [Time expired.]

Rev K R MESHOO: Madam Speaker, if that member wants to know anything about the past, he is welcome to come to us and we will help him. [Interjections.] However, to shout here and try to score political points is not helping at all. If he is sincere, let him come to us and he will get information. [Interjections.] Now I will proceed.

Calls to declare the prevention of corruption a national priority will not help much, as calls to declare crime prevention a national priority have failed to stop crime in the country. What we need is a Government that has the will to act. If the corruption of the police and the judicial system by crime syndicates is not stopped, this country will definitely collapse. Something must be done urgently, and I therefore propose a threefold solution. Firstly, the Government should make a definite commitment to eradicating corruption from our society. Secondly, the principle of restitution should be introduced in this country. If offenders can be made to pay back four times what they have stolen, after they are convicted by a court of law, corruption will be drastically reduced. [Time expired.]

The DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Madam Speaker, as I said when we had a debate here in June, the issue of corruption is of such seriousness that it demands that, in addressing it, we act together in the context of a national consensus which all of us should help to develop. Some of the responses in this House during that budget debate gave me no indication that our appeal would be listened to. The situation remains unchanged today. Needless to say, however, the failure of our appeal in the Assembly will not deter us from doing our best to unite the country in a determined offensive against corruption in our society.

With regard to the Transparency International report itself, it would be proper for members of the House, including the hon Dr Alant, to read the report and the statements made by the issuers of that report a bit more carefully. Dr Peter Eigen, the chairperson of Transparency International, says some of the following things about that report. He says Transparency International is not saying in that index that one country is more corrupt than another. [Interjections.] He says that what they are reporting are perceptions of levels of corruption. [Interjections.] He further says that an analysis of

the actual scores for individual countries shows that a number of countries had virtually the same scores. This further highlights the danger of relying on a country's rank for interpretation or in comparing the ranking from one year to the next. He says that the differences in scores out of 10 from year to year have significance, not the comparative places in the list of countries. [Time expired.]

Mr A FOURIE: Madam Speaker, we listened very carefully to what the Deputy President said, but we want to say to him and to the rest of South Africa that the perceptions mentioned have become a fact in our country. [Interjections.]

Let us say to one another that no country is immune to corruption, not even Denmark with their high 9,94 rating out of a 10-point score in respect of clean government. [Interjections.] But this Government's rating, which slipped from 5,68 to 4,95 out of 10 in 1997, leaves much to be desired.

Again today, the Deputy President blamed the present bad state of corruption on the past. After three and a half years of ANC government, that is just not on! [Interjections.] The hon Clever Trevor claimed that there would be stronger safeguards, but these safeguards had no effect on recent events.

Allan Boesak is embraced by the hon Dullah Omar and funding for his defence is arranged by South Africa's ambassador in the United States of America. [Interjections.]

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mr A FOURIE: NGO millions which never reached their destination, resulted in the poor becoming poorer. [Interjections.] Independent Broadcasting Authority officials scandalously abused their privileges. [Interjections.] A Mercedes-Benz was parked as a palm-greasing instrument with tender documents inside. [Interjections.] One attorney-general's report after another is more shocking than the next. The Deputy Speaker's illegal driver's licence incident was ignored by the ANC as if it had never happened. The devastating Northern Province Simenya Commission report was the result of NP pressure. However, it is a fact that R20 billion has disappeared since the ANC took over the Govern-

ment in 1994. The taxpayer has to pay the price for this. Except for the Transparency International report, the World Competitiveness Report . . . [Time expired.]

\*Dr T G ALANT: Madam Speaker, as a responsible official opposition the NP has taken the lead and has made imaginative proposals as regards the combating and prevention of corruption. In essence the NP is asking for a national strategy against corruption and for the Government to declare the combating and prevention of corruption to be a national priority.

†However, the hon the Deputy President seems to be distressed by his lack of ability to lead the Government. Listening to him today, the only conclusion one can reach is that the ANC is not fit to govern. [Interjections.]

The DEPUTY PRESIDENT: Madam Speaker, I am firmly of the view that we do need to discuss this question at greater length among ourselves to get an understanding of the nature of the problem that we are dealing with. I think it is clear too that some of the members of the House do not quite understand, or maybe do not want to understand, the depth of the crisis that was created in this country by virtue of the existence of an illegitimate regime. [Interjections.]

Two of our most important weapons in the fight against corruption are the practices of transparency and accountability. Among others, this requires that we establish the necessary procedures and institutions to ensure that this practice is a reality and adhered to. This has been done. In this regard I must also mention that later this year the National Assembly will consider the Open Democracy Bill which, among other things, seeks to protect the so-called whistle-blower who seeks to expose corruption.

Further, the fight against corruption is going on and has been going on in various departments of Government. For instance, the Police Service has established and has a functioning anticorruption unit. At the same time the Independent Complaints Directorate has been constituted and is operational. Serious work is continuing to establish a reliable pension data base. This is supported by the efforts of the Department of Home Affairs

to ensure that all citizens have proper identity documents. Other work is going on to establish an automated fingerprint system, as well as an integrated personnel data base to facilitate the efforts of a number of departments in their fight against crime and corruption. New passports which are less vulnerable to forgery are being issued.

Only yesterday, as this House discussed Bills relating to the Reserve Bank and the SA Revenue Service, its attention was drawn to their importance in the struggle against money-laundering and tax and customs and excise fraud respectively. At the same time, measures are being implemented to tighten controls at our land, sea and air border posts.

Special investigation units and special tribunals have been established by the Minister of Justice to deal with the issue of corruption. The Minister of Health has been working on a system of identification for medicines and drugs to address the problem of theft of these products from the public health system. [Time expired.]

Debate concluded.

#### QUESTIONS

†Indicates translated version.

For oral reply.

President of the Republic:

Ministers present during  
interpellations/motions/questions

\*1. Mr C W EGLIN asked the President of the Republic:

Whether, with reference to section 92(2) of the Constitution, he has issued any instructions to members of the Cabinet to be more frequently present to deal with interpellations, motions and parliamentary questions relating to their portfolios and/or to provide more comprehensive replies to parliamentary questions; if not, why not; if so, (a) when and (b) what was the response thereto in each case? NI627E

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### AS ACCUSATIONS and counter-accusations fly between the gangs and anti-drug campaigners, police seem unable to protect the innocents on the Cape Flats.

HERE were four children, all under 12, in the front room of a Mitchell's Plain house on Wednesday night when a petrol bomb was hurled through the window — another salvo in the war between anti-drug campaigners and gangsters.

This time eight-year-old Rashied Davids was burnt and is recovering in the Red Cross Children's Hospital.

Just last week two-year-old Milkah Herman died at the hospital from severe burns after her mother's home in Hanover Park was petrol-bombed.

Every night homes on the Cape Flats are going up in flames in a war that has been claiming innocent lives for many years.

Last night Rashied lay crying in a cot in the hospital burns unit. "I'm so sore, I'm so sore," he said.

His father Mr Oswald Davids said he had chased a masked man dressed in black down the street after the attack, but backed off when the man opened fire.

"We were just watching television. Rashied was sleeping on the couch next to the window when the bomb was thrown in," said Rashied's mother Mrs Gallelah Davids.

The Davids are said to sell liquor from their home — a possible reason for the attack. Anti-drug campaigners have been targeting drug merchants' homes in a campaign against drug dealing.

But Mr Casslem Parker, a spokesperson for the anti-drug group Pagad, said police investigations had shown that many attacks on shebeens had been carried out by gangsters because shebeen owners did not want to pay "protection money".

"To make the assumption that these attacks on shebeens are from Pagad is far-fetched," he said.

"Pagad's stance on the drug dealers and gangs in our community is that in order for us to have a community based on peace and justice we need ... to get rid of these drug dealers and gangsters," he said.

In the latest attack the bomb or burning petrol appeared to land on the boy's back and face.

"My brother-in-law grabbed a cloth and tried to get the flames out. My clothes were also burning but I wasn't hurt," said Mrs Davids.

The three other children aged 12, five and one escaped unhurt.

Gang leader Mr Ernie "Lapepa" Peters said anti-drug groups were picking soft targets instead of targeting real gangsters.

"Why don't you come for us? Why do you pick people who can't fight back?" he asked.

Meanwhile, the trial of Pagad national leader Mr Abdus-Salam Ebrahim on attempted murder charges has been postponed until February because key witnesses failed to arrive at the Wynberg Regional Court yesterday. The court was told the two prosecution witnesses had "more than likely" been scared away by Wednesday's courtroom confrontation between Pagad supporters and gangsters, which caused the magistrate to threaten to clear the court.

The witnesses included Mr Caswell Karim of Grassy Park — one of the people Ebrahim is

accused of having attempted to murder on October 14 last year. Ebrahim is also accused of attempting to murder Mr Saleem Bawa and his family in Rylands on October 11, Mr Basil Ferdinand and the occupants of his Grassy Park home on October 20, and Mr Christian and Mr Sydney Gravenhorste at their Grassy Park home on October 27.

Ebrahim is alleged to have fired on homes, believed to be the houses of drug dealers. Most of the witnesses expected to give evidence against him are gang members.

Cape Flats gang leader Mr Rashied Staggle last night called on gangsters to withdraw their cooperation from all court cases against members of Pagad "because gangsters are not safe in court".

"On Wednesday the accused was wearing a gun in the dock and many people sitting in court were armed. Gang members are risking their lives going to court and from now on will stay away," Staggle claimed.

"We voluntarily handed in our weapons when we went into court, but the Pagad supporters were armed. We are not being adequately protected — we have no confidence in the law."

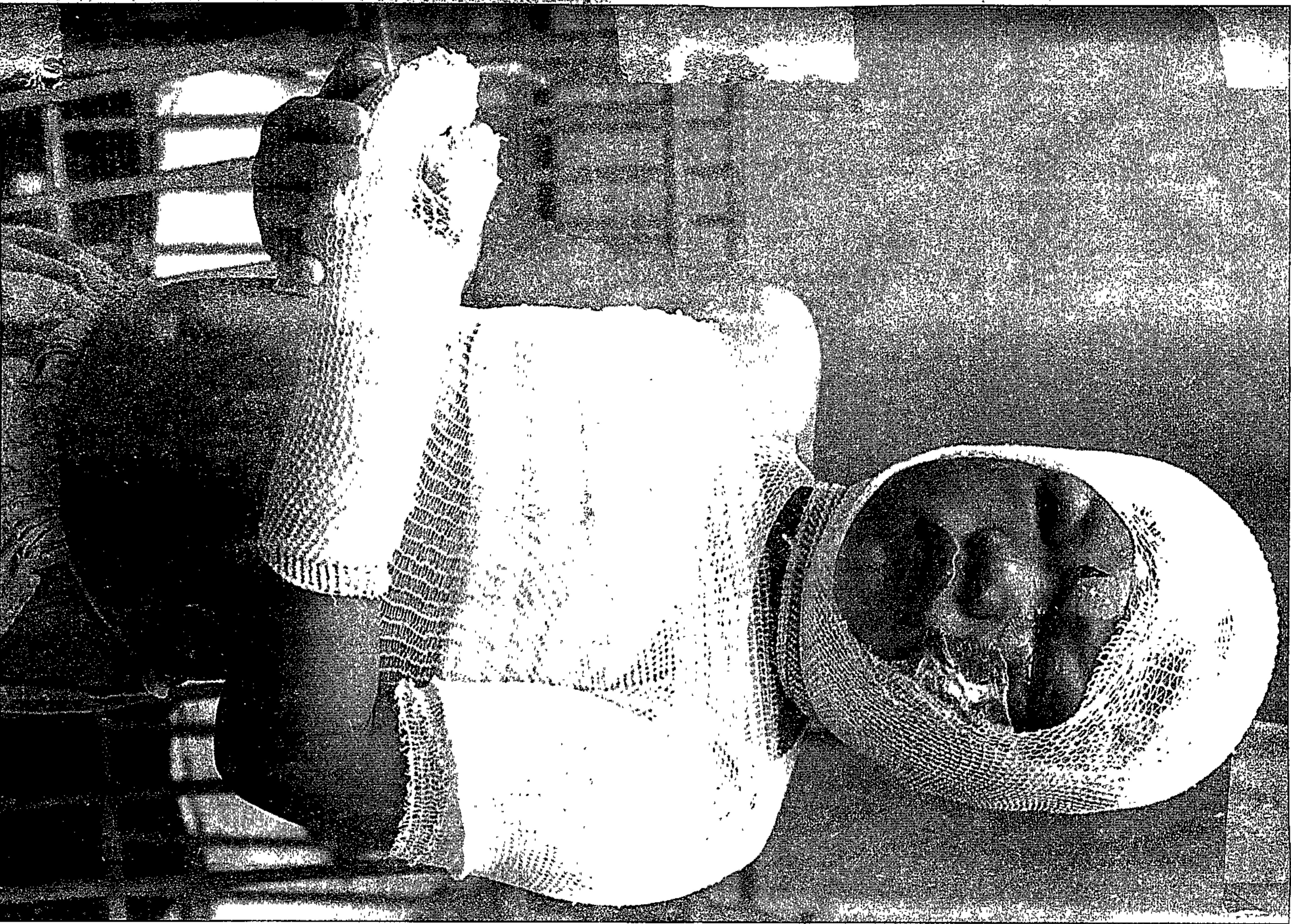
But Parker said Pagad members had been subjected to extremely harsh measures by police. He alleged that a senior police officer had told Pagad that the police Special Task Team (to investigate the war between Pagad and the gangs) was there "to protect the gangsters and drug dealers because they are citizens of South Africa too and they deserve the protection of the law".

Parker disputed the need for protection for the gangs: "We in Pagad say that all these years the drug dealers and gangsters have sown havoc in our communities and still do."

"The community has had no protection from the law and now that the community is saying, in the form of the Pagad movement, that it has had enough of this criminal activity and is organising to defend itself against these drug dealers, it finds that it comes up against the might of the police."

He stressed that there were many peace-loving policemen who understood and supported the cause of Pagad, but said it was those "in the echelons of power" that saw Pagad as a threat and wanted to destroy the movement.

Earlier this week, after Milkah's funeral, her aunt Ms Basbheera Herman posed a question to the people who had thrown the bomb: "I would like to ask the people that did this 'How do you feel now?' Do they think about the suffering they caused Milkah's family? She was just an innocent child." — Staff Writers



**SCARS OF VIOLENCE:** Eight-year-old Rashied Davids is the latest victim of the gang war on the Cape Flats. Rashied was badly burnt when a petrol bomb was hurled through the window of the room in which he was sleeping.

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# Ugly face of Cape flats war

# Two more die in Cape Flats conflict

STAFF REPORTER

An anti-gangster activist and another man were killed late last night amid continuing indications that the so-called Cape Flats war was reaching new levels of intensity.

Shortly before midnight last night police confirmed the deaths but said they were not in a position to give details on the circumstances.

However, a member of the anti-gangster movement Pagad told the Saturday Argus that a prominent colleague had been gunned

down in First Street, Grassy Park.

The man was apparently approached yesterday evening by another man, who drew a firearm and shot him.

The other killing took place in a shop near the police station in Belhar. The victim was apparently the shopkeeper.

Late last night police would not confirm that the anti-gangster activist had been killed.

However, the Pagad member said plans had already been made for the man's funeral today.

By midnight last night police said they

could not confirm whether the incident was related to the Cape Flats conflict.

The incidents come in the wake of indications that the conflict could take on new momentum over the festive season.

Yesterday the Cape Argus reported that a joint army and police intelligence report had warned of unprecedented violence over the festive season.

They feared that gangsters, anti-drug and gang groups, foreign syndicates and taxi hit men could contribute to the problem.

The report included information on Pagad and the group of top gangsters called The

Film.

Between August 11 and September 14 there were 35 attacks on drug dealers, two on gangsters, eight on Pagad members, and 36 inter-gang fights on the Cape Flats.

Nearly 500 soldiers and hundreds of police are patrolling the Flats at night.

Beleaguered communities have appealed to the Government to come to their aid and to bring the warring parties together around a negotiating table.

Yesterday roadblocks were set up in Bonheuwel, Guguletu and other areas in anticipation of conflicts.

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# Two more die as gangs, Pagad conflict grows

Man linked to Rashaad Staggie killing last year

gunned down in apparent revenge attack

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**T**he conflict between People against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) and gangsters on the Cape Flats reached boiling point at the weekend when two people were killed and six homes targeted.

Asief-Ali Ahmed (21) was gunned down on Friday night in an attack police have linked to the conflict. His brother suffered an epileptic fit as police arrived shortly after the shooting. No arrests have been made.

In the second shooting, a member of Pagad, who has been linked to events surrounding the killing of Hard Livings gang leader Rashaad Staggie in August last year, was shot dead on Friday night. Moegamat Nur Booley (33), and his brother Ozeer (24) were arrested in connection with the theft of Staggie's gold necklace during the attack on the gang leader. They were granted

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bail of R5 000 in the Cape Town Magistrate's Court in October.

Booley died after being shot twice in the head in the veld near Grassy Park on the Cape Flats. He died on the way to hospital. A 24-year-old Grassy Park man was later arrested. He claimed Booley and a companion followed him and attempted to rob him, said police spokesman Captain Mark Romburgh. He claimed he first fired a warning shot, but when Booley and his companion persisted he fired another shot, fatally wounding Booley.

Other reported attacks include the following:

■ A convoy of Pagad members allegedly drove to the Sea Point home of gang leader Rashed Staggie in an attempt to deliver a message to him. After the group realised Staggie was not home, they broke a window.

■ The Page Street, Woodstock home of a wheelchair-bound gangster known as "Bowtie" came under fire on Saturday

night by members of Pagad. No one was injured in the attack.

■ The London Road home of an alleged drug dealer who was not named was shot at. No injuries were reported.

■ A wall of the Grassy Park home of gang leader Ismail April was destroyed by fire.

The head of the task force investigating the violence, Director Arno Lamoer, said last night the task team was determined to put a stop to the violence, but he admitted it suffered from staff shortage.

The Community Outreach Forum (Core), the grouping of said-to-be-reforming gangsters, said at a press conference yesterday that Friday's killings "only fuels the explosive situation on the Cape Flats". Core, "while condemning the Government for allowing this explosive situation to further degenerate, is again making an impassioned plea to the Government to intervene in order to avoid further bloodshed."

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## MORE DEATHS IN PAGAD, GANGS CONFLICT

# Police: 'We're unable

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**FACED** with a fresh wave of violence between Pagad and the gangs, the police have only a fraction of the manpower they need simply to keep the peace, let alone catch the perpetrators of attacks. **FATIMA SCHROEDER** reports.

**A** SENIOR member of the police's Special Task Force set up to stop the violence between the anti-drugs group, Pagad, and Cape Flats gangsters has admitted that the force is hopelessly understaffed to deal with the situation.

As the death toll in the war between the two groups continued to rise, Director Arno Lamoer said last night the 120 uniformed members of the Special Task Team were a meagre 1,5% of the number required to keep the peace.

He said the ideal number of uniformed members to patrol the Cape Flats would be about 8 000 — approximately one policeman to every 500 members of the community.

The rising criticism of the police's seeming inability to deal with the situation comes in the wake of increased violence at the weekend. Two people were killed and six homes attacked.

The owner of Park City Takeaways in Belhar, Mr Asief-Ali Ahmed, also known as Logday, 21, was shot dead on Friday night. Ahmed was shot three times behind the ear by two men who fled on foot.

His brother had an epileptic fit as police arrived shortly after the shooting.

No arrests have been made.

In the second shooting, a member of Pagad who has been linked to events surrounding the killing of Hard Livings gang leader Mr Rashaad Staggie in August last year, was shot dead on Friday night in what Pagad claims to be an assassination.

Mr Moegamat Nur Booley, 33, and his brother Ozeer, 24, were arrested in connection with the theft of Staggie's gold necklace during the London Road lynching. They were granted bail of R5 000 by the Cape Town Magistrate's Court in October last year.

The case was subsequently referred to Attorney-General Mr Frank Kahn, who handed it back to the Special Task Team for further investigation.

Booley was shot twice in the head in an open field between Klip Road and First Avenue in Grassy Park. He died on the way to hospital.

A 24-year-old Grassy Park man was later arrested. He claimed Booley and a companion had followed him across the field and attempted to rob him, said police spokesman Captain Mark Romburgh.

He claimed he had fired a warning shot, but when Booley and his companion persisted he fired another, fatally wounding Booley.

Violence continued on Saturday night and early yesterday, and other reported attacks include:

### German sailors honoured



**IN REMEMBRANCE:** Commodore Alexander Votorcher of the Russian Navy tosses a wreath into False Bay in memory of the opening of the Denel Inter-navies regatta.

● A convoy of Pagad members allegedly drove to the Sea Point home of gang leader Mr Rashied Staggie in an attempt to deliver a message to him. After the group realised Staggie was not home, they broke the front window.

● The Woodstock home of a wheelchair-bound gangster known as "Bowtie" came under fire on Saturday night from several members of Pagad. No one was injured.

● The London Road home of an alleged drug dealer was shot at. No injuries were

reported.

● The front wall of the Grassy Park home of gangleader Mr Ismail April, alias "Bobby Mongrel", was destroyed in an arson attack. No one was injured.

● A petrol station in Lansdowne Road was petrol-bombed and came under fire early yesterday. Police believe the attack was carried out by gangsters. However, the owner of the garage was not a Pagad member, police said.

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of two-year-old Mikah Herman a week ago.

Mikah was burned on 50% when a petrol bomb was hurled through the lounge window of her Hanover Park home.

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Ebrahim is standing in charges of attempted murder

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## Gangs task team 'understaffed'

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committed in the Grassy Park and Athlone areas. He has denied the charges.

A day later, eight-year-old Rashied Davids, apparently another innocent victim in the simmering war, was severely burnt when a petrol bomb was hurled through the window of his Mitchells Plain home.

His father allegedly runs a shebeen from his home.

Rashied is recovering in the Red Cross Children's Hospital.

Lamoer said last night that the task team was determined to halt the violence, but was understaffed. Apart from 30 detectives, it had only 120 uniformed members to carry out patrols and searches.

The task team also has support from the Gang Unit and soldiers, who have limited powers and are not trained in police work.

In some areas the public did not want to co-operate with the police, Lamoer said.

The Community Outreach Forum (Core), the grouping of gangsters who claim to be reforming, said at a press conference yesterday that Friday's killings "only fuels the explosive situation on the

Cape Flats".

In a statement, Core asked the government "to intervene to avoid further bloodshed".

It said that the organisation would approach poet Don Mattera and editor Mr Aggrey Klaaste to intervene and initiate a peace process.

"We believe that these two individuals have sufficient clout and understanding to initiate a process between Pagad and Core," the statement said.

Meanwhile, Western Cape Human Rights Commissioner Ms Rhoda Kadalie has condemned the death of Mikah Herman and the attack on Rashied Davids.

"The escalating conflict between Pagad and Core has been responsible for a number of deaths and the serious injury of innocent victims who are caught in the crossfire of rivalries between these groups."

Kadalie said in a statement the rivalries "are based more on displays of power, territorial control and brinkmanship than real concerns with drug-trafficking and gangsterism".

Although gangsterism was illegal, vigilante groups had no right

to take the laws into their own hands, she said.

She called on the government "to assert the rule of law".

The ANC Western Cape said in a statement at the weekend that the police would "have to speed up their search for the people responsible for the planning and executing of attacks on the houses of alleged drug dealers, gangsters and Pagad members".

"This should be done immediately, before more innocent children are injured or killed," the statement said.

It called on Pagad and Core to "stop launching attacks and subsequent revenge attacks".

"We can no longer tolerate a situation where our children and other innocent people become statistics in this unnecessary conflict," the ANC's statement said.

"Nor can we allow a situation to continue where masked and heavily armed men attack houses.

"The police should therefore step up their hunt for the executors of these attacks.

"Anybody who witnessed the attacks should contact their nearest police station and give their full co-operation."

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Ebrahim is standing trial on four charges of attempted murder, allegedly

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# WE'VE HAD ENOUGH

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ISAACS AND ANDREA WEISS  
 Staff Reporters

Enough is enough, the war must stop. This is the demand of community and religious leaders today outraged at the way the violence on the Cape Flats is being handled after the death of a month-old baby and a prominent Muslim doctor last night.

The Ulama of the Western Cape Muslim religious leaders have called on Deputy President Thabo Mbeki to get directly involved in finding solutions to the bloody conflict between Cape Flats gangsters and the anti-crime group Paarl.

The call comes as a large contingent of Public Order police are sent from Pretoria to boost the hard-pressed police task team on the violence after an urgent decision at a National Police Forum meeting in Gauteng. Ulama spokesman Sheikh Ibrahim Gabriel said today they had met Justice Minister Dullah Omar and asked him to arrange a meeting with Mr Mbeki.

Mr Omar, who will meet Western Cape Premier Hanus Kriel later today, said there was no place for party politicking and that each role player had to help.

The time for law-passing has stopped. We are faced with a major crisis, and the police have a major role to play in restoring law and order. But community organisations and the authorities must all work together to make this happen, he said. Premier Kriel said he would discuss the proposal with Police Minister Gerhard Maritz today.

A 500-strong contingent of Public Order police are expected to arrive in the Cape Flats today.

The violence was on the Cape Flats for the last time today, victims in the area should be advised to make their homes secure, said Dullah Omar. He said the man who was shot execution-style in his



To page 3 Time of terror: police examine the scene at the Tauffer family's home in Surrey Estate where a baby died and two children were injured. The Cape Flats conflict has prompted community leaders to call on Deputy President Thabo Mbeki to intervene in the clashes

## Gang war shatters night

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JOHAN SCHROENEN  
 Crime Correspondent

A doctor was shot dead, a month-old baby burnt to death and a boy's leg blown off overnight on the Cape Flats.

Police reacted to nine attacks believed to have been part of the conflict between gangs and People Against Gangsters and Drugs. The night of terror began at 6:30pm when a prominent Valhalla Park doctor Mozammal Rafai Dharso was shot dead in cold blood.

Two men posing as patients walked into his Angela Road surgery and shot him twice in the head while he was treating a patient. Late last night police arrested three suspects and took possession of a gun. One of the suspects had blood on his trousers.

At 10pm in Rietbok Street, Lotus River, a group of men attacked the home of Sita Viljoen after demanding to see 'Fommi' - an alleged drug dealer.

When Doif Maroka, 28, came out of the house to tell members of the group that they

had the wrong house, he was taken into the street, beaten and shot three times.

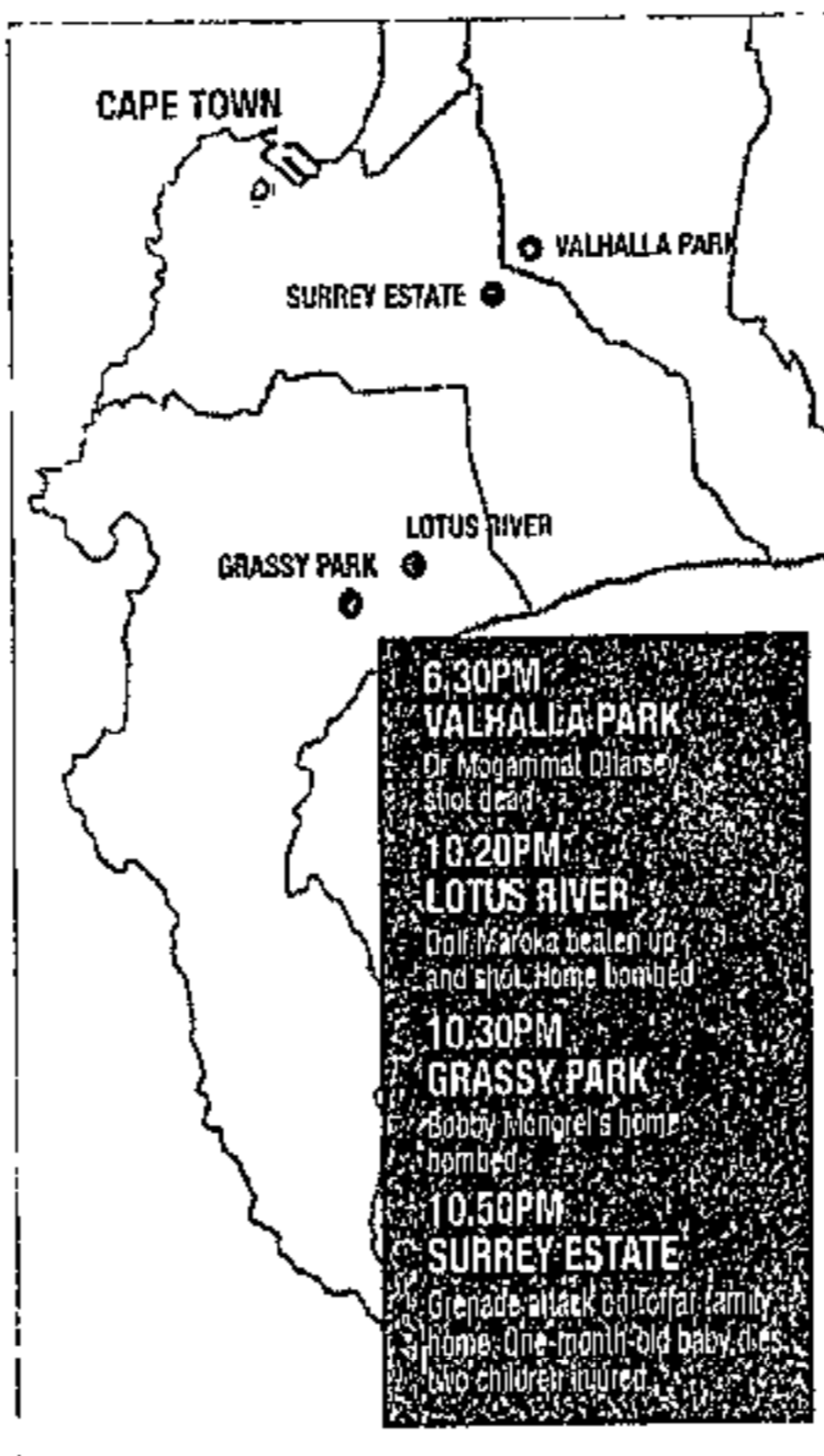
The attackers then threw a home made bomb on to the roof of the house, causing extensive damage. But Ms Viljoen and her three children, who were in the house, were not injured.

Mr Maroka was taken to Victoria Hospital in Wynberg in a serious condition with wounds in his neck, back and side.

About the same time the Klip Road, Grassy Park, home of gang leader Ismail 'Bobby Mongrel' Apiil was attacked for the second time in three days. An explosive device was thrown over the garden wall, damaging windows and a door.

At 11pm a group pulled up in two cars at the Tauffer family home in Taurus Road, Surrey Estate, and opened fire, shattering windows and damaging cars.

They threw an explosive device into the house. A month-old baby died and two children aged about three and six, were seriously injured. One lost a leg.



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## Boesak co-accused to give guilty pleas

Freddie Steenkamp, the former book keeper of the now defunct Foundation for Peace and Justice, will plead guilty to some of the 32 fraud and theft charges involving R9-million he is facing, the Cape High Court heard today.

Mr Steenkamp and his co-accused, the foundation's former director Allan Boesak, appeared briefly in court this morning. State prosecutor J.C. Gerber told Mr Justice Griesman that Dr Boesak's application for suspension of his trial would fall away. Mr Steenkamp would plead guilty to certain of the charges the two faced. Mr Steenkamp's trial would start on October 20 when he would plead.

Dr Boesak's trial will begin on February 16 next year. High Court Reporter



Court order: Allan Boesak and his wife Elna leave the Cape Town High Court today

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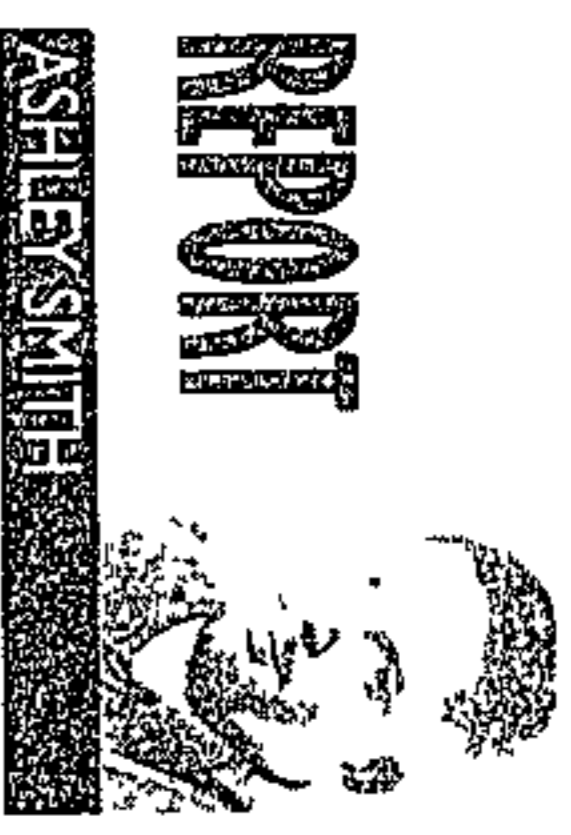
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# Fear raises wall of silence over killings

## Cape Flats won't talk about murder of prominent Muslims

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**REPORT**  
**RASHID SMITH**

A wall of silence has gone up on the four-gridded Cape Flats over the execution-style murder of a doctor in Valhalla Park and two businessmen in Belhar.

Muhammad Reda Dhuwayb, 55, was shot in the head at close range in his car on 11 Road on 21/9 last night. He was a professional and business people murdered on the Flats since Friday.

The others were Belhar shop owners Cassim Ismail and Asraf Ali Ahmed.

And Northgate car-owner Ploem Achmat (Abdullah) was seriously wounded in an attack on his business on Sunday.

A private spokeswoman said Dr Dhuwayb was murdered by two men who burst into his car and fired several shots at him.

The police had taken statements from Dr Dhuwayb's doctor and relatives.

At this stage the motive is unclear. We have no idea why people are going through this type of senseless murder.

When it comes to the police, I need to talk to people living in the vicinity of Dr Dhuwayb's surgery soon after the shooting they were hurt by a wall of silence.

One resident said that on the Cape Flats, you just don't talk about gang violence. We say nothing, we heard nothing.

However, it is a pity about Dr Dhuwayb, as he served the community for more than 25 years and was a loving and dependable man.

Another neighbour was more outspoken, saying the men who killed Dr Dhuwayb were "bitchards" as he had been everyone's doctor for many years in Belhar where Mr Ismail and

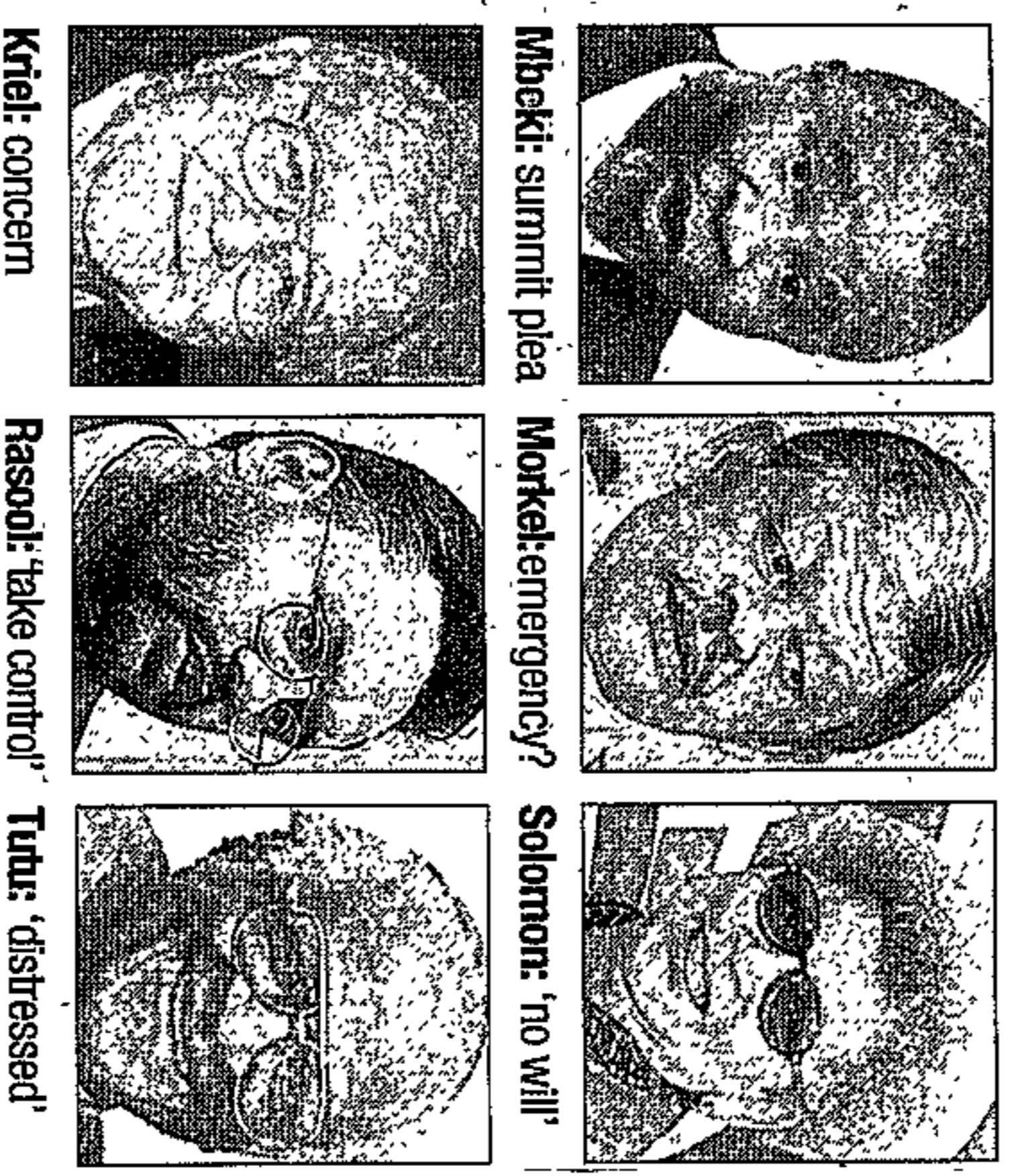


Death scene: the Angela Road surgery where community leader and doctor Mohammad Reda Dhuwayb was gunned down.

### Reinforcements on way as police plan to halt convoys and seize guns

**JOSEPH ABOLUES AND JOHANN SCHRÖNER**  
56p reporter

The police are planning to send reinforcements to the Cape Flats to deal with the growing number of gun-related incidents. These include the murder of Dr Dhuwayb and the shooting of a taxi driver in the area.



Mbeki: summit plea  
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## 'We've had enough' - angry community leaders want talks with Mbeki

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Dr Dhuwayb's death brings to three the number of Muslim business and professional people murdered since Friday. Belhar shopkeepers Cassim Ismail and Asraf Ali Ahmed were gunned down at the weekend.

Today community leaders questioned whether the political will existed to stop the conflict.

Cape Town mayor Theresa Solomon said: "It appears to me that there isn't the will to do anything about it. We are hearing all this rhetoric and nothing seems to be

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happening... "When we were in the struggle, the police could always find us and lock us up, but when this kind of activity takes place, it appears it cannot be contained."

Anglican Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu said he was deeply distressed and called on all religious leaders to start an initiative to bring peace to the Cape Flats.

Former University of the Western Cape rector Richard Van der Ross said it was time to bring an end to the conflict on the Cape Flats, irrespective of affiliation. Communities were tearing themselves apart and it was being allowed to happen because people were keeping quiet.

Leaders of the Muslim community strongly condemned the killings. The Muslim Judicial Council has also called on the Government to act forcefully to eradicate crime.

Spokesman Sheikh Achmat Sedick said: "We are currently experiencing murder and killings of innocent people and children almost daily."

"We have no alternative but to place the responsibility at the doors of the Government and the authorities concerned to bring peace, security and safety to our people."

Ebrahim Rasool, African National Congress leader in the provincial legislature, said it was time for the "established Muslim leadership" to take control and give guidance.

Islamic Council of South Africa secretary Farhad Ahmed said: "We urge the police to stop this vicious pattern of killings claiming the lives of innocent people. I'm disgusted with the way the police handled this issue."

"It appears the minister of police and the minister of justice have lost control of the situation. We have asked for a meeting with the provincial Minister of Police, Gerald Morkel.

"None of these people shot in the past few weeks had anything to do with Pagad and the latest killing of Dr Dhuwayb is a case in point. He was a community leader and a member of the African Muslim Party."

Imam Abdurahman Gaffeldien, head of the legislative department of the Majlis Ashura-al-Islami, said: "We wish to condemn this vicious killing of an innocent citizen who cared of the health and well-being of the community."

"I... call on the Minister of Police to get his act together and stop this vicious circle of killings."

Community Outreach Forum (Cofre) spokesman Ernest "Lapepe" Peters said they were just as concerned at the attacks.

### Bail man may attend prayers

STAFF REPORTER

Bail conditions for a Surrey Police man, who confessed to being involved in a fatal shooting in Brackenbury, have been relaxed to enable him to go to mosque and consult his attorney.

Magistrate Razaq Aman was granted bail to the man and his brother on a strict condition that he was allowed to go to work.

Magistrate Aman told police he was involved in the fatal shooting of Paul (Vally) van Dyk.

The hearing was postponed to Monday for further investigation.

### Booley killing: man in court

STAFF REPORTER

A 24-year-old Report in his case, and in a witness statement, led to the connection with the killing of Peter-Thomas van Booley.

No other names were put to Report in the case of Sunday Road. He was arrested on R200 bail on Saturday.

The hearing was adjourned until October 17. Mr Booley, who was shot in April in Cassia Park, was a suspect in the high-speed Steyners murder.

His co-accused and brother Oscar will appear in the Cape Town Magistrate's Court on October 1 - Staff Reporter

# Shopkeeper's widow faces Staggie 'to hear the truth'

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**ROGER FRIEDMAN**

FEARING for her life, the widow of a Belhar butcher who was killed in his shop 10 days ago yesterday drove into the heart of Hard Livings gang territory in Manenberg to confront gang leader Mr Rashied Staggie over her husband's death.

Mrs Roshen Ismael — who is also seeking an audience with Minister of Justice Mr Dullah Omar — told Staggie that her husband Mr Cassiem Ismael was neither a member nor supporter of Pagad, and urged him to tell her the truth about his killing.

"I went to look for (Staggie) in London Road, then I came here. We all thought that these men (the gangsters) were responsible for the killings, and I must admit that after my husband's death I also thought it was (Staggie)," she said.

"I came here alone as a woman, where people fear to come. I was scared but I had the support of my family and friends. The people of Belhar are very cross with him. They are calling his name as the one who is responsible.

"My husband used to say you will find God through the truth. So

I came here for the truth. After speaking to the man I do not feel it was him. I feel much freer now."

Ismael said she did not agree with Staggie's alleged drug dealing, but didn't believe that violence was the solution to the problem.

"As a Muslim I know that God

is going to punish us all at the end of the day. I will get punished and he will get punished. Drugs is something that is wrong. He is doing the wrong thing and he knows it. He will not escape judgment.

"God will ask him when he is under the ground why he did these things, when only his spirit can answer. But I cannot kill him, God judges, not mankind."

Ismael called for an end to violence. She called on Pagad to play its part in stopping the escalating violence in its tracks.

"I have lost my husband and been left with seven children to support. I want (Pagad leader) Aslam Toefy to tell me how he feels about it. I think Pagad should come to me, and I will stand between them and the gangsters to sort out this violence."

Staggie said he had told Ismael the truth: "Before her and God I told her that I was in no way responsible for her husband's death. I also assured her that Core does not have any policy of killing shopkeepers. There are many babbies and motjies

(Cape Flats' slang for men and women Muslim shopkeepers) in Manenberg. None of them have been hurt.

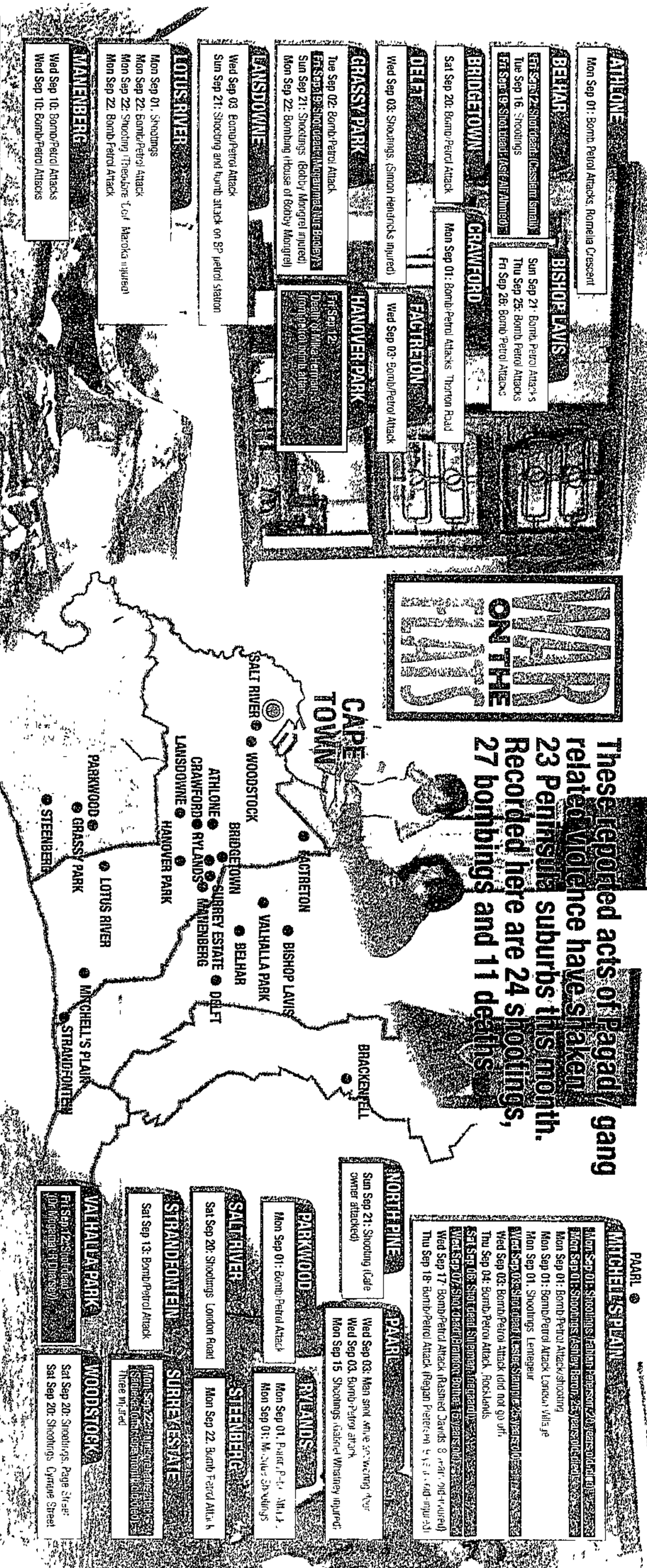
"I know nothing about this slogan 'one babbie, one bullet'. I do not agree with it and it is definitely not the policy of Core," he said.

**'Drugs is something that is wrong. He (Staggie) will not escape judgment. But I cannot kill him, God judges, not mankind.'**  
— **Roshen Ismael, whose husband was killed, allegedly by gangsters.**

# 26 DAYS OF MAYHEM

## WAR ON THE FLATS

These reported acts of Pagadi/gang related violence have shaken 23 Peninsula suburbs this month. Recorded here are 24 shootings, 27 bombings and 11 deaths.



## Politicians bicker as grim toll rises

JULIAN JACOBS AND BEAUREGARD TROMP

The figures speak for themselves. 24 shootings and 27 bombings on the Cape flats this month have left 11 people dead and scores more injured. And, politicians still are arguing over who should be taking the problem.

Last night Justice Minister Dullah Omar sitting on the television heard the pleas of victims and responded with a veiled attack on his own government saying it could do much more to fight gangsterism.

He also said greater police visibility was into the combat zone because his hands were tied.

Western Cape ANC spokesman Brent Simon accused the premier and provincial Minister of Police Gerald Morkel of failing to deal with the deepening crisis.

Police Chief Pieter van der Merwe has agreed to send 700 more of up security on the Cape Flats.

Yesterday an angry M. Kriel said the victims of innocent people had to stop. He vowed to stand on the steps of Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi office until something was done.

He said the central government was responsible for deploying police throughout south Africa.

"I am not passing the buck. The buck has never been mine to pass."

"It's time that greater authority is given to the provinces so that we can deal with violence and crime speedily and effectively."

Obviously, this is a tall order in that it was given the authority we must be given the financial resources. After all we know best how to deal with local problems.

But Mr. Simon said, "Hermas Kriel is doing what all other politicians are trying to avoid. He is trying to get political gain out of a real crisis which is affecting the Cape Flats."

"The people of the Western Cape expect more from Kriel than to threaten camping outside Minister Mufamadi's office."

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"If we need 2,000 more police men to curb violence in our province and to stop the killing of our children then I will do everything in my power to force central government to ensure we do get this help."

He added, "If a state of emergency becomes the only way to solve this issue, then President Mandela must come and assess the situation in the Cape and institute such measures as he deems fit. The authority to institute a state of emergency lies with Mr. Mandela and not with the provinces."

It is clear that Pagadi, instead of solving the problem, is becoming part of the problem through the methods they are using.

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He said the ANC could not tolerate a situation where well trained and heavily armed and masked attackers targeted people's homes at night.

Police spokesman Vivienne Phillips said Western Cape Police Commissioner Leon Westers strongly condemned the violence of the past few weeks on the Cape Flats.

Sergeant Phillips said the SA Police Services and the Special Task Team set up to deal with the crisis between Pagadi and the Cape Flats gangs were working around the clock, but needed the help and support of communities in order to achieve success.

132 arrests have been made. Most of these were based on charges of illegal possession of firearms.

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attempts murder and assault," said Sergeant Phillips.

In an effort to stabilise the situation and ensure a safe festive season, Mr. Morkel announced a new R2.5-million crime initiative project earlier this week called "Stamp out crime in the region of the vine."

Mr. Morkel's spokesman, David Frost, said his department condemned the killings and bombings on the Cape Flats.

Mr. Frost denied there was a war on the Cape Flats and said police were handling the situation.

"We have implemented the required measures and so far we have arrested several sus-

pects responsible for the crimes being committed on the Cape Flats," said Mr. Frost.

The Democratic Party on Monday stated in a letter to Mr. Mandela that he should appoint an experienced High Court judge to head an inter-disciplinary task force to secure successful prosecutions of those guilty of drug, gang and Pagadi-related crimes in the Western Cape.

The war between gangsters and the militant anti-drugs group Pagadi took a ghastly turn this week when a month-old baby was killed in a bomb attack.

Baby Sadiela Tofoar's death highlighted the conditions which thousands of citizens face. Sadiela's mother, Shireen, was badly burnt and may have permanent eye damage, while her brother lost his left leg and her sister was severely burnt.

Police said a special unit was still investigating the incident.

It is understood that former Hard Living gang boss Rashed Staggie will meet the South African Prisons Organisation for Human Rights, Sowetan editor Aggrey Klaaste and poet and associate editor Don Mattera.

The meeting, a last-ditch effort to address the spiralling violence on the Cape Flats, is scheduled to take place at a secret venue in Johannesburg on Monday.

Aggrey Klaaste and Don Mattera have been instrumental in brokering peace between gangs in Westbury, Johannesburg.

Mr. Mattera is a former gangster himself.





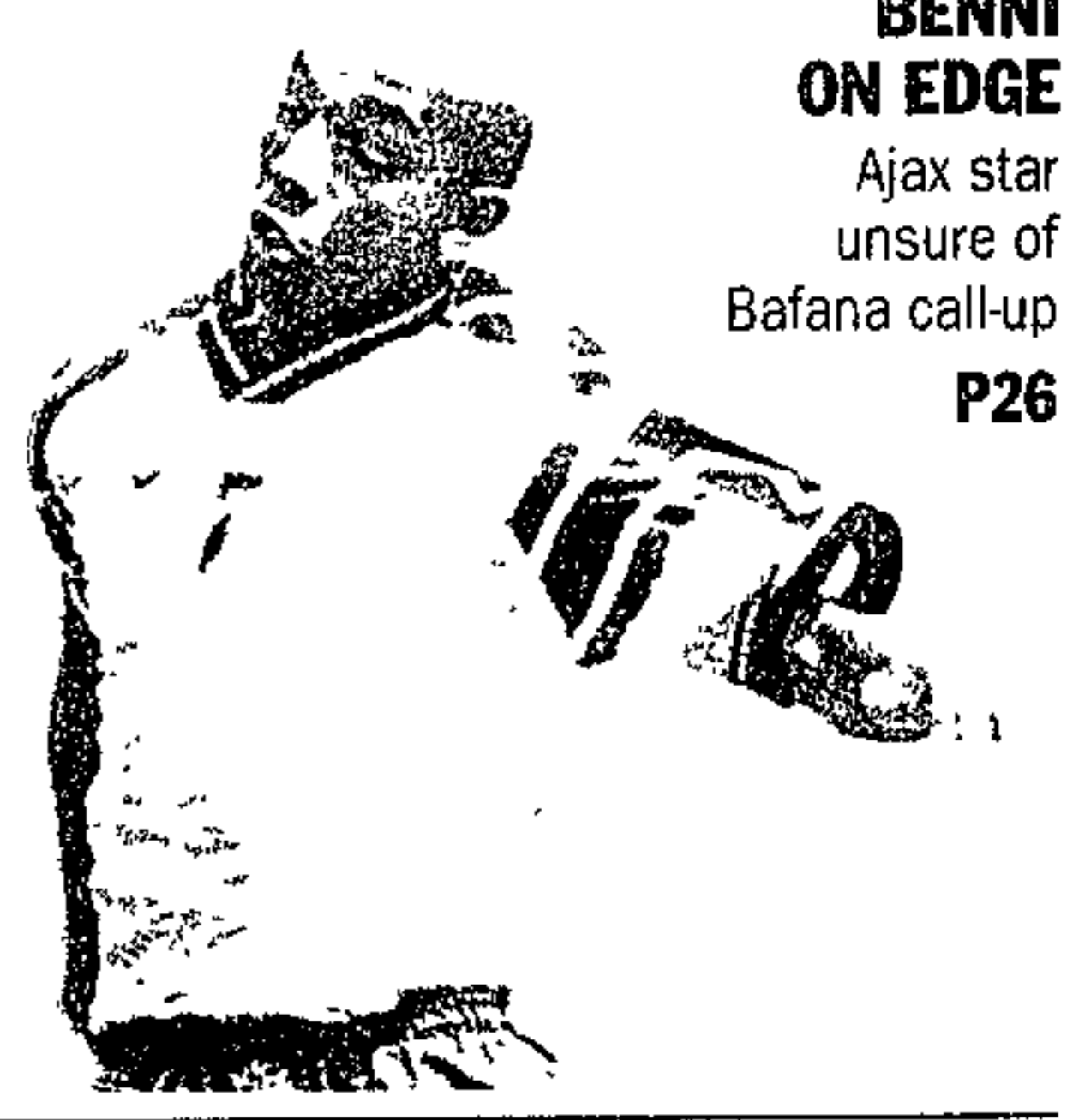
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# MAYHEM ON CAPE FLATS



**UNDER FIRE** The fire and anti-aircraft missiles did little damage to a Grassy Park home which came under attack late last night. An occupant of the house was beaten and shot three times by the fire to escape his assailants.

**GRIEF-STRICKEN** Valhalla Park resident and long-time patient of Dr Mogammat Dharsey, Magdalene Cupido sits in the doorway of the surgery where he was shot dead. See PAGE TWO

## Children blown up in grenade attacks

By ANITA SCHROEDER AND  
MIZ VAN ZILLA

It still seems like war between the anti-drugs group Pagad and Cape Flat gangs erupted in bloody conflict last night, claiming the lives of a four-year-old baby, killed in a hand grenade

attack, and a prominent Muslim doctor who was shot dead in his Valhalla Park surgery. The baby, another suffered severe burns while the baby's two older siblings, aged three and seven, were severely injured in the attack on their Surrey Estate home.

In another attack in Lotus River, a man was beaten and then shot three times by anti-drugs campaigners who apparently mistook him for a local drug dealer, while the Grassy Park home of gang leader Mr Ismail April, alias "Bobby Mongel" was attacked for the second time in three days.

Police said both the Surrey Estate and the Lotus River attacks were carried out on the wrong houses, with the intended targets (drug dealers) living next door.

Three suspects were arrested after Dr Mogammat Dharsey was shot dead last night in his surgery. Two men pretending to be patients shot him in front of a patient he was treating (See PAGE TWO).

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Police had received a hoax call to investigate a shooting in nearby Jordan Street, a Manenberg policeman said this morning.

"While the police were there the attack was launched on the Tauffer's home in nearby Taurus Street.

The policeman, who did not want to be identified, told the Cape Times the Tauffer's home was close to that of a drug dealer.

"It's the attackers are definitely not gangsters," he said.

Mr Eugene Blaattjes, 23, who was walking in the area, described how he helped drag people out of the burning house.

"I ran in and dragged out a lady. Her face was burnt and she shouted at me to go back for the children. I went in and there was a boy in the passage. He was shouting for help. His right leg was hanging off."

"I took him outside and they told me there was a baby in there."

"I went back, but the baby had been burnt to death."

The occupants were not members of Pagad, the Manenberg policeman said.

Mrs Tauffer was in Groote Schuur Hospital with severe burns last night. Her condition was serious but stable.

The children, a boy and a girl, were at the Red Cross Children's Hospital.

Mr Tauffer was away on a fishing trip at the time of the attack.

Neighbours said two cars, a gold Mercedes-Benz and a blue Jetta, were parked outside the house at the time.

In the Lotus River attack, a resident of Rietbok Street, who did not want to be identified, said shortly after an army patrol had left the street, it "filled up with cars" carrying heavily armed Pagad supporters wearing balaclavas.

The men stopped at the house of Ms Sofia Viljoen, called her sister Charmaine outside, held her at gunpoint and demanded to know the whereabouts of "Louise", an alleged drug dealer.

When her boyfriend, Mr Theodore "Dolt" Matoka, 28, came out some of the Pagad supporters grabbed him and started beating and kicking him in the street.

When he attempted to flee, they shot him three times, in the neck, back and side.

He was taken to Victoria Hospital in a serious condition.

The attackers then lobbed an explosive device on the roof of the house. The bomb detonated and ripped a huge hole in the asbestos roof, spraying the inside of the house with deadly shrapnel.

Ms Sofia Viljoen and her three children, aged between two and 10, escaped unhurt.

A member of the police bomb disposal unit arrived and said it appeared the device, which contained nails, was homemade.

Viljoen said they did not deal in drugs and that the "bomnie" Pagad were looking for, lived several 600m away.

Another distraught family member said they attacked the wrong house. It seems they just attack any house they feel like.

A neighbour, who declined to be identified, said "It's unfair if they want to go for the drug dealers why don't they do that."

In Grassy Park, the Klip Road home of gang leader Mr Ismail April was extensively damaged in a bomb attack, the second attack on his home in three days.

An explosive device was hurled over the front wall of April's house, shattering several windows and a large patio door.

The interior of the house was also badly damaged by the powerful blast.

April was not at home at the time.

On Saturday night suspected Pagad members buried a petrol bomb at April's house causing damage to the front wall.

A spokesman for Justice Minister Mr Dullah Omar said he was not prepared to wake Omar up at 2am to comment on the early morning attacks.

Speaking after the murder of Dharsey earlier, Omar said "I am deeply shocked at the

call on the police to relentlessly pursue the killers and those who masterminded the attack.

"They should be brought to justice and the court will have to set an example and deal with the perpetrators in a way which will protect and benefit the communities."

Staggie, when asked who was behind the attacks, said "We are looking for answers ourselves."

"We can now expect things to get worse. It seems the war that has been threatening has now begun."

"Unless the government steps in urgently, it will be too late. The government are too cowardly to get involved in this problem. Some of them are not suitable for their posts."

"I condemn all these attacks for more than a year we pleaded for peace, but now I think it is too late for peace and very serious things are about to happen," Staggie said.

Mr Ernest "Lapepa" Peters, another Core leader, said he blamed police directly. He said police meetings with Pagad had given them the impression that what they did was right.

"We are looking for solutions," Peters said. "Stop saying you won't talk to gangsters."

We need to sit down to talk to all interested parties, including Pagad.

"A special task force has been formed, the army has been sent in but no solution has been found."

"It seems to us that neither the army nor the police are able to command respect," Lapepa said.

"All these innocent people died in the process and no one talks about it."

"It must end somewhere. It could have been anyone's child. No one does anything about it, not the government, the ANC or the NP."

"Anyone who says they do not want to talk to us do not want a solution. We want to talk because we know violence is not the answer."

"We extend our condolences to the families of those killed and extend our hand in peace," Peters said.

Pagad leader Mr Cassim Parker said "The attacks that have occurred on the houses of innocent people have been launched by the gangsters to maintain their drug trade and gangster stronghold."

"The attempt is to get Pagad to stop with its programme, but the time is right for the community to maintain its support for the Pagad programme and to move for the total eradication of gangsterism and drugs."

"The police must focus their attention on bringing the perpetrators of these crimes to

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CRACK-DOWN

There was a boy... shouting for help. His right leg was hanging off. There was a baby inside. I went back but the baby had been burnt to death.

# Mike Tyson step aside — the global powerbrokers have come to town

**F**ORGET the handover. Forget the trained Prince Charles, Chris "Boo-hoo" Patten, President Jiang "Time was on my side" Zemin and the dala-dignitary hordes that played flag ceremonies just under three months ago. The true global powerbrokers are in town.

Yes folks, Hong Kong is busy hosting the annual World Bank/International Monetary Fund buntight, and even to someone like me, whose central understanding of money is that it somehow manages to find its way out of my current account by the 25th of the month, it's been fascinating.

Make that "confusing". I'm still trying to figure out who invaded whom at midnight on June 30. I arrived in this town keen to see how the evil Communist Red China would quickly stomp on good old free-market, cash-crazy kong.

But wouldn't you know it? Those tricky mainlanders have gone capitalist

on us! At last week's 15th Communist Party Congress in Beijing, Mr Jiang announced that "public ownership can and should take diversified forms", thereby accelerating the march towards a market economy in China.

This business concluded, and with Mao presumably doing the hokey-cokey in his mausoleum, Prime Minister Li Peng and Vice-Premier Zhu Rongji placed patriotism ahead of personal safety by flying China Air into Hong Kong to come and rub shoulders with the rich and powerful.

Not to mention the bodyguards for the rich and powerful. Dignitaries are scooting around in human phalanxes, their bodies bobbing largely unseen between serrated ranks of wide-eyed, broad-shouldered men sporting distinctly non-cell-phone bulges in their jackets.

Mr Li's security is right off the scale, due to the public perception that he was

largely responsible for sending in the tanks during the Tiananmen Square massacre in 1989 (also known as the Tiananmen Square "crackdown" or "incident", depending on which news agency is reporting "Tea party" is presumably on its way).

So the sight of him being greeted by 100 children waving Special Administrative Region flags was somewhat ruined by the fact that said kids were ringed by scores of policemen holding sub-machine-guns.

He then headed for town in a 27-car convoy, along roads stripped of traffic, and checked into his presidential suite at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, at a reported cost in excess of \$3 200 (R14 944) a night, or three times the average monthly wage in Hong Kong. Yup, so much for socialism.

Meanwhile, things were warming up inside the Wan Chai Convention Centre. Any chance that the meeting would



devolve into boring mutterings about loan repayments, etc, were happily dashed by Malaysian Prime Minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who dismissed foreign exchange trading as "unnecessary, unproductive and immoral" and accused "rogues" of trying to "cause an avalanche" of hot money to flee Asian markets.

These lively sentiments follow a crash on the Malaysian markets which saw

their currency devalued by 20%, after speculators figured their economy was dodgy (I don't know why he's complaining — after all, the rand's strength is linked to sightings of ambulances outside Mandela's house).

A day later, it was round two: Dr Mahathir's foe, US speculator Mr George Soros, called the good doctor "a menace to his own country" and accused him of "grandstanding".

This is already better than a Tyson fight, but sadly, any hopes of an ear-biting incident in round three have been ruled out by the bodyguards. Dr Mahathir was strolling around the security-cordoned convention centre with about eight, although whether they are to protect him from terrorists or his fellow delegates has yet to be established.

So, for all-in-wrestling, the streets are still the place to be. The World Bank/IMF conference has been the first test of citi-

zens' right to protest in the new SAR, and things haven't gone too smoothly. On Sunday, a group of 100 demonstrators were given a far-flung patch of concrete from which to voice their various annoyances — when they tried to get closer to the action, they got quite fearfully jumped on by the police, who made five arrests.

Last night, 30 protesters were given another remote piece of sidewalk, ringed by metal barricades and 100 police officers. Gotta love that freedom of expression.

Which brings me to the most interesting development, which is that — once again — Taiwan got shafted. Hong Kong authorities denied visas to two cabinet members scheduled to attend a conference-related seminar. Local officials said their applications had been rejected due to their "sensitive" status as Taiwan officials.

So much for the "no change for 50 years" promises, said the annoyed Taiwanese.

The plot thickens. A newspaper report said that it might become compulsory for movie-houses here to play the national anthem from October 1, accompanied by footage of the founding of the people's republic. A hint of things to come?

Tell you, this high finance stuff is providing more questions than answers. Is Hong Kong influencing mainland China, or vice versa? Will anti-11 demonstrators succeed in running a banquet he is hosting today, by chanting Tiananmen slogans outside? Will Malaysia's threat to control currency speculation be acted upon? Are Mr Soros and Co actively destabilising Asian economies?

And why is my current account empty already? It's only the 23rd, for goodness sake!



**SCENE OF ATTACK:** Curious onlookers watch police investigators at work at the Surrey Estate house, which police say was the wrong target, where a month-old baby was killed and the child's mother and siblings were injured when a hand grenade exploded inside the house.

PICTURE: GARTH STEAD

## KILLERS PRETENDED TO HAVE APPOINTMENT

# shot dead in surgery <sup>(35)</sup>

**THE MURDER** of a Valhalla Park doctor has rocked the community in which he practised for 20 years and embittered those who fear he is a Muslim victim of the Pagad-gangster war. **LINDIZ VAN ZILLA** and **FATIMA SCHROEDER** report.

**A** PROMINENT Muslim doctor was shot dead last night in his Valhalla Park surgery. Dr Moganmat Dharsey, 55, of Pentlin State, Athlone, was shot twice in the forehead execution-style by two men who entered his Angelo Street surgery shortly after 9pm.

Last night, police arrested three suspects and confiscated a firearm believed to have been used in the shooting.

One of the suspects had blood on his shoes, a police spokesperson said.

Dharsey had practised in the working-class community of Valhalla Park for almost 20 years.

The killers, suspected to be gangsters, pretended to have appointments and gave the receptionist the name Van Riebeck.

"While the receptionist was looking for their names, they walked through to the back of the surgery and just shot him in the head," a relative said.

Dharsey, who was attending to a patient, was shot at point-blank range.

The patient was not injured in the attack but was later treated for shock.

It is feared that the killing is linked to the war between the anti-drugs organisation Pagad and

gangsters on the Cape Flats. Senior police and army officials are to meet today to discuss bringing reinforcements from Pretoria to the embattled Cape Flats later this week.

Muslim business owners have in recent weeks become the targets of gangster-style hits.

It is believed that the continuing attacks are in retaliation for repeated petrol-bomb and hand-grenade attacks by suspected Pagad members on the homes of gangsters and drug dealers.

Family members denied that Dharsey was a Pagad member and said he was "most likely killed because he was a Muslim".

Family members at the scene said the two men had been in their 20s and "well dressed".

A visibly distraught relative, who did not wish to be named, said: "He was an innocent victim of this war. They took away a doctor who had served the community for so many years. It's pathetic."

Another relative said: "His killing is a loss

Everyone knew him, he was a member of the community."

In addition to his medical work in Valhalla Park, Dharsey had been instrumental in the building of the local mosque.

Both family members believed Dharsey was killed by gangsters because he was a Muslim.

One said it would be ironic if he had been shot by gangsters because "how many gangsters have not come in here with bullet and stab wounds, and he helped them".

Last night's attack was the fourth on a Muslim businessperson this year.

Two Muslim shopkeepers were shot dead at their businesses in Belhar on consecutive Fridays in the past two weeks.

Mr Cassim Ismael and Mr Asiel-Ah Ahmed, also known as "Logday", were shot without a cent being taken from their tills.

Ahmed's widow, Mrs Boshen Ismael told the Cape Times: "It is now known as one bullet, one bullet."

Earlier this year, another Muslim couple, Mr Maher Ghansar and his wife Shaheda, who owned a Valhalla Park shop were shot in the first such recorded attack on a Muslim business.

Last night, Minister of Justice and ANC Western Cape leader, Mr Dullah Omar, said: "I am deeply shocked at the attack and murder of Dr Dharsey."

"I condemn it in the strongest terms and call on the police to relentlessly pursue the killers and those who masterminded the attack."

"They should be brought to justice and the courts will have to set an example and deal with the perpetrators in a way which will protect and benefit the communities."

"Dr Dharsey was highly respected in the community and was not only a medical practitioner but also a leader."

"I convey my condolences to the family of Dr Dharsey and all the other families who have lost loved ones in similar attacks."

"I call on people to remain calm and not to take the law into their own hands but to work closely with the police to bring the killers to book."

Meanwhile, Mr Dawood Khan of the Western Cape Traders' Association, called for the resignation of Safety and Security Minister Mr Sydney Mutamadhi saying he was "incapable of dealing with the crisis".

Khan said: "Things have gotten totally out of hand. Every night this week someone has died."

His organisation had made a strong call for Mutamadhi to be replaced, he said.

"We need to appoint someone who can carry this responsibility."

*It's ironic that he be gunned down by gangsters... How many gangsters have come in here — and he helped them?*

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# Cape Flats traders

# caught in the crossfire

## Si die as Pagad-gang WAR rages

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JOSEPH ARANES

Cape Flats shopkeepers and business people, most of whom are Muslim, are living in fear after several traders have been killed in the ongoing war between the anti-crime group Pagad and gangsters in recent weeks.

Since August 9, three days after Cape Flats gangsters declared war on Pagad, at least five shopkeepers and a doctor were brutally gunned down in their business premises in what appear to be attacks directed at them because they are perceived to be Pagad supporters.

On Monday this week, gunmen posing as patients marched into the surgery of Valhalla Park doctor, Mogamat Dharsey, and shot him in front of a patient he was treating.

In the preceding weekend two Belhar businessmen, Asief-Ali Ahmed and Cassiem Ismail, were cold-bloodedly murdered in their shops.

While most of the shootings have been reported either as robberies and senseless attacks by criminals, organisations operating on the Flats are concerned that these vicious attacks on shop owners may have been orchestrated by gangsters as part of their campaign against Pagad.

Western Cape Anti-Crime Forum spokesman Chris Ferndale said it seemed as if a gang was specifically targeting shopkeepers, especially in the north-eastern

areas of the Cape Flats.

"It is all part of their strategy to force the traders out so they can move in and take over the shops and use them as legitimate fronts to launder their ill-gotten proceeds from drug smuggling."

Mr Ferndale said it was time the police played a more proactive role in the community and stopped these vicious attacks on innocent people.

A spokesman for the Western Cape Traders' Association, who wished to remain anonymous for fear of reprisals, said the association was very disappointed that after several meetings with Cabinet ministers and the provincial police Commissioner Leon Wessels in which undertakings were given to protect traders, their members were being killed.

"Traders are caught in the middle of this bloody conflict - every week we hear of another horrific fatality; yet it seems as if the police want to play down the killings in an attempt to hide their inadequacies in protecting the community from this anarchy.

"We are caught in a vulnerable position for while we don't have any alliances with Pagad, most of our members are Muslims and it is perceived that we financially support the anti-crime group.

"At the same time, we interact every day with the community - including gangsters - and don't have problems with them, but now it seems as if we are being attacked because

of these perceptions," he said.

The attacks were seriously affecting traders and had become an area of huge concern as many families were being wrecked by these violent deaths, he said.

Community Outreach Forum (Core) spokesman Ernest "Lapepa" Peters said they were just as concerned about the recent spate of attacks on shopkeepers and appealed to those responsible to stop attacking innocent families and people just because they are Muslim.

"We mourn with the victim's families and support the call of the traders' association for more police patrols in the community to protect the shop owners as they are providing an essential service to our people."

Mr Peters warned that if the attacks continued it could lead to a split in the community with Muslims attacking Christians and vice versa.

Provincial police commissioner Leon Wessels said the police stood by their undertaking given to the traders that they would increase patrols near their businesses.

"But our biggest problem is that we don't know where or who the attackers will target next and this makes it almost impossible for us to protect all the shops.

"The only way to stop this senseless killings is for people to change their minds and to respect the rule of law and other people's lives and properties," Commissioner Wessels said.



WETTE VAN BREDA, KEN VERNON  
and HENRY LUDSKI

**T**HE shrill scream echoing through the burns unit of the Red Cross Children's Hospital in Cape Town is that of a child in agony.

Tears stream down the face of heavily bandaged Fazlin Toffar, 4, when she raises her arm as if to cover the scars she will carry for the rest of her life.

Beds in ward 2C are usually reserved for children burnt in domestic accidents. But those admitted to the unit in recent weeks have been victims of something more sinister — the conflict between Pagad (People Against Gangsterism and Drugs) and gangsters that has erupted again on the Cape Flats.

Two weeks ago, two-year-old Milka Herrman became a victim of a bomb attack on the Hanover Park home of alleged gang leader Ismail April, otherwise known as Bobby Mongrel.

A week later, her place in 2C was taken up by eight-year-old Rashed Davids, a badly burnt victim of a petrol bomb attack on a Mitchell's Plain home.

Now it is Fazlin's turn in the ward, which has become a tragic reflection of the violence in Cape Town's townships. This week a hand grenade ripped through a house in Surrey Estate, claiming still more innocent victims.

A day later, relatives cradled the body of one-month-old Sadiaka Toffar as his funeral procession made its way to the Vygieskraal cemetery in Athlone.

# Innocents caught in the crossfire

## Pagad's fight against crime has hit a new target — children

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Shireen Toffar, the baby's 28-year-old mother, is still recovering from burn and shrapnel wounds at Groote Schuur hospital, where doctors are struggling to save her sight. Zureij, her seven-year-old son, is in the trauma unit. He had one leg amputated and may lose the other.

Father Shafiek Toffar, at his parents' home, was still visibly overcome with emotion as he struggled to come to terms with the tragedy.

Said Abduragman Toffar, his father: "People blame Pagad for this attack, but I don't believe that an organisation that is committed to fighting gangsters could not know it was attacking the house of innocent people." Fatima Toffar, the

children's grandmother, said five-year-old Ayesha Toffar, slightly injured by shrapnel, could not sleep as she was so upset about what had happened.

Ebrahim Toffar, her youngest son, said: "We're all devastated at the loss we suffered. All we can do is look forward and help one another. I'm disturbed that nothing is being done about curbing these attacks. The law is too weak."

Fayruz Dharsey, daughter of Dr Moghammat Dharsey, who was shot dead in his surgery this week, said it did not matter that (Justice Minister) Dullah Omar had sat in her mother's lounge and promised the government would send in troops to stop the violence.

"It means nothing to me because nothing will bring my father back. We don't care who killed him — Pagad or gangsters. Nothing can bring him back."

Maraldia Williams, whose house was attacked by gunmen this week, said she had joined Pagad to fight gangsterism.

"Now I have become a target."

She added: "I was praying just minutes before the bullets smashed into my house, and the mat I was kneeling on was torn. I asked Dullah Omar: 'Where is the justice in this city?'"

Ten pages of Pagad-related incidents released by the police this week illustrate the extent of the turmoil that has plunged the Cape Flats into terror. The statistics go back to July 1 last year, when Pagad's first gang-related attack occurred, on the home of alleged drug dealer Richard "Pot" Stemmet.

The figures — 345 incidents directly related to the war between Pagad and gangs — reflect a dramatic increase in violence, with nine people having been killed this month alone.

In the corresponding period in 1994, just 20 incidents were reported. By June 1995, the figure had more than doubled to 41, and by the first half of last year it had climbed to 80.

This week, communities and civic and religious leaders in the Western Cape hit out at more than a year of inaction by the police and the government over the spiralling violence on the Cape Flats.

The police statistics, compiled by the special investigations task team, indicate that operations against Pagad and gangs have yielded few arrests.

# Battle for peace begins

## Attack on mosque mars bid to end bloodshed

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CRIME CORRESPONDENT

Big initiatives will take place at all levels of the Western Cape community this week in an effort to resolve the conflict between gangsters and Pagad and stop the Cape Flats violence.

But in a sinister development early today, the Kensington home of Muslim architect Moened Domingo and the mosque next door were attacked.

A grenade exploded on the steps of the mosque, damaging masonry and windows.

At the same time, Mr Domingo said, his home was hit by gunfire and a petrol bomb.

Mr Domingo said he was not a member of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs and

did not know why his house was attacked.

Pagad national co-ordinator Abdus Salaam Ebrahim said they would mobilise members to "monitor and protect" mosques.

Meanwhile, as extra police are sent to Cape Town from Bloemfontein to bolster law enforcement, the Western Cape government has changed its hardline attitude and is planning contact with both groups.

Western Cape Minister of Police Gerald Morkel confirmed the change of policy at the weekend but his spokesman, David Frost, said today the initiative would stop short of direct negotiation with gangsters. Dialogue with Pagad would be through a mediator and there would not be any talking or negotiations with gangsters.

Mr Morkel said a serious upsurge in

drive-by shootings, hit squad attacks and bombings had forced the rethink.

Mr Morkel is expected to meet Cape Flats police, Pagad taskforce members, gang unit members, public order police and others dealing with the conflict to brief about the "game plan" for the coming weeks.

Today Core members, including leaders Rashied Stageie, Ernie "Lapepa" Peters and Ernest "Lastig" Solomons, are meeting Sowetan editor Aggrey Klaaste and associate editor Don Mattered in Johannesburg to discuss possible solutions to the violence.

Western Cape religious leaders have joined forces in a bid to unite the community against the violence tearing it apart.

Their campaign begins with a candlelit vigil and service in the City Hall tomorrow.

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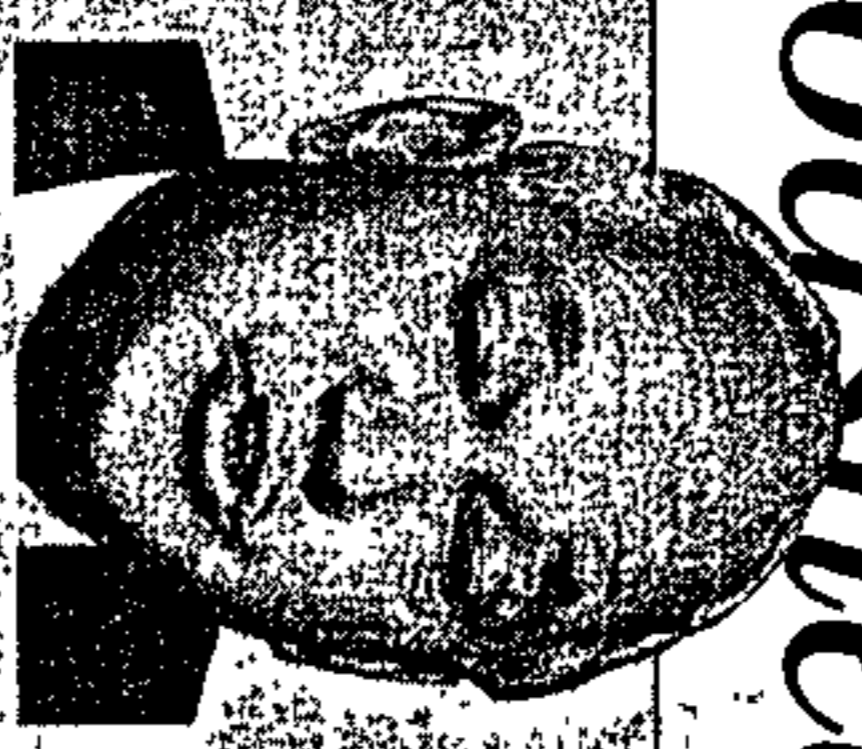
Throughout the week prominent community and religious leaders will take part in a Cape Argus debate on what should be done to end the violence. Today former University of Western Cape rector Richard van der Ross kicks off the debate with a warning that peace cannot come about without the two sides getting together for face-to-face talks.

Tomorrow, the Cape of Good Hope Bank chairman and president of Business Against Crime, Mike Thompson, gives the views of Cape Town business.

Meanwhile, top police have denied a claim that new chief executive Meyer Kahn is sending 300 extra police to help.

It appears now that only 35 more police

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**STARTING TODAY**  
Community leader and educationist Richard van der Ross launches a week of 'Have Your Say' debates on how to bring peace to the Cape Flats. See page 12

## Cape Flats peace bid begins

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are being seconded, from Bloemfontein.

Mr Kahn today refused to speak to the Cape Argus about the issue. His secretary referred queries to Commissioner George Fivaz's office, where his spokeswoman, Sally de Beer, cited a statement by Divisional Commissioner André Prius.

Mr Prius said the Western Cape had already been provided with National

Defence Force members from 44 Parachute Brigade and 12 SA Infantry battalion, who were to patrol. But an additional 35 police had been seconded from Bloemfontein to evaluate the situation.

A spokesman for Premier Hernus Kriel said police were in "a bit of a dilemma" when they tried to find Mr Kahn's promised 300 men.

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Prince Charles, 17th times

# UDM is willing to <sup>(37)</sup> meet Pagad, Core <sup>(37)</sup>

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POLITICAL WRITER

THE newly-formed United Democratic Movement (UDM) is not averse to holding talks with members of Core or Pagad as a way of finding a solution to the Cape Flats drug wars.

This was the word yesterday from key members of the Western Cape executive committee of the UDM, who believe the issue is a key provincial priority.

The UDM was born amid a fanfare of celebration in Kempton Park on Saturday and provincial delegates arrived back in Cape Town late yesterday afternoon.

One of the party's two chairmen in the province, Mr Malizole Diko, yesterday said about the drug wars: "It seems as though the government does not want to get involved. But if you are concerned about crime, I think one should look at bringing the two groups together. It is worth it for peace and stability in the Western Cape."

The UDM, a new party on the South African political scene, is the result of co-operation between former National Party member Mr Roelf Meyer and former African National Congress deputy minister Mr Bantu Holomisa.

Meyer left the NP earlier this year after it became clear that his thinking was too radical for some of the party's more conservative groupings. Holomisa was forced to leave the ANC after he fell out of favour for not toeing the party line.

One of the UDM's core issues before the 1999 elections will be crime. It was within

this context that the Cape Flats drug wars would be approached, said UDM spokesman Mr Deon van der Heever.

"People live in fear every day and it's essential this problem be tackled as soon as possible. We are prepared to talk to Core and Pagad to find a way to resolve the problem and we're probably in a better position to make a useful contribution than any of the other parties. We are a new movement. We have new ideas and new methods. We won't get ourselves stuck in old procedures and try to resolve the problem in the wrong way."

The UDM's policy on civil order includes declaring a war on crime and criminals and creating a "criminal-hostile" society. The party believes that punishment and retribution for heinous crimes should take precedence over efforts to rehabilitate criminals.

The UDM also states that it would welcome a referendum on the re-imposition of the death penalty.

"Ideological preconceptions should not be allowed to overshadow the legitimate and understandable demand for punishment and retribution," its policy notes state.

Diko said the UDM was opposed to drugs and drug lords because they were part of the crime problem.

He added: "At the same time we can't allow people to fight outside the perimeters of the law because it only exacerbates the situation."

The executive of the UDM in the Western Cape will be meeting on tomorrow evening to start planning logistics, such as setting up offices.

# Task force credited with lull on Flats

THE 800-strong task force has been credited for the lull in violence between gangsters and Pagad on the Cape Flats at the weekend — but other crimes claimed six lives.

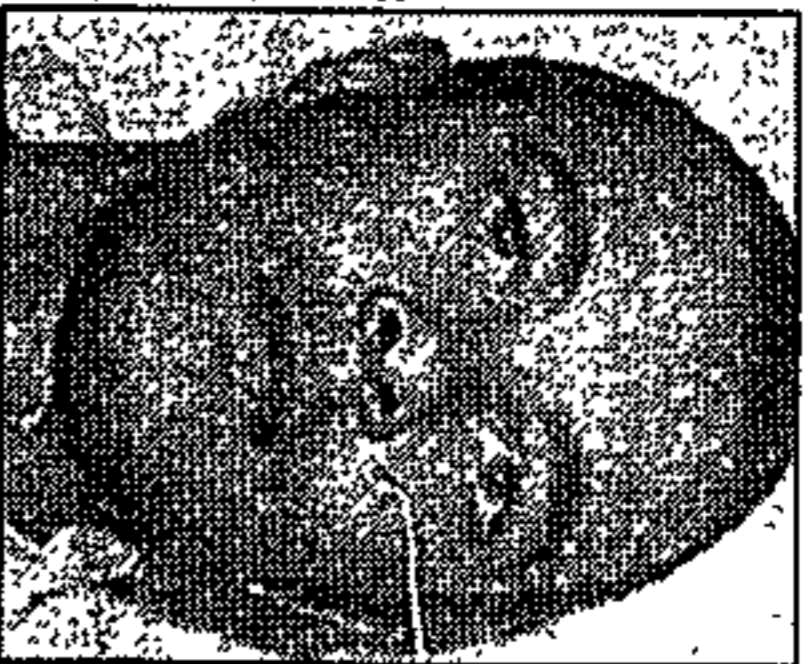
Police spokeswoman Sergeant Vivienne Lentoor said yesterday the Cape Flats had been "unbelievably quiet" over the weekend.

She put this down to the presence of the police and army task force which set up random roadblocks and carried out searches in the trouble spots.

At least 11 people have died and scores more have been injured in at least 24 shootings and 27 bombings in the low-intensity war between gangs and Pagad in the past weeks.

Police said there had been six murders, one rape and an armed robbery at the weekend.

● Angry Philippi residents burnt down a shop and destroyed a bakke after a 32-year-old woman had been



**STABBED IN DISPUTE:**  
Randall Simon

shot dead in an argument with a man working in a store opposite Brown's Farm yesterday morning.

The man evaded the mob and fled. He surrendered to the Cape Town police several hours later.

● Mr Henry de Jager, 35, was stabbed in the chest during an argument that erupted while he was drinking in Erika Street, Kleinvlief, on Friday



**SHOT OUTSIDE HOME:**  
Frederick Claassen

evening. He died on the scene. The alleged attacker, whose identity is known to the police, has not been arrested yet.

● Mr Randall Simon, 19, of Parow Valley, was stabbed to death during an argument in Stroebel Street, Ravensmead, late on Friday night.

His attacker fled and police have been unable to trace him.



**BODY IN THE VELD:**  
Elaine Hendriks

● The body of Ms Elaine Hendriks, 44, of Delft, was found in the veld near her home on Saturday morning. She had been stabbed in the neck and side. Police have arrested a man.

● Mr Jimmy Misete, 33, was stabbed to death in an argument at a shebeen in Site B, Khayelitsha, on Saturday afternoon. No one has been arrested.

● Mr Frederick Claassen was struck in the chest and died and his wife was wounded when shots were fired at their Athena Avenue, Clarke Estate, home about 10pm on Saturday. The couple were standing outside the house. Police are searching for a man.

● A 17-year-old Ravensmead girl was raped, allegedly by a man she knew, on Friday night. Police said the girl had left a shebeen and gone home to bed around 7pm, when the man attacked her.

Police know who the man is, but have not yet made an arrest.

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OBED ZILWA

**Armed for action:** Core leader Rashied Staggie returns to Cape Town after peace talks in Johannesburg

## From peace talks to war zone

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2 from peace talks in  
3 Johannesburg, Core leaders  
4 Rashied Staggie and Ernie  
5 "Lapepa" Peters strapped on their  
6 guns and drove back into the  
7 violence-racked Cape Flats.

8 The Community Outreach Forum  
9 leaders and a Johannesburg gang  
0 leader, Kenneth Morgan, met Sowe-  
1 tan editor Aggrey Klaaste and associ-  
2 ate editor Don Mattera yesterday.

3 The meeting is seen as the begin-  
4 ning of a process which will bring  
5 Pagad and Core to the negotiating  
6 table to resolve conflict on the Flats.

7 When they landed at Cape Town

8 Airport yesterday afternoon, Mr  
9 Peters and Mr Staggie collected their  
0 guns at the security desk and  
1 strapped them on before talking to a  
2 Cape Argus news team.

3 Mr Peters said at a meeting with  
4 Mr Klaaste and Mr Mattera it had  
5 been decided that the newspapermen  
6 would contact People Against Gang-  
7 sterism and Drugs later this week  
8 and try to persuade them to meet  
9 Core.

0 "After they have made contact  
1 with Pagad, we can hopefully get the  
2 ball rolling to end the violence," Mr  
3 Peters said.

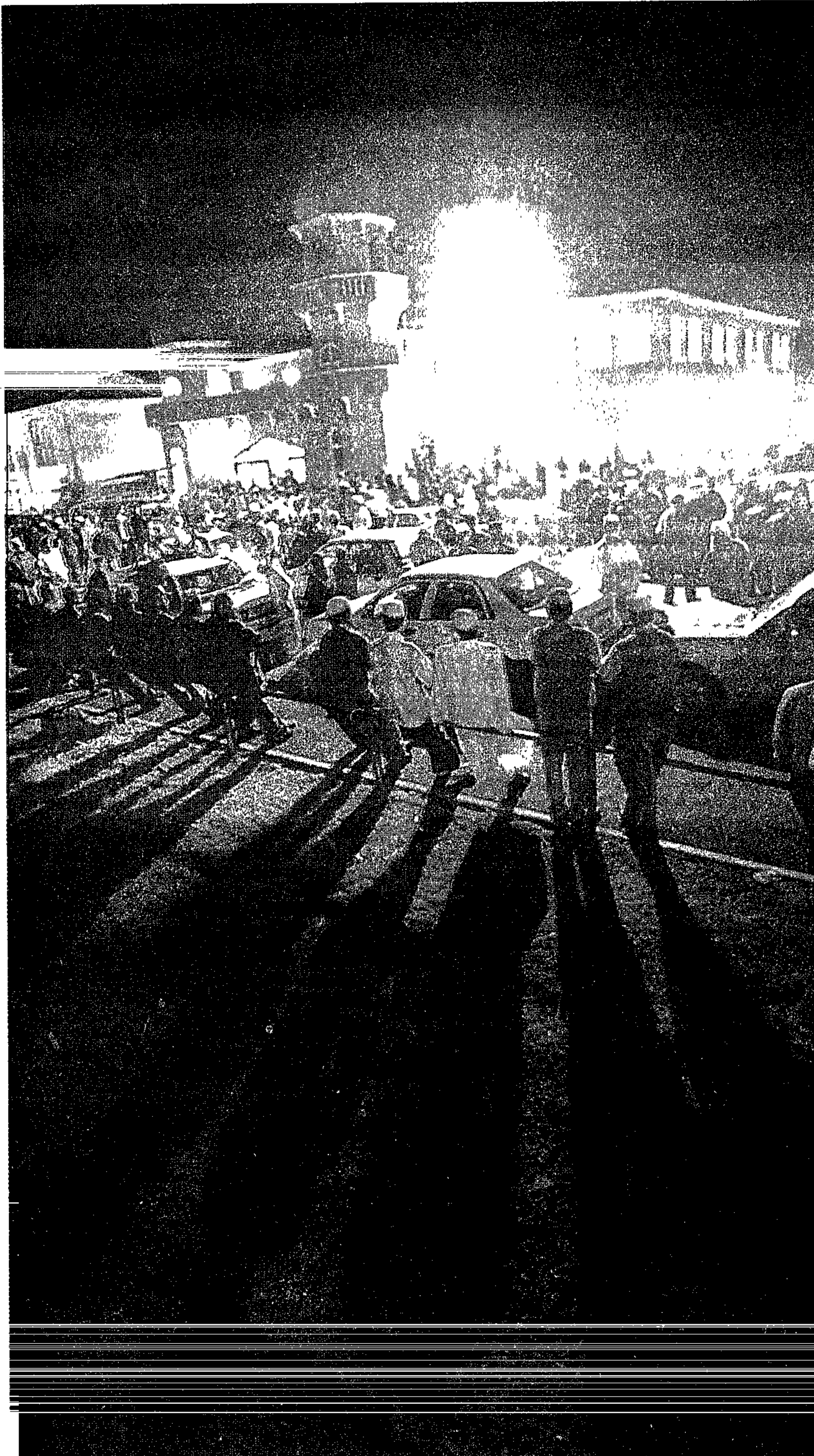
4 Core was calling for a ceasefire

5 between the gangsters and anti-drug  
6 militants. He added that the ball was  
7 now firmly in Pagad's court to show  
8 they were interested in ending the  
9 bloodshed, which has left entire com-  
0 munities on the Flats living in fear.

1 Mr Klaaste said his and Mr met-  
2 tera's roles as mediators in the con-  
3 flict had yet to be defined.

4 He was not committing himself to  
5 the role of mediator until a descrip-  
6 tion of his tasks had been formulated,  
7 he said.

8 Interest groups, including church-  
9 es, mosques and other community  
0 structures also had to be included in  
1 the negotiations, he added.



**EMERGENCY:** Members of the Kensington community gathered at the Kensington mosque last night to work out an emergency plan to protect mosques. The meeting was held in the wake of an attack on the mosque and on the nearby home of Mr Moensied Domingo.

PICTURE: GARTH STEAD

## Pagad gets support from Gauteng

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THE Gauteng branch of anti-drugs movement Pagad said yesterday that hundreds of its members were ready to fly to Cape Town to support local Pagad structures in the escalating conflict with gangs on the Cape Flats.

Gauteng Pagad leader Mr Ayob Mungalee said his organisation had the financial means and would "not hesitate" to come to the Western Cape to support their colleagues.

Mungalee's comments come on the same day as a delegation from the Community Outreach Forum (Core) publicly called for a ceasefire in the low-intensity war between Pagad and gangs that has claimed 11 lives so far this month.

The delegation, which included Mr Rashied Staggie and Mr Ernest "Lapepa" Peters flew to Johannesburg at the weekend to seek mediation in the conflict. They held talks with the Sowetan newspaper's editor-in-chief Mr Aggrey Klaaste and associate editor Mr Don Mattera.

However, there was a tense moment during yesterday's meeting when a group of Pagad members arrived at the Sowetan offices and demanded to confront Staggie about his alleged drug dealing.

Klaaste persuaded both factions to hand over their guns before letting the two groups meet.

A heated exchange followed, with the Pagad members angrily telling Staggie that they were opposed to drugs dealing and were against him, and gave him until October to stop dealing in drugs.

Mungalee accused Staggie of playing the "good boy in the public eye and killing people in the dark of the night".

He also maintained Pagad's stance of non-negotiation with gangsters, saying "we will never sit at the same table with gangsters and drug merchants".

Later in the meeting Staggie said his organisation would work towards peace on the Cape Flats, and called for a ceasefire.

Core said the next step in resolving the conflict was for Klaaste and Mattera to hold talks with Pagad.

After the meeting, Peters slammed Western Cape politicians, including Western Cape premier Mr Herus Kriel, Police MEC Mr Gerald Morkel and Justice Minister and local ANC Leader, Mr Dullah Omar, for failing to step in to halt the killings.

It was disgraceful that Core had to travel all the way to Johannesburg to find mediators willing to try to resolve the conflict, he said.

Klaaste said after yesterday's talks that any "mediation must be defined, and it must also involve other role-players such as people of standing, the churches and mosques. It's at a very embryonic stage, and we can't commit ourselves to anything now".

● Community and religious leaders in Cape Town will kick off their peace campaign with a candlelit vigil and service in the City Hall this evening.

Mr Chris Ferndale, chairperson of the Western Cape Anti-Crime Forum, said the mayor of Cape Town, Ms Theresa Solomon, would host the vigil in conjunction with the Western Cape Provincial Council of Churches, the Muslim Judicial Council and the Western Cape Anti-Crime Forum.

Members of the public were asked to attend the proceedings.

The Kensington mosque committee late last night called for mass mobilisation, saying that communities needed to put pressure on the government to bring an end to the conflict between Pagad and gangsters. The meeting was held in the wake of an attack on the mosque as well as the nearby home of architect Mr Monied Domingo on Sunday evening. — Staff Writer and Sapa

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'PRISONERS IN COVERT CAPE FLATS CRIME OPERATIONS'

# Third Force violence

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**A THIRD FORCE** may be at work in the Cape Flats "to make the new democracy unworkable and reverse the transition process", says Justice Minister Dullah Omar. **TROYE LUND** reports.

**A** HIGH-LEVEL government investigation into an alleged Third Force that has been using prisoners to fan violence across the Cape Flats is to be launched today.

Justice Minister Mr Dullah Omar said yesterday a probe would be launched into allegations that police and prison officials arranged for groups of prisoners to be let out of prison at night to sow chaos on the Cape Flats.

A youth who had been in prison recently allegedly revealed details of the role prisoners are playing in the covert operations to a group of Muslim businessmen.

The Third Force allegations surfaced in the wake of a handgrenade attack on a Kensington mosque in the early hours of yesterday morning.

The youth alleged that the prisoners carried out instructions of the Third Force to induce violence and commit crimes in communities.

The revelations come amid growing uncertainty over who is behind attacks on houses and mosques on the Cape Flats.

At least 11 people have died — the youngest a month-old baby — and scores more have been injured in at least 24 shootings and 28 bombings in the past weeks.

Omar said last night that the motive of this group would be to make the new democracy unworkable and reverse the transition process.

"I have no proof yet, but indications are that a Third Force is at work on the Cape Flats," he said.

He was greatly concerned about the situation and any solution that could bring peace to the region would be given high priority, he said.

One of the businessmen involved in uncovering the alleged set-up said: "It makes sense: gangsters will steal and be violent, but it is unlikely they will kill fellow Muslims and bomb mosques."

Omar said any member of the security forces found to be involved would be severely punished.

Correctional Services director of communication services Mr Chris Olckers said the allegations were very serious.

"The commissioner has made it clear that corruption on any level will be rooted out and he has the full support of the minister."

Olckers urged the businessmen to make the information available to the department and to the minister's office so it could be investigated.

"An anti-corruption unit has been established and the information can be passed to them as well," he said.

# Morkel's men halt peace bid

*Ceasefire plan aborted* (35)

JOSEPH ARANES AND ASHLEY SMITH  
STAFF REPORTERS

**The provincial police ministry has thwarted an attempt by a senior police officer to end the bloody conflict between Cape Flats gangsters and the anti-crime group Pagad.**

The initiative could have led to Pagad agreeing to a ceasefire, stopping attacks on the homes of alleged drug dealers and gangsters for two weeks.

After more than a month of delicate negotiations between Simon Mpembe, who heads the visible policing component of the task team investigating the conflict, and Pagad executive member Sedick Jacobs, the police and Pagad would have met this morning.

But Mr Jacobs said he had a call at midnight from Senior Superintendent Mpembe informing him that Commissioner Leon Wessels and Police Minister Gerald Morkel had instructed him not to go ahead with the meeting.

While police officials are squabbling about how to deal with the crisis, the national Ministry of Justice has launched a big drive to unite Cape Flats communities against the spiralling violence.

In the latest incidents early today, four people, including two children, were injured when a house in Kewtown was bombed and a house in Strandfontein was shot at.

Police spokeswoman Virna Simon said the attacks happened just after midnight.

An explosive device, thought to be a pipe-bomb, was thrown into the Kewtown house of an alleged drug dealer, injuring the two adults and two children.

The owner of the house Yolanda Brand, 38, suffered burns to her hands and back while Anwar Hendricks, 37, had burns on his right leg and foot. Lyle Brand, 10, burned his leg and his cousin Monique Pitts, 16, had shrapnel wounds on her leg.

The children were taken to Red Cross Children's Hospital. Ms Brand and Mr Hendricks went to Groote Schuur Hospital.

In the other incident, the Strandfontein house was shot up and a brick thrown through the front door. Nobody was injured.

The Justice Ministry has committed itself, with religious leaders, anti-crime forums and community organisations, to ending the mayhem.

Hishaam Mohammed of the Department of Justice said that in the next few days representatives of the ministry would visit communities worst hit by the conflict.

Mr Mohammed has already visited victims in Kensington, where two houses and a mosque were attacked this week, and last night he went to Lotus River, where a house was petrol-bombed. He assured the communities that the department would help restore stability to their areas.

Mr Mohammed read a message from Mr Omar saying: "Emotional outbursts and marches are not enough - participation in concrete programmes established by your community police forums and anti-crime forums is what will take us forward."

Mr Mohammed said Mr Omar was sending a message that the community should unite against the perpetrators of attacks.

But they should not take the law into their own hands, he said.

"What we appeal for is for communities to stand together as there is no substitute for joint initiatives between the police, the justice system and you, the community," he said.

Senior Superintendent Mpembe confirmed that today's meeting had been postponed and that he had told by his superiors that the initiative to meet Pagad would be handled by the provincial Secretariat for Safety and Security.

Safety and Security spokesman David Frost said other arrangements were being made and that a mediator from Cape Town University's Centre for Conflict Resolution had been appointed.

Mr Jacobs said they were disappointed that the initiative had been shot down and were concerned that it seemed the ministry was using the conflict as a political football while people were being killed and injured.

"Here was an opportunity to end this violence and a chance for the police and Pagad to work together in ridding society of the scourge of drugs and crime," Mr Jacobs said.

He said Pagad did not see the necessity of having mediators present at the talks as they felt it was best to speak about the problems in an open and honest manner.

"But it seems as if certain people in the ministry are not serious about ending the conflict and are looking for all sorts of excuses not to get directly involved in finding workable solutions," Mr Jacobs said.

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# Time for decisive action on gang war

*'Government response ineffective'*

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## INSIDE STORY

**JOSEPH ARANES,**

Cape Argus senior reporter, has been covering the bloody conflict between Cape Flats gangsters and the anti-crime group Pagad for more than a year. He is optimistic that the conflict can be ended if there is the political will to fight it at its roots



While politicians and police are dilly-dallying on how to end the bloody conflict between Pagad and Cape Flats gangsters, the affected communities are burning, and innocent men, women and children are losing their lives.

Community and religious leaders have launched initiatives like candlelight services and marches to unite these communities against the scourge of crime.

Other prominent leaders – clergy, educationists, politicians and the police – have called for more police and soldiers to be sent to the Cape Flats in an attempt to resolve the fighting and senseless killings.

Moves are afoot to get the antagonists to sit around a table and discuss solutions.

It seems it took the murders of the past few weeks to drive home the point to these leaders that the confrontation, blood-letting and killings that have been raging for more than a year are, indeed, a crisis and not something that can be wished away.

But in their noble attempts to end the violence, it seems as if they have lost sight of the root cause of the conflict.

This is the criminal justice system's inability to deal effectively with the problems of drugs and rampant crime.

It is this inability, coupled with a police force fraught with allegations of corruption and complicity with gangsters, that has given rise to decent law-abiding people turning into vigilantes and using violence to fight the problem.

The Community Outreach Forum (Core) and People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) have spoken out against drugs.

But they differ strongly on how to deal with the problem.

Pagad sees a solution in eradicating those responsible for the narcotics trade.

It argues generally that the Government and its agencies either don't have the capacity or the political will to take on the menace. As a result, Pagad mobilised thousands of people in their fight.

Core feels that because thousands of Cape Flats residents are supporting and raising their families on the proceeds of the drugs trade, they have a responsibility to seek an alternative income for these people.

The killing of Muslim traders operating their businesses from the Flats, allegedly by gangsters, not only undermines the state's attempts to restore law and order, it also threatens Pagad's financial support base and has shifted the focus away from the original aims – fighting gangsterism and drugs.

There is mounting criticism from the affected communities that the Government and its politicians are not doing enough.

There are also suggestions that if this conflict had developed in other parts of South Africa, the Government's response would have been much more direct.

But this apparent lack of response could



LEON MÜLLER

**Solidarity talks:** Rashied Staggie, left, and Jerome Booyen of the Sexy Boys at a Belhar Core meeting

also have to do with the fact that both the African National Congress and the National Party fear that, by dealing effectively with the gangsters, they could be politically embarrassed.

It is well documented that while the NP was in power its security forces used gangsters to try to kill off political opponents.

The failed attempt on Justice Minister Dullah Omar's life by an Athlone gangster is a case in point.

On the other hand, a document – circulated within the ranks of the ANC just before the party's Western Cape regional congress last year – named several high-profile provincial ANC leaders it suspected of drug-dealing and gun-running with Cape Flats gangsters.

For the war to end, the authorities have to take a firm grip on the situation.

They should follow the KwaZulu Natal option and send in the likes of Bushy Engelbrecht to fight it at its roots.

Mr Engelbrecht's task team moved into KwaZulu Natal and investigated corruption in the security forces serving the area and the ongoing violence, building up solid cases before making arrests.

In the Western Cape, we need to purge

the justice system of all corrupt officials and personnel.

The state will have to meet gangsters and make a one-off amnesty-type deal and put in place mechanisms for job creation and alternatives to the drug trade.

This must be done in exchange for full disclosure about how exactly the drug trade works, who the kingpins living in their luxury beachfront mansions are, how drugs get smuggled into the country, where and who makes them locally and so forth.

Thereafter, any dealer who goes back to his old illegal ways must be dealt with severely by the courts.

This type of approach in managing the narcotics trade is not something new – it is being used with great success

by the United States Drug Enforcement Agency.

Police also must act decisively against those involved in gang violence, vigilante-style attacks and all other criminals.

Together with state agencies, they need to protect people's rights under the country's constitution and restore the rule of law so that it won't become necessary for people to form vigilante groups to protect their families from the scourge of drugs.

***The crisis is the justice system's inability to deal effectively with rampant crime***

# Call in army to restore law — religious leaders <sup>(35)</sup>

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STAFF WRITER

RELIGIOUS leaders yesterday put aside their differences and met to form a task team to look into how collectively to work to stop the continuing conflict on the Cape Flats.

They said the government should call in the army to bring stability to the area and reduce the widespread lawlessness throughout the country.

The leaders who included representatives from the Islamic, Jewish, Hindu and Christian faiths met yesterday at Bishopscourt, the official home of Anglican Archbishop Njongonkulu Ndungane.

The inter-religious task team on crime and violence will be chaired by Imam Rashied Omar, of the Claremont mosque, and will include Father Chris Ahrends, director of the St George's Cathedral Foundation; the Rev Keith Benjamin of the Western Province Council of Churches; Mr Lester Hoffman of the Jewish Board of Deputies; Ms Nomfundo Walaza, director

of the Cape Town Trauma Centre; Sheik Ebrahim Gabriels, deputy president of the Muslim Judicial Council and Mr Barney Beck, Cape Representative of the World Conference on Religion and Peace.

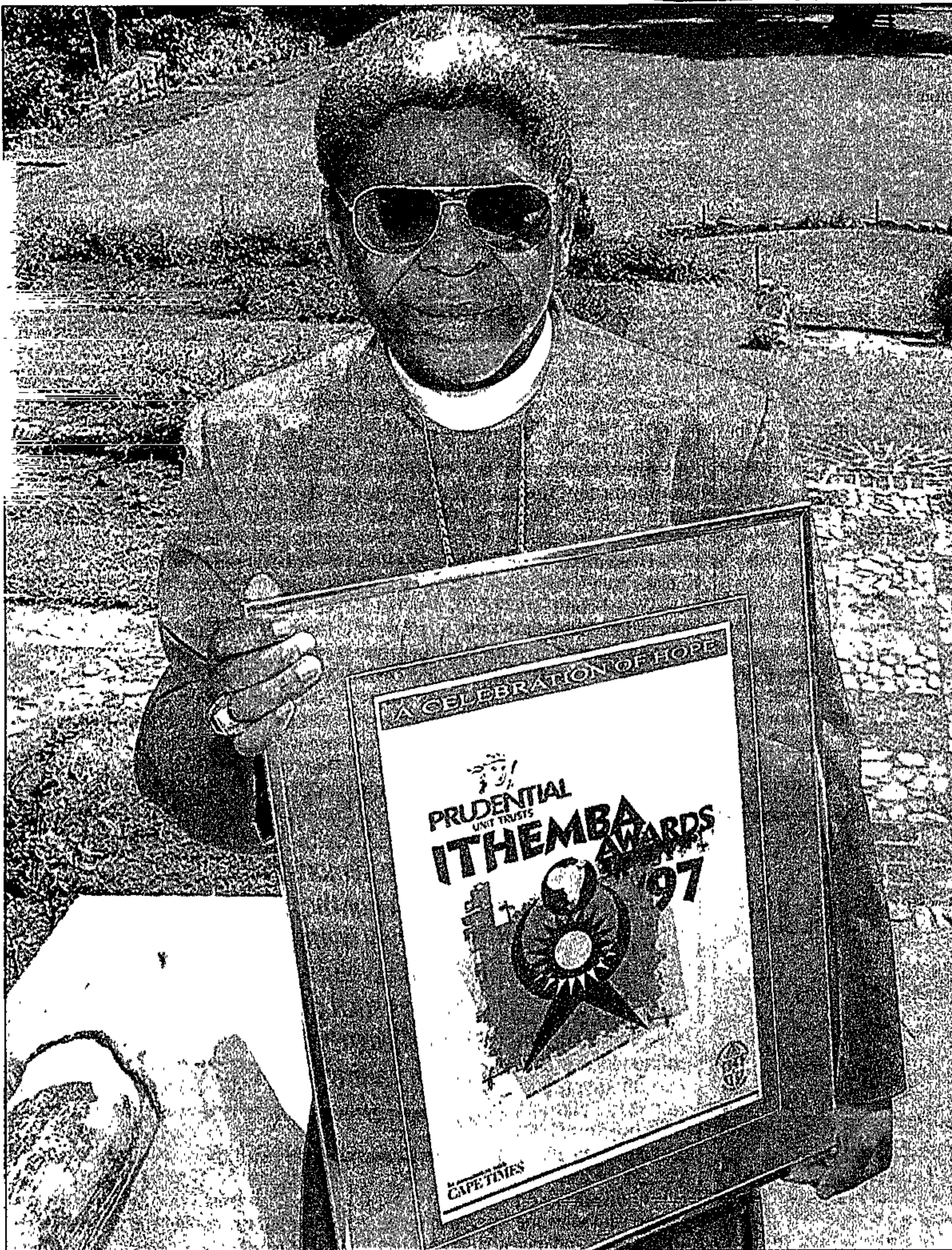
"I think the coming together of religious leaders is very encouraging," Ndungane said. "We are unanimous in our resolve to address the problems in this region ... and we hope to come up with immediate and short-term solutions."

"We need to somehow get renewal of life and a sense of purpose back into our townships."

"As religious leaders help to build up our young democracy," he said.

The task team on crime and violence is expected to report back to a committee of religious leaders in two weeks and all the religions involved will assist to fund its work.

In the interim they have made a strong call for the government to act more visibly, especially on the Cape Flats and called on those guilty of crime and violence to stop their actions.



**GIVING HOPE:** Archbishop Njongonkulu Ndungane has announced details of a plan to reward this country's "unsung heroes" by honouring them with Ithemba awards. **PICTURE: KIM LUDBROOK**

## Hope 'must be nurtured'

CYNTHIA VONGAI

WITHOUT hope, there can only be despair. And because despair takes root so easily, small moments of hope must be nurtured.

This is the reason the St George's Cathedral Foundation has launched the Ithemba Awards. Ithemba means hope in Xhosa.

The awards will reward outstanding individuals who have fought against the odds to keep hope alive.

Archbishop Njongonkulu Ndungane, patron of the foundation, said the aim was to reward "unsung heroes" those who have played a significant role in the upliftment of either their own communities or the wider Western Cape community.

The Ithemba awards winners will be announced next month in association with the Cape Times.

The St George's Cathedral Foundation is a community affairs agency which does not promote any particular faith but works with other organisations on community projects which encourage peace and co-operation.

"This is a fantastic initiative. So

many people are doing excellent work in their communities and not getting any recognition. It is part of the concept of capacity and nation building," Ndungane said.

The St George's Cathedral Foundation also seeks to remember the role that the cathedral played in keeping hope alive during the apartheid years.

The awards concept was devised by St George's Cathedral Foundation director Mr Chris Ahrends and foundation manager Mr Frank Gutuza.

Ahrends said: "The cathedral has been seen as the people's cathedral and it had been an icon of hope for many, especially during the apartheid days. Because it has always been inter-faith it has offered people the hope to carry on in times of despair."

"We wanted to pay tribute to people and organisations who were able to keep the flame of hope alive — when it could have blown out."

He envisioned the awards as having the power to motivate people to change their circumstances and improve their lives and those of others. He hoped the awards would

become an annual event supported by corporate Cape Town.

"It can make the difference in people's lives, by giving them recognition," Ahrends said.

The award categories are:

● Spirit of Ithemba — for someone who has triumphed over oppression.

● Ithemba Empowerment Award — for someone who has improved life in a community that is struggling against poverty.

● Ithemba Role Model Award — for someone whose example provided hope for others.

● Ithemba Entrepreneurial Vision Award — for someone whose entrepreneurial vision has provided hope to those who are struggling.

● Ithemba Civic Leadership Award will be given to a civic leader who has provided hope for the people of the Western Cape.

● The Ithemba Bridge Builder Award — recognising someone whose inter-faith and inter-cultural understanding has increased tolerance between people of different races and religious backgrounds.



CAPE FLATS VIOLENCE

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## Kriel uses war as a lever

Issue of provincial powers resurfaces as children fall victim to conflict

It is a low-intensity war — but a vicious one. Among its victims have been children as young as one-month-old Sadleka Toffar, who was killed in a hand grenade attack on her Cape Flats home last week. While the "body count" of the conflict on the Flats is small compared to that of KwaZulu-Natal, it threatens to expand if left unchecked.

The background is complex and dates back over a year to the murder of gangster Rashaad Staggie by elements of People Against Gangsterism & Drugs (Pagad). A pattern has emerged of reciprocal violence. The latest flare-up began last month when Rashaad's brother Rashied — who says he has seen the error of his ways and is a leader of a "reformed" gang coalition called the Community Outreach Forum (Core) — warned that continuing Pagad attacks would inevitably escalate violence.

Rashied, who attended the weekend launch of Roelf Meyer and Bantu Holomisa's United Democratic Movement, insists that Core is a peaceful outfit. He projects himself as a community leader — which he is, given the cloud of moral ambiguity that hovers over right and wrong on the Flats. Children in the region are often forced to join one or other gang.

Ending the conflict is more than a matter of sound policing. Hostilities require what amounts to a cease-fire — which explains why *Sowetan* editor Aggrey Klaaste, and poet and ex-gangster Don Mattera have been asked by Core to mediate.

The NP-dominated Western Cape legislature has rejected pleas for the declaration of a State of Emergency. Indeed, the response of the provincial government, led by Hennis Kriel, has been predicated on the notion that while outside assistance is needed now, the province could handle matters if given the powers to do so.

A State of Emergency, however limited, would by definition be imposed upon the Western Cape from "outside" — meaning by the President.

Late last week, Kriel announced that he intended to fly to Johannesburg to meet Safety & Security Minister Sydney Mutamadi to demand that central govern-

ment accept its role in quelling the violence. No such meeting was necessary; police chief Meyer Kahn assured Kriel that extra police would be deployed on the Flats.

Counting defence force troops, about 800 peace officers have been sent to the area — and a further 35 intelligence officers to eliminate a backlog in what is turning out to be the key tactic in pre-empting attacks.

Kriel is emphatically not begging for help. He is making a political point: that insufficient policing powers are accorded the provinces under the Constitution. In other words, he wants policing to be a provincial competency paid for by a more realistic subvention of funds from the centre. It implies that it is the ANC-led government's fault that the Western Cape labours under an inadequate complement of police and an overburdened criminal justice system.

Last weekend, probably as a result of extra forces on patrol, and because the Flats community has been profoundly shocked by the killings of children, there was a lull in the violence. The province must hope it will hold, particularly since the tourist season is again bringing foreign exchange and business to the region. The Cape's reputation as a relative haven of peace is at stake.

Peter Wilhelm

# Pagad, police to

# Work together

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*Top-level summit held*

JULIAN JACOBS

Pagad and the police have agreed at a high-level meeting to work together to eradicate gangsterism and drugs.

The meeting took place last night after it had been called off earlier this week by Western Cape police commissioner Leon Wessels and the province's police minister Gerald Morkel.

It was attended by delegates from People Against Gangsterism and Drugs, the SA Police Services, and the provincial secretariat for safety and security.

A joint statement was read after the meeting by facilitator Craig Arendse of Cape Town University's Centre for Conflict Resolution.

The statement said both parties had agreed on constructive dialogue. "We have agreed to a process of dialogue to enable a sustainable process of co-operation between Pagad and the police to deal effectively with gangsterism and drugs on-the Cape Flats," the statement said.

Two task teams have been set up to plan further talks and ventures. They will meet on Monday and Tues-

day, then reconvene on Friday.

"Contact was made by Omar Valley, Western Cape head of safety and security, with the president's office, who through Joel Neishtenzhe had expressed support for the process," the statement said.

Mr Arendse said Mr Valley would contact all key role players, including police, Business Against Crime, the Justice Ministry, anti-crime organisations, the Western Cape police ministry, the provincial commissioner of police, the SA National Defence Force and the Correctional Services Department to ensure participation.

Pagad representative Cassiem Parker said the meeting was held in a spirit of co-operation, which underlined Pagad's intention to hold talks with the Government and police from the beginning.

Police director Arno Lemoer said the SAPS would improve co-operation with all parties involved.

"We support the process and it is not a talk shop, as the situation on the Cape Flats is serious," he said.

Pagad's Aslam Toefy said co-operation between police and Pagad would begin at once.

"We'll start working with the police tonight," added Faghrie Patel,

Pagad's Boland co-ordinator.

All parties praised behind-the-scenes work between senior police superintendent Simon Mpmembe and Pagad's Sedick Jacobs.

Superintendent Mpmembe said he and Mr Jacobs had been meeting for months.

"We knew we had to eradicate crime and on that sentiment we pushed ahead, finally finding common ground to talk in a broad forum such as we had tonight," he said.

Meanwhile gangs outside the control of Community Outreach Forum (Core), a group of gangs who say they have reformed, have been accused of carrying out recent attacks on Muslim shopkeepers.

Core, under the leadership of Rashied Stagie and Ernest "Lep-epa" Peters, have been under tremendous pressure from these splinter gangs to call for a war on Pagad.

Mr Peters said: "We have a few illiterate gangs who are eager to get their hands on Pagad, but use soft targets in the form of shopkeepers in the areas. We have condemned such actions in the strongest terms as we, Core, want peace.

"We don't have control of certain



Work together: senior members of anti-drug group Pagad from left Faghrie Patel, Abdus-Salaam Ebrahimi, Aslam Toefy and senior police superintendent Simon Mpmembe

gangs who target these shops and owners," he added.

After talking to Sowertan editor Aggrey Klaaste and poet and associate editor Don Mattered in Johannesburg earlier this week, Core's spokesman Mr Peters said the meeting was fruitful and that he was hopeful a solution to the violence could be found.

"We have asked them (Mattered and Klaaste) to open dialogue with

Pagad and see how we could engage in discussion with them on how to resolve the conflict on the Cape Flats," Mr Peters said.

He praised the efforts of Klaaste and Mattered and said: "They had guts to speak to us and they also promised us they would try their hardest to have talks with Pagad."

Pagad's national secretary Abd-dah Roberts said they had not received any calls from Klaaste and

Mattered.

Mr Peters also warned that Core was tired of Pagad stipulating conditions for talks between the two groups.

Pagad has repeatedly said talks could only be held if Core members declared their incomes, disclosed drug routes, denounced the trade and gave up their weapons. Core has said it would only talk to Pagad and the Government if guarantees of jobs

were given for people dealing in drugs and alcohol.

Mr Peters said Core would join Pagad in marching on drug dealers' homes, but only if the dealers had been offered alternatives and jobs beforehand.

"We'll declare our money to the Government, but they must also come with concrete plans on how they would help us finding legitimate jobs," he added.

50 GUNMEN IN REVENGE SPREE

# Pagad assault paralyses

# police

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**A DAY AFTER** they agreed to co-operate with the police "within the law", Pagad members this weekend attacked the home of an alleged drug dealer. **LINDIZ VAN ZILLA, LOREN KOLEVSOHN** and **ERIC NTABAZALILA** report.

**P**OLICE and army troops remained inside their armoured vehicles while 40 to 50 Pagad gunmen pumped an estimated 200 to 300 rounds into the house of an alleged drug dealer in Parkwood Estate late on Saturday night.

Several Pagad members earlier hurled abuse at police, telling them not to "mess with us tonight".

During the attack they also launched several explosive devices at the house. Metres away, the police watched — but arrested a doctor with a handgun when it was all over.

The assault came just a day after Pagad agreed to co-operate with police "within the law" to fight gangsterism.

But the turning point appears to have come on Friday night, when a lone hitman gunned down two Pagad members in the yard of a Parkwood Estate home.

The victims of this attack were Mr Mogamat Ryklief, who was shot five times at pointblank range and died later in hospital, and his friend Mr Shaheed Toefy (no relation to Pagad chief commander Mr Aslam Toefy), who was shot three times and is recovering in hospital.

Pagad members decided to vent their rage on an alleged drug dealer who lives nearby, amid rumours that she had "ordered the hit".

Journalists at the scene were adamant yesterday that the police

took no action during the actual shooting. At least five police and army vehicles were within metres of the Pagad attackers, but no security officials stepped out to take action.

Western Cape Police Services MEC Mr Gerald Morkel's spokesman, Mr David Frost, said that police report-backs on the incident were that 26 rubber bullets were fired, as well as two stun grenades. Police also said they fired five teargas rounds and threw three teargas grenades.

Frost said: "The police could never allow people to flagrantly break the law where other people's lives are in danger."

Two people were arrested in connection with the shooting. One man was caught as he tried to flee across a nearby open field.

Another man, a University Estate doctor, was arrested at a roadblock set up later. He was identified by a policeman as one of the men who had opened fire on the house and police confiscated a licensed 9mm firearm that will be sent away for ballistic testing.

Police reported five other attacks, mostly drive-by shootings, on the Cape Flats, after the Parkwood Estate assault.

Saturday's attack was the fourth this year on the home of Ms Desiree Meyer. She claims she only sells alcohol and runs a video arcade from her home.

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The drama started when several hundred Pagad members gathered at the Hout Bay mosque on Saturday night and drove to Parkwood Estate.

The convoy was searched at random at an army checkpoint on the road leading out of Hout Bay. In Parkwood Estate, a large crowd gathered in Erica Street outside the Ryklief family home where Pagad's armed wing rounded up marchers.

Three police armoured vehicles vainly tried to block off Pagad's progress at the end of Parkwood Avenue.

Sandwiched between two police Nyalas in the front and another armoured vehicle and several smaller police and army vehicles at the rear, the Pagad members turned to face Meyer's fortified house.

The shots rang out without warning, the initial barrage of gunfire from an estimated 40 to 50 gunmen in the Pagad ranks lasting at least two minutes.

Throughout the attack the police and army personnel remained inside their stationary vehicles.

The firing continued as Pagad members ran around to the back of the house, where they launched a fresh assault.

It was about 10 minutes before the last gunmen left Cookoe Crescent. Fearful residents emerged from their homes to the distant sound of gunfire and incredulously asked "what happened?"

Violence erupted early yesterday after the attack. Police reported five other attacks, mostly drive-by shootings, on the Cape Flats. These included:

- 12.30am: Gunmen opened fire on an alleged drug dealer's house on the corner of King and Bower Streets in Brooklyn. No one was injured.
  - 2.50am: Gunmen opened fire on an alleged drug dealer's house in Calvery Road, Westridge. Three people standing outside the house were injured.
  - 1am: An alleged drug dealer's house came under fire in First Avenue, Sherwood Park, in Manenberg. No one was injured.
  - 3am: A Muslim doctor's surgery was gutted in an apparent arson attack in Southfield.
  - 7.40am: Two people were wounded when gunmen opened fire on a shebeen in Francis Street in Woodstock.
- All the weekend incidents are being investigated by the police's special task team.
- Yesterday afternoon, Pagad and residents of Parkwood came face-to-face in a tense armed stand-off during the funeral procession for Ryklief.
- Police arrived on the scene seconds after shots were fired by Pagad members who swarmed into the house of an alleged drug dealer, just a block away from where Ryklief was gunned down on Friday night.
- At least 1 000 people gathered in the streets and outside Ryklief's house when the armed men converged on the corrugated house during the prayer service.
- Although a vicious dog prevented them from entering the home of Ms Kathleen Titus, the pet did not prevent Pagad from firing a few shots and shooting another dog in the leg, before marching off.

SAPS stood by as firing lasted over two minutes  
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'POLICE TOO SCARED TO STOP PAGAD'

# Gangsters warn of 'bloodbath' on Flats

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**BLAMING THE POLICE** as instigators, Core yesterday warned that if Pagad activities were not halted, violence would escalate. **ROGER FRIEDMAN** reports.

**W**ESTERN Cape gang boss-  
es complained yesterday that instead of being able to mend their ways by ploughing their ill-gotten wealth into legal business enterprises they were being forced to spend money on weapons to counter Pagad attacks.

At a press conference called by the Community Outreach Forum (Core), leading figures in the underworld condemned the government and police for seemingly allowing the proliferation of the Cape Flats drug war.

They called on the police to stop armed Pagad marches with teargas and rubber-bullets.

Although the organisation would continue to strive for peace, and remained open for discussions with any party interested in curbing conflict, Core's leadership warned of an imminent blood-bath which would make the present conflict pale into insignificance.

The press conference was addressed by Mr Rashied Staggie, Mr Ernest "Lapepa" Peters, Mr

Ernest "Lastig" Solomons, and Mr Ismael "Bobby Mongrel" April. Staggie said Core had a mandate from the Manenberg community "to stop this conflict once and for all".

He invited Pagad to stop attacking "innocents" and pay a visit to Manenberg (his stronghold) or Belhar (where Peters lives), instead. Staggie said Core welcomed "with reservations" the fact that certain Pagad leaders met the police last Friday, and apparently undertook to work with one another.

But, he said, the police demonstrated again on Saturday that they were "too scared" to stop Pagad from launching attacks in Grassy Park and Brooklyn.

And he said it was disturbing that while the police were prepared to talk to Pagad leaders who had criminal cases pending against them, but were still not prepared to talk to Core leaders.

"A person has no other option but to say that Pagad are (President Nelson) Mandela's people, that Pagad is part of his third-force," Staggie said.

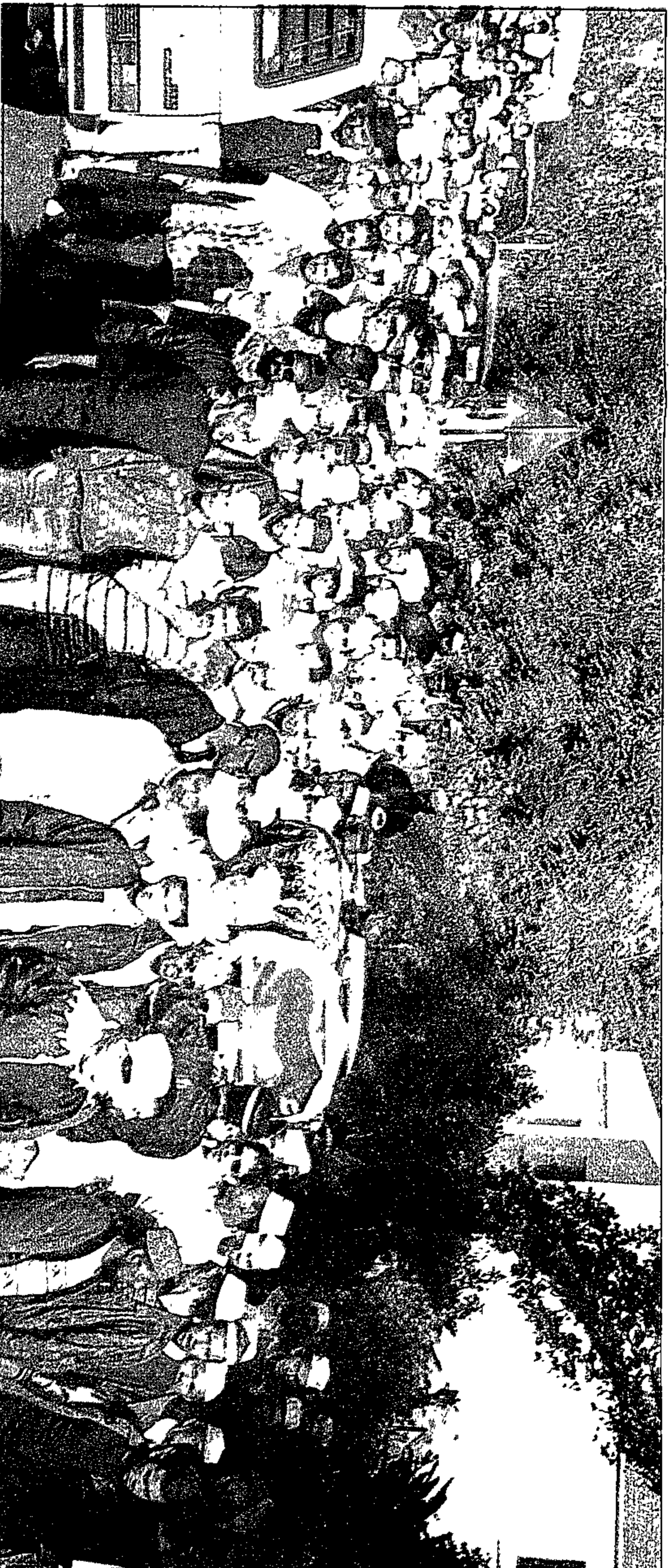
"Instead of being able to redistribute our money to our communities to help put food on their tables, we must now spend it on weapons because we are duty-bound to protect ourselves."

Peters said that the police's talking to Pagad members with cases pending against them smacked of double standards. He said Core's "entire top structure" had no cases

"Why won't they talk to us? We believe the police and politicians are not really looking for a solution. If they wanted a solution they would have spoken to us."

"The police are the instigators who are trying to create a bloodbath, which the government and Pagad are also trying to do," he said.

Both Staggie and Peters condemned recent attacks on Cape Flats mosques.



**LAID TO REST:** Pagad members carry the body of Mogamed Ryklier to the Constantia cemetery yesterday. Mogamed and Shahied Toefy were shot by two masked gunmen on Friday night.

PICTURE: NASIEF MANIIE



**ONE MORE RING:** Ismael "Bobby" Mongrel at the news conference

# Police must take control

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**WHILE VIOLENCE** escalates on the Cape Flats, people are asking why the police do nothing to stop it. **ROGER FRIEDMAN** analyses.

**T**HE Western Cape police may as well resign en-masse and apply for positions as observers in some other conflict zone for all the good they are doing to stem the mayhem on the Cape Flats.

They have done precious little besides observe the slow evolution of the conflict for the past 18 months. And before that, they observed inter-gang conflict and the rise to economic and "military" power of the now notorious Cape Flats drug bosses.

Cape Town, however, deserves some policing.

While politicians on all levels of government have engaged in some fancy buck-passing in recent weeks to appear to be taking the intensifying conflict seriously, the ultimate responsibility to remove lawless elements from our streets lies with the police, not politicians.

But the police appear to have abdicated their responsibility. In whose favour? Their dithering merely perpetuates the cycle of violence. Who is advising them? Are they deliberately standing aside in the hope that armed and confrontational Pagad elements will remove the drug scourge from our communities with their bombs and bullets? Or is there a hidden agenda at work seeking to create a picture of lawlessness in the new South Africa?

There are many and varied reasons for the police's historic inability to curb Western Cape gangsterism and stem the flow of drugs. Although allegations of widespread corruption and complicity with gangs have been levelled at the police for at least the past five years — and in spite of numerous promises of internal and independent investigations — this issue has never been satisfactorily resolved.

Instead of the police weeding out bad apples in their ranks and gathering enough evidence to arrest well-known drug bosses, no visible weeding has taken place and the gang leaders have been allowed to increase their wealth and power.

Meanwhile, a new government came to power, urging people to buy into the concept of community policing.

It was into this breach that Pagad professed to be boldly stepping towards the middle of last year. The organisation has consistently dismissed suggestions that it is using anti-drug and anti-gang sentiments among ordinary residents of the Cape Flats as a rallying call to achieve politico-religious ends. And it has consistently played down the role of the Muslim organisation Qibla in its ranks.

At the outset, Pagad said it would not tolerate interference from the police. It set about attacking alleged gangsters and drug dealers. To date the police have shown an extraordinary reticence to interfere.

The underworld was stung into action in August last year by Pagad's lynching of the notorious gang boss Rashaad Staggie, while the police stood by and observed. Gang bosses and drug dealers largely stopped fighting among themselves to unify under the banner of the Community Outreach Forum (Core), which professed to be seeking peace and alternative business opportunities to drug-dealing. But nobody in government, and least of all in the police, was prepared to take them seriously.

The situation worsened. On the anniversary of Staggie's killing, Core announced that gangster elements could no longer be stopped from defending themselves.

In the past two months a number of Muslim shopkeepers and professionals have been executed, apparently because they were suspected of supporting Pagad.

Pagad elements, meanwhile, are said to have been behind a recent spate of bomb attacks on suspected drug dealers which have claimed the lives of about 10 people including several children.

Both sides have claimed there is a third-force at work. All that is certain is that each incident of violence inevitably invites violent retaliation.

Throughout it all — apart from meeting last Friday with Pagad, after which both organisations committed themselves to working together — the police have continued merely to observe.

There have been several cases in recent weeks where the police have been on the spot to watch violent acts being perpetrated, but failed to take any action or make arrests.

Surely the police cannot continue shepherding Pagad supporters around the Cape Flats and then allowing them to commit acts of violence. Pagad violence must be stopped. Drug dealing must be curtailed.

The police need to get their act together, fast. And they must be seen to be getting their act together, to restore some sort of confidence in the communities they should serve. The police cannot continue to pussyfoot around while the Cape Flats burn.

# Forum asks Mandela to help end Cape Flats war

JOSEPH ARANES  
STAFF REPORTER

The Western Cape Anti-Crime Forum has called on President Mandela to intervene in the Cape Flats conflict because they say his ministers, province premier Hernus Kriel and the police are either unwilling or unable to protect affected communities from tyranny.

In an open letter delivered to the president's Cape Town office the organisation said it had lost confidence in the ability of Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi, provincial Police Minister Gerald Morkel and Mr Kriel to protect the lives of people on the Flats.

They had shown neither compassion nor

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concern for the victims and refused to work together when people needed it most, the letter said.

"We are fed up with the political games being played with our lives. With due respect to Justice Minister Dullah Omar, he has tried, but has not been getting the necessary support from his colleagues. He has worked hard on the legislation to protect our people, yet he is not the Police Minister."



# Cop v cop in maze of suspicion

JOHAN SCHRONEN  
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

**Western Cape police are so busy investigating one another that their ability to deal with crime is under serious threat.**

Sources say the confirmation at the weekend of the investigation of Deputy President Thabo Mbeki's Presidential Investigations Task Unit by Commissioner George Fivaz is only the tip of an iceberg.

It emerged that Commissioner Fivaz was closely monitoring Mr Mbeki's unit to prevent a "Vlakplaas-style" operation taking root again, after allegations of corruption were made against the unit.

A police director in the Western Cape got a mandate from Commissioner Fivaz to investigate suspicious incidents involving a senior unit officer, including two shootings and the officer's alleged link with kingpins in the nightclub underworld.

But unit members believe other high-powered officers who felt threatened by the probe leaked information to derail the investigation and give them "breathing space".

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There are now so many probes under way that some police are questioning the integrity of the entire police hierarchy in the Western Cape.

They say that if so many top investigators are investigating one another in a raging internal war, there is no time to fight crime.

Detectives in the Anti-Corruption Unit, the Independent Complaints Directorate, the Presidential Task Team and the Polmed Fraud Unit are all probing allegations against one another.

An Anti-Corruption Unit officer facing charges of fraud involving the Polmed sick fund is himself leading a fraud investigation against a Polmed member who allegedly pocketed informers' reward money. The anti-corruption detective is also being probed by an Independent Complaints Directorate detective who is accusing him of leaking information about a sensitive investigation to the media.

But the anti-corruption detective is in turn probing the Independent Complaints Directorate detective for alleged misconduct involving a prisoner he allegedly allowed to roam the streets to commit more crime.

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In another case, a Presidential Task Unit detective, who faces charges of crimen injuria laid by the Anti-Corruption Unit, turned the tables on the unit and is considering legal action against them.

The member was accused of bad-mouthing members of the Anti-Corruption Unit on a specific date.

But he said he could prove he was not even in Cape Town and produced cash slips from petrol stations in other parts of the country where he had filled up his car on an official trip.

Meanwhile, Commissioner Fivaz is adding his own investigation team, dubbed his "Sweeper Squad", thus compounding the confusion.

Provincial Commissioner Leon Wessels said all allegations of corruption and involvement in crime against police were being investigated. In many cases the allegations were false and made with malice.

"Some members were specifically appointed to investigate corruption, fraud and other allegations against fellow members, a commitment and duty we have to the community."

# Pagad chief surrenders to court

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have enough to warrant a case. They have another weekend to gather more lies and play their political games.

"But we are serious about letting this new initiative work and will not allow anybody to sabotage our work.

"These police must realise gangsterism is coming to an end. Communities are no longer going to allow drug dealers and gangsters to terrorise their neighbourhoods and are prepared to work with us and the police to ensure this."

Mr Toefy said that on the night of the shooting he was at the scene but was liaising with the police.

Meanwhile, a police team headed by Simon Mpembe has raided the Belhar home of Community Outreach Forum (Core) chairman Ernest "Lapepa" Peters and confiscated his licensed 9mm pistol and 15 rounds of ammunition.

Sergeant Phillips said the gun and ammunition would be sent for ballistic and forensic testing.

"The task team also confiscated

four safes at the premises. Mr Peters was asked to open them, but he claimed not to have the keys. It was arranged the safes would be opened during the course of today in Mr Peters's presence."

Later Mr Peters said the safes contained some documents, two Kruger rands and a plastic bank bag containing rings.

At another house in Orange Street, Belhar, which also belongs to Mr Peters, police seized allegedly stolen computer equipment and are expected to make arrests soon.

The communications task group involved in the new police-Pagad peace initiative, which met yesterday, has run into problems, with not all the police roleplayers willing to attend the meetings.

Yesterday representatives of the special investigative task team probing the conflict between gangsters and Pagad failed to turn up at the meeting, prompting facilitator Craig Arendse of the Centre for Conflict Resolution to seek an urgent meeting with Commissioner Leon Wessels.

It is believed certain elements in the police are not keen on a close working relationship with Pagad.

Pagad spokesman Cassiem Parker said they had proposed Mr Arendse should meet Commissioner Wessels for the matter of police commitment to the process to be clarified once and for all.

Commissioner Wessels said he met Mr Arendse this morning to discuss the growing concerns.

"Police Minister Gerald Morkel and a Safety and Security Secretariat representative were also present at the meeting and the official police position was clarified to Mr Arendse.

"The police are fully supportive of the new peace process, in fact we initiated it. But there are certain legal requirements that cannot be jeopardised, like having investigating officers holding talks with suspects in cases."

The commissioner said they had remedied the situation by agreeing to send a representative from the investigative team and a police lawyer to future meetings of the task team.

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# Police, Pagad talks back on track

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JULIAN JACOBS

**While peace talks between People Against Gangsterism and Drugs and police were going ahead an alleged drug dealer was gunned down outside a Mosque in Paarl.**

Police said Yusuf Abrahams, 48, was shot dead by a gunman dressed in a red and black balaclava. Boland Pagad leader Faghrie Patel denied the organisation was involved.

He said: "It was set up by either the gangs or the third force."

There was growing fear on the Cape Flats earlier yesterday that the handing over of Pagad's national leader Aslam Toefy to police would derail the peace process.

He reported to Wynberg Magistrate's Court on Friday to face charges of attempted murder. The matter was postponed to Monday. A decision will be taken at the weekend and Mr Toefy will be told on Monday if he will face charges.

In a statement last night, Pagad, the SA Police Services and the provincial secretariat for safety and security confirmed their commit-

ment to the peace process. Craig Arendse, facilitator between police and Pagad, said at last night's press conference that despite certain hiccups during the week, all was well.

The meeting was strengthened by the presence of the provincial commander of detectives and general investigation and the provincial head of crime prevention, as well as the provincial commander of legal services for reactive policing. Delegates at the meeting mandated Mr Arendse, the facilitator, to invite the attorney-general's office to the talks.

The statement also said an urgent meeting would be held to deal with the recent treatment of Pagad by police. Yesterday Pagad's spokesman Cassiem Parker urged Mr Arendse to speak to provincial commissioner Leon Wesels about certain elements in the police force who were not keen on working with Pagad.

Two successful joint operations have taken place as a result of information supplied by Pagad to the operational task team set up last week.

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# Dharsey witnesses

## Murdered doc's receptionist gunned

JOSEPH ARANES AND JOHAN SCHRONEN  
STAFF REPORTERS

The main witness to the killing of Moggamat Refai Dharsey, the Valhalla Park doctor gunned down in his surgery last month, was today critically wounded by gunmen who barged into her mother's house and opened fire.

Police said Dr Dharsey's receptionist, Shirley Landers, was shot in the side at her

mother's home in Doublom Street, Kalksteinfontein, at 9.45 am.

The drama started when two men, carrying firearms, shot Ms Landers' mother Elizabeth at the front gate, then followed her as she stumbled into the house. They fired more shots when they found Ms Landers trying to hide. The gunmen also shot and wounded the family's gardener Clive Redcliff, seriously wounding him.

Pagad task team investigators probing

the attack fear it may have been an attempt to assassinate Ms Landers, a vital witness in Dr Dharsey's killing.

Last week it emerged in a bail application in an unrelated case that the nephew of alleged drug baron Colin Stanfield was being questioned in connection with the doctor's murder on the night of September 22.

Simon Stanfield, 19, of Valhalla Park, was arrested with four other men on September 26 for allegedly gang-raping a group of

women. They appeared in the Wynberg magistrate's court last Thursday and were refused bail.

Dr Dharsey was shot in his surgery while attending to a patient. It is alleged that three men, posing as patients, walked into the surgery and shot him in the head.

The suspects are expected to appear in court soon in connection with his death. Meanwhile, Pagad has pulled out of talks with police because of allegations of ongoing

### Dharsey witness shot

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Aslam Toefy was charged with two counts of attempted murder and appeared briefly in the Wynberg magistrate's court before being freed on R1 000 bail.

In two separate incidents this morning, a Valhalla Park house was slightly damaged in a petrol bomb attack while police also reported that an explosive device shattered the windows of a Paarl East home.

Paarl police also arrested a Pagad member, 25-year-old Paarl East man Shammiel Fortuin, in connection with

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the fatal shooting of Yusuf Abrahams in the town last Friday.

Mr Fortuin appeared briefly in court last night and his bail hearing was set for next week.

Pagad spokesman Cassiem Parker said the organisation could not continue speaking to one part of the police service while another was undermining the organisation.

The allegations of harassment include Pagad members being arrested without proper evidence, discrepancies in bail conditions and police searching members' houses without search warrants.

harassment by police of the organisation's members, effectively stalling the new Pagad police peace initiative signed just eight days ago.

The People Against Gangsterism and Drugs working committee met last night and decided to suspend talks until police formulated a united response to their concerns.

Today Pagad national commander

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# Anger at bid to kill women Police under fire over failure to protect women

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**JOSEPH ARANES**  
STAFF REPORTER

A row erupted today over the Government's witness protection programme after the attempted murder of a witness to the killing of Valhalla Park doctor Moggamat Refai Dharsey.

Western Cape Traders' Association spokesman Dawood Khan accused the police of corruption for failing to protect Shirley Landers, Dr Dharsey's receptionist and witness to his murder.

Ms Landers was shot and critically injured in her Kalksteentfontein home yesterday, a few days after it became known that the nephew of alleged gang boss Colin Stanfield was being held and questioned in connection with the death of Dr Dharsey.

Ms Landers's 70-year-old mother Elizabeth and gardener Clive Redcliff were injured in the shooting.

Neighbours said the Landers family had not slept at their house since Dr Dharsey's murder, and got home just minutes before the shooting.

Mr Khan, who with community organisations and religious leaders will meet President Mandela today to discuss the violence on the Cape Flats, said he would raise the attempted murder of Ms Landers.

"It is unacceptable that people who are prepared to assist the police in solving these horrendous crimes are left unprotected and at the mercy of the very killers against whom they are going to testify," said Mr Khan.

"This smacks of police corruption and

## W Cape summit gears for crime war

STAFF REPORTER

Crime-fighting in the Western Cape will be boosted by a new policing plan being drafted at a crime prevention summit starting today.

If the concept is accepted, multi-departmental groups will be formed in towns throughout the province to fight crime in their areas.

The groups would consist of leaders of local authorities, police, the defence force, government agencies and community organisations.

They would form joint task teams for crime prevention.

A similar unit already in existence in the metropolitan area is the Integrated Planning Group, headed by Western Cape Director-General Niel Barnard, which has been successful in responding to crime in greater

## INSIDE STORY

**JOSEPH ARANES** looks at what the Western Cape can expect from the crime prevention summit starting today. **See page 18**



Cape Town and drafting plans to curb the problem.

The summit, which will be opened by Premier Hermus Kriel, is part of the National Crime Prevention Strategy. More than 230 delegates will decide how

to fight crime. The meeting is organised by the provincial Secretariat for Safety and Security and will be facilitated by the non-governmental Community Peace Foundation.

Representatives of provincial and national government departments, the defence force, community policing forums, anti-crime non-government organisations (NGOs), trade unions and civic and municipal leaders will attend.

The head of the secretariat, Omar Valley, said the summit was the culmination of months of hard work during which his staff had canvassed the views of people from all parts of the province.

"We went into towns and small villages to hear what people's complaints were and held five mini-summits to discuss and draft an agenda for the summit."

Mr Valley said such issues as problems in

the criminal justice system, abuse and violence against such groups as women, children and the aged, and socio-economic conditions would be debated.

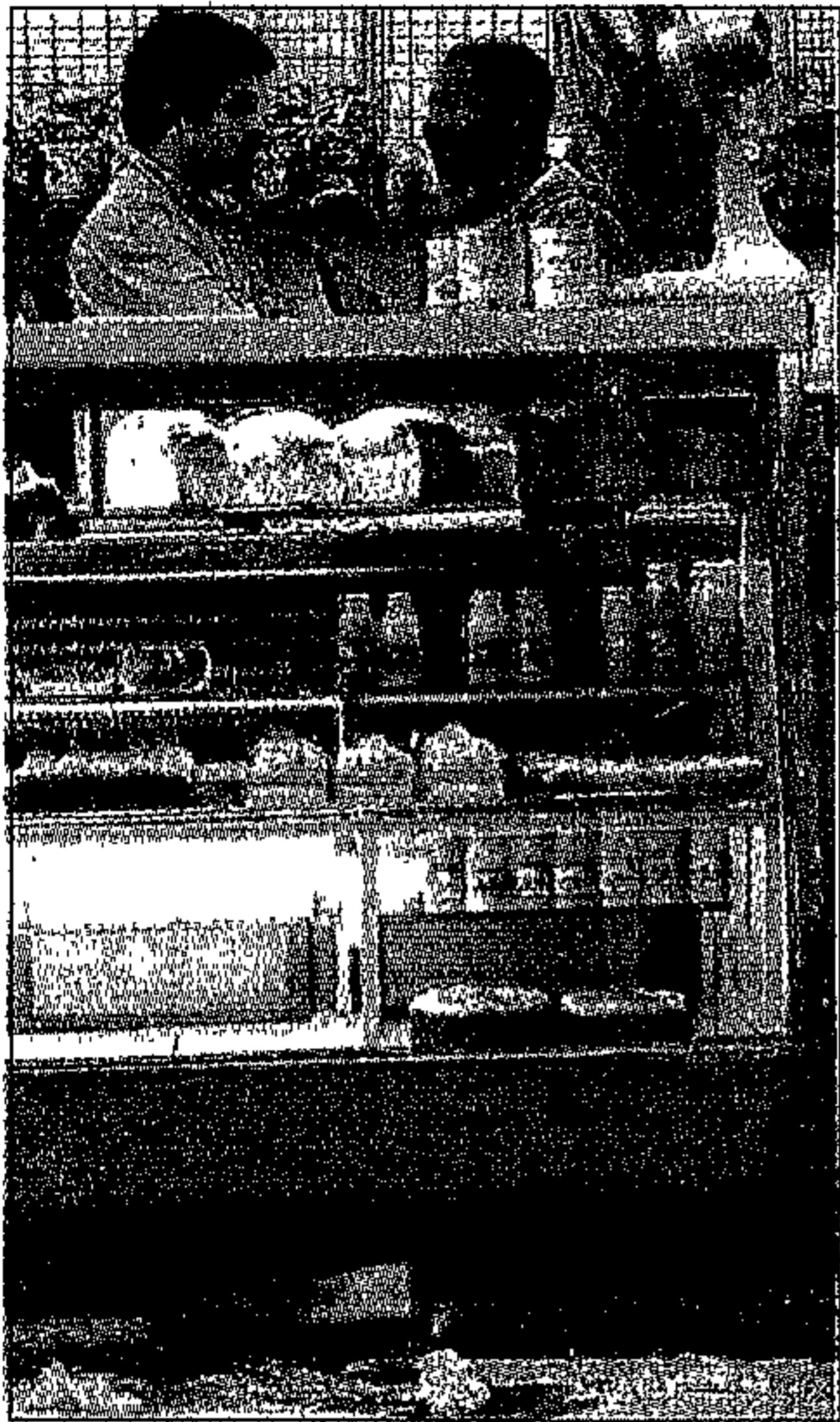
"These are the issues affecting people on the ground and they want proactive responses from the police and the Government to deal with them."

"The summit is an attempt to put practical solutions in place."

He said one of the proposals up for debate would be the need to establish multi-agency groups across the province which would have the power to decide immediately on action to tackle problems.

"If the summit approves the plan, several of these multi-agency structures will be established and resources redeployed to ensure practical solutions, and remedies can immediately be put in place to fight the problems," Mr Valley said.

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LEON MULLER

**Killing:** the Mitchell's Plain bakery where a man died

## Weekend of war shatters peace hopes

JOSEPH ARANES  
STAFF REPORTER

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**Hopes for peace between gangsters and anti-crime militants on the Cape Flats were shattered over the weekend when two people were killed and at least eight injured. Several homes were attacked.**

The Community Outreach Forum (Core), the organisation of gangsters who say they have reformed, accused the police and the government of practising double standards by talking to Pagad while publicly stating they do not talk to criminals.

Police say at least 16 attacks were reported at the weekend.

Mogamat Ryklief, a Parkwood Estate Pagad member, died when he was shot eight

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# 79 net city bli drink-c Campaign

SHARKEY ISAACS  
STAFF REPORTER

**Cape Town's traffic blitz began at the weekend, with 79 motorists being caught driving with more than the legal alcohol limit in their blood.**

Traffic chief Mark Sangster said the four-month operation to cut the accident rate got into full swing with the first campaign against drinking and driving.

At roadblocks in Maitland, Claremont and Philippi, traffic personnel netted 79 drivers with alcohol-blood levels higher than the permitted 0,08 mg, he said.

"We decided at the last minute to switch roadblocks in the Sea Point campaign to Maitland."

Random law enforcement will continue today, with low-key operations, and moves into top gear with eight-hour roadblocks at weekends.

In addition to traffic cops testing vehicles for roadworthiness at road blocks, they will ask all drivers

# W Cape takes crime fight to grassroots

*Summit gets cue from ground level*  
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## INSIDE STORY

Crime is one of the biggest threats to South Africa's fledgling democracy. As part of the Government's



response – the National Crime Prevention Strategy – each province must hold a crime prevention summit. Staff Reporter **JOSEPH ARANES** looks at what the Western Cape can expect from its summit, which starts today

Crime affects all our lives and people across the country are shouting for action and delivery on promises by politicians that there will be safety and security and an environment that is not tolerant of crime.

The general feeling is that there has been enough theorising, prioritising of crimes and commissions investigating its causes and reasons, and it is time now for the authorities to act decisively.

With this in mind, the provincial Secretariat for Safety and Security went about canvassing the views and complaints of people across the province.

Five themes emerged from the concerns raised by the people: the problems experienced by young people and destroying the gang culture; allegations of corruption and other problems in the criminal justice system; stopping abuse and violence against such vulnerable groups as children, women and the aged; improving socio-economic conditions; and developing a community safety plan.

Secretariat head Omar Valley said the idea behind the consultations was to get input from people on the ground in the drafting of a holistic programme for the province which would ensure that the problem of crime would be contextualised in a manner that lent itself to finding solutions.

"We are putting together a structured approach to crime-solving and developing a pro-active response to attack it at its roots. The idea is to change the environment and create safe and secure communities.

"These ideas will be discussed from today until Friday in the provincial crime prevention summit, organised in terms of the directive from the National Crime Prevention Strategy."

Mr Valley said the people's concerns would form part of the agenda and would be discussed at length in commissions before a strategy would be adopted.

The secretariat, in conjunction with the Community Peace Foundation, a non-governmental organisation, has invited role-players from government departments, the police service, the SA National Defence Force, trade unions and civic and community leaders.

"The idea is not to host another talk session, but to come up with workable solutions



**Crime busters:** in the forefront of the fight against crime are, from left, Omar Valley, head of the Secretariat for Safety and Security, Nombulelo Mfeka, executive director of the Community Peace Foundation and Justice Minister Dullah Omar

that will involve all the affected parties and to combat crime. A lot of hard work and planning has gone into this conference and we expect to produce tangible results.

"Secretariat staff and the Peace Foundation have spent long hours consulting people and listening to their fears. This process culminated in the organisation of five mini-summits in which the people were allowed to express their concerns."

This was the first time in South Africa that such broad consultation had taken place before such an important summit. The leadership in other provinces had set the agenda for conferences without canvassing the support of the people.

The summit will be opened by Western Cape Premier Hernus Kriel, and keynote speakers include Justice Minister Dullah Omar, provincial Police Minister Gerald Morkel and Health and Social Welfare Minister Ebrahim Rasool.

More than 230 delegates will attend.

Mr Valley said the police ministry and Mr Morkel fully supported the summit and the idea that crime prevention be decentralised and fought in partnership between affected communities and the authorities.

"Communities at the lowest level need to take the initiative in fighting crime, but they need help and resources. As safety and security is the responsibility of the Government and its agencies we need to develop a working relationship between the two.

"We must get all the role-players on board, move away from theorising and find solutions that will be acceptable to the communities and that will be practical to implement.

"Already ideas like establishing multi-

agency task groups have emerged and we are looking seriously at how these could effectively be set up in towns and function in a manner in which key decisions are taken on the spur of the moment."

Mr Valley said the Cape Town metropolitan area had established such a forum, the Integrated Planning Group (IPG) months ago with much success.

A task group like the IPG is made up of senior people who can take immediate decisions on issues falling under their jurisdiction.

The metropolitan unit is made up of leaders from the defence force, the police, the municipality, provincial and national government departments, community leaders and NGOs and the secretariat.

"Because of its composition, tasks are tackled immediately, resources made available and personnel redeployed in an attempt to react pro-actively to problems," said Mr Valley.

He said if, for example, a community felt that broken street lights were contributing to crime in the area, at a multi-agency meeting the municipal representative would be informed of it and would have to immediately decide to undertake the repairs.

In this way the structure would remain accountable to the community and the day-to-day problems experienced would be reduced, making it difficult for bigger problems to develop.

"Not only will we be empowering communities, but we will be putting in place an effective policing mechanism that will stop the decay. But like any other plan, if it is to be successful it will require the full support of the people," said Mr Valley.

***'The idea is not to host another talk session, but to come up with workable solutions'***

# Kahn in bid to salvage peace talks

JOSEPH ARBANS

Western Cape Attorney-General Frank Kahn has entered the off-peace initiative between police and Pagad in an attempt to get the process back on track.

Yesterday Pagad suspended its participation in the talks because of allegations of harassment by police of the organisation's members.

Spokesman Cassiem Parker said Pagad had said at the outset that for the initiative to succeed, issues relating to arrest and bail conditions for its members, seizure of their licensed guns and searching their homes without warrants needed to be properly addressed.

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In an attempt to restart the process, police-appointed facilitator Craig Arendse of the Centre for Conflict Resolution met Mr Kahn to discuss some of Pagad's concerns.

In a letter faxed to Pagad's national co-ordinator, Abdus-Salam Ebrahim, Mr Arendse confirmed he had met Mr Kahn and he had agreed to talk to Pagad about alleged unfair arrests and bail conditions.

A meeting is set for Friday. Others invited to attend include Deputy Attorney-General Percy Sonn, a representative of the provincial Secretariat for Safety and Security, and four police directors. Mr Parker said Pagad was unhappy about the absence at previous

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meetings of key police personnel involved in the arrest of members.

"More and more of our members are being arrested and taken to court without sufficient evidence against them," he said.

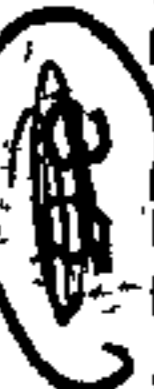
Pagad had told Mr Arendse it could not proceed until these issues were satisfactorily addressed.

"His response was to meet Mr Kahn and arrange this meeting," Mr Parker said. "We will attend the meeting as this is one of the conditions we set before talks could be resumed.

"At the same time we wish to make it clear that Pagad has not deviated from its stance and we will assess our further participation after Friday's meeting."

# Anger at bid to kill witness

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complicity with gangsters, because in the end these cases are thrown out of court because the police do not have enough evidence and witnesses to secure convictions."

Mr Khan said it was obvious that the lives of people testifying against gangsters would be in danger and the police had a responsibility to protect them, irrespective of whether they applied to the witness protection programme for help.

Justice Minister Dullah Omar said the attack on Ms Landers should be condemned in the strongest terms. "While I don't want to comment on policing matters, I will be raising the attack with provincial Police Minis-

nesses in cases that pose potential threats to their lives get adequate police protection," he said.

Mr Omar said he was not sure if Ms Landers had asked for police protection or if she was told that she could, but the Justice Ministry had improved the programme and created a directorate within the ministry.

The head of the police violent crimes unit, Leonard Knipe, said the attack on Ms Landers was a tragedy. Police were doing their best to track down the gunmen.

"As far as I'm aware Ms Landers was not under the witness protection programme at the time of the attack." Director Knipe said the programme was voluntary.





## Bishop Lavis police 'report' to gangsters

LINDIZ VAN ZILLA

LONG-SERVING members of the Bishop Lavis police were easily corruptible as they had life-long acquaintances with gangs in the area, Safety and Security officials were told yesterday.

Bishop Lavis residents said corrupt police officers would "report back" to the gangsters if members of the community passed on information about illegal gang-related activities to the police.

A resident said: "These corrupt police will tell the gangs, who will come and knock on my door tonight."

Fearful residents told members of the portfolio committee on Safety and Security at the Bishop Lavis Police College yesterday of intimidation by gangsters.

The meeting was set up to gauge the police's ability to fight crime and the role of community police forums and the community in fighting crime.

Forum representatives and residents pointed to police corruption as a major stumbling block in combating crime.

"At the bottom of all the violence in our communities are the gangs. Yet part of the problem is corrupt policemen who sit and drink with the gangsters in shebeens during working hours," a forum member said.

The forum called for long-serving police to be rotated because they "can't move because of their involvement with the gangsters".

Safety and Security delegate Mr Mluleki George said "corrupt elements within the police must be shifted out" and structures had to be created to allow people to pass on information safely.

The Bishop Lavis police station covers 11 sectors including Bonteheuwel, Nooitgedacht and the newly incorporated Cape Town International Airport. This equates to roughly one police officer for every 2 000 residents.

## POLICE ACTION 'UNFAIR'

# Pagad withdraws its support for top talks

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**CITING BAD** faith by police for propagating talks while acting against its members, Pagad goes it alone again, reports Security Writer **WILLEM STEENKAMP**

PAGAD yesterday summarily suspended talks with police, and the Provincial Secretariat for Safety and Security, citing as its reasons "unfair" police action against, and prosecution of its members, as well as the snubbing of a key meeting last week by police investigators.

As tensions rose on the Cape Flats and the Boland yesterday, it was confirmed that two-thirds of the 360 troops seconded to the 843-strong Pagad task team were to be withdrawn — effectively reducing the task team's strength by 28,5%.

Mr Craig Arendse, of the University of Cape Town's Centre for Conflict Resolution, who had been facilitating the talks, said in a statement yesterday that Pagad would "temporarily suspend their participation in the current process of dialogue".

An agreement for dialogue between the police and Pagad was reached after a meeting on October 3, and reaffirmed at a meeting on October 10. One of the agreed-upon points was that Pagad would not conduct marches for four weeks.

Provincial Police MEC Mr Gerald Morkel, in an interview earlier this week, pointed out that there had been no Pagad-gangs related violence over the weekend, which he said "shows that they have kept by the arrangement we have".

But — at least in the interim — that arrangement has fallen by the way. Arendse said Pagad had listed three reasons for suspending talks

and would only resume dialogue "if they feel that these issues have been adequately addressed".

Reasons were that for dialogue to be successful the arrest and bail conditions of Pagad members, "which they experience to be based on unfair process", had to be resolved, Pagad was "unhappy" about the non-attendance of key police officials involved in arresting Pagad members at a special meeting last week, and also about the "current situation where members of their organisation get taken to court without sufficient evidence against them".

Many cases have been brought against Pagad members and supporters, most notably the appearance yesterday of Pagad chief commander Mr Aslam Toefy in the Wynberg Magistrate's Court in connection with two counts of attempted murder relating to an attack on a house in Parkwood Estate on October 4.

Toefy was released and the matter postponed to November 3, to allow for a decision on whether or not to pursue the prosecution.

Also, Paarl Pagad member Mr Shamiel Fortuin was denied bail on Monday night in connection with the murder last Friday of an alleged drug dealer, Mr Yusuf Abrahams, as he emerged from the Paarl East mosque.

Pagad Boland co-ordinator Mr

Faghrie Patel — who is facing illegal weapons charges — said the charge against Fortuin was "a total lie because he wasn't even in Paarl on Friday", and that police had refused to contact witnesses to corroborate his alibi.

He also claimed the investigating officer had promised to support Fortuin's family "as long as he says who shot the man — so they already know it was not (Fortuin)".

Patel said Pagad was not involved in the shooting, and he alleged that "the moment a gangster or drug dealer gets killed they arrest a Pagad member".

He said Pagad was "not interested" in working with police until they realised they were fighting

crime together, and Pagad would resume anti-drugs marches.

But Pagad national co-ordinator Mr Abdus Salaam Ebrahim — who is also on trial, on four attempted murder charges — said yesterday he had no comment about marches being resumed in the

*"The moment a gangster or drug dealer gets killed they arrest a Pagad member." — Faghrie Patel, Pagad, Boland*

Peninsula.

Patel was free to continue a programme of action in the Boland, however.

Ebrahim stressed that Pagad's feeling that members were being tried without sufficient evidence referred not only to the organisation's leadership. "It is about every member of Pagad."

Senior Superintendent Attie Trollip of the Pagad investigation unit, said of Patel's allegations: "These remarks do not correspond with reality."

# Mandela steps in to help Flats crisis

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**LINDIZ VAN ZILLA**

PRESIDENT Nelson Mandela will lend his diplomatic skills to help resolve the deadly conflict between gangsters and the anti-drugs group Pagad on the Cape Flats.

Mandela will meet the Western Cape Anti-Crime Forum and leading religious bodies today to discuss the crisis.

The meeting follows an open letter addressed to Mandela last week in which the forum criticised the state's response to the "crisis on the Cape Flats" and questioned its "ability to protect its citizens".

The letter called for the resignation of Safety and Security Minister

Mr Sidney Mufamadi.

The forum accused Mufamadi and his provincial counterpart Mr Gerald Morkel and Premier Mr Hernus Kriel of playing "political games with our people's lives on the Cape Flats".

The forum members will be accompanied to the meeting by representatives of the Muslim Judicial Council, the Western Province Council of Churches, the business community and several NGOs.

A forum spokesman said last night they would be calling on Mandela to take "political responsibility for the crisis".

The forum's concerns include police actions and investigations



**CONCERN:** Nelson Mandela will meet the Anti-Crime Forum today.

around the Cape Flats conflict. They hope to discuss the distribution of police resources, gun licences and police corruption.

"Root out police corruption and many of the problems around gangsterism will be resolved," the spokesperson said.

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# Victims 'to get aid and counselling'

CAPE FLATS residents injured in the conflict between gangsters and Pagad could be given a one-off payment to assist them, MEC for Health and Social Services Mr Ebrahim Rasool said yesterday.

Also, their emotional and psychological trauma would be assessed and they would be given counselling to ensure no scars remained, particularly among their children, Rasool said.

Assistance could be a once-off payment of R470 to each adult or, if the need was clear, R470 a month for each adult for three months.

"This is simply intended to assist

people in recovering from the violence," Rasool said.

He had visited families and had been struck by the devastating effect the violence had had on their lives. A number of adults and children had been severely injured and required extensive medical care. Those whose homes had been damaged had also had to deal with material loss. A few had lost all their possessions.

The trauma to the victims, neighbours and families often remained unacknowledged, Rasool said.

As MEC for Health and Social Services, he had been challenged to pro-

vide support for the victims. Some were worried about meeting hospital expenses.

"The health management and I wish to reassure them that this should not be their immediate worry. We are investigating ways, within the treasury regulations, to lighten their loads."

Rasool said the deeper solution was to restore peace on the Cape Flats and re-establish respect for the human soul.

"This means dealing fundamentally with the scourge of crime, gangsterism and drugs, as well as the impulse towards violence that comes so easily to many of our people." — Staff Writer

# Mandela tours gang-infested Cape Flats

JOSEPH ARANES  
STAFF REPORTER

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President Mandela toured the gang-infested Cape Flats today to gain a first-hand impression of the violence ravaging the area.

His tour came after talks he held yesterday with Western Cape community, religious and anti-crime organisation leaders who appealed to him to intervene personally to end the conflict between gangsters and Pagad.

After the fact-finding mission Mr Mandela raced back to Tuynhuis for an extraordinary meeting with his security-related cabinet ministers, to discuss the Cape Flats violence further.

The president started his tour just before 9.30am when his Air Force Oryx helicopter landed at the Tafelsig sportsfields in Mitchell's Plain. He was joined by Justice Minister Dullah Omar, deputy safety and



LEON MULLER

**Talking crime:** President Mandela discusses problems in the Cape Flats with Avonwood Park residents

security minister Joe Matthews, provincial health MEC Ebrahim Rasool, provincial police commissioner Leon Wessels and other dignitaries.

The convoy stopped at Avonwood Park sportsfield, where Mr Mandela was greeted by hundreds of cheering residents and schoolchildren. Amid tight security, the

president spoke briefly to some residents and heard about their grievances.

Daniel Brown of Elsie's River said he told the Mr Mandela of the senseless violence tearing his neighbourhood apart.

"I told him our children are dying almost daily and that it's no longer safe to send them to school."

# Mandela acts on Cape Flats crime

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**PRESIDENT MANDELA** has called a meeting of ministers to help find a solution to the continuing battle between gangsters and Pagad. Political writer **ANDRE KOOPMAN** reports.



by Minister, Mr Sydney Mufamadi, to become more visibly involved in the Western Cape crisis.

**P**RESIDENT Nelson Mandela, deeply "worried" about the continuing bloodbath on the Cape Flats, has summoned his Security, Defence and Finance ministers and also the head of the defence force to an "urgent and extraordinary" meeting this morning to address the problem.

It is an attempt to address the concerns of people on the Cape Flats whose family members were being killed "daily" in the battle between People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) and Cape Flats gangs.

Mandela spoke after meeting a delegation from community, religious and education organisations at Tuynhuys yesterday.

The President will visit Guguletu, Mitchells Plain and Elsies River this morning where he will meet various organisations including the Western Cape Anti-Crime Forum to assess the situation.

Accompanying him to the areas hardest hit by violence will be Justice Minister Mr Dullah Omar, provincial police chief Commissioner Leon Wessels and members of the anti-gang units.

It is understood that Mandela wants today's meeting with the ministers to lead to a more co-ordinated response to combat crime.

Cosatu spokesperson Mr Anthony Dietrich said the organisations which attended yesterday's meeting had slammed Western Cape Premier Mr Hennis Kriel and MEC for Safety and Security Mr Gerald Morkel for ignoring the rapidly escalating "crisis". They had also told Mandela that they wanted Safety and Security

Mandela said he had met the delegation at short notice yesterday "because I thought I should put aside everything and listen to their concerns".

Various proposals had been presented to him but he had not made any promises as major efforts, co-ordinated by Deputy President Thabo Mbeki, were under way to combat the gangsterism problem.

He had called today's meeting to outline to the ministers responsible, the concerns "of the people who are directly concerned", the people who live in the area and who "are losing their relatives" on a daily basis.

Proposals put to him would be placed before the meeting today but Mandela would not be drawn on steps to be taken because he did not want to pre-empt the meeting.

**The people have lost confidence in the government to 'protect the lives of innocent people on the Cape Flats'.**

Mr Chris Fendale of the Western Cape Anti-Crime Forum said afterwards that Mandela had been very "sincere" at the meeting while the group had been "open and frank" with him.

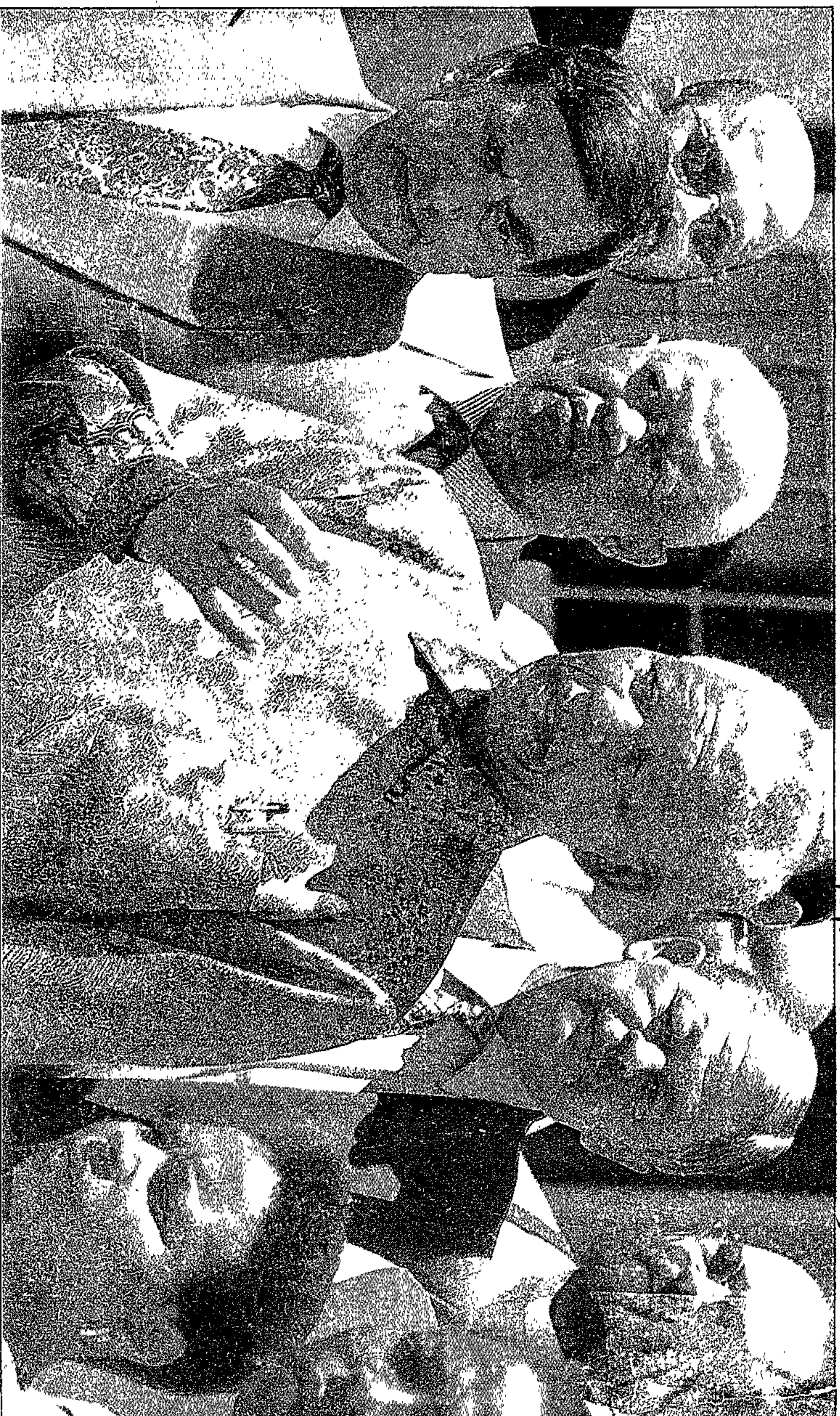
The meeting was held in response to an open letter to Mandela from the Western Cape Anti-Crime Forum in which they said people of the Western Cape were at war. They had lost confidence in Mufamadi and his provincial counterpart Morkel as well as Kriel to "protect the lives of innocent people" on the Cape Flats.

They praised Omar saying he had been "accessible and compassionate" but had not had the support of his colleagues. Community organisations believe Western Cape NP ministers are being "obstructionist" in attempts to alleviate the violence and have a keen perception that the regional police structures charged with combating gangs and drugs are endemically corrupt.

"We spoke about corruption within police services that has not been resolved. That there have been three commissions of inquiry over the past 2 1/2 years — while corruption has been investigated there has been no resolution of the problem."

Fendale stated Mufamadi saying he had not shown compassion to the people of the Western Cape: "He has not come out to the victims of violence."

Fendale was concerned over illegal gun licences saying a major corruption scam was uncovered more than two years ago in which senior police officers locally and in



**MEETING THE PEOPLE:** President Nelson Mandela yesterday met a delegation from a range of Cape Flats community organisations to discuss the continuing violence there. He is seen outside Tuynhuys, with (from left) Justice Minister Dullah Omar, Deputy Safety and Security Minister Joe Matthews and provincial Police MEC Gerald Morkel.

PICTURE: BEWNY GOOL

Pretoria had been caught and convicted of selling illegal gun licences.

"It is not being investigated to whom those licences have gone. Gangsters were using illegal guns to kill people. "We question the sincerity of police if those licences are not

retracted.

"We also want all gang leaders and drug lords in this province to be disarmed," he said.

Asked about drawing gangsters into the negotiating process, he said: "Gangsterism must just be eradicated from our society. While accepting that it was a

process there should be no talk of "forgiving drug dealers and murderers", he said.

"You can't forgive them for placing so many kids in prostitution rackets and so on, that cannot be forgiven."

A spokesperson for Morkel said the minister had been "pleased at the outcome of the meeting". Western Cape ANC spokesperson Mr Brent Simon said last night that he welcomed the meeting and that the ANC had been pushing for today's meeting of ministers.

Responding to the criticism of Mufamadi, he said: "The minister cannot be all over and that is precisely why there are provincial ministers of police who are supposed to play a facilitating and co-ordinating role between police in the Western Cape and the national police ministry."

● Politicians point fingers  
● Designing crime out of the community

# Politicians point fingers at others

**KARIN SCHIMKE**  
POLITICAL WRITER

ON his way home from school one afternoon a 14-year-old boy saw a gangster execute a man. He dropped his bag and ran to the police station.

He was seen, and minutes later gangsters surrounded his mother's house and told her that if her son wanted to be a snitch there would be consequences. Two days later the boy was dead.

The mother is dealing with her loss, while fearing that she and the rest of her family will also become victims because of what they know. This numbs her.

It is one small cameo in the larger picture of the war between Pagad and gangsters on the Cape Flats.

Fear has paralysed the people living and working in the midst of the continuing murder and misery in this part of the Western Cape.

The police are afraid to act, because the flimsy protection of their uniforms falls away when they go home at night.

The peace-loving and law-abiding people of the area are afraid: the killers live in their midst and

constantly remind them that informers will be dealt with.

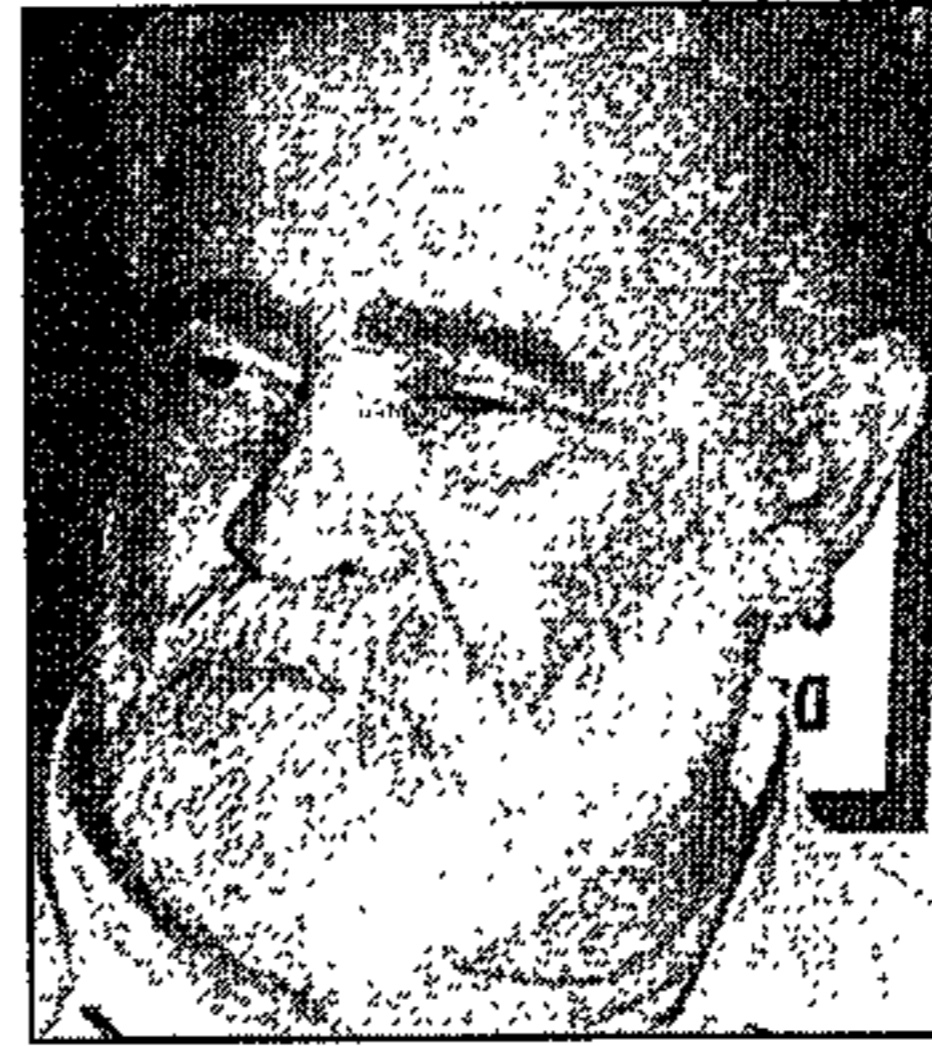
The politicians who live in these areas are also afraid. So much so that yesterday, before a snap debate in the provincial legislature about violence on the Flats, there was a mini debate among some provincial politicians about who would have the courage "to speak the truth" in the chamber.

"And if we, as the legislature, cannot speak the truth with one voice, who can?" asked Mr Joe Marks of the Democratic Party.

It was his nephew who died for reporting the murder he had seen.

But the legislature did not speak with one voice. Instead of putting forward proposals of how to rein in the violence, politicians engaged in finger-pointing. Unemployment, the police, apartheid, Police Services MEC Gerald Morkel, a "tjankbalie" syndrome in the provincial government, central government and socio-economics were blamed. But no one took responsibility.

Yesterday smaller parties in the legislature — the DP, the Freedom Front and the African Christian Democratic Party — all pointed out



**NEPHEW A VICTIM:** Joe Marks

that a government's first responsibility was to protect its citizens.

Ms Eleanor Lombard of the Freedom Front said it was right that society should ask why the government was doing nothing. "The two spheres of government hold each other responsible ... and this while people are dying."

Mr Hennie Bester of the DP, explaining how the war had reached boiling point a year after it became headline news, said: "Pagad does what it likes. Gangsters do what they like. And the state does not do what it should do."

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The DP, offering one possible solution, called on President Nelson Mandela to appoint an experienced High Court judge to head an inter-disciplinary task force of police and representatives of the criminal justice system. This was supported by Morkel in the debate.

The DP said the task force's driving principle must be to successfully prosecute those involved in gang and Pagad-related violence.

The reason for this suggestion, said Bester, was firstly, that the High Court was one of the few government institutions with credibility.

"You need this legitimacy and forensic experience to compensate for the public distrust in the police and criminal justice system and lower court level. You need as close as possible an 'untouchable'," he said.

Secondly, a judge with the necessary authority could ensure the integrity of police investigations deal with police corruption.

Thirdly, said Bester, special fast-tracking court systems, like those used in Italy to deal with the Mafia, must be made available to ensure rapid and visible justice.

## 'Designing crime out of the community'

**LINDIZ VAN ZILLA**

THE provincial crime-prevention summit which starts in Cape Town today does not aim to produce another police plan to curb crime. Rather, the focus will fall on implementing social programmes aimed at preventing people from becoming criminals.

The summit is in line with the government's National Crime Prevention Strategy (NCPS) and follows similar summits in the other provinces. The NCPS, the first comprehensive government strategy aimed at attacking crime at its

roots, concentrates on:

- Re-engineering the criminal justice system.
- Public values and education.
- Trans-national crime.
- Creating safer environments.

Two-hundred-and-thirty delegates are expected to attend the two-day summit.

Community police forum and anti-crime, non-governmental organisation members will work with representatives of national and provincial governments to determine a Western Cape approach.

Assistant Director of the nation-

al secretariat on safety and security, Mr Willem Basson, said the summit's approach was "fundamentally different" from any previous policing plan.

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"It is not only a question of more roadblocks and giving more bullet-proof vests to police, it is about preventing people becoming criminals and victims of crime."

Basson emphasised that normal policing would continue, but that the summit would focus on creating an environment which was not conducive to crime.

"People must be retrained and sensitised to stop the buying of

stolen goods and the Hollywood culture of glamourising gangsters must be broken down," he said.

Instead of "haphazardly dumping people all over the place", development must focus on "designing crime out of the community", he said.

Environmentally, one must plan the location of police stations and "taxi ranks must be built where they can be properly monitored".

It is understood that delegates will call for a tightening of firearm laws, especially issuing of gun licenses.

for suspecting that Mogoba's nomination was initially will- conducted in a transparent way. — Sapa. entertained those attending.

# Security chiefs ordered to refine strategy on Cape Flats

CAPE TOWN — SA's police and defence force chiefs were yesterday ordered to refine measures already in place to combat crime and violence on the Cape Flats, following a special security meeting called by President Nelson Mandela at Thynhuys.

A follow-up meeting would be held in Pretoria tomorrow Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi told journalists after the meeting.

Residents of the Cape Flats could expect an increase in visible policing and the carrying out of special security operations, in response to their demands that government protect the lives of innocent people, he said.

National police commissioner George Fivaz would also make an announcement soon about continuing police investigations into the "organised

hand" fuelling gang violence, as well as counter action by the community.

Mandela summoned his security chiefs and senior cabinet ministers to the extraordinary meeting following talks with concerned community representatives on Wednesday.

The talks were held in response to an open letter from the Western Cape Anticrime Forum, which said people in the province were at war.

Forum members said they had lost confidence in Mufamadi, his provincial counterpart Gerald Morkel and premier Hennis Kriel, with regard to protection of innocent residents.

Yesterday's meeting, chaired by Defence Minister Joe Modise, included Deputy Defence Minister Ronnie Kasrils, Mufamadi, his deputy Joe Matthews, Fivaz, his provincial coun-

terpart Leon Wessels and SA National Defence chief Georg Meiring.

Justice Minister Dullah Omar, Finance Minister Trevor Manuel and Deputy Intelligence Minister Joes Nhlantla were also present.

Mandela, who earlier made a whistlestop tour of troublespots on the Cape Flats, in which he was briefed by a member of the special antigang task team deployed in the area, attended part of the meeting before leaving for another engagement.

Jakes Gerwel, the director-general in the president's office, said Mandela had reiterated he was not promising immediate solutions or "shotgun, short-term steps".

In response to criticism from the Cape Flats community that Mufamadi was not paying sufficient attention to

their problems, Gerwel said Mandela had again backed his minister, whom he believed was competent.

Mufamadi told journalists that he and his colleagues had reviewed steps already taken to deal with the Cape Flats problem. About 300 policemen from other provinces had already been deployed in the area, while additional members from other police stations in the peninsula had been sent to strengthen existing personnel.

A special task team was continuing its probe into gangs and into unlawful activities by antidrug group People Against Gangsterism and Drugs.

On the subject of security force visibility, Mufamadi said: "To ensure that it's not visibility for visibility's sake, there will be a focus on specific operations with specific goals." — Sapa.

rather than a system of care fully

# Police and Pagad join forces in war on crime

JOSEPH ARANES  
STAFF REPORTER

Police and the anti-crime group Pagad have signed an extraordinary agreement - to plan and monitor anti-crime operations on the Cape Flats jointly - in a bid to end the violence. Just last week politicians across the

board lambasted Pagad for the militant way in which it was conducting its campaign against drugs and gangsters.

In terms of the agreement between Pagad and police, reached at a meeting yesterday, Pagad will suspend evening marches for four weeks to give police a chance to work without interference.

But while Pagad leaders and the police

were signing their agreement, a lone gunman walked into a Facticeon shop and fired four shots, killing owner Yusuf Sonday.

And the houses of alleged drug dealers in Bridgetown and Sherwood Park were shot up early this morning. Morasiet Ely of Bluebell Street, Bridgetown, was slightly injured by flying glass from his shattered windows.

Dawood Khan, publicity secretary for the

Western Cape Traders Association, condemned the latest killing of a trader. He called on President Mandela to remove Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi and provincial Police Minister Gerald Morkel from office.

The new peace initiative was launched at

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## Pagad and police join forces in Flats

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a meeting between the police, Pagad and the provincial Secretariat for Safety and Security on Friday, when two task teams were established to work out practical steps to combat crime, drugs and gangsterism.

Yesterday one of the task teams met and agreed that co-operation between police, the SA National Defence Force and Pagad was necessary to make a success of the campaign.

The other team, established to improve co-operation and dialogue between Pagad and provincial government departments and structures, will meet today.

Pagad Boland co-ordinator Faghrie Patel said that although the organisation had agreed to suspend its night-time activities for the next month, it would continue its mass mobilisation campaign during the day.

"We are giving the police a chance to do their work without the interference of Pagad and to show our scep-

■ The Smit family of Kewtown, who live next door to the Brand family whose home was bombed last week, point out that Rachel Hendricks, who witnessed the attack, lives across the road from the Brands and

tics that we are willing to work within the framework of the law. The police have undertaken to combat drugs and gangsterism and will monitor their progress before assessing the situation in four weeks' time."

Mr Patel said they had also met Pagad's G-Force and all agreed it was time to give the new initiative a fair chance.

"From Pagad's side we have undertaken to work within the framework of the law, but people must realise there are hundreds of residents who are sick and tired of living in fear of drug dealers and gangsters and who often take action on their own."

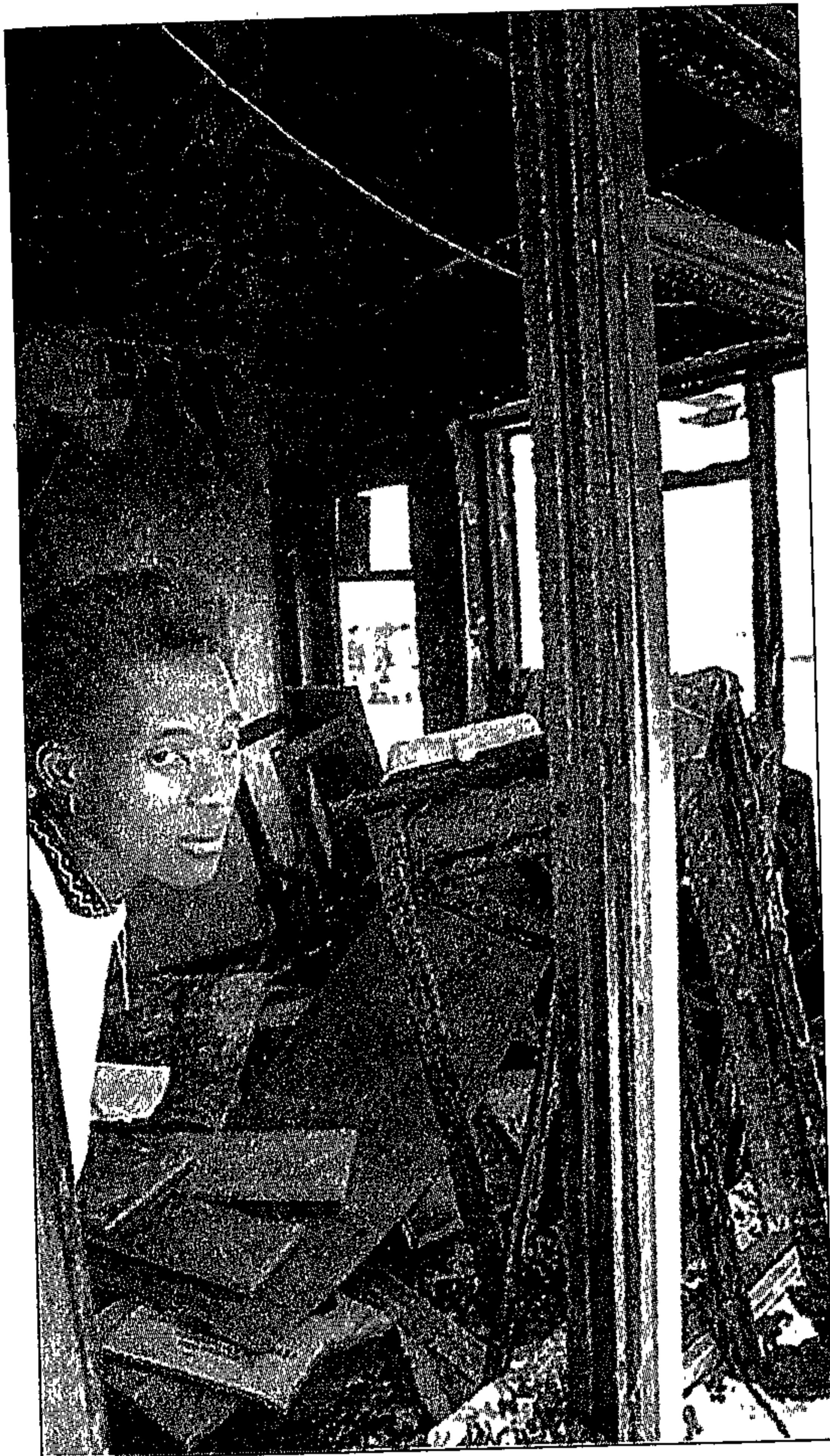
He said Pagad was positive the latest initiative could work if the police were just as serious about ending the scourge of drugs and gangsters.

■ The first open confrontation between Pagad and gangsters in Gauteng has erupted. Four men, allegedly members of the Fast Guns gang, were arrested in Westbury, Johannesburg, after an attack on cars belonging to a Pagad member.

### THE OOPS COLUMN

not next door as the Cape Argus reported last Thursday.





**HOUSE 'WITH A PAST' TARGETED:** Claudia Giose's Eerste River home was seriously damaged when unknown men threw a petrol bomb through the lounge window before firing shots into the house and making their escape late on Wednesday night. Giose bought the house for R80 000 last year. She does not know why her home was targeted but feels the attack may be linked to it having been used as a shebeen in the past.

# Mandela tours gang hotspots

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**ROGER FRIEDMAN**

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WHEN President Nelson Mandela toured the gang-ridden Cape Flats yesterday he chose as his special travelling companion, not a police chief or a high-falutin intelligence officer, but an ordinary member of the police gang unit who was able to point out the homes of alleged drug dealers and provide thumb-nail sketches of some of the more unsavoury characters.

It was a big day for Inspector Adriaan Saulse, and for the beleaguered residents of the Cape Flats who have lived in the shadow of gangsterism for decades. No president had ever bothered to venture into the Cape Flats specifically to view the gang situation first-hand.

The Mandela cavalcade included, among others, Minister of Justice Mr Dullah Omar, Deputy Minister of Safety and Security Mr Joe Matthews, Western Cape Health and Welfare MEC Mr Ebrahim Rasool and Western Cape Anti-Crime Forum president Ms Gaynor Wasser.

The cavalcade, comprising about a dozen security vehicles and 20 media vehicles, did not stop as it wound its way from the Tafelsig to Avonwood Park.

Rather, Mandela was able to devote his full attention to Saulse, who pointed out houses and told the president about such notorious alleged leaders of the underworld such as Mr Glen Khan, Mr Dumellah Madat, Mr Rashied Staggie and Mr Colin Stanfield.

"He asked me how many people lived in Mitchells Plain, and I told him there were about a million. Then he asked me how many police were stationed in Mitchells Plain, to which I responded that there were between 300 and 400. He was concerned that this represented quite a low ratio," Saulse told the Cape Times afterwards.

"I explained to him our feeling that the houses and neighbourhoods were a huge part of the problem, that there is no place to park cars let alone recreational facilities for children, that the whole area required social upliftment.

"I told him how the gangs operate, how they come down to the people who cannot afford to pay their electricity or telephone accounts and give them money. And later, how they then use some of these homes to sell drugs.

"The president was definitely very concerned and interested in what I was telling him," said Saulse, who started his police career with the gang unit about eight years ago.

The convoy finally came to a halt at the Avonwood Park sportsground, where several hundred enthusiastic residents — most of them schoolchildren — gave the president a hero's welcome.

After exchanging a few words and handshakes, Mandela boarded his Air Force Oryx helicopter for the short flip to Tuynhuys, and an extraordinary meeting with his security and justice ministers.

DETAILS STILL SKETCHY

# Special ops for Cape Flats

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**AFTER A SPECIAL** meeting of senior ministers, details of steps to curb violence on the Cape Flats remain vague. Political Writer **ANDRE KOOPMAN** reports.

**S**PECIAL security operations and more visible policing will be implemented on the Cape Flats in response to the community's demands that the government protect the lives of innocent people from gang-related violence.

This was said by Safety and Security Minister Mr Sydney Mufamadi yesterday after an "extraordinary meeting" of defence, security and senior ministers convened by President Nelson Mandela.

Mandela had undertaken after a meeting with Cape Flats community representatives on Wednesday to put their concerns and proposals to his senior ministers.

The talks were held in response to an open letter from the Western Cape Anti-Crime Forum, which said people in the province were at war.

Western Cape residents had lost confidence in Mufamadi — who was seen as aloof and removed from the situation — his provincial counterpart Mr Gerald Morkel, as



**CONCERNED:** President Mandela discusses the crime situation with an Avonwood Park resident yesterday, as the Western Cape Anti-Crime Forum's Chris Ferndale (left) and the police gang unit's Adriaan Saulse (right) look on.

**PICTURE: BENNY GOOL**

well as Premier Mr Hernus Kriel, to protect innocent residents of the Cape Flats, the forum said.

Mandela, who had earlier visited areas hard-hit by gangster/Pagad violence, attended part of the special ministers' meeting before leaving for another appointment.

Mr Jakes Gerwel, director-general in the president's office, asked what the meeting had contributed towards solving the problem, replied that the president had said he would not make false promises

"that tomorrow we will do X and by Tuesday there will be Y".

Mufamadi was equally sketchy about details.

Asked what the president intended doing about a major community concern that the Western Cape provincial government was perceived as being incapable of solving the problem, he said:

"The point was made by the community that the Nats are politicising the matter" — the president did not want to enter into

that debate by further politicising the problem.

Mufamadi said police had already deployed 300 members of the SANDF on the Cape Flats and policemen from other stations in the peninsula had also been brought in to help.

He would reinforce the visibility of security forces on the Cape Flats and would ensure that this was "not just visibility for visibility's sake", but that it focused on certain operations with certain goals. He did not want to announce details of the operations "at this stage".

But national police commissioner Mr George Fivaz and SANDF chief General Georg Meiring were instructed to "refine" measures already in place.

They are to report back at another special meeting, to be held in Pretoria tomorrow.

● The Western Cape government may soon hold talks with Core, the group of said-to-be-reforming gangsters, on ways to integrate ex-gangsters into society.

Morkel and Core executive member Mr Ernie "Lapepa" Peters, in an interview on Wednesday on Cape Talk, the city's new talk radio station, agreed Core would submit proposals for talks, but did not confirm they would take place.

SECURITY STEPPED UP

# Gangs plotting to assassinate Omar

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**THE CRIME** cartel The Firm wants to kill Justice Minister Dullah Omar — seen as a Muslim in bed with Pagad and the man who has repeatedly snubbed their attempts to hold high-level talks. **ROGER FRIEDMAN** reports.

**S**ECURITY around Minister of Justice Mr Dullah Omar has been stepped up following information that gangsters, accusing him of favouring the militant organisation People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) in the Cape Flats drug war, are plotting his assassination.

Omar, who is also the Minister of Intelligence and chairperson of the ANC in the Western Cape, told the Cape Times last night that he preferred not to comment on the issue. But the assassination threat was verified by reliable sources in the ANC and police.

Extra security personnel have been assigned to Omar and instead of his usual Japanese vehicle, his driver and bodyguard were yesterday at the wheel of an armoured German sedan. It is not known whether Omar has moved from his Rylands home, which he vacated last year after death threats.

According to police sources, members of the organised crime cartel, The Firm, were recently overheard hatching a plan to kill Omar.

Apparently Cartel members feel Omar is too close to Pagad because he is a Muslim — and Pagad is supported and run predominantly by Muslims. Firm members allegedly view Omar as a stumbling block in the way of talks they want with the government.

Since Pagad's rise to public prominence in August last year — when armed supporters lynched

well-known gang boss Rashaad Staggie during a demonstration — Omar has made several attempts to engage the organisation in talks to encourage its followers to continue their fight against crime, but within the boundaries of the law.

Omar has solid working relationships with the Western Cape Anti-Crime Forum and other community-based organisations committed to fighting crime lawfully. But he has resisted talking to even allegedly-reformed gangsters.

For a year after Staggie's murder and in spite of continued provocation such as the bombing of alleged drug dealers' homes, leading members of the underworld held off retaliating with force and pleaded in vain for the government to talk to them about settling the lingering Cape Flats gang problem.

They made it clear that they would only discuss giving up the drug trade after talks were convened and not as a condition for talks. This the government deemed unacceptable.

Gang retaliation started about two months ago. Several business and professional people have been executed, some of them alleged supporters of Pagad. Other victims seem to have been targeted on the basis of their Muslim faith.

The bombing of alleged drug dealers' houses has continued unabated. In a disturbing development this week, a key witness to the recent execution of a doctor



**MARKED MAN:** Justice Minister Dullah Omar (right) increased security after hearing that gangs were plotting his murder. **PICTURE: BENNY GOOL**

was riddled with bullets.

Omar is no stranger to assassination plots: During his years as a prominent Western Cape anti-apartheid activist, prior to his elevation to the cabinet in 1994, there was a famous botched attempt on his life by Civil Co-Operation Bureau (CCB) members. Ironically, the plot involved gangsters.

For their part in the attempted assassination, several members of the CCB have applied to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission for amnesty. The gangster said to have been assigned the hit, was murdered. He apologised to Omar some time before his death.

Fourteen months ago Omar was forced to move out of his home after intelligence operatives were tipped off that people, apparently aligning themselves to Pagad, were plotting to kill him. At the time Omar said: "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.

"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."

At that stage his home had been under heavier-than-usual guard after it was invaded by an armed gang of anti-drug protesters issuing death threats in March 1996.

A leading member of The Firm told the Cape Times yesterday that he had heard of no plot to kill Omar. He dismissed the story as propaganda intended to harden the minds of people against gangsters.

He said he believed that Pagad was an ANC front.

- Special ops for Cape Flats
- Mandela tours gang hotspots

# Security chiefs meet over Cape Flats war

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THE continuing bloodbath on the Cape Flats became the Government's focus yesterday when President Nelson Mandela met high-ranking national security officials at Tuynhuys to discuss ways of stemming continuing violence in the area.

Those attending the meeting included Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi, Deputy Minister of Intelligence Joe Nhlanhla, Minister of Justice Dullah Omar, National Police Commissioner George Fivas, Minister of Defence Joe Modise, Chief of the South African National Defence Force General George Meiring.

Mandela met the delegation after making a whistle-stop tour of areas affected by the violence.

Addressing the media after the meeting, Mufamadi said the current security plan in the Western Cape came under review and the Government is to announce a "refined strategy" soon to wage war against gangsterism in the Western Cape.

## Third force

Such a plan, Mufamadi said, might include investigating the role of a third force in the Cape Flats war and the deployment of more security personnel in affected areas.

According to Mufamadi, 300 extra security personnel have been deployed on the Cape Flats.

Yesterday's meeting follows Mandela's meeting with members of the Western Cape anti-crime forum on Wednesday - when community representatives expressed concern at the Government's perceived inability

to stem the ongoing war between gangsters and members of People Against Drugs and Gangsterism.

Commenting on the President's meeting with security officials, a spokesman for the Western Cape forum, Mr Irvin Kinness, said the move came at "the cost of many lives".

## Increase visibility

He accused the Government of "twiddling their thumbs" while aware of the fact that the provincial government was unable to handle the crisis.

The Western Cape anti-crime forum demanded that the police should increase their visibility in affected areas, confiscate all arms (both legal and illegal) from those involved in the war and charge all those arrested.

# Church council condemns Pagad's

## Members fear for lives after call to 'commit to

JULIAN JACOBS AND JOSEPH ARANES

The Western Cape Provincial Council of Churches has, for the first time, publicly condemned anti-drug group Pagad, saying the council could not condone the group's "violent actions".

In an exclusive interview at the Western Cape Crime Summit in the city both council spokesman Keith Benjamin and Western Cape Anti-Crime Forum chairwoman Gaynor Wasser said their organisations could not condone Pagad's actions.

Both organisations admitted - after making these statements - that they now feared for the lives of their

members.

Mr Benjamin, a clergyman, said: "We cannot condone the violent actions of Pagad until they publicly commit themselves to working within the framework of the law."

"Until they denounce violence in any form; until they commit themselves to supporting the criminal justice system; until they stop their night attacks; until they share information with the South African Police Services and until they testify in court, we cannot support them," he said.

Mr Benjamin, who also serves on the inter-religious task team on crime and violence, said the team was

debating the issue of negotiating with the gangs.

"We want to believe Core is sincere, but we need concrete examples and not just statements," he said.

Ms Wasser - since attacking Pagad in a speech during the candlelight vigil for victims of crime in the city hall on September 30 - has been living in fear.

"It's a helpless feeling. You expect something to happen at any time," said a nervous Ms Wasser.

She said every morning members of the executive of the Anti-Crime Forum contacted one another.

"We check up on each other. We are also networking with the police,"

she said.

She has kept her family fully informed of the situation and disclosed that she had received several threats since criticising Pagad.

"We are here to send one message with one voice to the perpetrators of crime - we will not tolerate it," Ms Wasser said in her speech at the vigil.

"Either we work together or we don't," she warned Pagad.

Ms Wasser appealed to Core and Pagad to enter into talks.

She said: "We know people hate us for what we have said. We knew the risks. We had to be honest."

Ms Wasser said not enough was being done to get the perpetrators of

crime behind bars.

"We will continue to monitor the situation as it unfolds on the Cape Flats," she said.

Justice Minister Dullah Omar, speaking at the Crime Summit, said the national and provincial governments should stop passing the buck and take practical steps to resolve the conflict and end crime in the province.

"My view is that all the role players have a duty and we must avoid posturing, engaging in gimmicks and exploiting the fears and anger of the community."

Mr Omar said the problem was not the Core-Pagad conflict. It was drug

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trafficking, gangsterism and violence - especially against women, children and innocent civilians.

"I don't agree with the unlawful criminal activities engaged in by elements within Pagad. Anti-crime fighters do not have the right to take the law into their own hands."

"An assessment of the situation shows that crime - especially gangsterism, drugs and violence - existed long before Pagad came into existence. Our efforts must therefore be concentrated on addressing those problems.

"Crime must be fought within the framework of a national plan and communities must become vigilant

against it," Mr Omar said.

He also called for a Bushy Engelbrecht-type task force with extraordinary powers to probe the persistent allegations of police corruption and complicity with Cape Flats gangsters.

Provincial minister of police Ger-aid Morkel said at a press conference that one of the main objectives was to mobilise civil society to assist in the fight against crime.

He said it was not just another "talk shop".

Mr Morkel said: "We want a framework for a mechanism to force the departments to be accountable."

He added that talks should be continued with Pagad.

**Violence**

# Pagad pulls out of talks

## Group wants list of concerns addressed

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BY JULIAN JACOBS

The anti-drug group People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) has pulled out of talks with the SA Police Services and the Secretariat for Safety and Security until a list of "concerns" has been addressed.

In a tersely worded statement talks facilitator Craig Arendse said Pagad last night made it "very clear" it would "decide if (it) will be re-entering the process of dialogue" after it had considered responses to its demands. He said Pagad had presented a

"list of concerns" which included:

- The "biased implementation of the law".
  - Searches.
  - Intimidation and harassment.
  - Assaults and brutality.
  - Arrests and bail.
  - Confiscation of licensed firearms.
  - Propaganda.
- The statement said that Percy Sonn, representing the Western Cape attorney-general, had undertaken to respond in writing by next Wednesday.

**'The SAPS said it would investigate the allegations of unfair treatment'**

The police said it would investigate the allegations of unfair treatment of Pagad members and also respond in writing by Wednesday. "A hotline will also be set up between the A-G's office and Pagad to deal with any prosecutorial problems."

Mr Arendse's statement also reflected police concerns about the presence in the Pagad delegation of "people who are currently facing

criminal charges".

A police representative had indicated that this was raised by police commissioner George Fivaz in an earlier meeting of policemen. Mr Arendse said this concern had contradicted an earlier police undertaking.

Mr Arendse will meet with Commissioner Fivaz and Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi on the issues.

The talks had been going on for two weeks. Last night's meeting went on until after 10pm.

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# Top cop to tackle Cape Town crisis

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YVETTE VAN BREDA

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A GOVERNMENT strongman has been appointed to lead the charge to restore peace on the gang-ravaged Cape Flats.

National Police Commissioner George Fivaz yesterday appointed Ivor Human, formerly of Transvaal Attorney General Jan D'Oliveira's special investigation team, to co-ordinate all relevant investigative functions in the Western Cape.

Human, a highly experienced detective who is well-known for his expertise in specialised third force and anti-corruption investigations, arrives in Cape Town this week for his new job.

His appointment is part of far-reaching steps proposed by the government at a top-level meeting held in Johannesburg yesterday.

The proposals come days after direct intervention by President Nelson Mandela, who summoned key ministers and top officials at Tuynhuys shortly after he toured the townships on Thursday.

Yesterday's crisis meeting was attended by Fivaz, Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi, Defence Minister Joe Modise, Deputy Intelligence Minister Joe Nhlanhla, and South African National Defence Force chief Georg Meiring.

In a statement after the meeting, the ministers said the security situation in the Western Cape posed a direct threat to the Constitution and the state.

They adopted a non-negotiable policy

of "absolute zero-tolerance", which would be "relentlessly applied by the security services against all crime and subversion, regardless of origin".

Committing the government to pumping more resources into every aspect of security service operations in the province, the statement said firm and resolute action was required now to halt "any worsening or slide into anarchy".

It said ongoing police, defence force and intelligence actions needed to be beefed up as soon as possible, and that Fivaz would implement measures to closely co-ordinate and harmonise all relevant police investigative functions.

Violence on the Cape Flats has left at least 15 people dead and has seen at least 71 gang- and Pagad-related attacks since August.

● In another development, the anti-drug group Pagad again suspended talks with the police and other parties to find lasting solutions to the ongoing violence on the Cape Flats after a five-hour meeting on Friday night.

Pagad wants a number of concerns addressed, including searches, intimidation and harassment of its members.

Talks facilitator Craig Arendse called on the parties to re-enter discussions.

Meanwhile, safety and security MEC Gerald Morkel said he was optimistic that the two-day crime prevention meeting which ended in Cape Town on Friday was on the right track.

Morkel said an unprecedented number of interested parties had made contributions.

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# Police probe hit-list targeting Pagad men

KEN VERNON

POLICE are investigating a "hit-list" targeting Pagad G-Force members.

"We are taking the list very seriously and several units under the umbrella of the Serious Violent Crimes task force are investigating the matter with top priority in terms of the situation on the Cape Flats," said Senior Superintendent Attie Trollip, investigation group head of the Pagad Investigation Team.

Trollip, who confirmed the existence of the list — a copy is in the possession of the Sunday Times — said the list apparently came from "reformed" gangster organisation Community Outreach (Core).

However, Core chairman, Ernie "Lapepa" Peters, denied they were responsible.

The revelation of a gangster hit-list comes after weeks of gang retaliation that has left a number of Muslim shopkeepers and prominent Pagad members dead. The latest victim was Mogamed Ryklief who was assassinated outside his Parkwood home by gunmen who pumped five bullets into his chest.

Ryklief was said by several sources — including police investigating the slaying — to have had a R10 000 price put on his head by gangsters.

This week an alleged gangland plot to

assassinate Justice Minister Dullah Omar was uncovered and police VIP Protection Unit head, Superintendent Gerard Victor, said security for all cabinet ministers had been "upgraded" in the face of the gangster threat.

The "hit-list" details people alleged to be members of Pagad's G-Force, the trained para-military force from which Pagad squads targeting gangsters are said to be drawn.

It also details vehicles said to be driven by G-Force members, their code names and addresses, and in some cases phone and identity numbers.

A number of businesses are also on the hit-list.

In recent weeks Muslim businesses have been targeted and businessmen killed.

Police Director Arno Lamoer, head of the Special Task Force investigating Pagad/gang violence, said he had seen the hit-list and police were taking it seriously.

Pagad executive member Sedick Jacobs said Pagad was aware the list was circulating in the "underworld" and viewed its existence with alarm.

Expressing doubt that the "hit-list" was genuine, Core chairman Peters said Pagad had been infiltrated by gangsters, including Core.

"Who is going to pay the money to have these people killed?" he asked, "certainly not Core."



## Pagad pulls plug on talks with police

**PEOPLE** Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) has again suspended dialogue with the police and other parties to find lasting solutions to the continued violence on the Cape Flats.

This follows a third meeting on Friday night between the parties at which Pagad wanted a number of concerns addressed.

Pagad last Tuesday also suspended talks, but agreed to meet again on Friday night. The meeting lasted four hours.

Talks facilitator Mr Craig Airdge called on the parties to re-entertain talks.

Airdge said it was his responsibility to speak to the parties, to work through the problems and find ways to get talks back on track. Pagad executive member Mr Cassien Parker said on Saturday: "We have said from the outset, in engaging in this process of dialogue with the police and other parties, that one of the conditions is that our concerns be addressed."

Confirming Pagad's suspension of talks, he said: "Once our concerns are addressed satisfactorily, then we will look at further meaningful contact."

Among Pagad's concerns were the unfair bail conditions and persistent harassment of its members, including searches without warrants and confiscation of firearms. These concerns were put in detail to the police at the meeting.

'THESE ARE MY PEOPLE'

# Omar defies threats to visit victims of violence

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**JUSTICE MINISTER** Dullah Omar says it's not good enough to tell communities to stay away from gangsterism and drugs "when we can't offer them a future". Staff Writer **LINDIZ VAN ZILLA** reports.

**W**ARNINGS of an alleged gangster plot to assassinate him did not deter Justice Minister Mr Dullah Omar from going to meet victims of crime on the Cape Flats over the weekend.

With tightened security, Omar and Western Cape Transport MEC Mr Leonard Ramatlakane made house-calls in Kewtown, Guguletu, Nyanga and Lotus River.

The Cape Times reported on Friday that the crime cartel The Firm was planning to assassinate Omar because he was seen as favouring Pagad in the conflict on the Cape Flats.

But during a stop in Rietbok Street, Lotus River, Omar said, speaking of the community: "These people are my people. I am a part of them and I will not stop because of threats of assassination."

Earlier, the convoy made its first stop in Status Square, Kewtown, where a pipe-bomb was thrown through the bedroom window of Ms Yolande Brand three weeks ago by suspected Pagad supporters.

Brand and her fiancé were injured in the attack, as was their 10-year-old son Lyle, a cerebral palsy sufferer.

The wheelchair-bound Lyle suffered burns on his face and feet.

Omar and Ramatlakane discussed the attack with the family.

On Saturday, sitting in front of Lyle at the square, Omar said: "They tried to hurt you, but we are here now to look after you and see that you don't get hurt again."

From there the delegation moved to Guguletu, where Xolisile Mncanca, 20, was stabbed to death by gangsters last month.

The last stop was in Rietbok Street, Lotus River, where Omar listened to residents' grievances.

Last month a man was critically wounded and a house damaged by a bomb when a large Pagad convoy gathered in Rietbok Street in search of a local drug dealer. It is believed they hit the wrong targets.

A large crowd of Rietbok Street residents crowded into the tiny living-room of Mrs Beryl Arries, whose home

was bombed.

Mrs Mary Petersen told Omar that her husband, who has been jobless for three years, occasionally dealt in dagga.

But this was only in time of severe need, when the family struggled to "put a loaf of bread on the table."

Petersen said she supported her husband and their child on her earnings, working as a char, "three or four times a week".

She said: "Pagad says we must give up buttons, dagga and other drugs, but what else is there for my family to live on."

"Ten dagga pills might make us enough money to put bread on our table."

Other residents called on Petersen to sell fruit and vegetables rather than drugs.

Omar said it was "not good enough to tell communities to stay away from gangsterism and drugs when we can't offer them a future".

He said problems such as the lack of housing and community facilities had to be addressed.

Omar called on residents to organise themselves to "keep drugs, gangsters and violence out of our communities".



**THE STREETS OF HOME:** Justice Minister Dullah Omar walks 10-year-old Lyle Brand through the streets of Kewtown, Athlone, where he lives. Lyle was injured in a bomb attack earlier this month. **PICTURE: BENNY GOOL**

# Politicians wake up to Cape Flats violence

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MORE than a year after drug dealer Mr Rashaad Staggie was torched and killed — sparking a low-intensity war on the Cape Flats — politicians are starting to react.

The select committee on security and justice in the National Council of Provinces (NCOP) will be holding hearings tomorrow to establish to what extent government agencies have been successful in quelling the fear and killing.

The violence racking the area is the result of continued friction between gangsters and drug peddlars on the one hand, and Pagad (People Against Gangsterism and Drugs) on the other.

Since August this year, more than 70 attacks have also resulted in the death and maiming of innocents caught in the cross-fire.

Mr Mohseen Moosa, chairperson of the select committee, said the list of those invited to address the hearings included: provincial police commissioner Mr Leon Wessels, Cape Attorney-General Mr Frank Kahn, the officer commanding, Western Province Command, provincial police services MEC Mr Gerald Morkel, the Western Cape Anti-Crime Forum, the Muslim Judicial Council and the Commission Against Violence. They will be sharing statistical and logistical information with the NCOP committee, including how many arrests have been made and how many prosecutions there have been.

The committee will use the information to assess what is needed from Parliament in the form of enabling legislation. It will also make recommendations, where

necessary, to the line ministries involved.

"We did not invite Pagad or Core," said Moosa.

Core (Community Outreach Forum) is made up of gangsters who claim to have reformed.

Moosa explained the reasoning behind this omission: "We didn't want to turn the hearing into mud-slinging between Pagad and Core, who we see as the causes of the problem and not part of the solution.

"The issue has become far too complex for that," he said.

The hearings were planned last week and follow the announcement this weekend by national police commissioner Mr George Fivaz of the appointment of investigative police officer Ivor Human to head a violence task team.

Human used to be with the Transvaal Attorney-General Dr Jan D'Oliveira's special investigation team and is known for his expertise in specialised third-force and anti-corruption investigations.

During a high-level crisis meeting in Pretoria on Saturday — attended by Fivaz, Safety and Security Minister Mr Sydney Mufamadi, Defence Minister Mr Joe Modise, Deputy Intelligence Minister Mr Joe Nhlanhla and South African National Defence Force chief General Georg Meiring — politicians concluded that the security situation in the province posed a direct threat to the Constitution and the state.

They also said firm action was needed to halt a slide into anarchy.

Human is expected in Cape Town this week.

The hearings begin at 10.30am tomorrow in the main chamber of the NCOP and are open to the public.

# War between Pagad, gangs threaten peace in Paarl

**THE BOLAND** town of Paarl has become the latest battlefield in the low-intensity war between the anti-drugs group Pagad and gangs with two killings in the past month. **LINDIZ VAN ZILLA** reports.

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**LONG-SIMMERING** tensions between Pagad's Boland branch and Paarl drug dealers are threatening to spiral out of control after several weeks of public threats and skirmishes, including drive-by shootings.

The tension erupted two weeks ago when Mr Yusuf Abrahams was gunned down execution-style outside the Paarl mosque, minutes after finishing afternoon prayers.

Abrahams was alleged to have been a drug dealer.

A masked gunman walked up to Abrahams from behind, embraced him, and shot him four times through the side and shoulder.

He died on the scene. The mosque killing sparked outrage in the community.

Residents, fearful of being identified, said the killing showed there was no more respect for religious institutions.

"That (mosque) was the man's church. Must one go to church with a gun these days," one said.

Another said: "Maybe they could have waited till he got into his bakkie, or they could have injured him elsewhere."

The police's special task team investigating conflict between Pagad and gangsters in the Western Cape arrested a suspected Pagad member, Mr Shamiel Fortuin, three days after the shooting.

Fortuin appeared in the Paarl Magistrate's Court on Friday for his bail hearing amid tight police security.

About 50 police officers cordoned off the court building, while another 18 police officers guarded the courtroom, in which only 30 people were allowed.

Outside, angry members of Abrahams' family, including his wife and six children, staged a protest against Pagad and the granting of bail to Fortuin.

Emotions ran high when Fortuin arrived under a heavy police escort.

Several of the Abrahams children wept bitterly, while other family members



**ACCUSED:** Shamiel Fortuin, 25, was freed on bail of R2 000.

shouted abuse at Fortuin.

Abraham's wife, Mrs Muzna Abrahams said: "As a father Yusuf was the best of the best. He didn't deserve to die."

She denied that her husband was a drug dealer.

"His older brothers used to deal in drugs, but they died several years ago."

Abrahams said that her husband went to the Lapper Street mosque knowing he would be killed. She said: "Before he left he told me that he would be shot dead at the mosque."

She herself fears for her life. However, she is determined not to stay away from the mosque where her husband was killed.

"I will go back. If they want to kill me they must, but I am a Muslim."

Abrahams is the second person to have died in the conflict between Pagad and gangs in Paarl.

Last month Mr Abdul Cader Anderson was gunned down in his mother's yard by suspected Pagad members.

Mrs Nabonie Anderson said: "My husband was the first person to have died in this war."

"My husband was not a drug dealer. He smoked himself to death on buttons, but he never dealt in drugs."

An angry Anderson said it was "not right" that he had been shot. "He is a father of three children," she said.

Residents of Paarl's coloured communities are divided over the issue of Pagad.

Most agree that there is a need for an organisation such as Pagad to help combat drugs and gangsterism in communities.

One resident who wished to remain anonymous said: "Pagad has a good point, they are doing it for our kids. But they must do it in the right manner."

"There must be a better way than to murder and attack people," one man said.

Another resident said: "I agree with a lot of things Pagad stands for, but one can't take the law into one's own hands."

Fortuin was granted R2,000 bail. The case was postponed until December 10.



**DISTRAUGHT:** Yasmine Abrahams, 16-year-old daughter of Yusuf Abrahams, who was gunned down in Paarl two weeks ago, broke down when her father's alleged killer was escorted into the Paarl Magistrate's Court on Friday.

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# Legislation to outlaw gang membership

Bonile Ngqiyaza

LEGISLATION making participation in gangs and their activities a punishable offence would be put before Parliament in its next session, Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi said yesterday.

Mufamadi, speaking at the launch of southern Africa's first detective academy at Silverton near Pretoria, said the gang culture which had become pervasive in the Western Cape could not be dealt with by increased visible policing alone.

The legislation would "provide for

even harsher sentences" if an offence was committed at or near schools.

Mufamadi said international drug cartels were targeting SA. The extent of the threat was underlined by an International Monetary Fund estimation that organised crime internationally had a turnover of R9,8-trillion — about 4% of the world's economy.

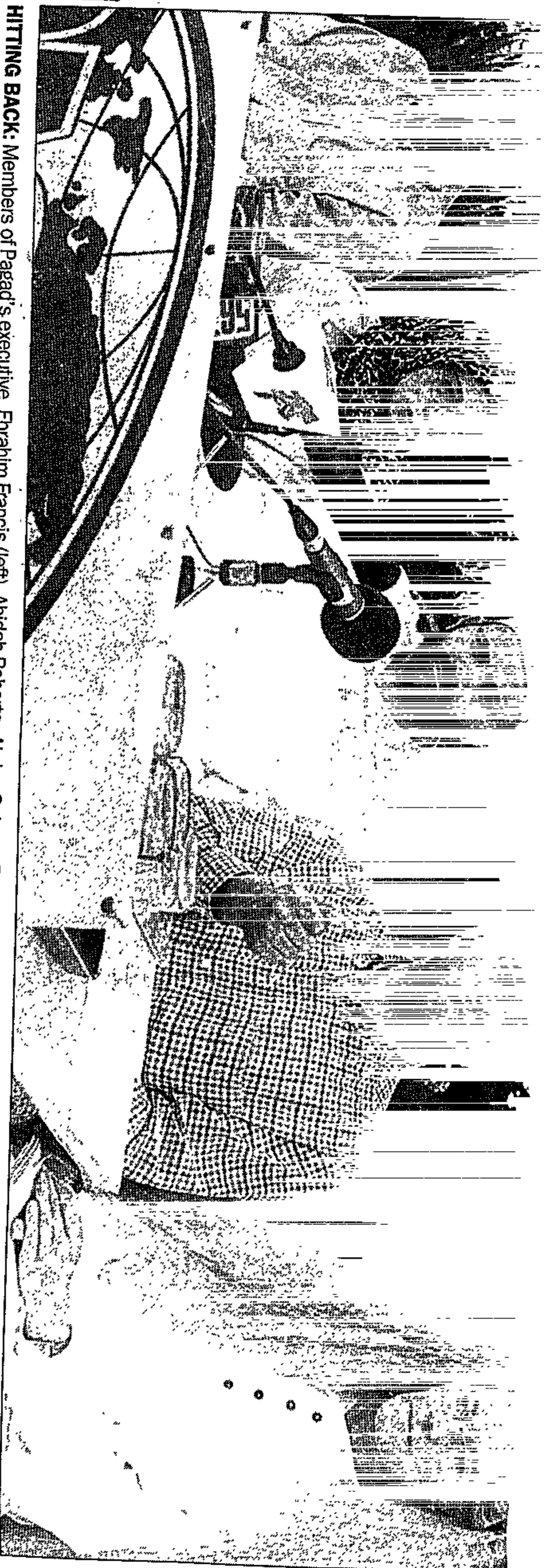
"Many foreign syndicates are forging strategic alliances with local groups and are providing them with access to vast amounts of capital and sophisticated know-how.... Violence is used deliberately to discourage assistance to police investigations."

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An insidious threat to sound investigations was corruption; the Proceeds of Crime Act had been passed to make crime a venture that did not pay.

At the detective academy, experts from the US's Federal Bureau of Investigation and the SA Police Service will help provide specialist training.

The US government said four federal law enforcement agencies would help SA tackle international money laundering, drug trafficking, goods smuggling, arms, endangered species, illegal aliens and cross-border crime.

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**HITTING BACK:** Members of Pagad's executive, Ebrahim Francis (left), Abidah Roberts, Abdus-Salaam Ebrahim, Cassiem Parker and Madelifef Botha, have denied that the organisation is a threat to the state, an allegation made by national police Commissioner George Fivaz's office.

PICTURE: NASIER MANIE

# Pagad 'smear a mask for police reluctance'

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ground in the fight against drugs and gangsters in communities.

A GOVERNMENT assessment that Pagad comprised "militant elements" bent on "overthrowing the state" was an attempt to divert attention from its unwillingness — and that of the police — to tackle gangsterism and drugs.

This was said by the Pagad leadership yesterday in responding to a statement by national police Commissioner Mr George Fivaz's office at the weekend that the organisation had become a "national security risk".

Accusing the government of a "smear campaign", the leadership said the allegations were an attempt to "cut Pagad down to size" in case it entered the political arena before the 1999 elections.

The latest confrontation between the police and Pagad comes amid stuttering attempts between them to find common

ground in the fight against drugs and gangsters in communities.

Fivaz's office said certain Pagad members were from "fundamentalist Muslim states". Illegal immigrants within Pagad were bent on "overthrowing the state" and "undermining the Constitution".

Fivaz's spokesperson, Senior Superintendent Andrew Lesch, said the Pagad question was no longer about crime. "There is now a threat to the state and the Constitution."

Top-ranking officials in the departments of Safety and Security, Defence and Justice, as well as the police and National Intelligence Agency (NIA) have decided to adopt a "zero-tolerance" approach to the situation in the Western Cape.

At a press conference yesterday, Pagad's national secretary Ms Abidah Roberts said "the suggestion of existence of militants in the ranks of (Pagad) is an attempt to

discredit the organisation".

Pagad "has no intention of overthrowing the state and accepts the Constitution as legal", she said.

The Pagad leadership asked why the accusation about overthrowing the state had not been levelled at gangsters who, through their dealing in drugs, were undermining communities.

The national co-ordinator, Mr Abdus-Salaam Ebrahim, said Pagad was being set up by police, who continually dragged its members "to court and through trials to keep us busy and stop us growing".

The "wild statements" from Fivaz could be viewed in a political light, Pagad's leadership said.

Executive member Mr Cassiem Parker said any organisation hoping to put itself forward as a political party had to address community issues such as the safety and security of people.

"It is because of Pagad's pro-

gramme in dealing with community issues that we are seen as a threat to other political parties," Parker said.

Ebrahim said that because of "Pagad's political potential", people were looking at 1999 and "attempting to cut Pagad down to size in case it entered the political arena".

He denied that Pagad had political ambitions. It was not thinking of the political arena at this stage and was interested only in fighting gangsterism and drugs, Ebrahim said.

One of the key disagreements between themselves and the police was the "persistent unfair treatment of (Pagad) members", the leadership said.

A warrant of arrest was issued last night for Pagad's co-ordinator in the Boland, Mr Faghrie Patel. It is alleged that he has breached his bail conditions.

Police spokesperson Senior Superintendent John Sterenberg said Patel allegedly had been seen addressing a meeting in Paarl last week, in contravention of his bail conditions.

Police called Patel's attorney yesterday and asked that his client surrender himself at the Paarl police station at 9am today.

Patel and three others were arrested last month after a chase during which they allegedly threw unlicensed firearms out of their vehicle.

Patel was given R1 000 bail on condition that he reported to police every Tuesday and Friday.

He was also warned not to move outside the magisterial districts of his residence and place of employment. Special provisions were made for him in case of an emergency.

The hearing has been postponed to November 17.

# Gang membership may become illegal

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Safety and security minister proposes new  
legislation in an effort to curb the growing criminal  
activity connected to gangsterism countrywide

By **DEREK RODNEY**  
Crime Reporter

**J**ail sentences for merely belonging to gangs may become a reality soon if legislation making participation in any gang-related activities illegal gets the nod from Parliament.

With the ongoing violence on the Cape Flats and in other areas, crime fighters have their backs to the wall, and they believe their legal arsenal will be strengthened if the legislation mooted by Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi becomes law.

Addressing the opening of the police's new detective academy in Pretoria yesterday, Mufamadi said the legislation could be tabled in Parliament during the next session.

"It has become apparent

that the gang culture which has become so pervasive in the Western Cape cannot be dealt with by means of increased visible policing alone," Mufamadi said.

He warned that the situation in the Cape was becoming very complex because Colombian

## Colombian syndicates involved

syndicates were linking up with local drug gangs in an attempt to transform the country into a major cocaine market.

"We have therefore concentrated on arresting and prosecuting the offender while leaving the organisational structures untouched," the minister said.

Several states in the United States have already criminalised participation in gang activity, and Mufamadi believes that similar legislation here would help to discourage participation in these activities.

The legislation would provide for harsher sentences if the offence was committed on the grounds of or within a specified distance from private or public schools during hours in which the institutions were open for classes or school-related programmes.

"Gang-related violence has sometimes occurred on the premises of several schools on the Cape Flats during school hours.

"This is inimical to the culture of learning, and would-be perpetrators must be made to know that severe punishment awaits them," Mufamadi said.

'G-FORCE PURSUING OWN AGENDA'

# Pagad, gangs 'infiltrated by intelligence agents'

**ATTACKS** carried out by Pagad were the work of a handful of individuals with their own agenda, a senior policeman said yesterday.

**I**NTELLIGENCE agents have infiltrated Pagad, Core and the organised crime cartel The Firm, according to Western Cape provincial intelligence co-ordinator Senior Superintendent Jeremy Veary.

Speaking before the National Council of Provinces security and justice committee yesterday, Veary said information on the organisations had come from inside them.

However, there was a big difference between intelligence and evidence, he said.

Veary said Pagad was not the result of an international conspiracy. Attacks carried out by Pagad were the work of a handful of individuals with their own agenda, mainly from within the organisation's "G-Force" group.

The attacks were not only carried out against gangsters and drug dealers but against former Pagad members, at the behest of leaders of the organisation, Veary said.

Foreign involvement in Pagad was limited to the "natural" association some individuals had with other countries, but intelligence had also picked up minor links with Iranian intelligence, Veary said.

At the special hearing on Western Cape violence, Justice Minister Mr Dullah Omar said Pagad did not pose a political threat to the government. Instead, his concern was the threat the organisation's activities posed to the safety of residents.

Omar's comments followed reports that police were concerned



**HEARING:** James Selfe of the Democratic Party listens to Muslim Judicial Council secretary-general Achmat Sedick (on the screen) at a special hearing on Western Cape violence yesterday. **PICTURE: BENNY GOOL**

that militant elements in Pagad had become a national security risk and that some Pagad members

were trying to overthrow the state. Omar said the fundamental problem in the Western Cape was

not the conflict between Pagad and Core, the "reformed" gangsters' organisation. It was the violence, crime, drug trafficking and gangsterism which preceded the formation of the two groups.

Western Cape provincial crime-prevention head Director Fanie Bouwer said he believed most Pagad members were simply ordinary people opposing gangsterism and drugs.

Veary said issues on both sides were complex and the violence could not be attributed only to Pagad-gangster conflict.

He said Core had recently lost much of its structural support base to The Firm and no longer had the capacity to deliver on peace negotiations.

He added that Core leader Mr Rashied Staggie was not the most senior gangster and there were several "generals", both in and outside prison, who carried more weight in the gang world.

The Firm had been established to control drug distribution and prices and had Gauteng and KwaZulu-Natal links.

It had no structural plans to attack members of the Muslim community but had confronted business people and professionals in the community who refused to pay "protection" money.

He confirmed that members of the cartel had recently discussed assassinating Omar and had kept him under surveillance.

Provincial violent crimes chief Director Leonard Knipe said there were 127 gangs in the province — eight of them "major".

There were also 23 primary syndicates concentrating on drug trafficking, although in some cases their activities overlapped with gangs. — Sapa

## Tough legislation being considered to deal with gangsterism

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Cape Town – Tough legislation, banning gangs and allowing for the seizure of gangsters' "blood money", has been proposed by the police and Cape Attorney-General Frank Kahn.

The police proposals, which come after a study of US legislation, also include stiff sentences for gang activities near schools, while Kahn wants the Proceeds of Crime Act amended.

Two Western Cape gang unit officers underwent a gang control and investigation training course in the US recently where they witnessed how legislation, the California Street Terrorism and Prevention Act

and the Florida Criminal Street Gang Prevention Act, was used to combat gangsterism and to discourage the youth from joining street gangs.

Advocate André van Dyk of the police's legal services said the two officers studied copies of the US laws before sending their proposals to provincial Police Commissioner Leon Wessels, who in turn forwarded the proposals to national Police Commissioner George Fivaz and Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi, who have reacted positively.

Advocate van Dyk said the US had found that it was facing a mounting crisis as criminal

street gangs terrorised communities and committed crimes with impunity. "In the Western Cape we find ourselves in similar circumstances and for the same compelling reasons SA needs legislation to combat the scourge of gangsterism and crime," he said.

Van Dyk said the proposed legislation could be used to provide effective measures to combat criminal gang activity and promote successful prosecution. The purpose of the legislation would be to discourage people from taking part in gang activities and from recruiting others to join gangs. – Own Correspondent



FORCED TO CLOSE EARLY

# Muslim shopowners, doctors are living in fear of gangster killings

ET 24/10/97 (35)

'OUR LIFESTYLE has truly become one of terror. We never know what will happen the next day,' says a Muslim shopkeeper. Crime Writer **LINDIZ VAN ZILLA** reports.

**M**R Nizar Parker used to be a "babbie" (shopkeeper) in Facreton.

"I was there for eight years ... It was quite a long time," he said.

Today he sits at home, nursing bullet wounds to his arm and side.

He is the lucky one.

His café in Lugmag Avenue has stood unattended since the shooting. It was August 8.

Parker was locking up the garage at the back of his shop at around 8pm. His wife and two children were also in the shop.

A young man walked in and pulled a scarf down over his face.

Parker said: "He stood in front of the counter and shot me without saying a word."

Parker was hit twice. One bullet is still lodged in his side.

"He tried to shoot me again in the face. My wife started reciting prayers. The guy tried really hard to pull the trigger."

The gun jammed.

It was as the gunman left the shop that he fired three shots into the air.

"I am the lucky one. I am truly the lucky one," Parker said.

Seven Muslim shopowners and a Muslim doctor have been gunned down and killed in similar circumstances on the Cape Flats since September last year.

In only one instance was

money taken.

The shootings and petrol-bomb attacks on shopkeepers have taken place in Belhar, the Kensington/Facreton area, Valhalla Park, Mitchells Plain and even as far away as Atlantis on the West Coast.

The incidents have taken place against the backdrop of the escalating conflict between the anti-drugs organisation Pagad and gangs on the Cape Flats.

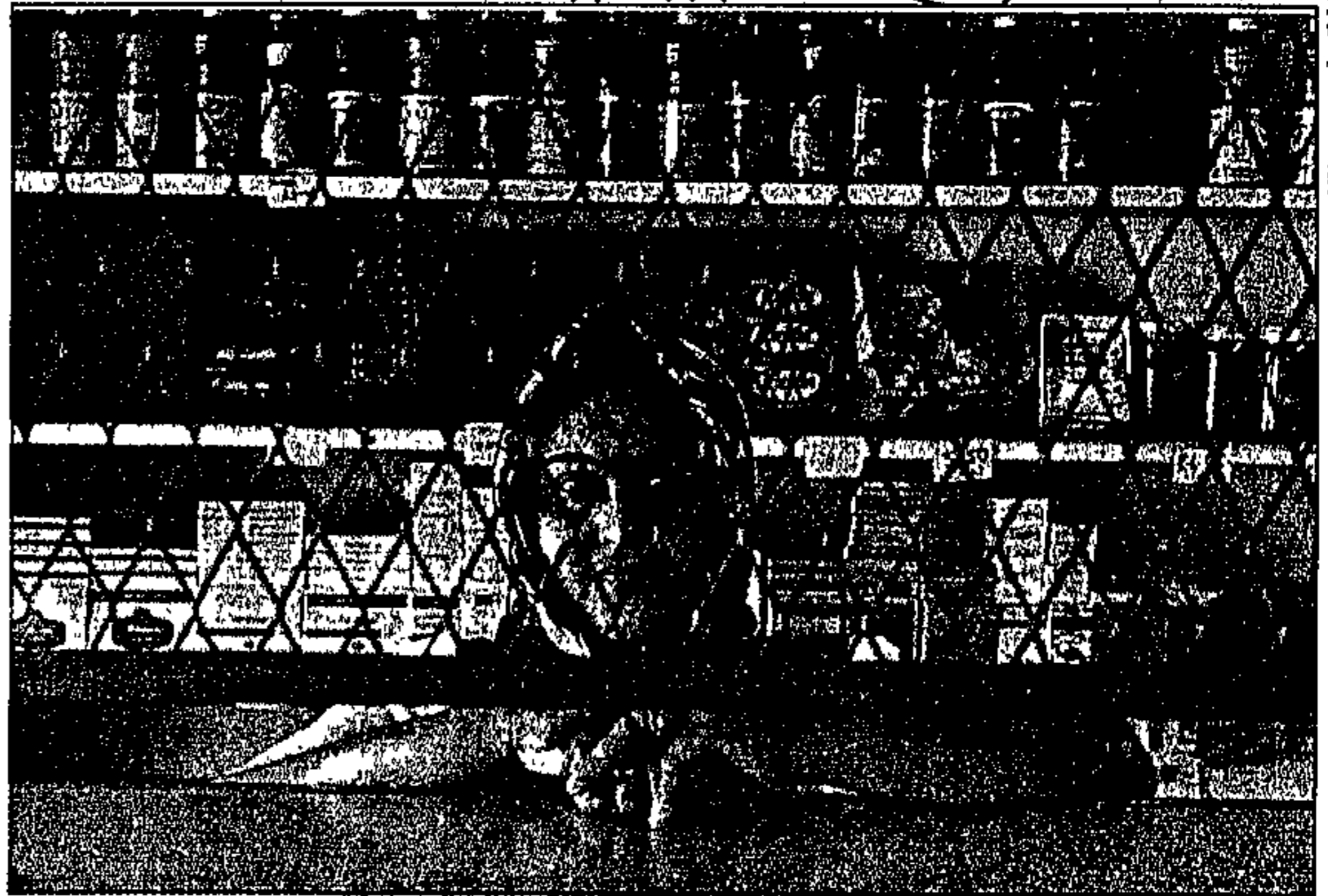
While Muslim shopkeepers are being increasingly targeted, the homes of many alleged drug dealers have also been attacked and damaged in bomb attacks.

Security sources say that for many years shopkeepers paid protection money to gangs. It is speculated that since the rise of Pagad some shopowners may have stopped doing this.

The spate of killings and petrol-bombing of shops has forced the closure of Muslim businesses across large areas of the Peninsula.

Three Facreton businesses — including Parker's — have closed. And in Belhar at least five shops have closed because of the killings.

Barred and deserted premises can also be seen in Valhalla Park, where Muslim shopkeepers Mr Maher Ghansar and his wife



**UNDER FIRE:** Roshen Ismail, whose husband Casslem was gunned down in their Belhar butchery earlier this year, behind the counter of her Manenberg shop.

Shahleda, as well as Dr Mogammat Dharsey, were cold-bloodedly gunned down in the past three months.

All the attacks have occurred in gang strongholds.

Muslim shopowners are living in fear.

"Our lifestyle has truly become one of terror. We never know what will happen the next day," Parker said.

Those shopkeepers that still

operate, fear for their lives. Even then, they are forced to close early to avoid being trapped in their shops after dark.

Most "babbies" used to stay open until long after dark, maybe till nine or ten o'clock. Now the security gates are pulled into place and the padlocks locked as early as 4.30pm.

Shopkeepers the Cape Times approached described the situation on the Cape Flats as "out of control".

"How long must we live this way?" they asked.

Many of the "babbies" have operated in their communities for decades.

Ms Roshen Ismail, whose husband was gunned down in their Belhar butchery on September 12, said: "The babbies have been serving the community since those years. Why must they be wiped out now?"

A Facreton shopkeeper, who declined to be identified out of fear for his safety, said he was "on the verge of closing down" after fellow Facreton shopkeeper Mr Yusuf Sunday was gunned down two weeks ago.

He said: "We closed for a couple of days after the Sunday shooting. I feared I would be next."

A woman whose husband was shot earlier this year said the attacks "came out of the blue".

Most shopkeepers were too afraid to speak to the Cape Times.

Cape Flats residents have reacted with shock and outrage at the killings.

Two elderly Facreton residents, who did not wish to be named, said they were saddened by the attacks on their local shopkeepers.

"We used to buy here regularly. Now we are too afraid to even come and buy the bread or the newspaper here."

The couple also used to buy their electricity at Parker's shop.

However, since he closed down they have been forced to walk several blocks to buy electricity.

Another Facreton resident said: "I am very disappointed over the killing of our shopkeepers. It is unfair to attack them."

The Sunday killing frightened the shopkeeper in her road to close down, even though they had served the area for 30 years.

"Now the nearest shops are very far away," the resident said.

The Facreton shopkeepers have a measure of security in a temporary police base that has been set up in Parker's empty shop.

Three police officers watch over the shopowners as they open up in the mornings, and again as they lock up at night.

"We do feel safer with the police," one shopkeeper said.

But these days the stoep and the parking lot around the shopping area in Facreton where Sunday was killed stand empty.

The occasional minibus taxi roars past.

This used to be the life and soul of the community.

"Now it's a ghost town," said Parker, who has vowed never to go back to running his shop.

## They paid the ultimate price

**THE cost in human terms of the protracted and bloody conflict between gangsters and Muslim shopkeepers is high:**

● September 1, 1996 — Mr Anwar Ali was gunned down in his Facreton shop on the corner of Acre Road and Lugmag Avenue. He was shot five times.

● August 8, 1997 — Mr Nizar Parker is shot and critically wounded in his Lugmag Avenue, Facreton, shop by a lone gunman.

● August 9 — Mr Maher Ghansar and his wife Shahleda are shot dead outside their shop in Angelo Road, Valhalla Park, as they are locking up.

Each are shot once in the head by two men wearing balaclavas.

Both died the following day. The killers fled empty-handed.

● September 16 — Mr Casslem

Ismail is gunned down in his Belhar butchery. He is shot once in the chest and twice in the head.

● September 19 — Mr Aslef-Ali Ahmed (also known as Logday), 21, the owner of Park City take-aways in Belhar Drive, Belhar, is shot three times behind the ear. The two killers flee on foot.

● September 21 — Mr Noor Achmat Abdulla is shot dead in his Northpine supermarket on the corner of Northpine Road and Central Drive.

Four gunmen open fire on him, hitting him three times. He is shot twice more as he tries to escape.

Three men are arrested but cannot be linked to the shooting.

Abdulla dies two weeks later on October 4.

● September 22 — Dr Mogammat Dharsey, 55, of Penlyn

Estate, is gunned down in his Angelo street, Valhalla Park, surgery by two men posing as patients.

Later, three suspects are arrested and a firearm recovered.

● October 5 — Mr Tajudien Badroodien, 21, owner of the Superbake Bakery in Merridale Avenue, Lentegeur, Mitchells Plain, is shot dead.

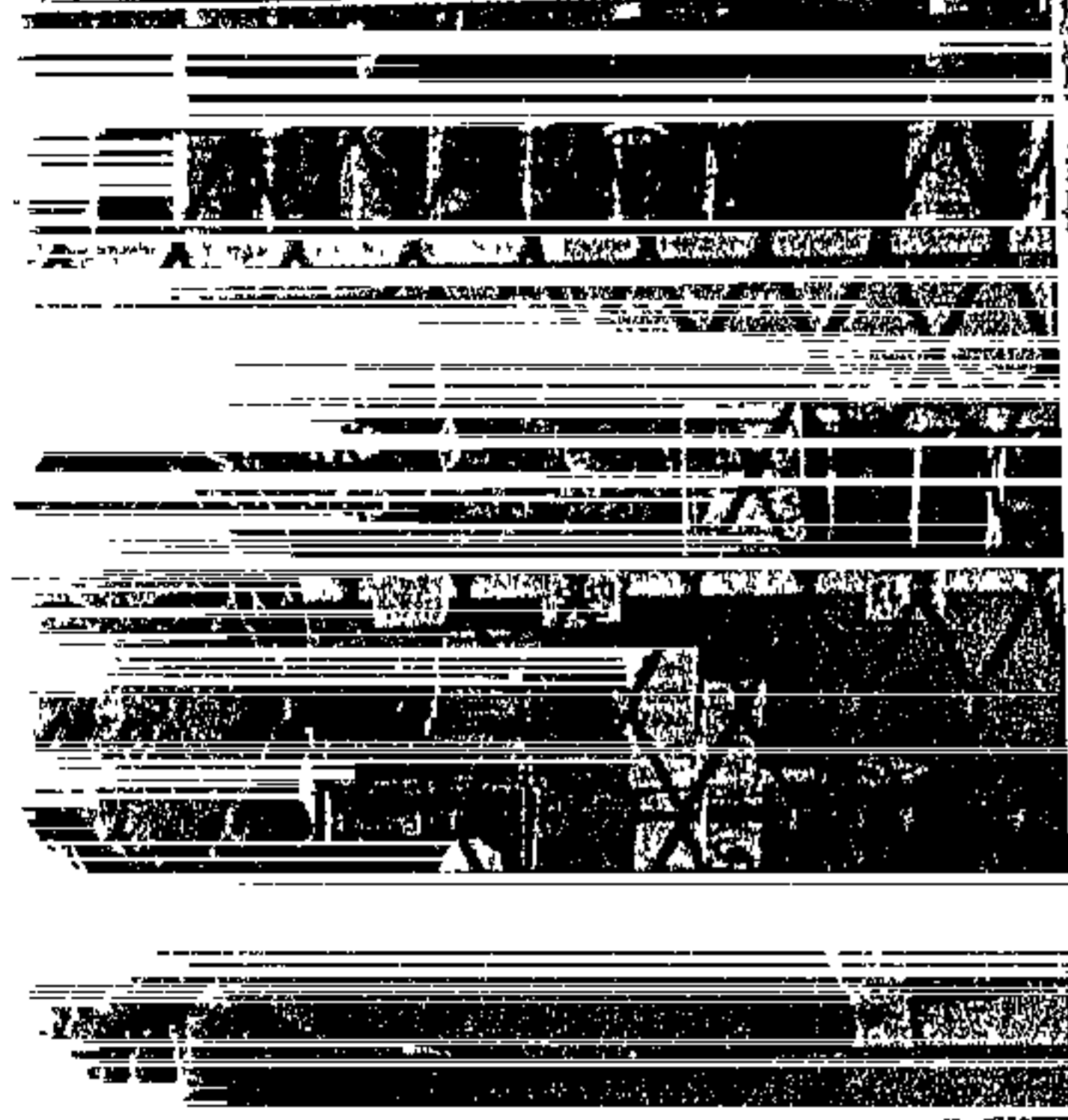
Three men walk into the bakery and demand money. When Badroodien refuses he is shot in the head and the side.

● October 6 — Mr Yusuf Sunday, 41, owner of the Savemore Supermarket, on the corner of Typhoon and Lugmag Avenues, Facreton, is shot dead.

A man walks into his shop and opens fire, hitting Sunday in the face, head and heart.

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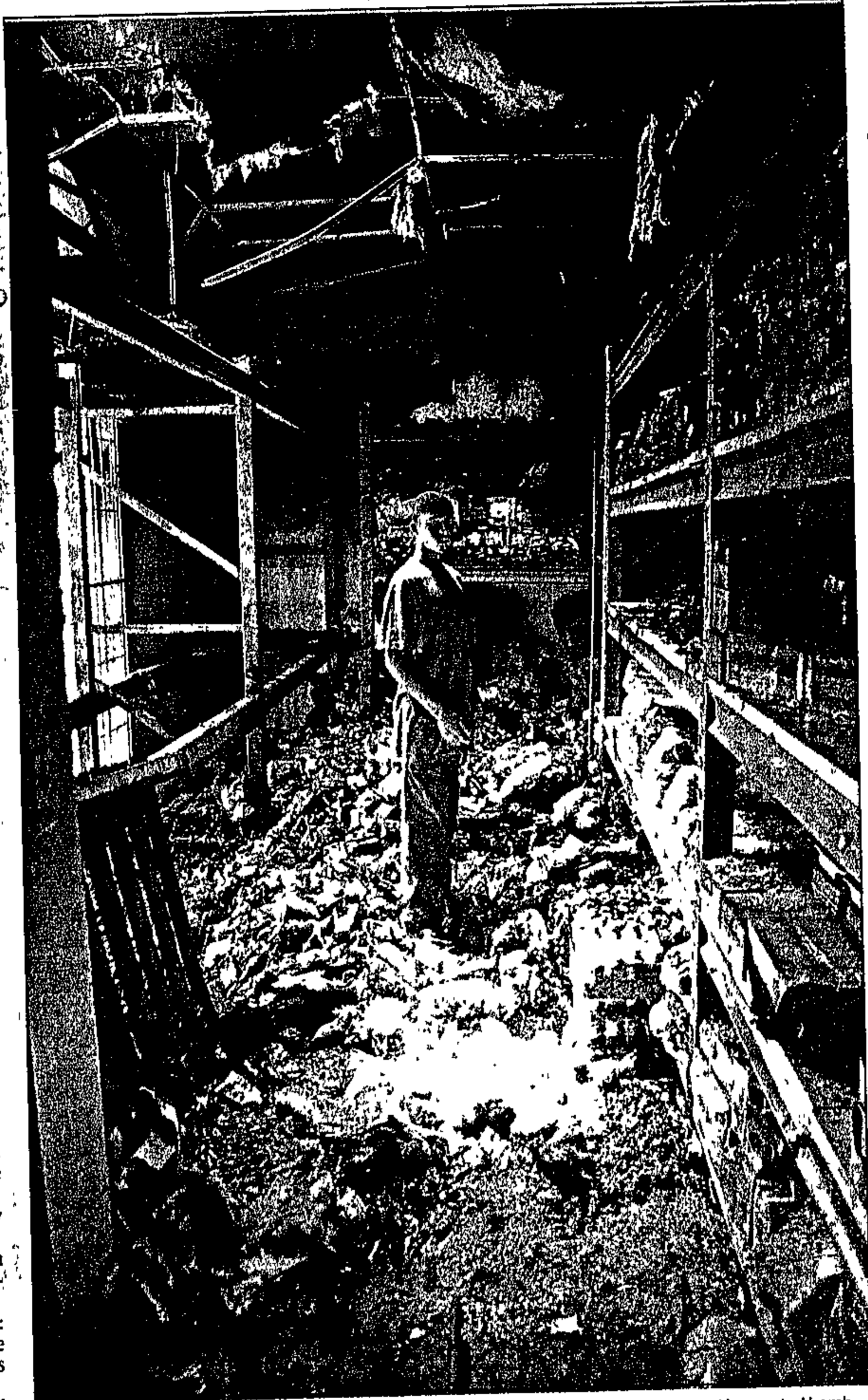
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**DESTROYED:** Atlantis Cash and Carry employee, Jan Jacobs, inspects the damage caused by a petrol-bomb attack on the shop earlier this week. Police estimate the damage at R150 000. **PICTURE: BENNY GOOL**

## Reward offered for leads on Bray murder



**FOUND BURIED:** Shanaaz Bray

**STAFF WRITER**

**POLICE** have offered a R25 000 reward for information about the kidnapping and murder of 18-year-old UWC student, Shanaaz Bray, said investigating officer, Captain Arnold Temmers.

Bray's badly-decomposed body was found by security personnel in a shallow grave at the air force base near Belhar, about four weeks after she had been abducted from the university campus.

Her parents identified her the following week by a watch and other clothing (including a cardigan, a scarf and brown trousers)

found at the scene.

Shortly after Bray's disappearance, her father, Mr Mohadlen Bray, received a phone call from an English-speaking man who demanded a ransom of R250 000 for the return of the young woman.

Police said there was no indication of gang involvement or that the student's murder was linked to ongoing violence on the Cape Flats.

Anyone with information about the kidnapping and murder should contact Captain Arnold Temmers at Kuilsriver police station or at 082 568 4006.

# Police linked to Cape war

*An internal investigation has uncovered startling evidence of police complicity in a series of hand-grenade attacks.*

**Andy Duffy reports**

**W**estern Cape police have been implicated in the supply of hand grenades to warring factions on the Cape Flats — the strongest claim yet of police complicity in fanning the violence.

An internal investigation has discovered that a senior officer in the Cape Town police's intelligence squad confiscated and then returned a defused grenade to the vigilante group People against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad). The probe also found that his colleagues made no attempt to trace the grenade's origin.

The dud grenade was thrown days later in an attack on an alleged drug dealer in Crawford, triggering a series of tit-for-tat attacks. Both sides in the Cape Flats war have thrown grenades from the same stolen batch in attacks this year in Athlone, Atlantis and Manenberg. A gangsters' grenade killed a pregnant woman in one of the incidents. Some of the grenades are still in circulation.

Members of the province's serious violent crime unit, who started the internal probe, tracked the source of the grenades in just two days, and arrested two people, including a Pagad leader. However, the police officer responsible for arming Pagad with the dummy bomb has been promoted.

National Police Commissioner George Fivaz has now sent in a team from the national inspectorate in Pretoria, led by director Piet du Toit, to investigate.

Senior police sources in the province claim collusion in the violence is rife, and that the officer who was caught must have acted with the sanction of senior management. The officer, who was arrested on unrelated fraud charges last weekend, was still at work this week.

Western Cape police chief Leon Wessels's office referred all queries to Du Toit's team. The team was unable to comment before the *Mail & Guardian* went to press.

The government has previously claimed that



**Masters of fear: The evidence suggests claims that police are stoking violence between gangsters and Pagad are well founded. PHOTO: I-AFRIKA**

elements within the police are stoking violence between gangsters and groups such as Pagad. The hand-grenade incident and Fivaz's decision to send in Du Toit's team suggest such claims are well founded.

Fivaz also recently appointed director Ivor Human to lead police efforts to curb violence on the Cape Flats. Human has specialised in "third force" and police corruption probes. His brief on the Cape Flats includes investigating police complicity.

Serious violent crime unit director Leonard Knipe says his officers first picked up the grenade lead following the Atlantis grenade attack in March. His team discovered that a grenade from the same batch had been handed over by a Pagad member, Rushdien Abrahams, to internal security unit Inspector Wymar O'Reilly five months earlier. The internal security unit runs the police's intelligence-gathering operation on the Cape Flats.

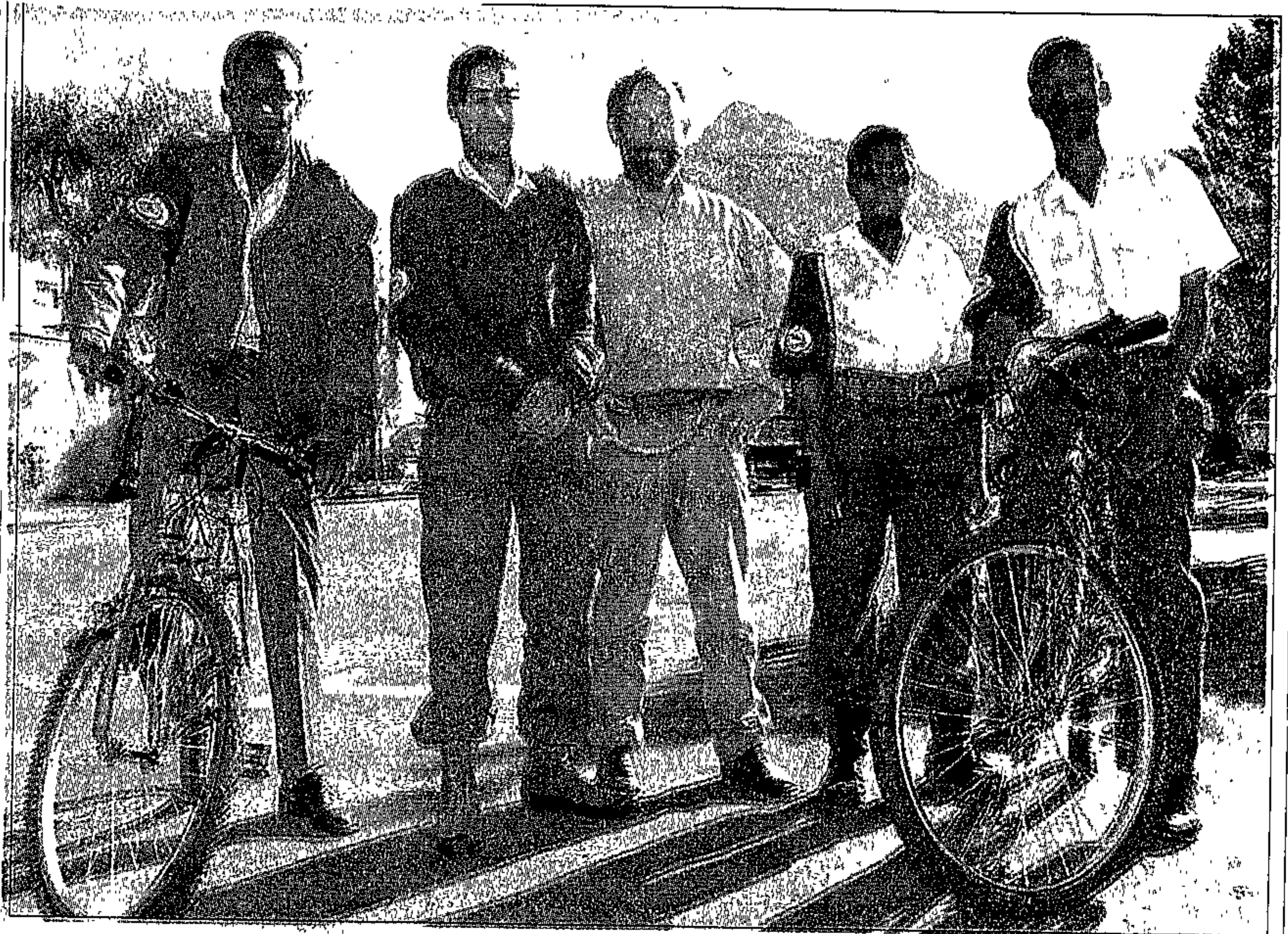
The grenade was made safe and then returned to Abrahams, apparently in an attempt to infiltrate Pagad. Knipe says Abrahams was a police informer. But the plan shattered the

rules governing police covert activities — that officers cannot act in a manner likely to promote violence.

"It was a very stupid operation," Knipe says. "My unit doesn't hand guns back to robbers, even if we take away the bullets. It drove me into a blind rage ... People will think, 'My God, what are the police doing?'"

Knipe's team discovered that police had also made no effort to find where the grenades had come from. His officers traced the bombs back to a batch stolen in July 1996 from Philippi-based Swartklip Products, the main supplier of hand grenades to the military and police in the Western Cape. The man charged with the theft from Swartklip has still to be brought to court. The Pagad leader to whom he allegedly gave the seven grenades has since been released, apparently because of lack of evidence.

Knipe took his findings to Wessels and his deputy, head of detectives Willem Smit, who in turn reported to Fivaz. Knipe is unable to say whether Wessels or Smit had sanctioned O'Reilly's action, or whether the incident is symptomatic of wider police collusion.



Obswatchers: initiator Rob Amato, centre, with Vuyani Mehlomakulu, Waleed Arendse, Winfred Mbobi and Mthethuvumile Mantambo

BRENTON GEACH

# Obswatch cops slash crime rate – but cash running out

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Observatory has recorded nearly a two-thirds cut in crime levels over the two months since the launch of Obswatch, the city's first community-driven project employing police reservists.

To date the reservists have recovered three stolen cars and arrested 19 suspects. Among them are two men wounded and apprehended in last week's bloody armed robbery of Italtile, in which Observatory resident Kingsley Barret was shot and paralysed.

In spite of its success, Obswatch has arrears of R12 000 and is to appeal to the city council for financial assistance of R20 000 a month.

The pilot project has been hailed as a success by Woodstock and provincial police, the local community policing forum and Business Against Crime, after an overall 62% drop in crime since its inception in September.

By comparison, crime in neighbouring Mowbray had risen 20% in the past two months, station commander Bernie Geldenhuys said.

The initiative had caught the eye of Soweto police and queries had flooded in from residents in Pinelands, Harfield Village, Muizenberg and Franschoek, project initiator and chief executive officer Rob Amato said.

Since the launch of the scheme, the largest reductions have been achieved in the two most frequently reported crimes in the suburb.

■ Theft out of motor vehicles declined 62% (based on the weekly averages), with almost 300 cars broken into from January to June this year – a monthly average of 49 – compared with 25 cars in six weeks from September 1.

■ Housebreakings declined 30% – there were 196 for the January-June period and 17 for those six weeks.

Police statistics also reveal:

■ Car theft declined 64%, from a monthly average of 22 cars to just 10

cars from September to mid-October (averaging 1,67 a week).

■ Burglaries of businesses dropped 57%, from 10 a month to six in six weeks.

■ Assaults dropped by 42%, while robberies climbed 52% from a weekly average of 0,66 to one.

■ Drug-related crimes declined 72%, from 21 in the first eight months to one in six weeks.

■ No rapes were recorded from September 1 to mid-October.

Formed by a group of residents at their wits' end with the escalating crime rate, Obswatch is a non-profit company to which residents and the business community pay monthly subscriptions of R50 and R250 respectively for trained police reservists to patrol the area.

Observatory has no police station of its own – it is policed by Woodstock – and this, coupled with its proximity to key routes in and out of the city, had rendered it a target for criminals, Obswatch commanding officer Nazeem Toyer said.

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# Liquidate Bidco, says

# Cape Metro Council

*Won't make R1,25m loan a grant*

**ANDREA WEISS**  
City Editor

**The Cape Metropolitan Council today moved to liquidate the Olympic Bid company.**

This followed a war of words between the bid company's chief executive officer Chris Ball and Leon Markovitz, who served on both the Cape Town Municipality and the Metropolitan Council.

Today the council moved to approach the Cape Town Municipality "with a view to liquidating the bid company".

The council was also not willing to convert a R1,25-million loan to the bid company into a grant. But it said it was willing to seriously consider sub-

ordinating its claim against the bid company to any other creditors outside local government.

According to city council reports, the Olympic Bid Company would end up in debt if it was forced to repay its loans to the councils.

Immediately after the announcement that Athens had been selected as the host city for the 2004 Olympic games, the Metro Council submitted a claim to the Olympic Bid Company for the repayment of its loan.

Mr Ball later requested that the R2,5-million bridging finance provided by the council and Cape Town Municipality be regarded as payment for intellectual property and goodwill that the city gained out of the bid.

Initially the council was planning

to convert the loan but today it did an about turn on its earlier recommendations which were that the company should not be liquidated and that the municipality and the council share ownership of intellectual property on a fifty-fifty basis.

A company balance sheet dated October 14 shows that the bid company needs R4-million to wind up its business. Had the council not taken this action the bid company would in all likelihood have been able to wind up its business on November 10.

The metro council's debate today took place in the open after it was originally going to be tabled on secret green paper. Councillors, however, felt the matter was of sufficient public interest to be dealt with openly.

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## Police fury at plan to split Cape Flats team

**JOSEPH ARANES**  
Staff Reporter

**The task team assembled to combat Cape Flats violence will be split into two components - to the dismay of the police involved, who have threatened possible strike action.**

But police management say the move is geared to provide a more streamlined and co-ordinated approach to the problem by deploying

the personnel, both the National Defence Force and police, in areas where they are needed most.

In terms of the policing strategy for the Western Cape, the province is divided into four areas, East Metropole, West Metropole, Boland and the Southern Cape. Because most of the violence, gang activity, drug peddling and Pagad-related incidents happen across the Peninsula and in effect across the boundaries of the West and East metropolises, the task team initial-

ly worked without these artificial boundary constraints.

Several policemen phoned the Cape Argus expressing their disgust over the move to split the team. One said members were so unhappy that many had threatened not to work on the new task teams.

Police have scuppered Pagad plans to stage a night-time march on November 8 and have advised the group to hold their protest during the day.

# Kriel's govt is failing to protect people — Omar

CAPE TOWN — It was questionable whether a provincial referendum on the death penalty could legally and appropriately be conducted, Justice Minister Dullah Omar said yesterday.

He said Western Cape premier Her-nus Kriel's call for a referendum on Monday would no doubt enjoy wide emotional support.

"This is understandable but it is wrong for leaders of government and political parties to embark upon a project which will effectively misdirect the energies of people and divert their attention from the real problem."

Omar said the reality was there was a serious crisis in the Western Cape, but the call for a referendum next year did not address that crisis.

"People in the Western Cape live in fear now. Business and professional people are being targeted for elimination by gangsters. A protection racket is widespread. Nothing has been done to curb these criminal activities."

He said a referendum would divert attention from the fact the province failed to provide safety and security.

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Amnesty International and the SA Prisoners' Organisation for Human Rights accused Kriel of cheap politicking in calling for a referendum on the death penalty.

The National Party called on provincial premiers to follow Kriel's lead and hold referendums on the death penalty.

NP justice spokesman Sheila Camerer introduced a motion in the National Assembly yesterday calling on MPs to welcome Kriel's announcement that he planned to hold a referendum on the possible reintroduction of the death penalty in the Western Cape early next year.

Alternatively, the NP urged President Nelson Mandela to call a national referendum on the issue.

The Inkatha Freedom Party said it had repeatedly called on government to hold such a referendum.

The Democratic Party's Douglas Gibson said Kriel had conveniently forgotten he was minister of police when the NP did away with the death penalty. — Sapa.

SECURITY NIGHTMARE FOR RESIDENTS

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# Crime rampant in govt

# villages

**CRIME** is flourishing in the Parliamentary villages, and at least one MP has blamed the problem on indecision over the future siting of Parliament. Political Writer **CHRIS BATEMAN** reports.



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**T**HE government's three parliamentary villages in Cape Town have become a security nightmare for residents, with burglaries and thefts running rife, and an influx of illegal residents.

A Cape Times probe this week also indicated that several residents — who pay a nominal monthly rent of between R120 and R140 (including electricity and water) — are also profiting by charging illegal co-dwellers rent.

Worst-hit is the (biggest) 545-unit village of Acacia Park in Goodwood, where gunfire erupted last month after two men "gatecrashed" an all-night weekend party at the Mopani Flats.

Two shots were fired into the air by an off-duty policeman allegedly trying to break up an argument.

Police on guard at the gate to the village came running, but were promptly fired upon themselves.

Police spokesperson Inspector Virna Simon said an attempted murder docket had been opened, but no arrests had been made so far.

Officials said the most worrying aspect of the burglaries and thefts was that homes were often raided without any sign of forced entry.

All spoken to said crime had soared over Christmas when MPs and officials returned to their up-country homes, leaving valuables locked up.

Official police crime statistics for Pelican Park parliamentary village at Zeekoeivlei between December 1996 and January this year show two vehicles stolen, five broken into, four serious assaults and two housebreakings.

Acacia Park statistics over the same period revealed just one theft, and Laboria Park was crime free over the Christmas period — but had one housebreaking this month.

Police were unable to provide crime statistics for the past six months in the time available.

Crime in parliamentary villages has flourished since an 80% reduction in the National Protection Service staff guarding the villages.

Three policemen guard Acacia Park, where there used to be 18.

Last December a caretaker of one (unidentified) village was demoted and transferred after illegally allowing people to move into vacated official homes where they damaged private property, Deputy Minister of Public Works Eileen kaNkosi-Shandu said.

One Acacia Park resident, DP MP Mr William Mnisi, claimed that up to 20% of residents at Acacia Park were neither parliamentary session officials nor MPs — the two qualifying criteria for occupancy.

He and several others interviewed — most requesting anonymity for fear of reprisals or being shunned by their neighbours — said they had "heard" of official residents raking in profits by asking co-dwellers for rental.

"It's impossible to prove because they say it's for groceries or something," Mnisi said.

kaNkosi-Shandu admitted that people were living illegally in the villages.

She said her staff had become aware of the problem when they wanted to house legitimate applicants "and suddenly we found we had no accommodation for them".

"We've never given authority to any of them (the illegals) and we're addressing this".

Public Works Minister Mr Jeff Radebe said that if any of the allegations were true "it represents a serious problem which will be probed with the required urgency".

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# Govt villages 'Crime-ridden'

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Shandu blamed a "lapse" in the appointment of Acacia Park's Board of Control (which only happened last year), for much of the breakdown in official management.

But the department was beginning to grind through the slow legal channels, and two illegal residents at Laboria Park faced court eviction orders.

Mnisi said of Acacia Park: "People from the townships come to parties at weekends. It's not a residential place per se on weekends, it becomes an entertainment area, especially the flats where the majority of officials are (Mopani)".

Mr Kobus Botes, a parliamentary liaison officer and recent former Acacia Park resident, said people moving back to Pretoria over Christmas felt "very vulnerable".

"Cultural differences were a bonus to me and my kids, but security is a real problem."

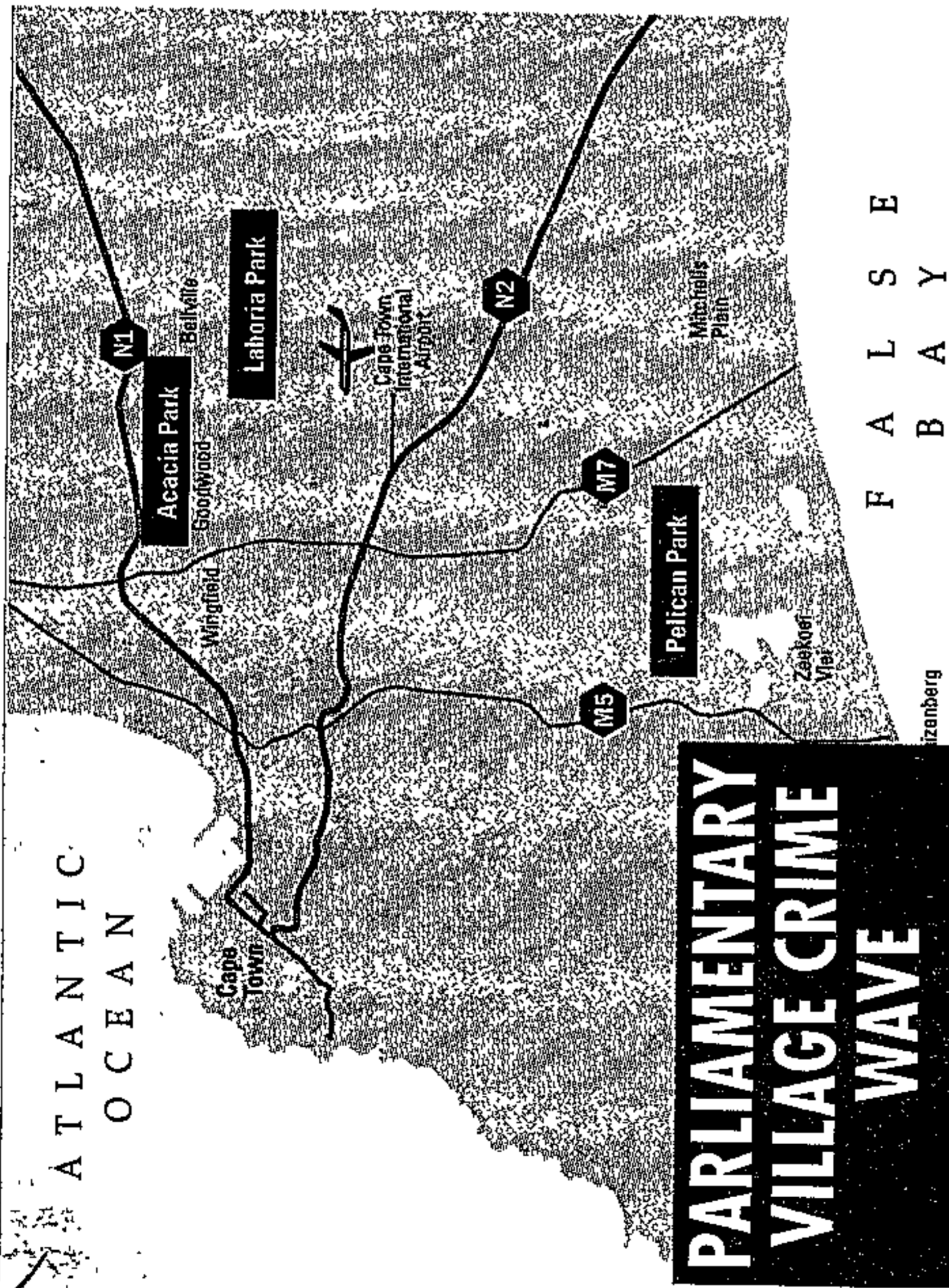
Mr Mike Ellis, DP Acacia Park resident, said the general maintenance of grounds was poor, the park was "getting dirtier and dirtier", and the café was "an appalling rowdy little hole with computer games and poor stocks".

"My general impression is that not a lot of effort is being made because people are undecided over the future of Parliament," he added.

Mr Geoff Doidge, the ANC MP and deputy mayor of Acacia Park, has lost his car radio and speakers and recently rescued his car wheels by surprising the culprits.

But Acacia Park mayor Mr Don Gumede said crime incidents had declined dramatically over the past month since discussions with police had begun. "I think there will be more patrols and general effectiveness," he added.

Among the measures promised were dog patrols, tighter vehicle access controls at the gate and permission for police to search any vehicle on the property.



**Complaints of crime and anti-social behaviour made during a random survey of MPs and other residents this year include:**

**ACACIA PARK** (formerly House of Assembly, formerly whites-only):

- R25 000 worth of electronic goods and diving gear stolen from one home — without any trace of a break-in.
- Wheels removed from parked cars.
- Locked garages broken into, speakers stolen from vehicles.
- Cafeteria broken into twice and the local pub once.
- Windscreen wipers ripped off cars.
- Tables stolen from porches.
- Beer and wine bottles strewn outside Mopani Flats and other homes on Sunday mornings.
- Routine noisy revelry and traffic.

**PELICAN PARK** at Seekoelvi (formerly for House of Delegates, Indian MPs and session officials only):

- Human excrement in the swimming pool.
- Televisions stolen from homes.
- Cars vandalised a token into.
- Guinea fowl trapped in snares around the vlei.

**LABORIA PARK** in Bellville (65 homes formerly only for coloured MPs and officials — House of Representatives):

- Burglaries targeting hi-fi music centres.
- Theft from cars.
- Vandalised — electrical lighting boxes for swimming pools, tennis courts. Bowling greens broken into.



# 'Police spy' faces four murder charges

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**AN ALLEGED** police spy within Pagad is in Pollsmoor prison, facing four charges of murder. Crime Writer **LINDIZ VAN ZILLA** reports.

**M**R MOGAMAT Rushdien Abrahams is a hardened Islamic fighter and war veteran who fought side-by-side with the Mujahideen Islamic resistance movement in Afghanistan against Russian occupation in the 1980s.

He is also said to have had links with an organisation in London, the Al Jihad Islamic movement.

In South Africa, he is a leading figure within the Islamic political organisation, Qibla, and was one of the founding members of the anti-drugs group People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad).

But now Abrahams is in Pollsmoor prison on four charges of attempted murder, stemming from attacks on the houses of alleged drug dealers.

But while Abrahams is sitting behind bars, a storm of controversy has erupted after security sources claimed he was a police informer within Pagad.

This has placed both the police, who allegedly recruited Abrahams, and Pagad in a quandary about what to do with the man with information potentially damaging to both sides.

Cape Times' sources say Abrahams' brief as a police informer was to collect information on illegal activities carried out by certain individuals within Pagad. His brief was terminated following his arrest and police intelligence now have a problem — that one of their prima-

## Parliament told of 'sting'

**DETAILS** of a police informer within Pagad surfaced last week when in a special debate in Parliament, head of the police violent crime unit, Director Leonard Knipe, disclosed details of a Pagad "sting" operation.

The informer had been given a grenade to use in an attack on the home of an alleged drug dealer earlier this year.

The informer gave the grenade to his police "handler" who swapped it for a dummy grenade. The "safe" grenade was thrown at a house in Athlone

ry sources of information about the operational set-up within Pagad is no longer viable.

Pagad, meanwhile, are said to be concerned about what information Abrahams may have leaked to the police.

However, Pagad legal co-ordinator Mr Cassiem Parker told the Cape Times he viewed the claims of Abrahams being a police informer within Pagad with "scepticism", and that Pagad was assisting Abrahams in his defence against the charges of attempted murder.

Parker also confirmed that the last part of Abrahams' case (the judgment) would also be "supervised by Pagad legal team".

"As co-ordinator of the Pagad legal team I can confirm that up until now, legal counsel has been made available to him (Abrahams) and his case is being done under

days later, but failed to explode.

The attack sparked numerous counter-attacks.

An internal police investigation is under way to determine if the action was legal and done with the necessary approval of the attorney-general.

It is believed that although the Western Cape branch of the Independent Complaints Directorate investigated the incident, Police Commissioner George Fivaz has sent a team from the inspectorate in Pretoria to take over the probe. — Staff Writer

the watchful eye of the Pagad legal team," Parker said.

Abrahams' police handlers now face the task of securing his safety.

Shortly after his arrest earlier this year, Abrahams had to be moved to a safer location within Pollsmoor after details of a R100 000 murder contract on his life were revealed.

It was suspected at the time that the contract was put out by gangsters because of Abrahams' involvement with Pagad. However, there are now new fears that radical elements supporting Pagad might also make an attempt on his life.

Abrahams was reportedly recruited as a police informer last year. His arrest came on Christmas Eve last year after ballistic tests showed a possible link between attacks on the homes of alleged drug dealers and a handgun police had confiscated from him earlier in the year.

EXPOSED: The Pagad member holding up the shotgun at the funeral of fellow-Pagad member Mr Achmat Nejiar in November last year, has been identified as police informer Mr Mogamat Rushdien Abrahams.



PICTURE: THEMINKOSI DINYISA

# A-G calls for Western Cape public protector

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Western Cape Attorney-General Frank Kahn has called for the establishment of a provincial public protector to help fight crime.

He was speaking today at the second session of the special meeting of the National Council of Provinces select committee on security and justice to discuss the violence and crime on the Cape Flats.

Mr Kahn said a complaints mecha-

nism for communities was necessary.

He suggested representatives of the agencies and organisations attending the session meet regularly and effectively become this mechanism.

Representatives of the police, the Safety and Security Secretariat, the Muslim Judicial Council, the Western Cape Provincial Council of Churches and the Western Cape Anti-Crime Forum attended the debate.

Mr Kahn said there were too many different committees discussing the problems separately rather than one looking at the issue holistically.



OBED ZILWA

**Vigilance:** soldiers are stationed in Manenberg. A gun battle had bystanders, including a Cape Argus team, caught in the crossfire

# Police under fire as gang war rages

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Thames Road.

Police and members of the Internal Stability Unit desperately tried to cut off the advancing party, who took up a position at a block of flats opposite Greta Court.

With police and media caught in the middle, a gun battle erupted and bystanders fled for cover.

Police were able to restore calm using teargas and automatic rifles.

Back at Die Hok, a calm Rashied Staggie, a member of Core, the group of gangsters who say they have reformed, denied any part in the fighting.

He blamed pressure on gangsters

from the Government and police for the upsurge in violence.

"I don't think I can bring peace because I'm seen as a gangster wherever I go," he said.

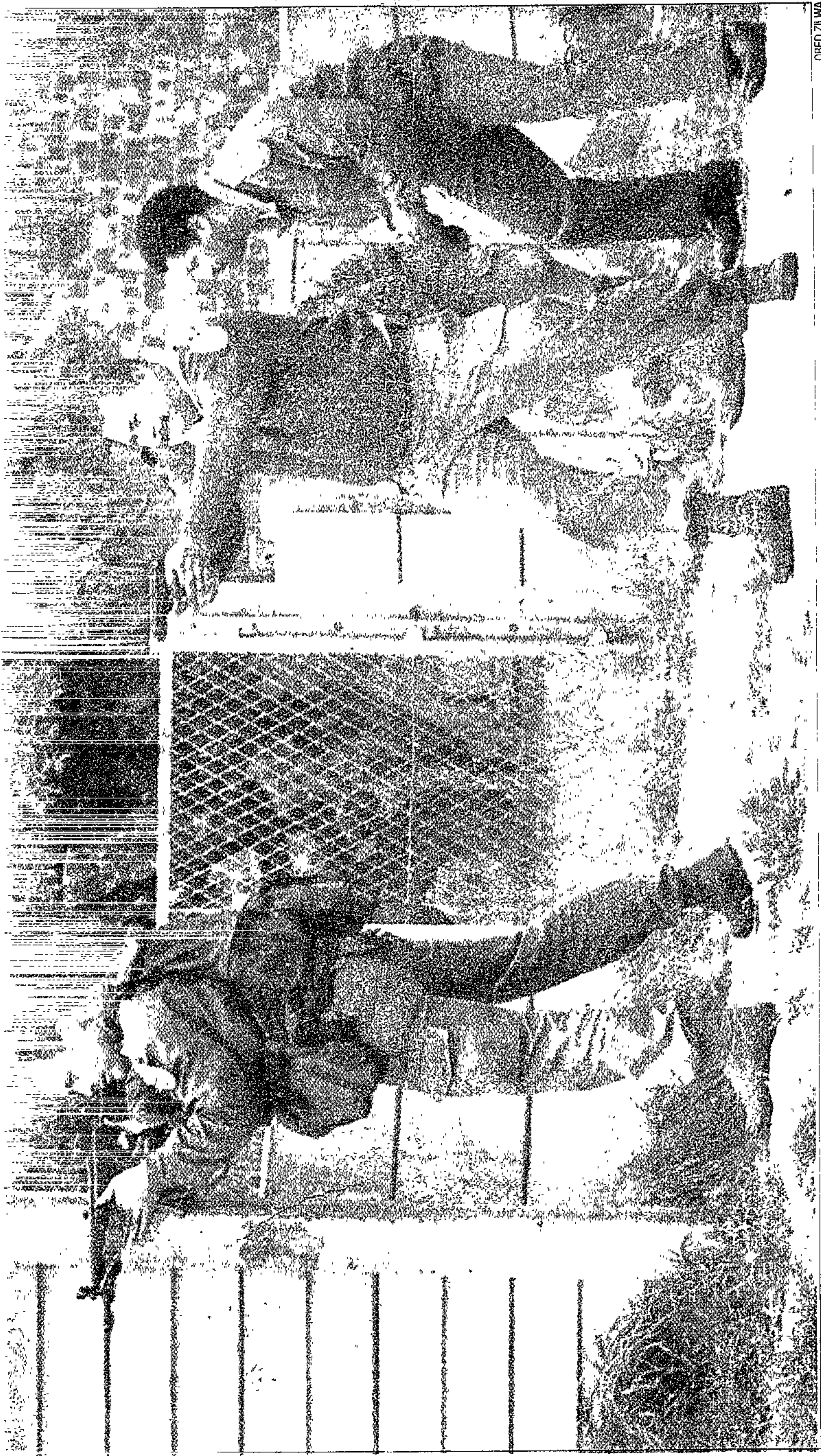
Late yesterday afternoon the army was called in to the volatile area.

Police spokeswoman Vivienne Phillips said last night that police would continue displaying high visibility in the area, and added the situation was "tense but calm".

■ Sapa reports that a Cape Flats man was shot in the leg while talking to a friend in Clarke's Estate yesterday. A police spokeswoman said a man walked past, turned and fired three shots at Neville Hartnick, 20.



Neck wound: victim Helena Jacobs



OBED ZILWA

**Hitting back:** police come under fire in Manenberg as rival gangs clash for the third day in a row yesterday. A policeman was shot in the head and at least two bystanders were wounded in the shootings.

# Police under fire as gang war sweeps Flats

**JOHAN SCHRONEN AND BEAUREGARD TROMP  
STAFF REPORTERS**

**Police have come under fire trying to restore law and order in Manenberg during three days of running battles between rival gangs.**

A police captain and two women, one a

71-year-old grandmother, were wounded in crossfire during wild gunfights yesterday.

Manenberg detective branch commander Joe van den Heever said his colleague, Neville Mahla, was responding to a complaint of a shooting at Fransica Court in Manenberg just after 9 pm yesterday when he was shot, twice in the head and once in

the leg. Mrs H R Davids was shot in the leg and Helena Jacobs in the neck.

They are the victims of fighting between the Clever Kids and the powerful Hard Livings gangs in Manenberg.

The fighting started on Saturday night and a battle has been raging across the

length and breadth of Manenberg with the Hard Livings' stronghold, Die Hok, on one side and the Clever Kids on the other.

About 1pm yesterday about 20 alleged Hard Livings gang members tried to march to the stronghold of the Clever Kids in

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MAN DIES, FIVE WOUNDED IN HAIL OF BULLETS

# Pagad, gangs in fast-food shootout

**FIVE SUSPECTED GANGSTERS** entered a fast-food shop packed with 300 Pagad supporters, and placed an order. The ensuing gun battle could reignite the Cape Flats war, reports Staff Writer **LINDIZ VAN ZILLA**.

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**A** THRIVING late-night fast-food centre was the scene of a bloody shootout in the early hours of yesterday morning when suspected gangsters, driving a gold-coloured BMW, stumbled upon a crowd of several hundred Pagad supporters.

The seemingly accidental confrontation outside the Steers and Golden Dish fast-food outlets in Gatesville, sparked off a gun battle which left one man dead and at least five others wounded.

Late last night police were still trying to piece together the sequence of events which claimed the life of 25-year-old Mr Christopher Reinard of Valhalla Park.

Initial police findings are that the BMW in which Reinard and four others were driving, came under fire by gunmen, believed to have come from the Pagad diners.

The shooting has sparked off fears of an upsurge in the simmering conflict between gangs and Pagad on the Cape Flats. Last night the gang stronghold Valhalla Park was tense amid talk of retribution.

It appears the gangsters had driven to Gatesville to get take-aways and went to Steers on the corner of Klipfontein and Hazel Roads in Gatesville.

At that stage the shop was packed with about 300 Pagad supporters who had returned from an anti-crime placard demonstration in Sea Point. The demonstration passed without incident.

A witness who did not wish to be identified said: "The whole place (Steers) was packed. There was an influx of about 300 Pagad supporters."

The alleged gangsters parked their BMW outside Steers, went in to place their order and returned to their car, which was

double-parked in Hazel Road.

Police spokesperson Superintendent Shorty Pistorius said it appeared that the occupants of the BMW had been sitting in the vehicle, apparently waiting for their food, when "four or five men came running towards them from inside Steers and started firing at the BMW".

A witness said: "Suddenly everyone dashed through to the back (kitchen area) of Steers."

Confusion over who was firing and from which direction created pandemonium as Pagad members, caught near the front of the store and exposed by the large plate-glass windows, "threw chairs and tables on the floor to protect themselves".

Hundreds of curious onlookers crept out of hiding places in the aftermath of the shooting to find the body of Reinard lying motionless next to the BMW.

Five other people, all from Valhalla Park, were also wounded in the attack. Four were rushed to Groote Schuur Hospital in a critical condition.

Police later retrieved thirty 9mm and .45 calibre cartridges from the scene.

The front windscreen of the BMW was punctured by three holes. Four bullets had been fired through the darkened, right-hand rear window, from close range.

There were indications that at least one shot had been fired from the car. A witness said: "Some Pagad people were wounded but they were taken off (by Pagad) before the police could get here."

Pagad last night refused to comment on the shooting.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective-Sergeant Riaan Theron on (021) 918-3440.

# Pagad gains in George as residents (37) slate police

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**A lack of trust in the police has resulted in anti-crime and community organisations in George forging closer links with People Against Gangsterism and Drugs.**

Community representatives met the Pagad leadership last week to discuss joining the organisation and to see how they could jointly tackle the problems of crime and violence in their area.

Kate Alexander, chairwoman of the George Community Policing Forum, said that for the past two years they had been involved in an uphill struggle with police to make resources available to fight crime in the town's black areas.

Ms Alexander said initially the community supported the idea of working with police to fight crime but fast began to lose faith in the police's ability to deliver and rectify the historical imbalances prevalent within the service.

"I do not want to turn this into a racial issue but the facts speak for themselves. Most of the police resources are located at the George central police station, which serves the traditional white suburbs.

"In Conville, where most of the violent crimes are committed, with an average of four murders every weekend and 20 rapes reported monthly, very little personnel and resources are available."

She said the community had decided to look at other options in combating crime.

"We believe the direct approach adopted by Pagad has merit and while we are aware of the problems they have in Cape Town, this is not Cape Town."

Ms Alexander said the communities of Borchards, Parkdene, Conville and Rosemore would hold a public meeting later this week to decide on the move and she would re-assess her position on the forum.

Pagad national co-ordinator Abdus-Salaam Ebrahim said there had been fruitful discussions and Pagad had listened with interest to the problems facing the George community.

"We are very sympathetic to their plight and know that the same problems are being experienced by neighbourhoods and communities across the country. We have made our national support structures available to them and will meet the community leaders again to see how we can jointly change the situation in George," Mr Ebrahim said.

Police Southern Cape area commissioner Kosie Jaftha said he was satisfied measures to rectify historical imbalances were being put in place.

"Plans are at an advanced stage to amalgamate the four police stations, George, Conville, Wilderness and Pacaltsdorp, and to spread the resources and personnel to ensure that crime is effectively tackled in the area. But this restructuring does not take place overnight and people need to be a bit more patient before they can enjoy the results."

# Bloody battle for control of Cape shebeens

OWN CORRESPONDENT

Cape Town - Two people, one a 16-year-old boy, were gunned down over the weekend as rival gangs fought a bloody, territorial war for ownership of shebeens on the Cape Flats.

Shortly before midnight on Saturday, attackers hurled a homemade bomb at the Club Vyftig shebeen in Kleinvlei, causing damage estimated at R6 000.

Five armed men then opened fire on the shebeen, fatally wounding Steven Swarts (23), who was standing outside the house.

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The owner of the house, Charles Brown (24), was wounded in the left leg and right arm.

Ten minutes later, 15 members of the Kleinvlei neighbourhood watch, who were on patrol in the area, came under fire.

A grenade, later identified as an M-26 military grenade, was thrown at them.

Koos Cornelius (24) suffered minor shrapnel wounds.

Shortly afterwards, three shots were fired at the gate of a house in Wildebeest Street, causing minor damage.

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Omar received an emergency call from the Eerste River community policing forum for him to visit the Cape Flats.

However, on his arrival in the area yesterday, Omar was greeted with the news that Norman Arries (16) had become the latest victim of the violence.

Norman was shot dead near a Kleinvlei shebeen by unknown gunmen early yesterday.

A community policing forum spokesman said yesterday the violence had its origins in "territorial" battles between gangs over the lucrative shebeen market.

# Pagad commander Toefy quits

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**AS PAGAD** resumed its public campaign, chief commander Aslam Toefy quit apparently over ideological differences. **LINDIZ VAN ZILLA** reports.



**M**R Aslam Toefy — who was the highest-ranking figure in the anti-crime organisation Pagad — resigned from the organisation over the weekend after months of internal bickering and a behind-the-scenes power struggle.

The Pagad leadership yesterday confirmed the shock announcement of its chief commander.

Pagad legal co-ordinator Mr Cassiem Parker said: "We can confirm his resignation from the Pagad working committee."

"As far as we are concerned his resignation takes effect immediately, but the Pagad programme continues as before."

Pagad leaders said Toefy's resignation would be discussed at an executive committee meeting today. Toefy was unavailable for comment yesterday.

His resignation fell on the same weekend that Pagad resumed its public campaign, following the lifting of a self-imposed four-week moratorium, by staging a placard demonstration in Sea Point's busy Main Road on Saturday night.

Although there were police fears that the night-time demonstration could be the catalyst for renewed violence between the anti-drugs organisation and gangs, a smothering presence of around 500 police officers and an estimated 50 police vehicles ensured that the event went off without major incident.

Although Parker was last night unwilling to comment on the reasons for Toefy's decision, it is understood that ideological differences with other Pagad leaders lay at the root of internal strife.



## IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES:

A source close to the organisation said last night Toefy's decision had "been a long time in coming". Another source said: "For a long time now Toefy has not been the driving force of the organisation." Elements within the Pagad leadership are believed to have waged an extended campaign to marginalise him.

The gradual exclusion of Toefy had become more apparent in recent weeks. Toefy, normally at the forefront of all Pagad press conferences and interaction with the media, had been absent from them recently.

Toefy is apparently being courted by leaders of the original Pagad, formed in late 1995, which split with the present grouping in September last year.

Dr Faried Esack, a researcher in religion and theology at the University of the Western Cape, told the Cape Times last night he believed there were three primary factors behind Toefy's resignation.

Esack, also a prominent community leader, said the Pagad top structure was dissatisfied with Toefy's often "abrasive and arrogant" leadership style.

He said: "The manner in which he conducted himself with his equals in the organisation was completely unacceptable to the Pagad leadership."

At an executive meeting a month ago Toefy had apparently indicated that he was "unhappy about being hauled over the coals for speaking without a mandate" on a recent morning talk show, where he discussed his organisation's politics.

However, in the wake of his statements, the leadership issued a terse press statement saying that no one was mandated to speak on behalf of Pagad.

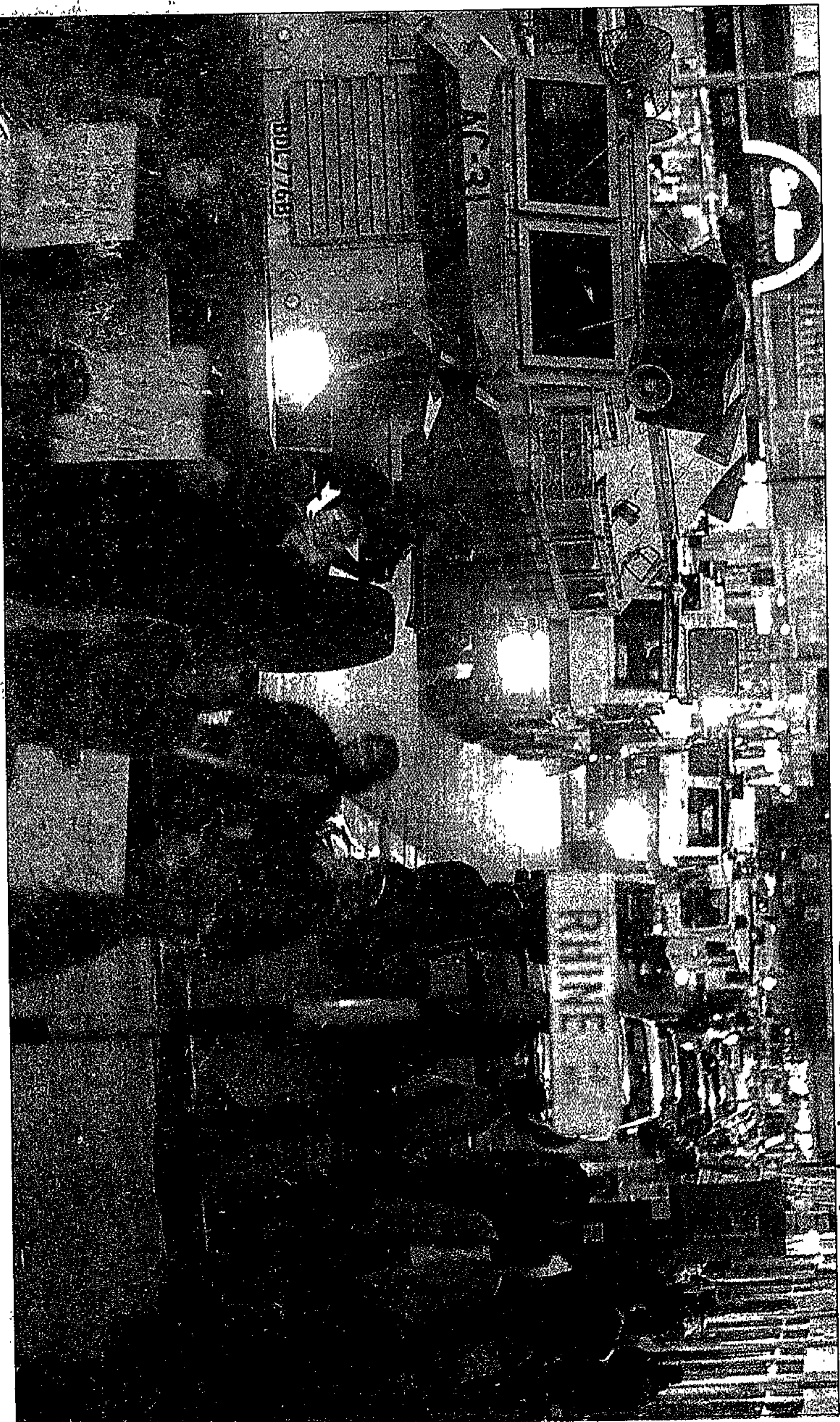
Esack, however, also pointed to "serious personality clashes between Toefy and at least one of the other leading figures in Pagad" as one of the driving factors behind Toefy's resignation.

Intelligence sources have identified the other leading figure "as chief co-ordinator Mr Abdus Sahann Ebrahim.

Esack said the third factor was Toefy's "entirely different ideological orientation from the other senior Pagad officials".

Another source, who confirmed Toefy's ideological differences with the rest of the leadership, said he believed these sprouted from Toefy's close association with the religious body, the Muslim Judicial Council (MJC).

In recent months Pagad has been embroiled in several public disputes with the MJC, which has stated the organisation for its often violent approach.



**PLACARD PARADE:** Pagad supporters, flanked by Casspiis, demonstrate peacefully in Main Road, Sea Point, on Saturday night.

The source said he believed that Toefy had been under pressure from the MJC to dissociate himself from Pagad.

Toefy's apparent disenchantment with the Pagad top structure is also believed to stem from the strong links some leaders have with the radical Muslim political grouping, Qibla.

Commenting last night on Toefy's resignation, Esack said: "Fissures in an organisation like Pagad are endemic and inherent. It is in the nature of all organisations, who claim to be the only ones with the answers, to split. It is

added that another high-profile member in the organisation, the Amir, Pagad's spiritual advisor, was also being sidelined.

Police contingent was for the most part confined to spectatorship as the estimated 400 Pagad supporters quietly staged their demonstration.

One person was arrested when he was found to be carrying a gun.

Pagad yesterday lashed out at the huge police presence, accusing the police of "spending more resources to smother Pagad than in fighting gangsterism and drugs".

Parker said Pagad was "happy" with the smooth running of the demonstration.

However, he said the organisation was "concerned" that the police had deployed "no fewer than 30 Casspiis in Main Road, Sea Point, and another seven in Athlone".

The Pagad supporters dispersed peacefully shortly after midnight.

**PICTURE: THEMINKOSI DUNAVISA**



## ROBBERIES BETWEEN LECTURES

# UCT students arrested for car hijackings

**POLICE BELIEVE** three student yuppies went on a rampage of violent crime between their University of Cape Town lectures, in an amazing "cowboys and crooks" game that lasted for six weeks. **DAN SIMON** reports.

**T**HE two brothers were unlike most of their fellow students at the University of Cape Town. They lived like young executives, with fast cars, a trendy apartment and flashy clothes.

To their social sciences classmates, they probably came across as confident, sometimes brash young men who breezed through life without a care in the world.

Little did they know.

Last Tuesday, the brothers were arrested in connection with a recent spate of car hijackings in which seven luxury vehicles worth nearly R1 million were stolen over a six-week period.

A Cape Technikon optometry student was also held, as an alleged accomplice.

They were arrested at a luxury flat in Claremont, soon after allegedly hijacking a BMW 316i at gunpoint from a Mowbray car salesman.

Members of the SA Police Service's hijacking unit tracked the three to upmarket Cavendish Heights, where the brothers shared a R290 000 apartment belonging to their father, who is a prominent medical doctor and district surgeon in Durban.

They lived rent-free in their plush digs, and each drove a Nissan Maxima and received a monthly

### Armed hijackings:

**CARS** taken from salesmen at gunpoint.

● September 23: BMW 328i, R163 000, Waterfront.

● October 9: BMW 328i, R240 000, Durbanville.

● October 15: Audi A4 2.8, R145 000, Bellville.

● October 16: VW Golf GTI, R100 000, Goodwood.

● November 1: VW Golf GTI, R85 000, Wynberg.

● November 2: VW Golf GSX, R47 000, Milnerton.

● November 4: BMW 316i, R115 000, Mowbray.

allowance of R800.

In the flat, police found a .38 Special snub-nose revolver, a number of wigs, several smart suits and cellphones allegedly used in the hijackings.

A stolen BMW 328i that had been hijacked a few days earlier was found hidden in a private lock-up garage.

The brothers appeared in court last Friday in connection with schedule five offences — for which they could receive life imprisonment if found guilty — and were granted bail.

They are due to appear at an

identity parade either today or tomorrow.

When UCT received inquiries about the students' arrests, vice-chancellor Dr Mamphela Ramphele issued a provisional order barring them from campus until the conclusion of their case.

"We view this in a most serious light. Students involved in hijackings are not wanted on campus," said UCT communications director Ms Helen Zille.

The vice-rector of student support services at the Cape Technikon, Dr Mandla Tshabalala, said the technikon was unaware of the criminal case pending against one of its students. He said the technikon would decide what steps to take once it had looked into the matter.

Details of the trio's alleged six-week crime spree unfolded yesterday when police said the spate of armed hijackings began on September 23 and ended on November 4.

Some of the seven luxury vehicles stolen over this period had been sold for as little as R5 000 to members of a national car theft syndicate operating a chop-shop in Reservoir Hills, Durban, from where they were sold as spares or smuggled out of the country.

The police allege that the students carefully planned and coordinated the hijackings, most of which were carried out between lectures.

The three allegedly used cellphones to keep in touch during

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# Took girlfriends for rides in stolen cars

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their operations.

Wearing wigs and posing as import/export businessmen from Dubai, the students would be dropped off at various car dealerships to test-drive cars.

Once away from the showroom, they would pull a gun and tell the dumbstruck salesman: "This is a hijacking. Get out."

In one incident, one suspect allegedly test-drove three cars belonging to a Waterfront car dealer before forcing the salesman out at gunpoint.

One hijacked salesman said: "He shook my hand and introduced himself as Faizel Patel. He said he was looking for a BMW 328i convertible and wanted the Montreal blue model with beige interior ... The wig looked quite real."

The salesman said the hijacker settled for a maroon model, which he stole 15 minutes after they met.

A detective said: "I think they were playing cowboys and crooks, motivated by greed, even though they did not need the money."

"They drove Maximas which were paid for by their father and they each got R800 a month pocket money. Even the flat was paid for."

The detective also said that the suspects took their girlfriends for joyrides in the stolen vehicles before driving them to Durban. Once money changed hands, they flew back to Cape Town.

"They would hijack between classes, around 2pm."

But there was a different side to the brothers. Neighbours in the block of flats said they were neighbourly, and even helped to push-start cars in the complex when they failed to start.

● Mr Ravindren Naidoo, 21, Mr Yoshen Naidoo, 20, and Mr Jayesh Laloo, 20, have appeared in the Bellville Magistrate's Court in connection with seven charges of car hijacking. They were released on bail of R15 000, R10 000 and R5 000 respectively.

# Toefy plans to carry on anti-drug crusade

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Pagad former national commander Aslam Toefy says he was a figurehead in the organisation and could not fulfil his ambition to rehabilitate victims of drug lords and gangsters.

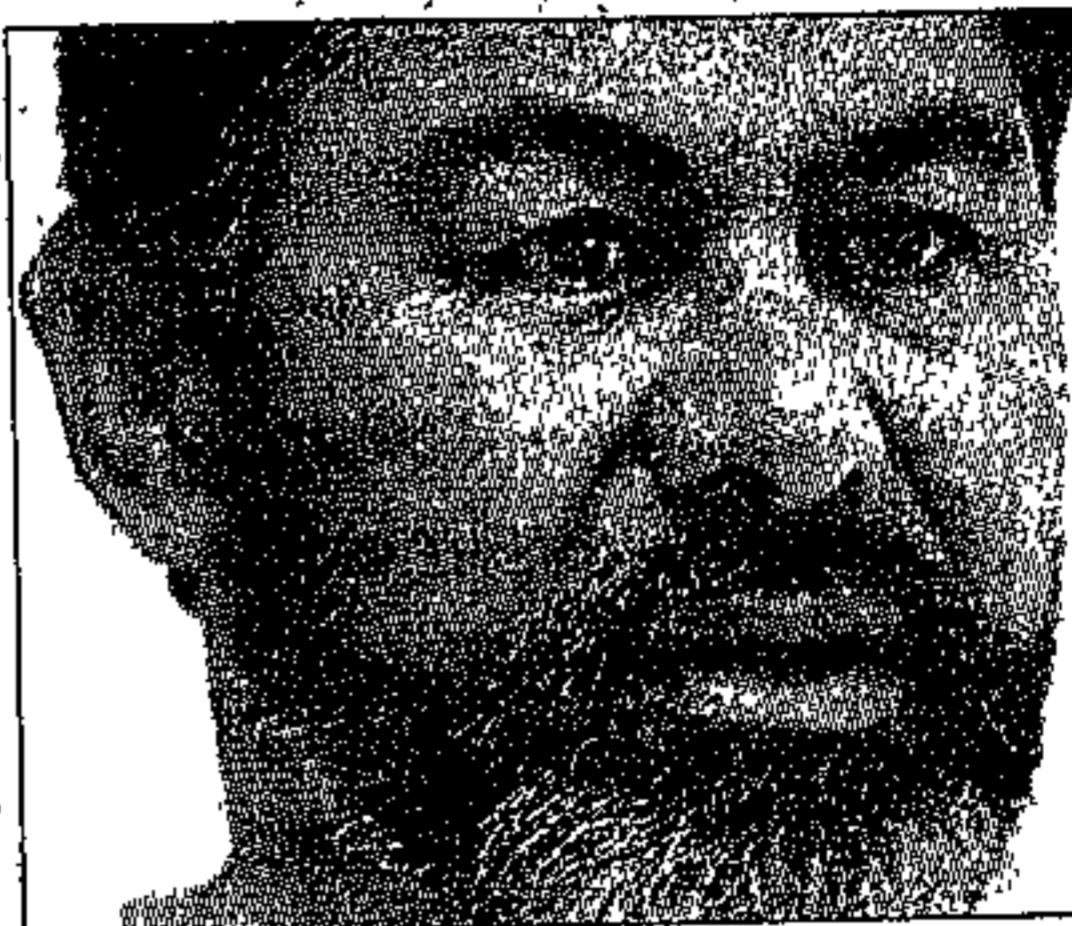
Mr Toefy, who resigned from Pagad at the weekend, said he was sure the organisation had a meaningful role to play in the fight against crime, but he needed to broaden his horizons outside the group.

Speaking openly for the first time since his sudden resignation, a relaxed-looking Mr Toefy said there were no rifts, differences of opinion or ideological arguments between him and the Pagad leadership and he still fully supported its aims.

"My decision to leave Pagad was not taken overnight, but after careful thought on how best I could positively contribute to the continuing battle against gangsterism and drugs. By being part of Pagad, my persona was being demonised and this was getting in the way of my trying to get the anti-crime message across to the people."

Mr Toefy likened being in Pagad to primary school and said it was time he moved up a grade to high school and gather the knowledge required to embark on an outreach programme to find alternatives for those caught in the spiral of crime and drugs.

"I was on a learning curve in Pagad and one of the most important things I learnt was there was still



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## Leaving the ranks: Aslam Toefy

much to learn about the behaviour of gangsters and the reasons so many young people take to drugs and become members of gangs.

"I'm completely ignorant when it comes to the underlying causes of drug use, the drug and gang sub-culture and the best methods we can use to rehabilitate dealers and users."

He said that while he was part of Pagad he did not have enough time to focus on these aspects as he was always caught up in organising demonstrations and meeting people.

"I plan to become an ambassador of sorts and will go around to other anti-crime organisations, government departments and the police to help bring about a crime-free society."

Mr Toefy said his relationship with the police should have been better: "In all fairness none of us knew the rules and we were making mistakes as we went along because Pagad was a new phenomenon. Looking back, I suggest that there be more collaboration and less confrontation."

# R2,3-m W Cape drive for safe, peaceful Yuletide

## Blockbuster project aims to curb crime

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In one of the most comprehensive anti-crime initiatives in the Western Cape, R2,3-million has been budgeted to ensure the festive season is peaceful and safe for visitors and residents.

Launching the festive season peace and safety programme yesterday Premier Hermus Kriel said the campaign was a pilot project approved by the provincial legislature to help turn the tide against crime and violence.

"Crime has become a scourge in the country and our province has not managed to steer clear of it. On the contrary, gang wars have placed us at the top of the murder list. Fortunately and sadly they are located in certain

areas only," said Mr Kriel. Mr Kriel said that every year the festive season - a time when peace and goodwill should prevail - was marked by an increase in crime.

The campaign to be launched on December 1 will include the establishment of a special task team to co-ordinate the collaborative efforts of the police, traffic officials, defence force personnel, community policing forums and other non-government organisations in fighting crime.

Safety and Security Secretariat head Omar Valley said the campaign would activate and mobilise communities across the province and get them to contribute towards ensuring a safer festive season.

To this end the media, billboards, schools, churches and businesses would be used to

spread the message while more roadblocks, more patrols, clothing with special insignia and closed circuit television observation would increase the visibility of police.

Mr Kriel said the police alone had initiated 400 anti-crime projects as part of the festive season programme.

At the same time community policing forums and committees had put together more than 350 projects.

"We are involving young people, churches, the business community, the police, local councils and other interested parties, but most of all we are involving the entire Western Cape.

"Our actions must ensure that the thousands of visitors and locals realise that this province is dedicated to stamping out crime," said Mr Kriel.

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Initiative: Hermus Kriel

*Aslam Toefy is no longer the angry figure he once projected as the militant chief commander of the anti-crime organisation Pagad. Glynnis Underhill spoke to him*

# Toefy quits Pagad to follow a 'softer' path

## Plans to work on drug rehab projects

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Surrounded by his wife and children, the man who led thousands of armed followers in protest against gangsterism and drugs concedes he has undergone a dramatic transformation.

Hugging his wife Soraya, Aslam Toefy said he would now like to spend more time with his family who have seen little of him since he took up his position as chief commander 18 months ago.

Quitting his post heralded a breakthrough for him, he said. The drug rehabilitation projects he will be working on in future have not been finalised but he said it had become clear to him that a new "softer" approach was needed.

The image he portrayed in those early days is at odds with the conciliatory approach he has now adopted towards the police and the media.

It had been a "necessary evil" to send out a strong message at the time, explained Mr Toefy.

"It is expected of anyone out there working as an activist, to be used. Yes, I was used by the people. As long as you are used in the right manner, for the right things, I had to allow myself to be used to bring about the awareness of the problems that we have in this country. I was prepared to put my life on the line for that," he said.

Mr Toefy said his "precious wife" Soraya had been his strong supporter. "She saw this angry man. And we lay in bed some times and we would talk about it. I

would say it was a necessary evil to curtail the scourge. We were confronting people who were destroying our society and we had to send a strong message out to them."

Mr Toefy had "positive messages" for the authorities, the police and the media at a press conference where he introduced his wife and unveiled his new image.

One of his sons watched the doors and prompted his father to slow his speech for the television cameras and radio broadcasts.

Another son was present but both were instructed to stay away from the cameras for security reasons.

Later, the family drew close for an interview with Saturday Argus after the last cameras had left the room. "Our lives are in danger all the time, but we are committed to the cause," explained Mr Toefy.

Reflecting on his work, he said People Against Gangsterism and Drugs had succeeded in attempts to curtail the activities of drug dealers and police were now conducting regular raids on drug dealers and gangster's houses.

As the father of seven children, Mr Toefy said he was determined to do all he could to continue this progress.

He has now opened his door to anyone who would like to work with him in developing drug rehabilitation projects and other programmes to help women who have been victims of violence. Describing those who per-

petrate crimes against women as "male terrorists", Mr Toefy said he would like to be remembered for his rehabilitation work rather than for his heyday as a rugby player on the Cape Flats.

"I will work with any agencies that are serious and have the same agenda as I to eradicate crime, gangsterism and drugs."

Mr Toefy has consistently denied speculation that ideological differences with other Pagad leaders lay at the root of internal strife.

Asked whether he was pushed out of Pagad, he said: "Let's just say that I have grown and it is a transition thing."

"I needed to broaden my horizons and I needed to educate myself," he said.

Mr Toefy said the fact that he and others in Pagad were seen as aligned to the Muslim Judicial Council, which had been embroiled in several public disputes with Pagad, while other leaders had strong links with the radical Muslim political group Ghiba, had not been a source of friction.

"To me it never mattered where you came from. The focus at that time and the focus now has always been to eradicate the scourge of drugs," he said.

It was "laughable" that he might try to start another Pagad, said Mr Toefy. "The organisations that are there should try to work together. They will then form a stronger force against the evil forces that are..."

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On speculation that the Pagad members who broke away, and who maintain they are the legally registered Pagad, would try to court him, Mr Toefy said: "I must be open to everyone. I must be accessible to everybody. This is a new democracy. If organisations have the same aims and objectives, I will look at working with them."

He had always been a very spiritual person. "This is the way I can now express my feelings."

"By going out there to equip myself with knowledge so that I can truly make that commitment to keep those promises," he said.

People were allowed to grow within Pagad, he added. "That has always been the policy. It was never about personalities. It was always about commitment to eradicate gangsterism and drugs."

Pagad would continue without him, said Mr Toefy. "I do believe so and I believe together we can make a big difference."

Mr Toefy said he would like the authorities to work more closely with Pagad and adopt a softer approach toward the organisation.

"I have yet to see drug lords commit themselves to giving back to the communities what they have taken from them. I appeal to the drug lords to consider how these communities can get rid of the scourge of drugs."

Mr Toefy said anyone who would like to contact him to become involved in his plans should phone him on 083 754 1972.



Happier: Aslam Toefy and his wife Soraya now hope to spend more time together

JACK ESTRADA

**I am not for sale... I belong to the people**

People Against Gangsterism and Drug's former chief commander Aslam Toefy says he is "not for sale and would not be hijacked by anyone" as he weighs up his options for the future.

While he could one day throw his weight behind some political party, Mr Toefy insists his main aim is to continue to work to eradicate gangsterism and drugs.

"I am not for sale. I belong to the people," he said in an interview with Saturday Argus.

Gone is the leadership style which has been described as "abrasive and arrogant," a style now replaced by an approach he admits is "softer".

"It was a learning curve for me," he said, but Mr Toefy denied he was "going soft".

"You can catch more bees with honey than vinegar."

He had not yet given a name to his project, which will focus primarily on the rehabilitation of drug-users.

His wife Soraya does not hold out much hope that he will spend more time at home. "I don't know that I will see that much of him but we are all going to pitch in and get the project started," said Soraya Toefy.

Mr Toefy said government departments could expect a visit as he searches for ways to rehabilitate drug abusers, help the aged and try to stem the wave of violence against women.

He would like to see disused hospital facilities being opened again to help rehabilitate drug-users.

In his rugby heyday, when he was known as "Tiger Toefy" on the Cape Flats, this was part of his image, he admitted.

But Mr Toefy said he wanted leave this tiger-like image behind.

"I want to be remembered for relieving the suffering of the people," he said.

# Pagad silent after Toefy quits in rift over strategy

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**A wall of silence has gone up around the resignation of Aslam Toefy as national commander of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs.**

Mr Toefy could not be contacted and a Pagad spokesman refused to comment. The Pagad leadership will apparently make a statement today.

On the Muslim radio station Voice of the Cape on Saturday, Mr Toefy said he was resigning because of irreconcilable differences. He said he would speak on the air again to provide more clarity.

His resignation comes as talks between Pagad and police are deadlocked and Pagad has expressed a desire to renew night-time campaigns against alleged gangsters and drug dealers.



**Out:** Aslam Toefy

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The group's decision to demonstrate in Sea Point on Saturday is believed to have caused a rift between Mr Toefy and other leaders.

Pagad spokesman Cassiem Parker confirmed last night that Mr Toefy had resigned from the Pagad working committee and would also step down as national commander. "However, Pagad's campaign against gangsters and drugs will continue," Mr Parker said.

He said no reasons for Mr Toefy's resignation would be given at this stage.

The resignation came after an emotional statement by Mr Toefy severely criticising Pagad for going ahead with the Sea Point demonstration. He could not condone an event which could jeopardise talks between the authorities and Pagad, he said.

**Police count cost of Pagad demo, page 3**

# Core blamed for war on Flats

## Policeman tells court that alliance of 'reformed' gangsters is a front for huge protection racket

WETTE VAN BREDA

**T**HE Community Outreach Forum led by Ernie "La Pepa" Peters was directly responsible for violence on the Cape Flats, had ordered the shooting of Pagad members and ran a huge protection racket, a court heard yesterday.

Testifying at Peters' bail application in the Mitchell's Plain Magistrate's Court, Sergeant Aubrey McDonald of the Gang Investigation Unit told how Core "pretended to want peace" but was continuing with illegal activities, such as drug smuggling, under a new banner.

McDonald said Core was a merger of various gangs who demanded protection money of between R5 000 and R50 000 from other dealers who were not aligned to them. If they refused to pay they were taken from their premises to Peters' house and beaten up.

He said gangs like the Terrible Josters, The Sicilian Josters, the Americans and the 28's had joined forces to become Core and were terrorising opposing drug and alcohol dealers.

He said members had pulled out of Core as they felt they had been misled into believing that the organisation would make a real effort to stop the violence on the Flats.

"But they saw that this was not to be and that Core was still resorting to violence," said McDonald, adding that Core had also ordered attacks and shooting of Pagad members.

The bail application was postponed till today for the state to call a witness who, McDonald said, would testify that Core was responsible for the violence on the Cape Flats.

Before a court packed with Peters' sympathisers, including Rasheed Stag-gie, McDonald described Peters as a dangerous man "who is in a position to give orders for violent acts to be carried out."

**CORE BOSS:** Ernie Peters (right) leaves court yesterday. Sergeant McDonald is on the left. Picture: AMBROSSE PETERS



McDonald said that on June 20 the guard, who is now in a witness protection programme, was kidnapped from the Mitchell's Plain home of another gang member and forced into a car belonging to Peters.

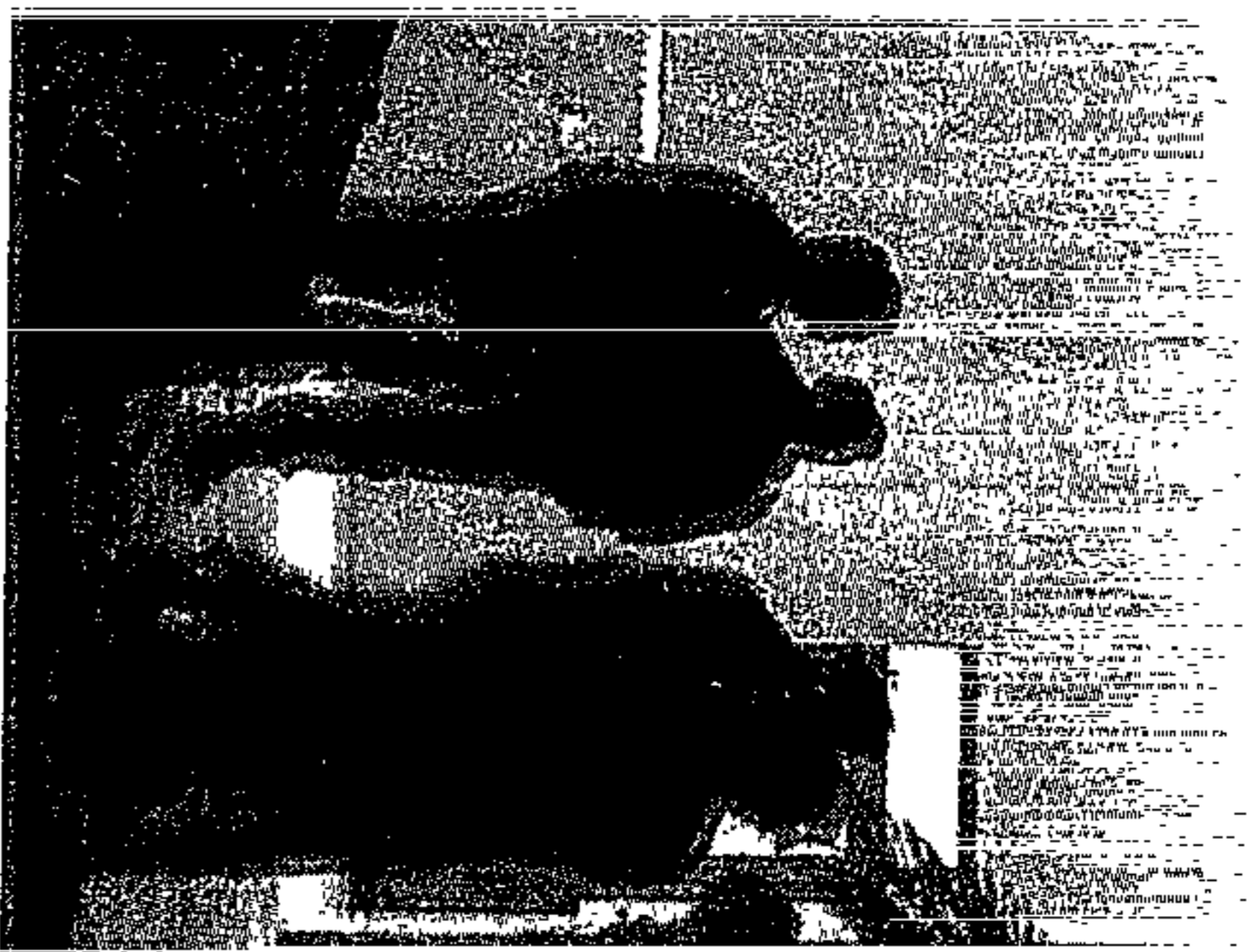
He was accused of stealing Peters' money and taken to Peters' Ravensmead home where he was assaulted for about two hours on Peters' orders. He was beaten with a spade until he collapsed, was shot in the ankle, and was still covered in bruises a week after the assault.

McDonald said if Peters was released on bail, he would hunt down the complainant and "force him to withdraw the charges".

Police searched Peters' house in Bellair and found 25 9mm cartridges. A stolen firearm was found on the pavement outside.

At Peters' Ravensmead house, police seized 87 dagga sticks, five packets of dagga and 10 mandrax tablets. Peters, who was on the Core executive, had two previous convictions, one for illegally selling alcohol in 1989 and another for illegally possessing a firearm and ammunition in 1991.

Under-cross examination by Edward McCallum, for Peters, McDonald admitted the complainant had at first not implicated Peters. But on July 1 he had made another statement to the police saying that he had lied as he had feared for his girlfriend's life.



Bomb squad: police comb the entrance to the Mount View mosque for clues



Explosion: onlookers gather at Mount View mosque in Lansdowne where a powerful pipe bomb exploded



LEON MÜLLER

# Bombs reignite flats war

## Mosque and homes hit days after police swoop

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In an apparent tit-for-tat war between gangsters and Pagad, a mosque and two houses in Lansdowne were damaged in renewed pipebomb attacks.

No one was injured in the attacks, days after the police seized a huge haul of explosives in continuing operations on the Cape Flats.

Police said the first attack was at 10.45pm yesterday on a three-storey house in Mansfield Road. The house had allegedly been targeted before by anti-gang vigilantes.

It was empty except for caretakers who live in the domestic quarters. The luxury

home belongs to Ballie Everts.

Last night's bombing was the sixth time the house had been attacked, said one of the caretakers, Yvonne Olifant. She said she heard a loud bang around 10.30 pm.

A nightwatchman called the police, but damage was minimal. The glass in the front windows was blown out and the front door was slightly damaged.

Then at 11pm a pipebomb exploded at the Mount View Mosque in Warden Crescent, damaging two doors and the floor at the entrance.

Two pipebombs exploded at the Devon Street home of Barney Hendricks at 2.50am today, damaging windows, doors and walls. Early this morning workmen were busy

at the house repairing the damage. Mr Hendricks declined comment.

The attacks came just days after police announced a breakthrough in their fight against violence and crime on the Cape Flats when they confiscated explosives used in the manufacture of pipebombs from the Salt River property of Rashied Staggie.

Several guns, police equipment and drugs were also seized in recent weeks by Operation Recoil, an attempt to stabilise the volatile situation on the Flats. Pagad spokesman Cassiem Parker said the latest attacks were clearly an attempt by gangsters to terrorise communities and create conflict.

Earlier this year a petrol bomb was thrown at the Buck Road mosque in Grassy

Park, a grenade exploded at the Kensington Mosque, the imam of the Bishop Lavins mosque was terrorised by gangsters who threatened to torch his mosque, and vandals defecated in the Valhalla Park mosque.

Mr Parker said it was obvious that Core - the organisation of gangsters who say they have reformed - had been exposed "as a farce" after the explosives haul.

He also cited testimony at the bail hearing of Core chairman Ernie "Lapepa" Peters, where it was alleged that Core - Community Outreach Forum - ordered the attacks on the homes of Pagad supporters.

"The community must reject these kind of attacks in the strongest terms and must do everything in its power to stop these gang-

sters from continuing their reign of terror."

Muslim Judicial Council secretary Achmat Sedick said he was appalled over the latest bombings and condemned all attacks on places of worship.

In other Cape Flats violence, two teenage boys were shot and wounded while sleeping in a car outside a house in Delft today.

One of the occupants of the house, where a shebeen was allegedly run, told police she heard four or five shots at about 4.30am.

She found a 16-year-old with bullet wounds in his left leg and left arm and a 14-year-old shot in the chest. Both are in serious but stable condition in hospital.

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# Cops ignore Cape Flats, says Popcru

## 'CBD is favoured'

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**Cape Town police have been slammed for being selective on their fight against crime by not doing enough in the Cape Flats.**

They are accused of being more interested in deploying rent-a-cops in the central business district than they are in fighting crime on the Flats.

The accusation was made by Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union Western Cape vice-chairman Greg Goss.

He said that although it was a good idea to curb crime in the city's CBD to attract tourists and that the community patrol officers must be retained, the police also needed to introduce the system on the Cape Flats.

There thousands of people were living in fear of gangster and anti-drug

war. "Police are more concerned with the CBD than the Cape Flats, where houses are being attacked every week," he said.

Western Cape police spokesman John Sterrenberg said the objective of the rent-a-cops was not only to curb crime in the CBD, but to prevent crime "per se".

Senior Superintendent Sterrenberg said that on the Cape Flats, Operation Recoil had had several successes with operations in the past few weeks.

Crime swoops were continuing. The operational unit was being supported in each area by the local police, radio control members and the flying squad units.

Superintendent Sterrenberg said the fate of the rent-a-cops - which Commissioner George Fivaz plans to disband - was being investigated.

SOLDIER SPEAKS OUT

# Army bomb link in gang war

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**A DECORATED SOLDIER** claims that the arms allegedly found at Rashied Staggie's home originate in the SANDF. Special Assignments Writer **ROGER FRIEDMAN** reports.

**E**XPLOSIONS and ammunition fuelling the Cape Flats drug war have been identified as belonging to the South African National Defence Force.

A decorated infantryman at the centre of a court-martial for allegedly leaking information on arms smuggling to Military Intelligence (MI), said yesterday the bulk of the arms cache allegedly found at the Salt River home of alleged drug dealer Mr Rashied Staggie last week was of SANDF origin.

Staff Sergeant Herman Pheiffer has 20 years military experience, most of them as an infantry instructor. He recognised the explosives and ammunition from newspaper and television reports.

"I have worked with explosives, I know the packaging, and I know what military equipment looks like. I can say for sure that those arms and ammunition originated in the military," Pheiffer said.

Pheiffer's court-martial is scheduled to resume in Paarl next week, but his lawyer Mr Lloyd Fortuin said yesterday he expected the case to be postponed until after the High Court rules next month on an application by the Mail &

Guardian to have proceedings opened to the public.

Pheiffer, a 12-year veteran of the Namibia/Angola border war, is appearing with Corporal Dawid Booysen. Both soldiers are members of Group 31, based in Paarl. Their court-martial began last December, in-camera.

Their troubles can be traced back to late 1995, when a group of fellow-soldiers apparently stumbled on a distribution point for weapons, explosives and ammunition the West Coast. The matter was apparently reported to their commanding officer, Colonel Pat McLoughlin.

They allegedly also reported the matter to Pheiffer, at the time Group 31's acting Regimental Sergeant Major. Months passed.

In about April 1996 a member of MI who was investigating the alleged smuggling/disappearance of weapons entered the picture.

The MI officer was evidently not only investigating the alleged West Coast smuggling route, but

also the alleged provision of R1 rifles and ammunition to white commando members just before the 1994 election, and the alleged falsification of documents acknowledging receipt for explosives and ammunition which apparently never arrived in Paarl.

A report was sent to MI headquarters in Pretoria, members of which evidently tipped McLoughlin off as to its contents. McLoughlin launched his own probe into who had spilled the beans to MI, eventually identifying Pheiffer and Booysen.

The two were charged with conspiring to complain about their unit to a higher authority, MI, instead of directing their complaints to McLoughlin. They were also charged with attempting to make copies of official documents, publicly questioning McLoughlin's competence, and claiming he was a racist.

Shortly before their case was to begin, the pair were accused of conspiring to intimidate witnesses and ordered to report to Kuils River and Oudtshoorn military camps, respectively. They refused.

Pheiffer has since put in for a

retrenchment package and Booysen is on unpaid leave.

"The defence force has stopped paying my bond and medical aid, and informed me last month that I owed it R8 000. I have had to sell my car to survive," Pheiffer said.

"I did nothing wrong. I certainly never intimidated any witnesses, and I feel I have only been acting in the best interests of the SANDF and the country," he said.

Fortuin said he had attempted to raise the matter with President Nelson Mandela, Minister of Justice Mr Dullah Omar, Minister of Defence Mr Joe Modise, Deputy Minister of Defence Mr Ronnie Kasrils and the head of the defence portfolio committee in the National Assembly Mr Tony Yengeni — all to no avail.

In a letter to the Commanding Officer Western Province Command, last month, Fortuin quoted a Colonel Muller as telling Pheiffer last month: "You can go and complain to the ministers, but it will not help you. They will send out their ministerial inquiries and we will send back our version, which they accept in any case."

Fortuin found this response "disappointing to say the least".

He has faxed copies of this letter to Mandela, Modise, Kasrils, Yengeni and head of the SANDF General Georg Meiring.

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— Pheiffer

# Fears of farm attacks spreading to W Cape

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Cape farmers are reactivating farm watch associations under pressure from authorities who fear that the wave of violence against farmers in the Eastern Cape and Free State could spread to the Western Cape.

Police are the force behind renewed preparedness as farmers are apparently not that concerned about the threat of crime and gangsterism.

The Philippi Farm Watch is being revitalised today. But farmers said that although they were aware of attacks on farms in the Free State and Eastern Cape, the reason for renewed awareness was "pressure from above" and not a belief that they were in danger.

"There is a climate of old-fashioned peace and tranquillity in the Peninsula's pentry, Philippi," said vegetable farmer Leon Rix.

Mr Rix, a Cape Flats Farmers' Association committee member and

member of the Philippi Farm Watch, was walking alone in his fields at dusk yesterday when a Cape Argus reporter visited him.

Philippi's farming community has had its spell of crime in recent years, but Mr Rix said "good relations" between neighbours resulted in peace which gave them safety and security on their farms. He explained that a farmer's neighbours were more than the farmer next door and extended to the Cape Flats communities around them.

"We produce food and we created employment. The message is loud and clear that people should not bite the hand that feeds them," said Mr Rix.

"I accept that the threat of crime will always be there. Sporadic theft and vandalism in our fields still happens and it would be naive to pretend it does not exist.

"But this latest move to prepare ourselves for attacks was from government levels. Government realises they must protect their farmers"

# Security blitz as gangsters target farms

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**Cape Town criminals are spreading their tentacles into Western Cape farming communities, which they see as easy prey in their quest for guns and new markets for their drugs.**

Police and specialist military units have launched a rural operation to counteract the threat of criminal elements believed to be moving out of the city as a result of the police's Operation Recoil.

The attempt to clamp down on crime on farms comes as violence against farmers moves centre stage, with a meeting last week between President Mandela and Freedom Front leader Constand Viljoen.

Police fear another tragedy like the slaughter of four people – including two women and a four-year-old girl – allegedly by the “flower gang” near Nieuwoudtville and Malmesbury in September last year.

Willem Mongia was killed in Malmesbury and Hendrina Louw, Aileen Julia Fairbanks-Smith and her daughter, four-year-

old Emma Wall, were murdered in an attack on a guest farm near Nieuwoudtville. Five men are on trial for the killings.

Operation Recoil had been extended to rural areas when police were tipped off that criminals were taking advantage of unsuspecting farming communities, police spokesman Wicus Holtzhausen said.

Roadblocks, searches and seizures began last Monday and could be expected throughout the province.

**Farm watches reactivated, page 2**

# Top Pagad executive held in raid

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Pagad national secretary Abeeda Roberts was arrested at her home in a pre-dawn raid today for allegedly being in possession of a "top secret" intelligence report.

Pagad legal representative Cassiem Parker said police had swooped on her Cape Town house in search of guns, explosives and ammunition, in terms of their warrant - but instead had stumbled across the highly-publicised intelligence report on the activities of the anti-crime group.

The document forms the minutes of a Cabinet committee meeting on intelligence and security chaired by President Mandela in August last year, at which the Government had a hard look at the rise of Pagad and its possible links to other militant international Islamic organisations.

Police said the raid on Ms Roberts's house was part of Operation Recoil, a joint police and defence force operation to restore calm after months of violence between Pagad, gangsters and drug dealers.

Superintendent Holtzhausen said Ms Roberts would face charges in terms of the



Arrested: Pagad national secretary Abeeda Roberts

1982 Internal Security Act - which makes it an offence to be in possession of secret state documents.

She is being held at the Bellville police station and is expected to appear in the Cape Town Magistrate's Court today.

Mr Parker said the police had contravened the law in seizing the document as their search warrant clearly stated they were looking for arms and ammunition.

"The fact that the document was leaked and published in several newspapers more than a year ago makes her arrest all the more ridiculous," said Mr Parker.

# Outrage over Pagad woman's arrest

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THE police were accused of "intimidation" by Pagad yesterday following the detention of its national secretary Ms Abeeda Roberts, who was charged with unlawful possession of classified information.

Roberts was arrested early yesterday after a highly sensitive government security document was discovered during a police raid on her Woodstock home. She could be charged for contravening the Protection of Information Act.

The document, drawn up by the National Intelligence Agency (NIA), dealt

with the threat posed by Muslim fundamentalists in South Africa. The document, which formed the minutes of a cabinet security meeting chaired by President Nelson Mandela, also focused on the rise of Pagad in the Western Cape.

Roberts appeared briefly in the Cape Town Magistrate's Court yesterday but she was not charged nor asked to plead.

Magistrate Mr P Sauerma postponed the matter until Friday and ordered that Roberts remain in custody in the Sea Point cells—a move criticised by Pagad.

Pagad's Mr Cassiem Parker said the decision to detain Roberts was a "flagrant abuse of police power" and a clear case of "intimidation of Pagad members".

But police spokesperson Senior Superintendent John Sterrenberg last night said the investigating officer had applied for the postponement and the court had complied.

Parker accused police of acting illegally during the raid, and claimed the search warrant only provided for weapons and ammunition, not documents.

Sterrenberg said the seizure "was within the ambit of the warrant".

Claiming that the charge was trumped-up, Parker said the document had been "widely circulated".

Excerpts from the document had appeared in the Cape Times days after the cabinet committee for security and

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intelligence affairs had been briefed on it. The document reportedly highlighted militant Muslim factions within Pagad, including the "militant Muslim organisation, Qibla". At the time the document advised cabinet not to stigmatise Pagad, but to isolate militant elements within Pagad.

Parker claimed that several government ministers had dismissed the "position outlined in the document" because it was unsubstantiated.

However, last night a senior police official who did not wish to be named said the law clearly stated that any person found in possession of classified documents was acting unlawfully.

## RUMOURS OF PENDING ATTACKS

# Western Cape farmers, police step up security

**OPERATION RECOIL**, a mainly Cape Flats-based crime prevention effort, is to be extended to farming areas in the Western Cape. Security Writer **WILLEM STEENKAMP** reports.

**W**ESTERN Cape farmers and workers, together with the police, are stepping up security in the face of rumours that the violent crime which has plagued their counterparts in the Free State is to move south over the festive season.

In the first 11 months of this year, violent crime on Free State farms has risen 53% compared to the same period last year, according to Dr Ben Haefele of the Centre for Military Studies at Stellenbosch University.

So far, at least 12 people have been murdered in 30 attacks in Free State rural areas, prompting exasperated farmers to talk of forming a "Boere-Pagad" and taking the law into their hands.

Some elements in the police and the farming community feel the attacks are primarily politically motivated, and speculation has it that disgruntled former Apla and MK members are involved in the crimes, which are mainly aimed at white farmers.

In a paper on the subject, Haefele states that "whatever the motive for the killings, the conclusion is reached that there is definitely an orchestrated force" behind these killings.

"Correlations between the murder locations, planning of the crime and the escape routes reveal a clear pattern," he says.

Recently, a police officer dis-

closed confidential information to Grabouw farmers that an "Apla brigade" had moved to the Western Cape with the intention of attacking farmers in the province over the Christmas period.

Farmers were told that persons with "shady motives" were travelling to farms on the pretext of buying animals for slaughter over Christmas, but were actually gathering intelligence on potential targets.

In reaction to the policeman's briefing, Boland Assistant Commissioner Callie Westraat issued a statement last week saying the information was "unconfirmed".

"The information was disseminated internally via police communication lines with a view to further gathering of information and investigation of the rumours," he said.

He said the officer had released the information to warn the community and although the warning was premature, the aim was to enable farmers to take preventive action and not to cause unnecessary panic.

Westraat confirmed this week that the rumours were being investigated.

Mr Frik Bosman, executive manager of Agriculture Western Cape, said that while there was not yet a "co-ordinated onslaught" against rural communities in the province, "the possibility indeed exists".

"We are very worried that that sort of onslaught can spread to the Western Cape," he said.

Bosman said that in the Western Cape, agricultural associations had been warned to be on the lookout for suspicious people and to share information with the police.

Also, rural communities were being encouraged to become involved in farm watches or the local commando system.

"There are some areas where these two systems function very well ... but there are places where there is room for improvement," he said.

Workshops were also being planned for the near future, at which a comprehensive rural safety plan would be formulated, he said.

"We don't want a single life lost," Bosman said, emphasising the need for participation by farmers and workers for the tighter security measures to be effective.

A senior police spokesperson yesterday confirmed that moves were afoot to "sharpen" the farm watch and commando systems, and that Operation Recoil — a mainly Cape Flats-based crime prevention effort — would be extended to rural areas.

PAC spokesperson Mr Mike Muedane said it was unlikely that former Apla members were involved in the Free State attacks as they had either been integrated into the South African National Defence Force or been paid severance packages — and therefore had no reason to be disgruntled with their lot. "If there are such people involved, then they are 100% mischievous."

● The PAC is to host a conference of political parties and farmers in Pretoria today to discuss the crime wave in rural areas.

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# Pagad's leading lady out

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ASHLEY SMITH

The national secretary of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad), Abeeda Roberts, 40, has been released on R3 000 bail.

The mother of four appeared briefly in the Cape Town Magistrate's Court yesterday after she had been arrested during Tuesday's pre-dawn raid on her Cape Town home.

Police searching for firearms, explosives and ammunition, allegedly found a "top secret" intelligence report during the raid.

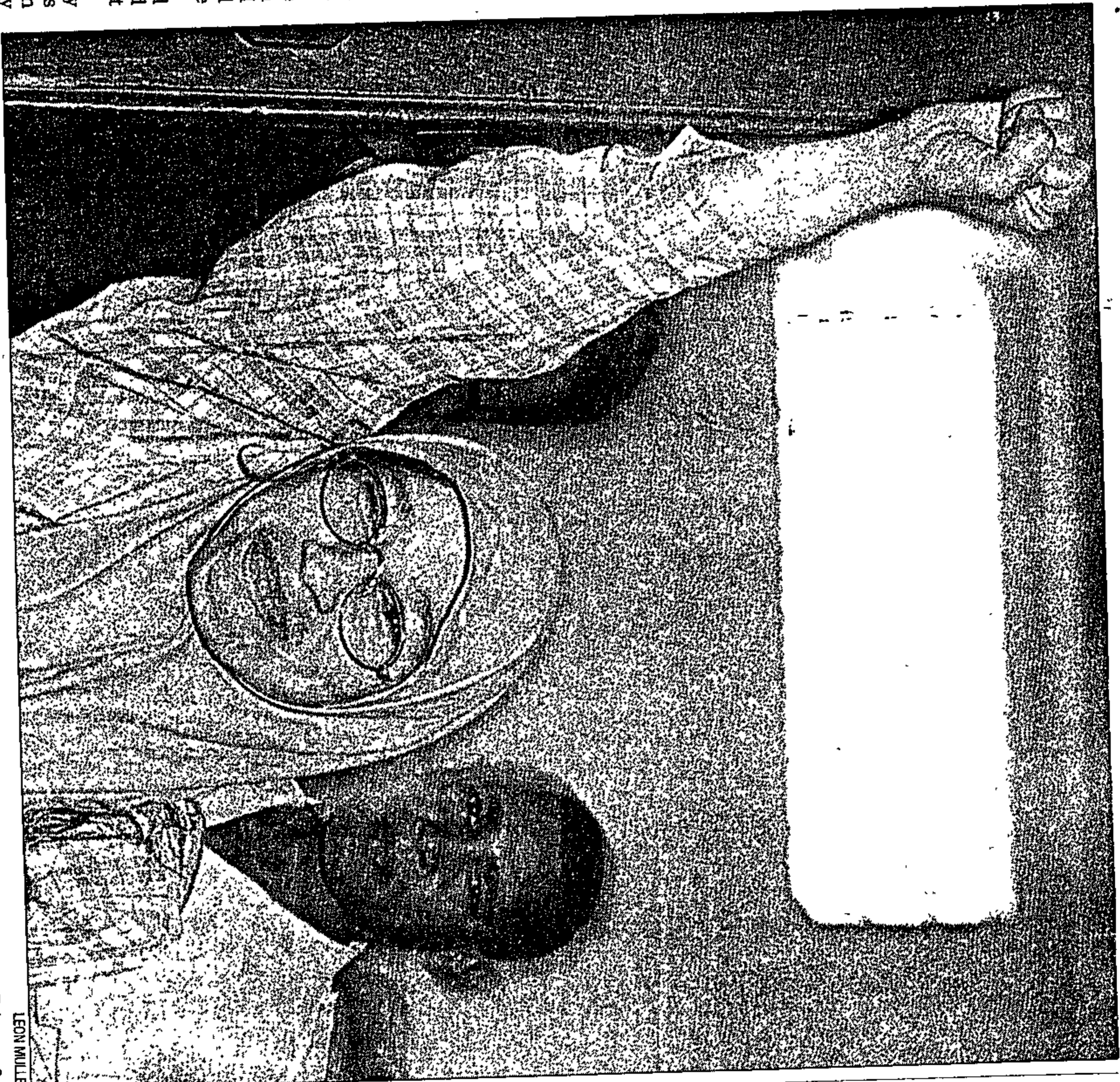
Magistrate Gerard Olwage set bail at R3 000 and warned Ms Roberts that she had to report to the Woodstock police station every Monday and Thursday between 6pm and 8pm.

As Ms Roberts emerged from the holding cells below the courtroom before the start of yesterday's bail hearing, a group of about 50 Pagad supporters chanted: "We fear no one but Allah" and "Viva Pagad."

After Ms Roberts was granted bail, scores of supporters hoisted anti-drug placards outside the court and shouted: "Allah is great."

The secret document allegedly seized in her home forms the minutes of a Cabinet committee meeting on intelligence and security chaired by President Mandela in August last year, when the Government examined the rise of Pagad and its possible links to other international militant Islamic organisations.

Police spokesman Wicus Holtz-



LEON MILLER

Trail date set: Pagad national secretary Abeeda Roberts waves to supporters after being on bail. Her trial is due to start on February 3. Hausen said Ms Roberts would face charges in terms of the 1982 Internal Security Act which makes it an offence to be in possession of secret State documents. The case was postponed to February 3 for trial. Adiel Theunissen appeared for Ms Roberts and Jacques Odendaal for the State.



# Police 'going all out' on train crime

## More than 200 officers hit the tracks for festive season

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**NORMAN JOSEPH**  
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More than 200 crime-busters are preparing to clamp down heavily on criminals who prey on train commuters travelling on the Peninsula's 680 scheduled daily trains these holidays.

Crime officer Craig Shawe said members of the Peninsula police rail commuter unit were "going all out" to safeguard holidaymakers against crime on the trains.

And he called on commuters to back the police effort by reporting anything suspicious to unit members or police generally.

Captain Shawe said that of the 240 unit members, only 20 were allowed to take annual leave this month.

The remaining officers would work long hours, lots of overtime and operate in four teams on trains and platforms from this week.

Each team, headed by a senior officer, would work according to a train

timetable. They would police lines to and from the southern suburbs line, northern suburbs and Kapteinsklip on the Mitchell's Plain line.

Suspects arrested for serious crimes on trains would be locked up overnight.

Apart from crime prevention operations, unit members would promote the provincial anti-crime project Stamp Out Crime In The Region Of The Vine by handing out hundreds of pamphlets to commuters.

Crime figures show that the unit

has recorded one case more for November and the first week in December compared to the same period last year.

The unit's onslaught against crime began last week when members arrested seven suspects in a crime swoop on trains.

Four people were arrested for possession of dagga, one for being in possession of suspected stolen goods, one for robbery and one for pointing a gun while under the influence of alcohol. Captain Shawe said the unit had

arrested 81 suspects for serious crimes between the beginning of November and December 7.

Unit community relations officer Willie Huseelman said: "Of course we will not be able to be on all trains and that is why we are calling on commuters to help us in curbing crime."

The police have a rail commuter unit on Cape Town station's Platform 1 and at Phillipi station. Captain Shawe appealed to commuters to report crime at these charge offices or to call police on 405 5111.

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# Outspoken denouncement of 'cowardly' bomb agenda

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'Not a normal crime but urban terrorism'

WESTERN Cape Premier Gerald Morkel said on Friday he was starting to wonder whether a "force with a hidden agenda" could be responsible for the spate of bombings in the province.

Morkel, who visited the scene of the car bomb blast at Cape Town's Victoria and Alfred Waterfront on Friday night, said he was very thankful that no people were maimed or killed. "Judging by the damage caused to the cars it must have been a powerful bomb," he said.

"When people are celebrating the festive season, I question this cowardly act and I'm starting to wonder whether what has happened here tonight was really done by the people police suspect or whether there is another force with a hidden agenda."

According to Morkel, there could be a force with a hidden agenda which wanted to create a perception of chaos and a lack of law and order in the Western Cape.

Morkel said forensic experts from Pretoria would fly to Cape Town to try to establish whether the bomb could be linked to other bombings in the Western Cape.

A FRIDAY'S car bomb blast at the Waterfront was a cowardly deed, designed to damage the country's tourism industry and main and instil fear in innocent people, the Democratic Party said yesterday.

"No community can allow such faceless and evil people to intimidate them. This attack, like others during the past months, was not a case of normal crime but of urban terrorism," said DP Western Cape leader, Hennie Bester.

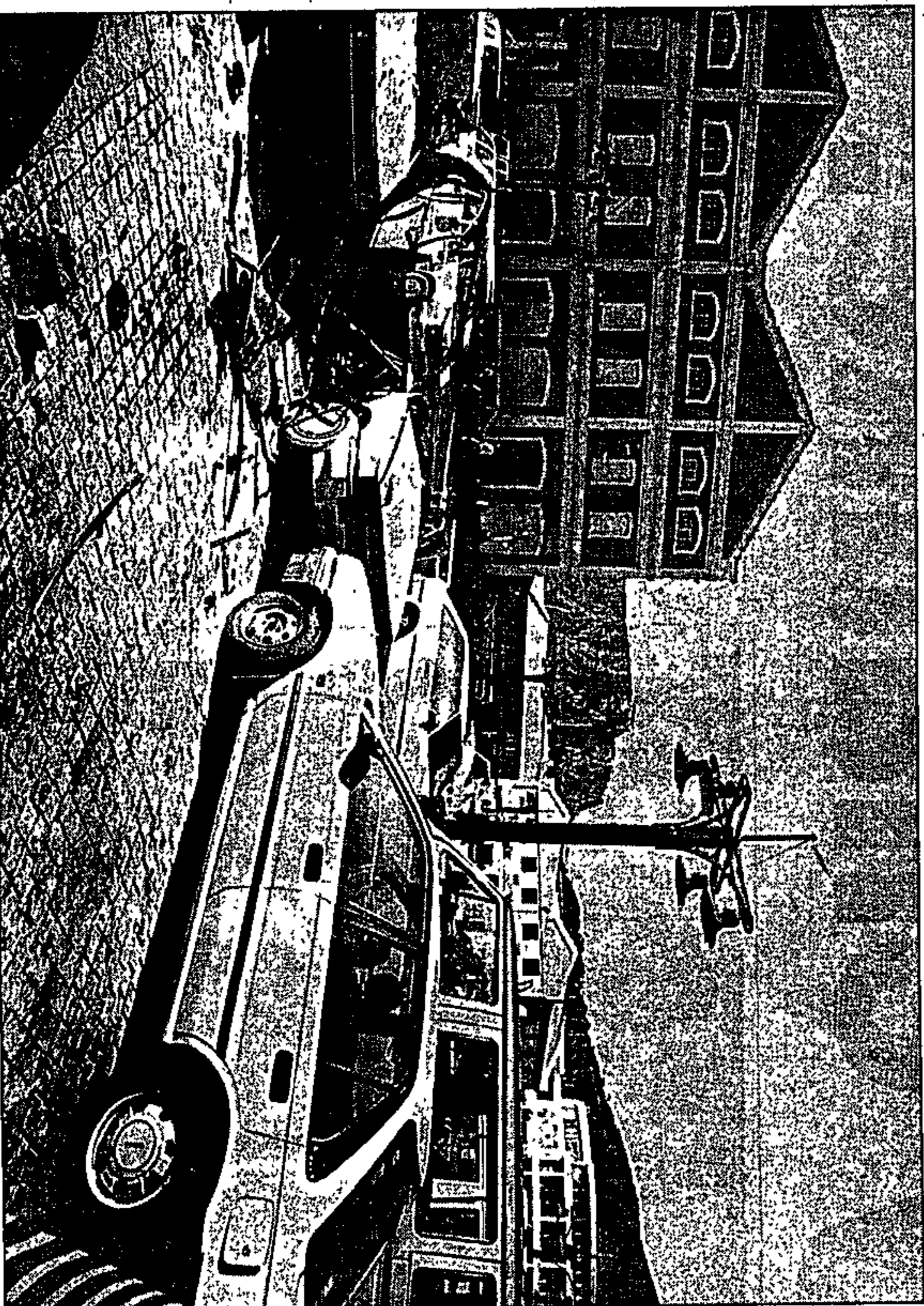
Bester, who is also the province's Business Promotion and Tourism MEC, urged the central government to begin implementing its anti-terrorism policy to curb further attacks.

Three people were injured when a car bomb exploded in a parking bay in front of the Victoria Wharf at Cape Town's Waterfront on Friday night.

Police spokeswoman Captain Anine de Beer said a bomb went off in a Toyota Corolla shortly after 7 pm. Three other cars were damaged.

Alan Tyles (25) of Akasia, near Pretoria, who was on holiday was treated at the scene for cuts to his hands and neck. Police said he did not need hospitalisation.

Two other people in the vicinity were treated for shock. - Sapa



TOURISM TERMINATOR... Cape Town's Waterfront is becoming a destination no-go for tourists.

**T**HE Western Cape is "out of control" and will soon be more violent than KwaZulu-Natal, a senior policeman seconded to the Safety and Security Secretariat said yesterday.

Reacting to the New Year's Day car bomb which slightly injured two people at Cape Town's crowded V&A Waterfront, Assistant Director Base Basson, who has been assigned to investigate gang violence in the province, said: "With the election this whole thing is going to escalate. It's going to become far worse than KwaZulu-Natal." He said the Western Cape differed

## 'Miracle' no one killed as cars buffer bomb

BOBBY JORDAN

CARS parked around the New Year's Day bomb probably saved people from being killed or maimed, according to the V&A Waterfront's head of security, Dan Cloete.

The brunt of the blast was absorbed by the cars on either side of the bomb vehicle, a white Corolla stolen on December 30.

Cloete said it was a "miracle" no one was seriously hurt. About 70 000 people had entered the Waterfront by 7pm, when the explosion went off about 50m from the main entrance, usually a bottleneck of activity.

Cloete said a light drizzle at the time had kept most people inside the main complex.

There would normally have been far more people milling around outside.

A senior member of the Cape Town bomb-disposal unit, who wished to remain anonymous, said he was surprised no one was killed given the size of the bomb: "It wasn't just a little home-made pipe-bomb — more along the lines of a limpet mine."

The large number of people cramming the Waterfront on one of the year's busiest evenings made it impossible to conduct thorough security screening, Cloete said.

"We average 100 000 visitors per day — that's about 50 000 cars a day. It would be chaos if we had to do full access control on every vehicle."

Some witnesses said security officers were "confused" and unsure of what to do after the blast — filmgoers were ushered out of a cinema but then told they could return as it was a hoax.

Police are offering a reward of up to R50 000 for information leading to a conviction.

from KwaZulu-Natal because whole communities appeared to rally in support of acts of violence.

He said bombings, grenade attacks, inter-gang violence and attacks by anti-gang groupings had escalated to such an extent that the province was descending into "a total orgy of violence".

Police spokeswoman Captain Anine de Beer said there were 667 attacks in Cape Town last year, with the anti-crime vigilante group Pagad blamed for 188 and gangs for 479. Twenty-eight Pagad and 148 gang suspects had been arrested.

She said forensic experts were still examining security video footage yesterday evening.

"The motive is still unknown. We haven't yet got a face or a name."

Western Cape Premier Gerald Morkel, who visited the bomb scene on Friday night, sparked a war of words with the province's ANC leader, Ebrahim Rasool, when he speculated that a "force with a hidden agenda" wanted to create a perception that there was chaos and a lack of law and order in the Western Cape.

"The province should be given policing powers and the budget that goes with that to allow it to look after the safety of its people," he said.

Rasool said the ANC was tired of Morkel's excuses and "once again, the premier has chosen to blame central government".

"By referring to a sinister force, Mr Morkel is running away from a chaotic situation in the Western Cape police stemming from the NP's failure to transform police management, to get rid of racism and deploy resources where they are needed most," said Rasool, who was spotted shopping at the Waterfront with his family yesterday "to make a point".

"The public should refuse to be intimidated by the bombers' actions," he said.

No one had claimed responsibility for the blast at the time of going to press.

Western Cape DP leader and provincial tourism minister Hennie Bester said "the time has come for provincial and national government to join hands to resist this evil wave of bombings".

Pagad described the blast as senseless.

RAY HARTLEY, BOBBY JORDAN and JANET HEARD

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# Grim warning after Cape blast



Under arrest: police battle to detain protesters outside the American Embassy. Police also struggled to prevent angry demonstrators from trying to free their arrested colleagues. The leaders of Muslims Against Global Oppression are to be charged with attempted murder after five ammunition was fired at police

# Demo leaders charged with attempted murder

## Muslim group vows to continue protests after Foreshore clashes

BEAUREGARD TROUP AND CAMILLA BIRCHALL  
Staff Reporters

The entire leadership of Muslims Against Global Oppression (Mago) will be charged with attempted murder after shots were fired at a police vehicle during an illegal gathering at the United States diplomatic mission in Cape Town.

The organisation was demonstrating yesterday against British Prime Minister Tony Blair's visit to South Africa.

Police have laid a charge of attempted murder against the leadership. Spokesman André Traut said because "it has to take responsibility for the actions of its members".

Captain Traut added: "There are bullet holes in one of the police vehicles, but the police did not use sharp-point ammunition at all."

"Three people in possession of firearms were arrested after the march. In addition to the five arrested during the illegal gathering."

Mago assistant co-ordinator Moein Achmat, the leader of Muslims Against Illegitimate Leaders, Abdulragman Khan, and Gasant Safodien, Raahad Toefy and Yagoub Jacobs were arrested and charged with taking part in an illegal gathering.

The Foreshore resembled an urban war zone yesterday afternoon as Mago members clashed with police outside the American embassy.

Police fired three stun grenades to force the protesters to disperse, leaving many in the city centre believing

that a bomb had exploded.

In the pandemonium after the blasts, two protesters were wrestled to the ground by about 10 policemen and put into police vehicles. Stones and sticks rained down on police seeking cover behind a Casspir.

Police outnumbered the group of about 50 protesters, who were earlier part of a 300-strong crowd that gathered at the District Six mosque while their leaders negotiated for permission to stage the march.

City of Cape Town spokeswoman

Leonora de Souza said that although the organisation claimed it had applied for permission, the council had not received a formal application. She said an emergency meeting was called yesterday at which Mago was invited to make an application.

Ms De Souza said the police opposed the march, saying it would be a threat to public safety and the embassy. The council had met the organisation but its representatives had failed to return to the talks after lunch.

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Directly after the embassy demonstration, the protesters moved in convoy to Parliament, where American and British flags were burned and speakers addressed the crowd.

"As South Africans we should be at the forefront of the battle against oppression," said one speaker, his face covered by a checked scarf.

"How can we welcome someone who has killed innocent civilians and children in Iraq?"

The protesters then made their way to Sea Point police station, where

the arrested men were held overnight. In a statement to the media, Mago secretary Nurtha Safodien said: "We will not be deterred in our struggle against global oppression and will continue with our protest programme."

The organisation declined to comment on the implications of its leaders' attempted murder charges. It said it would continue to disrupt Mr Blair's visit. The British prime minister declined to comment on yesterday's incidents.

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# Mufamadi to seize control of Cape cops

Mbeki says local police have failed to curb violence

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RAY HARTLEY

SAFETY and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi and a team from police headquarters in Pretoria are to take charge of policing in the Western Cape because the province's police leadership has failed to curb violence, Deputy President Thabo Mbeki announced yesterday.

Addressing the ANC's 87th birthday rally at a packed Athlone Stadium yesterday afternoon, Mbeki said the proposal had been agreed to by police in the Western Cape and at national headquarters. Senior policemen were unanimous on the Western Cape police's failure to bring criminals and gangsters to book, he said.

"They have agreed that the minister and national police officers must lead the fight against crime in the Western Cape."

Mbeki had earlier visited the Surrey Estate family of four-year-old Sedicka Hendricks, who was shot dead in a drive-by killing last year, telling them the national government would step in to deal with crime.

Mbeki's statement follows a warning by Base Basson, assistant director of the Safety and Security Secretariat, in the Sunday Times last week that violence in the province was spinning out of control. There have not been any convictions for the 667 gang- and Pagad-related attacks during 1998.

Mbeki also used his speech to lash out at vigilante group Pagad, although he did not mention it by name. "There is nobody who has been appointed by God to be a crime fighter above everybody else," he said.

"There are people who have constituted themselves into vigilante groups in this province. They have decided to take the law into their own hands, to kill people, to burn houses and to bomb shops.

"When they kill someone, they think it is justified. They think it's okay to burn houses," he said.

Mbeki spoke out against those who had prevented Western Cape ANC leader Ebrahim Rasool from speaking to a Muslim audience last year, saying: "Nobody has the right to say that

Rasool cannot enter a mosque to talk to the people. We will not allow that anybody should stop anybody from talking to the people."

Mbeki said the police also had to deal with the high incidence of violence against women, rape and abuse in the province.

The ANC pulled out all the stops for yesterday's birthday.

The celebrations at the stadium continued for eight hours, with many people arriving in buses from surrounding areas and from as far afield as the Overberg region and the Karoo.

Security was beefed up in the wake of the recent bombings in Cape Town and the demonstrations against the visit by British Prime Minister Tony Blair. ANC national security co-ordinator Bongani Zondi said 270 police and 210 marshals had been deployed.

Strong crowd-pullers included the bands Trans.sky, Prophets of da City, Jimmy Dluolu, TK Zee and Ringo, who enticed Mbeki onto the stage to jive after he had finished his speech.

● Additional reporting by JANET HEARD and NATALIE KAMMIES

# Muslims threaten to make SA ungovernable

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Cape Town - Muslim groups have warned that should the anti-Blair protester who was critically injured at the Castle on Friday die, the country would become "ungovernable".

A hospital spokesperson today confirmed that Yusuf Jacobs (22) was still in a critical condition after he was shot in the temple on Friday.

Waterfront security was beefed up yesterday as supporters, members of Muslims Against Global Oppression (Mago) and People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad), gathered at the entrance to the tourist attraction to protest against police brutality.

All access to the area was blocked off.

Speaking at the picket, Pagad chief of security Salie Abader warned that "if the brother in hospital should die, the country will become ungovernable".

Abader, who was also injured at the protest, appears in court today on a charge of attending an illegal gathering. He was being held at the Sea Point police station and was released on R1 000 bail on Saturday night.

Yesterday chanting crowds carried placards that read "Investigate crime, not Pagad", "SAPS sucks" and "Down with SAPS Brutality".

Spokesperson for Muslims Against Global Oppression, Mogamat

Abdullah Salih, said: "We are protesting against the recent brutality towards our supporters by the police. These clashes emanated from a no-warning attack on protesters. Today's protest is a combined effort by Mago and Pagad, because the police brutality has affected members from both groups.

"We are living in the new South Africa, but we've got apartheid-era policing," he added.

Salih said community emotions were running high after violent clashes between the two groups and the police on

## Wounded protester in critical condition

Thursday and Friday during a protest against British Prime Minister Tony Blair's visit.

And while Pagad and Mago were protesting, the police set up stringent security checks at the entrances to the Waterfront, denying Muslims access to the area.

"Most of our membership comes from the Muslim community, so all Muslims are being refused entry to the Waterfront.

"It is with disgust that we've learned of this blatant discrimination based on religious beliefs," said Salih.  
Own Correspondent

# Mbeki identifies crime as top issue

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## Call to Mufamadi and Fivaz to intervene personally

Wyndham Hartley

CAPE TOWN — Deputy President Thabo Mbeki has identified crime as the main issue in the election battle for the Western Cape but has drawn the ire of the ruling New National Party (NNP) in the province for using African National Congress (ANC) birthday rallies as a forum for making announcements on crime.

Mbeki, in the ANC's 87th birthday message on Friday, and again in a speech to a birthday rally in Athlone on Saturday, castigated criminals and called on national police commissioner George Fivaz and Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi to intervene personally to halt crime in the Western Cape.

There have been heated political exchanges between the NNP and the ANC over crime in the province, particularly after two bombs were placed at the Waterfront, with the two parties accusing each other of failing to act on crime.

Western Cape community safety MEC Mark Wiley, responding to Mbeki yesterday, said that policing was a central government responsibility and all resourcing stemmed from that quarter, whether for national or provincial functions.

"Therefore I welcome the announcement by ... Mbeki that the ANC government is finally to take responsibility for the crime situation in the Western Cape." He said letters and appeals to President Nelson Mandela and Mufamadi had drawn little response in the past.

"What is regrettable is the manner in which Mr Mbeki, the president of the ANC, has seen fit to handle the matter. Making dramatic announcements at emotional political rallies is not conducive to co-operative governance," Wiley said. This was particularly so when Mbeki's speech came in the wake of concentrated

propaganda from ANC Western Cape leader Ebrahim Rasool.

He urged Mbeki to speak harshly to his provincial colleagues who "are more interested in cynically misleading the public and distorting the facts than genuinely wanting to tackle the crime situation".

Mbeki, lashed out also at People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) without actually naming the organisation. He told the Athlone rally that nobody had been appointed by God to fight crime. Those who had formed vigilante groups and had ended up taking the law into their own hands were not the only ones who cared about crime, Mbeki said.

He attacked opposition parties, and particularly the NNP, by saying the people of the province had made a serious error in 1994. He accused opposition parties of being anti-transformation and said that the ANC was the enemy before the election and still was.

In a move which could strike a sympathetic chord with non-ANC supporters, Mbeki called on all South Africans to support the national cricket and rugby teams so that both could return home world champions in the near future. His statement follows exchanges between Sports Minister Steve Tshwete and the United Cricket Board over too-white teams.

The ANC leader also re-opened the amnesty debate with an oblique reference to not allowing the past to harm the future. "We will have to continue to pay particular attention to the question of amnesty, so that we do not tear the country apart and drive it back into conflict by seeking to exact retribution for actions which belong to a past which cannot be undone," Mbeki said. Mbeki appeared to be preparing the ground for some further deal on amnesty for those who did not apply before the deadline expired.



# Parties bicker over 'urban terrorism' (AF)

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**WHILE CRIME AND** urban terrorism continue to chew chunks out of the lives of people in the Western Cape, the issue has become a political football which political parties are likely to continue to exploit before this year's election. **KARIN SCHIMKE reports.**

**T**HE escalation of crime in the Western Cape is seeing a parallel escalation in political posturing on who is responsible for the safety of the province's citizens. ANC president Thabo Mbeki announced this weekend that he had requested "national intervention" in the Western Cape, which has been plagued by urban terrorism over the past year. The bonafides of his statement have been questioned by political parties and other commentators.

Keith Benjamin, an executive committee member of the Western Cape Anti-Crime Forum, said: "That statement was an obvious political ploy. We have been asking for almost a year for the central government to help us do something. Suddenly now they respond just before election."

"At the same time the provincial government and (Community Safety MEC) Mark Willey have not shown a real political will to tackle crime. Everyone keeps passing the buck."

Last year, every debate around increasing crime in this province was accompanied by finger-pointing. The provincial ANC blames the provincial government, which in turn blames the central government. The New National Party-led provincial government has asked for the provinces to be given more and better powers to address the situation. The ANC holds that sluggish transformation of the police service and an unfair spread of police resources to predominantly white areas are the issues to which the provincial government has not applied its energy.

Now the provincial government is considering appointing a provincial judicial commission of inquiry into the capacity and resources the police have to fulfil their mandate. Willey said yesterday the first

order of business on the provincial cabinet's agenda this year would be a proposal to set up a commission of inquiry. This request was made to President Nelson Mandela by Willey and his cabinet colleague Peter Marais when they met with him towards the end of last year, but Willey said it was turned down.

"Perhaps a commission of inquiry would put to bed this bickering and fighting between the parties about who is to blame for the crime in the province," Willey said. When Mbeki was in the Western Cape this weekend he was extensively briefed by executive members of his party in the province, who emphasised the crime issue.

Mbeki's subsequent statement at an ANC birthday rally on Saturday that he was calling on Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi to intervene caused confusion about what was meant. National Police Commissioner George Fivaz said a wrong perception had been created that the command structure of the police in the province would be replaced by senior officers from head office.

There was ongoing consultation and liaison between provincial and national police structures and he (Fivaz) remained responsible for national policing, he said. "Certain crime, crime trends and developments ... in and around parts of the Cape Peninsula are of national and international importance. An example is urban terrorism. It is therefore in the national interest to employ all possible measures and resources to curb such crime tendencies."

Fivaz said he was now reassessing the capacity and structure of the Western Cape police to deal specifically with urban terrorism and related violent crime and unrest. Deputy National Police Com-

missioner Mike Bester and Divisional Commissioners André Pius and Manie Schoeman have been called in to "personally assist" Fivaz, but he did not give further details of the exact plans. He said the idea was to allow the Western Cape police to continue with ordinary policing duties, "which is extremely difficult under the present circumstances".

Antoinette Louw, head of crime, policing and prevention at the Institute for Security Studies, said yesterday that national intervention was neither surprising, nor unprecedented. In KwaZulu-Natal, for instance, a police station was closed down when the situation in Richmond became untenable.

"Until the election we're bound to see this kind of thing happening all parties by putting political heat on the crime issue."

"There is a lot to be gained by all parties by putting political heat on the crime issue."

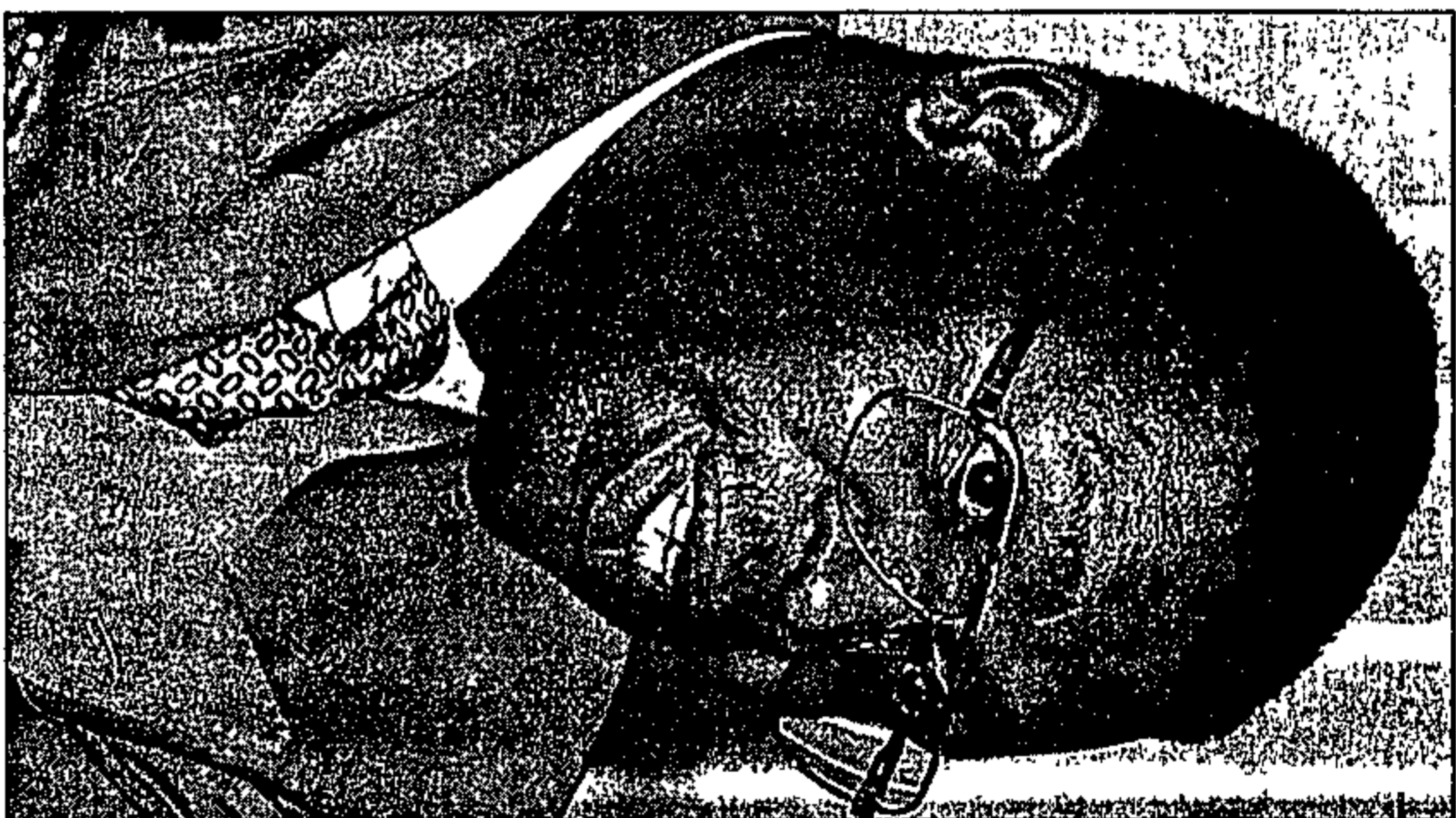
She said national intervention would probably mean a shifting of priorities within the police, for which political stimulus was needed.

"Urban terrorism requires special investigative techniques, high-tech equipment and lots of money," Louw said. "If the police shift their priorities in line with that, then national intervention is not necessarily a bad thing."

On the issue of blame for the perceived inaction of the provincial police, Louw commented: "It's incorrect to put all the blame on the MEC, because his powers are extremely limited, but that does not absolve him completely."

"The MEC must be aware of the problems in the province and be able to give a civilian overview of them to the national minister. The MEC is a police watchdog."

Provincial ANC leader Ebrahim Rasool said: "Anyone who believes the timing of (Mbeki's) statement is cynical, must have been on holiday during the festive season. We are bearing the brunt of increasingly sophisticated levels of terrorism and that became clear over the New Year weekend."



**CONFESSION:** Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi was called on to intervene by ANC president Thabo Mbeki.



**FIRST PRIORITY:** Community Safety MEC Mark Willey is hoping for a commission of inquiry into the police force.

## Brutality probe in Blair protests

**RHODA DAVIDS**

**T**HE Independent Complaints Directorate (ICD) is to investigate claims of police brutality at two demonstrations against British Prime Minister Tony Blair in the city last week.

"We will be conducting extensive investigations into last week's shootings. At this stage we are still gathering all the information needed," said ICD director Riaz Saloojee.

Five people were arrested on Thursday and were charged with attempted murder for allegedly firing shots at a police vehicle, as well as gathering illegally and for public violence, during a protest outside the US embassy. Three more were arrested for being in illegal possession of firearms.

Police spokesperson Wicus Holzhausen said yesterday that the state has temporarily withdrawn the charges against Rashad Toefy, Yagoub Jacobs, Gasant Salodien, Abkurgmann Khan and

Murain Achmat until video footage of the demonstration can be viewed.

At the Castle on Friday, police fired rubber bullets at protesters who failed to heed a warning to disperse. Five people were injured, including Pagan member Yusuf Jacobs, 22, who was shot in the temple and critically injured.

Reports claim that birdshot was also used, but yesterday Holzhausen denied this.

"The routine the police uses for crowd control in the case of illegal gatherings is firstly verbal warnings, followed by a five-minute allowance to disperse. This is followed by sun grenades, which only give a loud bang and cannot harm anyone, (and only) then rubber bullets are fired."

"Rubber bullets are shot toward the ground but unfortunately they ricochet and it is that what causes injuries. Unfortunately Jacobs was hit on the side of his head, which is one of the softest parts of the head," said Holzhausen.

He added that it would be a pity if the organisations involved retaliated in the way they said they would, if Jacobs were to die — by making the country ungovernable.

This threat was made at a demonstration against the alleged police brutality outside the Waterfront on Sunday. Meanwhile, Groote Schuur Hospital spokesperson Phillipa Johnson said Jacobs' condition was still critical.

Johnson explained why the person who the organisation claimed was Jacobs' doctor has been denied access to see him. "The person in question could not produce any form of identification and he could not even name the patient that he was coming to see."

"We cannot allow anyone who claims they are doctors into the hospital," said Johnson. Johnson said the hospital was not disposed to their doctors working alongside a patient's personal doctor.

# Police to take drastic steps to tackle Western Cape terrorism

Police were investigating "extraordinary" legislation to counter urban terrorism in the Western Cape, it was announced yesterday.

Special units, including reaction groups and the Special Task Force, moved into the province yesterday to counter terrorism and related crimes by vigilante groups and gangs.

The intelligence-driven "Operation Good Hope" would cost R4,3-million a month and would be a continuation of "Operation Recoil", Police Commissioner George Fivaz said.

He added legislation to curb terrorism would be similar to Northern Ireland and Russia, including the possible banning of vigilante groups and gangs.

Constitutional obligations, which outlawed detention without trial, would be considered.

Operations by police would be implemented in co-operation with the defence force.

■ A 25-year-old Cape Town man, arrested yesterday in connection with a spate of bomb scares at Cape Town's Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, said he

had planted the bomb which exploded on January 1.

Superintendent Wicus Holtzhausen said: "We are investigating the man's claims. No firm arrest has yet been made in connection with the Waterfront blast." - Staff Reporter

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POLICE ON ALERT

# City tense as Pagad buries

## Blair protester

ET 13/1/99

(E5)

THE CITY remains tense following the funeral yesterday of Pagad supporter Yusuf Jacobs, who died in Groote Schuur Hospital after being hit by a rubber bullet while taking part in an illegal demonstration on Friday. Reports by **JUDY DAMON, RHODA DAVIDS, MOTSHIDISI MOKWENA, MICHELE HARTOG and DAN SIMON.**

**P**OLICE, on edge following violent clashes with protesters last week and the death early yesterday of Pagad supporter Yusuf Jacobs, last night said they were ready to "react accordingly at the first sight of trouble".

Although Pagad's "chief of security", Salie Abader had earlier in the day apologised for statements at the weekend that the vigilante group would declare war on the state and render South Africa ungovernable should Jacobs die, police were taking no chances.

Last night every available policeman was on full alert, off-duty police were placed on standby, detectives and intelligence officers were put on patrol and additional SANDF reinforcements were called in to keep the stormy Western Cape "stable", police spokespersons said.

And security measures are to be stepped up around Western Cape ANC leader Ebrahim Rasool, who this week became the target of anonymous graffiti death threats in Rylands and Athlone.

The funeral of Jacobs, 24, held in accordance with Muslim custom before sunset on the day of his death, was marked by an illegal 21-gun salute from masked gunmen, but otherwise went off peacefully.

Mourners gathered at the Lansdowne home of Pagad "chief co-ordinator" Abdoo-Salam Ebrahim before moving to a rally at Athlone's City Park Stadium and then on to the Mowbray Cemetery, where Jacobs' remains were interred late yesterday afternoon.

Police helicopters hovered over the funeral procession and armoured vehicles kept a low profile, while heavily-armed security forces concentrated their efforts on conducting random roadblocks.

Yesterday police also searched the home of late Pagad member Kiyam Benjamin in Belgravia Road, Athlone for suspected weapons and bombs. Benjamin was killed in a picket against "police brutality" on Sunday. He said at the time he had been extremely emotional and had echoed the feeling of the crowd. He said that Pagad was prepared to co-operate with "the good cops" — and that it would leave all investigations up to "professionals" and the Internal Complaints Directorate, which is investigating a charge of police brutality.

Similar threats from Muslims Against Global Oppression and Muslims Against Illegitimate Leaders have not been retracted. Police spokesperson Wilcois Holtzhausen confirmed that the pistol salute fired in honour of Jacobs at Athlone's City Park Stadium was illegal, but police had decided not to act because there were too few policemen at the scene, and because police had not wanted to provoke a confrontation. Meanwhile, Rasool confirmed that on Monday night the message "Kill Ebrahim Rasool" was spray-painted on walls at four places.

"It's a simple instruction which I think follows on the type of campaign levelled against me as an 'illegitimate leader' and from Pagad who called me a 'political gangster'," said Rasool.

Rasool said that as far as he knew, the messages were unsigned. "But the comments are ... attributable to the leadership of Pagad and Mail."

"Although the graffiti has no name, its sentiments are the same."



**LAST RITES:** Sheikh Abduraglem Abduroof (top) recites the last prayers at the Mowbray Cemetery graveside of Pagad supporter Yusuf Jacobs after a 21-gun salute by masked gunmen (above) ended the funeral ceremonies at the City Park Stadium in Athlone yesterday. Yaqoob Jacobs (right), Yusuf Jacobs' 24-year-old twin brother, wept openly at the graveside. PICTURES: MUJIBHID SARODIEN

# Pagad cops get the boot

## *Daniels heads new operation*

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**JOSEPH ARANES**  
STAFF REPORTER

The police unit investigating Pagad-related offences will be disbanded in the next few days, when West Metropole area commissioner Ganief Daniels takes over the new Operation Good Hope.

Commissioner George Fivaz yesterday announced the new police strategy, to be co-ordinated at a national level, to fight urban terrorism in the Western Cape.

Operation Good Hope will mean extra police, money and equipment being poured into the province at a cost of around R4,3-million a month.

It kicked off with the deployment of more police at the V&A Waterfront yesterday, and an order to police units throughout the country to supply reinforcements.

Commissioner Fivaz said police legal teams were also examining extraordinary draft legislation against urban terrorism that might include the banning of certain non-political organisations. "We really want to get this thing under control," he said.

Last night he phoned Commissioner



**New order:** Ganief Daniels, left, and George Fivaz

Daniels to give him the news that he would head the operation.

Commissioner Daniels said although he was waiting for a full briefing, one of his first tasks would be to disband the present Pagad task team, as it was clear that the unit had not come to grips with the situation during more than two years of operation.

"We will look at a totally new approach with more resources, both personnel and

material, to fight this scourge of urban terrorism and crime.

"People's confidence in the police is low and now that there is a clear political will - from Deputy President Thabo Mbeki and Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi, and from the side of the police - we must make a success of this latest approach to combat crime in the province."

Commissioner Daniels said he would assemble another team of hand-picked detectives to probe various allegations and to investigate the pile of unsolved crimes.

"Some of the present investigators will come on board, but we will also use the expertise made available by the national office. More emphasis will be placed on the use of crime intelligence."

The commissioner said Operation Good Hope was an opportunity to prove black officers could be successful in fighting crime.

Mr Fivaz said a crime summit, similar to the farmers' summit on security, would be held with various community leaders and roleplayers in the province to help fine-tune the operation and to get their support for the new initiative.

# New unit to fight terrorism

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Police launch massive operation, to be funded by a special budget, to combat Cape Town attacks

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Jonny Steinberg

POLICE are to launch a massive anti-terrorism operation in Cape Town, controlled by police headquarters in Pretoria, in a bid to improve the disastrous track record of provincial law enforcement authorities.

Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi has also instructed police commissioner George Fivaz to set up a special legal team to look into extraordinary legislation to fight urban terrorism. Cape Town has been plagued by pipe bomb attacks, gang violence and vigilante actions.

Mufamadi will ask President Nelson Mandela to appoint a judicial inquest into the death of Yusuf Jacobs, who died yesterday after being shot by a police rubber bullet during a demonstration in Cape Town on Friday. Jacobs' funeral took place peacefully yesterday, despite fears of violence, after People Against Gangsterism and Drugs urged mourners to uphold the strictest discipline and refrain from shooting guns at all costs.

Fivaz played down yesterday the sidelining of the Western Cape police command, stressing that fighting urban terrorism was a national rather than a provincial function.

Billed as a move to "supplement" the Western Cape command structure, the anti-terrorism operation will bring senior police officers to Cape Town to take joint control of detection, intelligence, public order policing and rapid response units. Detectives and uniformed policemen will be drafted from around the country.

Dubbed "Operation Good Hope", the campaign will be headed by divisional commissioner Andre Pruis, deputy national commissioner Mike Bester and Western Cape commissioner Leon Wesels. It will cost R4,3m a month and will be funded by a special budget.

Congress spokesman Cameron Dugmore

said that while his organisation welcomed the move, the policing crisis in the province would not abate until the police's Western Cape command structure was "rapidly transformed".

Neither the National Party provincial leadership nor the provincial police command has the political will to tackle urban terrorism, Dugmore said. "As long as 90% of senior police management is drawn from the old guard, the residents of the Cape Flats will not have confidence in the police."

Western Cape community safety MEC Mark Willey welcomed Fivaz's announcement.

"The police can be assured of the support of the Western Cape government in the fight against urban terrorism and crime. It will do everything to ensure that the measures are successfully implemented," he said.

A senior government official said government would seriously consider special legislation to fight terrorism, but amending the constitution was "unthinkable".



Police commissioner George Fivaz, left, announced the launch yesterday of a massive operation to fight urban terrorism in Cape Town. Large numbers of detectives and uniformed policemen from around the country will be drafted into the Cape Town campaign.

Picture: ROBERT BOTHA

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"This is a one-off project, targeted specifically at Cape Town terrorism and not any other sort of crime. The problem is that we are dealing with professional, tightly knit paramilitary structures. The only acceptable purpose of special legis-

lation would be to penetrate, hamper and dismantle those structures. The legislation must be narrow, carefully targeted and very carefully explained. There is no question of the special measures being used to fight any other category of crime, such as car hijacking."

Fivaz said he had asked Mufamadi to convene a meeting of Western Cape community leaders to address the role of residents in the anti-terrorist campaign. "Community support for police investigations has been intolerably low. Solid in-

telligence hinges on community cooperation. Such a meeting would take its cue from last year's successful meeting to tackle farm attacks.

Meanwhile, a man arrested for a waterfront bomb hoax claimed responsibility last night for the blast which rocked the waterfront on New Year's Day. Police sources said they regarded the man's admission "with extreme scepticism. We have no intention of arresting him for the blast, unless we can verify from other sources that he is telling the truth."

# Tough law set to hit bombers

*Crackdown on explosives*

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## **POLITICAL STAFF AND SAPA**

The Government announced a ban today on the manufacture of pipe bombs and other explosive devices in a bid to beef up its new initiative against terrorism in the Western Cape.

The ban will come into effect tomorrow and also prohibits a wide range of paramilitary training of the sort reportedly provided to anti-crime activists in the province.

Although unauthorised possession of explosives is already an offence, the new ban will significantly increase the penalties and will widen the scope of the police and the courts in bringing culprits to book.

The new bans have been imposed in terms of the Judicial Matters Amendment Act, which was rushed through Parliament late last year and signed by President Mandela this week.

They follow a spate of bomb attacks in the Western Cape and reports that vigilante groups have received paramilitary training from far-right experts at secret locations in KwaZulu Natal.

A former SA National Defence Force officer has reportedly confessed to having provided such training.

In terms of the new act, using or manufacturing weapons, ammunition and explosive devices without authorisation is prohibited.

So is "the instruction or training in military, paramilitary or similar operations".

The courts are empowered to impose whatever fines they deem fit for contraventions - an exceptional power which will enable extremely heavy penalties to be imposed.

Imprisonment of up to five years could be added to any fine.

The SANDF, the SA Police Service, the Department of Correctional Services, traffic and security officers, and employees involved in armaments development and production at arms manufacturer Denel are specifically exempted from the provisions of the new law.

But from April 1, private citizens could petition the Justice Minister or the Safety and Security Minister for exemption.

The new bans follow the announcement of a new national unit in the police which will specifically target terrorism in the Western Cape.

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# FIRE AT THE FOOT OF DEVIL'S PEAK

Pagad has now widened its focus beyond drug dealing and gangs

**A**t the beginning of the week, a grisly death-watch was being mounted over the stricken Yusuf Jacobs (22), a supporter of the vigilante group, Pagad (People Against Gangsterism & Drugs).

Jacobs was struck in the temple last Friday by a rubber bullet fired by the police. By Tuesday morning he was dead — a martyr in Pagad's murky crusade.

Jacobs was part of a pro-Islam, anti-Tony Blair demonstration — for which permission was not granted. Adherence to certain tenets of Islamic fundamentalism is becoming apparent within Pagad to an extent not witnessed in the past. The group was formed by a few Cape Flats citizens in 1995, concerned about drug dealing and gangsterism and the inability of the Western Cape police to curb these evils. Now it is a different kind of animal.

The presence within Pagad of Islamic groups opposed to the bombing of Baghdad suggests a new ideological tilt. But the internal politics of Pagad are opaque, and it is possible that tiny splinter factions have been making the running in the name of Pagad's original anticrime "mandate" and now, evidently, a hatred of nations wanting to curb Saddam Hussein in Iraq.

Over the past year, the Cape Peninsula has seen at least 667 incidents of violence

## THE REIGN OF TERROR

### About Pagad

Formed in 1995.  
 Attracted international attention by slaying notorious gang leader, Rashaad Staggie.  
 It has several factions.  
 It threatened to make the country ungovernable if Yusuf Jacobs died.  
 Pagad has now expanded its focus beyond fighting gangsterism & drug dealing on the Cape Flats. It now also pursues an anti-West agenda.  
 It has also adopted an anti-ANC stance.

### Other key issues

The Cape Peninsula saw 667 incidents of violence in 1998.  
 There is confusion about Mbeki's call for national intervention in the situation.  
 Some people are calling for a declaration of a state of emergency on the Peninsula.

— ranging from pipe-bomb explosions, to drive-by executions by Pagad elements and their gangster foes, to the torching of shops or homes, including those of moderate Islamic scholars who deplore the violence.

At the anti-Blair demonstration, overtly Islamic groupings stood at Pagad's side. Two styled themselves as Muslims Against

Illegitimate Leaders (Mail) and Muslims Against Global Oppression (Mago).

Tensions mounted. Both Pagad and sections of the media said the march had been peaceful, if illegal, and that the police had resorted to old-style *kragdadige* crowd dispersal methods. Police spokesmen say the first shots were fired at them from a car. The true course of events remains opaque; and now that Jacobs is dead the polarisation between the police and the community that gave birth to Pagad will deepen. It and its allies have graduated from fighting crime to fighting the State.

On Sunday, Pagad, Mail and Mago attempted to march on the Waterfront as a protest against "police brutality", which some TV footage suggests may well have occurred. The police blockaded the entrances to the affluent precinct.

A Pagad leader, Casslem Parker, made plain the depth of antipolice feeling when he stated: "We have staged this picket to let people know that all is not well in this country. Police brutality and fascism are taking place . . . Should rubber bullets be used in crowd control? Police were armed with live ammunition — did they try to kill people? Injured people were being thrown into the back of Casspirs."

Parker said that if Jacobs died, Pagad

would urge the removal of the police involved in Friday's clash from the force. However, this was as nothing compared to the threat to make the country "ungovernable", issued by Pagad chief of security Salie Abader and endorsed by the Muslim groups. The vigilantes would "go to war" if Jacobs died.

By Monday night, therefore, according to police spokesman Wicus Holtzhausen, the police were preparing for the worst, which could include more bombings and confrontations with authority. On Tuesday, Pagad leaders, including Abader, sought to soften their earlier statements.

There are broader dimensions to the crisis, relating to the capacity of the Cape police. Holtzhausen argues there was misinterpretation of reports that Deputy President Thabo Mbeki had called on national police commissioner George Fivaz and Safety & Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi to "intervene personally" to halt the spreading violence in the Cape.

The intention was not to displace Western Cape police structures reporting to provincial commissioner Leon Wessels. In terms of the Constitution, the Minister of Safety & Security must take into account the needs identified by the provinces.

Just such a process of liaison has been taking place for some time. Mbeki's intention appears to be to urge the Minister and Fivaz to be more visible in the Western Cape, probably presiding over a specialised antiterrorism unit whose composition would reflect the seriousness with which government views events there, but not displace the provincial authority.

Nonetheless, Holtzhausen has been

quoted as saying, in effect, that the Western Cape police's resources have been overwhelmed.

"We definitely need help," Holtzhausen told the *FM*. "Perhaps if you don't think you're capable of doing it yourself (quelling the violence), that could be called defeat. I don't want to use the word defeat — it's just that a little outside help comes in handy."

What the authorities really fear is that the form of conflict now being seen in the Western Cape could spill over into other cities. Whereas Pagad began with its focus on crime on the Flats, its new pro-Islamic stance reflects a worldwide fundamentalist trend. There have been five or six pipe-bombs in Gauteng to date, and even if the grotesque rhetoric of today's Pagad cannot be taken at face value, the group and its allies are armed and angry.

This week Fivaz concluded: "Certain crimes, crime tendencies and developments . . . in and around parts of the Cape Peninsula are of national and international importance — an example is urban terrorism. It is therefore in the national interest to employ all means and resources to curb such crime tendencies . . ."



Tony Blair and Thabo Mbeki

He said he was "re-assessing the capacity and structure of the Western Cape police to deal with urban terrorism . . . It has also been decided that a combined structure comprising national and provincial resources has to be established to improve effectiveness of . . . the SAPS . . . Obviously the approach will result in day-to-day involvement, management and monitoring by the office of the national commissioner in conjunction with the provincial commissioner."

Meanwhile, Pagad has adopted a furiously anti-ANC stance, and government success — or lack of it — will be a real factor in the forthcoming general

election. The nationalists in the Cape have always insisted that they cannot police crime adequately because the central government will not give them the resources. If Fivaz cannot make an impact either, Western Cape Premier Gerald Morkel is certain to make rampant crime a key election issue. He might even join the ranks of those calling for a State of Emergency.

Peter Wilhelm

# Can Cape cops cut it?

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Marianne Merten

**N**on-governmental agencies in Cape Town are growing increasingly sceptical of the police's ability to end the violence in the Cape and many are formulating new plans to stop the conflict.

Several observers said that at the heart of the problem was the increasing politicisation of policing in the Western Cape.

In the run-up to the elections, crime and particularly the actions of People against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) have become a political football between the New National Party and the African National Congress.

Following the death of Yussuf Jacobs (24), who was hit in the temple by a police rubber bullet at a demonstration at the Castle last Friday, questions have been raised about police efficiency.

The police watchdog, the Independent Complaints Directorate (ICD), is investigating a case of murder and one of attempted murder. Amid threats of retaliation against police, the ICD is hoping to finalise its investigation quickly.

The ICD's Riaaz Saloojee said it was investigating riot police claims that they were fired on first; reacted after guns were allegedly handed out to protesters from two cars; fired what they described as rubber pellets and gas; and drew their service pistols, but did not fire them.

A policing training source said last Friday's protest, as well as the demonstration outside the United States consulate the previous day, may have been illegal, but that did not justify the manner in which police reacted. "I think what they wanted to do was to sent out a strong 'zero tolerance' message. But they overreacted."

The source said it was unexplainable why police management had allowed a captain — a junior officer in the ranking system — to be in command of the situation at the Castle.

The source said that if guns were handed out, the police should have acted with minimal force. They could have stopped the cars, searched them and arrested suspects, as handing out firearms at demonstrations is a crime.

Police specialist trainer at the Cape Town-based Centre for Conflict Resolution, Eldred de Klerk, said it was incumbent on the police to put



Burial ground: Yussuf Jacobs, who was shot by police last Friday, is laid to rest. PHOTO: FANIE JASON

their best people in place to manage what quite clearly was a potentially explosive situation. Police should be flexible enough to enforce the law or arrest suspects with minimum force without giving rise to confrontations.

He said the incident at the Castle highlighted problems within the highly politicised environment of the province. "The police and political leadership in the Western Cape are lacking credibility and legitimacy."

Several initiatives by non-governmental groups are in the process of be-

ing formalised. On the table for consideration by provincial authorities is a proposal to kick off an independent monitoring presence at marches to avoid further confrontations.

Mediator Craig Arendse, who in 1997 tried to bring police and Pagad together, has said he wants to help break the renewed circle of violence.

Now director at the Mediation and Transformation Practice, Arendse said he can no longer stand back as communities are marred by the violence and backlashes against both

Muslims and police. "There is a big thing of demonising happening. If this is how people view each other, we are in big trouble," he said.

Arendse said it was important to look at how the conflict could be reduced in a constructive manner, particularly as the potential for violence is increasing before the elections. "Prior to the elections in 1994, brutal forces created havoc. I can't understand why we still use old-style policing."

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## Many tries, but no police score

Chiara Carter

**A** backward glance through the two-and-a-half years since the anti-drug group People against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) sprung to national prominence is a depressing litany of empty promises and unsuccessful endeavours by the authorities.

The period saw ongoing bloodshed, few arrests, many collapsed cases and only a handful of convictions.

**1996:** Following the murder of Rashaad Staggie during a Pagad demonstration, the organisation gained international prominence.

Police vowed to track down Staggie's killers, but never succeeded.

Meanwhile, authorities, including Minister of Justice Dullah Omar, met with Pagad leaders to discuss their campaign.

However, the organisation, which had given Omar an ultimatum in May, continued to target the homes of alleged drug merchants and several violent incidents occurred.

While Pagad leadership changed, the gangsters announced the formation of Core, a community forum for reformed gangsters.

**August 1996:** Western Cape South African Police Service (SAPS) Commissioner Leon Wessels said there

was a public perception that police were not doing enough, but in fact they were "doing their best".

Carrying weapons at public gatherings was banned.

**November 1996:** Police said they would no longer tolerate the carrying of arms at public gatherings or the wearing of disguises. Following a spate of arrests, senior police said they were getting on top of the situation.

**January 1997:** Clashes between rival groups lead to a situation police described as "anarchy".

**April 1997:** Then Western Cape MEC for safety and security Gerald Morkel appealed for calm and made an ur-

gent call for an end to the violence. **August 1997:** Police denied that there was a "state of war" on the Cape Flats.

**September 1997:** The National Crime Prevention Strategy operational committee discussed the spate of murders on the Cape Flats and decided to send 70 additional senior police to the region. SAPS chief executive officer Meyer Kahn subsequently sent 1 300 additional police to the Cape after noting that the region was indeed in a state of virtual war.

**October 1997:** After a meeting between President Nelson Mandela and security chiefs, the government announced steps to tackle the violence.

Top investigator Ivor Human was sent to the region to head investigations. Police were given additional powers by National Commissioner George Fivaz. These included the right to cordon off certain areas and the right to search without warrants.

A joint defence force and police project, Operation Recoil, was announced. The moves were hailed by police and politicians. Wessels said clearly there was the political will to back police and success was certain. However, national police sent to the region left after experiencing little co-operation from local police.

**January 1998:** Police claimed a breakthrough after they arrested flower-seller Ebrahim Jeneker in connection with a series of assassinations of gang leaders. The case subsequently collapsed.

**March 1998:** An initial investigation by Public Prosecutor Selby Baqwa found that police had blundered in their past investigations of the Staggies' Hard Livings gang. Violent crimes unit head Leonard Knipe blamed Pagad for an upsurge in gang violence.

**May 1998:** Police were sharply criticised after statistics released indicated they had few successes in investigating the ongoing violence.

**June 1998:** R500 000 was offered as

a reward after a spate of attacks on local businessmen. Police said they were investigating whether the attacks were linked to a protection racket and whether those attacked had refused to donate money to a vigilante group.

**August 1998:** MEC for Safety and Security Mark Wilely called for drastic steps to curb the violence.

The bombing of Planet Hollywood restaurant at the V&A Waterfront signalled a move towards overtly political targets. The bombing led to outrage and promises of swift action to find the perpetrators. Despite police hopes of a breakthrough, the bombers have not been found.

**September 1998:** Wessels said police intelligence was not faulty, pointing to a breakthrough in investigating a housebreaking syndicate. He admitted police did not have a suspect for about 67 bombings.

**November 1998:** Mandela warned groups not to use religion to further their own agenda.

**November and December 1998:** Several prominent gangsters were murdered and several children killed in shooting incidents on the Cape Flats, provoking public outrage. A bomb exploded at a synagogue. There was open speculation about the rift between Knipe and crime intelligence chief Jeremy Vearey.

**January 1999:** After a bomb blast at the waterfront, the theft of an arms arsenal from Claremont police station and violent clashes with demonstrators, police admitted they failed to combat Pagad-related crimes. Operation Good Hope was announced — a programme which will see police, money and resources sent to the province, and the possibility of anti-terrorist laws being promulgated.

West Metropole area Commissioner Ganief Daniels is to head the operation, which aims to be intelligence-driven.

A crime summit to get community groups on board is planned.

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# Anti-terror law unveiled

In a move directed at turning back the wave of urban terrorism that has struck the Western Cape, the Government yesterday outlawed military or paramilitary actions by non-governmental groups.

New legislation which comes into effect today outlaws paramilitary training by organisations such as People against Gangsterism and Drugs.

It prevents members of political or paramilitary organisations from publicly displaying weapons; planning military or paramilitary-type cam-

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paigns; or manufacturing, constructing or using any weapon, ammunition, explosive or explosive devices, according to the Department of Justice.

An amendment to the 1992 Criminal Law Second Amendment Act says no one can "assist in instruction or training, or equip any other person" with weapons of any type if they are, among other things, to be used for "endangering life or to cause serious damage to property, or to promote any political objectives". - Defence Correspondent

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# Top policeman assassinated

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A SENIOR officer involved in several high-profile investigations, was ambushed and killed on his way home last night. **ERIC MTABAZALILA, JUDY DAMON, RHODA DAVIDS and WILLEM STEENKAMP** report.

**T**OP police investigator Benny Lategan, a detective in the Pagad Task Team and a man responsible for several of the province's highest-profile investigations, was last night ambushed and shot dead.

Lategan, 34, was driving home from a police raid in Strandfontein in his white Ford Telstar when he was attacked at the intersection of Vanguard Drive and the R300 about 6.45pm.

Witnesses said they saw three men in a Toyota pull up alongside Lategan. One of its occupants opened fire before the car sped off.

"The shots seemed deafening. I've never heard anything like it before," said a witness.

The two Mitchells Plain policemen who first arrived on the scene said they had known it was "one of them" when they heard the distinctive sounds of a police radio turned out of frequency.

The officers found Lategan sitting in an upright position in the car, bleeding profusely and groaning that he needed help. Ten of the 15 bullets the attackers fired at him had struck home. Four bullets were lodged in his back, two in his hand and arm and the rest in the left side of his body.

"We waited forever for the bloody ambulances. We didn't take the chance of loading him into our vans. What if he died with us? That would have been a bit too much to handle," said the Mitchells Plain policeman.

Police spokesperson Wicus Holtzhausen said a white Toyota had pulled up next to Lategan's car, and the confirmed at least 15 shots were fired. There were 11 bullet holes in one of the car's doors and ten 9mm cartridges cases were found at the scene. Lategan was rushed to the Gf Jooste Hospital in Maudensberg, where he died soon afterwards.

Holtzhausen said the attackers' car was later found, blown up, on the corner of Desirée and Claude streets in Athlone. Police responded almost immediately after the attack by raiding the

Surrey Estate home of prominent Pagad member Ebrahim Jeneker, whom Lategan was investigating.

About 15 police barged into his home about 9pm. At the time there were only two female relatives at home, who told police Jeneker was attending evening prayers at the George St mosque in Sherwood Park.

The road was cordoned off and everyone arriving or leaving was stopped and searched.

A police captain named Jacobs said serious violent crimes unit chief Leonard Kruipe had given the order for Jeneker's house to be searched for illegal firearms. No warrant of arrest was issued.

Police waited for Jeneker to return. Witnesses said he was immediately whisked away by Pagad members and taken to see his lawyers. Later Jeneker and his attorney went to the Athlone police station, where he was questioned and released.

Holtzhausen could not confirm a report that specific death threats had recently been levelled against Lategan, Kruipe and another top investigator, Mike Barkhuizen — who is among other things, probing last August's Planet Hollywood blast. But threats had recently been made against the police in general.

Lategan was involved in several of the most sensitive Western Cape urban terror cases, including the New Year's Day blast at the Waterfontein and several investigations into Jeneker. He had also investigated notorious gang leader Colin Stanfield.

The news of his death spread fast and senior policemen dished out orders to "find the bastards" as soon as possible.

"He had so many cases. It could have been anyone he was investigating. But did it have to be him? It should have been someone else but not him. He was one of the good guys."

Many of Lategan's closest colleagues from the Pagad unit and the Peninsula Murder and Robbery Unit, where he served previously, were either too shocked or too angry to comment.



**SCENE OF KILLING:** Police investigators and vehicles surround the white Ford Telstar driven by top detective Benny Lategan when he was gunned down at the intersection of Vanguard Drive and the R300 last night. **INSET:** A detective inspects bullet holes in the car's door. **PHOTOS: MURRAY SANDERSON AND LEWIS KANE**

However, those who were prepared to comment spoke of his absolute commitment to his job.

"He did everything for his job. He worked day and night," was all Peninsula Murder and Robbery Unit officer Albie Swart was prepared to say.

"We are all very down, and very angry," said a colleague in the Pagad unit, who asked not to be named.

"I think it's going to be a white before this all sinks in. He was brilliant, and he lived for his work." Former police provincial

spokesperson John Sterrenberg, who retired recently, said last night he was shocked at the news. "It's a great loss to the police."

National police commissioner George Fiyaz expressed his shock at the Lategan killing.

"He was a well-honoured police detective and he was involved in investigations into pipe-bombs. I am absolutely dismayed."

He said the police would have to ensure they had sufficient protection in the face of this type of onslaught against "innocent police officers".

Western Cape Community Safety MEC Mark Willey expressed outrage at the "absolutely abhorrent, premeditated, cold-blooded" killing.

"We will not be intimidated by such terrorist attacks," Willey said, promising that the provincial government would "play a more pro-active role in the prevention of crime and such attacks."

ANC Western Cape spokesperson Cameron Dugmore said the party was "deeply shocked" at the murder. "It is clear that the conduct of

organisations such as Pagad has created an atmosphere in which both Yusuf Jacobs (a Pagad member who died after being shot by police during a demonstration last week) and now Benny Lategan have been killed.

"Their actions, which effectively condone terror and intimidation tactics in the name of fighting crime, have plunged this province into a deep crisis," he said.

Dugmore said the ANC appealed for calm "from all sectors of the community and the police". See Page 17

In a move widely seen as a response to the wave of urban terrorism in Cape Town, the government yesterday outlawed military or paramilitary actions by non-government groups. **NORMAN CHANDLER** reports

**N**EW legislation that comes into effect today outlaws paramilitary training by organisations such as Pagad. It also prevents members of political or paramilitary organisations from publicly displaying weapons.

Members of any organisation will no longer be allowed to carry weapons, plan campaigns of a military or paramilitary nature, train for operations, manufacture, construct or use any weapon, ammunition, explosive or explosive device, according to a Department of Justice statement.

An amendment to the 1992 Criminal Law Second Amendment Act says no one can "assist in instruction or training or equip any other person" with weapons of any type if they are, inter alia, to be used for "endangering life or causing serious damage to property, or promoting any political objectives".

The legislation follows incidents of urban terrorism in Cape Town.

A spokesperson for the Department of Justice yesterday declined to say whether the firing of the prohibitions was linked to recent incidents or a newspaper report yesterday that claimed that Pagad members had been trained at a KwaZulu-Natal farm by a security firm with alleged tight-wing connections.

Pagad spokesperson Abedah Roberts said she was not aware of the legislation and also questioned whether it was aimed at organisations such as Pagad.

The department said the new legislation did not affect activities of the South African National Defence Force, the South African Police Service, the Department of Correctional Services, Amsoor, the Denel Group, traffic officers or security officers.

Exemptions will be allowed subject to a written application from employers who want to use their employees exclusively for protection or safeguarding of personnel, property or business interests.

Individuals can also apply for exemption under certain circumstances.

Anyone contravening the act can be sentenced to jail for up to five years as well as being fined. During the apartheid era, right-wing groups were conspicuous in their methods of recruitment, training and instruction in weapons handling. Several held military-style camps in remote areas for these purposes.

They also paraded fully armed through cities and towns, holding mass rallies at which special guard units, some trained by former soldiers as well as foreign nationals, were also on parade.

Political organisations such as the Inkatha Freedom Party have in the past defied government orders not to carry weapons in the form of sticks or other traditional weapons such as knobkerries during their marches.

# The quiet cop who feared gunmen

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Bennie Lategan: wanted holiday

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On Tuesday, Bennie Lategan told me he desperately needed a holiday.

I bumped into him at Sea Point police station, where he was taking a statement, following up yet another clue in one of his investigations as a special task team member.

He was in a hurry, as always, rushing from one appointment to the next.

But he always had a moment for a quick chat or to crack a joke.

I sat with him in his police car, which was parked in front of the charge office. He told me that he was "stressing out", tired and scared. Bennie had been threatened and asked me not to use his name or the names of any of his colleagues in my reports.

"Just say the investigating officer," he said.

I thought this was typical Bennie Lategan.

He was never one for publicity. In all the time I'd known him, since we first met on a crime scene years ago, he had avoided photographers and never wanted to be mentioned in the paper.

The interior of his white Mazda was a busy detective's mobile office. Cigarette ash was spilled around the gear lever, dockets, paper and a pen lay on the back seat, and on the floor next to my feet was an empty coldrink tin.

We spoke about this and that, and when he put the key in the ignition I knew he wanted to be on his way.

Last night, I stood next to Bennie's car again. This time the windows were shattered, the doors holed by bullets and the interior sprayed with his blood.

A short while later the news came back

from the hospital that he had not made it.

Just hours earlier, yesterday morning, he had given me the go-ahead on a story. My fax is probably still lying on his desk.

I wonder if he knew what was happening when the killers attacked him.

So many times in his police career he had taken statements from victims or witnesses in drive-by shootings: "... A car pulled up... the occupants produced guns... at a busy intersection... the attackers sped away".

But last night it was his turn. I hope it happened quickly. I hope he did not even have

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the chance to look left and get a glimpse of the men with their gunbarrels spitting fire at him.

Driving away from the scene last night, it seemed like a bad dream. Bennie and I understood and trusted each other. I could see his face in front of me and his distinctive, almost hesitant way of speaking echoed in my mind.

And then, while I was scrolling over names in my cellphone for the number of a mutual friend, Bennie's murder finally hit home. I came across entry 22 - Bennie Lategan - so I pulled over to delete it.

Captain Lategan is dead. It's so final.

were on his trail

# V&A bombings: how close was Lategan?

## Pagad extends condolences to slain police captain's family

JACKIE CAMERON, JERMAINE CRAIG AND MICHAEL MORRIS

Police captain Bennie Lategan was gunned down because he was "getting close" to bringing the Waterfront bombers to book.

So says Bulelani Ngcuka, the national director of prosecutions, who yesterday expressed his "disgust" at the execution-style killing of the hard-working detective.

He promised to redouble efforts to track down the assassins and the bombers they may have been trying to protect.

And Pagad, which has been critical of the police lately, slammed the murder as "callous" and extended its "condolences to the family".

"We condemn the killing in the strongest terms and we urge the police to do everything in their power to apprehend the perpetrators," Pagad's Goolam Allie said last night.

He also disclosed that after it was approached by the Centre for Conflict Resolution this week, Pagad might be prepared to meet police and government officials for talks.

Captain Lategan, who was helping to investigate the Waterfront bombing on New Year's Day and the Planet Hollywood blast in August, died on Thursday night about half an hour after gunmen pulled alongside his car at a Mitchell's Plain intersection and pumped about 15 bullets into his car.

At least nine bullets were found in his body. In a warning to "organisations

and individuals responsible for the current state of affairs in the Western Cape", Mr Ngcuka said: "Our patience has run dry. You will pay for your irresponsible actions.

"We will galvanise more resources and manpower and make sure that the battle against crime and terrorism is won.

"Captain Lategan was involved in the investigation of the recent spate of bombings at the Waterfront. The killers of Captain Lategan know that we are getting close to bringing them to book."

Members of the police special task force, renowned for their swift response in dangerous situations, are expected to arrive in the city from Pretoria soon.

A senior Murder and Robbery Unit source, who did not want to be named, said the task force would help the unit's detectives, offering them protection as they gathered evidence and continued the investigations.

The source said other policemen and their families had received death threats and warnings "from certain organisations".

Captain Lategan had received threats from a group believed to be linked to acts of urban terrorism, and, days before he was killed, he told Cape Argus he was "scared".

It has emerged that the car used in the shooting was stolen a week ago, from an Athlone house a week ago, and detectives believe Captain Lategan may have been under surveillance for some time.

The car was found in Athlone shortly after the shooting. It had

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been torched.

The Murder and Robbery source said: "Captain Lategan's murder will be difficult to solve. The killers destroyed the car, and that obviously makes it more difficult to gather forensic evidence."

Details of the weapon used in the attack will not be revealed to avoid jeopardising the investigation.

In the same week as the Government introduced fresh legislation to curb paramilitary activities, a Western Cape security expert called for public debate on the need for special legislative measures to deal with urban terrorism.

Peter Gastrow, the Western Cape director of the Institute for Security Studies, said: "The general principle that some additional legislation is needed has been accepted, but there must be critical debate on what form it takes. It is bound to be controversial. It might include, for instance, extending pre-trial detention. Public debate is necessary."

"While I agree extraordinary measures are needed to deal with urban terrorism, these must fall within in the parameters of the Constitution. There is still much scope within the Constitution for such legislation."

"Careful consideration" also needed to be given to measures that would allow the police to infiltrate violent, militant organisations. "As in the case of the Irish Repub-

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Hean Army, for instance, police agents need to become part and parcel of the criminal organisation. They cannot be the nice guys, in the sense that they look tough and talk tough but when there's action by the group they suddenly have to withdraw. That's when suspicions arise. They need to be part and parcel of the violence. In our law, undercover agents are not allowed to become part of violent illegal activity."

There would have to be "carefully framed controls", he said.

Meanwhile, on the question of renewed talks between Pagad and the police, Pagad's Mr Allie said: "We were approached informally (by the Centre for Conflict Resolution). They have shown an interest in opening up the dialogue with police. We would have to see that certain guidelines or criteria are in place before we hold discussions.

"It's the police who broke down the dialogue before. A year ago we had discussions with police and the Security Unit for Safety and Security."

Mr Allie claimed a trend had been developing "that whenever there's any crime (the police) allege Pagad is involved in it".

"But there's no evidence linking any group of people (to these crimes)," Mr Allie said.

Earlier, Pagad national coordinator Abdus-Salaam Ebrahim hit out at the police for the raid on his house after Captain Lategan's shooting.

"My son had back and rib injuries. His mother will lay a charge with police," he said.

"It's about time the police got their act together. If Mandela dies now of old age, they'll probably raid Pagad homes and blame them."

A source close to the Lategan family said an autopsy on Captain Lategan's body would be carried out on Monday, and funeral plans would be finalised once the body was released.

Captain Lategan's death has shocked his colleagues and has dealt another blow to the morale of Western Cape residents who are fed up with urban terrorism and killings.

Mr Ngcuka said: "We join the rest of the country in mourning the death of a loyal and committed police detective. We urge the people of the Western Cape to cooperate with the police.

"We must isolate the enemies of peace and democracy. Anybody who has declared war on our police is the enemy of the people. We as the prosecutors will spare no effort in making sure that once the murderers are arrested, justice is done."

Mr Gastrow cautioned that while it would be wrong to "downplay" the seriousness of the situation in the Western Cape, people should not be hysterical. "I am a bit worried that the atmosphere is becoming close to panic here. We have almost all become intimidated.

Mr Gastrow added: "Let's deal with the situation in a rational, open and honest way without whipping up hysteria. Constant use of the word 'crisis' does not help, because that is when people fail to think rationally."

# Police blitz on Cape violence gets ready to swing into action

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CAPE Town is set for a huge police crackdown on urban terrorism.

Commissioner Andre Pruis, who was sent from Pretoria this week to head the operation, said police would "enforce a zero-tolerance stance".

Although he refused to be drawn on specifics, he said: "Those involved in terror tactics will face a few surprises."

Police units converging on the city for the operation, dubbed Good Hope, are expected to be in place by Wednesday, but already anti-terrorist teams have been deployed to protect politicians and police officers following Thursday's killing of a police captain probing the Waterfront car bomb.

Large-scale search-and-seizure operations using thousands of police and soldiers are likely to be a major feature of the crackdown.

Police and other security forces, long absent from the crime-ridden Cape Flats, will be posted at almost every street corner, day and night.

Police have been given a blank cheque to implement the peacekeeping operation and have warned that "terrorists" are in for a shock.

Within hours of the murder of Captain Benny Lategan late on Thursday night, members of the Special Task Unit for High-Risk Operations were flown to Cape Town.

"These men are specially selected and highly trained in anti-terror techniques and are as good, if not better, than any other special force in the world," said Pruis.

"Anyone messing with these guys will not know what hit them," he promised.

The new, hard-line police approach underlined a government decision this week to elevate fighting urban terrorism in the Western Cape to South Africa's number one security priority, displacing KwaZulu-Natal from the top spot.

Police said that once Operation Good Hope started in earnest next Monday, a "summit" would be held with Cape community leaders to draft resolutions on how to deal with the conflict between vigilantes and gangsters that has cost 225 lives in the past year.

The Good Hope initiative will be controlled by Pretoria, with Commissioner Manie Schoeman and Pruis filling two of the top three administrative posts, along with Western Cape Commissioner Leon Wessels.

Police have requested that the names of operational commanders not be published following the murder of Lategan.

Schoeman said the main problem so far in fighting crime and violence had been that too few policemen had been given too few resources and had been asked to do too much.

"We intend to fix that and we have been given everything we asked for to do the job, and promised more if it is needed," he said.

"More importantly, all of the resources of Operation Good Hope will be totally focused and dedicated to just one thing — arresting the perpetrators of urban violence and ensuring they are successfully prosecuted."

He said the operation was scheduled to run for two months initially, after which personnel would be rotated and the operation continued if the threat had not been eliminated.

More than R1-million a week, with more cash in reserve if needed, has been allocated to the operation which is designed to make the Western Cape "safe" before the country goes to the polls.

# Some Muslim clerics wear bulletproof vests in their mosques and Waterfront businesses struggle as public stays away

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By **ANDRE KOOPMAN**  
Cape Town

**F**ollowing terror attacks and threats, some Muslim religious leaders have been forced to wear bulletproof vests under their clerical garb; policemen have been forced to relocate to protect their families, and some businesses, especially at the Waterfront, have suffered heavy losses in the culture of fear gripping the city, exacerbated every time another pipe bomb goes off or another march occurs.

After receiving death threats, some Muslim clerics have taken to wearing body armour while leading religious ceremonies at their mosques. Others have gone underground following attacks.

And top policemen and detectives involved in investigating urban terrorists have bomb-proofed their homes and sometimes relocated their families after threats, according to reliable sources.

This was confirmed by Director Leonard Kruipe, chief of the violent crimes unit. "Some chaplains have vacated their houses at various stages and moved in with relations," he said. Kruipe has also received several death threats.

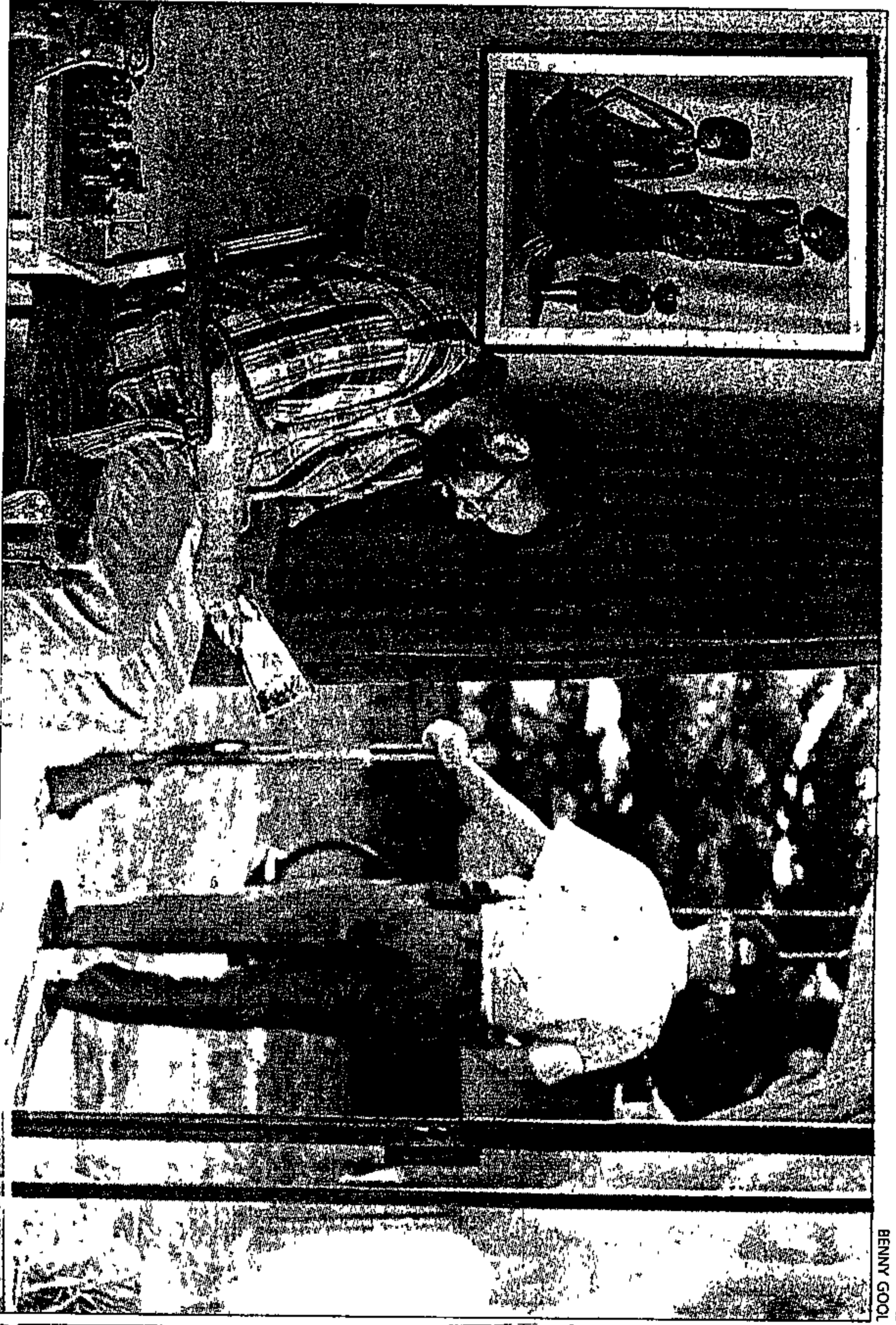
Police are securing police stations following attacks on them - particularly after firearms, including automatic weapons, were stolen from the Claremont police station recently.

Police security has become more urgent after the assassination last week of Captain Bennie Lategan, who was involved in investigating the Waterfront bombings.

Business at the Waterfront has been hard hit by the recent bombings there.

Many Waterfront businesses have suffered losses of more than 50% after the New Year's Day car-bomb attack, but businesspeople interviewed yesterday did not want to be named for fear of retribution. Muslim leaders in fear of their lives have also declined to be named and so too have journalists who have also been threatened.

The owner of a popular Waterfront restaurant said business had been "absolutely devastated" by the New Year's Day



**At risk ... Ebrahim Rasool, Western Cape leader of the ANC, is under armed police guard at his home following death threats. Rasool said there were fears of an anti-Muslim backlash, with a handful of people creating stereotypes about Islam as a violent, uncompromising and intolerant religion.**

car-bomb attacks, which occurred during the busiest and most lucrative time for many enterprises.

"People are very scared to spend time in shops and they tell me they are especially scared to spend time at Amert-car-linked businesses," he said.

Stepped-up security measures at the Waterfront, including heavily armed policemen using sniffer dogs at the entrances, served to give people some sense of security but this was also scaring people away.

"If I wanted to take my family somewhere for Sunday what would I think when I arrived at the Waterfront to find a big

armoured vehicles, armed police and sniffer dogs?" He said tourists were particularly disturbed by this.

People had also been scared of going to cinemas since some groupings took exception to the screening of *The Siege*, claiming it portrayed Muslims in an unfavourable light and making threats about disrupting screenings.

Meanwhile, in incidents at the weekend, about 15 to 20 shots were fired into a home adjacent to Parkers' Supply Store in Athlone Road, Athlone, and a shop in Galesville was evacuated and searched after a bomb threat.

Ebrahim Rasool, Western Cape leader of the ANC, who is himself under armed guard after death threats and harassment, said yesterday it was "unacceptable that some Muslim clergy have had to wear bulletproof vests under their traditional clerical garb when they have had to deliver sermons".

He also spoke about the families of religious leaders who become fearful when they leave their homes for mosque, especially after another bombing or march.

Speaking at his home where he was being protected by police, Rasool said that even when he was healthy, he had

opted not to have a bodyguard because he values his freedom. Following threats to Rasool's life, graffiti has recently appeared around town with the chilling message: "Kill Ebrahim Rasool".

Rasool said Muslims were worried that a small group of people could create stereotypes about Islam as a violent, uncompromising and intolerant religion. They feared a backlash of anti-Muslim sentiment, he added.

Superintendent Wickus Holzhausen said that after the Claremont police station robbery, in which policemen were bound and locked up in the

cells it had been agreed that each police station would decide on security measures.

Meanwhile, Kruipe said yesterday he was hopeful about the success of the R4.3-million-a-month Operation Good Hope, which will see a massive flow of resources and personnel to the Western Cape to counter urban terrorism.

Kruipe appealed to people able to "identify the bomb makers and killers" to give this information to the police. "People must be prepared to give evidence for convictions," he said, adding that the only way to stamp out urban terrorism was to put those responsible in jail.

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# Terrorism: City under siege

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URBAN TERROR attacks and the fear of death or injury have led religious leaders to take precautions, while cinema patrons and shoppers have become wary. **ANDRE KOOPMAN** reports.

In response to the latest wave of urban terror attacks and threats, some Muslim religious leaders are wearing bulletproof vests under their clerical garb, policemen have moved house to protect their families and some businesses, especially at the V & A Waterfront, have been hit by a fall in turnover.

The *Cape Times* has learnt that some Muslim clerics, who have received death threats and are fearful for their lives, have taken to wearing body armour when officiating at their mosques, while others have gone into hiding.

Top policemen and detectives investigating urban attacks have bomb-proofed their homes, according to well-placed sources. Some have moved their families after being threatened.

"Some chaplains have vacated their houses at various stages and moved in with relatives," said Leon Knipe, head of the Violent Crimes Unit.

Knipe himself has received several death threats. Muslim Waterfront businesses have reported a drop of 50% and more in turnover since the New Year's Day car bomb blast, but business people to whom the *Cape Times* spoke yesterday did not want to be named for fear of retribution.

Muslim leaders who fear for their lives have also declined to be named or to speak to the *Cape Times*, as have journalists who have been threatened.

The owner of a popular Waterfront restaurant said business had been "absolutely devastated" by the car bombing, which occurred during the busiest and most lucrative period. "We were on our way to a record week before the bombing," he said.

"After the bomb, business went down significantly and now we are down by 50%."

Owners of many other businesses were in the same position, the restaurateur said. Some had lost 60% in business.

"This week has been even worse... I had more business on Monday than on Friday. People are afraid to spend time in shops and tell me they are especially scared to spend time at American-linked businesses."

Although the stepping-up of security measures at the Waterfront — including the presence of armed policemen and sniffer dogs at the entrance — gave people a sense of security, this was also "scaring people" away, the restaurateur said. Tourists in particular were disturbed. Also, people were afraid of going to cinemas since some groupings, who claimed that

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Athlone Road, Athlone, while a shop in Gatesville was evacuated and searched after a bomb threat.

Ebrahim Rasool, leader of the ANC in the Western Cape, said yesterday it was "unacceptable that some Muslim clergy have to wear bullet-proof vests under their traditional clerical garb when they deliver sermons".

Rasool said that while he was MDEC for Health, he had chosen not to have a bodyguard because he valued his freedom.

He has also received death threats and been harassed. His home is under police guard. Recently, graffiti with the message "Kill Ebrahim Rasool" appeared around the city.



**LIVING UNDER GUARD:** Ebrahim Rasool, Western Cape leader of the ANC, reads in his living room while an armed policeman stands guard outside. Rasool has received death threats and has been harassed.

PICTURE: BERNY GOOL

Muslims "are worried that a small group of people could create a problem... of stereotypes about Islam's being a violent, uncompromising and intolerant religion", Rasool said.

"In the Muslim community, there is a fear of a backlash of anti-Muslim sentiment. For example, in Soweto some Muslims have been accused of trying to wreck our hard-won democracy. If this is the case, they shouldn't take the money of black people." The need for security for police-

men has become more urgent since the murder of Bennie Lategan, who had been investigating the Waterfront bombings, in an ambush last week.

Police stations are being secured following attacks, among them the recent theft — by an armed gang — of firearms, including automatic weapons, from the Claremont police station. Policemen were bound and locked in cells by the gang. Police spokesperson Wickus Holtzhausen said that after the Clare-

mont robbery, top members of police management and station commanders had met and had decided that each police station would decide on its security measures.

A security gate and video monitoring system have been installed at the Durbanville police station. However, police on duty yesterday said they did not feel entirely safe. Policemen armed with automatic rifles guarded the station at night, said Raymond Swart, an inspector. It was "unfortunate" that police-

men had to guard police stations, Holtzhausen said. "I don't think this is the way we would like to serve the community," he said.

"Every member of the community should have access to a police station and this should be as easy as possible. If you need to have policemen protecting police stations, you are taking away manpower from the community — but we don't have a choice. It is time for the (perpetrators) to

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"Why are people, who don't go along with their way of dealing with things, being threatened?" It also needed to be explained why policemen and journalists were also under threat and why business people were being extorted, Holtzhausen said.

Knipe appealed to people who could "identify the bomb-makers and killers" to divulge this information to the police. "People must be prepared to give evidence for convictions," he said, adding that the only way to stamp out urban terrorism was to put those responsible in prison.

Among the Muslim leaders who have been threatened or are believed to be under threat are: Sheikh Achmat Seddick, secretary of the Muslim Judicial Council (MJC); Sheikh Rashied Omar, of Claremont Main Road Mosque, who, it has been confirmed, stayed away from the Juma (prayer service) on Friday; Sheikh Abdul Gabier, a member of the MJC who conducted an opening prayer at the ANC's birthday rally in Athlone last Saturday and was warned on the same day that he would not see midnight; Sheikh Moegamat Moerat Imam, of the Muir Street mosque, from which many protests have been launched; Sheikh Ebrahim Gabriels, deputy president of the MJC; and Sheikh Irfaan Abraham, of the Surrey Estate Mosque. Sheikh Abdurahmaan Gafeldien was severely wounded in an attempt to kill him last year. He has been in hiding since. Sheikh Nazeem Mohammed has been under 24-hour guard since his home was petrol-bombed last year.

# A means to counter a low-intensity war

Balancing the protection of individuals while giving the state increased powers to fight gangsterism is a difficult task, but it must be resolved to address the worsening situation in the Western Cape, argues Antony Altbeker

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**G**IVEN recent events, it would be uncontroversial to say that a low-intensity war is being waged in Cape Town. What is controversial, however, is what the appropriate response from the state ought to be.

It is clear, if only from the total lack of success achieved thus far, that new measures are required. Improving basic policing, is, of course, the most important element of any concerted programme aimed at rooting out those involved in the present conflict. Apart from the obvious points that legislative changes will take time to implement, improving basic policing is less likely to result in a retreat from the rights-based jurisprudence developed over the past four years.

Nonetheless, despite the obvious dangers of contemplating the creation of new police powers, it is necessary to at least debate the present balancing of the rights of the individual accused and the requirements for protecting the state and its citizens.

The growing crisis in greater Cape Town has sparked a heightened sense of urgency among the security forces and their political masters, with the recent announcement of Operation Good Hope and additional attempts to restructure gang and vigilante investigation programmes.

Despite these developments, it is worth recalling some of the basic reasons for the present crisis in policing the conflict, because these are unlikely to be resolved through improved intelligence and more visible policing.

Perhaps the most obvious problem is the long history of violent gangsterism and the extent to which gang members and vigilantes have been invulnerable to prosecution. So impotent has the state appeared that all investigative efforts appear to raise nothing less than contempt from gangsters and law-abiding citizens alike.

But if this is the case, the appropriate questions: Why? The most frequent response to this question is that the criminal justice system in general, and the police in particular, are incapable of doing their jobs because of a combination of incompetence, corruption and political motives. At the same time, pointing fingers at the police can both overstate the role their problems play in the violence and misdirect legislators.

The issue at the heart of the problem is the inability of the state to generate reliable testimony against gangsters that will survive the rigours of court. There are a number of reasons for this.

Often, particularly in inter-gang conflict situations, the only witnesses to the events are members of the gangs themselves. Even if they were to testify, the credibility of such witnesses will be so low that it is hard to believe that defence lawyers will have much difficulty demonstrating that the witness is himself a criminal and that he has a material interest in lying.

It is unlikely, however, that many gangsters would testify in court — as opposed to simply providing information — precisely because being a gangster means believing in one's own capacity for violence as a means

to resolve one's problems.

Community members are seldom prepared to testify in court for fear of their lives. Moreover, the use of witness protection programmes is severely constrained by the fact that potential witnesses' families would also require protection during and after the trial. In addition, SA is just too small to hide significant numbers of witnesses and former witnesses.

The sheer volume of incidents protects perpetrators by straining severely constrained police resources, reserving the real investigation of cases to a small number of key events. Thus, some cases, which might be successfully resolved, may be being overlooked simply because of the pressure of other high-profile cases, which may, in fact, be more difficult to solve.

If it is true that cases based on the testimony of gangsters and civilians stand very little prospect of success, the state should try to ensure that it can make serious cases against perpetrators using the testimony of police officers, and relying less on members of the community.

There are, in essence, two ways to do this: enhance the state's capacity to use covert techniques such as the electronic and physical interception of communications, the infiltration of suspect groups, and traps; and create a new set of crimes and criminal procedures dedicated to rooting out low-intensity conflict.

More aggressive use of such mechanisms is potentially very dangerous in a democracy. Our rights as citizens serve, primarily, to protect us from an overly intrusive state, and these should be protected. How-

ever, given the present crisis, and the inevitable difficulties democracies have in balancing the rights of individuals and the protection of communities, it is necessary that South Africans at least debate ways of redefining the present balance. It is in this context that a few ideas are offered on how to strengthen police powers in the fight against urban terrorism.

In relation to the former approach of enhancing the police's covert capacity, ideas might include the loosening of the legal requirements for lawful tapping, and improving the confidentiality of police dockets in order to raise the security of individuals providing information to investigators. Neither of these suggestions is overly damaging to citizens rights, but could help to build some cases. More controversial proposals on legal mechanisms that might be developed to fight terrorism, however, are somewhat more problematic.

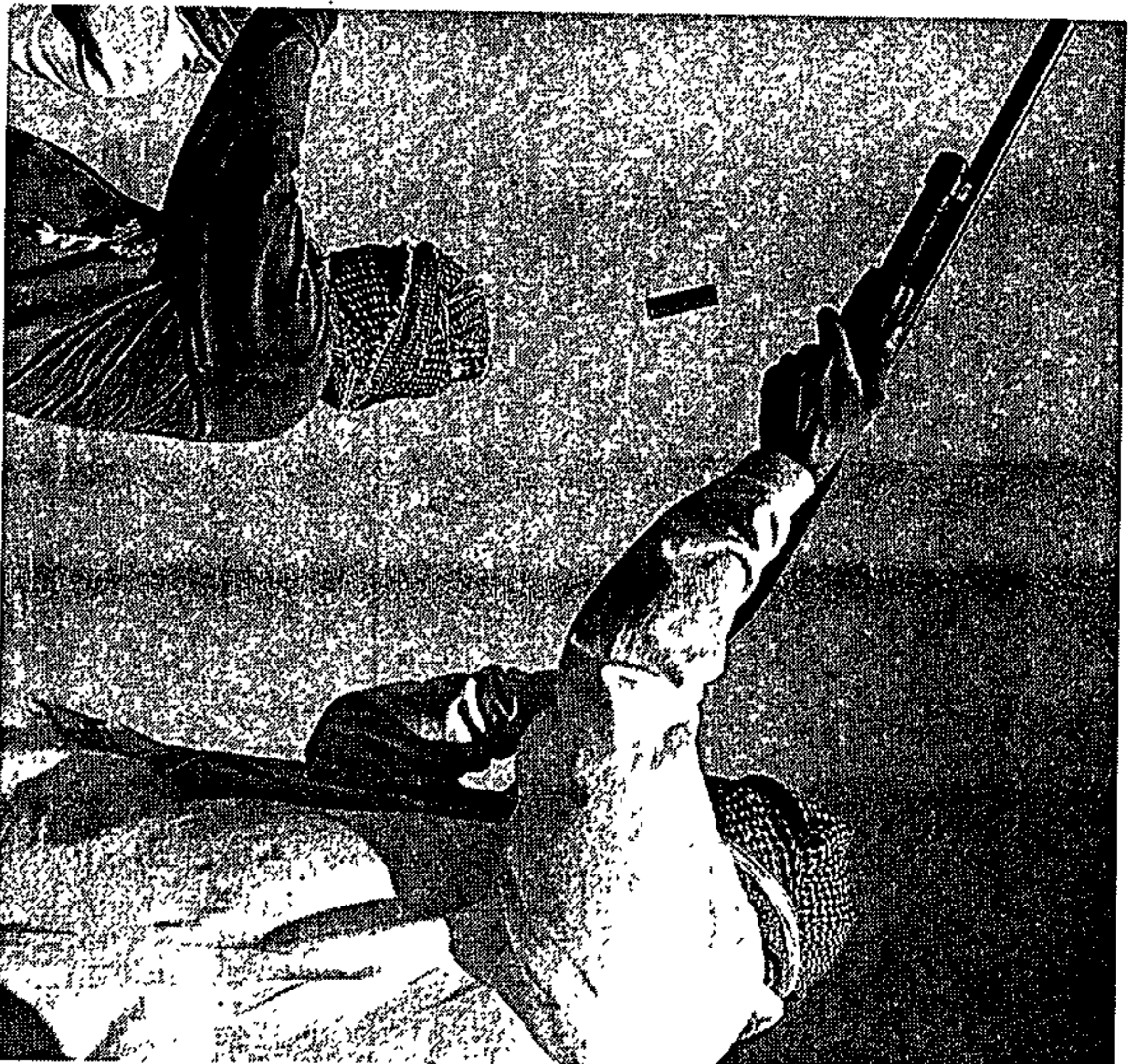
Elements that might go into such an approach might include the creation of presumptions in law that individuals found with the implements used in the present low-intensity war — such as explosives and other paraphernalia — might be assumed to be terrorists unless they can prove otherwise. Very stiff penalties might be attached to such a crime, and could effectively deter those

contemplating violent actions.

There is no doubt that adopting such a measure could run foul of the Constitutional Court which has in the past held that the reversal of the onus of proof violates the right of the accused to be presumed innocent. In order to rectify this, the state would have to show that this requirement is "reasonable and justifiable in an open and democratic society".

One way of doing this, might be to insert a sunset clause into the legislation that compels Parliament — and the courts — to review the need for the legislation every 12 months. In the meantime, the police would have a powerful new arrow in their quiver.

Further, it may be desirable that legislation be passed that would allow the state to break the communication, logistic, command and con-



Pagad members fire a salute at a funeral in Cape Town last week. Picture: AFP

trol lines in suspect groups — a tool that might be particularly powerful, given that police claim these networks are both small and relatively self-reliant. It might, therefore, be worth considering a tightly controlled, heavily overseen system of short-term detentions.

Magistrates and judges could be used to ensure that the police used such a power only under very strict conditions, and that such detentions did not open the way for a return to torture and third-degree interrogations. Instead, detention would be used to break internal lines of communication, and as a means to enhance investigations.

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Police fired teargas and stun grenades to disperse about 100 Muslim protesters demonstrating against a visit by British prime minister Tony Blair.

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# Crimebusters

## Elite unit to tackle W Cape terrorism

By Jimmy Seepe

**A**N ELITE South African National Defence Force unit, which helped stabilise the once violence-torn Kwa-Zulu-Natal township of Richmond, is to be deployed in the Western Cape to fight urban terrorism and gang-related violence.

The SANDF unit has been credited with stabilising the Richmond area, where hundreds of people were killed last year.

Local police were ineffective in bringing the conflict to an end.

SANDF spokeswoman, Ms Laverne Machine told *Sowetan* yesterday that the soldiers would be redeployed since the situation in Richmond was now under control. However, this

would not mean a total withdrawal of soldiers from Richmond.

She could not disclose the number of troops to be sent to Western Cape.

A high-level inter-ministerial committee on peace and stability made up of Ministers of Safety and Security Mr Sydney Mufamadi; Minister of Defence Mr Joe Modise; Minister of Justice Mr Dullah Omar and Deputy Minister of Intelligence Mr Joe Nhlanhla is expected to meet today to discuss the violence in the Western Cape.

It is expected that Operation Good Hope, launched last week by National Police Commissioner George Fivaz, will also be discussed at today's meeting.

The decision to reassign the peace-keeping soldiers comes barely a week

after the Government unveiled an anti-urban terrorism law which outlaws paramilitary training by organisations such as People Against Gangsterism and Drugs.

The new legislation prevents members of political or paramilitary organisations from publicly displaying weapons, planning military or paramilitary-type campaigns or manufacturing, constructing or using weapons, ammunition or explosives.

The renewed urgency to combat violence in the province was also evident in comments made by national director of public prosecutions Mr Bulelani Ngcuka after gunmen killed a top police investigator last week.

Captain Benny Lategan, a member of the investigative directorate on organised crime and safety involved in

probing Pagad, was killed in a drive-by shooting in Strandfontein on the Cape Flats.

"We will galvanise more resources and manpower, and make sure the battle against crime and terrorism is won," Ngcuka said in a statement.

He offered his condolences to Lategan's family.

He warned organisations and individuals responsible for violence in the area: "Our patience has run out, you will pay for your irresponsible actions."

Ngcuka called on the public to cooperate with the police. "We must isolate the enemies of peace and democracy.

"Anyone who has declared war on our police is the enemy of the people."

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Capetonians hope Operation Good Hope isn't a political ploy

**F**rom the outset, Operation Good Hope — aimed at quelling violence in the Western Cape — met with some scepticism. This is not the first exercise of its kind — Operation Recoil, never terminated, was aimed at intelligence gathering, which means infiltration of the shadowy networks of gangsters, antigangsters and Muslim fundamentalists whose activities have left the Western Cape police demoralised and in need of help.

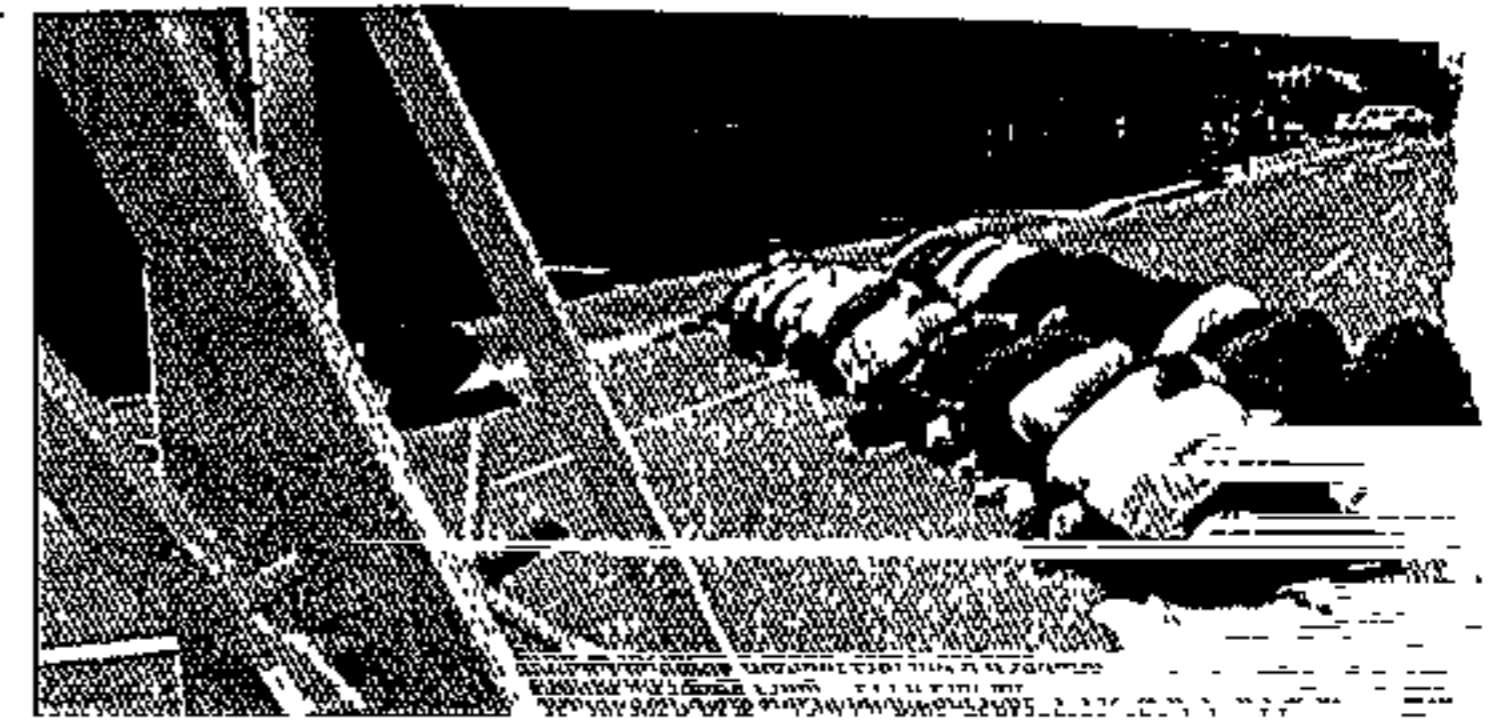
Nonetheless, the call by Deputy President Thabo Mbeki for national Police Commissioner George Fivaz and Safety & Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi to "intervene personally" in the Cape (*Current*

*Affairs* January 15) needs to be interpreted in a political light. Over the past three years, as the Cape conflicts escalated, it became a familiar complaint from premier Hernus Kriel and his successor Gerald Morkel that the ANC was starving the province of police and other resources.

In fact, extra security units were sent to the Cape as part of Operation Recoil.

Operation Good Hope has a far broader ambit. In addition, it reportedly entails the redeployment of crack Defence units from Richmond in KwaZulu-Natal.

While Operation Good Hope will be coordinated from Pretoria, daily management will be in the hands of a Cape



*Prayers and the police . . . bringing hope to*

assistant commissioner, Ganief Daniels, who regards the post as "the biggest challenge of my career, so big that if I do not succeed, SA is in for trouble".

In essence, the operation's goals are to create a visible police and Defence presence; swift and certain justice; and intelligence gathering. But whether it can break the code of silence that prevails on the Cape Flats — where People Against Gangsterism & Drugs (Pagad) was born — is doubtful. And the Cape's criminal justice system is notoriously slack.

The police will have at least one new arrow in their quiver with the coming into

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force of certain provisions of the Judicial Matters Amendment Act (1998). These criminalise paramilitary training and the manufacture of weapons like pipe-bombs.

But from a variety of sources, a call has gone out for further police powers which would enable them to conduct house-to-house searches, arrest on suspicion, and beef up witness protection. Others want the short, sharp shock of a State of Emergency.

However, the Constitution is clear that an Emergency can be declared only through an Act of Parliament when "the life of the nation is threatened by war, invasion, general insurrection, disorder, nat-

ural disaster or other public emergency".

However grave, the Western Cape's multifaceted conflicts do not appear to have reached such a scale

Politically, some members of the Western Cape ANC led by Ebrahim Rasool are concerned that the greater Cape Town community of 250 000 Muslims could be pivotal in swinging the province to the ANC in the next election. However, it is an error to assume that the Muslim community is homogeneous. Moderate religious leaders within its ranks who criticise Pagad and violence have received death threats. The first assignment of the Good Hope task force has been to increase security for those at risk — including Rasool, a Muslim.

Farid Esack, an Islamic scholar and member of the Gender Commission, says the Muslim vote will be crucial since it will "influence the balance of power between the New National Party (NNP) and the ANC. In 1994 the vast majority of Muslims voted for the ANC — not, interestingly enough, for Muslim parties. But it was not

a uniform vote."

Much depends on whether NNP and Democratic Party court challenges on the issue of barcoded ID documents succeed.

Registration of the 2,8m voters in the province stands at a miserly 27%, and apathy has been most marked in Coloured areas like Mitchells Plain and Athlone (10%), traditionally NNP turf. By contrast, Guguletu and Langa have notched up 40%, Nyanga 45% and Crossroads 60%. They point to a greater commitment to vote in black areas than elsewhere

If Operation Good Hope is even moderately successful in cracking some terrorist rings, the ANC will be able to claim the credit. But the enmities and rage in the affected communities can be traced back for decades. Even making sense of how the various armed groups are — or are not — linked may prove too great a task for the operation.

Capetonians hope it is not primarily intended as a public relations exercise for government in the months leading up to the general election.

Peter Wilhelm

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# Cops on death

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JERMAINE CRAIG

**P**olice have revealed the existence of what they call a "sinister plot" in which they say several police officers have been targeted for attacks by Pagad - a claim the organisation has vigorously denied.

Pagad spokesman Cassiem Parker says police are trying to create the impression of being under threat from Pagad so that "they can attack and kill innocent Pagad members at the start of Operation Good Hope".

Late yesterday police spokesman Wicus Holtzhausen revealed that a number of police officers were still regularly receiving death threats over the phone.

He disclosed that police had received information that Pagad was "planning attacks on certain police officers" and was targeting an investigating officer who worked closely on Pagad-related cases with detective Bennie Lategan, gunned down in a hail of bullets last week.

"Lategan worked with the murder and robbery unit for many years, investigating some of the most hardened criminals on the streets, and he was never threatened.

"Then, when he started working on Pagad cases - like the Ebrahim Jeneker case - he was threatened and killed.

"There were also many statements made by Pagad members that they would 'take out' policemen."

But Mr Parker categorically denied that threats against any police officer had been issued by Pagad members.

He said it was "not the organisation's policy" to do this.

"After the bombing of Jeneker's home, we would have expected the police to act on the possibility that gangsters are attacking Pagad members' houses.

"These attacks could have been retaliatory measures by friends of the police officers brainwashed into thinking it was Pagad that attacked

Lategan," Mr Parker said.

He questioned why the police would release information that Pagad was planning to attack police officers as Operation Good Hope was about to swing into place.

"This is an attempt to silence the public when the police use maximum force to arrest, detain or unfairly prosecute Pagad members and we are asking the public to be aware of this. There is a possibility that the police are now going to go around killing Pagad members, claiming to be defending themselves," Mr Parker said.

Captain Holtzhausen said: "It is clear that an attempt is being made to prevent the police from bringing criminals to book. It is time the public realises what type of criminals are in their midst - criminals who will not hesitate to kill members of the police."

In another development yesterday, police arrested two men in connection with a handgrenade attack at a Kleinvei house where Pagad G-Force leader Ebrahim Jeneker often sleeps.

About 1pm yesterday members of the crime prevention unit followed up information received after the blast and arrested two men, aged 37 and 19, in Eerste River. The suspects will appear in the Kuils River Magistrate's Court on Monday.

Mr Jeneker is one of those under investigation by the Pagad task team. He was arrested at the 1997 funeral of Hard Livings gangster Moeneeb "Bowtie" Abrahams, when police allegedly found a small arsenal in his car parked on the funeral route.

He was charged with the killing of the gangster, but the charges were withdrawn. During one of his court appearances, gunmen shot him on the steps of the Cape Town Magistrate's Court.

Mr Parker commended the police for the swift arrests in the Jeneker bombing and said he hoped they would also oppose bail as vociferously as they had when Pagad members were arrested.

# Slow Hope

## Now for Operation

### Launch delayed as reinforcements fail to turn up in Cape

KEN VERNON

POLICE have backtracked on their plan to launch Operation Good Hope with a big bang tomorrow and will instead start the project "piecemeal" as and when reinforcements arrive.

Last week police promised they would saturate problem areas with hundreds of extra personnel drafted from other provinces.

Yesterday, police commanders in Pretoria and Cape Town said the operation would still go ahead this week, but there had been serious difficulties in providing the resources needed to get Good Hope under way.

"The logistics division has proved to be a huge bottleneck. They are refusing to release equipment and resources," said one disgruntled policeman.

"Apart from a few detectives and intelligence personnel, no one else seems to have arrived."

Western Cape Premier Gerald Morkel hit out at the delay, saying police headquarters must "come clean".

"The police have created great expectations about Operation Good Hope and if there are problems, they must explain them fully to the people of the Western Cape," said Morkel.

"The province has no power over police actions, but we do have the right to monitor their actions and that is what we will do."

Overall operations commander of Good Hope, Commissioner Andre Pruis, said from Pretoria yesterday: "We are not fully operational. But as forces arrive during the week they will be deployed on a piecemeal basis."

He told the Sunday Times last week that police units were already converging on the city to enforce a tough zero-tolerance approach that would involve large-scale search-and-seizure operations. These had been scheduled to begin tomorrow.

"We have been given everything we need to do the job and promised more if needed," said Pruis.

This week he said additional headquarters administrative staff, as well as detectives and intelligence personnel, had arrived in the Western Cape. They followed reaction units and special forces that were deployed last weekend after the assassination of Pagad investigation detective Captain Bennie Lategan.

Pruis said the operational headquarters and accommodation for the men who would carry out the operation were still being prepared.

Yesterday's assassination of United Democratic Movement leader Sifiso Nkabinde in KwaZulu-Natal had also added to Cape Town's problems.

"If there is serious trouble in KwaZulu-Natal, the

Western Cape may slip back to priority number two," Pruis said.

The Western Cape commander of Operation Good Hope, Assistant Commissioner Ganief Daniels, said the "few days" of delay had been to the benefit of the operation.

"The extra time has been a help, allowing us to install computer and telephone lines and arrange logistics for what is a huge operation."

"Men are due to arrive from all over the country and we can't have them arrive to no structure, or go out onto the streets and just waste time," Daniels said.

"We will still kick off this week sometime."

# ANC backs Good Hope in bid to unite in fight against crime

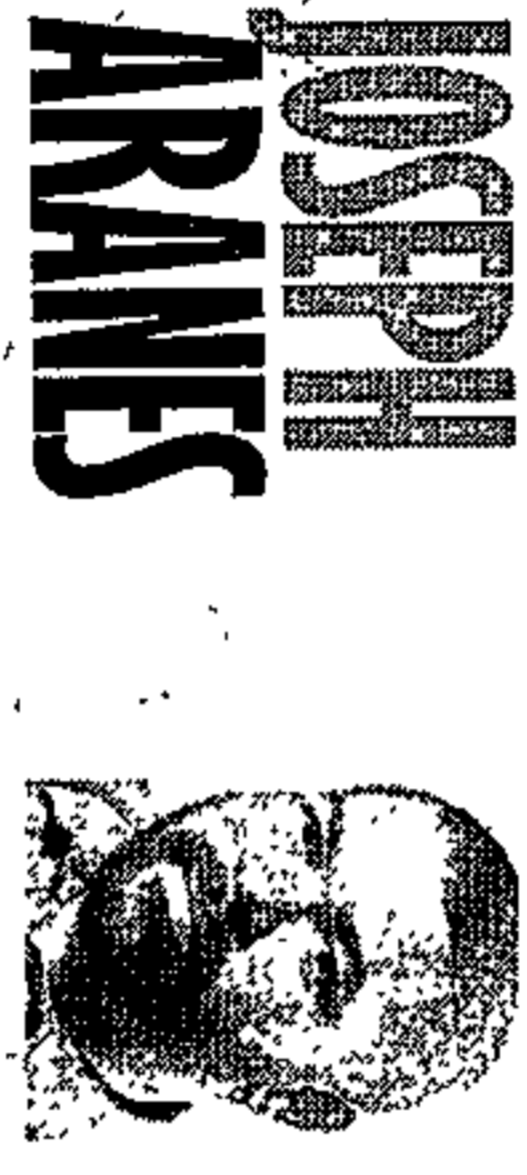
## Key ingredients credibility and confidence in police, says Rasool

The African National Congress in the Western Cape may have put all its eggs in one basket in coming out in support of Operation Good Hope, but its leader, Ebrahim Rasool, says nobody can allow the project to fail.

Since the start of the conflict between Cape Flats gangsters and the anti-crime group Pagad, the police have run several operations in attempts to come to grips with the problem, but with limited success.

Two weeks ago police Commissioner George Fivaz announced Operation Good Hope - a new strategy to combat urban terror and crime which are holding the people of the province hostage and negatively affecting the economy.

The operation, launched on Monday, will cost an estimated R4,3-million a month and will be headed by



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the former West Metropole area commissioner, Ganief Daniels.

Mr Rasool said everyone in the province had a responsibility to make the new initiative work.

"The unprecedented acts of terrorism, the assassinations, pipe-bomb attacks and the horror of the Waterfront car bomb show that all of us are affected by it.

"Our support recognises that there have been shortcomings and failures in the past. Operations Recoil

and Saladin did not achieve what we had hoped and we all owe it to the people of the province to make a success of Good Hope."

Mr Rasool said the ANC's support was conditional and he believed the organisation could make an impact by injecting credibility into the operation and the police.

"One of the key ingredients missing in the other operations was that the communities did not have confidence and faith in the police to do the job. We have identified that there are credible police officers, across the racial spectrum, who must be entrusted to lead us in the fight against crime and urban terror.

"At the same time, we must depoliticise our efforts to fight crime and end the public's cynicism. Politicians, the police and the general public must all unite in the fight to make our society safe again."

Mr Rasool said the ANC would be making its resources available to the police.

"We will act as facilitators between the community and the police because unless the public take ownership of the the fight, it will only be the thin blue line protecting us from the terror.

"We will also recruit 500 police reservists to help the police in their efforts. These people will be used to relieve officers working in stations so they can do their beat work."

Mr Rasool said the ANC would continue educating people about the need to respect the rule of law.

It was also important that part of the projected R4,3-million budget be spent on neighbourhood watches and community safety forums, as these structures played a vital role in policing, especially the communities affected by urban terror.

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# MJC supports Operation Good Hope

DAN SIMON

THE Muslim Judicial Council (MJC) joined hands yesterday with other religious and political leaders to pledge its support for Operation Good Hope, the recently-launched joint campaign by the South African Police Service and South African National Defence Force to combat urban terrorism in the Cape Metropole.

About 300 people attend the lunch-time "Stand up for Peace" rally in the Cape Town City Hall.

Those who attended included members of the provincial cabinet, led by Western Cape Premier Gerald Morkel, ANC Western Cape leader Ebrahim Rasool, DP provincial leader Hennie Bester, the ACDP's Kevin Southgate, Freedom Front provincial leader Eleanor Lombard, mayors, senior police officers, members of the SANDF, religious leaders and members of the public, all gathered in a show of support for Operation Good Hope.

The rally was also an opportunity for the "silent majority" to take a stand against crime by sending out a clear message to criminals and vigilantes that their conduct was unacceptable in the Western Cape. The 30-minute gathering started with



**SUPPORT:** Muslim Judicial Council secretary-general Shelkh Achmat Sedick (left) and Chief Rabbi Cyril Harris, chief rabbi of SA, were some of the leaders who attended the "Stand up for Peace" rally in the City Hall yesterday.

PICTURE: ALAN TAYLOR

the observance of a minute of silence in commemoration of victims of violence. It was then addressed by Dr Ernst van

der Walt, of the Dutch Reformed Church, Shelkh Achmat Sedick, secretary-general of the MJC, Pastor Owen Henderson, of His

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People Christian Ministries, and Cyril Harris, chief rabbi of SA.

Morkel then handed over a signed Pledge of Support to police assistant commissioner Ganief Daniels, who heads Operation Good Hope.

The most forthright message came from Sedick who, while pledging the MJC's support for Operation Good Hope, said it was nonetheless "one of many operations and attempts to combat escalating crime in the community".

"Operation Good Hope has been given as an alternative to combat crime, but it needs to be seen to deliver.

"In the eyes of the community, the issue of delivery is not there and we therefore recommend that you give Ganief Daniels the necessary powers and authority to run Operation Good Hope independently and to select his own task teams and his own units, even if it means that the Gang Unit and the Serious Violent Crimes Unit be disbanded."

Daniels said a small group of people were terrorising the Cape and holding it to ransom. "What is significant is that where we need to be united against this kind of threat, my concern is that we are now becoming frightened of one another."

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## Support for anti-crime drive

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"Operation Good Hope can succeed. We are supposed to be addressing gangs and drugs, but with the threat of urban terrorism more resources will have to be used to catch the people who are planting bombs and killing people.

"My message to them is rather surrender now, so that we can concentrate on solving other crimes."

Regarding the killing of police-

men, Daniels said it was "neither right nor fair" that those who investigated terror attacks now had to be protected.

"It's also neither right nor fair that every second week we stand next to an open grave to bury someone who is fighting crime and protecting the community."

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# Dissension main threat to anti-terror

Jonny Steinberg

CAPE TOWN — The greatest threat to Operation Good Hope was division in the ranks of those charged with leading it, deputy police commissioner Ganiel Daniels, operational commander of the operation, said at a peace rally in Cape Town yesterday.

Daniels was speaking at the launch of the campaign — a multimillion rand police move to combat urban terror in the Western Cape. His warning was targeted at the emergence of two rival positions on the aims of the operation.

The African National Congress (ANC) provincial leadership, together with ele-

Political rivalry must not undermine Operation Good Hope, says Cape police chief

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ments in the safety and security department, believe the operation should begin the process of "flushing out" the province's police high command, and replacing it with a new generation of leadership.

"Daniels must be given carte blanche in appointing the operational leadership of Good Hope," ANC spokesman Cameron Dugmore said yesterday.

"Good Hope must begin the process of putting in place a new set of police leaders in this province. The old guard has proved again and again it does not have the will or

the understanding to fight both urban terror and gangsterism. If Good Hope does not address these systemic problems, it will fail."

Dugmore's sentiments were echoed by Muslim Judicial Council spokesman Sheikh Achmat Sedick. Speaking at yesterday's rally, Sedick said: "Police in this province do not enjoy community trust ... Daniels must have the power and the authority to run the operation independently. He must appoint his own task team. If this means disbanding units which have traditionally been charged with investigating urban terror, and the se-

rious violent crimes unit, then so be it."

However, Western Cape police spokesman Wicus Holtzhausen said yesterday there was little chance Operation Good Hope would tamper with the command structure of the Western Cape police.

"Policing was extremely successful in 1998," he said. "The number of pipe bomb attacks plummeted, the number of arrests shot up. Operation Good Hope was just a response to the two Waterfront bombings. Given the symbolic importance of the Waterfront, we had to respond to and to be seen to

be responding to the threat to the province's tourism industry and economy."

Holtzhausen's comments seem to be at odds with those of Western Cape police commissioner Leon Wessels, who has argued repeatedly that policing in the province was hamstrung by a lack of resources and appropriate legislation. Late last year, Wessels called for more personnel and infrastructure, as well as legislation to extend the detention period of terror suspects.

Budgeted at R4,3m a month, Operation Good Hope certainly gives Wessels the resources he asked for. Also, a legal team may well give Wessels the legal powers he has demanded in the coming weeks.

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**CLEAN-OUT OR COP-OUT?** (35)

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Last week, shortly after the announcement of Operation Good Hope — to eliminate gang-related violence in the Western Cape — the provincial ANC led by Ebrahim Rasool met Police Commissioner George Fivaz to brief him and make suggestions. Things went well. After the meeting Rasool said: "I believe we have succeeded in convincing Commissioner Fivaz that rapid transformation of the police

service is a precondition for Operation Good Hope to succeed."

According to Rasool: "It is a disgrace that in a province where the majority are coloureds and Africans, the police management



is almost 90% white."

Fivaz agreed it was necessary to "win back the trust of the community". For its part the ANC promised to augment Operation Good Hope's forces by recruiting a further 500 police reservists by April 1.

The ANC recommended the disbanding

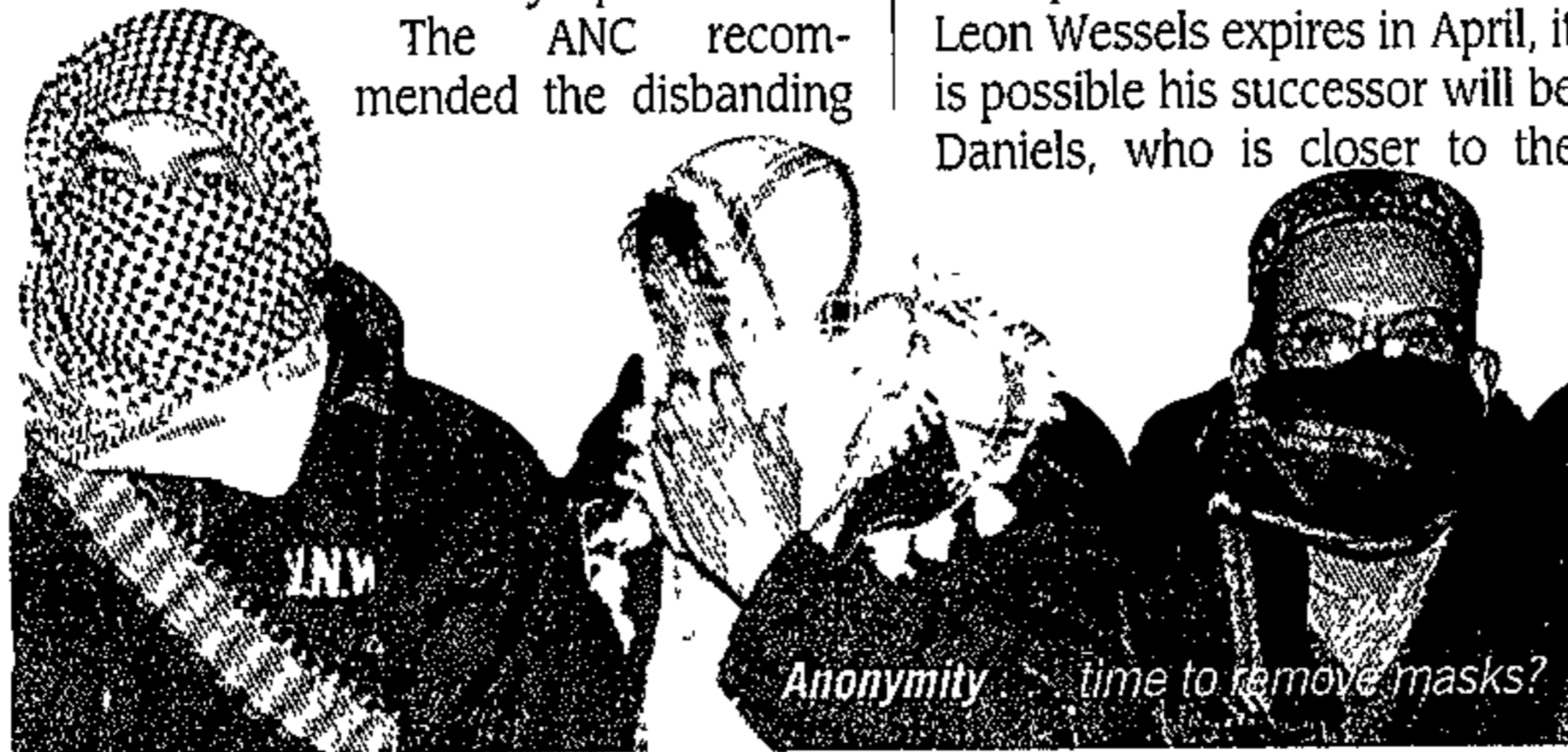
of the failed Pagad Task Team and other operations aimed at curbing violence, and that operational management command rest with an assistant Police Commissioner, Ganief Daniels. As the contract of current provincial Commissioner Leon Wessels expires in April, it is possible his successor will be Daniels, who is closer to the

community than Wessels.

Rasool is pressing for what amounts to a clean-out of the Western Cape police. His strong anti-crime stance has brought him death threats. At least one goal of Good Hope must be to ensure that no major political figures are assassinated in the run-up to the election.

One step agreed on for immediate implementation is that there should be weapons searches before marches can take place, and that no-one who masks himself be allowed to protest. The police have the power to do this — but they haven't acted. Perhaps they are afraid.

Peter Wilhelm





# Blast mocks police crackdown

Marianne Merten and Chiara Carter

**P**olice and politicians anticipate that the audacious bomb blast which hit Cape Town on Thursday will provide impetus to calls to provide police with additional powers to combat urban terrorism in the Western Cape.

The blast has made a mockery of Operation Good Hope which was launched this week — the latest in a string of national police initiatives to curb the conflict which killed more than 225 people last year.

The pipe bomb was concealed in a rubbish bin and occurred at the nerve centre of Cape Town — metres from the Caledon Square police station, the magistrate's and regional courts and offices of the departments of correctional services, home affairs and labour — and a few blocks away from Parliament. At the time of going to press, at least five people were injured — including an elderly Muslim woman, who was in a critical condition.

"It's callous, it's brain-dead," said a man who was standing only metres away from the site of the blast. "People could have been killed. If the people who did this have a problem with the government, they should rather talk to them."

Police National Commissioner George Fivaz and Minister of Safety and Security Sydney Mufamadi immediately arranged to fly to Cape Town. Mufamadi said he first wanted to visit the scene before making any comment.

However, police officials and politicians alike speculated that the blast might provide impetus for the police to be given emergency powers — a move which was considered by the government last year for both the Western Cape and strife-torn Richmond in KwaZulu-Natal. These powers could include extending police rights to search as well as to cordon off areas.

But the Democratic Party said that unless the police beefed up their intelligence capacity, additional powers would not help to root out the terrorists.

DP representative for safety and security Douglas Gibson hit out at Mufamadi, asking what he had done to improve the situation since Deputy President Thabo Mbeki announced that the minister of safety and security would personally head Western Cape police operations. Gibson said dozens of pipe-bomb attacks had occurred and the police still had no information. "We should start firing the people responsible for police intelligence," Gibson said.

African National Congress leader in the Western Cape, Ebrahim Rasool, said the blast was a direct challenge to Operation Good Hope. "There was no way that the bombers would be allowed to deter police and ordinary citizens from ending the violence," Rasool said. Despite attempts to keep a lid on what's



Desperately seeking clues: Police examine the road outside Caledon Square police station in Cape Town. PHOTOGRAPH: KIM LUDBRÖCK

cooking in Operation Good Hope, word of internal fighting among senior police officers and poor preparation has emerged.

Although Fivaz has said that the operation was kicked off because conflict across the Western Cape is a national security concern which central government has to deal with, his promises that Western Cape police would be pivotal are now being questioned.

The highest-ranking black officer in the Western Cape, Assistant Commissioner Gantief Daniels, has been put in charge of the operation, but even his plans were dashed when he was not allowed to select his own team of detectives and intelligence officers to drive the campaign.

Shortly after his appointment Daniels announced that he planned to select officers with a proven track record, and to give black detectives in the province a platform to prove themselves. But these ambitions were quickly quashed as national officers moved in to control the setting up of Operation Good Hope.

The power play is being seen in the light of the infighting within the Western Cape police force, predominantly between black officers with an Umkhonto weSizwe background and white apartheid-era officers.

Many believe Daniels, who has a track record of tackling crime using lateral think-

ing, was picked in case the operation goes wrong. A senior police officer put it bluntly: "He has been set up."

Under the Operation Good Hope structure, Daniels has operational command but has to report to a committee dominated by national police brass. They include national operations manager Andre Pruis, Commissioner Manie Schoeman and Deputy National Commissioner Mike Bestier. This committee reports directly to Fivaz in Pretoria.

Pruis's representative, Martin Aylward, was at pains this week to point out that the province had identified its problems and made the request for help.

He said the focus of Operation Good Hope is strictly on riding the Western Cape of urban terrorists. "It [urban terrorism] is a problem. We should consider it as such, irrespective of national security issues. Our job is to provide a safe and secure environment. The situation got out of control. We must do something about it."

The media has been told "not to expect a running commentary" on the operation. Acting provincial police representative Wilus Holzhäuser said during the previous anti-crime campaign, Operation Recoil, criminals were often alerted to operations.

"We would for once like to work the way it suits the police. During Operation Recoil we worked to suit the media. Now, if we feel there is something we can let the media know, we will let them know," Holzhäuser said.

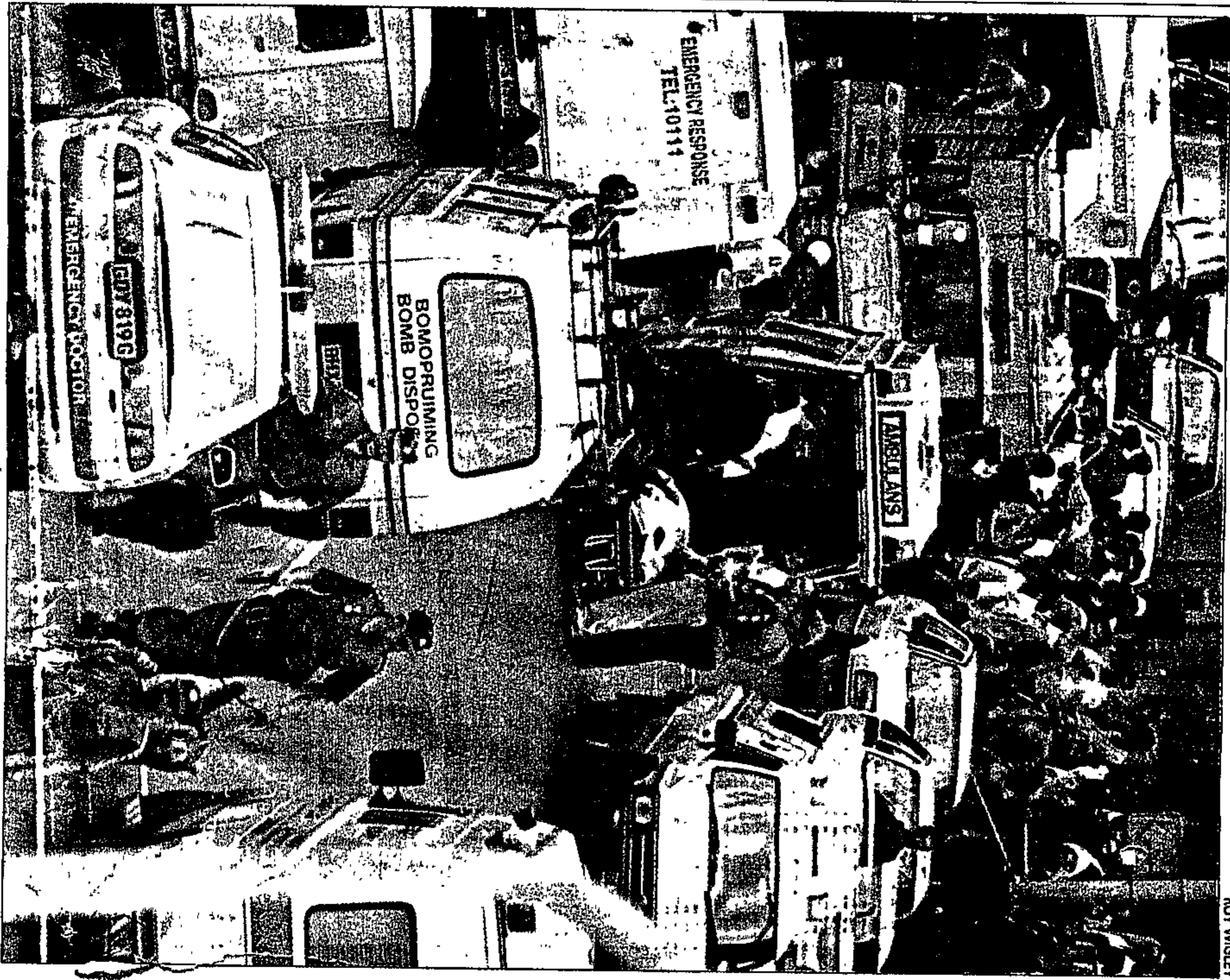
Although around 90% of the police personnel, most of them from outside the province, have made themselves at home in Cape Town, it has become apparent that there are not even enough vehicles available to get them out on the beat.

Commentators and groups which have been involved in trying to find solutions to the ongoing conflict between anti-drug vigilantes and gangsters have raised eyebrows at the speed with which the operation was announced.

Operation Good Hope followed a promise by Mbeki earlier this month that the government would not tolerate anti-crime vigilantes taking the law into their own hands.

Western Province Council of Churches member and representative for the Western Cape Anti-Crime Forum, Keith Benjamin, said on the Saturday Mbeki made a speech and on Monday Operation Good Hope was announced. "When was this plan hatched? Surely it couldn't be hatched just the day before it was announced in the media. So the first question is for us: 'What exactly is the agenda? Is this an election ploy?'"

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The violence continues ... emergency services help the injured after a bomb exploded in front of the Central police station in Cape Town yesterday. Eleven people were hurt.

# Bomb a 'direct challenge' to the authorities

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Stop these madmen, plead the families of victims

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**L**eaders of Operation Good Hope - the anti-terrorism campaign in the Western Cape - were meeting close to Caledon Square police station yesterday when a bomb detonated, injuring 11 people.

The bomb went off just 24 hours after the Muslim Judicial Council had joined hands with other religious and political groups to support the anti-terrorism campaign.

The explosion occurred in one of the busiest parts of town, and within metres of the Home Affairs Department, magistrate's court and Department of Labour.

Police sources said the bomb appeared a direct challenge to those working to end urban terrorism in the area.

The suspected pipe-bomb placed in a dustbin outside the charge office entrance to the police station and directly under a poster calling for support for Operation Good Hope - exploded at 1.15pm.

Of the 11 injured, three are in a serious condition and one, a woman, critical. Sharifia Davids of Bo-Kaap had her spine shattered by shrapnel.

The injured were admitted to City Park Hospital. Meanwhile, police have released two men detained for questioning. The two were picked up after witnesses described seeing two men speeding away from the bomb scene



Wrecked ... a Volkswagen Beetle which was parked outside the Caledon Square police station took the brunt of the explosion.

In a Gauteng-registered car. The two men who were questioned - brothers in Islamic garb - interned saying police for wrongful arrest. They had been shopping for a pilgrimage to Mecca, and were in the vicinity of the explosion, said attorney Ebrahim Holt.

Police were adamant the men were simply detained for questioning, and not arrested. Relatives of the victims agreed it was an act of God that nobody had been killed.

Roshano Gordhan's family are praying she does not lose an eye. "We are asking these mad bombers to please stop. We can't go anywhere without worrying about our safety."

Added Gordon's friend "There's fear. Stop before more people are hurt or killed." Commissioner Ganief Daniels, Director Leonard Knipe,

who is heading the investigations into previous pipe-bomb blasts at the Waterfront, and Mark Wiley MEC for community safety and security in the Western Cape, made a plea to the public to remain calm.

"We are also appealing to the public to be on the alert for suspicious packages or movements that could result in an attack such as this," Wiley said.

Western Cape Premier Gerid Morkel last night called on the perpetrators of urban terrorism to spell out what they were trying to achieve.

"As the premier of this province, my door is always open to those who wish to bring about a law-abiding society ... we must avoid more people ending up on a mortuary slab."

He reiterated an appeal to government for appropriate anti-terrorism legislation.

SEVEN INJURED IN BLAST

SUSPECTS RELEASED

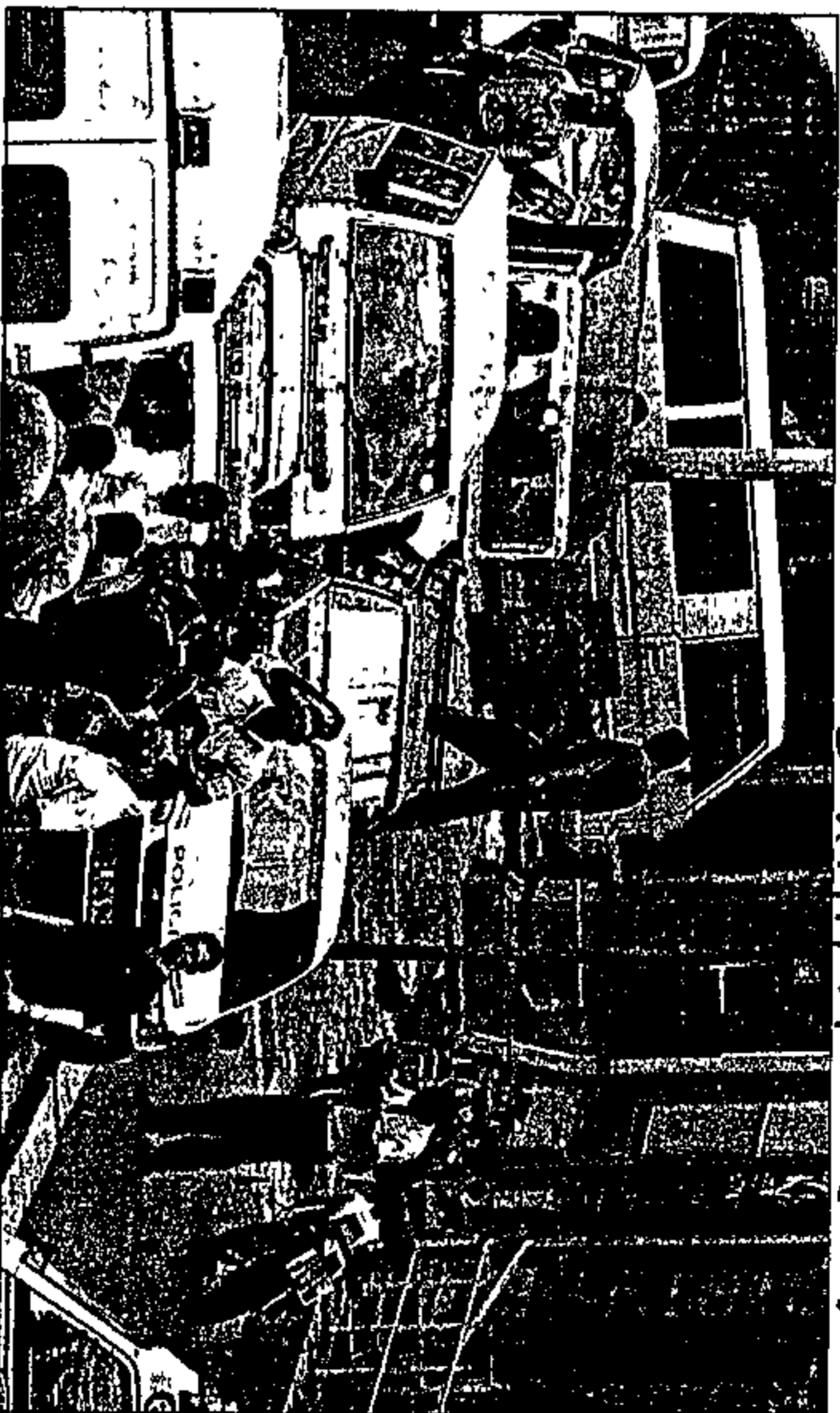
# 'Stop these mad bombers'

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EMERGENCY CARE: Ambulance drivers and attendants treat the injured before whisking them off to City Park Hospital after yesterday's blast.



SENSELESS DESTRUCTION: Minutes after yesterday's bomb blast, the area is cordoned off, the injured are ferried away and the arduous investigation begins.

PICTURE: BERNY GOOL

**JUST 24 HOURS** after a number of religious and political groups joined hands with each other to support the anti-terrorist campaign Operation Good Hope, a bomb blast in the city centre yesterday has once again demonstrated the callousness of the attackers and the inability of police to apprehend them.

The explosion occurred in one of the busiest parts of town, outside the Cape Town Central police station and within metres of the Home Affairs Department, Magistrate's Court and Department of Labour.

Miraculously, there were no fatalities. Police detained two men in connection with the bombing a few blocks from the scene within a few minutes of the explosion, but last night released them after excluding them as suspects.

Police were adamant yesterday that the two men, who were not identified, were "detained for questioning" — and not arrested.

Operation Good Hope spokesperson Anthe de Beer said the detentions had been made on the strength of two affidavits containing descriptions of the possible bombers.

provided by members of the public.

"They were, unfortunately, in the area and they matched the description," she said.

"They were intensively interrogated. The investigation team is convinced that they cannot be connected to the explosion," she said, adding that the pair were released shortly after 7pm.

De Beer said the police were "grateful to the people who came forward with information" and she appealed to others who might be able to assist the police to follow their example, "no matter how insignificant they may think their information to be".

Police last night declined to provide details of the descriptions of the alleged bombers.

The suspected pipe-bomb — placed in a dustbin outside the charge office entrance to the police station and directly under a poster

calling for support for Operation Good Hope — tipped through Bultenkant Street at 1.15pm.

Eleven people were injured — three of them seriously — and extensive damage was caused. Three of the injured were in a serious condition last night. Six patients, one a woman in a critical condition, were admitted to City Park Hospital.

Shantela Davids of Bo-Kaap underwent emergency surgery at the City Park Hospital for several hours last night after shrapnel shattered her spine. She was reported to have been stabilised after surgeons delicately removed as much shrapnel as they could.

Other families of victims, who rushed to City Park after being informed by hospital authorities, were also numb with shock, saying it was an act of God that nobody was killed.

Roegshana Gordon's family are praying that the piece of plastic lodged in her eye does not result in the loss of her eye.

"We are asking these mad bombers to please stop terrorising the people. We can't go anywhere without worrying about our safety. Stop the violence, before more people

are hurt or killed," said Gordon's friend Theresa Toon, outside the City Park Hospital.

Commissioner Ganief Daniel, Director Leonard Knipe — who also takes overall responsibility for the investigations into the pipe-bomb blasts at Cape Town's Victoria and Alfred Waterfront — and Mark Willey, MEC for Community Safety and Security in the Western Cape, made an urgent plea to the public to remain calm and for the media not to create hysteria among the people.

Western Cape Premier Gerald Morkel last night called on the perpetrators of urban terrorism in the province to spell out what they were trying to achieve.

"As premier of this province, my door is always open to those who wish to bring about a law-abiding society... people must talk to avoid more persons ending up on a mortuary slab," he said.

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## THE BOMB VICTIMS

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Three unnamed victims with minor injuries were treated at Somerset Hospital and discharged.

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# Stop the bombers

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The bomb illustrated the total disregard criminals and terrorists had for the law in South Africa, Gibson said.

A number of police stations in the Western Cape have been attacked with pipe-bombs the past 13 months.

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It housed the police unit investigating vigilante group, People Against Gangsterism and Drugs.

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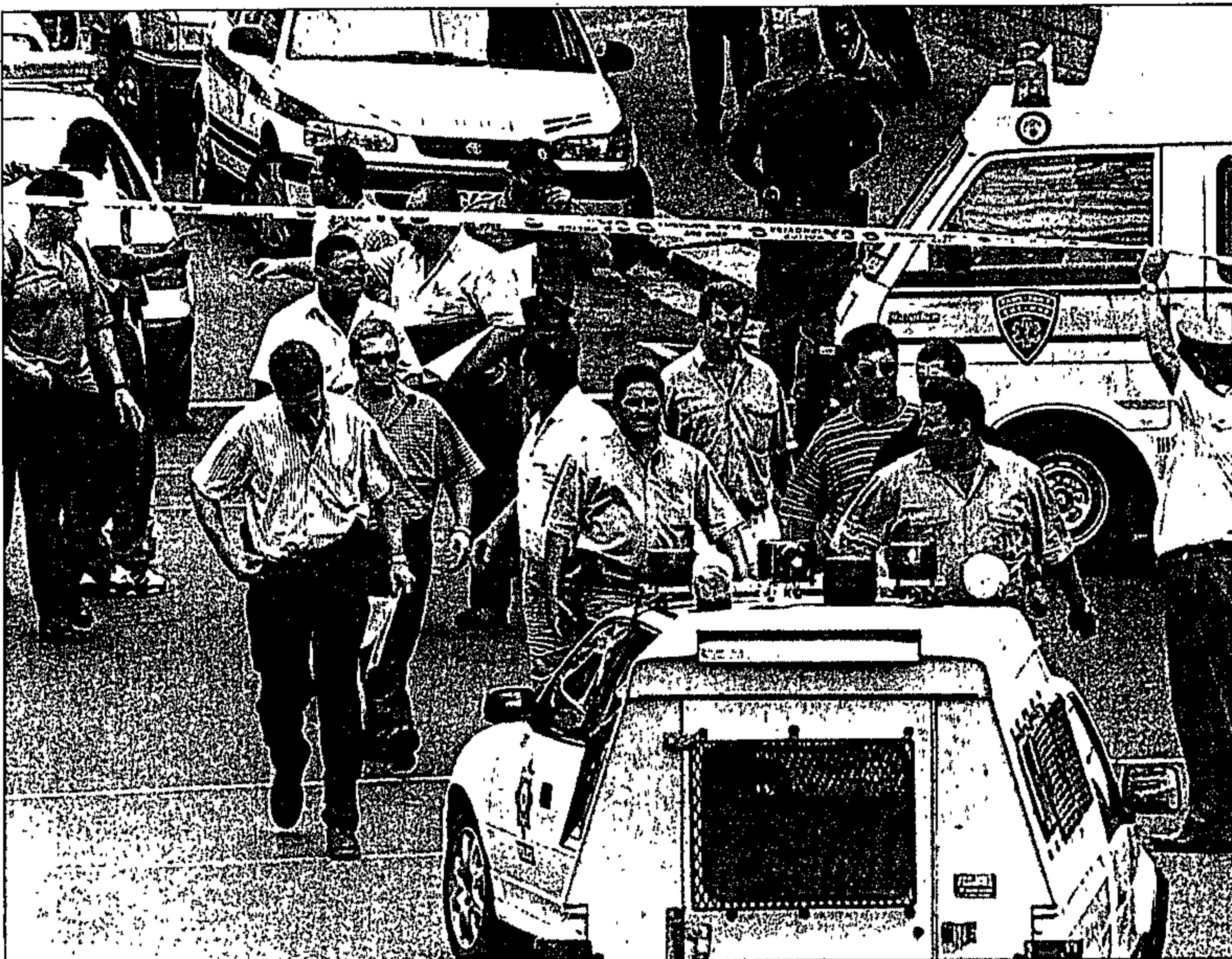
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**IT HURTS:** Bloodied bomb victim Carol Meyers is carefully tended to by ambulance staff as she awaits treatment shortly before being admitted to City Park Hospital yesterday.

PICTURE: DENZIL MAREGELE



**READY FOR ACTION:** Senior detectives make their way to their vehicles after receiving information that two suspects were apprehended in connection with the bomb blast.

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## Appeal for donations to aid needy victims

JILL RICHIE, managing trustee of the Western Cape Emergency Relief Fund — previously known as the Planet Hollywood Victims' Fund — last night appealed to Capetonians to support the fund and donate money to help victims.

"When something like this (yesterday's blast) happens, more often than not the victims are from impoverished backgrounds and have no proper income or medical aid for that matter.

"We have to help them and I am appealing to people please to do their bit," she said.

Donations can be made to Standard Bank, Merriman Square, current account number 07-313-2160.

### Too late for classification

#### DEATHS

##### CARELSE

Tony, our neighbour. Rest in peace. From Alan, Beverley and children.

##### CARELSE

Tony (Anthony), passed away suddenly 27th January, 1999. Deeply mourned by his loving wife, Shirley. Funeral service at the New Apostolic

Church, Plein St, Woodstock, on Saturday, January 30 at 10 am.

##### MUNN

Brother David Munn, District Grand Architect, suddenly passed to Higher Service on Wednesday, 27th January, 1999. He will be sadly missed by the Right Worshipful District Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the District Grand Lodge, Scottish Constitution.

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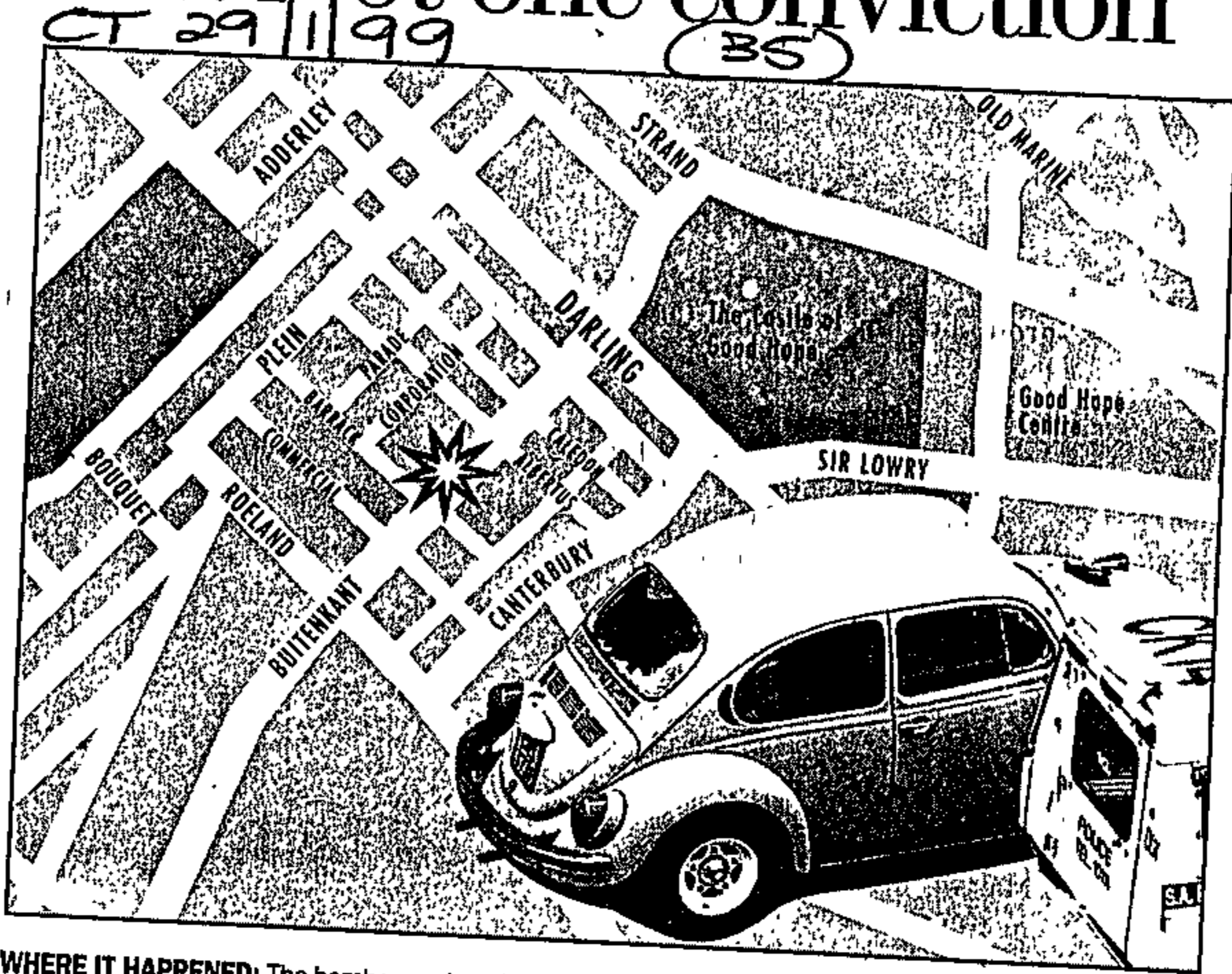
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**WHERE IT HAPPENED:** The bomb was placed in a blue rubbish bin outside the entrance to the Cape Town Central police station, in Buitenkant Street in the city centre.

GRAPHIC: MUGAMAD JACOBS

leading businessmen in the Muslim and Indian communities.

Police, saying that the attacks were "definitely not by the gangs", revealed that the victims and other businesspeople, about 30 in all, had been targeted for extortion in the preceding two weeks.

Police also claimed that a shadowy, hand-picked group within Pagad's armed wing, the G-Force, was responsible for these and eight other attacks — but Pagad national co-ordinator Abdoes-Salaam Ebrahim denied this.

- On June 18 the Lotus River house of left-wing politician and academic Neville Alexander was petrol-bombed. Alexander, his sister and his four children, who were home at the time, were not hurt.

However, police later said they believed the attacker had mistaken his home for that of a drug and liquor dealer in the same street — but his house was petrol-bombed again on July 2.

- On June 21 a business in Grassy Park belonging to the owner of the firm targeted by the car bomb 11 days earlier in Athlone was extensively damaged by a pipe bomb. A man was severely injured.

- About 1am on June 26 a second police station was bombed, this time in Mowbray, causing extensive damage to the pavement and a car, and blowing out nearby shop windows.

Witnesses said the occupants of a white Corolla had thrown "a package" at the police station before speeding off.

- On July 3 the Rondebosch East home of prominent religious studies academic Ebrahim Moosa was rocked by a powerful pipe bomb. No one was injured, but sev-

eral houses were damaged.

Moosa, who has since left the country, was one of the first to criticise Pagad's "militancy and intolerance" when he and other prominent leaders and groups, including the MJC, ANC provincial leader Ebrahim Rasool, Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town Njongonkulu Ndungane and others issued a joint statement in November 1996.

- On July 30 two Pagad members, Faizel Hendricks and Nurulla Ailie, were blown to pieces and two others, Mogamat Anwar Francis and Yusuf Salie, injured when a pipe bomb exploded inside the cab of their bakkie in Wetton.

Pagad claimed at the time that gangsters had thrown the bomb into the bakkie, but police — labelling the men "high-profile G-Force members" —

said this was "nonsense" and that they had been on their way to attack a target when the bomb exploded prematurely.

- The third attack on a police target came on August 6, when hawker Nolusindiso Mlolo was killed and shop assistant Karen le Roux seriously injured in a pipe-bombing outside the Bellville offices of the Pagad Task Team. Two passersby were also hurt.

A few days later police and political, religious, anti-crime and union leaders gathered for a wreath-laying ceremony at the spot where Mlolo, who had virtually been standing over the bomb when it exploded, was killed. They declared themselves united against the "scourge of terrorism".

- On August 25 the pipe bomb

that drew international attention — at the Planet Hollywood restaurant in the V&A Waterfront — went off, killing two and injuring 26 others.

It was also the first major "soft" target, striking at the heart of the city's most popular tourist attraction, and in a venue owned by major Hollywood stars Arnold Schwarzenegger, Bruce Willis, Sylvester Stallone and Demi Moore.

Speculation was rife that the bombing was in response to US missile attacks against alleged "terrorist" targets in Sudan and Afghanistan.

- Bombings tailed off after the Planet Hollywood blast, but on October 26 a bomb went off at the entrance to Club Images in Athlone. There were no injuries, but the entrance to the club was badly damaged.

- Early on December 18, a pipe bomb exploded at the entrance to the 96-year-old Wynberg synagogue, ripping doors off hinges, chipping plaster and smashing stained-glass windows. No one was hurt.

- Five bombings and petrol-bombings were reported on Christmas Day, in areas such as Retreat, Eerste River, Lansdowne, Sherwood Park in Manenberg and Cravenby Estate. Two people were hurt in the Manenberg incident.

- The first bombing of the New Year, and the second car bomb to be exploded, was outside the Victoria Wharf at the Waterfront on New Year's Day. Two people were hurt.

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# Cape bomb 'a message'

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## Blast 'strengthens case for promulgation of antiterrorist legislation' and sets the scene for a crackdown

Jonny Steinberg

CAPE TOWN — The leaders of Operation Good Hope were meeting just metres from Caledon Square police station when a bomb blast rocked the building yesterday, suggesting that the bombers were sending a message to those assigned to hunt them down, sources close to police said yesterday.

The bomb, which exploded opposite the entrance to the police station's charge office at lunch time, left 11 pedestrians injured, three critically. It came just a day after the public launch of Operation Good Hope, a multimillion-rand police project to fight urban terror.

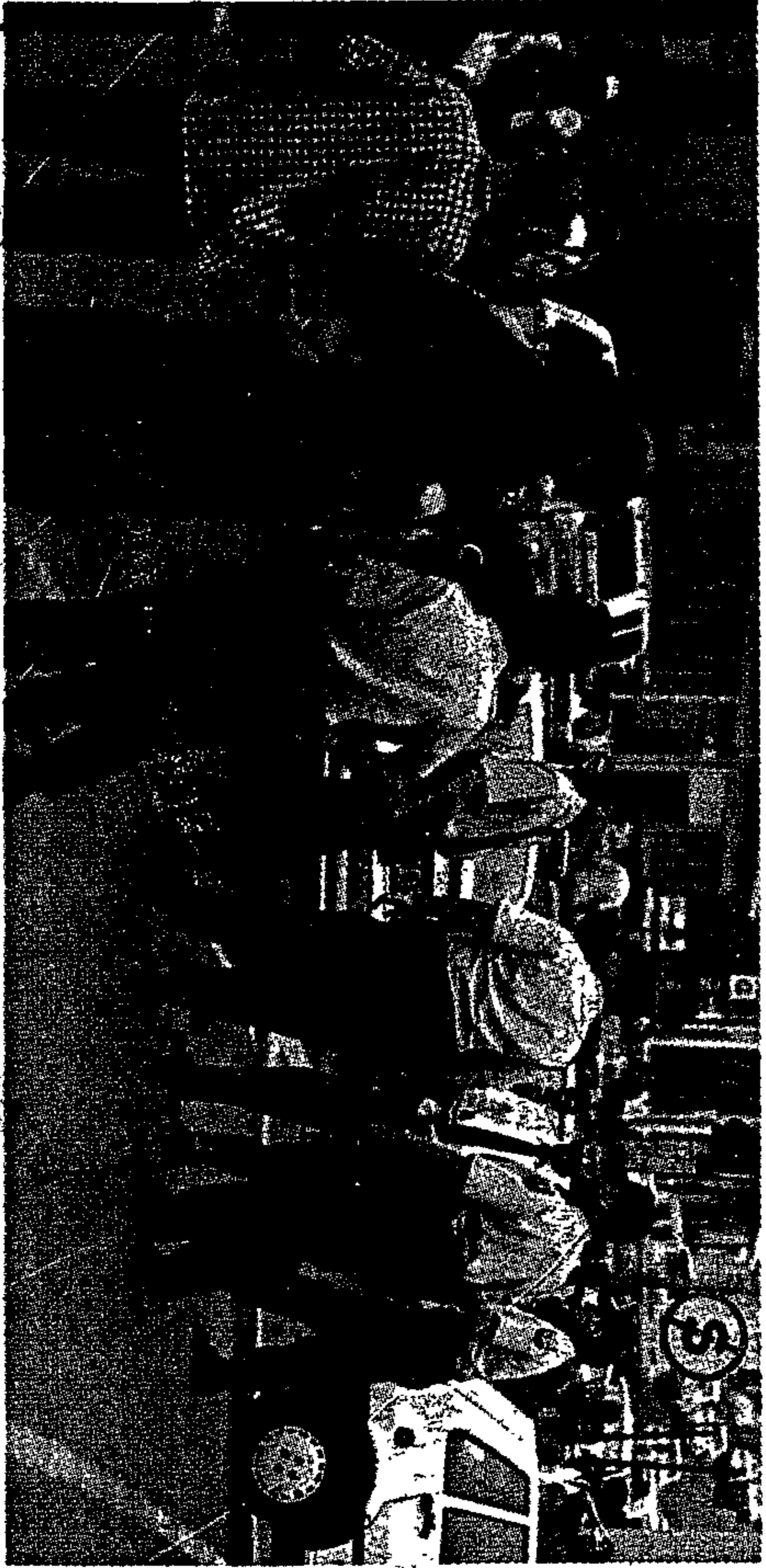
Police sources said yesterday preliminary investigations confirmed the device was a pipe bomb and was planted in a rubbish bin on Buitenkant Street, directly outside the station. "The pipe bomb is the Islamic fundamentalist signature in the Western Cape," the source said. "There is little doubt about who did it."

Two people were apprehended by police on Buitenkant Street minutes after the blast. By last night police had not laid charges against them.

Police spokesman Ameen de Beer denied yesterday that the leaders of Operation Good Hope were meeting at police headquarters behind Clarendon Square when the bomb exploded.

However, a police source said: "A meeting was taking place between the operational leadership and community representatives at lunchtime at headquarters, which suggests that the bombers have a wicked sense of humour. They appear to be telling us that their intelligence sources are better than ours, that while we do not know where the next bomb will explode, they know where we are and they know how to get to us."

"But there is a sense in which the place and timing of the bomb was tactically



Police comb the scene of the blast in which 11 people were injured in central Cape Town yesterday. Picture: TYRONE ARTHUR

"It ups the ante and places pressure on police to come down very hard on People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad). It certainly strengthens the case for the promulgation of special antiterrorist legislation, such as extended detention periods for suspects and greater search-and-seizure powers."

"It is almost as if Pagad is willing its own destruction. A tactically sober move would have been to retreat and lie low until the operation was well in motion."

A senior African National Congress (ANC) official said yesterday the latest blast had probably closed the debate on the advisability of special legislation.

"It has become common cause that legislation extending the detention period of terror suspects beyond 48 hours is necessary," the source said. "The only remaining question is whether this can be done without amending the constitution. Symbolically, constitutional amendment would be a bad route. It would give credence to the argument that democratic norms are weak and inappropriate to our circumstances."

Democratic Party spokesman Douglas Gibson said the fact that the planning of the blast was not detected by police was an indictment on police intelligence. "Surely the time has come for heads to roll," Gibson said. "We should start by firing the people responsible for intelligence. If they cannot deliver, why bother to have them?"

ANC Western Cape leader Ebrahim Rasool said: "These urban terrorists are once again overplaying their hand. No amount of bombing will stop the ANC from making its contribution to see the police fight crime and urban terrorism," he said.

National police commissioner George Fivaz flew to Cape Town last night to join the investigation into the blast. He will be joined by Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi tomorrow.

# R2-m police, business bid to catch bombers

## SAPS to brief special cabinet committee on war against terrorism

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JERMAINE CRAIG

The police and business sector have placed rewards totalling R2-million on the heads of the bombers responsible for the spate of explosions which have rocked the Mother City in recent months.

Anyone with information which will lead to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the blasts will become an instant double millionaire.

Business Against Crime (BAC) yesterday offered a R1-million reward through the South African Police Services for information leading to the arrest of the killers of slain police detective Bennie Lategan and those responsible for the bombing of the Caledon Square police station.

Earlier a R250 000 reward was offered for information leading to the arrest of the Planet Hollywood bombers, while another R840 000 in reward money has been promised for information about eight other major pipe bombings in the city over the last few months.

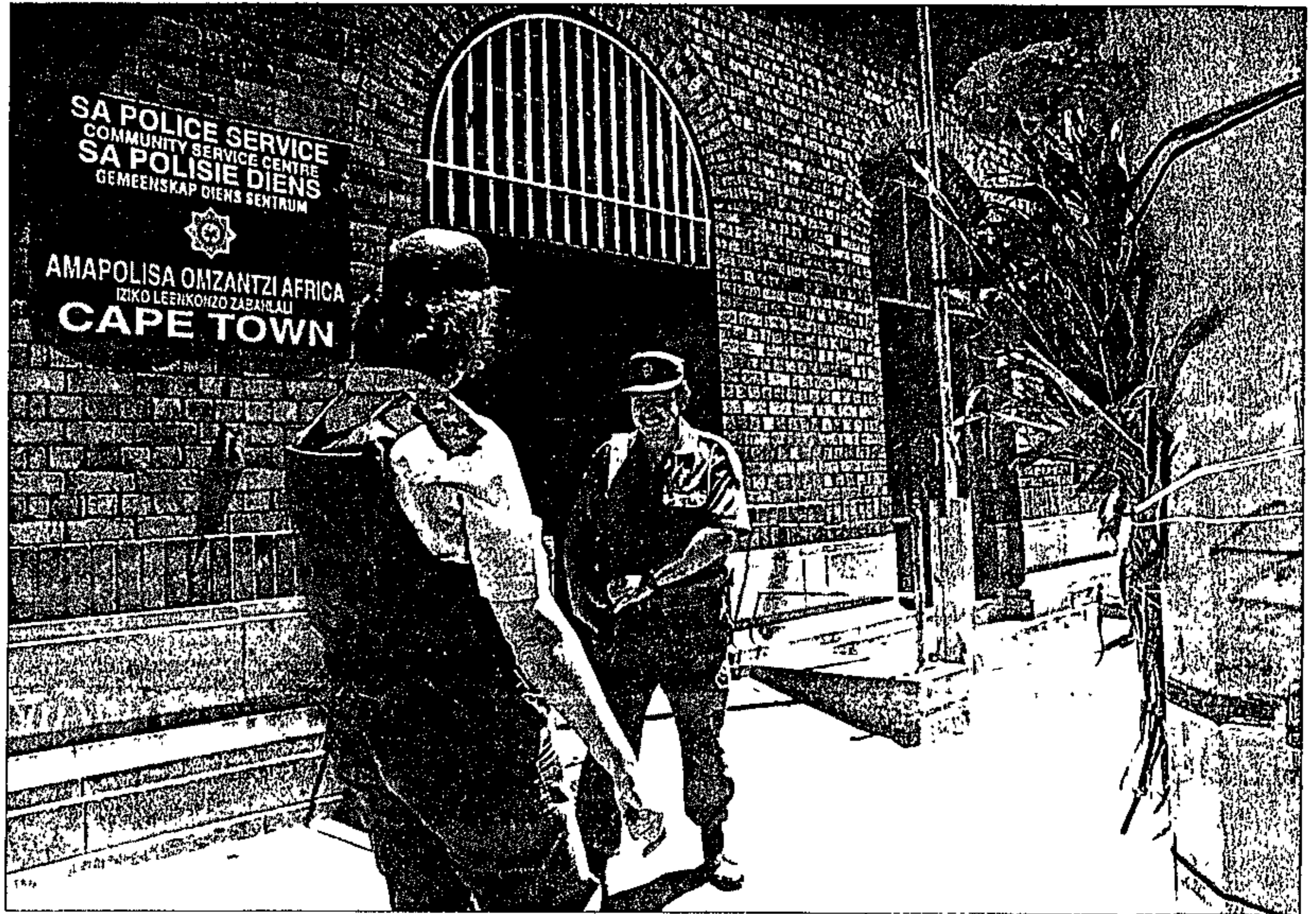
The R1-million reward was announced by BAC managing director John Penberthy at a press conference yesterday.

"In offering this reward we wish to make it clear that the business community in South Africa will not stand idly by while criminals and terrorists target our police service. Furthermore the SAPS can call upon the resources of Business Against Crime to assist them in the investigation of these crimes," Mr Penberthy said.

He said that through this gesture, BAC wished to send out three clear messages: firstly to show solidarity in spirit and purpose with law enforcement agencies and investigators, secondly to show people who could assist police in their investigations that they are sincere about the level and value of the reward available for the arrest and conviction of the perpetrators and thirdly to show those responsible for these crimes that the business community will not tolerate this form of lawlessness under any circumstances.

Meanwhile, Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi said a special cabinet committee would meet next week at an undisclosed venue for a briefing from police on the fight against terrorism.

"I want to express our profound sympathies for the victims of Thursday's attack, but also to make the point that if that attack was intended to intimidate us in order to make it



AFTERMATH: a bouquet of flowers outside the Caledon Square police station in Cape Town, scene of Thursday's bomb blast Picture: LEON MULLER

difficult, if not impossible, for us to implement Operation Good Hope, then it was an exercise in futility."

Mr Mufamadi, Provincial Minister of Community Safety Mark Wiley and national director of public prosecutions Bulelani Ngcuka met the strategic management committee of Operation Good Hope, an anti-crime project which will cost over R4-million a month, yesterday to be briefed on how the operation was being implemented on the ground.

Mr Mufamadi said a lot of time was spent on the investigative and intelligence dimensions of the operation and he was certain that the operational plans for Good Hope would be fine-tuned in the light of yesterday's discussion.

Mr Wiley said he and Mr Mufamadi had crossed swords and had their differences in the past, but the challenge they were now facing was of

national magnitude.

"After a full briefing I am fully satisfied that the measures being taken are the best that the country can offer and I am convinced we will have success," Mr Wiley said.

He said anyone with information on the bombing or Captain Lategan's killing should phone 021-9516665.

Earlier this week the Saturday Argus received a mysterious phone call from a man claiming to be a member of Pagad's G-Force. The caller claimed responsibility for the bombing of Caledon Square.

However Pagad spokesman Cassiem Parker said Pagad's G-Force never released any statements.

"It was obviously a hoax call, but it could also be an attempt by the police and senior police structures to justify the unlawful actions they are taking against Pagad members."



ZERO TOLERANCE: Sydney Mufamadi, minister of safety and security, flanked by Provincial Minister of Community Safety Mark Wiley, left, and national police Commissioner George Fivaz feel confident that the police will bring the bombers to book Picture: ROY WIGLEY



# New bomb aimed at Cape cops

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JANET HEARD

A TEENAGER was injured when a bomb was thrown under a car outside the Woodstock police station in Cape Town last night.

The bomb, which landed under a stationary police vehicle, came within 48 hours of a pipe bomb blast outside the Cape Town central police station — in which 11 people were injured — and within days of the launch of Operation Good Hope, a major anti-terrorist police campaign.

The police vehicle was destroyed.

At about 6.40pm yesterday, witnesses saw something being thrown from a vehicle travelling past the police station, said police spokesman Captain Anine de Beer.

An 18-year old woman, Candice Jaun from Salt River, who was a passenger in a passing car was

hit in the neck by shrapnel and was rushed to hospital. The driver of the car was not injured.

Police cordoned off the area to search for other devices with the help of sniffer dogs. No arrests had been made at the time of going to press.

Within minutes of the blast, local politicians arrived on the scene to condemn the attack.

Western Cape ANC leader Ebrahim Rasool said it was "not enough for groups such as Pagad to deny they are involved".

While not attributing blame to any particular group, he challenged anti-gangster group Pagad to "go beyond denial and say they disagree with this sort of terror. They need to denounce it and resist it".

Community safety MEC Mark Wiley said the blast was sending "a clear message that this is a *de facto* terror campaign".

# Police weren't told about NIA-Pagad links

BY CP CORRESPONDENT

A ROW has erupted between the SA Police Service and the National Intelligence Agency (NIA) after a Pagad cadre arrested for illegal possession of explosives and firearms revealed that he was an agent working for the NIA.

Superintendent Henry Beukes, a senior police investigator into Pagad violence in the Western Cape, warned that undercover NIA agents who infiltrated Pagad could be killed by police on crime scenes "if the NIA and the police do not talk to each other."

It also emerged in the bail hearing of the Pagad members in the Oudtshoorn regional court that an NIA official had asked the self-confessed NIA spy in Pagad to remove from his statement to the police those parts linking him to the NIA.

Ayob Mungalee, Gauteng coordinator of Pagad, dropped his NIA bombshell when he and fellow Pagad members - Afzal Carriem, Izaam Sheik Izaam and Jassan Adoa - applied for bail following their arrest three weeks ago at Prince Albert Road in the Ka-roo. They were allegedly ferrying weapons and explosives from Johannesburg to Cape Town.

Police hailed their arrest at the time as a major breakthrough for Operation Good Hope, the special operation against Pagad violence announced last month by Deputy



**TOP SECRET.** . . The disclosure by Pagad's Ayob Mungalee (above front) that he is an NIA agent has angered the police, who were kept in the dark by the NIA. Pic: FANIE JASON

President Thabo Mbeki.

Beukes testified that until then he had not received a single report from the NIA regarding the work of Mungalee.

"It is clear that there are negotiations between the NIA and Pagad of which the police are not aware," Beukes testified.

Mungalee's handler at the NIA, Greta Bezuidenhout, told the bail hearing that Abdussalam Ebrahim, Pagad's national co-ordinator, asked Mungalee in December last year to bring 20 kg of explosives from Gauteng to Cape Town.

According to Bezuidenhout, Mungalee was refused permission by the NIA to transport the explosives because it would be impossible for the agency to exercise control, leading to the possibility of people being killed.

Bezuidenhout testified that she was shocked to learn that Mungalee in January took 2.5 kg of explosives to Cape Town without informing her.

Mungalee became an NIA agent in 1994. In 1997, when he became Gauteng co-ordinator for Pagad, he severed all ties with the NIA. In May 1998 he again started to work for the NIA, Bezuidenhout testified.

Magistrate Mark van Wyngaardt granted bail of R2 500 to Carriem.

The bail application of Mungalee, Izaam and Adoa was denied.

The case was postponed until May 25.

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POLICE AND INTELLIGENCE AGENCY AT ODDS

# 'NIA knew of pipe bombs'

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THE National Intelligence Agency (NIA) photographed four pipe bombs brought to them by one of their agents, then wrapped them up again and sent them back into the community, according to police evidence in the Pagad Five case in Oudtshoorn. **MELANIE GOSLING** reports.

It emerged in the bail application by the five Pagad members in Oudtshoorn on Friday that the NIA knew that one of their informers, Pagad member Ayub Mungalee, had transported explosives from Johannesburg to Cape Town, and that Pagad national co-ordinator Abdooes-Salaam Ebrahim had asked Mungalee to bring another 20kg from Gauteng.

Intelligence agencies all over the world allow their agents to take part in illegal activities to get inside information so they can catch the "big guys", but the question NIA's involvement in the Pagad Five case raises is: How long does the NIA sit back and absorb information about illegal activities before it acts? There have been more than 600 bomb attacks in the Western Cape in the past three years, and not one conviction.

The police allege Mungalee and

four other Pagad members — Iqshaan Sheik, Yasien Adoa, Alzai Karriem and Yacoub Jacobs — had been travelling to Cape Town to bomb Parliament when they were arrested on the N1 near Prince Albert Road on February 3.

They face charges of car theft and possession of illegal firearms, ammunition and detonators.

The police say they were not aware of the NIA's involvement in Pagad when they arrested the five, which is not surprising, as intelligence agencies the world over play their cards close to the chest.

But once the Pagad Five had been arrested and Mungalee's cover was blown, police thought their Operation Good Hope, launched recently to stop urban terrorism in the Western Cape, would get information from NIA. Investigating officer Henry Beukes told the court: "I thought

we had made a big breakthrough .. with co-operation between the police and the NIA. I thought we could solve this problem together, but it never happened."

He said he had asked Mungalee's NIA handler, Gretha Bezuidenhout, if he could have a report on Mungalee's undercover activities and that she had agreed. "After two weeks of negotiations we still haven't got it."

Then he went another route. Mungalee told him he had a 120-page document on his computer at home with all the reports given to the NIA, which Beukes could collect from his house. He told Beukes the NIA had paid for the computer.

When they got there on February 10, the computer was gone. Mungalee's wife said their son knew what had happened to it.

"We waited for his 12-year-old son to come home from school. He told us a man had told him: 'I've come to get your dad's computer.'" Mungalee told Beukes he knew who the man was that his son had described. His code-name was Andre and he was well-known in the NIA. When "Andre" took the

computer, he took all the NIA information Beukes had wanted.

"There've been discussions on a high level and we've tried to get the documents from the NIA, but we've still not got them," he said.

When Beukes asked the NIA about agent "Andre", whose real name he knows but did not disclose to the court, the NIA told him they had never heard of the man and that he did not work for them.

The police have laid criminal charges against the man and are investigating.

Beukes said he knew that the NIA had been shown pipe bombs by one of their agents.

"They (NIA) unwrapped the pipe bombs and took photographs of them and then they (the pipe bombs) went back into the community. What happens three hours later? They could go off somewhere," Beukes said.

The court heard different versions of events from Mungalee and Bezuidenhout.

They both agreed that Mungalee became an NIA informer in 1994, that there was a break in his involvement in 1997 and that last year the NIA had approached him to work for them again.

Mungalee says he took 2,5kg of explosives to Cape Town in January, but admits he told Bezuidenhout about it only after the event.

He maintains that the NIA approached him "on several occasions" to courier explosives to Cape Town — at dates to be arranged — and that he would be given immunity from prosecution. He claims the NIA instructed him to take 20kg of explosives to Ebrahim's house.

Bezuidenhout denies both these claims: "There was a very clear instruction that if any illegal substances should be couriered down to Cape Town — it can be carried down in situations where persons need to maintain credibility, but no instructions came from my side — it had to be under controlled supervision."

This meant the NIA had to know about any deal — and the destination of any explosives — beforehand



**WORRIED:** The father of exposed NIA informer Ayub Mungalee stands alone while Mungalee's wife Shirreen chats to Pagad national co-ordinator Abdooes-Salaam Ebrahim in a break in the court proceedings. **PICTURES: A M ADAMS**

She said Mungalee had told her that Ebrahim wanted him to take 20kg of explosives to Cape Town, and that she had asked him where he would get such a large amount.

"He said that would be very easy as there were people who were willing to supply their gun licences to obtain gunpowder and he could get four tins of gunpowder from

gunshops for each licence."

She said that in discussing this with Mungalee "there was not any suggestion on my part that I instructed him to do so".

When asked if she had told the police about Mungalee's taking explosives to Cape Town, she said she had forwarded her report on the matter to the NIA's head office,

but she had no idea whether they had told the police.

Magistrate Mark van Wynngaart released Jacobs and Karriem on R2 500 bail each. Bail was denied to Sheik and Adoa, who have other criminal cases pending against them, and to Mungalee.

The five will appear in the Cape Town Regional Court in May.

## Court abuzz as Gretha takes stand

**MELANIE GOSLING**

THERE was much speculation in the Oudtshoorn Magistrate's Court on Friday morning about what spy handler Gretha Bezuidenhout would look like.

Those expecting the movie stereotype of a figure in a trench-coat and dark glasses that hid eyes could as steel were disappointed.

Bezuidenhout, the woman who insets undercover agents at secret locations, discusses bombs and explosives and writes intelligence reports, is unremarkable in appearance. If you were to sit next to her in a Claremont coffee shop you would not remember her the next day.

"Never stand out in a crowd," spy novelist John le Carré's characters were always told.

Bezuidenhout breezed into the courtroom surrounded by police and undetected by press photographers. She wore a mid-calf patterned grey dress, low-heeled shoes, a single string of pearls and carried a crocodile-skin handbag.

She is tall, slender, slightly round-shouldered and has short, dark hair. She is in her mid-40s. She is not pretty, but has a strong face.

Her expression was composed and gave nothing away. If she could answer with a simple "yes" or "no", she did so. Under cross-examination, she replied quietly and matter-of-factly, as if being asked about her shopping list.

The court ruled that no photographs of Bezuidenhout were allowed and that she could not be referred to by any other name, nickname or code-name.

We wondered how she felt, being in the presence of so many Pagad supporters in the public benches and with their knowing she was in charge of spies that had infiltrated their organisation. When she turned to leave the witness box, police swept up to her side and whisked her away, again erasing the press.

I now find myself glancing suspiciously at mature, unremarkable women. Big Mamma could be watching you.



**NO BAIL:** Because Yasien Adoa broke his bail conditions for a pending criminal case by travelling to Istanbul last year, the court denied him bail in a matter involving several charges.

# 70 more TV cameras to fight crime in city

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**The City of Cape Town is to spend R8,5-million installing 70 more closed-circuit television surveillance cameras to fight crime in the city's central business district.**

The project, involving the city council, Business Against Crime and the City Com-

munity Patrol Board, began with a pilot project of 12 cameras last December.

Chris Joubert, patrol board chief executive officer and head of visible policing in Cape Town, said the extra cameras would cover most of the central city from the Foreshore to Mill Street, and from Roeland Street to Buitengracht Street. Another two cameras would be installed in the Company's Gardens.

Mr Joubert said the cameras would be supported by foot patrols. The "bobby on the beat" supplied by the patrol board would respond swiftly to the eagle eyes of the cameras.

He said 240 rent-a-cops, also known as community patrol officers, would be needed, with 114 on each shift, and that this was "the council's last chance" to rid the central city area of crime.

# Candid cameras have crime-busters smiling

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THE quiet successes notched up by police with 12 surveillance cameras are set to increase sixfold by mid-year, when 75 extra closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras are installed — and their reach extended into crime-plagued Manenberg.

On top of this, city manager Andrew Boraine hopes to double the council's support for the "rent-a-cop" scheme. A shared concern about strain on the central business district indicates that he has the support of councillors in this quest.

The CCTV project has been acknowledged as a major boost for the city's crime-fighting capacity.

so much so that the council decided to shift about R9 million in its current budget to help the CCTV campaign. The money was approved last week.

Cameras will now cover a wide area of the city, from the harbour beyond the Company Gardens and from Buitengracht Street to Canterbury Street. The cameras have a wide range and parts of the city beyond those roads will be covered. Also, a few of the cameras will be installed in Manenberg at the request of the police.

Business Against Crime's John Penberthy, who is managing the CCTV project, said the next step is to cover Heideveld, then Athlone, Mitchells Plain and Khayelitsha.

"We are hoping," said Penberthy, "that everything south of the N2 and some of the area between the N1 and the N2 will have been developed by the end of this year. We're working off a central hub which will ultimately reach all the way to the Helderberg. Our plans may seem grand but in engineering terms you have to design the whole bridge before you can start building it."

In this way, concern that the cameras will merely shift the crime problem to beyond the vision of the technology will be unwarranted, since most of the Cape metro area will eventually be covered.

The R9m in council money comes from an allocation made for

the building of a convention centre, which will not materialise this year. If the money from this budget is not used, it does not roll over to next year, said Rod Young, the city's director of economic development.

The success of crime-fighting with the 12 cameras, which have been in operation since December 10, spurred Young to find support for his idea to shift the money so that it did not go to waste. His idea was applauded by Boraine and exco chairperson Saleem Mowzer.

Another blow to inner-city decline comes in the form of by-laws to be gazetted that allow for the establishment of "city improvement districts".

These are areas in which property owners contribute levies to a management body to ensure that the area is kept clean and safe and is managed like a shopping mall, creating an alluring environment.

Some of these districts have already been identified — such as Greenmarket Square — and planning for their management is far advanced. Now, with the by-laws, a framework is created for these districts to collect money and offer services over and above those offered by the city.

Such districts are common in the US, Trinidad and Tobago and countries where inner cities have declined because of sub-urbanisation, bad management and crime.

# State backing set to put 770 crime fighters on city's streets

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The green light has been given for more bobbies on the beat in Cape Town - a move that will benefit all the city's communities.

Finance Minister Trevor Manuel has given Government approval of the underwriting of potential claims against the city's "rent-a-cops" and within the next few years up to 770 private sector-funded crime fighters could be deployed. A total of 130 could be taken on immediately.

It would mean an estimated 6% increase in visible policing in the Western Cape at a time when budget cuts are threatening the number of policemen on the streets.

The chairman of the City Community Patrol Board, Chris Joubert, said the Department of State Expenditure had said the "rent-a-cop" scheme could continue pending legislation on municipal policing.

The scheme started with eight police on the Sea Point beachfront about four years ago and proved so successful that a further 132 have since been deployed in the city centre, on trains, in Mitchell's Plain town centre and at Century City.

But the scheme has always been threatened with the possibility of closure because of, among other things, the problem of who would be liable in a case of negligence.

The rent-a-cops are all previously unemployed reservists who are paid between R1 700 and R2 600 a month for working the same hours as ordinary policemen.

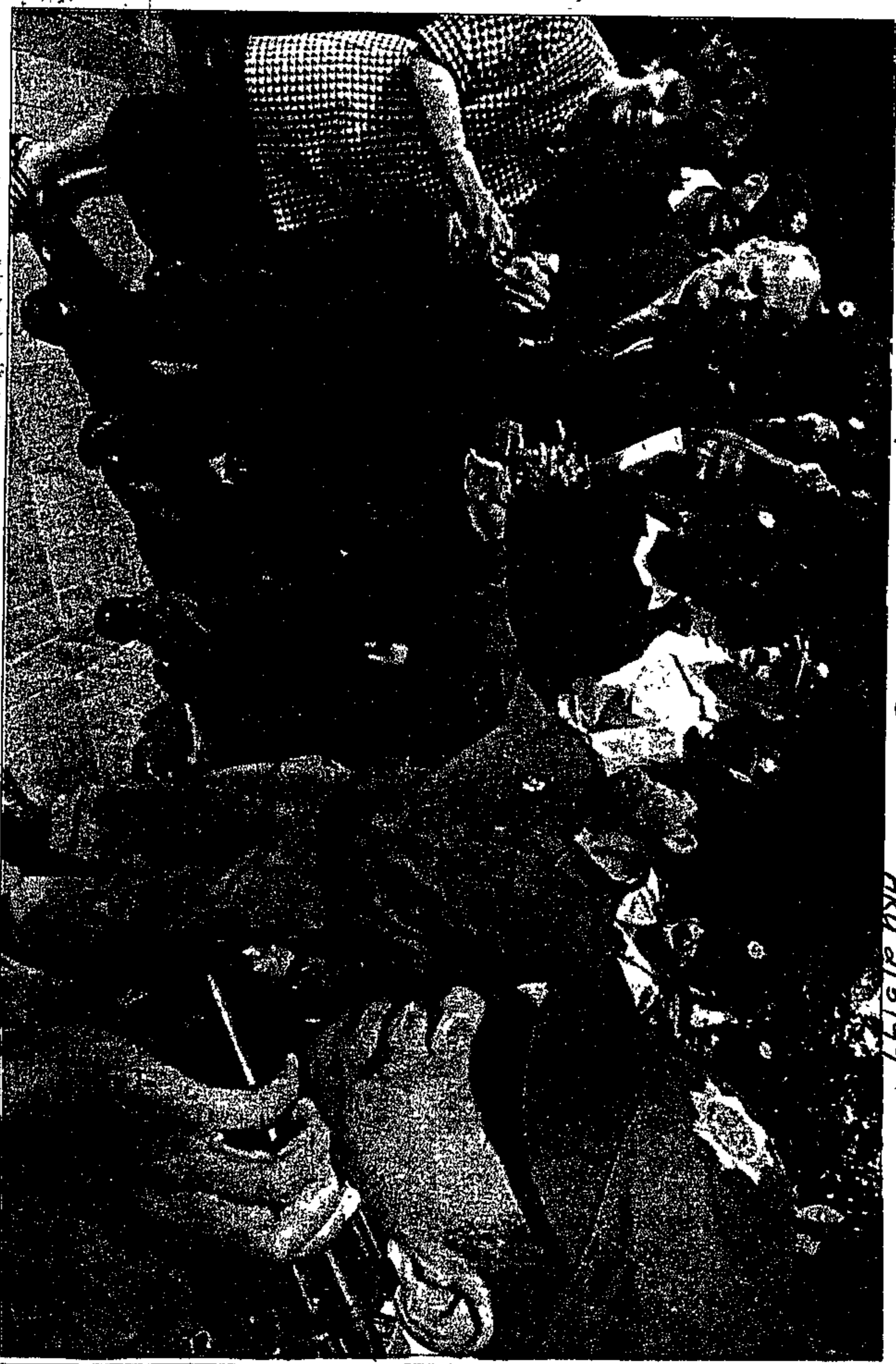
On top of their rent-a-cop hours of employment, they also have to fulfil their commitments as reservists to remain on the reservist list - and therefore qualify as rent-a-cops.

Their salaries are covered by businesses, state organisations and municipal organisations which either pay a lump sum to sponsor a rent-a-cop a month or a pro rata share.

The Government backing comes at a time when the Cape Metropolitan Council has committed itself to paying R5-million a year for the next three years for salaries and the provincial Department of Community Safety has committed R423 000 to the training of the municipal police.

Mr Joubert, who has been acting as a consultant to Western Cape Community Safety Minister Mark Wilely on the development of "force multiplication" - incorporating the rent-a-cops and metropolitan policing plans - said this money would enable 130 new municipal police to be taken on immediately.

Although the new rent-a-cops would have been trained as reservists, they would be sent to the police college at Paarl for a six-week finishing course.



On the party line: rent-a-cop Stephen Adams spreads the good news as Community Patrol Board chief executive Heather Tager and chairman Chris Joubert celebrate with his colleagues

Once the recruits have been trained, they will be deployed at the discretion of those paying their salaries and Western Cape Police Commissioner Leon Wessels. They are likely to be posted to police stations in disadvantaged and threatened communities.

Many of the applicants have been between two and five years' service as reservists and have been praised by station commissioners at their present bases.

"But those commissioners won't be losing them, because they will still have to keep up their hours as reservists," Mr Joubert said.

## Bobbies on beat cut crime by 27%

STEPHEN WHITESLEY  
Crime in Mitchell's Plain town centre dropped by 27% after the introduction of the rent-a-cop scheme there.  
And they have had great successes elsewhere, says Community Patrol Board chief executive Heather Tager.  
Last week, rent-a-cops recovered a car nine minutes after it was stolen in Sea Point.  
They have made several arrests, including a session of stolen property, beat from cars and household knives, and they have recovered stolen guns.  
Ms Tager said: "They also directed a gang that attacked two British tourists in Gamps Bay, and robbed them of about R20 000, passports and airline tickets."  
"All their possessions were recovered nine minutes after it was stolen in Sea Point."  
"This proves that visible policing is the answer to combating crime."



# Cabinet aims to tighten gun law loophole

## Flats war triggers new curbs

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accused of complicity in Western Cape terror attacks.

In a move partly aimed at damping down the Cape Flats conflict, the Cabinet has moved to close the loophole that allows guns to be lent to people without licences.

The Arms and Ammunition Amendment Bill will narrow the terms under which a licence-holder can lend a weapon to a third party.

The clause allowing licensed gun owners to give written permission for others to carry their firearms was intended to allow transport and storage of firearms.

The clause also enabled the lucrative game-hunting industry to hire out guns to foreign visitors.

But it has been abused, notably by convicted criminals barred from owning guns.

These criminals have resorted to steps which included buying firearms in the names of their spouses or henchmen and then borrowing them.

Meanwhile, the Cabinet has recommended to President Mandela that he not agree to requests for a judicial inquiry into the National Intelligence Agency's alleged involvement with people

"The matter is rightfully in the hands of the courts," a Cabinet statement said.

In the National Assembly yesterday, Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi said "nobody could be pinpointed" among those who had fired gunshots during the funeral of Pagad medic Yusuf Jacobs.

"Members of the SA Police Service were not deployed directly at the station, but only in the vicinity to keep a low profile," he said in reply to questions by Tony Leon of the Democratic Party.

Other legislation approved by the Cabinet yesterday included:

- An amendment to the National Gambling Act to allow public investment commissioners time to offload any shareholding in gambling operations in line with the act.

- A package of road traffic bills dealing with the setting up of agencies, adjudication of traffic offences, and other measures.

- The Abolition of Certain Title Conditions Bill, which removes the obligation in certain circumstances for the president or a Cabinet minister to provide permission for the alienation or transfer of immovable property.

# Single master needed to stop the turf war

The squabble between the police and National Intelligence Agency was an accident waiting to happen, argues Jonny Steinberg

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**G**ETTING to the bottom of last week's police decision to blow the cover of a rival agency's mole deep in the command structure of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) is no easy task. Deep throats line up by the dozen to disclose the truth, but each tells a different story. It is as if the actual event has already dissolved into the myriad legends it inspired.

Perhaps, though, it is unnecessary to wade through the intrigue, for amid the labyrinths of motives and shadows a simple dispute is at stake, and a readily available remedy.

By last week the Western Cape police were at the end of their tether. They had nobody behind bars for the volley of bombs exploding under their noses. Detectives charged with bringing the bombers to book were being killed by brazen assassins on open freeways. Public talk of their incompetence was becoming openly derisive.

Then, out of nowhere, a faint promise of success whispered. After a tip-off, the police took five Pagad members off the road in the Karoo and found explosives in their car. After a day of interrogation, they discovered that one of their captives worked for the National Intelligence Agency (NIA). Bingo, the police thought, this is what we have been waiting for. The champagne is brought out, the beginning of the end of a torturous drought in sight.

But the bubble of euphoria quickly burst. The NIA would not play ball. We will not blow our agent's cover too soon, they told the police. We want to keep him where he is; you are on your own. Enraged detectives watched a potential scoop slip from their hands. In an act of petulant rage, they blew the rival agency's cover in open court.

This, surely, is the crux of what happened. Competing explanations on offer are a red herring. The police claim that the NIA's incompetence deserved to be exposed. It is against the law, they correctly point out, for a mole to be carrying lethal weapons for the organisation he has infiltrated. The NIA had lost control of its own people. Something had to be done.

This explanation is hard to digest. Just weeks ago Western Cape policemen were lobbying hard for moles to be given legal licence to get their hands dirty. If you do not commit heavy deeds, the argument went, you do not get near the leadership. So either change the law or forget about good intelligence.

It beggars belief that the very people lobbying for a heavier hand now spring to the law's defence, motivated by moral indignation and a firm sense of professional competence.

Nor does the explanation of schoolboy rivalry hold much water. It may be that police intelligence was embarrassed to discover that its rival had penetrated the very organisation it was battling to infiltrate. Police intelligence officers may well have been itching to expose the NIA's clumsiness in handling its agents. But violent crimes unit chief Leonard Knipe, to whom Western Cape terror investigators are answerable, is an old-fashioned detective who goes by the docket rather than the whispers of the spooks. He has little affinity with police intelligence and little sympathy for its preoccupations. It is unlikely that his investigators would bother to fight battles on behalf of an intelligence commander's bruised ego.

No, the crux of the story is pretty simple: two agencies, ostensibly fighting the same fight, have wildly opposing briefs. The detective service's goal is to turn every docket into a strong court case. The currency in which it trades is evidence. Everything that cannot be used in the court room is useless.

The NIA's bread and butter, in contrast, is information. If providing evidence for a court case means losing an invaluable source, intelligence agents are loath to do it. Will your court case bring down the organisation, the intelligence agent asks the detective. If not, it is not worth losing our window on the terror cells.

Tension between the worlds of intelligence and detection are as old as state security itself. Indeed, the dilemma is hardly new to current events in the Western Cape. One of the criticisms levelled against the investigation of Pagad is that the police disclosed their agents too

soon, for too little.

"Pagad was teaming with police infiltrators two years ago," says University of Cape Town criminologist Wilfried Scharf. "But their covers were blown before they became really useful, before they came close to Pagad's leadership. Intelligence takes time and patience."

Who was right and who wrong in this particular instance, the blowing of the cover of Ayob Mungalee, is a close call. The point is that the dispute at stake was a tough one, the clashing tactical imperatives complex and subtle. That the police chose to resolve a dispute of this nature by disclosing Mungalee's identity in open court was as blinkered and thoughtless as it was churlish. The damage done to intelligence will take a long time to repair. Who will agree to work for an SA intelligence agency, whether the NIA or police intelligence, after this fiasco? What mole will trust her handler when she knows that her employer's rivals may blow her cover and thus trade her life to settle a sectarian squabble?

Beyond the pointing of fingers there is a valuable lesson to be learnt. If tension between intelligence and detection is inevitable, why do we have two rival agencies, the NIA and police intelligence, given the same job? Surely it is courting trouble. If intelligence agents and detectives follow clashing briefs, why are they not accountable to the same boss?

In the federal government of the US, domestic crime-fighting is housed in one agency, the FBI. Those who work on a case, whether to gather intelligence or to bring a case to court, are accountable to one authority. This institutional mix does not eliminate tension between intelligence and detection, but it narrows the gap between their objectives: it allows their competing claims to be weighed and balanced on a case-by-case basis; it means that turf wars between those with competing functions is dampened, not provoked.

Perhaps it is time the NIA was closed down and integrated into the police. Perhaps it is time for a single, centralised service, answerable to one master, to fight crime in SA.



Undercover agents are caught in the cross-fire between state security agencies.



# Move to defuse row over NIA agent in Pagad

Chiara Carter

A snap parliamentary debate is likely to be called by the African National Congress next week in a move to defuse the row over claims that the National Intelligence Agency (NIA) was involved in transporting explosives and did not pass crucial information on to police.

Government sources said the debate was likely to be motivated by the Joint Committee on Intelligence, the parliamentary committee tasked with overseeing intelligence matters. Opposition parties want a full explanation of the extraordinary testimony heard during the bail hearing of Ayob Mungalee — one of five men arrested in the Karoo last month on charges of possessing un-

licensed guns and explosive devices. However, President Nelson Mandela is waiting for a report from the Ministry of Intelligence.

Meanwhile, ANC members of the intelligence committee — scheduled to meet next week — said they would not call for a report on the matter because "it was in the hands of the courts". This contradicts a statement issued by presidential representative Parks Mankahlana, who said the matter would be examined by both the ministry and the committee.

A meeting by Deputy Minister of Intelligence Joe Mhlanhla and Minister of Safety and Security Sydney Mufamadi to iron out the conflict did not take place because Mufamadi was abroad.

But opposition parties are unlikely to let the matter rest. Both the

Democratic Party and the New National Party have demanded a commission of inquiry into the allegations that stem from the bail hearing.

Mungalee told the Oudshoorn Magistrate's Court he was an NIA agent guaranteed indemnity from prosecution and that the NIA photographed two pipe bombs without confiscating them or making them harmless. He said the NIA paid him to transport explosives on one occasion and on another told him to deliver explosives to People against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) coordinator Abdoes-Salaam Ebrahim. The NIA disputes these claims.

Meanwhile, police are investigating a charge of obstruction of justice after a computer, which apparently contained a history of Mungalee's NIA involvement, dis-

appeared from his Johannesburg home. An unsigned statement by Mungalee also disappeared.

Superintendent Henry Beukes told the court that he understood NIA involvement in Pagad was receiving high-level attention and that the lack of co-operation with police could lead to NIA operatives being shot by police.

This week, intelligence ministry representative Helmuth Schlenter said an internal investigation had been under way since Mhlanhla was informed of the circumstances of Mungalee's arrest. This has not satisfied DP leader Tony Leon, who this week wrote to Mhlanhla's Director General, Jakes Gerwel, expressing dissatisfaction at the "NIA investigating itself". Leon said that while Mhlanhla

had said there was close co-ordination and co-operation between the police and the NIA, testimony at the bail hearing revealed this was anything but the truth.

Leon said it was urgent that public confidence in the NIA be restored — a view privately shared by ANC politicians, who were further alarmed at another blow to the agency's image by the arrest of NIA member Temba Dwango for armed robbery on the West Coast earlier this week. Schlenter said Dwango had been suspended.

Meanwhile, senior NIA officials in the Western Cape are up in arms at the revelation by police of Mungalee's NIA links, and Beukes's testimony. They claim that if information was withheld from police, it was because information had previously leaked from police to both Pagad and gangsters. But they conceded that, if Mungalee was telling the truth, there had been a serious breach of agency rules.

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Altamont: Sergeant Pikke de Waal, left, with West Metropole commissioner Neil van Heerden and the Christusdal policeman's damaged Toyota Cressida after today's shooting on the N1

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# GOP IN N1 AMBUSH

## Sergeant survives hail of bullets

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An off-duty policeman travelling on the N1 near Goodwood came under fire in a drive-by shooting today. Pikke de Waal of Citrusdal, who was in Cape Town to be treated for stress at the Libertas Hospital, was driving towards Bellville when the occupants of a white bakkie travelling in the same direction opened fire on his car.

Heavy-calibre bullets pierced Sergeant De Waal's red Toyota Cressida and shattered windows - but missed him. Police are not certain about the motive for the shooting and said that Sergeant De Waal was not attached to any unit investigating violence in the Peninsula. But detectives have not ruled out the possibility the shooting could have been a case of mistaken identity. Ballistic and forensic detectives and investigators in the special task team reached the scene within

minutes of the shooting about 11.30am. West Metropole commissioner Neil van Heerden also arrived and spoke to a shaken Sergeant De Waal, who has been off duty for a stress-related ailment since last year. On January 14 Pagarad task team investigator Bennie Latagan was ambushed and killed while driving Vanguard Drive near Mitchell's Plain. Captain Latagan was driving to his Goodwood home from a police raid in Strandfontein when three men in a car

pulled up alongside him and opened fire. He was hit in the left arm and back and died at the G.F. Coosie Hospital. Last month Schalk Visagie, the former head of the unit investigating urban terror in the Peninsula, survived an ambush on the M5 highway. Superintendent Visagie, the son-in-law of former State President P.W. Botha, was driving towards Milnerton when four men came alongside him and pumped at least 16 bullets into his car before fleeing the scene.

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# Row brews over bid to tighten gun laws

Top cops urge Parliament to close loopholes

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Top Western Cape police, including Operation Good Hope chief Ganief Daniels, have urged Parliament to swiftly close loopholes in gun laws abused by gangsters – but firearms dealers are opposing law reform.

The set-to has arisen over a bid to amend the Arms and Ammunition Act to narrow the conditions under which a firearm may be borrowed.

The act allows a gun to be lent to another person, provided a dated letter of permission is given and is valid for no more than two weeks, but the person borrowing the gun does not need to have a gun licence.

The provision is much-abused by gangsters, who use it to circumvent strict rules for getting a licence.

Clauses of the act affecting conditions for lending firearms are being revised as an interim measure during the current short pre-election session of Parliament, and it is hoped a completely new Arms and Ammunition Bill will be presented to the new Parliament.

The present amendment leaves space for lending of firearms to keep



the lucrative game hunting industry alive, and says the common law should protect anyone without a firearm licence who grabs a gun to use it in self-defence in an emergency.

Yesterday, the National Assembly safety and security committee was told that closing the loophole on borrowing would make the job of the police easier.

Safety and Security deputy director-general Bernie Fanaroff said that although some people argued that shutting down borrowing would make criminals resort to buying guns illegally, it would enable police to arrest people for illegal possession of firearms.

He said the department had had requests from several sections of the police, including the commander of Operation Good Hope, the head of the public order policing unit, the head of the serious violent crimes unit, and station commissioners, to ensure the law was reformed.

The SA Gun Owners Association and the SA Arms and Ammunition Dealers Association have raised objections to proposed amendments and the process followed to put them to Parliament.

In a letter to the Assembly committee, Dealers Association chairman Alex Holmes said there had not been adequate consultation about the amendment.

The association said many ordinary and lawful actions of firearm owners would be criminalised, including training and shottist sports.

"It would be illegal for a licence-holder to teach his or her family how to shoot or even to allow them to handle the firearm to familiarise themselves with it under his or her supervision," it said.

# Policing that works

**P**ICTURE a peacekeeping force that patrols a community and has won their trust, that supports the local police and has led to a 25 percent drop in the crime rate in that area.

This is not a dream but a reality in Nyanga and Crossroads in Western Cape, where the Peace and Development Project (PDP) has succeeded in making the area a safer place to live.

The PDP is not able to stop orchestrated violence – as the five murders over the past few days in Nyanga have shown – but has been able to warn of conflicts and even defuse them with local organisations during its two years in operation.

The pilot project started when the then Western Cape police services MEC Patrick McKenzie approached the German government for help, following an effective pilot scheme sponsored by them in Daveyton on the East Rand.

Germany agreed to this request and Ulli Burgmer, a senior German police officer with experience in Daveyton, was seconded to launch the project at the beginning of 1997.

"I did not know the Western Cape and first had to find out where there was a need for this project," he told *Sowetan* at the PDP base located between Nyanga and Crossroads.

"I collected information through non-government organisations and the police and it was concentrated on three areas: Nyanga-Crossroads, Gugulethu or Khayelitsha."

Burgmer said there were already programmes in Gugulethu, and Khayelitsha was too large an area for their project and budget.

"People told me, don't go to Nyanga-Crossroads or the project will fail. But I went to police area Commissioner Ganief Daniels (now Operation Good Hope commander); he promised support and we decided to go ahead."

Burgmer said the first challenge was to get community participation in the project.

"We held a lot of events to inform the community and they elected representatives to a governing advisory body. This was important so we had a direct line to the community."

He said the community representatives delivered applications to their areas and at the end of January 1997 they shortlisted 100 volunteers for the project.

In February the 100 community peace workers (CPWs) started their basic four-week training, which included crime control, radio operations, first aid, negotiation-mediation, driving, computer skills and leadership courses.

Teams and their leaders were selected afterwards and the unarmed CPWs – who get a monthly R600 stipend – took to the streets.

"The first few weeks they were introducing themselves," said Burgmer. He said the commu-

A joint effort to bring peace to the troubled Western Cape townships shows that crime can be fought successfully. Feature writer **Claire Keeton** explains why.

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A community-based peacekeeping project on the Cape Flats has helped reduce the crime rate in the area.

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nity was critical to begin with as they expected the CPWs to turn out as thugs or spies.

"In less than a month, the community noticed the PDP was to their benefit and became very helpful. They started to report to teams on the road and at our office," he said.

Coordinator Daniel Matutle said: "We showed the members of the community that together we could bring about change."

The CPWs do their patrols in teams of seven and respond to all conflicts, except armed ones, which they report to the police immediately.

## Every kind of conflict

"We are involved in every kind of conflict, starting with family disputes and ending with rape and killing," said Burgmer.

The PDP has solved 390 of the 712 cases reported to them, and referred the rest to the police, social workers and civic organisations.

The CPWs have shifts during the week and are on 24-hour duty over weekends when most crimes are committed. They have radios and cars, which double as emergency vehicles for injured residents.

"We work closely with the trauma centre at the police station and are building a good relationship with the police. It is visible policing," said Burgmer.

"We are sharing all relevant information and trying to bring as much evidence to the police as

possible."

He said residents talk more easily to CPWs than the authorities as the peace workers live around the corner and are their friends. Several residents told *Sowetan* they knew of and support the green-jacketed CPWs as they are making Nyanga-Crossroads safer.

Apart from their regular patrols, the CPWs are responsible for scholar patrols, programmes against child and drug abuse at schools, helping at pension payout points and accidents, monitoring shebeens and involved in community policing and safety forums.

After a minimum of a year's service, the CPWs are eligible for job training and several of the project's first intake are employed elsewhere now.

The project received more than 2 000 applications for the 45 vacancies which opened up on their departure. "This indicates we are accepted by the community," said Burgmer.

Matutle said the project has won the community's confidence and provided options for unemployed youth.

"We can say to the youth it is not the end of the world if you are not employed after school ... don't turn to crime."

The PDP's success may soon be repeated in Soshanguve, north of Pretoria, as the German government has been asked to launch a project there in cooperation with South Africa.

# Crime plummets thanks to job creation and houses

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Job creation and new houses have dramatically reduced crime in the Marconi Beam squatter camp where makeshift shacks are giving way to permanent homes.

Enolium Joseph, the station commissioner at Milnerton police station, said crime levels were very low in Marconi Beam and nearby Joe Slovo Park and De Noon.

Superintendent Joseph said crime had usually occurred over the weekends and were alcohol-related — especially assaults. Murders, rape and robbery were no longer common in the area, he said.

However, some problems still needed to be addressed.

"There are not enough facilities such as public phones where people can notify the police about crime."

He said white police officers and Xhosa-speaking residents also had difficulty communicating with each other.

Superintendent Joseph, who completed a Xhosa basic language course in 1994, said: "Many black residents who report their cases to local police have difficulty expressing themselves in English or Afrikaans. They don't communicate well with the white officers."

"Although we have 10 Xhosa-speaking police reservists, they are only supporting the police and they work on a part-time basis as volunteers."

He appealed to the Government to employ more permanent black police officers to address the language problem.

Lulamile Dodo, a member of the Joe Slovo Park community policing forum, said in the past employers in the industrial area had complained of a high rate of crime. Companies had lost valuable goods and items, he said.

However, the employers, police and community leaders had worked together and brought the culprits to book.

Crime had decreased steadily thanks to reconstruction and development projects and job creation, he said.

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# Gangsters, leave our kids alone

Schools told to take greater responsibility for their own security in battle against crime

NATALIE KAMMIES

**T**HE Western Cape Education department yesterday told schools threatened by vandals and gangsters that they should take joint responsibility for their own security.

At a workshop for school governing bodies at Claremont, officials said the department would provide equipment and money for security at 130 high-risk schools, but the schools would have to enter contracts with security firms.

In past years the department has been providing security at 80 high-risk schools and 50 would be added to the list in the next two weeks as part of a new project.

The department has spent R44-million on contract security in the past four years.

Under the new project, dubbed "bridge the fence", schools will be expected to initially employ a company to provide security and will later be expected to secure the services of neighbourhood watches and security companies.

The schools would also be expected to win community support through poster campaigns, pamphlets and workshops and train staff, parents and pupils in crime prevention.

Brian O'Connell, head of education in the province, told delegates at the workshop they had to become pro-active in preventing crime at schools and could not depend on the department or the state at all schools.

"Neither the department nor the state on their own have the resources to tackle such a massive societal problem," he said. "Our vision is that schools and the communities will support the project, which tries to secure a safe environment for the children and teachers by committing themselves to co-operation with each other.

"We will attempt to facilitate discussions between schools and their communities so that schools will be valued and supported," said O'Connell.

Eugene Daniels, project co-ordinator, said: "It seeks to be pro-active in transforming communities through job creation, horticulture and entrepreneurial activities."

He said the objective of the new approach was to support deserving schools which had been left out up to now. After two to three years it was hoped that the schools would either no longer need security, or would be able to provide it through community support.

Money could then be spent on protecting other schools which were added to the list.

"For the first time we'll be meeting their basic safety needs by providing infrastructure," said Daniels.

Each school will form a safety committee which will develop safety programmes and strategies.

Margie Damon, the principal of Caravelle Primary in Rocklands, said her school had problems such as burglary and vandalism and smoking of dagga, mainly by ex-pupils. The school had had 300 windows broken by vandals.

"I feel positive about this project and the money we are going to receive and the fact that we'll be able to manage the money ourselves."

Another principal, Paul Hendricks, said: "This is what we've been fighting for all these years. We've been saying, let us run our schools."

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# Net closes on ganglords

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STAFF REPORTER

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As part of an offensive against Cape Town's criminal masterminds, the Investigative Directorate on Organised Crime was due to haul top "28" prison gang leader, Ernie "Lastig" Solomons, before a Kuils River magistrate on Wednesday.

Directorate head Percy Sonn, the former provincial deputy attorney-general, said another top Mitchell's Plain gangster would be arrested later in the week.

And his office will apply to the High Court to get an order forcing The Firm boss Colin Stanfield to give a voice sample.



**Target: Ernie Solomons** is moving closer to making this promise

a reality. "Even if I don't get all the convictions by the end of September, because the wheels of justice turn at their own pace, I will have formulated watertight charges against the city's five big gangsters," said Mr Sonn.

Mr Solomons is a leading figure in the cartel of top gangsters called The Firm and a founding member of Core, the organisation of gangsters who say they have reformed.

He was to appear in the Kuils River court today in connection with 11 charges - two counts of murder, two of attempted murder, four of kidnapping and three counts of robbery.

His trial is due to start in the High Court on April 19.

Mr Sonn said his office was busy putting the finishing touches to the High Court application forcing Mr Stanfield to give a voice sample.

Mr Stanfield is out on R100 000 bail and faces charges of tax-evasion, fraud, money laundering and narcotics dealing.

It is with regard to the drug-dealing charges that the State needs a voice sample from Mr Stanfield.

During the investigations into a drug bust in Beaufort West, the police tapped Mr Stanfield's telephone and recorded alleged conversations with drug dealers.

To use the recordings as evidence in court, the State needs to match them with a voice sample from Mr Stanfield.

Mr Sonn said the preparatory work, which would culminate in the arrest of a third gangster, from Mitchell's Plain, was nearing completion and police would probably make the arrest on Wednesday.

The two other gangsters regarded as being part of the "big five" are Rashied Staggie - who is out on bail in a case involving theft of arms and ammunition from the police base at Faure - and Manne Abrahams of Constantia, who is facing narcotics-dealing charges.

Mr Sonn said his group was serious about tightening the net around the city's big-time gangsters: "We owe it to the community to lock away these criminals who are making lives unbearable.

"We have prioritised our approach and have focused on gangsters who are making it impossible for ordinary people to live in peace and security.

"Our eyes are firmly focused on those power brokers who use their influence to intimidate, threaten and subvert people into engaging in criminal activity."

Mr Sonn said they would use any charge available to put away the gangsters.

"They may be facing specific charges now, but our investigations are going on and we will add to the charge sheets as we uncover and gather more evidence linking them to criminal deeds."

He said that slowly but surely the silence of intimidated witnesses was being broken as his unit probed deep into the underworld of hitmen, drug pedlars, extortionists and other accomplices.

"These are just the first five. There are other crime bosses who have evaded prosecution for their crimes for years ... but the long arm of the law is finally reaching out to them," said Mr Sonn.

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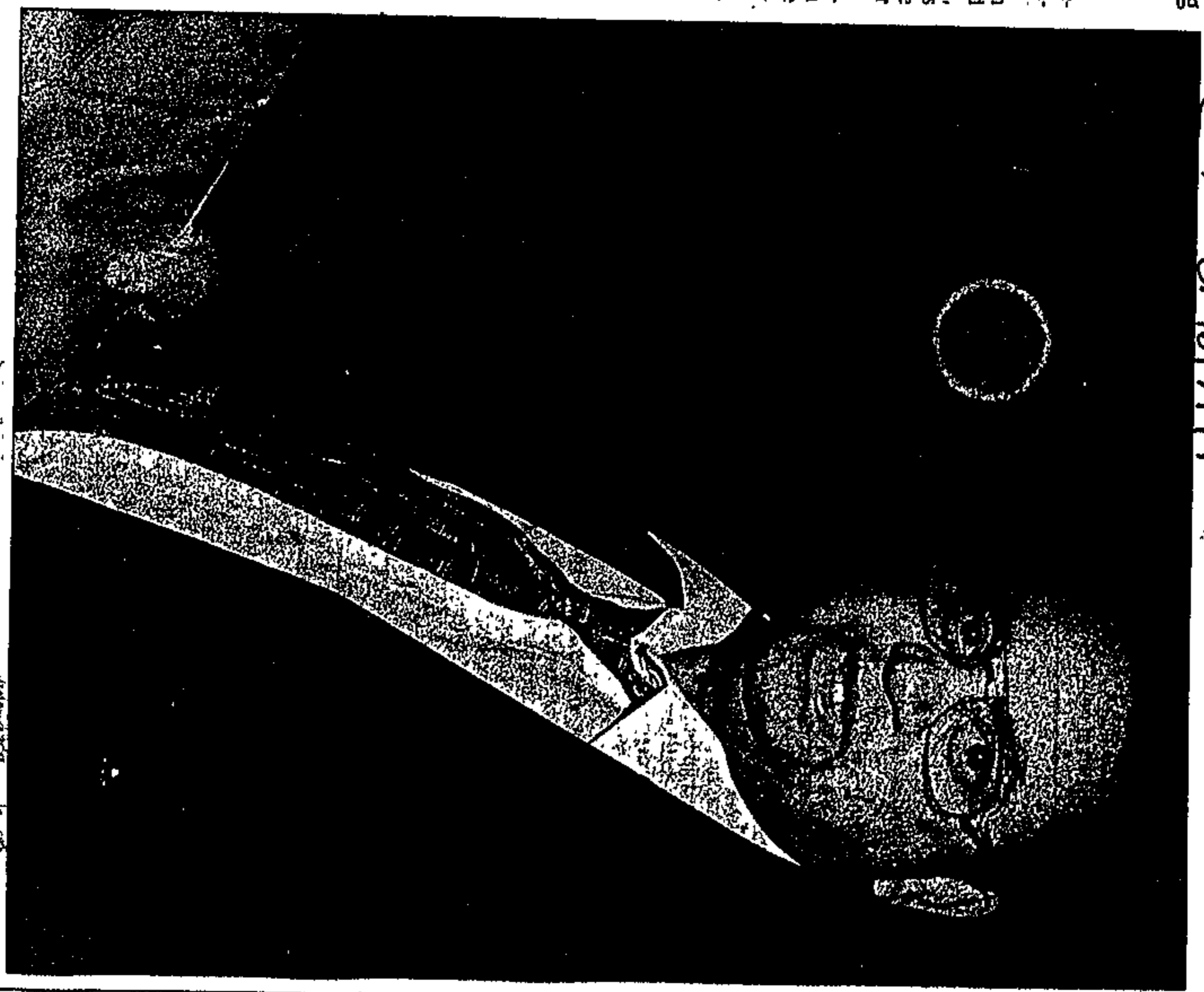
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## Assets frozen

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Carolus had two businesses, namely Bibi's Tavern and Karaoke Bar and Jazz Cafe.

Between last November and January this year, he visited these premises and found they conducted business on a very low scale.

From his investigation, he also

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established it was Carolus' wife's duty to see to it that a small amount of drugs were kept in the house so that she could quickly flush it down the toilet if police raided their house.

Wiese said that from the evidence contained in 47 dockets of individuals or groups of people arrested near Carolus' home, he believed that Carolus was a drug dealer, that he used his properties for the commission of crime, specifically the transgression

of the Drug and Drug Trafficking Act; that he used the proceeds of his unlawful activities to purchase these properties, and that he used the close corporations as a means to launder his drug trafficking money.

Wiese said the matter was urgent and that it was in the interest of justice that Carolus and other persons be prohibited from dealing in any manner with the properties listed.  
— Special Correspondent

# Sonn puts suspected drug kingpin's lifestyle on ice

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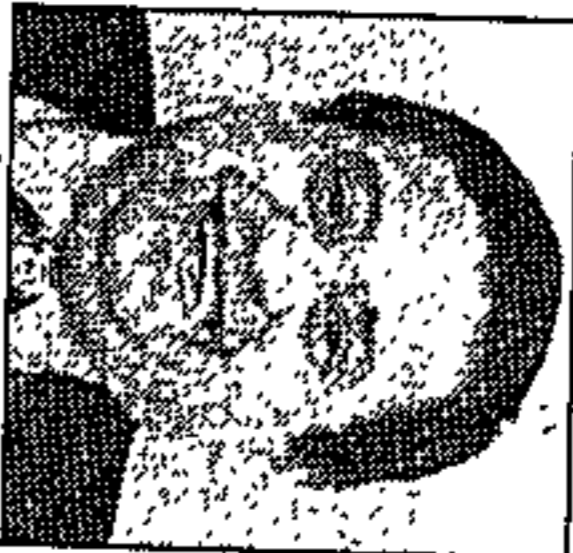
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Freeze: Percy Sonn

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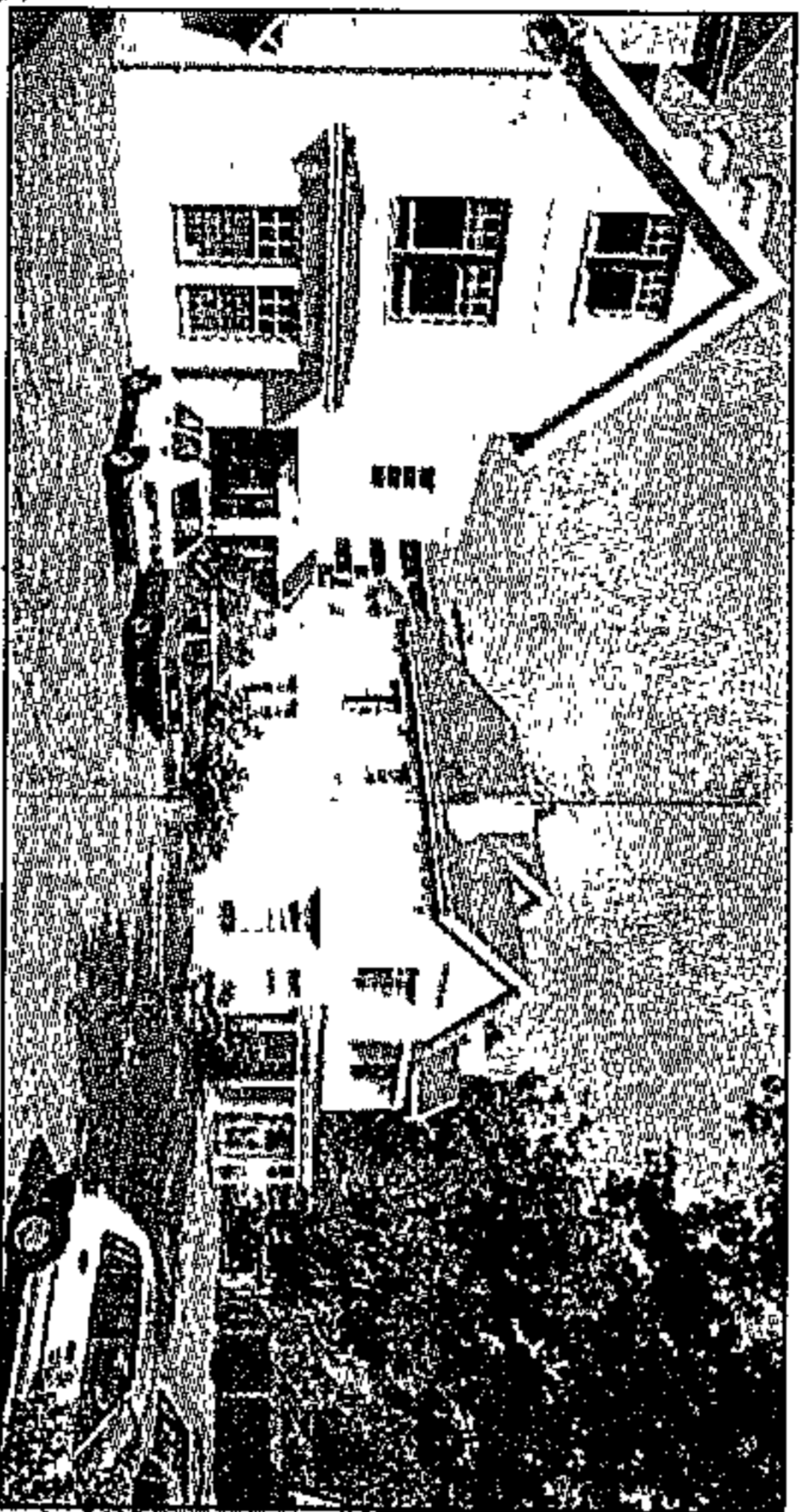
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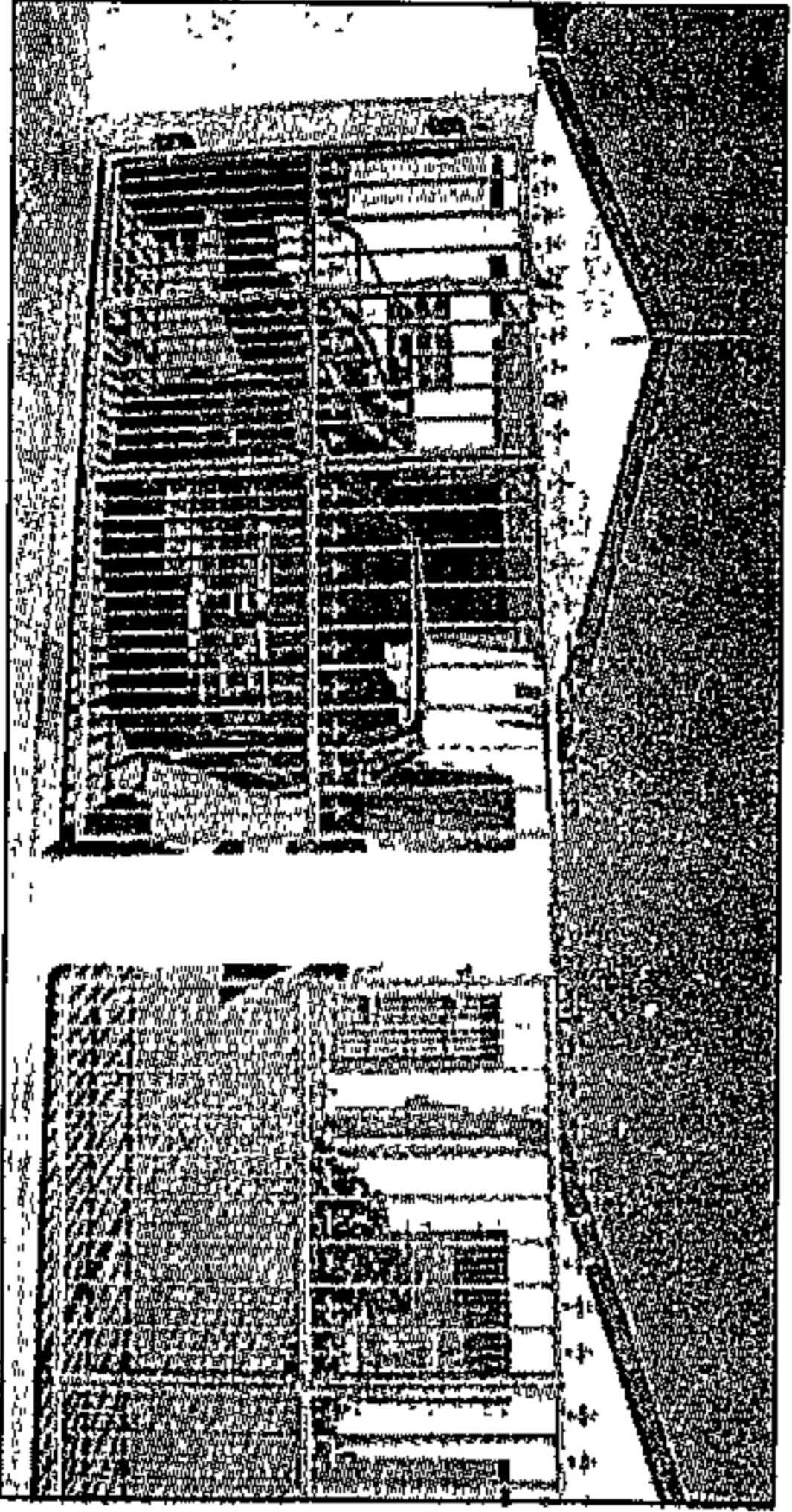
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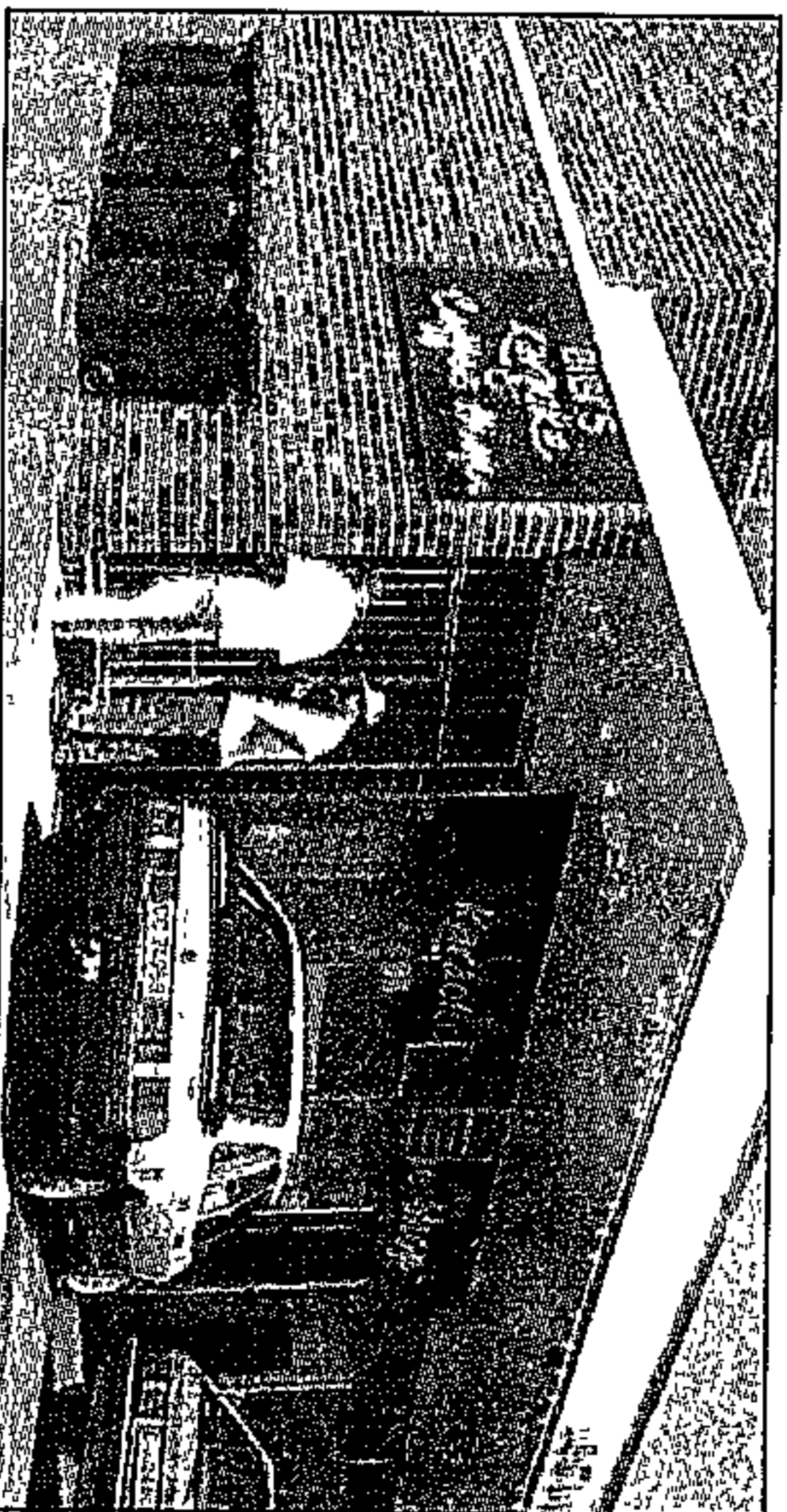


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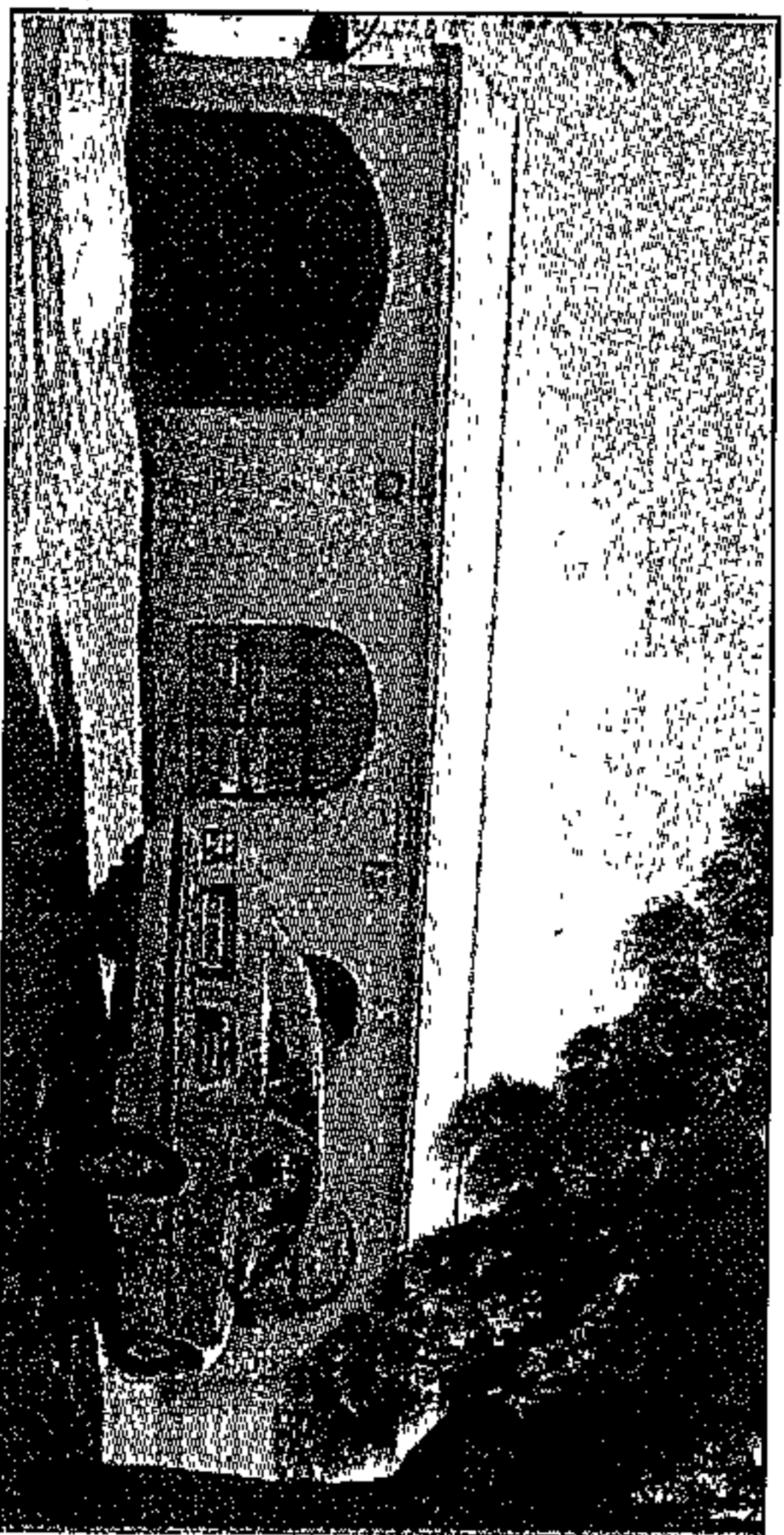
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**HOMELESS:** The unit will also attach the two houses of the well-known Milnerton drug lord in Santos Street.



**KARAOKE NO MORE:** One of the properties belonging to Gavin Gerard Carolus which will be attached.



**BEFORE THE STORM:** An Ayreshire Street property in Montana is also on the list of the Investigative Unit into Organised Crime.

## New headache for gangster

**ERIC NTABAZALLA (35)**

DIRECTOR Percy Sonn's Investigative Unit into Organised Crime and Public Safety has been granted an order by Acting Judge Essa Moosa to attach properties belonging to Milnerton drug dealer Gavin Gerard Carolus.

The properties are: A double-storey house in Cornwall Place, Wynberg; houses in Albow Road, Rugby and Ayreshire Street, Montana; two houses in Santos Street, Rugby; Bibi's Karaoke and Coffee Shop in Koeberg Road, Rugby; Carolus Tavern and Restaurant, also in Santos Street, Rugby; a Fairview Crescent property in Milnerton and another in Milnerton Drive.

The unit on Monday froze Carolus' bank accounts and impounded his six cars, cellular phones and jewellery.

The cars are: A Red Mazda MX6 251 V6 Coupe; a blue Mercedes Benz; a white Leyland Rover (pick-up); a white Mazda (pick-up); a white BMW 320i; and a white Ford Granada.

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# Suspected drug dealer's assets frozen

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Cars and phones impounded,  
and he can't talk to certain people

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It was introduced last year by Justice Minister Dullah Omar as part of a package of tough anti-crime laws.

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In terms of the court order, six cars, cellphones and jewellery belonging to Carolus were impounded and he is also prohibited from dealing "in any manner" with six specified Milnerton properties.

In a supporting affidavit handed to the court, Arnoldus Wiese, of the South African Narcotics Bureau, said he had been stationed in Maitland between 1990 and 1997 and had monitored Carolus's alleged drug-dealing activities.

He said Carolus was the only drug dealer in Milnerton and derived his income exclusively from trading in narcotics and other illegal activities.

Wiese said Carolus had four separate cases pending against him in the Wynberg and Cape Town magistrate's courts. Charges against him included the manufacturing of Mandrax tablets, and dealing in cocaine, dagga and Mandrax.

# Township schools' armed response to crime

NATALIE KAMMIES



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CRIME-HIT schools in Guguletu, Nyanga and New Crossroads are to get alarms and armed response services, paid for by the Western Cape Education Department.

The Schools Protection Forum, representing 27 schools, had been calling for improved security, and department officials agreed to the plan at a meeting at the Guguletu police station on Thursday.

Siviwe Public Primary in Guguletu, which has been burgled 14 times since 1998, is among the schools that will benefit.

The education department

said the first step would be to install alarm systems in the administration buildings, where most of the crimes occurred. The alarms would be linked to an armed response unit and the department would pay for the service for 12 months, beginning next month. Eventually alarms would be installed in the classrooms as well.

Eugene Daniels, director of the department's Safer Schools Programme, told teachers a "zero tolerance" approach was the only way to safeguard schools.

The department hoped the schools would eventually take over the cost of the armed response service.

The security support is part of the Culture of Learning,

Teaching and Services Campaign being run by the education department to improve education and the school environment nationwide.

"We have helped them with books and teachers before but not with security infrastructure because the funding was not available," said Daniels.

Marjorie Jaca, principal of Siviwe Primary School, said that in the latest incident, two weeks ago, vandals burnt down the secretary's office, destroying textbooks worth about R10 000, registration files and the intercom.

The school had since had to borrow and photocopy textbooks from other schools.

"We'll have to buy new textbooks," Jaca said.

The vandals had also knocked a hole in a wall in an unsuccessful attempt to get into the strongroom in the administration building, where money, photocopyers and computers were kept.

In August 16 doors were stolen from the school. In a raid in October a lawnmower, a vending machine, two wheelbarrows, four spades and four rakes were stolen.

The only person guarding the school was the caretaker. Jaca said she had "no clue" who the culprits were and the community had not come forward with information about them.

"Our communities must be educated to support the schools," she said.

During this week's meeting with the education department, Daniels told teachers they should commit themselves to a "Back to Basics" campaign that called for teachers and pupils and to take greater responsibility.

Daniels said the 27 schools had been badly hit by vandalism, arson, and burglaries.

"The levels of violence in these schools are high," he said.

"They have not had any support from the department. It is now trying to give them this support so they can teach in a safe environment."

The move was welcomed by the schools.

"It is the first time the department has said it is going to

do something," Jaca said. "I am sure that it will do something to help and that these are not empty promises."

The department's support was also welcomed by Nmakosi Mbane, principal of Mkhanyiseli primary in Nyanga. The school was broken into five times last year and its roof smashed.

"I'm grateful to the department," Mbane said.

"For the first time it has said it has something good to do for us."

Last week the department said it would provide money and equipment to 130 "high-risk" schools, but that the schools would have to take joint responsibility by employing security firms.

115 ARRESTS IN 150 CASES

# Smile for the cameras — they're working

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**THE USE** of CCTV cameras have so far resulted in the arrest of 115 people, and police say they are confident they are winning the war against petty crime. **JUDY DAMON** reports.

**F**OUR minutes and 36 seconds: That's how long it took one man, in the dead of night, to commit a crime — and be nabbed for it.

At 3.54am last Thursday, a 25-year-old man sauntered up to a Toyota Conquest parked in Greenmarket Square and glanced into it.

A few blocks away at the closed circuit television (CCTV) observation room, a security guard watched the developments closely.

At 3.57am, the suspect flicked a piece of ceramic, probably from a spark plug, at the passenger door window, cracking the glass.

In the observation room, the guard radioed for police back-up. A patrol van in the area responded immediately. Seconds later, after casually glancing around, the suspect casually leaned against the glass, causing it to quietly shatter.

But, before he could reach into the car, he was stopped by flashing lights and wailing sirens.

The suspect was bundled into a police van and charged with attempted theft from a motor vehicle. And the dramatic pictures on page one will, in all likelihood, be used to convict him.

In recent months, criminals operating around the city have probably been wondering why they are being foiled so often.

So far, the cameras have recorded 150 incidents of crime in which 115 people were caught in the act and charged. Of those arrested, 94 cases have been opened and will most likely go to court.

The police are becoming more successful in apprehending people committing crimes, thanks to the cameras installed by Business Against Crime, the Car Watch Pro-

ject and increased police visibility.

Police spokesperson Andre Trout, said there had been a "definite decrease" of incidents compared with previous years.

Every day more than 25 000 cars drive through the city centre and police records show that at least two cars are stolen each day and about 20 cars are broken into or vandalised. Crimes relating to motor vehicles in the city centre are now placed high on the priority list. Additional police officers have been deployed in trouble zones. However, the car thieves move quickly around the city and, before long, a new area is targeted.

"The cameras are in the beginning phase and we are still experimenting. But this shows that it really works. We're very optimistic with the expansion of the cameras in the city centre," said Trout.

Motorists are warned to be particularly cautious when using parking areas at the Foreshore, or parking in remote areas when visiting nightclubs and restaurants.

# BLASTS SPARK ACTION

# Ministers to meet for anti-terrorism powwow

**COMMUNITY SAFETY MEC Mark Willey is to meet his national government counterparts on Wednesday to discuss the possibility of wide-ranging anti-terror legislation. GASSANT ABARDER, WILLEM STEENKAMP and MOTSHEKHE MOKWENA report.**

THE possibility of introducing special anti-terrorism legislation with extraordinary powers — such as suspending the provisions that suspects have to appear in court within 48 hours — is to be discussed by national and provincial safety and security ministers on Wednesday.

This was said by Western Cape Community Safety MEC Mark Willey at the scene of the second bomb blast since the launch of the anti-terrorist Operation Good Hope — a pipe-bombing in the Cavendish Square, Woodstock, police station about 6.40pm on Saturday.

A young woman was injured and a police car destroyed in the attack, the fifth on a police station in the past year.

Willey said he and his national counterparts would be briefed by experts about proposals for legislation to deal with the growing violence gripping Cape Town.

He did not wish to give details, but singled out the 48-hour rule as one point of discussion.

In terror cases police needed time to investigate. It would be important for them to be able to detain a suspect for longer than 48 hours, Willey said — but he stopped short of calling such a measure a return to the days of detention without trial.

"Some people will interpret this as preventative detention," he said. Police do not have any leads yet about the identity of the attackers who threw a pipe bomb under a police car in Woodstock on Saturday. The yellow Volkswagen Fox was wrecked, but it absorbed most of the force of the explosion and the police station was not damaged.

The only casualty was Candice Juana, 18, of Salt River, who was passenger in a passing car. She has shrapnel wounds in her neck.

Operation Good Hope spokesperson Anne de Beer said the pipe bomb had been thrown under a police vehicle, which caught alight. Witnesses said they saw a white minibus speeding away and turning into a side street off Victoria Road.

Firefighters were soon on the scene to douse the burning vehicle, while police cordoned off the area. On Thursday, 11 people were injured when a bomb exploded outside the Cape Town Central police station.

Speaking at the scene of the Woodstock explosion, Willey said that the attack was part of a "sophisticated" campaign.

"I'm convinced this is to show up the police investigating these blasts. We are dealing with a terrorist organisation ... people who are highly organised and using a modus operandi we know about already to target police stations. But they don't have the courage to attack the target directly."

Willey told media representatives at the scene that "terrorism thrives on media coverage". "Citizens should remain calm because there are professionals investigating. We'll get to the bottom of this," he said.

Western Cape Premier Gerald Morkel, who was also at the scene, said: "Terrorists the world over do this to get media attention. But nothing will stop us. We will do everything we can to support the police."

If the perpetrators wanted to discuss their agenda, his door was open, Morkel said.

He was "not really" in favour of declaring a state of emergency because "then we will go back to the situation we had in the past".

ANC Western Cape leader Ebrahim Rasool said the situation had long been "out of hand".

"It is not enough for organisations like Pagad to deny their involvement," he said.

"We need them to go beyond denial and to help us bring an end to this. They need to say they are satisfied with this. We need to stand together and declare this an outrage. Enough people have been injured."

"It's a tragedy that citizens feel unsafe. We must not be deterred from Operation Good Hope because of two bombs. We need a little patience to make the operation a success."

Cape Town Mayor Nomaindia Mkeko commented: "It is shocking that there are people who want to hold the city to ransom. The aim is to demoralise the public — and that should not happen."

It was time for Capetonians to unite against the terror, she said.

"The only way to bring the culprits to book is to get the community to come forward and support police in their attempt to rid our city of these people," said Mkeko.

She urged the public to co-operate with police and to come forward with information, no matter how trivial it might seem.

Cape Metropolitan Council Mayor William Bantam said yesterday the urban terror was "getting out of hand and something must be done".

Meanwhile, five of the people hurt in Thursday's bombing are recovering in City Park Hospital, a hospital spokesperson says.

Sharia Davids, Roegshana Gordon, John Parsley and Carol Weyers are "all in a stable condition and progressing well".

Saliga Davids, who lost an eye in the blast, is also in a stable condition.

UP IN FLAMES: A police car next to the Woodstock police station burns after a pipe bomb, thrown from a passing vehicle, exploded under it on Saturday.

## Casualty has a single question for bombers

**GASSANT ABARDER**

SHE was in the wrong place at the wrong time when a bomb went off outside the Woodstock police station on Saturday evening. Now a young woman, who was wounded in the neck by shrapnel, has just one question for her attackers: Why?

Candice Juana, 18, of Salt River, was travelling home in a car from the Coon Carnival in Green Point with two friends, Angelique Nel, 18, and Claudine Daniels, 19, when a powerful explosion shattered the calm of the early evening as they passed the police station.

Luckily the pipe bomb had landed beneath a police car, which absorbed most of the force of the blast, preventing more extensive damage and injury.

A piece of lead shrapnel was blown into Victoria Road and struck Juana in the neck.

Juana, the only casualty, was released from Groote Schuur Hospital on Saturday night but had to return to the hospital yesterday morning because her face had become swollen.

Doctors told her that an operation might be needed to remove the lead shrapnel still embedded in her neck.

"I was in shock," Juana, who was still in pain, told the *Cape Times* from her bed yesterday.

"All I saw was the smoke in the car and the glass from the window that burst.

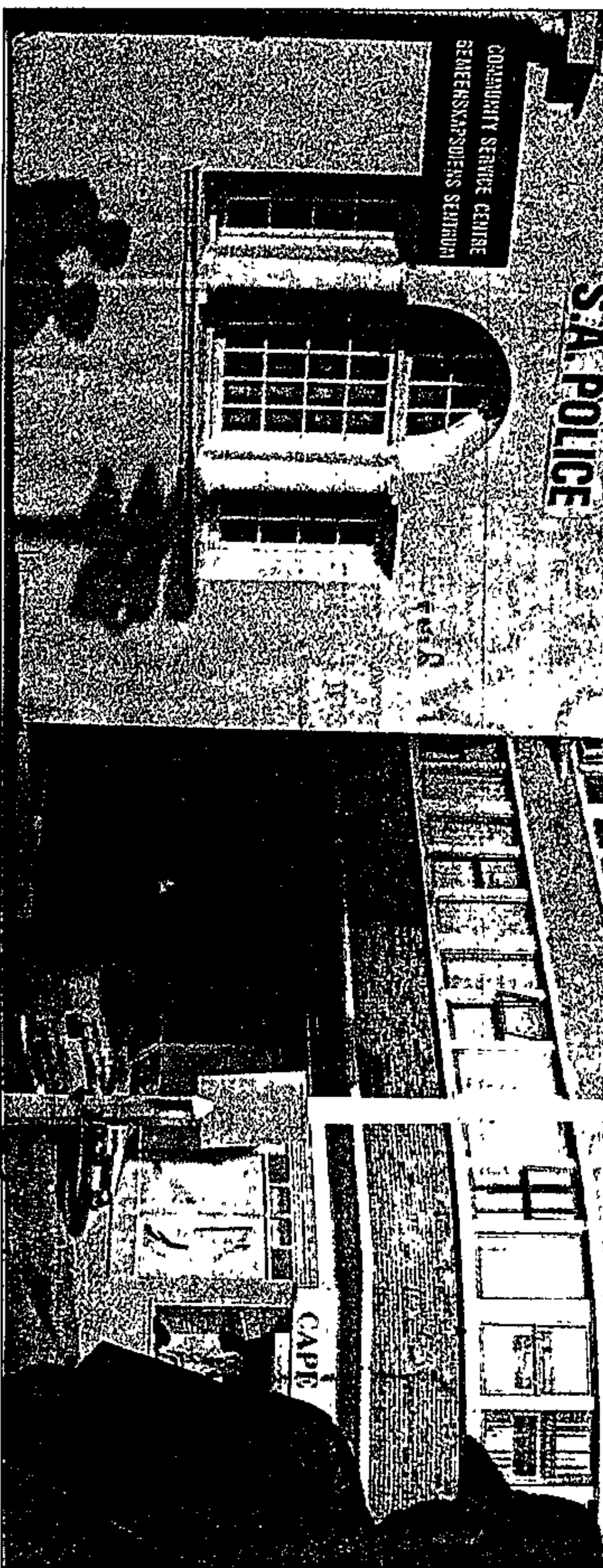
"We slowed down and then I felt that my neck was bleeding. I didn't realise at first that I had been injured."

Nel, who was driving, said: "We pulled over to check if anybody was hurt. Then we saw (Juana's) neck bleeding. I thought she had been shot."

Amnen Andrews, another witness who was travelling in front of the three friends, said: "I saw smoke billowing out and realised it was a bomb. It rocked our car."

"I think the bomb was rolled under the (police) car because I don't think those guys are daring enough to plant a bomb so close to a police station."

After this experience, it seemed it was not safe for anyone to go anywhere, Juana said.



UP IN FLAMES: A police car next to the Woodstock police station burns after a pipe bomb, thrown from a passing vehicle, exploded under it on Saturday.



BOMB VICTIM: Candice Juana, 18, of Salt River, was wounded in the neck by shrapnel at the Woodstock police station. PICTURE: MASER MAMBE

## Police foil bomb plan

**JUDY DAMON**

A 21-YEAR-OLD man was arrested in Mitchell's Plain after police caught him in possession of a pipe bomb — ready to be used — at the weekend.

Police said that on Friday night the Mitchell's Plain unit responded to a "desperate" call from a Woodlands woman seeking protection from her former boyfriend.

When police arrived at the house she said they had had a heated argument and he had threatened to return that night and "blow up" her house.

The woman gave a description of the man and information that led them to Snapdragon Avenue in Lentegou, a few roads away.

Police immediately spotted the man with another man, but they started to run when they saw police approaching. As they ran, the first man dropped something in bush. Both men were arrested.

Police searched for the object, and discovered a pipe bomb ready for use. The man was charged with being in possession of explosives and is still in custody. The second man was released on bail.

PICTURE: GASSANT ABARDER



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# Special powers sought to combat Cape terror

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## Longer period of arrest mooted after latest Cape Town attack

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**A**s Cape Town reels under a wave of urban terror, national and provincial safety and security ministers are due to meet this week to discuss special anti-terrorism legislation with extraordinary powers, such as a move to suspend the provision that suspects have to appear in court within 48 hours of their arrest.

Western Cape Community Safety MEC Mark Wiley said at the weekend that in terrorism cases, police often need time to investigate a suspect and it would be important to be able to detain a suspect for longer than the stipulated 48 hours.

"Some people will interpret this as preventive detention."

He was speaking at the scene of the second bomb blast since the launch of the anti-terrorism initiative Operation Good Hope - a pipe-bombing at Woodstock police station on Saturday evening.

A woman was injured and a police car destroyed in the attack, the fifth on a police station in the past year.

ANC national chairperson Patrick Lekota hinted at the weekend at the possible introduction of a "Third Force Law".

Lekota said the ANC would introduce the legislation after the election to provide the framework to remove judiciary and police members suspected of third-force activities.

Police had no leads about the identity of the attackers,

who at about 6.40pm on Saturday threw a pipe bomb under a police vehicle parked outside Woodstock police station.

This follows a pipe-bombing at Cape Town's Central police station on Thursday, in which 11 people were injured.

Operation Good Hope spokesperson Anine de Beer said the pipe bomb was thrown under the police vehicle before the attackers fled.

A number of witnesses said they saw a white minibus speed away from the scene and turn into a side street.

ANC Western Cape leader Ebrahim Rasool said: "It is not enough for organisations like Pagad to deny their involvement. We need to stand together and declare this an outrage."

## 'Why maim and kill the innocent?'

Cape Town - "Why the innocent people? Why not the guilty ones?"

These are the words of Veronica Toffa, aunt of 18-year-old Candice Juan who was injured in the bomb blast outside Woodstock Police Station on Saturday.

Candice was sitting in the front passenger seat of the grey Audi being driven by her cousin, Angelique Nel, when the bomb exploded and she was hit in the neck by shrapnel.

Her friend Claudine Daniels (19), was sitting behind her.

Toffa said Candice was still in pain and could barely cope



Close call ... Claudine Daniels (left) and Candice Juan were nearest to the bomb.

when her one-year-old son, Amien, demanded her attention.

She still has shrapnel in her

neck and she will have to return to Groote Schuur Hospital for the third time tomorrow to have it removed.

Claudine says she is happy that she escaped injury when the window shattered beside her.

"I am not scared, I'm just in shock," said Claudine.

An outraged Toffa said: "What are these people trying to achieve? This is the mother of a child.

"Aren't the bombers also fathers and mothers? Innocent people are being hurt. It's wrong." - Own Correspondent

# GOPPS SWOOP ON G-FORCE

## Breakthrough claimed as heavily armed Pagad men arrested

JOSEPH ARANES AND JOHAN SCHROENEN  
STAFF REPORTERS

In what police claim is a breakthrough for Operation Good Hope - the police initiative to combat urban terrorism - six heavily armed Pagad G-Force members were arrested last night.

Police spokeswoman Anine de Beer said police swooped just before midnight.

"We got information about the group and placed them under surveillance. At 11.30pm policemen stopped the suspects' vehicle on Eastern Boulevard and escorted them to Caledon Square police station.

"As part of our zero-tolerance approach, we first secured the police station and the suspects' bakke by cordoning off the area before disarming and arresting them."

Captain De Beer said police had confiscated a small arsenal of weapons, including pistols, shotguns and rounds of ammunition, some of which were unlicensed.

Police were investigating charges of illegal possession of firearms against the men.

Pagad spokesman Cassiem Parker confirmed the six men were Pagad members. "They are part of our G-Force security structures."

Mr Parker said the anti-crime group's

lawyer would hold discussions with the police to establish the exact nature of the charges the men would face.

Police spokesman Wicus Holtzhausen described the arrests as a "major breakthrough" in the fight against those sowing terror in the Western Cape.

Superintendent Holtzhausen said all the police stations in the greater Cape Town area had been placed on red alert, as the police had information that more stations would come under attack.

Last Thursday 11 passers-by were injured when a bomb exploded outside Caledon Square police station in the city, and on

Saturday a woman was hurt when a bomb exploded outside Woodstock police station.

Detectives probing the killing of their colleague, Bennie Lategan, were also expected to question the suspects today.

Ballistic tests will be done on the confiscated weapons to determine whether any are linked to Captain Lategan's murder.

Captain Lategan, who was investigating Pagad-related crime, died in an ambush last month. He was hit by bullets from at least four different guns.

It is believed the police still have no real clues to bring them closer to the killers. Investigators are methodically following up

information from the community, but there has been no breakthrough in the case.

A senior police source said that given the prevailing circumstances in the province, last night's arrests were an "exciting development" and could lead to a breakthrough into other urban terrorism probes.

"Against the backdrop of the recent spate of attacks on the police, the suspicious circumstances under which the suspects were arrested, and their affiliation, the arrests should be seen as more than simply one for the possession of unlicensed firearms."

Police seek related arrest curbs, page 3

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## RESIDENTS FLOCK TO BUY GUNS

# Cape Town armed to the teeth

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**THERE ARE** an estimated 13 million firearms in South Africa. Five million belong to the state, four million are legally owned by citizens and the rest are illegal. Now the Western Cape is joining the arms race. **JUDY DAMON** reports.

**P**OPLE in the Western Cape seem intent on protecting themselves against crime and violence. The percentage leap in firearm applications in the province from 1997 to last year was more than double the percentage increase nationally for the same period.

According to figures supplied by the Central Firearms Registrar in Pretoria, 23 489 applications were received in the province in 1997 as opposed to 28 192 last year — an increase of 20,02%. The number of applications approved were 19 641 and 23 325 respectively.

Nationally, 215 017 applications were received in 1997 as opposed to 232 499 last year — an increase of 8,13%. The numbers of applications approved were 195 518 and 183 455 respectively.

Between April 1997 and June last year, South Africans had spent about R71 million on firearms for self-defence.

While these figures are expected to increase, police and the gun-free lobby say that with so many firearms being bought, the problem of illegal guns will become more acute.

Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi has already said that on average 2 700 guns are stolen from legal owners every month and most of them are used later in crimes.

Gunshop owners, gun owners and police said the main reason why people were prepared to buy guns was because of "fear and lack the general lack of faith in the police".

Gunshop owner Osman Shabodien, who has branches in Athlone, Mitchells Plain and Bellville, has opened three shops on the Cape Flats in two years.

"Something bad must be going on out there. Most of the people I sell to live in the townships and on the Cape Flats. They would spend their entire salary to buy a weapon for protection. They are scared, desperate and claim they can no longer turn to the police for help," Shabodien said.

He said a typical client was someone from a working class area who bought the most affordable handgun.

A Blue Downs resident and new gun owner, who wanted to be identified only as Peter, said: "When I first moved here, it was nice and quiet. Now everyone in my road has a weapon because the police cannot deal with the crime here. There are so many break-ins, murders and rapes. When we call the police, they arrive late or never at all.

"I have a little daughter and there is no way that I am going to allow them (criminals) to get to her. I will do what I have to and I will use my gun."

A senior policeman who deals with applications in Mitchells Plain said that each day his office — which



**FIREPOWER:** Companies in the Western Cape who employ armed security guards are willing to spend up to R6 000 per person on specialised shooting courses held at the pistol club in Stikland, Bellville, next to the Access City shopping complex.

receives the highest number of applications in the province — had a long queue of licence applicants.

"This is an area where crime is high. Here, people cannot even walk as far as the bus stop without being attacked. The police cannot be everywhere and they (the public) know that, so people become desperate."

Companies employing armed guards are underwriting specialised courses for their men at a cost of R6 000 each. Says top weapons trainer Dave Lampecht: "The kind of

criminal coming into the city carries semi-automatic weapons and seldom operates alone. What chance does that security guard stand against such firepower?"

He said over the past six months there has also been a steady increase in women living in affluent areas who want specialised training.

Juan de Greeff of the South African Gun Owners' Association said: "It is clear that women are the softer targets. Many are no longer afraid to protect themselves."

Police and lobbyists for Gun Free South Africa (GISA) agree on one point: The more weapons that are sold, the more members of the public are at risk.

GISA chairperson Sheena Duncan said: "I don't know why the firearms registrar is so lavishly giving out licences. Once that owner has a gun, they are at even greater risk of people wanting their guns, therefore adding to the already high number of illegal guns in circulation."

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'CRITICAL' FIND BY POLICE

# Bombings: Video breakthrough

**IN WHAT** could be the first major breakthrough in attempts to stop the citywide terror campaign, police have seized a videotape containing footage of several Peninsula police stations. **JUDY DAMON** reports.

**A** VIDEOTAPE found in the possession of six Pagad members arrested in dramatic fashion late on Monday shows clear footage of several police stations around the city, including the Phillippi police station, it emerged yesterday.

This incriminating footage could mean that police have finally made a solid breakthrough in their fight against the urban terrorism that has plagued the Western Cape over the past three years — a fight which has to date been marked by an absence of convictions.

Commenting on the video footage police confiscated when making the arrests, police Operation Good Hope spokesperson Anthe de Beer said she had been told not to divulge any details of what was on the videotape.

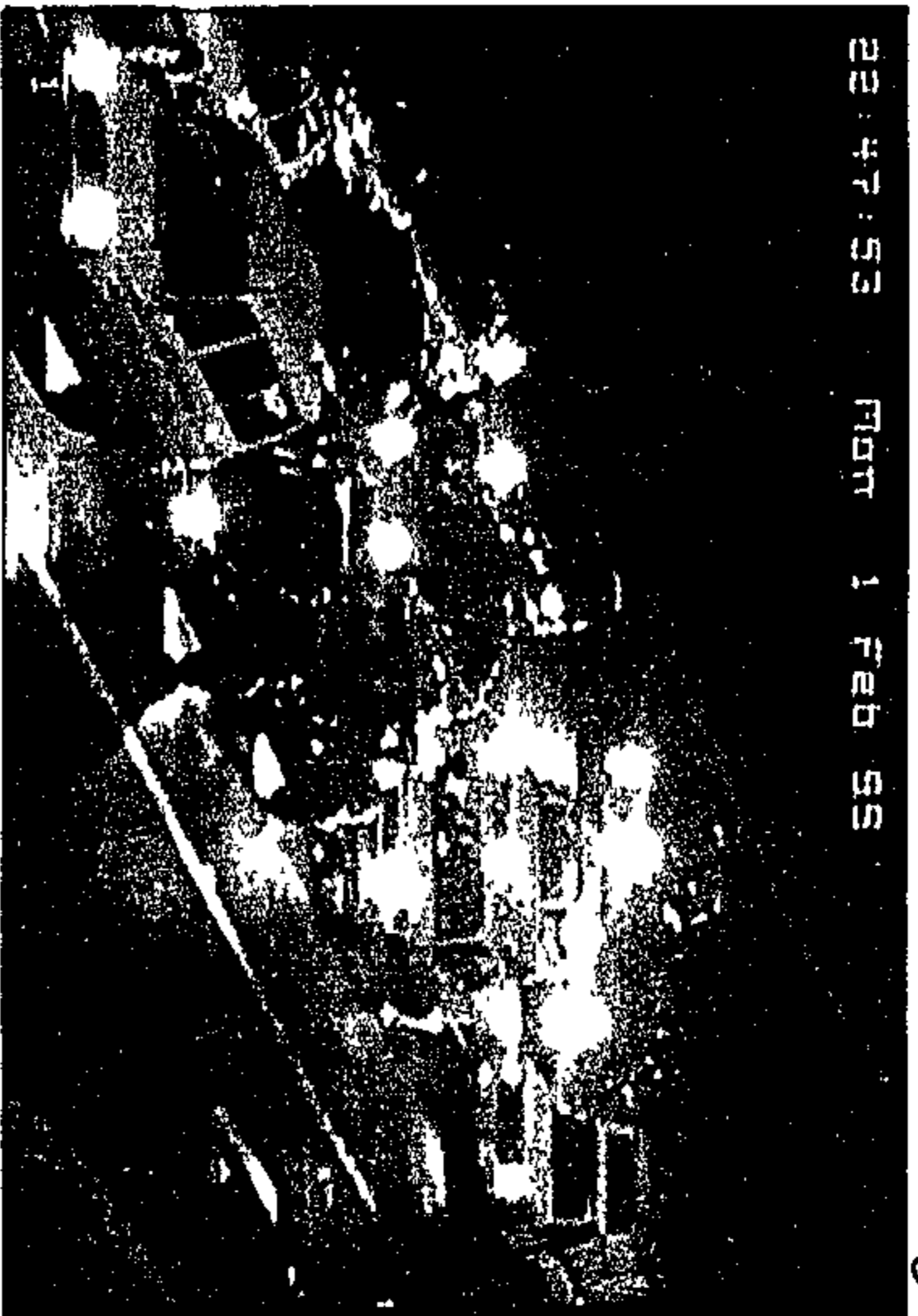
She could only say that it was a "critical" piece of information that was "too sensitive" to be made public yet.

The six men — members of Pagad's G-Force armed wing — are expected to appear in the Cape Town Magistrate's Court early today or tomorrow morning in connection with charges of being in possession of unlicensed firearms.

Police pounced on them on the Eastern Boulevard about 11pm on Monday, following a tip-off from a member of the public and surveillance by the closed-circuit television cameras introduced by Business Against Crime — Western Cape in December last year.

Business Against Crime managing director John Penberthy con-

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**UNDER SURVEILLANCE:** Closed-circuit television cameras recently installed around the city centre by Business Against Crime — Western Cape pinpoint the panel van in which six suspects were travelling. Police, who arrested the men on Eastern Boulevard, confiscated several firearms and a videotape containing footage of Peninsula police stations.

firming yesterday that police intelligence had alerted them to the white panel van police had been keeping under surveillance since earlier in the evening.

The closed-circuit cameras, installed around the city, clearly picked up the vehicle travelling from the Sea Point area and virtually led police travelling in several vehicles to the suspects on Eastern Boulevard, where they were arrested at gunpoint.

The suspects were taken to Cape Town Central police station, where heavily-armed police cordoned off the entire block before taking the suspects into the building.

A Cape Times team that arrived at the police station just as the suspects were to be taken inside was instructed by edgy policemen to leave the area immediately.

Police confiscated six firearms, including a shotgun, 9mm pistols, a

38 Special revolver and ammunition, as well as a video camera, a videotape and a cellphone found in the possession of the suspects.

Four of the weapons were found to be unlicensed, leading to the charges against the six. All of the confiscated weapons were sent for ballistics testing to determine whether they have been used in terror attacks on the Cape Flats.

Police were reticent yesterday to talk about the footage contained on the videotape, but confirmed that it included images of several police stations, including the Phillippi police station.

Police are investigating a possible connection between the six men and the murder of Pagad Task team investigator Bernie Lategan, who was ambushed and killed at the intersection of Vanguard Drive and the R300 on January 14.

Without elaborating on why the

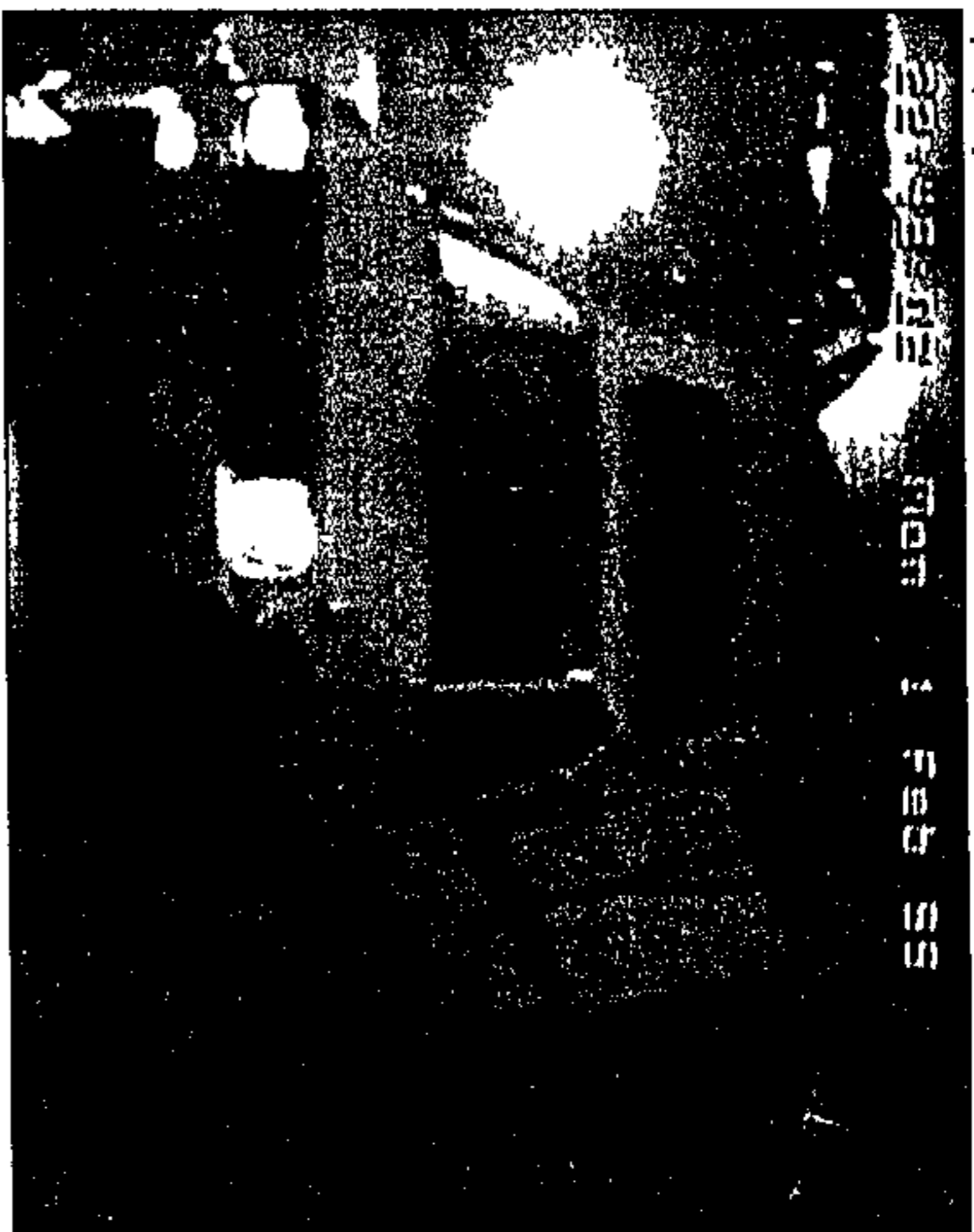
arrests were seen to be a breakthrough, Community Safety MEC Mark Wylie said: "The fact that the firearms found during the arrest were in the possession of members of an organisation which has long been suspected and accused of contributing to the problem in the Western Cape can certainly be construed as a most significant development."

However, Pagad legal adviser Cassien Parker, who reportedly confirmed that the six men arrested belonged to his organisation, said police were unfairly targeting the group.

"If people are serious about getting to the bottom of the problem in the Western Cape, they must cast their net wider," Parker said. "Operation Good Hope is not interested in solving the crime problem — it is simply an operation against Pagad."

Meanwhile, police have restricted Q Tum to Page 3

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1. The suspects are first picked up by closed-circuit television cameras in Sea Point and all available police in the area race to the scene.
2. Police travelling in flying squad patrol vehicles first catch up with the suspects and a high-speed chase ensues through the streets of the city centre.
3. The contingent of police apprehends the suspects and confiscates their weapons and details them at the Cape Town Central police station.

**PHOTOGRAPH BY: MURRAY JACOBS**

## Restrictions on parking after bombings

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parking in some city streets following the recent bomb attacks on the Cape Town Central and Woodstock police stations.

Police spokesperson Andre Traut said public parking had been suspended in Barrack Street adjacent to Cape Town Central and the Thomas Boydell building behind it, which houses several police departments, including provincial commissioner Leon Wessels' office.

This area would be zoned a tow-away area and vehicles parking there would be impounded, he said.

Parking bays in Corporation, Parade and Buitenkant streets adjacent to the Cape Town Central police station building and the Thomas Boydell building would be restricted to police vehicles, and then only those displaying official police parking discs.

Traut said the precautions were necessary to ensure the safety of the police and members of the public who visited these premises.

# Police step up their own security after revelations of surveillance

JUDY DAMON

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POLICE stations around the Peninsula have stepped up their security after it emerged that at least seven stations had been kept under surveillance.

Among the precautions taken were:

- The Grassy Park police station has hired private security guards, who are watching the premises around the clock.

- Most roads in the vicinity of the Bellville police station have been cordoned off, making it virtually impossible for motorists to directly pass by the station.

- At the Mitchells Plain police station, all the main gates are kept locked throughout the day and only a certain number of people are allowed on its premises and in the charge office at any given time.

Several other police stations are keeping their main entrances locked.

Others, which are not fenced off, are guarded by armoured vehicles.

Police spokesperson Anine de Beer said

these safety precautions had been in place since the Cape Town Central and Woodstock police stations were targeted recently, but had been stepped up even further since six members of Pagad's G-Force were arrested on Monday night.

Police also believe that they have made a breakthrough as the six — who are expected to appear in the Cape Town Magistrate's Court today — were allegedly in possession of video footage of various police stations in the city.

It is understood that on Monday night, before the six suspects were arrested, several police stations had reported to police Radio Control that they had been photographed by unidentified men.

De Beer also added that because police officers who were previously working inside police stations were now actively patrolling the streets, adding to a high police visibility, crime in general had fallen since the start of Operation Good Hope.

# Guns, gangs and videotape

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*The arrest of six Pagad G-Force members may not be a breakthrough after all, writes*  
**Marianne Merten**

**T**he twin brother of Yusuf Jacobs — who died after he was shot by police at a People against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) demonstration last month — was among five men arrested outside Prince Alfred in the Karoo on Wednesday.

The former Gauteng co-ordinator of Pagad was also arrested. Police confiscated several firearms found in their vehicle.

At his funeral, Yusuf Jacobs was described as a paramedic who had attended Pagad marches to provide humanitarian assistance. Neither he nor his brother was suspected of involvement in armed violence.

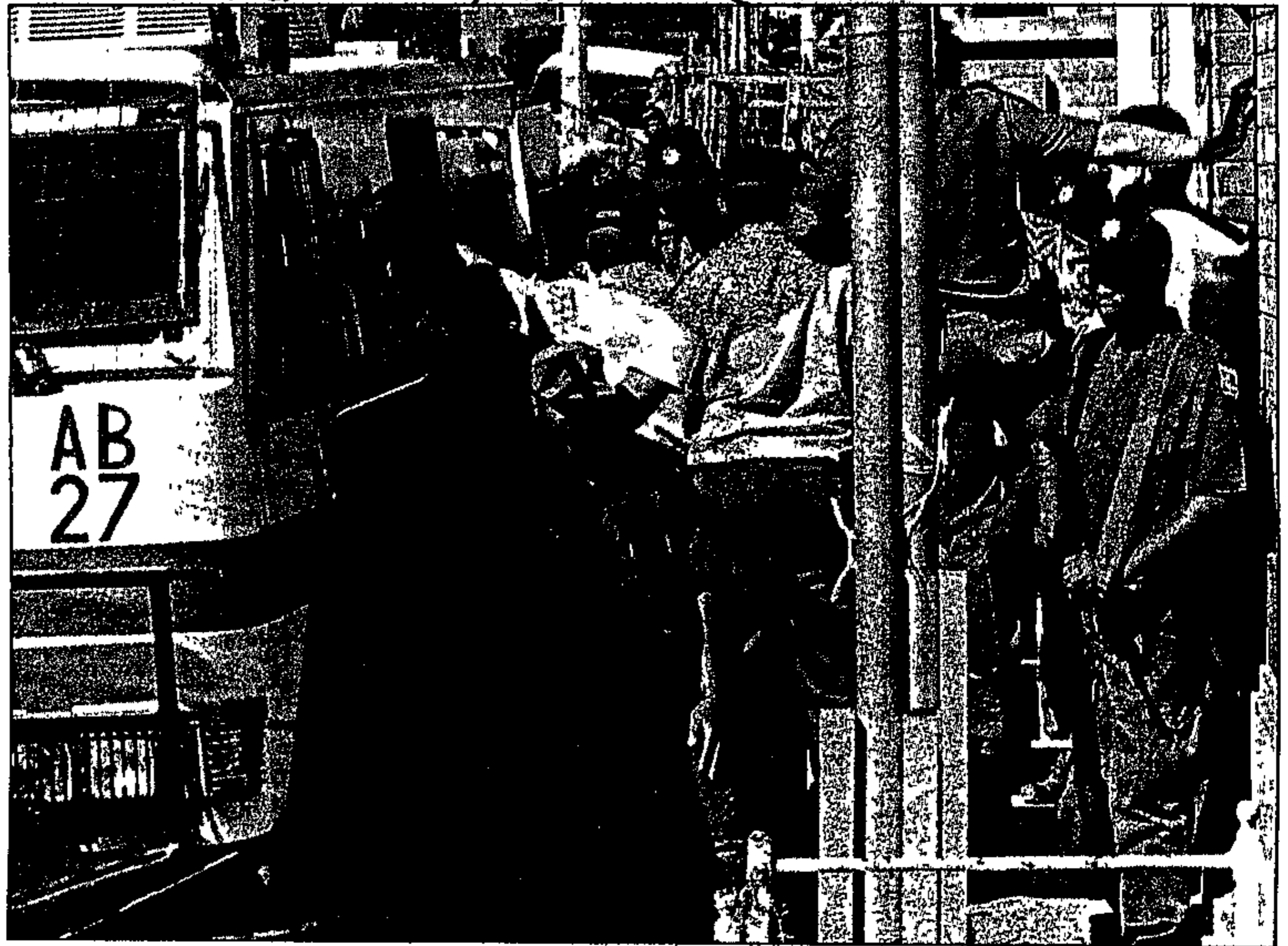
Police this week hailed the arrests of the five, and six Pagad G-Force (the group's armed wing) members, on Tuesday as a major breakthrough in their anti-urban terrorism campaign, Operation Good Hope.

Loegmaan Sapat (36) of Delft; Faizal Kossaim (37) of Belhar; Faizal Steyn (22) of Delft; Moegammat Isaacs (23) of Delft; Nafrudien Gamaldien (35) of Delft and Cassiem Arens (21) of Delft appeared in the Cape Town Magistrate's Court on Thursday. The case was postponed until February 11 and their bail application will be heard on February 12.

By late Wednesday, the police had toned down their initial claim that the arrests were a breakthrough for Operation Good Hope. Acting provincial media liaison officer Wicus Holtzhausen said they would have preferred that much of the information, particularly the fact that the men had video footage of police stations, had not been made public.

Western Cape Anti-Crime Forum representative Keith Benjamin said while people were waiting with bated breath for the outcome of the police investigation into the suspects, the high levels of expectation could be dangerous.

"There have been several 'major breakthroughs' in the past where high-profile people of Pagad had been arrested. The cases have been thrown



**Off to court: Police form a visual barrier between the six arrested Pagad members and the media as they leave the Caledon police station for the Cape Town Magistrate's Court. PHOTOGRAPH: RODGER BOSCH**

out of court for a lack of evidence or some technical reason, the cases were botched or the investigations have not been done properly," Benjamin said.

He said it would be a major breakthrough if someone finally was convicted in a court.

Pagad national co-ordinator Abdus Salaam Ebrahim told a Cape Town radio station that the arrests were not as watertight as they might seem at first. He said only one of the weapons found in their vehicle — a 357 Magnum — was illegal.

He said there may be "problems with the paperwork" of the guns signed over to the six men, but that did not mean the guns were not legally acquired in the country.

The arrest of the six G-Force members could have come straight out of a Hollywood crime thriller. It started with an anonymous telephone tip-off, followed by closed-circuit cameras in the Cape Town city centre tracking a suspicious-looking bakkie and its six occupants, and ended with a car chase along one of city's highways.

Police have described the six as "heavy guys — not the ones likely to

be found running around at marches".

Police have stored the video footage found with the men in a safe, saying it could become a crucial part of the investigation into whether the six could be linked to other attacks.

However, a police source said this fitted into the G-Force modus operandi of gathering information through intelligence before hits.

A senior police officer said they had identified key actors in the ongoing violence a long time ago. "We know who they are. It's just a matter of time before we get to them."

The officer said the investigators would expand their probe beyond the immediate charges of illegally possessing unlicensed firearms, including a fold-up shotgun and an allegedly stolen 9mm pistol.

Pagad claims it was never involved in pipe-bombings. The group's representative, Cassiem Parker, told a Cape Town radio station that it was too early to jump to conclusions. He said many Pagad members had been arrested in the past only to have the charges against them dropped. Parker said "breakthrough arrests" only

seemed to apply when Pagad members were involved. The arrest of two men in possession of a pipe bomb in Lentegeur, Mitchells Plain, last Friday was almost ignored.

"This leads us to believe that Operation Good Hope should have been called Operation Pagad," said Parker.

The "let's cross fingers" sentiment that the arrest of the six senior G-Force members would translate into a solid court conviction was echoed throughout police ranks this week. Seven detectives have been assigned to the investigation.

Late last year, Western Cape police said they believed a group of about 20 highly trained men were behind most of the hits on suspected drug dealers' homes, the murder of at least 11 high-level gangsters during 1998 and various other pipe-bombings and drive-by shootings.

Police at the time said they suspected G-Force cells had been restructured even more tightly after they realised undercover agents had infiltrated at least the lower ranks of the "hit squads".

POLICE TURN UP THE HEAT

# Explosive find in Pagad car

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**IT IS BELIEVED** that terrorism in the Cape Peninsula has been dealt a devastating blow by the arrest of five men in a dramatic police operation this week. **JUDY DAMON** and **MOTSHIDISI MOKWENA** report.

**F**IVE Pagad members — one of them the twin brother of slain Pagad "médic" Yusuf Jacobs — will appear in the Oudtshoorn Magistrate's Court today, following their arrest while driving through the Karoo in two cars early on Wednesday. The arrest is widely believed to be the most significant breakthrough yet in police efforts to stem the wave of terror sweeping Cape Town.

And at today's official opening of the 1999 session of Parliament, President Nelson Mandela is expected to include some harsh words for religious organisations that abuse any faith and hide behind religious fundamentalism to pursue objectives that threaten South African communities.

The arrested men have been charged with Arms and Ammunition Act offences relating to unspecified weapons found in their possession — but according to reliable sources yesterday, they had also been in possession of explosives.

Operation Good Hope spokesperson Anhne de Beer could not confirm that explosives were found in the cache of arms seized, adding that the information surrounding the weapons and other contents found was "highly sensitive and cannot yet be divulged".

Police also revealed very little at a press conference in Bellville yesterday.

The media briefing by West Metropole commissioner and Operation Good Hope chief Ganief Daniels was abruptly cut short when President Nelson Mandela requested a personal update on the progress of Operation Good Hope — the recently-launched initiative to stamp out the terror campaign — from Daniels and Serious Violent Crimes Unit head Leonard Krige.

It also emerged yesterday that one of the five, who were being held at an undisclosed location in the Peninsula yesterday, is Yacoub Jacobs, twin brother of slain Pagad member Yusuf Jacobs.

Yusuf Jacobs died after being hit on the head by a police rubber bullet fired during a demonstration last month outside the Castle against the visit of British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Yesterday morning six other members of Pagad's armed wing, the G-Force, appeared in the Cape Town Magistrate's Court in connection with contraventions of the Arms and Ammunition Act, including possession of unlicensed firearms and possession of a stolen firearm.

The six, who were apprehended by a large, heavily-armed police contingent on Eastern Boulevard on Monday night, were also found in possession of a video which fea-



**BEHIND BARS:** A member of Pagad's "G-Force", his face covered by a mask, arrives at the Cape Town Magistrate's Court yesterday. The unidentified man and five others are facing charges of possession of unlicensed firearms and of a stolen firearm.

PICTURE: ALAN TAYLOR

tured footage of several Peninsula police stations.

Prosecutor Pedro van Wyk said further charges were being investigated against Loegmaan Sadat, 36, Paiseel Cassim, 37, of Belhar, Faizal Steyn, 22, Moegamat Isaacs, 23, Nasrudien Garmeldien, 35, and Christian Arends, 21, all of Delft.

He said the state required more time to be able to oppose a bail application, as it needed the results of ballistics tests, and he asked for a week-long postponement.

In testimony, investigating officer Christian Theron said Sadat and his co-accused should not be granted bail as it would not be in the public interest.

He said the guns found in their possession had been sent for ballistic tests and that he was still compiling profiles of the accused.

Defence advocate Paul Eia opposed a postponement, arguing that the state had no case and therefore could not keep the accused in custody for more than 48 hours without granting them bail.

"There has to be a good reason why the court should grant a postponement and it must not be because of the incompetence or slackness of the investigation by the police," said Eia.

He claimed the state had not charged the accused and

he had been handed a blank charge sheet.

Said Eia: "My clients have a constitutional right to liberty and this case smacks of speculation, lies and video tape."

Eia suggested also that police had planted the guns found at the scene of the arrests.

Magistrate Karin Scheepers agreed to the seven-day postponement, and said the court disagreed with Eia when he contended that the state did not have a case.

She also disagreed with Eia's argument that the crimes his clients had been accused of were not serious.

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**BACKER:** A supporter of the men charged with possessing unlicensed and stolen firearms at court yesterday. **PICTURE: ALAN TAYLOR**

## Pagad five (37)

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under schedule five of the Criminal Procedure Act of 1997," she said.

Describing the meeting as "confidential", Mufamadi's spokesman, Andre Martin, said the committee had looked at "operational and legislative capacity".

He declined to elaborate, but it is understood the committee received a progress report on Operation Good Hope.

Last week Mufamadi told reporters the meeting would hear a report, compiled after consultations with detectives, intelligence operatives and members of the prosecuting authority.

The presentation would look at what had been done to deal with the urban terror, the difficulties experienced by those combating it and remedial steps. CT 5/2/99

There might ultimately also be a need to review legislation, he said.

In confirming the arrests of the five, police said the men had been travelling in separate cars, a Toyota Corolla with Gauteng registration plates and a Nissan Sentra with Zimbabwean plates.

The men, who had been under surveillance for months, were apparently travelling along the N1 from Johannesburg to Cape Town when police swooped on them near Prince Albert.

● Following two bomb explosions in Cape Town, special security arrangements have been made in Parliament to ensure that proceedings go smoothly.

# Bombings hit Waterfront hotel trade

JOSEPH ARANES  
STAFF REPORTER

Urban terrorism in the Western Cape – especially at the V&A Waterfront – is being blamed for the poor performance and occupancy rate of the Table Bay Hotel, Sun International's flagship hotel in the province.

In its financial report for the six-month period ending December 31, the group says: "The Table Bay Hotel was negatively impacted by cancellations resulting from urban bombings."

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Chairman of the Sun International board Khehla Mthembu said there was no doubt that acts of terrorism, especially at the Waterfront, had led to numerous cancellations from big overseas tour groups.

"Our poor performance in Cape Town is due in the main to these cancellations, with many of the tour operators citing terrorism as the reason for the cancellations."

He said an increase in the number of hotels in the city meant there was more competition and that this also influenced their performance for the period under review.

The group was still committed to operating in the province and was taking the "setback" as part of the normal business operations.

"The issue of urban terrorism is beyond our control and hopefully the law enforcement agencies and the communities will work together to remedy the problem."

The group was going "all out" to promote the province, and with its other plans – which include the proposed development of a casino complex at the Goodwood showgrounds – it would improve its financial situation, said Mr Mthembu.

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# Police action unlawful, says Pagad

**JERMAINE CRAIG**

One of the six Pagad members arrested on February 1 has claimed that 10 policemen entered their cell with stun grenades and teargas canisters and took blood, saliva and hair samples from them by force.

Loegmaan Sapat stated these claims in an affidavit which he handed to the High Court yesterday where the men are applying for the police's actions to be declared unlawful.

Mr Sapat, Faizel Kossain, Faizel Steyn, Moegamat Isaacs, Nasrudien Ganieldien and

Cassiem Arends were arrested soon after the launch of Operation Good Hope, a police initiative aimed at curbing bombings and other violent crimes in the Western cape.

In his affidavit Mr Sapat said he and four of the other men had legal firearms and police "discovered" one unlicensed firearm in their vehicle when none of the men were present. He said he believed police planted the gun.

Mr Sapat said that on Thursday about 1.30pm the investigating officer, Riaan Theron, and 10 other policemen arrived at their cell and said they wanted to take blood,

hair and saliva samples from them.

Mr Sapat said he told Sergeant Theron they wished to have their lawyers - who were due to see them in 15 minutes - present.

"Contrary to this request, the police officials entered our cells armed with stun grenades and teargas canisters and forcibly removed Mr Ganieldien," said Mr Sapat.

"About every 10 minutes the same police officials arrived and took another of us out of our holding cell.

"I was taken along the corridor to a room where a person with a video camera was sup-

posedly filming proceedings. Inside the room was a female person who conducted the taking of blood and other body samples."

Mr Sapat said he objected, but was held down by policemen and made to comply.

The men were granted unopposed bail of R2 000 on Thursday.

Pagad lawyers will again argue on Monday in the Cape High Court that the taking of body samples from its members was unlawful.

Five other Pagad members, arrested on the N1 near Prince Albert Road in the Karoo last Wednesday, are to apply for bail on Monday.

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# Pagad challenges DNA sampling as unconstitutional

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A POLICE effort to fight crime with the same method the Americans used to prove President Bill Clinton had an extramarital sexual relationship, is being challenged in the High Court.

Taking their cue from Britain and the US, the police have started taking hair and blood samples from possible suspects and convicts so their DNA can be used as a way of linking them to crimes.

However, in a case heard in the Cape Town High Court on Friday, lawyers for six Pagad members freed on bail this week claimed that police

had breached the Constitution by forcing them to give hair and blood samples before their release.

The case was postponed for three weeks, and it is unclear whether police have the right to use the samples in that time.

DNA testing has been used to great effect in Britain, where police traced a child rapist by making the entire male population of a small town supply them with DNA material.

A database in operation in Britain since 1995 has a record of more than 360 000 "gene prints".

The US's FBI has a databank of DNA samples from 250 000 convicted felons, as well as 4 600 DNA samples from unsolved crime scenes.

Since the method was introduced, 10 men sentenced to death have had their convictions overturned on the strength of new DNA evidence.

Pagad lawyer Paul Eia said yesterday it was the first time that DNA sampling was being challenged.

"We are one step away from a 1984 scenario, with Big Brother literally able to take blood from our bodies."

Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi on Tuesday praised police for using the hi-tech method to link a Pagad member to the fatal shooting of a four-year-old girl in a vigilante attack in Cape Town last year.

He told Parliament: "For some time, investigators, acting in collab-

oration with the forensic science laboratory, have been building DNA profiles of possible suspects."

Wilfred Schär, a University of Cape Town criminologist, said that if the Pagad case went to the Constitutional Court, "I feel the court would come down in favour of the state because of the political context the case would be viewed in, and because that is the trend overseas."

The commander of Operation Good Hope, Assistant Commissioner Ganiel Daniels, said he regarded DNA testing as an important new weapon in the police armoury and he had no doubt it had to be used.

"It is vital if police are to win the war against urban terror," he said.

An expert from the police forensic laboratory in Cape Town, who matches suspects to urban terror cases, said there was only a one in 100 billion chance that two people had the same DNA characteristics.

"Added to other evidence, this is regarded as being conclusive in either linking a person to a scene, or proving that the person was not there," he said.

"This kind of evidence is absolutely crucial in breaking cases like this where there is a wall of silence preventing the use of normal police methods."

"If the courts rule against it then we will have a very big problem in trying to defeat urban terrorism."

POLICE EVIDENCE IN TRIAL OF FIVE PAGAD MEN

# Bid to bomb Parliament foiled

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FLASHBACK: A file picture of Pagad national co-ordinator Abdoes Salahan Ebrahim with Yacoub Jacobs — one of five Pagad members arrested at Prince Albert on February 3.

**IT WOULD HAVE BEEN** — according to testimony before the Oudtshoorn Magistrate's Court yesterday — Cape Town's version of Guy Fawkes' infamous Gunpowder Plot. **JUDY DAMON** and **WILLEM STEENKAMP** report.

**F**IVE Pagad members arrested in dramatic fashion at the Prince Albert Road on the NI on February 3 had been planning to blow up the opening of Parliament two days later, the Oudtshoorn Magistrate's Court heard during their bail application yesterday.

The five — Izaan Sheik, 23, of Rondebosch East, Jasien Adoa, 20, of Bellikhan Park, Yacoub Jacobs, 25, of Woodstock, Abzal Karriem, 27, of Genadendal, and Ayob Mungalee, 36, of Eldorado Park, Johannesburg — face charges of theft and illegal possession of firearms and ammunition.

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Beukes told the court that police needed another week in which to investigate other possible charges against the five, including murder and involvement in acts of urban terrorism in Cape Town.

The weapons and ammunition seized during their arrests had been sent for ballistic and forensic testing, he said.

Magistrate Mark van Wyn-gard granted a seven-day postponement for the bail application, despite opposition from defence advocate Paul Eia.

Security officials, part of a wide-ranging and tight security net thrown around the proceedings, outnumbered spectators at the February 5 opening of Parliament.

The smothering security presence included scores of armed police, armoured vehicles, a helicopter and dozens of undercover operatives who monitored the surrounding area of Parliament as President Nelson Mandela made their way into the legislature.

During his final opening of Parliament address, Mandela announced that he knew who was responsible for the spate of terror attacks in the Western Cape.

In his landmark statement, he said: "I want to assure the people we know who these people are. We know who trains them and we know who backs them; and steadily we are building a watertight case against them and will ensure that they will stay in jail for a long, long time."

The speech — in which Mandela did not name the terrorists — was roundly applauded except by Pagad, which had borne the brunt of police investigations into several

urban terrorism attacks over the past three years.

At a press conference a few days later, Pagad members said that even though Mandela did not implicate them by name it had been "clear that he was referring to our organisation".

In an attack on the President, they said he had "undermined his own integrity by accusing Pagad without producing any proof".

Beukes and 10 other investigators from the crack Special Investigation Unit were pulled into the anti-terror initiative Operation Good Hope around the time of the murder last month of top local detective Bennie Lategan in an ambush on the corner of Vanguard Drive and the R300.

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The five Pagad members were arrested in a dramatic police operation involving a helicopter in the early hours of February 3, at the Prince Albert Road turn-off on the NI.

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Police at the time were tight-lipped about the circumstances of the arrests and what had been found in their possession, but rumours were rife that the arrests had been a major breakthrough in efforts to crush the bombing campaign in the Cape.

There have been three bomb-

ings in the city so far this year — at the Waterfront, at Cape Town Central police station and Woodstock police station — all before the arrests.

Pagad, however, denounced the arrests, saying that "instead of using the resources of Operation Good Hope to track down and arrest the real culprits, the police are trying to undermine the work of Pagad".

Pagad spokesperson Abeeda Roberts also claimed at the time that police had assaulted the five and had, during searches of three of the suspects' homes, also assaulted and verbally abused family members, kicked doors down and smashed possessions.

● An urgent application by six Pagad members to have the taking of blood, hair and saliva samples from them declared illegal and unconstitutional was postponed in the Cape High Court yesterday.

The matter was postponed to give the time to submit documentation and to thoroughly prepare for the case.

The samples were taken from the six men last week, an hour before a bail application that the state did not oppose.

An application made on Friday for the samples to be released to the six was refused, but police have agreed not to proceed with the testing of the samples before the outcome of the latest application.

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# Pagad five 'planned to blow up Parliament' (35)

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Beukes said the weapons and ammunition seized from the five men had been sent for ballistic and forensic tests.

He expected the results of these tests by Friday and the evidence would then be presented to the court on Monday.

Eia contested this, saying it sometimes took up to three months for these tests to be completed.

The hearing continues.

■ At the February 5 opening of Parliament, security officials - part of a tight security net thrown around the proceedings - outnumbered spectators.

The smothering security presence included scores of policemen, armoured vehicles, a helicopter and dozens of undercover operatives who patrolled the perimeter of Parliament and the surrounding area as President Nelson Mandela and his large entourage, including several bodyguards, made their way into the legislature.

During his final opening of Parliament address, Mandela proudly announced that he knew who was responsible for the spate of terror attacks in the Western Cape.

In his landmark statement, he said: "I want to assure the people that we know who these people are. We know who trains them and we know who backs them; and steadily we are building a watertight case against them and will ensure that they will stay in jail for a long, long time."



# Violence carves up the heart of the Western Cape

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Alexander Solzhenitsyn, the celebrated prophet of truth and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, once said: "Woe betide that nation whose literature is interrupted by the interference of force. This is not simply a violation of the freedom of the press: it is the locking up of the national heart – the carving-up of national memory."

"Such a nation does not remember itself, it is deprived of its spiritual unity and, although its population supposedly has a common language, fellow-countrymen suddenly stop understanding one another."

As is often the case with prophets of this calibre, Solzhenitsyn's words ring true far beyond their intended context.

Certainly, the Western Cape is one textbook example of where his analysis is proving true. Some of Solzhenitsyn's claims are vividly illustrated in our part of the world.

Violence is preventing strangers from getting to know one another; rather strangers are turning into enemies.

Being a country filled with people who are strangers to one another, South Africa faces unique challenges.

Flying in to Cape Town International the other day, I saw this graphically illustrated from the air.

Coming into land, we first crossed the farms and lush homesteads outside Durbanville, then we crossed Platteklouf, then Parow, then Ravensmead and finally, as we circled the airport, Crossroads.

These different neighbourhoods, though next to one another, are still today total strangers to one another.

Even now people hardly ever cross into the territories of other cultures.

Violence has been carving up the heart of this place, leaving individuals isolated and threatened.

Our highways have become battlefields, our pavements places of distrust. Because of crime and violence, strangers avoid one another, or even worse, begin fighting one another. In a cut-throat, hostile environment, we choose to group with friends, and fight for scarce resources.

As South Africans, in order to overcome the legacy and perpetuation of violence, we need to create a safe environment where

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strangers may become friends. This can only be done if the problem of violent crime is addressed successfully.

When one spends any measure of time in countries with more normal levels of crime, one is immediately struck by the measure of trust and support that the police enjoy from the public. People do not take law into their own hands, but rather support or challenge the police in the handling of the problem. Here in the Western Cape, we still need to reach that level of civil participation.

Because we lack that loyalty, we feel insecure, and thus violence is given the space it needs to spread its deadly influence.

There is a fine line between becoming involved in the fight against criminals by assisting those most capable of doing the job, namely the police, and taking law into one's own hands.

This latter strategy, one that Pagad, for example, follows so ruthlessly, creates more problems, not fewer; more crime, not less; and more violence, not less.

Pagad is not helping the police – instead it has become the major problem, eating away at precious police resources. Ironically this gives many gangsters the break they need.

While the police are sorting out Pagad, the gangsters get on with their destructive agendas, very happy to have the spotlight taken off them.

Why is Pagad achieving the opposite of what it ostensibly seeks to do? Simply because taking the law and order into one's own hands is never an option. It weakens a society – it does not strengthen it.

It creates subversive loyalties and, in our case, with a new state seeking to govern

South Africa democratically for the very first time in its history, the state can ill afford such competition.

But dismissing Pagad is not that easy, because its members have a point, and the point may be that we could well do with more efficient, less compromised police.

How do you tackle such a problem?

It is clear that creating your own vigilante police force is not the option any sane society can go for. Rather, the millions of Muslims and Christians of tolerant persuasion, and whoever else represent organised civil society, should join hands, and begin assisting our police.

Recently a multimillion-rand police operation was launched under the watchful eye of an American "Zero Tolerance" guru.

This operation, welcome as it is, is already showing its limitations: the police can so very seldom do more than "pick up the pieces".

And the pieces are flying all around us.

Without civil society's most loyal support, the police will for ever be one step behind the criminals.

If Pagad is really concerned about creating a healthy and friendly environment for the children, it should co-operate with the police – and refrain from violence.

This is the litmus test, and one that Pagad has failed spectacularly. Crime will have been beaten on the day that churches, mosques and other civil groups from society embark on a programme of police assistance and empowerment.

From a Christian point of view, this is an explicit Biblical commandment. We should support, pray for and keep watch over God's custodians of society, but we can never take the law into our own hands.

Every community must take responsibility for the social welfare and the internal harmony of their particular police station.

It is not too difficult to imagine Western Cape communities, under guidance of spiritual and other leaders, uniting, walking to the building with the blue crest, and beginning a programme of durable and sustainable assistance and empowerment.

In this context, I hear another American's words from a distance: "Don't ask what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country"

# City blasts: Net widens after arrests

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JOHANNESBURG: Police investigations into the series of pipe-bomb attacks that have brought death and devastation to parts of Cape Town have been extended nationwide.

Gauteng and KwaZulu-Natal are new focal points in the investigations after police received information that the five Pagad members arrested at Prince Albert Road in the Karoo two weeks ago while en route to Cape Town had intended to carry a pipe-bomb with them, but left it at Katlehong on the East Rand instead.

Those arrested included Ayob Mungalee, Pagad's Gauteng leader.

Operation Good Hope spokesperson Anine de Beer said yesterday police had no definite information there is a pipe-bomb factory at Katlehong, but she confirmed that police have not found anywhere in the Western Cape where such bombs are being manufactured. — Own Correspondent

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# New order 'kits' cops

Marianne Merten

**M**ore than 200 people have heeded a Western Cape African National Congress call for members of the public to join the police reservists.

Bright yellow posters calling for volunteers went up throughout Cape Town recently after the party pledged to National Commissioner George Fivaz that it would recruit 500 new volunteers by April 1. "Make Operation Good Hope work," the posters proclaim. "Join the police reservists."

The party has instructed its entire provincial leadership to sign up as reservists and asked the leaders of its alliance partners, the Congress of South African Trade Unions and the South African Communist Party, to join as well.

The ANC's anti-crime campaign co-ordinator, Shaun Byneveld, proudly said he was one of the volunteers who represent "a broad range of people".

Although some observers have slated the initiative as a Johnny-come-lately attempt at political opportunism, Byneveld said it was genuine. "Our people must be active in the fight against crime. We must participate in this civic activity."

The call for civic duty coincided with the start of the police campaign to fight the ongoing Cape Flats violence, after it spilled into the traditional "white" areas of the Mother City.

"Our role is to mobilise the community. People must begin to understand there's a legal outlet if they want to be active in the fight against crime," Byneveld said.

"We are very mindful that the police's credibility is at an all-time low. If the police were to make the call [for police reservists], this may not deliver the response."

The ANC sprang into action after Deputy President Thabo Mbeki announced at the party's 87th birthday celebrations in January that the government would not tolerate anti-drug vigilantes taking the law into their own hands. The ANC sent an appeal for "unity in the face of terror" to all political parties in the Western Cape.

Byneveld dismissed speculation that the ANC had undertaken to train extra police, saying that still would remain the job of the South African Police Services.

An ANC official was deployed to take details from volunteers on a phone line the party had advertised for volunteers to use.

Byneveld said the next

step would be a forum in which all volunteers would be briefed on what it meant to be a police reservist. Their names would then be passed on to the Operation Good Hope chief, Assistant Commissioner Ganief Daniels.

Security in Cape Town was tightened this week after the arrival of the vice-president of the

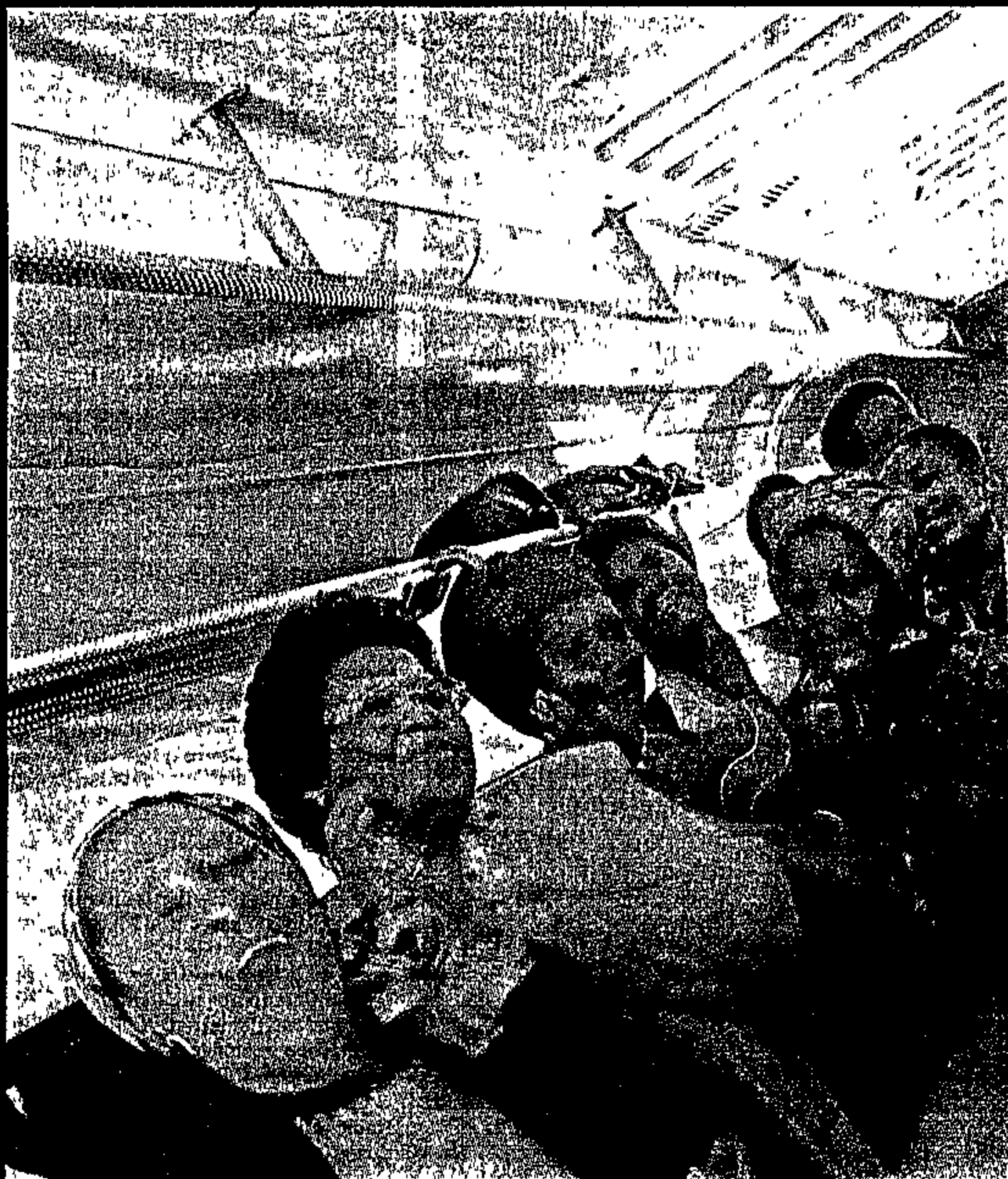
United States, Al Gore.

Since the police arrested two batches of suspects in connection with the recent bombing spree in the city, there have been no new blasts. But the police suspect the men they arrested were plotting to place a bomb near Parliament and are taking no chances with Gore's safety.



Duty calls Capetonians are joining the reservists. PHOTO: RODGER BOSCH

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# Setback in hunt for top cop's attackers

Mbeki hits out after Pagad expert survives second attempt on his life

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KEN VERNON and HENRY LUDSKI

**H**OPES of early arrests of the three people who shot a Cape Town policeman on Friday were dashed yesterday when the injured man regained consciousness but could not identify his attackers.

After surviving emergency surgery, Superintendent Schalk Visagie, son-in-law of former President P W Botha, told colleagues he never saw the gunmen who fired more than 16 shots at him.

It was the second time Visagie had cheated death in six months. He narrowly escaped a bomb attack aimed at him last August.

Director Leonard Knipe, Visagie's commanding officer, said yesterday: "It's a disappointment because Schalk knows the faces of many of the men suspected of being involved in urban terrorism. If he'd seen who shot him it may have been an important breakthrough.

"But the most important thing is that he is still alive and will recover. I asked if he had recognised his attackers, but he said he had not even seen who fired the shots or where they came from."

Deputy President Thabo Mbeki yesterday vowed that murderers targeting policemen would be tracked down.

A special Cabinet committee has debated drawing up legislation to combat urban terror, even if it means changing the Constitution.

Measures being investigated include:

- Increasing the time suspects can be held before appearing in court;

- Restricting access of lawyers to suspects;

- Giving greater powers to police for search and seizure operations; and

- Giving courts more discretion in penalising suspects who refuse to co-operate with investigations.

"At the very least, South Africa's laws have to be brought into line with our international commitments to fight terrorism," said Mbeki's special adviser, Willie Hofmeyr.

However, police will have to wait until after the elections for extra powers.

Friday's shooting prompted Botha to lash out at President Nelson Mandela, accusing him of "neglecting his duty".

Visagie, who wed Rozanne Botha after meeting her while he was one of Botha's bodyguards, was until recently the head of a special task team investigating the Pagad vigilante group and has been instrumental in arresting several leading members of the body. He had been transferred to a new unit to help arrest the people behind a wave of urban terror in Cape Town.

The would-be assassins are believed to have followed Visagie on his way home from work and ambushed him on the M5 highway near Pinelands. They fired at least 16 shots at him from an automatic rifle, as well as at least one shotgun blast, but managed to hit him only in the hand and leg. A piece of shrapnel struck him in the neck.

After emergency surgery, Visagie was reported to be in a "serious but stable" condition last night, and is expected to be removed from ICU today.

Botha said Mandela had phoned him to express his condolences after cutting short a tour of the Northern Cape to visit Botha's daughter at the Milnerton Medical Clinic, where Visagie was admitted. Botha said he had spoken to Rozanne, who was being "incredibly brave".

# Ambushed sleuth second on 'hit list' to be shot

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JUDY DAMON and JUDITH SOAL

ANTI-TERROR investigator Schalk Visagie, shot and wounded in an ambush on Friday, is on a "hit list" of several top detectives — and he is the second on the list to be attacked.

Senior police officials who are closely involved with investigations into the urban terror attacks around Cape Town have thrown a security net around themselves following the Visagie ambush.

It has emerged that a "hit list" of more than a dozen top police investigators exists and that both Bernie Lategan, who was shot several times and killed in an ambush at the intersection of the R300 and Vanguard Drive on January 14, and Visagie — who narrowly escaped a similar fate on the M5 on Friday — were both on the list.

The *Cape Times* is in possession of the names of several other people on the list but is not publishing them in the interests of their safety.

Others on the list are taking no chances. Yesterday three senior policemen on the list spoke of how their personal security had been stepped up to "unbearable levels."

Those who have been threatened have bodyguards posted outside their homes. Some have

bodyguards watching them closely while performing their daily tasks.

Two of the three policemen, who spoke to the *Cape Times* on condition of anonymity, said they are now travelling armed wherever they go — something they had never done before.

One commented: "I always felt free to go wherever I wanted. Now I travel with an RS rifle next to me. That's not me. If it's my time to go, then it's my time. But the scariest thing is that they are not afraid to die — it's part of their cause. I am scared, especially for my children," said the investigator, who is currently installing bullet-proof windows at his home.

Another senior policeman on the hit list, who has been threatened on several occasions, echoed these sentiments.

"If the police show they are scared, what message are we sending to the community? Yes, I am scared and it's demoralising, but the job must go on or else we are going to lose this battle."

The third investigator said: "Everyone is a target. But how far must we go in protecting ourselves

from them? They don't know the word fear but we do, because we see fear in the eyes of the victims we take statements from."

Visagie, who until recently headed the Pagad Task Team and is a former security police intelligence officer specialising in Cape Flats gangsterism, is the son-in-law of former state president P W Botha. He married Botha's daughter

Rozanne, whom he met while he was a bodyguard to the politician.

He was taken out of the intensive care unit of a private clinic yesterday afternoon after a four-hour operation to remove shrapnel from his neck.

Apart from the neck wound, he is being treated for bullet wounds to his hand and leg after four gunmen fired at least 16 shots at him as he drove home along the M5 on Friday afternoon.

Police said no arrests had been made yet. Visagie, who regained consciousness yesterday, told police that it was impossible for him to have recognised the faces of his attackers while running from their hail of bullets.

Police angrily denied rumours that Visagie was

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# Cape 'has no crime plan'

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STAFF REPORTER

**The Democratic Party's Hennie Bester has accused the provincial government of not having a plan to curb crime.**

Mr Bester, replying to Premier Gerald Morkel's speech at the opening of the provincial parliament last week, distanced himself and his party from the view that the province should be given greater autonomy from the national Government to fight crime.

He attacked the premier for not clarifying what he actually wanted from the national Government in order for the province to contain crime.

"You are clearly not serious ... you would have told us which police powers you wanted and how you were going to use them. The truth is that this province does not have a crime plan."

He urged Mr Morkel to co-operate with the national Government in fighting crime, and said: "Nowhere in the world has a local, or even a provincial, police force on its own ever been able to respond successfully to the

threat of terrorism. (35)

"The dynamic, risky, and antagonistic environment within which an opposition province must chart its course in an African National Congress-dominated South Africa cannot be sustained indefinitely without far-reaching consequences."

His views were echoed by ANC provincial leader Ebrahim Rasool, who said provincial government in the Western Cape "has ceased to govern and has instead become the platform for the opposition to the central Government".

But former ANC deputy speaker Mampeli Ramotsamai asked the ANC to ignore Mr Bester, who was trying to encourage disaffected members of the New National Party to join his party.

The ANC also said provincial Minister of Agriculture Lampie Fick was blocking land reform.

Mr Fick said land reform should result in something that could be inherited and sold. He was against land reform for the sake of reform.

The ANC demanded to know who was benefiting from Mr Fick's policies, and when he replied "the poor", he was shouted down.

# Explosive link to Pagad 5

## Detonator find causes bail snag in Oudtshoorn case

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**Oudtshoorn - Possession of a detonator has been added to the list of charges facing five Pagad members arrested outside Oudtshoorn earlier this month.**

The explosives charge means that in terms of the Criminal Procedure Act, the onus is on them to show why they should get bail, rather than on the State to show why they shouldn't.

The five, who appeared in the Oudtshoorn regional court yesterday, also face charges of theft and being in possession of unlicensed arms and ammunition.

At an earlier appearance the court was told that one of the cars in which the five men were arrested was to have been used to plant a bomb at the opening of Parliament earlier this month.

One of the five, Yakoob Jacobs, 25, of Walmer Estate, was granted bail of R2 500 late yesterday, on condition he reports to the Cape Town central police station on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

He was ordered to remain under house arrest between 10pm and 6am daily.

Mr Jacobs is the twin brother of Yusuf Jacobs, who died last month after being hit by a police rubber bullet during a demonstration out-

side the Castle in Cape Town.

The bail applications by the other four, Izaan Sheik, 23, of Rondebosch East, Abzal Karriem, 23, of Garlandale, Jasien Adoa, 19, of Pelican Park, and Ayob Mungalee, 36, of Eldorado Park, Johannesburg, will continue today.

The State is opposing bail. Mr Mungalee said he had been the leader of Pagad in Gauteng until the end of 1997.

Giving evidence for more than two hours yesterday, he told the court how he and his colleagues had been arrested on the N2 near Prince Albert Road and claimed they had been treated "like dogs" by police. "They dragged us out of the cars

and made us lie face-down on the tarmac in the hot Karoo sun. They told us that they'll kill us.

"A policeman put his foot on my head, and they tied our hands behind our backs with wire."

He said he was also kicked in the ribs and back.

Mr Mungalee told the court he knew only about two weapons, a .38 pistol and a 303 rifle the group had with them. Both were licensed.

Mr Jacobs, Mr Karriem and Mr Mungalee all denied that they knew of any unlicensed weapons in the two cars they were travelling in. They also said they knew nothing about a bulletproof vest found in one of the cars.

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# 'I was undercover bomb courier for NIA'

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Pagad 5 man admits he was agent for state

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**Oudtshoorn - One of the "Pagad Five" facing theft, explosives and weapons charges has admitted to being an agent of the National Intelligence Agency.**

Ayob Mungalee also said yesterday that he was asked to carry explosives to Cape Town by the NIA.

This followed revelations earlier in an affidavit outlining evidence to be given by investigating officer Henry Beukes, which was handed in by prosecutor Muller Redelinghuys during the bail application of Mr Mungalee, of Eldorado Park, Johannesburg, Izaan Sheik, Jason Adoujaer (Adoa), and Abzal Karriem.

The fifth applicant in the case, Yacoob Jacobs, 25, of Woodstock, was granted bail of R2 500 on Monday. He must report to the Woodstock police station on Mondays,

Wednesday and Fridays between 7pm and 9pm and is under house arrest between 10pm and 6am daily.

Mr Jacobs is the twin brother of Yusuf Jacobs, who died last month after being hit by a police rubber bullet at a protest near the Castle.

The application was adjourned to Friday by magistrate Mark van Wyngaardt at the request of the State to enable Superintendent Beukes to testify.

The affidavit said Superintendent Beukes would testify about:

■ Mr Mungalee's position as a police informant.

■ His service as an NIA agent and an interview between him and his handler, Gretha Bezuidenhoudt, after his arrest.

■ The shipment of 2,5kg of explosives to Cape Town between January 13 and January 14 without the knowledge of the NIA, and a subsequent bomb explosion.

■ Explosions in Cape Town backed up by forensic evidence.

■ Two weapons and a car involved in the case.

■ Links between Mr Adoujaer and bombs in Cape Town.

■ Connections between Mr Sheik and terror attacks in the Cape.

The affidavit also said that Superintendent Beukes and another witness had received death threats.

Mr Mungalee said yesterday that he was approached by the agency to courier explosives to Cape Town. The NIA had assured him of immunity from prosecution.

He said he worked with people "close to the office of State President Nelson Mandela".

■ The Democratic Party has called on President Mandela to appoint a judicial inquiry into whether the NIA had prior knowledge of or involvement in terrorist acts in Cape Town.



# Pagad 5 man our paid spy, NIA admits

STEPHEN WROTTSLEY (35)

ASSISTANT EDITOR

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The National Intelligence Agency confirmed today that one of the "Pagad Five" appearing in court in Oudtshoorn was a paid informant.

But it denied he was an agent under NIA orders to transport explosives.

Intelligence services spokesman Helmut Schlenther was commenting today on dramatic evidence in the Oudtshoorn Magistrate's Court yesterday that Johannesburg resident Ayob Mungalee, 36, had met his NIA handler, Gretha Bezuidenhout, after being arrested with four other men at a roadblock in the Karoo on February 3.

Mr Mungalee has told the court that he led Pagad in Gauteng until the end of 1997.

It has been alleged in court that the five men were on their way to Cape Town to bomb Parliament when they were arrested.

In evidence yesterday, Mr Mungalee said he had been approached by the agency "on several occasions" to courier explosives to Cape Town and that the agency had assured him that he would be given immunity from prosecution.

Mr Schlenther said today that Mr Mungalee was an informant, not an agent - "and there is a difference".

He had not been told to transport explosives and had not been promised immunity.

All involved in gathering intelligence were expressly told not to involve themselves in criminal activities, he said.

He said paid informers were not under the direct control of the agency but "we do not apologise for making use of informers".

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NEW SHOCKS IN PAGAD HEARING

# Bombs: Govt agent

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**OUTSHOORN:** Police revealed yesterday that a Pagad member arrested on the N1 is a National Intelligence Agency agent — who said the agency had given him explosives to bring to Cape Town. **MELANIE GOSLING** reports.

**I**n a dramatic twist in the bail hearing of the Pagad Five in the Oudtshoorn Magistrate's Court here yesterday, investigating officer Superintendent Henry Beukes said in an affidavit that Ayub Mungalee of Johannesburg was an "acting National Intelligence agent" and that his handler, Greta Bezuidenhout, had come to see him after his arrest.

Beukes also said that he would produce evidence that Mungalee had transported 2,5kg of explosives to Cape Town between January 13 and 14 this year, without the knowledge of the NIA, and that "soon afterwards bombs exploded in Cape Town".

Mungalee was the co-ordinator of Pagad in Gauteng until last year. He was arrested with four other Pagad members on the N1 near Prince Albert Road on February 3. Police allege he and Igshaan Sheik, Yasien Adoa, Afzal Karriem and Yakob Jacobs, all of Cape Town, had been travelling to Cape Town to bomb Parliament.

Beukes also said in the affidavit that he would give evidence on the following:

- The conversation between Mungalee and his handler, Bezuidenhout, after his arrest earlier this month.

- Mungalee's history and status as a police informer.

- Evidence of further cases against Mungalee in Johannesburg.

- Evidence which will connect Sheik with "terror attacks" in Cape Town, and that Sheik is to be arrested on a murder charge.

- Evidence which will directly connect Adoa with three bombs that exploded in Cape Town.

He said it had been arranged that "a person", whom he described as an expert, would testi-

fy about Pagad actions and activities. Beukes said he would also provide evidence that he and a Superintendent Prinsloo had received death threats.

Mungalee told the court it was true that he was an NIA agent and that Bezuidenhout was his handler. He said he had been approached by the NIA "on several occasions" to courier explosives to Cape Town, and that the NIA had assured him that he would be given immunity from prosecution.

"I was approached to bring 20 tins of 500g each (of explosives), not this time, but it was suggested I bring it up at a later date, and I would be paid," Mungalee said.

He then added: "When I was recruited by National Intelligence, I mentioned I worked for people with close links to (President Nelson) Mandela's office."

Magistrate Mark van Wyngaardt asked: "That's how it all started?" and Mungalee replied: "Yes."

His defence counsel, Paul Eia, then turned to Mungalee in the dock and said: "Don't say anything more," leaving many puzzled faces in the courtroom as people tried to digest the connection between Pagad and the NIA.

In the light of Beukes' affidavit, Eia asked that the remaining four Pagad members (Jacobs had been granted bail of R2 500 on Monday) be transferred from the police cells to Oudtshoorn's maximum security prison, and that no members of the special task team, of the NIA or any other person, be granted access to the men without a court order granted by the magistrate.

The bail application for the four has been postponed until Friday so that Beukes, who is currently

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'POLICE IN DRUG TRADE'

# Pagad: Government agents are bombers

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**THE LEADER** of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs claims that Ayub Mungalee was a known double agent, and that the NIA is prepared to kill to discredit the organisation.

HOURS after dramatic court testimony that one of its members was a National Intelligence Agency (NIA) agent, Pagad responded with the accusation that the government and the NIA were responsible for the urban terror in Cape Town.

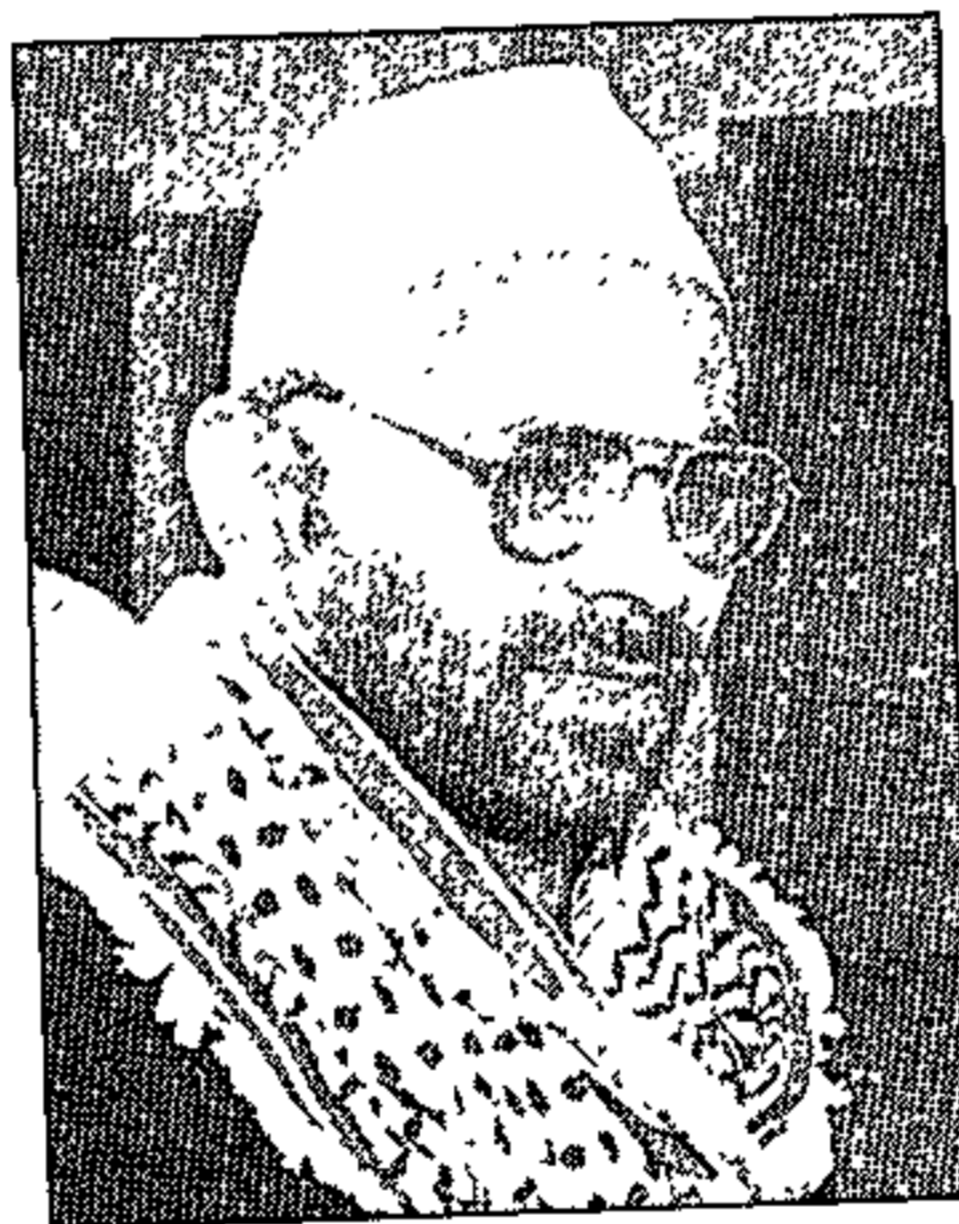
Evidence in the Oudtshoorn Magistrate's Court bail application of five Pagad members arrested on the N1 near Prince Albert Road earlier this month was that one of the five — Ayub Mungalee, of Johannesburg, until recently the group's Gauteng co-ordinator — was an NIA agent.

Mungalee also told the court that the NIA had asked him to transport explosives to Cape Town.

At a hastily-convened press conference in Crawford late yesterday, Pagad claimed it had known Mungalee was a turncoat — and it said other informers within its ranks would also be exposed.

Pagad national co-ordinator Abdoes-Salaam Ebrahim said although initial information after the arrest of the five men in the Karoo was that there were explosives in one of the two cars in which they were travelling, this was later denied. He said Pagad had information which showed that the explosives were removed because they belonged to the NIA. "They did not belong to Pagad," he said.

"They will try to frame people



**EBRAHIM:** 'We fear people in Pagad will be killed.'

now. They want to cover their own backs," Ebrahim said.

Pagad's legal adviser, Cassiem Parker, said Pagad realised Mungalee was not the only government agent within their ranks. "We will expose others when the time is ripe. There are many people within the Pagad ranks who have had offers made to them to implicate people. Agents will do anything to make money."

Parker said political parties and the police needed to ensure Pagad ceased existing.

"Political parties and the police have a hand in the drug trade and the government has set out to

demonise Pagad.

"Whoever controls the NIA doesn't want Pagad to exist," Parker said.

Referring to Mandela's opening of Parliament speech in which he vowed in a thinly-disguised attack on Pagad to crack down on urban terrorism, Ebrahim said the president had lied to the nation. "He should have said he thinks he knows who the people are and he's going to set them up.

"It's serious. It's back to the old days. We need to remind the government the very people that have killed them, who are responsible for a lot of killings and torture, a lot of them are in the police force itself and the army ... The very people that were put in custody and on Robben Island for 27 years are using the same people with the same method to get rid of Pagad.

"We fear people in Pagad will be killed," he said.

Ebrahim added that attempts to frame Pagad simply undermined the current democracy.

Ebrahim said everyone needed to pray because the government was prepared to use explosives against people they should protect.

"We need to look at the government and speak out against a government that is prepared to kill its own people."

Asked who was responsible for the recent bomb blasts in Cape Town, at police stations and at the Waterfront, Ebrahim said that question should be put to the NIA.

— Sapa, Own Correspondent

# A long hard war ahead, warns security deputy

CLIVE SAWYER  
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Amid a political furore over allegations that the National Intelligence Agency acted as an agent provocateur within Pagad, the Government has warned that the war against national and international criminals will be protracted.

In a mini-debate in the National Assembly on urban terrorism in the Western Cape, Deputy Safety and Security Minister Joe Matthews said R4,3-million a month was being spent on Operation Good Hope, which he described as "intelligence-driven".

But he warned people expecting a "quick and easy" victory against crime: "It is not going to happen. This is going to be a protracted war."

The row about alleged NIA involvement in People Against Gangsterism And Drugs erupted after evidence was given at a bail hearing of five Pagad members in Oudts-

hoorn Magistrate's Court that one of them, Ayub Mungalee, was a serving NIA agent.

Deputy Intelligence Services Minister Joe Nhlanhla denied the agency was involved in instigating or committing acts of terror and violence.

Mr Nhlanhla said he had been "fully briefed" by NIA management.

Making no direct reference to reports that the agency had said Mr Mungalee was an informant, Mr Nhlanhla said it was standard practice for the agency to use informants. But there could be no indemnity for such informants, he said.

The Democratic Party and New National Party said they would raise the Mungalee issue at the Parliamentary joint standing committee on intelligence, which by law met behind closed doors.

The DP also called on President Mandela to appoint a judicial commission to investigate issues linked to the claims.

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# Spy link plunges terror probe into murkier depths

Pagad 'on defensive' but truth still elusive, says expert

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ASHLEY SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

The revelation that Pagad member Ayob Mungalee is linked to the National Intelligence Agency has not brought the Western Cape any closer to the truth behind the wave of urban terror, a top security analyst believes.

That will emerge only when a conviction is obtained, says Peter Gastrow, provincial director of the Institute of Security Studies.

And that is something that has not happened since the shootings and bombings hit Cape Town after the public lynching of Hard Livings gang leader Rashaad Staggie in August 1996.

Mr Gastrow said that for the first time Pagad was on the defensive, as police investigations into its alleged involvement in terror activities gained momentum. "The police seem to be more confident."

Mr Mungalee's NIA connection emerged in the Oudtshoorn Regional Court, where he is applying for bail after his arrest with Pagad G-Force members Izaan Sheik, Jason "Aboa" Adoujaar and Abzal Karriem in connection with charges of possessing illegal firearms, ammunition and a detonator.

Their bail application resumes tomorrow.

A fifth man, Yacoob Jacobs, whose twin brother, Yusuf, died after he was hit in the head by a police rubber bullet, was released on R2 500 bail on Monday.

Tomorrow, Mr Mungalee's NIA handler, Gretha Bezuidenhout, who visited him after he was arrested at a roadblock in the Karoo on February 3, is expected to testify.

Mr Gastrow said the fact that Mr Mungalee, of Eldorado Park, Johannesburg, worked for the NIA was "nothing new" in intelligence work.

The arrests and the confirmation by the NIA that Mr Mungalee was a

## Attack on Jeneker

A hand grenade was thrown at the Eerste River home of Pagad G-Force member Ebrahim Jeneker early today.

No one was injured but a window in Mr Jeneker's house and three windows in a neighbour's house in the suburb of Klein Vlei were shattered. Staff Reporter

paid informant follow a violence-plagued start to 1999 in Cape Town.

■ On New Year's Day, a pipe-bomb exploded in a car parked at the Waterfront.

■ On January 8, Pagad medic Yusuf Jacobs was fatally wounded in a protest against Tony Blair's visit, and Pagad vowed then to make the province "ungovernable" - but later retracted this statement.

■ On January 14, top anti-terror investigator Bennie Lategan was shot dead while driving home from Mitchell's Plain to Goodwood.

At the time, Director of Prosecutions Bulelani Ngcuka said Captain Lategan had been killed because he was "getting close" to bringing the Waterfront bombers to book.

■ On January 28, the anti-terror initiative, Operation Good Hope, was greeted with a pipe-bomb attack



REUTERS

NIA links: former Pagad Gauteng co-ordinator Ayob Mungalee

on the Caledon Square police station and 11 people were injured.

■ On January 30, the Woodstock police station was pipe-bombed and a woman was injured.

■ The police hit back by arresting six Pagad members for allegedly having illegal weapons and ammunition and a videotape containing footage of police stations.

■ Days later, the G-Force members were arrested near Prince Albert Road.

■ Last Friday, former Pagad task team commander Schalk Visagie was seriously wounded in a daylight ambush on the M5.

Hours later, as they had done after Captain Lategan's killing, the police raided the home of Pagad G-Force member Ebrahim Jeneker.

Press reports have claimed Pagad militia were trained by right-wingers, and that Pagad had been trained by "Muslim militants" in the Middle East.

But Pagad has repeatedly spoken of a "third force" at work.

Although there was a huge question mark over Pagad, there was no conclusive evidence to link it with a single act of urban terror, said Mr Gastrow. But it was of concern that Mr Mungalee, the former head of Pagad in Gauteng, had claimed in court that the NIA had approached him "on several occasions" to courier explosives to Cape Town.

## Inquiry unlikely - Mandela

It was unlikely the Government would appoint a commission of inquiry into allegations that the National Intelligence Agency (NIA) was involved in transporting explosives to the Western Cape for urban terrorist operations, President Nelson Mandela said today.

He told journalists at his Cape Town residence, Genadendal, he would be meeting Deputy Intelligence Minister Joe Nhlanhla for a briefing later today. He took a swipe

at people calling for an inquiry prior to thorough investigations.

"I am not impressed by people who rush to call for judicial commissions before any thorough investigations into these allegations," he said, apparently referring to DP leader Tony Leon's call for an inquiry.

Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi and Mr Nhlanhla were also due to meet on the matter today, said a Government source. - Sapa

## MANDELA CONSIDERS INQUIRY

# The NIA 'agent' inside Pagad

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**A POLITICAL STORM** has erupted over a Pagad member's statement to an Oudshoorn magistrate that he was a National Intelligence Agency informer who had been asked to ferry explosives to help frame fellow Pagad members. **MELANIE GOSLING** and **CECILIA RUSSELL** report.

**I**NTELLIGENCE Services Deputy Minister Joe Nhlanhla has called an urgent meeting with Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi to discuss breaches in confidentiality that led to the revelation that a prominent Pagad member was an informer for the National Intelligence Agency.

The disclosure, made in the Oudshoorn Magistrate's Court bail hearing of five Pagad members arrested this month, unleashed a storm of protest among opposition parties, who have called for a commission of inquiry into the matter — a step President Nelson Mandela is reported to be considering.

Western Cape Community Safety MEC Mark Wiley said yesterday the matter was an indication of how intelligence capacity in South Africa had declined.

Pagad member Ayub Mungalee, 36, claimed during the bail hearing that he was an NIA agent and had been asked by the agency several times to ferry explosives to Cape Town to "frame" Pagad members. The NIA denied his claims, though it admitted Mungalee had been an "informer" for the agency.

Nhlanhla said the SAPS and the NIA had been liaising closely throughout the investigation: "I am satisfied information exchange has been improving. However, the way in which privileged information was used in this case shows there is room for improvement."

Mungalee, a well-known figure in Eldorado Park, Johannesburg, was one of five men arrested at a roadblock at Prince Albert Road in the Karoo. He made his claims following an affidavit presented in court by the investigating officer, Henry Beukes.

Beukes said in the affidavit he would testify on a variety of allegations, including Mungalee's position as a police informant; his service as an NIA agent and an interview between him and his handler after his arrest; the shipment of 2,5kg of explosives to Cape Town between January 13 and January 14 without the knowledge of the NIA and a subsequent explosion; explosions in Cape Town backed up by forensic evidence; two weapons and a car involved in the case; and another case involving Mungalee in Johannesburg.

A spokesperson for the Ministry of Intelligence Services, Helmut Schlenker, said yesterday that Mungalee was a paid informant but not an "agent".

But Deputy Intelligence Services Minister Joel Nhlanhla did not directly admit to this in a carefully-worded statement issued later in the day.

Nhlanhla said he had been "fully briefed" on the matter by NIA management.

"It is clear to me that the NIA is not involved in instigating, or committing, acts of terror and

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**INFORMER:** Former Pagad Gauteng co-ordinator Ayub Mungalee, shown here in 1997 handing over a memorandum about streetchildren to former Gauteng premier Tokyo Sexwale. It has emerged that Mungalee was recruited by the National Intelligence Agency (NIA) — and he claims the NIA gave him explosives to transport to Cape Town to help frame Pagad members.

PICTURE: CHRISTINE NESBITT

"I'm a responsible person, and I keep to my word." This was the response of Ayub Mungalee when asked by the state prosecutor in the Oudshoorn Magistrate's Court this week what guarantee he could give the court that he would be present at his trial if he was released on bail.

The man who the following day was exposed as a National Intelligence informer was confident, if aggrieved at being "kept like an animal" in police cells, and had painted a picture in court of his life as a caring man and a pillar of the community.

A friend, Yaasien Haet, told the court he had known Mungalee for 10 years.

"I have known him to be an upright citizen all that time, a man of integrity and involved in the community at all times. He cares about people. He feeds kids in Eldorado Park with lunch packs, sometimes 20 kids, sometimes 50," Haet told the court.

Mungalee, who has lived in Eldorado Park for 14 years, has a house, a wife and three children, aged 12, 11 and 2.

"I was a businessman first, but then I lost my wealth, so I started up *People's Voice and Public Defender*. It was a free newspaper. We published things like murder stories and we had some successes with solving them.

"In fact, I embarrassed the police on a number of occasions. I had more credibility and people came to me rather than going to the cops to solve crimes," Mungalee said.

He said he often became frustrated with the police because they

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# Mandela is 'considering' NIA probe

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violence," he said. "To the contrary, the NIA is tasked to protect the constitutional order against any such acts." Use of informants in such matters was a standard practice. However, they were subject to the same laws that governed civil society.

"There can ... be no indemnity from prosecution for either informants, agents or members, when they commit illegal acts," he said.

Asked if Operation Good Hope had been aware of the NIA agent in Pagad, Wiley said he was unable to answer as the operation did not fall directly under him.

"What has been a major concern to me for some time is the drastic decline of all intelligence

capacity since 1994. Particularly alarming is that the counter-intelligence capacity in the province was closed down a year or two ago.

"These are the people who monitor your intelligence agents to find out if they've gone bad or not, and also to corroborate the intelligence gathering — the spies that watch the spies. This case (of a Pagad member being an NIA agent) appears to have been a casualty of the lack of counter-intelligence.

"There's also been a huge loss of expertise in intelligence in this country, and because of that, one wonders if the scrutiny that agents were put through in the past is still taking place. The systems appear to be weakening," Wiley said.

Asked why the police had

exposed Mungalee as an NIA agent, Wiley said: "Intelligence is like a chess game — you've got to sacrifice pawns. You sacrifice a strategy in order to elicit other moves.

"My sole concern is that we get cast-iron cases into court, which are above reproach and which lead to successful convictions, especially in the urban terror campaign."

The revelations around Mungalee have caused a storm in political circles, with opposition parties demanding a judicial inquiry into the matter.

DP leader Tony Leon said yesterday: "The Democratic Party understands it is necessary for the NIA to infiltrate criminal organisations and those which operate illegally. The question which arises,

however, is at what stage the NIA involvement must cease in order to observe the fine line between intelligence and complicity."

He called on President Nelson Mandela to appoint a judicial inquiry into Mungalee's claims.

The New National Party commented: "These events strengthen the oft-expressed suspicions of the NNP that there are certain forces at work to destabilise the province for political reasons."

Western Cape Premier Gerald Morkel said the NIA's alleged involvement in carrying explosives to the province would, if true, border on treason. "It is, however, becoming difficult as to whom one can trust." Perhaps an independent investigation was called for, he said.

## Pagad's National Intelligence informer

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wouldn't arrest criminals.

"The police said those people went to school with them and they can't arrest them."

Because of his success, he became a police informer and began passing on information about crime.

He was involved in civil defence, in the local community policing forum, in the residents' association and People Opposed to Women Abuse.

He was leader of Pagad in Gauteng until early last year.

Police claim when Mungalee travelled down to Cape Town with the other four Pagad members they were en route to bomb Parliament.

Mungalee says he was going to Cape Town to collect samples of underwear for his wholesale busi-

ness. "And also to show the car around for my friend. He thought he could get a better price in Cape Town."

It is difficult to know what went through his mind when he was arrested at Prince Albert Road a few weeks ago, when the police threw the suspects onto the road and stood on his spectacles, but no doubt he was remembering the NIA had told him he would be given immunity from prosecution.

He spent days being questioned, and police asked him to turn state witness against the others, told him he and his family would be given a new identity and could be moved anywhere in the world. Mungalee refused.

"I was kept worse than an animal, in a cell with Hard Livings gangsters.

"I slept on a space less than 500cm and the worst thing was the fleas on that little mattress; I had about 200 bites on me.

"I complained but they said: 'If you're a dog you must learn to live with fleas'."

Perhaps, as the days went by and he was not "rescued" by National Intelligence, he began to wonder if he had been forgotten.

Police told him if he did not cooperate they would take away his visitation rights.

"They (police) gave me a few pages and wanted me to write a statement.

"So I started writing in my cell. I wrote the statement.

"But then I wasn't happy, so I went back to my cell and tore it up and threw the paper down the toilet."

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# Fury over Pagad-NIA link

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### Disclosure that a prominent militant was an informer raises questions

**By Cecilia Russell**  
Political Staff

Intelligence Services Deputy Minister Joe Nhlamhla has called an urgent meeting with Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi to discuss breaches in confidentiality which led to the revelation that a prominent Pagad member was an informer for the National Intelligence Agency.

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The NIA denied his claims, although it admitted that

Mungalee had been an "informer".

Nhlamhla said the SAPS and the NIA had been liaising during the investigation.

Mungalee, a well-known figure in Eldorado Park, Johannesburg, was one of five men arrested at a roadblock in Prince Albert in the Ka- roo this month. He made his claims following an affidavit presented in court by the investigating officer, Superintendent Henry Beukes.

The superintendent said in the affidavit he would testify on a variety of allegations, including Mungalee's position as a police informant; his service as an NIA agent and an interview



**Ayob Mungalee**

between him and his handler after his arrest; the shipment of 25kg of explosives to Cape Town between January 13 and January 14 without the knowledge of the NIA, and a subsequent explosion; blasts in Cape Town backed up by forensic evidence; two weapons and a car involved in the case; and another case involving Mungalee in Johannesburg.

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understands that it is necessary for the NIA to infiltrate criminal organisations ... the question which arises ... is at what stage the NIA involvement must cease in order to observe the fine line between intelligence and complicity." DP leader Tony Leon said yesterday.

The New National Party said: "These events strengthen the oft expressed suspicions of the national leader of the NNP that there are certain forces at work to destabilise the Western Cape for political reasons."

Nhlamhla denied the NIA was involved in acts of terror, saying "several internal and external checks and balances have been built into ... the NIA to ensure full compliance with the constitution".

## Sinister picture does not fit with image of caring activist

**By Cecilia Russell**

No doubt Ayob Mungalee, one of the "Pagad five" accused, had enemies.

But for many in the Eldorado Park community, the sinister picture painted of him after his arrest does not fit in with the image they have of a caring community activist.

Mungalee's statements at the Oudtshoorn Regional Court that he was an NIA agent and that he had been approached by the NIA "on several occasions" to courier explosives to Cape Town has caused a political storm.

But it has shocked and confused fellow Eldorado Park residents, who remember him as someone who defied the official channels to get things done for the benefit of the community. Mungalee's Pagad involvement is the last in a long line of

organisations which he has become involved in.

During the past five years Mungalee was chairperson of the Eldorado Park Concerned Residents' Association. He contested the 1995 local election as an independent candidate and was involved in the formation of the Eldorado Park community policing forum.

He helped the Eldorado Park Women's Group to gain publicity for several high-profile child-abuse cases and led a protest against squatters who had illegally inhabited land near the area.

Yasien Haet of the Eldorado Park community policing forum said: "Certainly the picture painted is not the Ayob we know."

Another friend, who did not want to be named, said "many people in Eldorado Park have been the recipients of Ayob's good deeds in the community".



# Army called in to curb robberies

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**Police in the Western Cape have called in the army to help them with a special crime prevention operation to stop armed robberies at the end of the month.**

But the operation got off to a bad start when armed robbers attacked the manageress of a Diep River superette this morning and got away with R50 000 in cash.

Police are hunting the gang of robbers travelling in a brown Opel Ascona. They attacked the 7-Eleven superette in Main Road, Diep River, about 7am. Assistant Commissioner Niel van Heerden said police were being deployed in target areas in and around banks, shopping centres and industrial areas, while a high visibility was being maintained by police on foot, in vehicles and on helicopter patrols.

They would be helped by the SA National Defence Force.

Commissioner Van Heerden said the police on their own could not effectively combat crime and needed the help and co-operation of all businesses and people to take precautions when transporting large sums of money.

The operation is being led by Superintendent Vivian Sciocatti, acting head of crime prevention for the Eastern metropole.

Part of the exercise will entail roadblocks on a continuous basis to deter would-be criminals.

# Cops could kill NIA

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ARG 27/2/99 spies

ASHLEY SMITH

Communication between the police and the National Intelligence Agency has deteriorated so badly that undercover agents who have infiltrated Pagad could be killed by police unaware they are acting under orders.

That was the chilling testimony of top police investigator Henry Beukes in the Oudtshoorn Regional Court yesterday where four Pagad members were applying for bail.

Superintendent Beukes said although it was clear there were criminal elements in Pagad, they could not be blamed for all the terror attacks in the Western Cape. He questioned how the NIA could have become involved with Pagad without police knowledge.

Three of the Pagad men - Ayob Mungalee, who earlier this week admitted to being an NIA spy, Jasien Adoujaar and Izaan Sheik - were denied bail. A fourth suspect, Abzal Karriem, who was also arrested on the N1 near Prince Albert Road, got bail of R2 500.

The men appeared in court under heavy guard and a police helicopter circled above the building.

The four men and another suspect, Yacoob Jacobs, who was released on R2 500 bail earlier this week, face charges of being in possession of illegal firearms, explosives and a detonator.

In earlier testimony the court heard the men's Nissan Sani was to have been used in a bomb attack at the opening of Parliament two days after their arrest.

The five men will appear in the Cape Town Regional Court on May 21.

In his judgment on the bail application, Magistrate Mark van Wyngaardt alluded to the apparent mistrust and misinformation between the NIA and the police when he said the evidence before him "pointed to something sinister".

His comments followed a day of sensational testimony including reference to death threats to Superintendent Beukes: someone apparently played the Queen hit *Another One Bites the Dust* on his cellphone.

Superintendent Beukes testified that pipe bombs were now being detonated by terrorists using cellphones as triggers.

He suggested the NIA may have asked Mr Mungalee to lie in a statement, which had subsequently disappeared.

Although the testimony was bizarre and sensational it brought little clarity to the role the NIA undercover agents were playing in Pagad.

Throughout the bail hearing, N J Treurnicht, the lawyer acting for the NIA, objected when agents' names were mentioned and said the State's security could be jeopardised by the hearing.

Mr Mungalee's NIA spy handler, Gretha Bezuidenhout, who testified under police guard in the courtroom, said "some of the information collected by informers like Mr Mungalee was so sensitive that even telling the police about it would put him in danger".

When cross-examined by Pagad counsel Paul Eia, the smartly dressed spy handler



**TIGHT SECURITY:** a heavily-armed policeman guards Pagad members at the Oudtshoorn Magistrate's Court. NIA

said she was not willing to comment about any alleged NIA complicity in the wave of pipe bombings in the Western Cape, police assassinations and other urban terror.

In his testimony Superintendent Beukes stopped just short of calling Mrs Bezuidenhout a liar when he said she had asked Mr Mungalee to change his statement that the NIA had asked him to courier explosives to Cape Town.

Mr Mungalee had alleged he had ferried 2,5kg of explosives to Cape Town when he attended the funeral of Pagad medic Yusuf Jacobs in early January.

Superintendent Beukes said that soon after Mr Mungalee brought the explosives to Cape Town two police stations in the city were bombed.

Yesterday's tit-for-tat retorts between Superintendent Beukes and Mrs Bezuidenhout seem to confirm reports earlier this

week of tension between the NIA and the police.

Superintendent Beukes, who is under heavy protection, said undercover intelligence operations were not discussed with the police. That could lead to agents being killed during conventional police operations, he said.

On February 15, after the State had obtained a seven-day postponement in the case, he had driven with Mr Mungalee to his home in Eldorado Park, Johannesburg, to retrieve a computer program containing 120 pages of Mr Mungalee's history as an NIA agent. But Mr Mungalee's 12-year-old son told his father and Superintendent Beukes a man had already come to fetch the computer.

From a description given by the boy, Mr Mungalee identified the man as an NIA agent known by the code-name Andre.

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# Spy v Spy farce in Pagad case

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By ASHLEY SMITH

Communication between the police and the National Intelligence Agency (NIA) has reached such shockingly inept levels that undercover agents who infiltrated Pagad could be killed by police who were not aware what their roles were.

Top police investigator Henry Beukes said this yesterday in the Oudtshoorn Regional Court when the four Pagad members arrested in the Karoo last week applied for bail.

Although it was clear there were criminal elements in Pagad, they could not be blamed for all the terror attacks in the Western Cape. He asked how NIA could have become involved without police knowing?

Three of the men - Ayob Mungalee, who admitted to being an NIA spy, Jasien Adoujaar and Izaan Sheik - were denied bail, while a fourth suspect Abzal Karriem, also arrested near Prince Albert, was granted R2 500 bail.

The men and another suspect, Yacoob Jacobs, who was released on R2 500 bail earlier this week, face charges of being in possession of illegal firearms, explosives and detonators. A terrorist handbook was also found one of their cars.

Earlier testimony disclosed that the vehicle they were travelling in was to have been used in a bomb attack at the opening of Parliament.

Magistrate Mark van Wyngaardt alluded to the apparent mistrust and misinformation between the NIA and the police when he said that all the evidence before him "pointed to something sinister".

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were now being detonated by terrorists using cellphones as triggers. He suggested the NIA may have asked Mungalee to lie in a statement which has now disappeared.

Although the testimony was bizarre and sensational it has brought little more clarity on what role the NIA undercover agents are playing in Pagad.

NIA counsel NJ Treurnicht objected when agents' names were mentioned and said the security of the state could be placed in jeopardy by the court case.

Mungalee's NIA spy handler Gretha Bezuidenhout, who was guarded by three policemen, said some information collected by informers like Mungalee was so sensitive even telling the police would put him in danger.

She said Mungalee had been an NIA informer since 1994 but had been removed from the NIA books between October 1997 and May 1998 as he had assumed such a prominent role in Pagad. He was reinstated as an informer in May 1998.

When cross-examined by Pagad counsel Paul Eia, the smartly dressed spy-handler said that she was not willing to comment about alleged complicity of the NIA in the Western Cape wave of pipe-bombings, police assassinations and other acts of urban terror.

She admitted that recent events in the bail hearing had raised questions about the integrity of several organisations - Pagad and the NIA.

In his testimony Beukes had stopped just short of calling Bezuidenhout a liar when he said that she had asked Mungalee to change his statement in which he said that the NIA had asked him to courier explosives to Cape Town.

The five men will appear in the Cape Town Regional Court on May 21.

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# 'Big Brother' gets a cash injection

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JANET HEARD

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THE Cape Town City Council this week gave an R8,53-million boost to the "eye-in-the-sky" surveillance camera scheme.

The injection came with a warning from the council's director of economic development, Rod Young, that if nothing was done to halt crime in the next six months "the economy of the Cape Town CBD and the future of our tourism industry will be seriously threatened".

The funding will be used to complete the first phase of the camera project, which was initiated by Business Against Crime, paid for by the private sector and launched in December with 12 cameras in strategic CBD locations.

Over a six-week period the cameras had led to about 150 arrests "which would otherwise not have been made", said Business Against Crime director John Penberthy. These included drug busts, muggings, ATM fraud and assault.

The cameras also assisted in the arrest of six alleged Pagad members.

An additional 63 cameras would be placed in the CBD, and surveillance would provide greater safety from the city centre to the Waterfront and harbour areas. The expansion would begin next month.

The next plan is to extend the project to the Cape Flats and further afield. However, more police were needed to back up the cameras.

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## Pagad supporters snigger in court as police and NIA agents bicker among themselves

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ing a statement revealing his spying role.

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## ANC warns of disaster in voter drive

JANET HEARD

THE ANC says a provincial government decision to pay R1 600 to civil servants who volunteer for next week-end's voter registration drive is a recipe for disaster.

ANC deputy elections co-ordinator Maribus Fransman said the move discriminated against volunteers from the community, the municipalities and national government departments, "who will now no doubt demand to be paid".

## Symcox the spin doctor

SA spin bowler Pat Symcox has come out in support of the SA Cricket Board's regulations on black cricketers playing



**A** POLICE officer's decision to expose a Pagad member as a spy has thrown security forces fighting terrorism in the Western Cape into disarray.

Pagad national co-ordinator Abdos-Salaam Ibrahim set smiling in the Oudstroom regional court on Friday as police and National Intelligence agents investigating his organisation spat charges and counter-charges at each other following the appearance in court of confessed NIA spy Ayob Mungalee.

And now police are investigating charges of obstruction of justice against an unnamed intelligence agent after a computer was removed from the Pagad spy's home in Gauteng.

Mungalee and two other Pagad members, Yasin Adoa and Mizzam Sheik, who face charges of possession of unlicensed guns and explosive devices, were denied bail on Friday by magistrate Mark van Wynngaardt, who called the trio a "danger to public safety".

Two other members, Afzal Karreem and Mizzam Sheik, have been released on R2 500 bail.

Pagad supporters in court sniggered while the security agents bickered. Ebrahim and Mungalee maintained a united front, embracing in court.

Mungalee's NIA allegiance was revealed by police Superintendent Henry Benkes in an affidavit for the court after the Pagad man's NIA "handler", Grethe Bezuidenhout, allegedly hauled at Mungalee mak-

In court Mungalee alleged the NIA:

- Photographed two pipe bombs without confiscating them or rendering them harmless;
- Paid Mungalee to transport 25kg of explosives from Gauteng to Cape Town without safeguarding how it was to be used; and
- Ordered Mungalee to gather 10kg of explosives and deliver it to Ebrahim.

In an attempt to prove that he was an agent rather than an informer, he alleged Bezuidenhout had in 1997 ordered him to follow a suspected drug dealer from a Gauteng airport to the family home of former Gauteng premier Tokyo Seavale in Vosloorus on the East Rand, and later ordered him to report the matter to the police Crime Stop.

Seavale yesterday told the Sun- day Times his family did not have a home in Vosloorus.

Benkes told the court he was shocked when Mungalee told him he worked for the NIA, adding that he believed the NIA involvement in Pagad was "being investigated at the highest level".

Privately, high ranking police in the Western Cape say the NIA may be guilty of collusion in urban terrorism if the allegations that it did not act to remove explosives from Pagad members proved correct.

In court on Friday Bezuidenhout gave a rare insight into the murky world of spy versus spy.

The slim, dark-haired, middle-aged woman was subjected to a grueling cross-examination by Pagad lawyer Paul Eia. Dressed in a

chiton pants suit and wearing a simple string of pearls and matching earrings, she sniggered slightly as she revealed it: Mungalee had worked for the NIA since 1994, two years before the formation of Pagad, adding that he had later volunteered to spy on the group.

She confirmed that Mungalee had been paid R3 000 a month by the NIA and "sometimes more, depending on what he supplied" but denied the NIA had given Mungalee indemnity for carrying out illegal acts while spying on Pagad or that she had ordered him to do so.

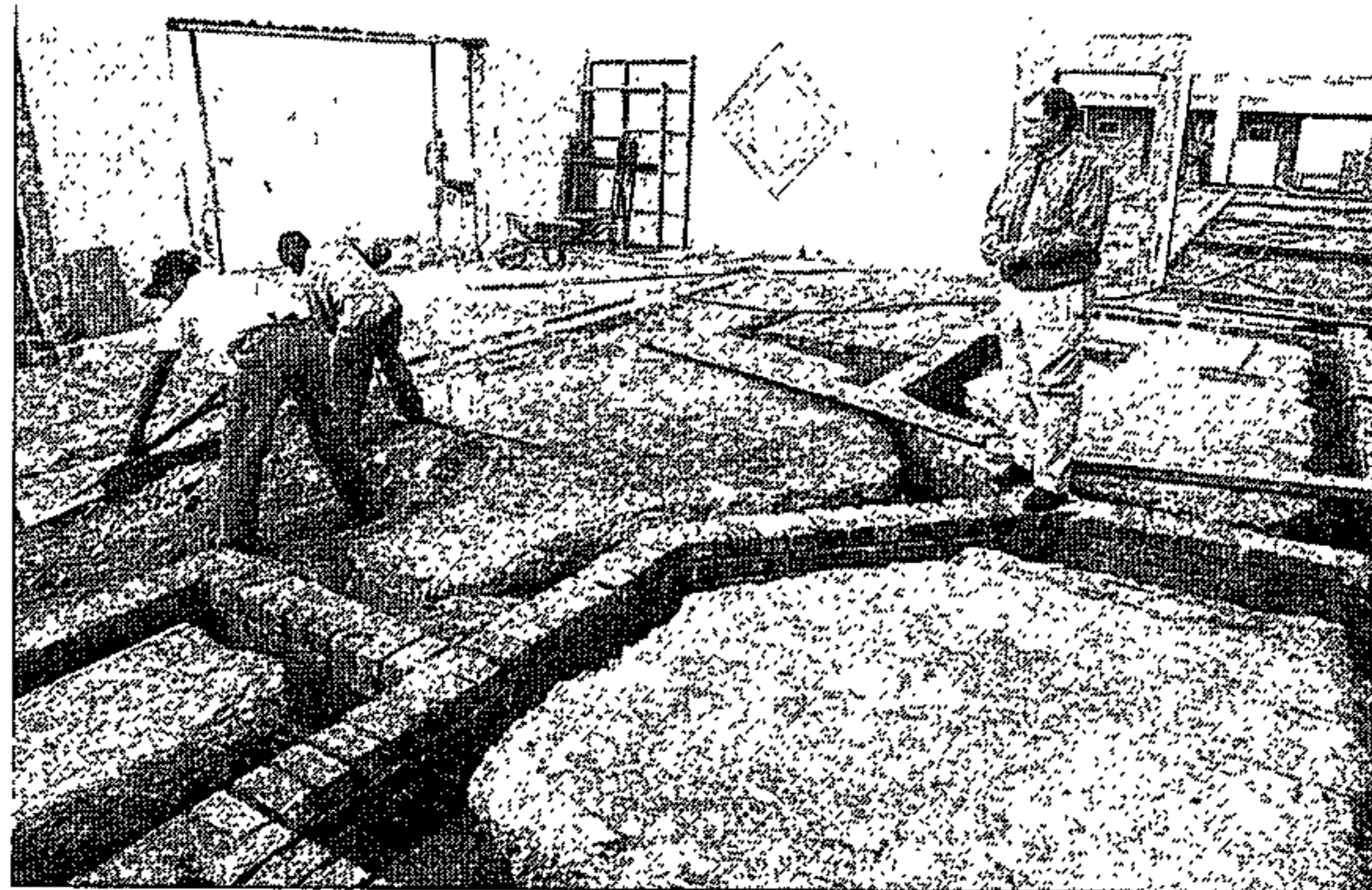
Asked why she had not shared information she gathered from Mungalee with police investigating Pagad, Bezuidenhout said she had reported her findings to NIA headquarters. She said the NIA had kept the Independent Directorate on Organised Crime and Public Safety, run by advocate Percy Sotiri, informed of its actions.

However, Western Cape police have complained that no one kept them informed, despite the existence of an intelligence-sharing forum where operatives from the NIA, police crime intelligence, the Secret Service and Military Intelligence regularly meet.

The Western Cape director of the Institute for Security Studies, Peter Gastrow, said yesterday: "Inter-vice rivalry has turned destructive. It is difficult to say this is a major setback in the fight against urban terrorism, but it does go some way in explaining the lack of success of local police in combating the outbreak."

The five will appear in the Cape Town regional court in May.

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**Taking shape:** serious violent crimes unit boss Leonard Knipe inspects the progress of the building in Bishop Lavis that will house his crimefighters

# Hi-tech facility (35) ARG 1/4/99 in gangland to fight crime

## R5,7-m for operational centre

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**The fight against violent crime in the Peninsula is set for a major boost with the establishment of a central administrative and operational centre in the heart of gangland.**

Serious Violent Crimes Unit boss Leonard Knipe said all the units under his control are to be relocated in Bishop Lavis.

Plans are afoot to use seven floors of the old police training college, which are being upgraded into a "state-of-the-art" violent crimes centre.

Mr Knipe mooted the idea of a more holistic approach to investigating serious violent crimes by creating a central base and combined operational centre where all related units can be accommodated to pool resources.

His brainchild materialised last year when national police commissioner George Fivaz authorised the spending of R5,7-million on the project.

Mr Knipe said using a vacant building, which happened to be ideally situated, had resulted in an estimated saving of R12-million.

The murder and robbery unit, the visible gang unit and the gang investigations unit, the taxi violence unit and the firearm recovery unit will all be

housed under one roof.

"And then we'll also have a new component with us, the crimes against the state unit, which will basically combine and structure the efforts and resources of special task teams which probe and combat emerging threats," Mr Knipe said.

The new centre had been designed as a state-of-the-art administrative and operational hub with world-class facilities to help investigators and their managers provide a top-class service, he said.

The new "detective-friendly" centre would include a world-class interrogation room with video and audio surveillance and recording facilities to ensure absolute transparency, and to assist detectives in their investigations.

"Even our new holding cells have been designed by an architect," said Mr Knipe.

A dedicated polygraph unit, and lecture and conference facilities are being included in the upgrade of the building which had been vacant for almost three years.

"A big plus for the new violent crimes centre is its location which concentrates highly trained police specialists near traditional flash points in the Peninsula," Mr Knipe said.

The centre, which is yet to be officially named, is expected to be completed in June.

# Cape Town to expand surveillance systems

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CAPE TOWN — Arrests in Cape Town's city centre resulting from closed-circuit surveillance television has prompted plans for increasing the number of cameras tenfold over the next few months.

Business Against Crime MD John Penberthy said yesterday that in the four months since the system was introduced it has monitored about 160 crime incidents and led to 128 arrests.

It produced a dramatic success when six suspected members of a unit linked to vigilante group People Against Gangsterism and Drugs, alleged to be responsible for a series of bombings at Cape Town's police stations, were arrested.

Penberthy says the system is reducing street crime in the city centre and there are plans to expand.

The surveillance television system will eventually cover Stellenbosch and monitor road entrances and exits to the greater Cape metropolitan area.

The expansion plan involving 10 separate "footprints" — or surveillance areas — will be implemented over the next year and a half, Penberthy said.

Immediate plans include intensifying existing coverage and expanding the system to watch the whole of the central business district and surrounding areas. This means increasing the number of cameras from 12 to between 75 and 120 to be completed by mid-year.

The immediate capital cost is about R8m, with maintenance costs of about R6m over three years, mainly for leasing fibre optic lines from Telkom.

Start-up costs for the scheme will be borne by the funders of the Western Cape branch of Business Against Crime while capital costs will be carried by Cape Town's city council which has set aside R8,5m for the project.

The city, the police, Business Against Crime and other stakeholders are discussing ways of defraying the operating costs and recovering the capital costs of the system. One proposal is for districts within the city to decide whether they want to buy the service.

# Cape crime soars amid police exodus

The Western Cape police force is facing its most critical staff shortage, with officials disclosing it is understaffed by 17% and shrinking daily.

The new provincial police commissioner appointed to replace Leon Wessels will have a tough task, as some police officers are still taking voluntary severance packages, others are being booked off on sick leave or even killed in the line of duty, and most who resign from the force are not being replaced.

The Western Cape now holds the dubious honour of having more crimes per person than any other province. The province had the top crime rate in the country in November, December and January.

Strini Govender, senior police superintendent for communications and human resources management in Pretoria, said it was up to the provincial police commissioner to explain why there were so many vacant posts in the Western Cape.

"It is basically a provincial matter. The provincial commissioner will be able to

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explain why there are vacant posts."

But Wicus Holtzhausen, spokesman for Commissioner Wessels, said the Western Cape police commissioner had no power to hire or fire police and it was up to headquarters to take these decisions.

"Leon Wessels does not have the power to hire or fire police officers, so why put the blame on him for the high crime rate in the Western Cape?"

While Commissioner Wessels, who retires after his contract expires in June, has been criticised for poor police results in the Western Cape, Superintendent Holtzhausen said the commissioner should be blamed if things went wrong only if he

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had the power to take control of the province's police service.

In fact it was proving a slow process to replace police officers in the Western Cape, Superintendent Holtzhausen said. Those at the top were replaced by officers whose own positions then had to be filled.

"If we fill Stellenbosch police station to capacity, then what about Khayelitsha? If we fill Khayelitsha to capacity, then what about Durbanville? We must really make do with the people we have got, but it is not easy," said Superintendent Holtzhausen.

The latest statistics for November, December and January from the Ministry of Safety and Security confirm people are more likely to be burgled, have their cars broken into or to be murdered in the Western Cape than in any other province.

However, the shrinkage of the SA Police Service continues, with as many as 3 000

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 officers having taken voluntary retrenchment packages around the country. There are now 30 000 staff, including civilians.

Mr Govender said that when a police officer took a voluntary severance package, the post was abolished.

Top police in the Western Cape have taken the voluntary severance package, leaving vital roles unfilled. The head of communications in the Western Cape, John Sterrenberg, took a package in December and there was still no news on whether he would be replaced.

Director Raymond Dowd, station commissioner for Cape Town central, also left in December. He too had not been replaced. Although 2 000 applications for voluntary retrenchment had been turned down, 190 were still being considered country-wide, Mr Govender said.

There was no moratorium on new recruits to the service and 1 200 were now being trained. But it was not known yet

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Superintendent Holtzhausen confirmed there were 12 000 police and civilians in the Western Cape. Many police were being moved from office jobs to more active roles. Top police officers are furious by the lack of action in filling vacancies and spoke out after the armed raids on police stations like Claremont and Stellenbosch which would, they said, have been more difficult had there been enough officers on duty. After the raids, station commanders at Claremont and Stellenbosch said they had critical staff shortages. Since the attacks on the stations, security companies were helping guard police stations. Western Cape Safety and Security MEC Mark Wiley believes the high level of crime pointed to an under-resourced police service. "We need a 50% to 100% increase in the police budget. In other countries where crime statistics are released they are backed by a plan of action. If statistics increase then the officers lose their jobs. But those forces are properly resourced. We can't do it - we have too few police."

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# Cape Town walks without fear

Street crime is decreasing in the city because of a well-planned surveillance system, writes Tim Cohen

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CAPE TOWN — Against the bleak background of rising violent crime in the Western Cape, one small, bright spot is appearing: it is almost possible to walk the streets of Cape Town's city centre again without fear.

The secret of this change lies in the small blue bulbs which have popped up throughout the Central Business District containing the city's closed circuit television (CCTV) surveillance system.

It was installed four months ago under the auspices of the Western Cape branch of Business Against Crime (BAC), the only branch in the country to involve itself in the establishment of CCTV systems.

Already the system has achieved spectacular dramatic success and the rapid decrease in street crime levels in the city centre are the talk of the town.

At least seven cities and towns in SA have installed CCTV systems with varying degrees of success. Some would say no success at all.

However, Cape Town's system has gained a reputation for being workable. It has also become a model which other towns want to follow.

Shortly after its launch, Cape Town's system had a spectacular success resulting in the arrest of six people believed to have been connected to vigilante group People Against Gangsterism and Drugs and alleged to have been involved in the bombing of police stations.

The case is still outstanding but the speed and nature of the arrest demonstrated without doubt the utility of the CCTV system.

Late one rainy night in January this year, with only a few details of a wanted vehicle, one of the people — or spotters — manning the CCTV system noticed a car fitting the description.

The spotter was able to focus in with the camera, confirm the car's description, pick up the moving vehicle

on a new camera and inform four different rapid deployment units which converged on the vehicle and arrested the suspects.

This took place in one minute and forty-five seconds. The vehicle had only travelled four city blocks.

Three aspects of the process were critical for its success: a skilled spotter, the ability to move seamlessly from one camera to another and the rapid deployment units' speedy reaction.

John Penberthy, MD of the Western Cape branch of BAC, says the first problem in setting up a CCTV system is to establish a set of technical specifications which are adequate to the job. This is where many surveillance systems have fallen short of the task.

Ideally, the camera system should allow for "track and trace" so that criminals can be tracked as they move away from a crime scene. There is little point in observing a crime if the perpetrators can escape arrest by slipping out of frame before the police arrive.

To achieve these technical specifications, the Cape Town CCTV project went through a thorough tender process.

The result is probably the first set of well-researched technical standards, says Penberthy.

The other very business-like aspect of BAC's contribution to the system has been its conceptual framework. In contrast with systems which assume short time frames, work off haphazard costings and with no marketing plan, a lot of thought was put into identifying po-

tential "customers" for the Cape Town system and how it would be funded and operated in the future.

Areas in the city have been identified which will be approached to pay the system's operating costs, probably through a small increase in city rate charges.

Potential "customers" include not only the police services but also the city's traffic department. The latter may want to buy into the system and use it to identify robot hoppers.

The message for cities wishing to emulate Cape Town's success is that it took a mind-set aimed at service provision rather than purely at crime prevention.

The main weakness of the system is that it can only address a limited set of crime types, from car theft to pickpocketing. More violent crimes such as murder, robbery and rape often take place indoors.

However, Penberthy says the CCTV system may help with crimes taking place off the streets too. As it expands, the system will eventually be used to identify stolen vehicles or getaway cars as the thieves attempt to escape the crime scene or the city.

Still, many crimes are beyond the reach of even the most powerful camera. While the system will certainly increase fear of arrest in Cape Town's city centre, it cannot do its own stem rising crime for help. SA's overburdened criminal justice system.

Then again, if your wallet is snatched on Greenmarket Square all you have to do is wave your arms and wait for the sirens.



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# Alleged drug lord takes asset-seizing law to high court

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THE linchpin in SA's new armoury of organised crime-fighting legislation, which permits the state to seize the proceeds of organised crime via the civil courts, is being challenged for the first time in the Cape High Court.

Alleged Milnerton drug lord Gavin Carolus went to court yesterday to save himself from commercial ruin after a court order last month authorised state seizure of six homes, six vehicles, three business concerns and four bank accounts.

He denied police allegations that the properties were bought from the proceeds of drug trafficking or that he used them as premises for drug dealing.

Legal experts said the controversial law, the Prevention of Organised Crime Act, might fall foul of the constitution.

"The threshold of evidence required to seize assets in civil courts is merely that of 'balance of probabilities', rather than 'evidence beyond a reasonable doubt'," a constitutional lawyer said.

"You could get a situation where prosecutors abuse the lower evidence threshold to keep nailing a person they cannot nail in the criminal courts. A person could be financially ruined without being convicted of a crime.

"The law should be used only to stop organised criminals hiding the evidence of their gains in the pre-criminal trial period. If the civil forfeiture clause is used for anything more than that, if it is used as a substitute for criminal prosecutions, the new law could be in trouble."

The United Nations' most senior crime fighter, Pino Arlacchi, who visited SA last week, urged SA's judiciary to let the new law stand. "Judiciaries are often conservative and reticent," he said. "They must adapt, they must understand that traditional crime-fighting tools are no good" for fighting organised crime. "The only effective way to tackle the syndicates is to confiscate their illegal assets."

Asset confiscation has been successful in the fight against the Italian mafia. Italy has confiscated \$10bn since the promulgation of its asset-seizing law in 1982.

Police sources say there are worries in the upper echelons of the detective service that police have neither the skill nor the sophistication to implement the new law. "The first two or three uses of the law will be the crucial testers," a senior detective said. "If we get it wrong in the beginning, the law will have no future."

# 'Drug lord' fights to keep his assets

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THE Prevention of Organised Crime Act, used for the first time last month to seize alleged drug-lord Gavin Carolus' assets, was "draconian and unconstitutional", the Cape High Court was told yesterday.

Carolus is opposing an application by the national Director of Public Prosecutions for a final order for the seizure of his fixed and disposable assets. His assets were seized last month and he was ordered not to sell or transfer any of his properties until the investigation had been finalised.

Ismail Jamie, for the state, argued that there were enough grounds for the court to grant a final order to seize all of Carolus' assets. Carolus was a drug dealer and the proceeds from his criminal activities were used to buy property, he said.

The case was complicated and it could take weeks for the state to prove all the allegations. It was in the interests of justice that the court grant a final order.

Norman Arendse, SC, for Carolus, countered that the aim of the act was to combat organised crime, including racketeering and gang-

sterism, yet neither Carolus nor any members of his family had been convicted of any of the offences listed in the act.

It was obvious the act was a tool to convict people linked to listed offences, in circumstances where they could not otherwise be convicted beyond reasonable doubt in a criminal prosecution.

"With regard to the stated objectives of the act, the applicant proceeded unlawfully and unconstitutionally against Carolus and other affected persons."

Since the appointment, in terms of the act, of a curator bonis to administer Carolus' businesses, none of his associates wanted to do business with him.

Also, the curator facilitated the collection of incriminating information against him.

Carolus and his family were compelled by court order to cooperate with the curator, yet in doing so compromised their constitutional right to remain silent.

The directorate had misled the court in saying that Carolus was transferring ownership of vehicles and using his properties for crime. Nowhere had it been shown this was so. The case was based on suspicion and conjecture.

The hearing continues today.

# CRIMEBUSTERS HIT BACK

## Pagad man held as raid uncovers 'terror cars'

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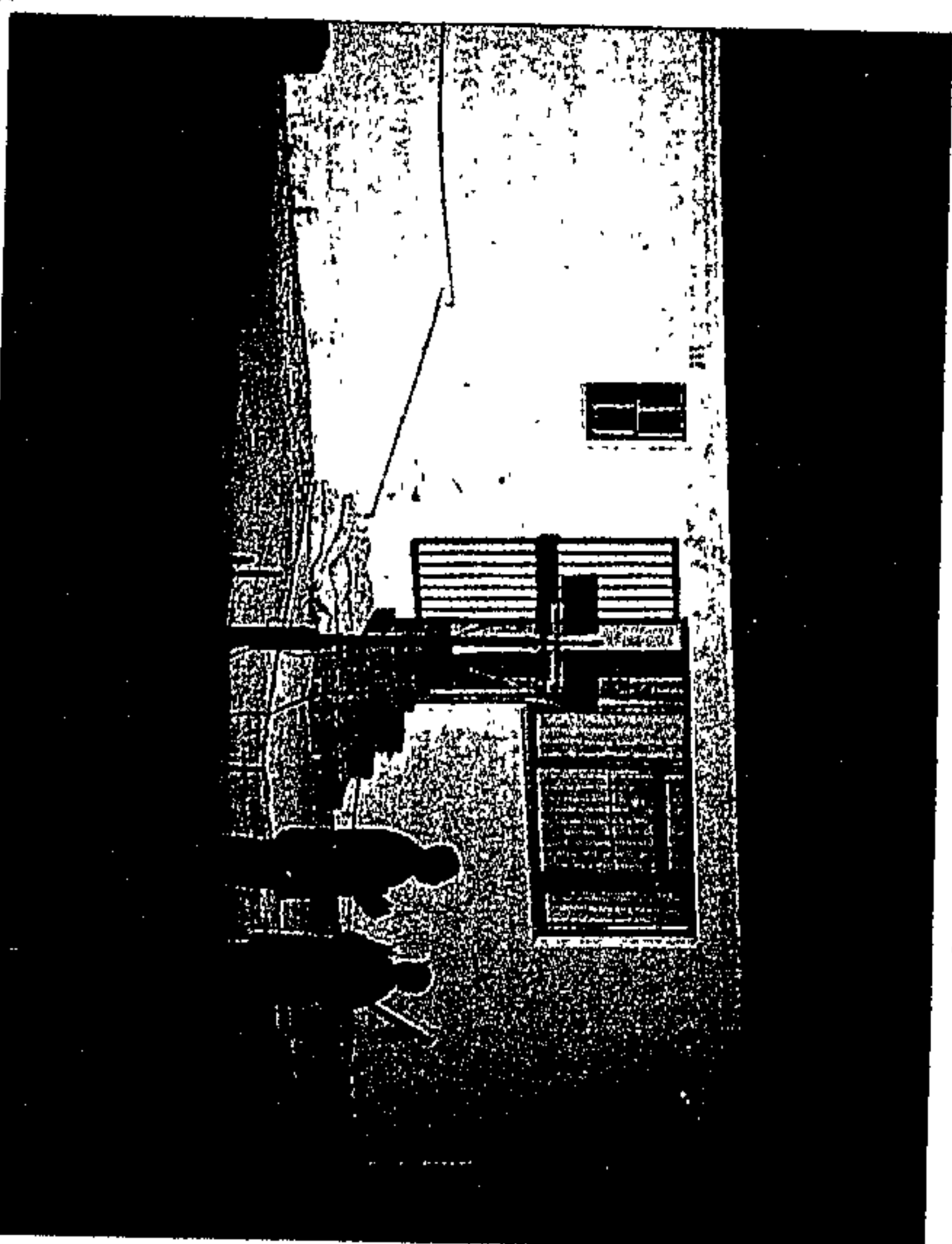
A member of Pagad is being held for questioning after police raided a house in Brooklyn and confiscated four vehicles and a quantity of arms and ammunition allegedly linked to the recent spate of terror attacks in the Peninsula.

Police said yesterday's find in Fontana Street, the result of a tip-off from a neighbour who reported "suspicious movements" at the house, was one of the biggest breakthroughs in their investigation into a series of attacks which have left several people dead and wounded, including gang leaders, business people and a two-year-old girl.

One of three vehicles recovered at the house was a red Ford bakkie, stolen outside Unisex hair salon in Zeekovlei at the weekend when an armed gang gunned down and killed the owner, Adielah Davids, and two other women.

Two other cars, a white Volkswagen Jetta and a blue Toyota Conquest were found at the house. They are thought to be linked to the killings of businessmen Rafiek Parker and Adam Vincoos, gang leader Glen Khan and the attack on special task team investigator Barry Chamberlain, all in the past two weeks.

A maroon BMW which was hijacked on Monday was found parked in the road a



Aftermath: police discuss yesterday's swoop on the house in Fontana Street, Brooklyn

short distance from the house and was also impounded.

The serial numbers of the recovered guns had been removed. No one was at home when police raided the house, but detectives tracked down a man they believed could help them with their investigation.

Sources close to the investigation said the man was arrested at a house in Klein-vei and had been detained earlier in connection with a bomb which exploded in a bakkie in Welton last year.

Declining to be specific, police spokeswoman Anine De Beer said only that a 28-year-old member of Pagad from the "Cape Flats" had been detained.

She also denied that police botched their investigation by rushing in and searching the house without keeping the property under surveillance first.

"Investigating officers have their own

reasons for their actions which they do not have to explain," said Captain De Beer.

A neighbour who asked to remain anonymous told the Cape Argus that movements at the house had been "mysterious".

"There were always different people going in and out of the house. The people who seemed to occupy the house dealt with household plants."

Violent crimes unit boss Leonard Knipe said the find was a "fantastic" breakthrough, but much work had to be done based on the vehicles, guns and other undisclosed evidence recovered.

Ganief Daniels, head of Operation Good Hope, said police had substantial evidence that one of the cars had been positively linked to several shootings.

Community Safety MFC Mark Willey said the discovery was "indicative of outstanding work done by the cops and the tremendous co-operation of the community."

## Quiet operation that's cleaning up Cape Flats

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Their job might not be as high-profile as Operation Good Hope, but the dedicated police involved in Operation Chase have quietly been making the Cape Flats a safer place.

Launched by provincial deputy commissioner Adam Blauw as a joint anti-crime operation between police, Correctional Services and the Defence Force, the operation has netted 207 criminals in three weeks.

Commissioner Blauw said he had brought together members of various police units to operate in crime-ridden areas in a bid to empower and assist station commanders.

Operation Good Hope is the police response at a national level to urban terror plaguing the Western Cape.

But for many people living in gang-infested areas on the Cape Flats, it has brought little relief from their daily encounters with gangsters, drug dealers and other criminals.

"It is with this in mind that we launched Operation Chase after doing a full crime analysis," Commissioner Blauw said.

The areas we targeted were those that showed the highest incidence of lawlessness, ranging from gang activities and illegal shebeens to drug-dealing and drinking in public.

"All station commanders, together with the chairmen of the different community policing forums, were involved in all aspects of planning and implementation of



the project. Other services took part in the operation as the need arose.

The areas targeted by the analysis were Elsies River, Ravensmead, Bellville South, Bishop Lavis, Manenberg and Philippi.

For nearly three weeks, from March 13 until April 1, suspects were arrested on charges ranging from being drunk and disorderly all the way up to drug-dealing, rape and murder. During the same period, Correctional Services arrested 19 people who violated their parole.

Police confiscated 14 firearms, hundreds of rounds of ammunition, a stolen vehicle, cellphones, narcotics and other stolen goods.

Sara Marthin of the Elsies River Community Policing Forum said in their area this was the first time the police had worked with the community in fighting crime.

"Since the launch of the operation in the Elsies River/Ravensmead area, there has been a definite downturn in the number of gang fights, shootings and violence.

"People can now walk the streets again and there is a sense that we are no longer living in a prison."

Ms Marthin said there was a willingness in the community to come forward with information that could lead to the arrests of those plying illegal trades.

"People are sick and tired of crime, gangsters and drug dealers.

"We have had enough and are not only prepared to speak out, but will testify in court to ensure these criminals end up behind bars," she said.

'MIGHT NOT BE RETROSPECTIVE'

# Gangbuster law examined

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**A LEGAL TECHNICALITY** might force the state to return the seized property of alleged druglord Gavin Carolus, writes Court Reporter **MOTSHIDISI MOKWENA**.

THE state had to ascertain whether the Prevention of Organised Crime Act which gives the state the right to seize property acquired through illegal means could be applied retrospectively, Judge André Bignaut said in the Cape High Court yesterday.

Judge Bignaut asked prosecutor small Jamie whether the act also applied to people who acquired assets from proceeds of illegal activities committed before the law was enacted.

The act came into effect on January 21, 1999 and was used for the first time last month to seize alleged druglord Gavin Carolus' assets, six vehicles, cell phones and jewellery.

His bank accounts were also immediately frozen. Carolus was also ordered not to sell or transfer any of his properties

until the investigation had been finalised.

Carolus is opposing an application by the director-general of public prosecutions for a final order for seizure of all his fixed and disposable assets in terms of the Preservation of Property order granted by Acting Justice Essa Moosa on March 15.

Jamie told the court that the fact that the act was retrospective was not important.

However Judge Bignaut ordered that Jamie study the act and find any definitions or provisions that indicate that it can be applied retrospectively.

Earlier the court heard that four cases were pending against Carolus on charges of manufacturing Mandrax tablets, dealing in cocaine, dagga and Mandrax, theft of police radios, corruption and possession



**TARGET:** Alleged drug lord Gavin Carolus at the Cape High Court.

of rhino horns.

Carolus had since denied these allegations and in papers before the court said that he had never been convicted of possession of or dealing in drugs, Mandrax or cocaine.

His counsel, Norman Arendse, said that the order was "nothing

more than a fishing expedition and witch-hunt designed to collect evidence against Carolus". Arendse has since termed the act "draconian and unconstitutional".

He said that the director of public prosecution's case was based on hearsay from witnesses who claimed that they had seen people coming in and out of a drug-dealer's house in Santos Street.

He also said that the court cannot depend on the mere belief of Detective Inspector Arnoldus Wise, of the South African Narcotics Bureau, who said that he came to know Carolus as the only drug dealer operating in Milnerton, and that the suspect had used his properties to commit crime.

In response, Jamie said it was important that the final order be granted in order to begin the seizure of all Carolus' assets.

"From now on criminals must know that they cannot gain from criminal activities."

The case was postponed until tomorrow for judgment.

# Carolus wins fight for assets

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Court turns down seizure

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**Alleged Milnerton drug dealer Gavin Carolus has won his High Court appeal to get his assets back.**

Last month the head of the investigative directorate of organised crime and public safety, Percy Sonn, obtained a preservation of property order under section 38 of the Prevention of Organised Crime Act of 1998, which allowed him to freeze Mr Carolus's bank account and impound his assets.

It was the first time this legislation, aimed at seizing assets thought to be obtained from the proceeds of crime, had been tested in court.

Mr Justice André Blignault found that in terms of the act, seizure could only apply to assets acquired after the implementation of the act.

The act came into force on January 21 this year. Mr Carolus had owned the assets before that date.

The property Mr Sonn wanted seized included six houses, six motor vehicles, jewellery, several businesses and cell-phones as well as Mr Carolus's bank account.

Judge Blignault said there was not enough evidence to prove a link between Mr Carolus's property and any unlawful activities.

The allegations of drug dealing against Mr Carolus were "vague and general".

"It is practically impossible to come to a belief that the properties were derived or obtained from the proceeds of unlawful activities.

"There are no reasonable grounds that such an inference can be drawn."

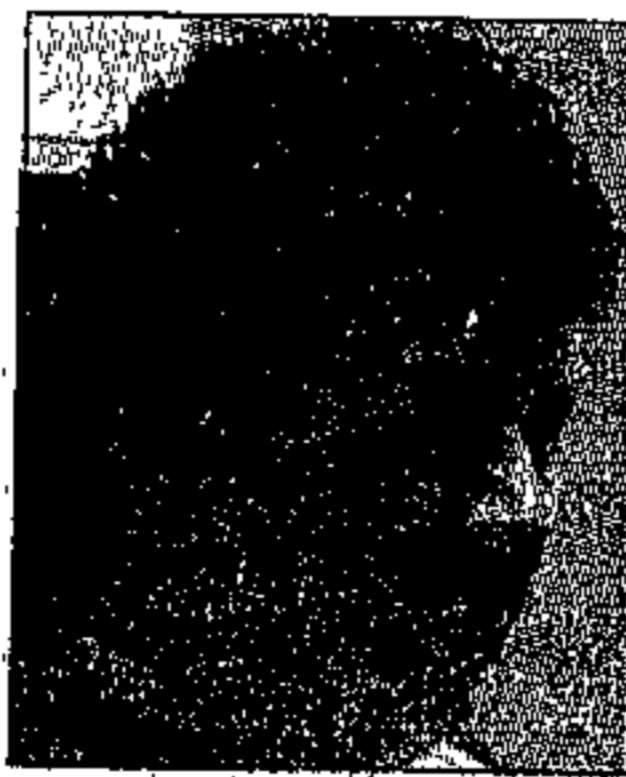
Evidence before the court was that Mr Carolus's properties were also used to sell drugs, which made them "instrumental" in the commission of crimes.

"That is not sufficient to render it an instrumentality," Judge Blignault said.

During the application earlier this week, Ismail Jamie, for the national Director of Public Prosecutions, Bulelani Ngcuka, told the court it was important for the order to be made final, because Mr Carolus was resigning from various close corporations he owned and was selling off his assets.

He said there was enough material to provide reasonable grounds to make the order final.

Mr Carolus denied that he was a drug dealer and said that although his premises had been searched by police in the past, he had never been convicted on any drug-related charges.



No proof: Gavin Carolus

# Cape probes huge medicine theft ring

Hotline yields string of corruption cases

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The Western Cape government is investigating a multi-million-rand scam involving the theft from state depots of medical supplies that are being filtered to criminal syndicates.

The discovery was made after one of a string of tip-offs via a corruption hotline set up in the province in October last year.

This emerged at the two-day summit convened by the Government in Cape Town to try to crack down on corruption, which has cost taxpayers more than R20-billion.

Deon van der Westhuizen, head of the Western Cape's internal audit unit, said 96 potential cases of corruption had been reported on the hotline, and 24 investigations were close to completion.

The unit had handed over 48 cases to police in the past 12 months. Better financial controls were introduced where problems were found.

Mr Van der Westhuizen said the investigation into the theft of medical supplies valued at millions of rands would probably take a year to complete. Some cases had already been referred to the police.

The unit has a staff of 10, but is at

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present "building capacity"

It was also engaged in a review of 4 500 provincial vehicles to see which officials were abusing them.

Mr Van der Westhuizen said the abuse of state vehicles was probably the most visible form of corruption.

Other cases being investigated by the unit included:

- An amount of R500 000 paid via the central Government to non-governmental organisations which did not have proper financial controls.

- Inadequate accounting of overseas trips by members of the former Department of Economic Affairs and Tourism.

- Cash stolen from hospital ATMs, with amounts ranging from R3 000 to R21 000.

The conference is focusing on

interaction between the public and private sectors and how to introduce tougher measures to protect witnesses, blacklist firms involved in fraud and ensure clean tender and procurement procedures.

Western Cape Premier Hans Morkel said: "Corruption in the country has already cost the taxpayer R21-billion, which is twice the Western Cape's total annual budget."

"Judge Willem Heath personally told me that he was investigating 100 000 cases and only four of those were in the Western Cape."

Among the Heath special investigating unit investigations is a fraud and theft probe at the Cape College of Education in Kuils River involving at least R870 000.

Another case centred on fraudulent authorisations within the Department of Public Works for public buildings.

Earlier this year, the Western Cape was criticised for not reporting cases to the Heath investigating unit quickly enough.

The unit has access to a special tribunal which enables it to recover state assets from people who have been defrauding the Government.

# Organised crime unit seeks to challenge judges' ruling

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The High Court judgment in favour of Gavin Carolus is being challenged by the investigative directorate on organised crime and public safety.

Attorney Connie Erasmus said the directorate had handed the court an application for leave to appeal against the judgment this morning and was expecting the matter to be heard today or early next week. Mr Carolus's assets, which were

freed by the court after being seized under the new Prevention of Organised Crime Act, will remain frozen until the outcome of the application.

Yesterday's judgment disappointed Justice Minister Dullah Omar and Willie Hofmeyr, an MP who helped draft the act, warned it was a setback.

"This judgment will make the law less effective for a long time," said Mr Hofmeyr, an African National Congress MP and a member of the parliamentary committee on justice that drafted the act.

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The High Court has ruled its effect is not retrospective.

In the Carolus application, the court found that since the act came into effect on January 21, assets acquired through suspected unlawful activity before this date could not be impounded by the state.

Mr Omar said he was disappointed by the High Court decision, but the main features of laws against organised crime remained in place.

"It is not the end of the matter," he said. He referred to the court's

decision during his closing remarks at the end of the national anti-corruption summit in the parliamentary complex in Cape Town.

Hailed as an alternative route to criminal prosecution and similar to successful United States legislation, the act was drafted to crack down on criminals who live affluently from profits of such activities as drug-dealing.

The act came into force on January 21 and the first target to feel its effect was Milnerton-based Mr Carolus, an alleged drug dealer, who was

served with a preservation of property order.

The action, instituted by national Director of Public Prosecutions Bulelani Ngcuka, was aimed at netting six houses, six vehicles, several businesses, jewellery and cellphones as well as freezing Mr Carolus's four bank accounts.

Under the act, such a final order could be granted if there were reasonable grounds that the property concerned was instrumental to an unlawful activity or acquired from the proceeds of unlawful activity.

Ismail Jamie, for the director, tried to convince the court that there was enough evidence to this effect.

He produced affidavits from policemen who say they know Mr Carolus's operation as a drug dealer in the Milnerton area.

But Norman Arendse, for Mr Carolus, called the act "Draconian and unconstitutional".

Although there are four pending drug-related court cases against Mr Carolus, neither he nor any relative has been convicted on any drug charges.



# R2,5m on urban terrorists' heads

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**JUDY DAMON and FATIMA SCHROEDER**

THE highest police bounty ever in the Western Cape has been put on the heads of those committing acts of urban terrorism.

Head of Operation Good Hope, Commissioner Ganief Daniels, is hoping a reward of up to R2,5 million will convince people to supply information that will secure convictions.

Daniels said: "The motivation is that the South African Police Service is convinced that rewards of this magnitude have positive results. The public respond and contribute effectively in the fight against terrorism and related crimes."

The reward, the largest sum of money offered by police in the province, is payable if the information leads to a conviction.

Police have also set up two 24-hour toll-free numbers so the public can tip-off police with information on drive-by shootings, attacks on police and bomb attacks.

It was an anonymous tip-off that led police to their biggest breakthrough in Brooklyn earlier this week.



**MONEY TALKS:** Police may pay R2,5m for info, says Ganief Daniels.

Four vehicles police found at a house are being linked to at least five separate terror attacks.

An R5 rifle and three handguns were also confiscated at the house. Police are trying to establish whether the R5 is the

weapon used in a spree of killings in recent months.

Head of the Violent Crimes Unit, Director Leonard Knipe, confirmed that one of two Pagad members they arrested this week would be charged with the Grassy Park killings last Saturday.

A second suspect has been charged for being in possession of stolen property and is also being questioned in connection with the robbery at the Claremont police station on January 3.

It was learnt that the man was in possession of a police bullet-proof vest and is expected to appear in court later today.

Knipe also urged the media and the public to be patient when it came to convicting suspects.

"They (the suspects) cannot be charged with terrorism and sabotage, but they can be charged with murder and robbery," he said.

He added that the police had compiled 318 dockets with 81 cases pending before court.

Anyone with information about terrorism attacks can call the newly installed Operation Good Hope toll-free lines on 0800 10 1 11 or 0800 20 22 22.

# High Court ruling blunts State's super-weapon against criminals

OWN CORRESPONDENT

Cape Town - The much-vaunted Prevention of Organised Crime Act, seen as the super-weapon in the State's armoury in the battle against crime, was blunted in the Cape High Court yesterday.

The State suffered a major setback in its battle against organised crime when the Cape High Court set aside a court order which earlier authorised the seizure of fixed and disposable assets of alleged drug dealer Gavin Carolus.

Mr Justice André Blignault ruled that there was no provision in chapter six of the Prevention of Organised Crime Act that made the act retrospective. The act became effective on January 21 this year, and was used for the first time last month to seize Carolus's assets.

Unless clearly stated in the act, this meant that the legislation could not be applied to organised crimes committed before the act became law.

The original order, which was granted on March 15 by Acting Justice Essa Moosa, in terms of section 38 of the act, had effectively frozen four of Carolus's bank accounts and allowed a curator to remove three vehicles, two cellphones and jewellery from his two houses.

The order also stopped Carolus from selling or transferring any of his properties until the court had completed its investigation.

Carolus then fought an application by the National Director of Public Prosecutions, Bulelani Ngcuka, for a final order for the seizure of his remaining assets.

In his judgment, Judge Blignault said it was impossible to prove that Carolus's properties were bought from the proceeds of illegal activities. He ordered that Carolus's assets that were impounded in terms of the Preservation of Property Order last month be returned to him.

Judge Blignault also said the proceedings had been civil

and not criminal, and the costs should be borne by the State, which had lost the case.

Commenting on the judgment, Connie Erasmus, of the Investigative Directorate on Organised Crime and Public Safety, said his office would apply for leave to appeal today.

Justice Minister Dullah Omar said he was disappointed by the court decision overturning the confiscation, but added that the main features of laws against organised crime remained in place.

"It is not the end of the matter," Omar said.

He referred to the court's decision yesterday during his closing remarks at the end of the two-day national anti-corruption summit held in Cape Town.

Omar said the Government would respect the court's judgment. Many of the measures the Government was taking against organised crime were new, and some were controversial, he added.

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## State challenges court ruling on seized goods

**Jonny Steinberg  
and Sapa**

NATIONAL Director of Public Prosecutions Bulelani Ngcuka has applied for leave to appeal against a high court decision ordering the release of alleged Milnerton drug dealer Gavin Carolus's assets, which were seized by the state.

This is the first legal challenge to the new Prevention of Organised

Crime Act, which lets the state seize proceeds of crime via civil courts. Carolus assets seized include six houses, six vehicles, businesses, personal goods and cellphones.

The Cape High Court ordered the state last week to return the assets to Carolus, ruling that the act did not apply to deeds committed before it was promulgated on 2 January.

US justice department deputy head Stefan Cassella, who is in SA at

Ngcuka's invitation, will brief Carolus prosecutors today. He says SA should expect "a battery of litigation". The US asset forfeiture law of 1988 faced 11 supreme court challenges, but the courts defended most of its essential clauses, and "ruled that it does apply to crimes committed before its promulgation".

Cassella says asset forfeiture law is "irreplaceable" in successful campaigns against organised crime.

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# Deal gives Carolus his property back

## State gets the right to appeal

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Gavin Carolus, an alleged Milnerton drug dealer, will get back his assets today pending an appeal to the Supreme Court of Appeal in Bloemfontein.

Today the State was given permission to appeal against an earlier judgment by Mr Justice Andre Blignaut in which he ruled the Preservation of Property order – used to seize Mr Carolus's six houses in Milnerton, six luxury cars, several businesses, household and personal goods, jewellery and cellphones – was invalid.

The head of the investigative directorate of organised crime and public safety, Percy Sonn, had obtained an interim order allowing him to freeze Mr Carolus's bank accounts and impound his assets.

Judge Blignaut's ruling meant that Mr Carolus was entitled to have his goods returned immediately.

But this was not done, because the State believed the interim order was still in force because it had filed notice of leave to appeal.

It was the first time the Prevention of Organised Crime Act, aimed at netting assets thought to be obtained from the proceeds of crime, had been tested in court.

Judge Blignaut ruled that the State could not rely on the act to deal with alleged offences committed before January 21 – when the law was promulgated.

Today a draft order was handed in to court. Both parties agreed that:

- Mr Carolus would retain "the possession, use and enjoyment" of his six properties, subject to endorsements registered against the title deeds of the properties.

- Any movable property seized by the curator bonis, Terence



At court today: Gavin Carolus



Watching closely: ANC MP Willie Hofmeyr who helped to draw up the law Mr Carolus has challenged

Nombembe, would be returned to Mr Carolus by 5pm today.

- All other property would be returned provided Mr Nombembe was given access to the records of Mr Carolus's businesses on a monthly basis from May 31.

- All Mr Carolus's bank accounts be restored to his control, provided that Mr Nombembe would be entitled to monitor such accounts and have direct access to branches of the bank where the accounts were kept to obtain any information he needed.

- Mr Carolus would not, pending the appeal, dispose of any of his properties.

# Cops admit 'horrendous bungle' in Pagad arrests

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Police have admitted "incredible and horrendous incompetence" in the way they handled evidence gathered during the high-profile arrest of six Pagad members, a High Court judge said today.

The six Pagad members have brought an application to the Cape High Court to have blood, saliva and hair samples taken from them destroyed.

Mr Justice Dennis Davis, who is hearing the application, said police officers who arrested the six men for allegedly being in possession of illegal guns and ammunition had "incompetently handled" the weapons during the arrest.

"They had put their grubby paws all over the weapons. All the fingerprint evidence was destroyed," said Judge Davis.

The samples were taken from Loegmaan Sapat, 36, Faizel Steyn, 22, Moegamat Isaacs, 23, Nasrudien Gamielidien, 35, Cassiem Arends, 21, all of Delft, and Faizel

Cassiem, 37, of Belhar, on February 11, after their arrest 10 days earlier.

The men were arrested as they were travelling in a bakkie on Eastern Boulevard. A video cassette containing footage of several police stations was found in a subsequent raid on one of their homes.

One of the weapons, which had been wrapped in a rag and may have contained DNA of the suspects, then became the investigating officer's "last resort" to prove his case, said Judge Davis.

He said it appeared from court papers

that the investigating officer had taken the DNA samples as a last-ditch attempt to prove his case.

Pagad legal counsel John van der Berg added that the arrest of the six men had been hailed as a breakthrough by the police and yet they admitted to bungling the evidence.

Judge Davis said: "If the police had done their job satisfactorily we may not have had to hear this application. One can only shake one's head in horror at such behaviour."

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NORTHERN PROVINCE SAFEST

# Figures show violent crime on the increase

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**THE WESTERN CAPE** is still regarded as the murder capital of SA, according to statistics released yesterday by the Crime Information Centre.

**T**HE Western Cape and Gauteng have the highest violent and property crime rates compared with the rest of the country, with the least crime occurring in the Northern Province.

The Safety and Security Ministry issued figures from November 1, 1998 to January 31, 1999, which showed murder at 15,9 per 100 000 people — up from 15,1 in the same period a year earlier.

The rate had dropped from 17,4 murders per 100 000 in the Christmas holiday season of 1994/95.

Only drug-related crime and drunk-driving showed declines, both decreasing by more than 10%.

Figures for the period December to February show that four crime trends, which include aggravated robbery and residential house-breaking, have increased. Murder, attempted murder, rape and serious assault are among 15 crimes that have stabilised.

Chris de Kock of the SAPS Crime Information Management

Centre and Mark Shaw of the Ministry of Safety and Security explained that "generally there appeared to be an upward pressure on most categories of crime".

Gauteng still leads the field in the number of cars being stolen, with 158,7 out of every 100 000. Western Cape came second with 71,9 and KwaZulu-Natal with 50,8 out of every 100 000. These figures had decreased from the previous survey in which Gauteng had 167,6 and Western Cape had 74,2 per 100 000.

Gauteng also has the highest commercial crime incidents in the country with 80,8 incidents per 100 000 and the Western Cape followed with 53,7.

The Western Cape has the highest murder rate in the country. Police claim that most of the murders in the Western Cape are alcohol-induced and happen over weekends. Gauteng, on the other hand, has the highest attempted murder rate with 22,7 per 100 000.

The Northern Cape has the

highest rape statistics followed by the Western Cape and Gauteng.

Shaw explained that 51,5 out of every 100 000 women were raped in the Northern Cape compared to 41,5 in Gauteng.

He said the safest place in the country to live was the Northern Province where only stock theft and assault with the intent to cause grievous bodily harm were not the lowest.

New National Party leader, Marthinus van Schalkwyk, yesterday accused the government of juggling crime figures.

"Violent crime continues to rise," he said, adding that only one in seven murders resulted in a conviction. "Six out of every seven murderers walk free."

Shaw added that the December-January period was always bad for violent crimes. It coincided with the country's extended summer holiday and higher levels of alcohol abuse.

"One should treat these numbers with a degree of caution. But while they are stable, they are stable at high levels and there have been some worrying increases, like aggravated robbery," he said. — Staff Writer and Reuter

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# Untouchable kid criminals

## Cops powerless to hold juveniles

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The number of juveniles arrested in the Western Cape is rising alarmingly, with many becoming habitual criminals and turning to violence.

Superintendent Niels Nielsen, who heads the provincial child and youth desk for the police, said many arrested children were simply released back on the streets and he believed they were "untouchables".

Frustrated police say that as a result of the leniency of the justice system on juveniles, older criminals are now using youngsters to commit crimes for them because the chances are good that juveniles will walk free from court.

About 1 300 juveniles, aged between seven and 17, have been arrested in the province each month in the past year, compared to an average of 1 000 a month in 1996.

Many are released with a warning to appear later in court, or are sent back home by the courts.

Magistrates were unable to send children to prison unless

they were arrested for serious crimes, in accordance with legislation, and the designated places of safety were usually full, said Superintendent Nielsen.

Most juvenile arrests are for minor crimes such as housebreaking, theft, shoplifting or fraud. But 21% of juveniles are now being arrested for violent crimes including murder, robbery or rape.

Police are frustrated at the criminal justice system, which they believe is failing the children and everyone else.

The juveniles are committing theft and housebreaking because there is a ready market for stolen goods, they say.

The 14-year-old arrested for the murder of photojournalist John Rubython last month had been released just days before the killing after being held on a housebreaking charge.

The Correctional Services Act provides that juveniles can be released and placed in the care of a close relative for minor

crimes, such as housebreaking or theft, but magistrates do have judicial discretion to keep a child in custody.

Hishaam Mohamed, head of the Department of Justice in the Western Cape, said a R10-million computer data system was being installed to allow justice officials to tap in to police records. The system would allow officials to run checks on people appearing in court and improve vigilance in the case of juveniles, he said.

Superintendent Nielsen said poor socio-economic conditions were leading to a breakdown of the family unit. He had recently been in contact with an 11-year-old who had been arrested for rape in Cape Town. The youngest child arrested in the city had been an eight-year-old picked up for housebreaking, he said.

When the children were sent home, there was no support system to work with the families.

"We need more intervention and preventative measures in place for when a juvenile enters the system, so he or she can be placed back with the family."

Alan Jackson, director of Child Welfare in the Western Cape, said some of the places of safety were full of gangs and, in many cases, were not the answer to the problem.

More resources had to be given to programmes dealing with the rehabilitation of children. "If you catch it early, you can turn their lives around," he said.

Superintendent Nielsen said he had recently interviewed a 13-year-old sent to live on the streets by his mother.

The child begged on the streets and was arrested three times for housebreaking. On the first two occasions, there was no room at any place of safety in the Western Cape.

It was only after he was arrested for housebreaking a third time that he was sent to a place of safety.

"The system strives to protect these children, but due to a lack of supporting

### Rubython killing: Boy was on wanted list

In spite of police asking that the 14-year-old street boy arrested for the murder of photojournalist John Rubython be detained, he had been released after appearing in court on a housebreaking charge two days before the fatal stabbing. The child was on the police list of wanted criminals at the time of the killing. See page 3

### Gang member 'Lastig' Solomons goes free after bungled police investigation

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### Untouchable kids run wild

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infrastructures, it is not always possible," said Superintendent Nielsen.

The Government has launched the Transformation of the Child and Youth Care System, a project designed to try to improve the system affecting juveniles in trouble with the law.

In spite of these efforts, the number of children awaiting trial in prisons in the Western Cape has doubled in the past year.

Unsentenced children were all scheduled to have been released from prisons on May 10 last year.

# Anti-terror campaign is on track

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CAPE TOWN — Operation Good Hope, the SA Police Service's campaign against urban terror in the Western Cape, achieved significant successes in its first quarter, assistant police commissioner Ganief Daniels said yesterday.

Since its January launch the situation had stabilised and an intelligence-driven campaign was bearing fruit in terms of breakthrough investigations, he said.

Between January and March

this year there were three pipe bomb attacks compared with 12 in the same period last year, while urban terror attacks had fallen from 22 in January to 10 in February, five in March and four in April.

Gang-related incidents had fallen from 44 in January to 39 in February, 39 in March and fewer than 30 in April. The challenge, Daniels said, was to expedite cases and get court convictions.

Provincial police MEC Mark Wiley said he had asked central government to widen the ambit of

Good Hope to gang-related crime and urban terror.

The operation's main achievements, Daniels said, were arrests of the so-called Cape Town five and the Oudtshoorn five, the seizure of many firearms in Mannenburg and the arrest of suspects after a drive-by shooting in Mitchells Plain.

Daniels emphasised the importance of involving communities in crime-fighting and 100 000 pamphlets and 5 000 posters would be used to try to achieve this, he said.



# Taskforce kicks (35) in to reclaim city

## On tour through the CBD 'mayhem'

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The Cape Town municipality has embarked on a programme to reclaim Cape Town's city streets.

The main targets of Operation Reclaim are informal traders, illegal 'parking attendants' and people who park their cars illegally.

The Cape Argus took a tour through the city streets with Operation Reclaim staffers.

"People are showing less respect for traffic laws," said traffic inspector Kevin Maxwell.

"The increase in traffic and the decrease in traffic personnel has meant mayhem in town."

Active since March 1, the campaign has been the blight of countless illegal parkers and traders as the taskforce - traffic officers and wardens, civic patrol officers and community police - seeks out anyone breaking municipal and traffic laws.

In its first week in operation the taskforce issued 1 169 tickets for traffic offences and towed away 30 vehicles.

Throughout the city the taskforce caused a flurry as drivers sprinted to remove their illegally parked vehicles after being alerted by friends or colleagues.

After a week of concerted effort, Long Street looked less congested than surrounding streets.

"The main problem we have is with all day-parkers who park in short-term-bays designed for shoppers," Mr Maxwell said.

There are five all-day parking areas in the city: Roggebaai at the corner of Hans Strijdom and Buitengracht streets, Old Marine Drive next to the

Civic Centre, the Grand Parade, Riebeeck Square and Harrington Square.

Mr Maxwell said he believed many people were just too lazy to walk the extra distance from a demarcated parking lot to their place of work, and so parked illegally, hoping they would not be ticketed.

Many office workers gave money for parking meters to self-appointed parking attendants who only fed the meters once traffic officers approached.

The aim of Operation Reclaim is not only to target motorists but also these attendants who hold motorists ransom under threat of vandalising their cars.

As we turned into Adderley Street we spotted a tow-truck busy hooking up an illegally parked vehicle next to the Golden Acre.

A distraught driver suddenly came running up, saying: "Please guys. My kid was ... you can't take my car."

The traffic officers stood firm and the car was towed away, leaving a distraught owner who would have to fork out R198 for the release of his vehicle - and who is likely to be more careful about where he parks next time.

Shortly afterwards the whole of Adderley Street seemed less congested.

Mr Maxwell said he expected that once the taskforce withdrew the street would go "back to normal".

He conceded that without eternal vigilance on the part of the authorities people would revert to their casual and often illegal habits.

But even a temporary initiative like Operation Reclaim can make a difference to the city.

# Off the street



TARGET: 'parking attendants'

## City gets tough on vagrants

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### TWEET GAINSBOROUGH-WARING

The City of Cape Town will launch a bold initiative next month to drive vagrants and street children from the central business district in an attempt to make the city safe for the new millennium.

The plan involves enforcing by-laws so strictly that life will be made impossible for self-appointed "parking attendants" or anyone who harasses passers-by.

The objective is to reduce the crime and grime that is threatening to turn the heart of Cape Town into an urban wasteland as more and more people stay away and businesses close up and move their operations to the suburbs.

Chainstores like CNA and Total-sports and many other businesses have closed their city operations because of crime in the CBD.

The shortage of police and law enforcement officers has in the past stood in the way of the proper enforcement of by-laws governing behaviour in the street.

Although by-laws prohibiting loitering have been scrapped, it is still an offence to drink, swear or threaten people in the street and to cause an obstruction on the pavement.

Motorists harassed by so-called "parking attendants", who extort money from them, can also expect hassle-free parking in the future.

Alan Dolby, city director of protection services, said a new by-law was being promulgated making it illegal for anyone to act as a parking attendant unless he or she was recognised by the City of Cape Town.

He said parking attendants registered with the municipality would be expected to adhere to a code of conduct.

Rod Young, director of economic development, said there were plans to privatise street parking in an attempt to deter the unofficial attendants.

Mr Young said life on the street would be made increasingly uncomfortable for vagrants and street children so they would be deterred from coming to the city.

He said plans were going ahead to set up a court to deal specifically with the enforcement of by-laws.

## R22-m for extra security in CBD

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"Prosecution of people contravening by-laws has not been successful in the past as the courts are overloaded with far more serious issues," he said.

The city has set aside R22-million to step up security in the city. That will be complemented by funding from the recently approved central city Partnership Plan, a joint venture between the city council and the business community.

According to the Partnership Plan, the CBD will be divided into precincts. The council will provide a minimum level of service delivery, which will be topped up where necessary by businesses in each precinct.

Chris Joubert, chairman of the City Community Control Board, said 250 police reservists would be employed to patrol the CBD.

"Taking into consideration shifts and cops doing administrative work, there will be 114 cops on the streets at any time," he said.

Mr Joubert said the province had set aside R1,5-million to train extra police reservists. However, the first batch of 80 had been paid for by the Cape Metropolitan Council. The target of 250 police could be reached by the end of the year, he said.

The municipality has already started beefing up security with the installation of 12 surveillance cameras. Another 70 cameras will be installed soon.

Mr Joubert says that while the policing of the city was well in hand, the social problems of the homeless would have to be addressed separately. (35)

Cape Chamber of Commerce spokesman Charl Adams said it was a priority to make the city centre safe by the new millennium.

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# Crime blamed for discouraging tourists

MISCHA DE BRUIJN (37)

WHEN Tom Kellaway, a backpacker from England, walks around in the city, he often looks over his shoulder to make sure he is not being followed.

"I heard stories about hijackings and the high crime level in South Africa," he said.

Kellaway is not an exception, but Cape Town is not that dangerous for tourists, according to the police. Since January, 86 tourists reported that their pockets were picked or that they were robbed. But spokesperson Captain Andre Trout says this isn't many, considering that about 750 000 foreign tourists visit Cape Town annually.

"There is only a chance of about 0,02% that a tourist will become a victim of crime. That number still is not satisfactory, but in Cape Town, like any other major city, crime cannot be excluded," he said.

For Rick Seewer, managing director of the Mount Nelson Hotel, it is a public-relations problem. "We South Africans must send

out positive messages, too."

However, he allows that crime does have an impact on tourism. "I am sure that if we reduce crime significantly, we can double the number of tourists eventually."

Rick Taylor, chief executive officer of Cape Metropolitan Tourism, sees crime as a danger to the city's tourist industry. "Crime inhibits our tourism growth potential: Tourists don't have to come here, they can visit destinations where a larger degree of law and order, and less crime, prevails," he said.

To reduce the chances of tourists ending up as victims of crime, the Cape Town police have set up a safety plan. The plan includes a tourist assistance unit that patrols the top tourist destinations in the city and the distribution of pamphlets listing advice.

But experienced travellers don't seem to need advice. "You just have to be smart," said an American visitor, who was walking hand-in-hand with his wife at the Waterfront. "I don't think it is any worse than any other place in the world."

'WE'RE DEALING WITH HOOLIGANS'

# Knipe slams elite gang unit

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**"DEMORALISED" MEMBERS** of the Gang Investigation Unit in the Western Cape have alleged that police management has bungled the fight against gangsterism by ignoring their plight. **FATIMA SCHROEDER** and **JUDY DAMON** report.

**A**FTER a heated meeting with Leonard Knipe this week, detectives investigating gangsterism in the Western Cape demanded a probe into the alleged preferences given to Operation Good Hope.

They said gangsterism in the province could have been combated if the police's top management had mustered the same energy they did while fighting urban terrorism.

Up until two months ago, the unit did not even have a proper mandate to tackle the gang problem since its establishment in 1989.

After 13 of the 17 "demoralised" members of the unit signed an 11-page list of grievances to Knipe and Provincial Police Commissioner Leon Wessels, Knipe requested at the meeting that they draw up a list of their own recommendations.

The recommendations, which were drafted yesterday, are expected to reach the offices of Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi, the Independent Complaints Directorate, the police's Human Resources department and other top management structures this morning.

Knipe is also expected to receive a copy today.

The 11-page letter to Knipe was written "to make other officials in higher ranking positions aware of the many problems and defects experienced by members over a number of years".

"Ninety to 100% of the members

of the unit feel that the top management in the South African Police Service in the Western Cape has dealt with gang-related problems in a half-hearted manner," the letter said.

"Members also feel that a possible 'mafia' exists in the management structure of the police service."

In response to this, Knipe yesterday told the *Cape Times* that the members who signed the letter "have opened themselves up for serious consequences".

"How can you call someone a mafia? They are accusing top management of being involved in a serious crime. We're dealing with complete hooligans here," Knipe said.

He refused to elaborate on the "serious consequences", adding: "I would have expected that such an elite or specialised unit would have realism."

He described the letter as "insulting". At present the Gang Investigation Unit has 10 vehicles with the average mileage exceeding 200 000km.

Furthermore, only eight of the 17 trained detectives are available to investigate gang-related crimes in the Peninsula.

Four members haven't received adequate training, one is to be transferred to another department and the remaining four have a minimum number of dockets and do not receive dockets when on call, the letter said.

The available eight detectives apparently also have to cover areas outside the Peninsula when a situation warrants it.

The letter said the shortage of manpower "can only lead to a decline in morale and a decrease in effective investigations, therefore many people are not sentenced correctly or effectively".

The unit requested that a "minimum of 20 persons be appointed who can start immediately and who have the necessary investigating experience".

Knipe admitted yesterday that the unit was understaffed. "We are trying to resource them with additional manpower. But 20 is ridiculous. That's too high," Knipe said.

The letter said the unit was also promised that intelligence members would work with them to ensure effective policing, following the killing of one of the intelligence informers in Elsie's River in 1995.

The unit requested an "urgent" investigation at the "highest level" by an "independent committee" regarding the matter.

Senior member of the pro-active gang unit Charles Carolissen said: "If we had then concentrated on the gang problem like we are concentrating on urban terrorism now, we would never have seen the vigilante phenomenon in the first place."

However, Operation Good Hope spokesperson Anine de Beer said the main mandate of the operation is to fight urban terrorism, "and gangsterism is part of the problem".

"They are part of Operation Good Hope. We have one common goal in the Western Cape and that is to combat urban terror," she said.

## OUTRAGE OVER LATEST ATTACK

# City police station boomed

**OPERATION GOOD HOPE** head Ganief Daniels and his team are to hold a think-tank session today to find better ways to protect police stations following yesterday's attack — the third since January and the sixth in two years. **GASANT ABARDER** and **PRISCILLA SINGH** report.

**A** POWERFUL bomb ripped open a car parked outside the Athlone police station, sending shrapnel and shards of glass flying in a radius of almost 100 metres yesterday.

Police spokesperson Wilcus Holtshauzen said no one had been hurt.

The bomb exploded about 3.45pm in the public parking lot in front of the police station on the corner of Klipfontein Road and Jan Smuts Drive.

"We cannot at this stage say whether it was a pipe bomb," Holtshauzen said at the scene.

"Our bomb disposal unit is here to investigate, but it was powerful."

The bonnet of the wrecked car lay about 100m from the explosion. Residents living opposite the police station said their children had been showered with glass fragments as they played in their back yards.

Holtshauzen said there was no obvious motive for the attack.

It appeared that a device was planted under a cream Toyota Corolla. No damage to other cars or to the station building was reported.

Asked about the coincidence between the use of Toyota Corollas in such attacks and the high number of thefts of these models in the Western

Cape in the past three months, Holtshauzen said it was "impossible" to retrieve such information on a Sunday evening. A Toyota Corolla was also used in the Waterfront car bombing on New Year's Day.

A policeman in the charge office said he had dived for cover when he heard the explosion.

"I didn't know what had happened, but the sound of the explosion was deafening," he said.

"At first I thought the explosion was in the police station. Then we went outside and saw the car burning in the parking lot that the public uses.

"Thank God no one was hurt or near the car when it happened."

The shaken policeman said the Toyota Corolla had not been parked there long. "No one recalls seeing who parked it."

Operation Good Hope head, Ganief Daniels, said last night:

"Once again police stations are being targeted. Obviously these are cowards who bomb police stations, which are supposed to protect people. It is not clear what these stupid people are out to achieve... I would love to know."

Daniels said he and his team of investigators would meet today to discuss more efficient means to secure

## Bombings 'threaten civil order'

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Motorists turning off the N2 to Athlone were diverted on to other routes. All four sides of the intersection were cordoned off as detectives combed the debris.

Condemning the bombing, the United Democratic Movement and the Freedom Front said in separate statements that it was an attempt to destabilise the province and challenge civil order in the country.

It was imperative that attacks on police stations be seen as an organised and direct challenge to civil order, UDM spokesperson Johan Steenkamp said.

He called on South Africa's intelligence forces to work together to "stamp out" the threat. The FF's Western Cape leader,

Eleanor Lombard, voiced concern that the bombing came shortly before the elections.

The attack was the third on a Western Cape police station this year and the sixth in the past two years.

The first was at Lansdowne and was followed by explosions at the Mowbray, Bellville, Cape Town, Woodstock and Athlone police stations.

Eleven people were injured when a pipe bomb exploded outside the police headquarters, Calendon Square, in the city centre on January 28.

Days later, an 18-year-old passer-by was injured outside the Woodstock police station.

The most recent pipe-bomb attack was on the Tafelsig home of Mogamat "Kadika" Madat last week.

**TWISTED:** A member of the police bomb disposal unit searches the parking lot outside the Athlone police station, where a powerful explosion destroyed a car yesterday.

PICTURE: MUSAHID SAFODIEN



Aftermath ... the scene of the blast outside the Athlone police station on the Cape Flats yesterday.

## Car bomb explodes near Cape police station

*10/5/99 (35)*

Cape Town - A powerful bomb ripped open a car parked outside the Athlone police station yesterday, sending shrapnel and shards of glass flying nearly 100m from where the device had exploded.

Police spokesperson Wicus Holtshauzen said no one was hurt in the explosion, which took place in the parking lot in front of the police station on the corner of Klipfontein Road and Jan Smuts Drive at 3.45pm.

The bonnet of the wrecked

car lay about 100m from the explosion, while residents living opposite the police station said their children felt bits of glass shower on to them while they played in their yards.

Holtshauzen said there was no obvious motive for the attack. He said it appeared that a device was planted under a cream Toyota Corolla parked outside the station. No damage to other cars or the police building was reported.

Ganief Daniels, the head of

Operation Good Hope, said last night: "Obviously these are cowards who bomb police stations, which are supposed to protect people. It is not clear what these stupid people are out to achieve," he said.

The attack is the third on a Western Cape police station this year and the sixth in the past two years. The first occurred at Lansdowne, with subsequent explosions at Mowbray, Bellville, Cape Town, Woodstock and Athlone. - Own Correspondent

# Cops tipped off before Athlone blast

STAFF REPORTERS

It emerged today that Athlone police station received a warning about a car bomb, with a description of the car, three hours before it exploded outside the station on Sunday afternoon.

The warning, phoned in just after 1pm on Sunday, was taken by the desk officer, Athlone police spokesman André Venter confirmed.

The caller also mentioned that the bomb would be placed in a cream Toyota Corolla.

Shortly before 4pm, a pipe bomb planted under the front passenger seat of a cream Toyota Corolla exploded outside the turnstiles of the charge office.

Captain Venter said: "The officer took the caller seriously and went to investigate, but found no sign of the vehicle either on or near the premises.

"A check of the perimeter was done several times before the explosion. We take all bomb threats very seriously, given the situation we find ourselves in."

He said the bomb car was probably parked only minutes before it exploded, which was why police had not spotted it.

## CITY CENTRE BLAST

Two held after police station bomb injures six



Flashback... to the Caledon Square attack on January 28, and the Woodstock bombing on January 30

According to police intelligence sources, the Athlone police station was identified five weeks ago as a target by urban terrorists. This information was passed on to the command centre of Operation Good Hope.

The intelligence source said the nature of attacks had changed since they started during 1996-1997, when there were many attacks on targeted gangsters and drug dealers. Now, fewer attacks with a bigger impact were being carried out.

Police have also been warned that bombings might escalate in the run-up to

## Police bombed again

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Blast rocks Woodstock station

the June 2 elections. This was revealed last night by Operation Good Hope head Garnier Daniels, who said the warning had come from the National Intelligence Agency. Commissioner Daniels said police were now replanning safety measures with the elections in mind.

Athlone is the sixth police station to come under attack after a three-month lull in bombings in the Peninsula.

The Woodstock police station was bombed on January 30, two days after a blast at Caledon Square in central Cape Town, which injured 11 people.

Other police stations bombed were in Lansdowne, Mowbray, and Bellville.

The latest blast is a blow to Operation Good Hope, coming after Commissioner Daniels lauded his troops last week on their efforts to combat urban terrorism in the Cape Flats.

However, he said he was also waiting for a report from investigating officers to determine whether the latest bombing could be connected to other attacks on police stations.

Yesterday, his investigators attended various hearings surrounded by heavily armed bodyguards and were tight-lipped about attacks on police.

In Wynberg, investigating officer Kobus Roelofse arrived at the bail hearing of Pagad member Ebrahim Jeneker with two police armed with semi-assault rifles.

Mr. Jeneker, an alleged member of Pagad's G-force, appeared in connection with the shooting of alleged drug dealer Adielah Davids and two others at her Grassy Park hair salon.

The hearing was held in camera after police allegedly received death threats connected to the case.

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# Bombers' deadly game

## Operation Good Hope 'ignores intelligence on urban terror'

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STAFF REPORTERS

Every time police announce a breakthrough in the fight against urban terror, those responsible plant another bomb or carry out a high-profile attack on a police target, says a police intelligence officer.

And the officer, who declined to be named, accused members of Operation Good Hope, the police strategy to fight urban terror, of ignoring intelligence made available to them.

Five weeks ago Operation Good Hope was told of a plan to bomb Athlone police station. On Sunday a bomb exploded outside, despite a tip-off three hours earlier from a member of the public, who warned of the bomb and given a description of the car it was planted in.

The officer said the nature of attacks in the Western Cape had changed since urban terror began in 1986. Then it was aimed mainly at gangsters and drug dealers, but now there were fewer incidents but generally they were bigger, and no longer confined to the original targets, drug dealers and gangsters.

"Every time the police announce a breakthrough in the fight against urban terror, those responsible for the attacks plant another bomb or carry out a high-profile attack on police targets," the officer said.

"These high-impact attacks generate high-impact propaganda and are very difficult to predict. What makes matters worse is when the operational people of Operation Good Hope continue to ignore the intelligence information made available to them," he said.

Operation Good Hope head Ganief Daniels said they had been studying the trends, but it was premature to comment.

Most of the blasts, since the Planet Hollywood bombing in August last year which killed two people and injured 26, were



Ganief Daniels

preceded by police breakthroughs. The first bomb attack on a police station was on January 25 last year, when two people walked into the Lansdowne police station and dropped a pipe bomb behind the charge office counter.

The bomb caused extensive damage, but three police on duty escaped unhurt.

Two men, Faisel Waggie and Ishmail Edwards, believed to be Pagad supporters, were arrested shortly afterwards. Their case is still pending in court.

Five months later, after a string of terror attacks on business people in the Cape Flats, provincial police commissioner Leon Wessels said intelligence reports alleged that a select group of Pagad members, operating independently and called the G-Force, were responsible.

Ten days later, a pipe bomb was tossed out of a white Toyota Corolla in front of the Mowbray police station.

On August 6, Yusuf Saïle appeared in court in connection with illegal possession of explosives. He was one of four occupants of a bakkie parked in front of a Werton nightclub when a pipe bomb exploded in the vehicle on July 30. Two men died and a third was seriously hurt.

On the same day, a pipe bomb planted near the Pagad investigative unit's offices in Bellville killed vendor Nolusindiso Mlolo, and seriously injured Karenele Roux.

After the attack on the Bellville offices, the police announced they had increased their protection of police stations and were expecting to arrest those responsible for the bomb attack within days.

Less than a week after their announcement, on August 25, a pipe bomb exploded in Planet Hollywood at the Waterfront. It was followed on New Year's Eve by a pipe bomb blast in the Waterfront car park.

A day after the police announced plans for Operation Good Hope, top Pagad investigator Bennie Lategan was ambushed and



BRENTON BEACH

Sandbags in the suburbs: Mowbray police station, like many others in the Cape, has been fortified since the spate of bomb attacks began

killed in a hail of bullets on the R300 near Mitchell's Plain.

Three days later, a bomb placed in a dustbin exploded outside Cape Town central police station at Caledon Square. The bomb, believed to have been detonated by

remote control, injured 11 people.

And the Athlone blast on Sunday was preceded by yet another police report of good progress in curbing urban terror.

Long trail of terror, page 6



# How tit-for-tat with cops sows city terror

This is a chronology of events since the first attack on a Cape Town police station:

- Jan 25 1998: bomb dropped behind charge office counter at Lansdowne police station causes extensive damage. Faisal Waggle and Ishmail Edwards, believed to be Pagad supporters, are arrested. Court case still pending.
- June 16: after numerous terror attacks on Cape Flats business people, provincial police commissioner Leon Wessels says intelligence reports allege that a group of independently operating Pagad members trailed the G-Force are responsible.
- June 26: a pipe bomb tossed out of a white Toyota Corolla in front of Mowbray police station rips a hole in the pavement, damages a police van and shatters windows in the charge office and nearby shops.
- August 6: Yusuf Saïle appears in court in connection with the illegal possession of explosives. He was one of four people in a bakkie parked in front of a Weston nightclub when a pipe bomb exploded in the vehicle on July 30. Two men died and the third victim was seriously injured.
- Mr Saïle, who was smuggled from the scene, was found by police officers in Galesville Medical Centre two days later.
- August 8: a pipe bomb planted near the Pagad investigative unit's Bellville offices kills street vendor Nolisindiso Mloti and seriously injures Karen le Roux.
- August 25: pipe bomb explodes at Planet Hollywood, at the V&A Waterfront. Two people die and 26 are injured.
- December 31: car bomb explodes in a Waterfront car park. Two people are slightly hurt.
- January 3 1999: Claremont police station is raided by five masked, armed men. Guns, ammunition, radios, bulletproof vests and cash are stolen and three policemen are locked in a cell. Serious violent crimes unit head Leonard Krige alleges that the raiders are a group of vigilantes, and are also responsible for the New Year's Eve bombing.
- January 4: police say the Waterfront car bomb was similar to pipe bombs used in the Mowbray, Bellville and Planet Hollywood attacks.
- January 10: police say a task force to track down bombers will be put together to combat urban terror. Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi and Commissioner George Fvaz take direct responsibility for law and order in the region.
- January 12: Pagad investigative unit announced that it has deployed at the Waterfront and reinforcements ordered in from around the country.
- January 13: Pagad taskforce investigator Bernie Ladagan is ambushed and killed on the R300 near Mitchell's Plain.
- January 22: police arrest two suspects in connection with a hand grenade attack on a Kleinweil home where G-Force leader Ebrahim Jeneker often slept.
- January 25: Operation Good Hope is launched, with a monthly budget of R4,3-million.
- January 28: bomb explodes outside Cape Town Central police station at Caledon Square, injuring 11 people. Police raid the home of Pagad leader Abdus-Salaam Ebrahim and Grassy Park imam Moegsien Barend, but leave empty-handed. Police step up security ban on parking outside police stations.
- January 30: a pipe bomb is tossed under a car in Victoria Street outside Woodstock police station, injuring a woman.
- February 1: police arrest six heavily armed G-Force members and confiscate a small arsenal of weapons in Eastern Boulevard.
- February 3: police arrest five Pagad members in the Klein Karoo. Ayob Mungalee, a Pagad member from Johannesburg, is later discovered to be a police informer for the National Intelligence Agency.
- February 7: Commissioner Garief Daniels says police are getting the upper hand in the fight against urban terror.
- February 19: former Pagad investigative unit member Schalk Visagie is ambushed on the M5 and seriously wounded. Ebrahim Jeneker's home is raided.
- March 18: Commissioner Fvaz says police are making inroads on solving urban terror crimes.
- March 19: Stellenbosch police station is robbed at gunpoint of 12 guns, ammunition and police radios. Abdus-Salaam Ebrahim's Lansdowne home is raided at 3am.
- April 14: police swoop on a Brooklyn house and find three vehicles connected to recent killings. One belongs to Adieleah Davids, who was shot dead in her Zeekoviel hair salon.
- Others are thought to be linked to the killings of businessmen Rafiek Parker, Adam Viroos, gang leader Glen Kahn and special task team investigator Barry Chamberlain. Arms and ammunition linked to spate of terror attacks are found.
- April 16: Commissioner Daniels says the bounty on urban terrorists has been raised to R2,5-million.
- May 5: Commissioner Daniels praises his officers and the community for progress made in curbing urban terror.
- May 9: a pipe bomb in a car explodes in front of Athlone police station.

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# 'Disturbing' crime figures show Cape murder rate on the increase

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**Johannesburg** – The latest crime statistics released by the Department of Safety and Security suggest an overall stabilisation in crime, but the picture has been drawn with ratios rather than actual figures.

The report on the incidence of serious crime in South Africa, dealing with reported crime in 1998 and comparing it with annual statistics dating back to 1994, presents the crime picture at national, provincial, area and station level.

The report, compiled by the Crime Information Analysis Centre (Ciac) of the South African Police Service crime intelligence division, claimed that seven of the 20 most serious crimes had decreased, nine

had stabilised and four – common robbery, residential burglary, other thefts and illegal possession of firearms – had increased during 1998.

But while Ciac's analysis of murder showed a decrease from 59,2 in every 100 000 people in 1997 to 58,5 in 1998, the actual figure increased.

There were 24 588 cases reported in 1997, but last year's total was 287 higher at 24 875.

There were 49 280 women reported raped in South Africa last year (52 159 in 1997), and 266 817 house-breakings were reported (249 375), 107 513 cars were reported stolen (100 637) and 15 111 hijacked (13 011).

The provincial breakdown of crime ratios showed the Western Cape rated the highest in terms of crime overall, sur-

passing Gauteng, which normally ranked first.

Ciac's Chris de Kock said the difference between the decrease shown in the ratio and the increase in actual figures could be explained by a change in population.

The report also indicated a strong upward pressure during 1998 of most stabilising crime categories – especially robbery with aggravated circumstances and including hijacking.

Researcher Antoinette Louw from the Institute of Security Studies described the new policy on crime statistics as "disturbing".

She said releasing crime ratios monthly rather than continuing to give actual figures quarterly was essentially "giving people less information more often".

# PAGAD, GANGS COST POLICE 60% OF RESOURCES

# W Cape tops for serious crime

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**THE WESTERN CAPE** qualifies as the crime capital of South Africa, according to crime statistics released by the Ministry of Safety and Security yesterday. **GASANT ABARDER** reports.

**T**HE Western Cape has surpassed Gauteng as the province with the highest level of serious crime, and two of the province's police stations are among the top five with the highest levels of crime reported in the country.

The report released yesterday gives a breakdown of the 20 stations that have the highest levels of reported crime.

The top five in descending order are: Johannesburg Central, Cape Town Central, CR Swart in Durban, Hillbrow and Mitchell's Plain.

At least 50% of all crimes reported were committed in the vicinity of only 20% of all police stations.

The semester report of violent crime in SA in 1998 shows that the Western Cape has maintained the highest crime level in the country for three years.

The report also exposed Cape Town central police station — better known as Caledon Square — as having the second highest number of crimes reported.

Mitchell's Plain ranked fifth.

Mark Shaw of the monitoring and analysis unit for Safety and Security — who compiled the 50-page report with Chris de Kock of the SA Police Service's crime information analysis centre — said there had been "strong upward pressure on most of the crime categories during the last quarter of 1998".

"The Western Cape, Gauteng and the Northern Cape, when measured per 100 000 of the population, now occupy the first, second and third positions in respect of serious crime.

"It should of course be noted that this reflects the overall level of serious crime across the provinces, with different provinces being affected by different types of crime," Shaw said.

For 1998, the Western Cape occupied the first position

Incidents of crime from January to December 1998	Western Cape	Northern Cape	Free State	Eastern Cape	North West	Western Cape	Northern Cape	Free State	Eastern Cape	North West
Crimes	10000	1000	1000	1000	1000	10000	1000	1000	1000	1000
Burglary	1000	100	100	100	100	1000	100	100	100	100
Residential Premises	1000	100	100	100	100	1000	100	100	100	100
Burglary: Business Premises	1000	100	100	100	100	1000	100	100	100	100
Other robbery	1000	100	100	100	100	1000	100	100	100	100
Stock theft	1000	100	100	100	100	1000	100	100	100	100
Shoplifting	1000	100	100	100	100	1000	100	100	100	100
Theft of motor vehicles and motor cycles	1000	100	100	100	100	1000	100	100	100	100
Theft out of or from motor vehicles	1000	100	100	100	100	1000	100	100	100	100
Other thefts	1000	100	100	100	100	1000	100	100	100	100
Commercial crime	1000	100	100	100	100	1000	100	100	100	100
Murder	1000	100	100	100	100	1000	100	100	100	100
Attempted murder	1000	100	100	100	100	1000	100	100	100	100
Robbery with aggravating circumstances	1000	100	100	100	100	1000	100	100	100	100
Rape and attempted rape	1000	100	100	100	100	1000	100	100	100	100
Assault: Serious bodily harm	1000	100	100	100	100	1000	100	100	100	100
Assault: Common	1000	100	100	100	100	1000	100	100	100	100

- in respect of:
- housebreaking at business premises,
  - housebreaking at residential premises,

- theft from motor vehicles and other thefts,
- murder and attempted murder.

The province came in second with six other crimes, namely robbery, shoplifting, theft of motor vehicles, commercial crimes, assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm and common assault.

The Western Cape holds third spot for rape. From January to March this year, the province showed a similar trend, again holding first overall position in property related crimes and violent crimes.

The report also said that four crime categories, reflecting 35,5% of serious crime, increased nationally over the period from January to December 1998.

These categories include common robbery, residential burglary and theft.

Nine crime categories remained stable for the same period.

These included attempted murder, robbery with aggravating circumstances, rape and serious assault.

Nationally, seven crime categories, reflecting 25,7% of serious crime, decreased.

These included murder, common assault, stock theft, shoplifting, malicious damage to property and commercial crimes.

Reaching to the findings in the Western Cape, MEC for community safety Mark Wiley said only a summary of the annual report was made available to him yesterday.

However, he blamed the lack of police resources in the Western Cape for the high levels of crime.

"The question that must now be asked of the minister is what he intends doing about the crime situation and how he is going to empower the police in the provinces to achieve greater success and better results in the fight against crime."

"The minister must furthermore take into account that because police officers are being killed at such a rapid rate, we have reached such a critical level of human resources that permanent damage to police structures is highly probable.

"I have warned of this before. Without a dramatic and

speedy recruiting campaign to supplement level, we are heading for a disastrous situation. The imminent collapse of the police is possible," Wiley said.

Western Cape police commissioner Leon Wessels said most of province's police resources were devoted to combating the ongoing urban terrorism in the Western Cape — little was left to combat other crimes.

"This is nothing to be proud of. But this was expected because of the violence involving Pagad and gangs which cost 60% of police resources."

The prevention of other crimes suffered and therefore there is a trend that property related crimes were on the increase.

"We had already noticed the upward trend at the start of the year and so we launched Operation Chase, which deals with all types of crimes, to run in tandem with Operation Good Hope which combats urban terrorism," said Wessels.

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# Police foil Pagad plan to disrupt elections

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KEN VERNON and  
JUSTICE MALALA

POLICE and prosecutors this weekend foiled plans for election violence in the Western Cape by Pagad and a plan to attack polling stations in KwaZulu-Natal, where a second arms cache was uncovered this weekend.

The find, in KwaHlongwe on the South Coast, included six M26 hand grenades, five M791 anti-personnel rifle grenades and 200 rounds of R1 rifle ammunition.

The Deputy Director of Prosecutions in KwaZulu-Natal, Chris MacAdam, said: "There are several indications that these are not abandoned weapons gathering dust for years — they had been carefully preserved for a prompt offensive deployment."

MacAdam said the rifle grenades were "the ideal weapon to deploy at a polling station or political rally".

Western Cape police spokesman Superintendent Wickus Holtzhausen said a nationwide plan by Pagad to launch a bombing campaign to disrupt the elections had been uncovered. He said the campaign was set to target voting stations, high-profile individuals and police stations with the express aim of intimidating voters into staying away from the polls.

While the Pagad campaign was planned for the whole country, police said it laid special emphasis on destabilising the volatile Cape Flats area of Cape Town, where Pagad's main strength lies.

Police sources said the campaign was plotted at a national meeting of Pagad held in Cape Town last month, when part of the rationale put forward for the anti-vote campaign was that the government allowed gambling, prostitution, abortion and pornography to flourish.

Police said the campaign was launched with the pipebomb attack on Cape Town's Athlone police station on May 9. Police are on standby for more attacks during the run-in to the elections.

The KwaZulu-Natal arsenal was discovered on Friday within 24 hours of being buried in a valley near Hibberdene. Police believe the cache had hastily been moved there to thwart their probes into illegal arms and may have been part of a consignment to be used against polling stations.

Police said an Inkatha member had been arrested and would appear in the Port Shepstone Magistrate's Court tomorrow. More arrests are expected this week.

The Western Cape's Chief Provincial Electoral Officer, Courtney Sampson, said he had also been made aware of intelligence reports about the Pagad threat, but said the electoral process was "totally reliant" on security forces to protect voters.

Sampson said: "The issue has been discussed in our security forum — I am confident that the security forces are on top of the situation."

Meanwhile, the National Director of Public Prosecutions, Bulelani Ngcuka, has called in the Office for Serious Economic Offences to probe several KwaZulu-Natal politicians for large-scale corruption with direct links to violence in the province.

The decision to investigate several large tenders — believed to have been awarded as payback for financial donations used to buy weapons and fund paramilitary activities — came as Ngcuka's office was set to finalise a docket to charge the provincial MEC for Safety and Security, Chief Nyan-ga Ngubane, for possession of an illegal firearm found in his house in a raid a month ago.

# New Signal Hill attack as tourist spots terrorised

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STAFF REPORTERS

The brutal assault and robbery of a city hiker near Signal Hill - the third in two weeks - has raised concern that prime tourist spots are becoming targets for muggers and robbers.

The attack comes on the heels of a decision by SA National Parks, which now manages the mountain as a national park, to close Rhodes Memorial at night because of vandalism and security risks.

Three attacks have occurred in the vicinity of Signal Hill in the past fortnight.

In the most recent, last Thursday, a regular hiker at Signal Hill was assaulted and robbed by two men as he went on his walk. He had to be taken to City Park Hospital's high care unit for treatment.

Sheryl Ozinsky, head of Cape Town Tourism, said: "It's something that is threatening the tourism industry, the very industry that is going to provide the economic support the city needs for growth."

The Signal Hill hiker, who asked not to be named for fear of possible reprisals, was following a routine path through an open area around 10am when he was confronted by two men walking in the opposite direction.

After exchanging greetings with the first man, the hiker saw the second pull a ski mask over his face. He immediately realised he was in trouble.

"They looked like ordinary hikers," said the victim. "They were carrying sticks about 1m long and 3cm thick."

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As he turned around to face his first attacker one of those sticks came smashing across his face.

Trapped between the two attackers, the victim could do little more than hold on for protection.

After beating him with their sticks, knocking him on the ground and kicking him, the assailants began searching his bag for money.

"Where's your wallet, where's your

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wallet!" they shouted at him. When they realised that the hiker was not carrying more than a few rand in change they became infuriated, throwing rocks at him as they fled.

Another regular in the area spotted the bleeding victim lying on the ground and, after assisting him to safety, ran for help.

Rescuers arrived and began treating the man for severe cuts on his head and body, a cracked rib, broken fingers and bruises.

Signal Hill is popular with regular hikers as well as tourists.

■ In early April a man and woman driving on Signal Hill Road were blocked by another car and assaulted by a gang.

■ Earlier this month, a woman walking with her dogs was assaulted and stabbed by attackers on the hill.

■ A hiker was threatened and robbed by assailants earlier this month.

Police said today they had stepped up patrols around the slopes of Signal Hill.

Howard Langley, spokesman for SA National Parks, which is now responsible for the area, said a visitor management centre had been established and 50 regular patrol rangers employed.

"National Parks is attempting to assure the security of all visitors of the park, from Table Mountain to Cape Point."

SA Parks has deployed 50 rangers, but officials suggest it is safer not to walk in the area alone. Otherwise, carry a cellphone or some other communications device as well as something for self defence.

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## Muggers target city tourist spots

# Amendment to firearm act will affect gang-related crime

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## GASANT ABARDER

AN amendment to the Arms and Ammunition Act, which comes into effect at the end of the month, will ensure stricter control over gun ownership and will give the police a better base for combating violent crimes in the Western Cape.

The amendment means that licensed firearm holders will in future only be allowed to lend their firearms to other licensed holders — effectively ruling out letters of consent to anyone without a firearm licence.

The amendment was made official on May 14, but the national director of public

prosecutions, Bulelani Ngcuka, agreed to a two-week period of grace before implementing the new law.

“Previously the act allowed persons who did not have a firearm licence to have a firearm in their possession. We expected that someone who would never qualify for a firearm licence could get a let-

ter of consent to carry one.

“The new law is long overdue. We’ve had a strict licensing procedure with this loophole and it’s ludicrous. The new law will have a huge impact on Pagad and gang-related crimes,” said Jacques de Lille, provincial commander of the SAPS firearms and liquor control unit.

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# Free-riding cops mean safer trains

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Cape Town's rail commuters are in for a safer ride from today, thanks to 460 police officers who have volunteered to crack down on crime on trains in return for free travel.

But Metrorail regional security manager Steven Ngobeni says: "It's not simply a matter of being eager to get free transport. These officers are also willing to offer their services outside working hours. That is admirable."

Tickets have been issued to the first few hundred of a potential 1 500 police personnel who are interested in becoming part of the scheme.

The agreement between Metrorail and the police is part of a range of strategies designed to make it difficult for vandals, violent criminals and people who disregard Metrorail rules to continue to harass commuters and cause damage to property.

In the next two weeks, Metrorail and Business Against Crime are expected to adopt the final version of a proposal setting out the installation of video surveillance cameras at stations and depots where vandals often operate after hours.

Mr Ngobeni is confident that the new form of surveillance will be as successful as Business Against Crime's monitoring of the CBD, where dozens of cameras have led to numerous arrests and convictions.

# City's 'lifeblood' threatened as criminals hit tourists

We need private security guards, say concerned tourists

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JERMAINE CRAIG

**C**ape Town tourism authorities are desperately trying to find creative solutions to the problem of violent crime at Cape Town's most popular tourist attractions.

The city's traditional tourist drawcards such as Signal Hill, Rhodes Memorial, Tafelberg Road, Kloof Nek and the beaches are becoming "hotspots" where criminals attack locals and visitors alike.

The manager of Cape Town Tourism, Sheryl Ozinsky, believes there is inadequate security at these places.

At Signal Hill alone there have been four attacks in the past two weeks. In the latest incident a German woman, Christiana Freudenberg, had a gun put to her head when she was robbed of her car by three youths.

A Khayelitsha woman, Cynthia Mbala, was attacked and robbed of her handbag containing her month's wages.

Three groups of hikers have been attacked in the Hout Bay area in the past two weeks.

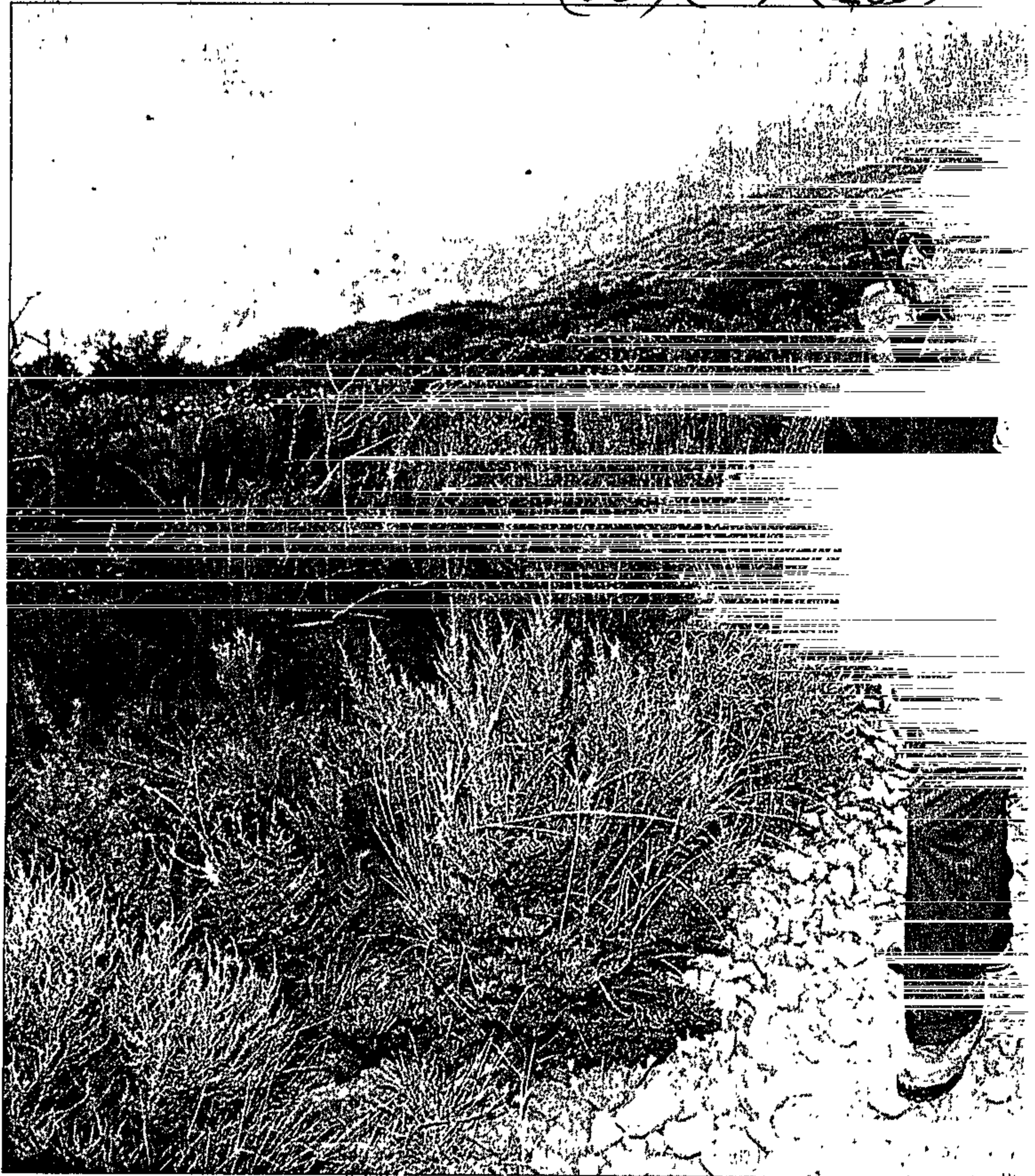
"We have to do something about this. It is affecting tourism, which is the lifeblood of our city," Ms Ozinsky said.

She said she had received several calls from tour operators this week wanting to deploy private security personnel to make tourist spots safer.

A businessman from Bangkok, who was recently robbed of R1 000, a designer watch and his shoes by youths on Noordhoek beach, said before he left this week that someone should investigate the formation of a security company which provided bodyguards for tourists.

These "tourist buddies" could collect tourists at the airport and escort them to their hotel rooms and any venue they wanted to go to. They could be part of tourist groups, even wearing clothes which would enable them to blend in and look inconspicuous, the businessman suggested.

However, Ms Ozinsky disagreed with this option. "That would only be putting the fear of God into visitors and we do not want that. Tourists should expect residents of the city they are visiting to protect them. They should not have to pay



**LOSING BATTLE:** South African National Park rangers Deon Pieterse and Daniel Engelbrecht patrol Lion's Head

more to hire protection."

She will meet officials of the South African National Parks soon to discuss ways of solving the problem of security at the city's tourist spots.

The management of the Cape Peninsula National Park said this week that it was "deeply concerned" about the increasing incidence of

crime within the area of its jurisdiction.

Spokesman Barry Patterson said the number of personnel patrolling the park had been increased from three rangers to 30 since the proclamation of the park in May last year.

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guards, say concerned tour operators

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"The fact that access to some 70%

of the area within the park is open further complicates the issue, as visitors and potential criminals alike can enter at will and there is no way rangers can accurately identify the latter until crimes have been committed," Mr Patterson said.

As long as society's problems spilled over into the park, visitors

had to realise they were putting themselves at risk by going to isolated areas of the park.

Ms Ozinsky said even though there were not enough rangers to patrol the park, more of an effort should be made to use cars to patrol the park and ensure a visible security presence.

# TROOPS MOVE INTO FLATS

JORHAN SCHROENEN AND BEAUREGARD TROUP  
STAFF REPORTERS

Police, bolstered by two army platoons and public order policing unit reinforcements, were patrolling Mitchell's Plain and Hanover Park after the weekend's Cape Flats violence which left two people dead and at least 20 injured.

One of the injured was three-year-old Chantine Veldsman, daughter of slain The Firm gang leader Glen Khan, who is fighting for her life in the Red Cross Children's Hospital after being shot in the head by a masked gunman while playing in her Beacon Valley driveway on Saturday.

Also shot dead in the same incident was Jerome Petersen, believed to have been a witness to the killing of Glen Khan in April.

Operation Good Hope spokesman Captain Neville Mathia said searches of suspects' houses in the area had been stepped up. Police were going all out to curb violence in the area.

He said Operation Good Hope head Ganief Daniels and provincial Police Commissioner Leon Wessels had met earlier today to discuss the situation on the Flats.

At least nine children have been killed and three seriously injured by gunmen on the Cape Flats in the past 18 months. A Red Cross hospital spokeswoman described Chantine's condition on Monday as critical. "She is not breathing on her own and is being artificially ventilated," she said.

The little girl's mother, Christel Veldsman, called for the capture of the killers.

"I saw my child on the ground with injuries. The doctors said there is no hope for my child.

"They must catch these people because they took my child away - that is all I want," said Christel Veldsman.

In Hanover Park, Cassiem Daniels, 38, was shot dead and 19 people were injured when the occupants of two cars drove past a group of people preparing for a braai and opened fire with R-5 rifles and 9mm pistols.

Captain Mathia said police were investigating the possibility the attack was gang-related as some members of the group were apparently linked to the Americans gang.

Police believe the attack in Hanover Park may have been related to the fatal shooting of Moegamat Heuvael, son of Pagad G-force member Abdul Heuvael, while he was playing soccer last week.

It is believed members of the Americans gang were involved in Moegamat's shoot-



A mother's anguish: Christel Veldsman weeps over her daughter Chantine, 3, at the Red Cross Children's Hospital. She is comforted by pastor Alben Martins, to her right.

ing. At one stage on Saturday, Groote Schuur Hospital closed its trauma unit for several hours, diverting patients to other hospitals, as they battled to cope with the influx of the injured in the two attacks.

The drama started about 1.30pm when a bakkie pulled up in Butick Street, Beacon Valley, Mitchell's Plain, outside the home of Jerome Petersen.

The occupants got out and turned their

guns on Mr Petersen and his friends, who were sitting in a group outside the house.

Mr Petersen, who was partially crippled after a stroke and unable to get away, was shot dead. His friend, Justin Frakom, was wounded.

Then, one of the attackers turned the gun on young Chantine playing innocently in the driveway.

The man shot her in the head. A relative

saw a masked man walk up to the toddler and shoot her before a bakkie without numberplates sped away.

Later in Hanover Park, a group of people calling themselves the Islanders, a social club, came under fire as they were standing in front of Howick Court.

Two vehicles stopped near the Islanders, who were standing around a fire, and shot at the group. Cassiem Daniels died

and 19 people were wounded, among them Nazmi Marcus, 28, Ishaan Roberts, 18, and Sedick Abrahams, 29. The names of the other injured have not been released.

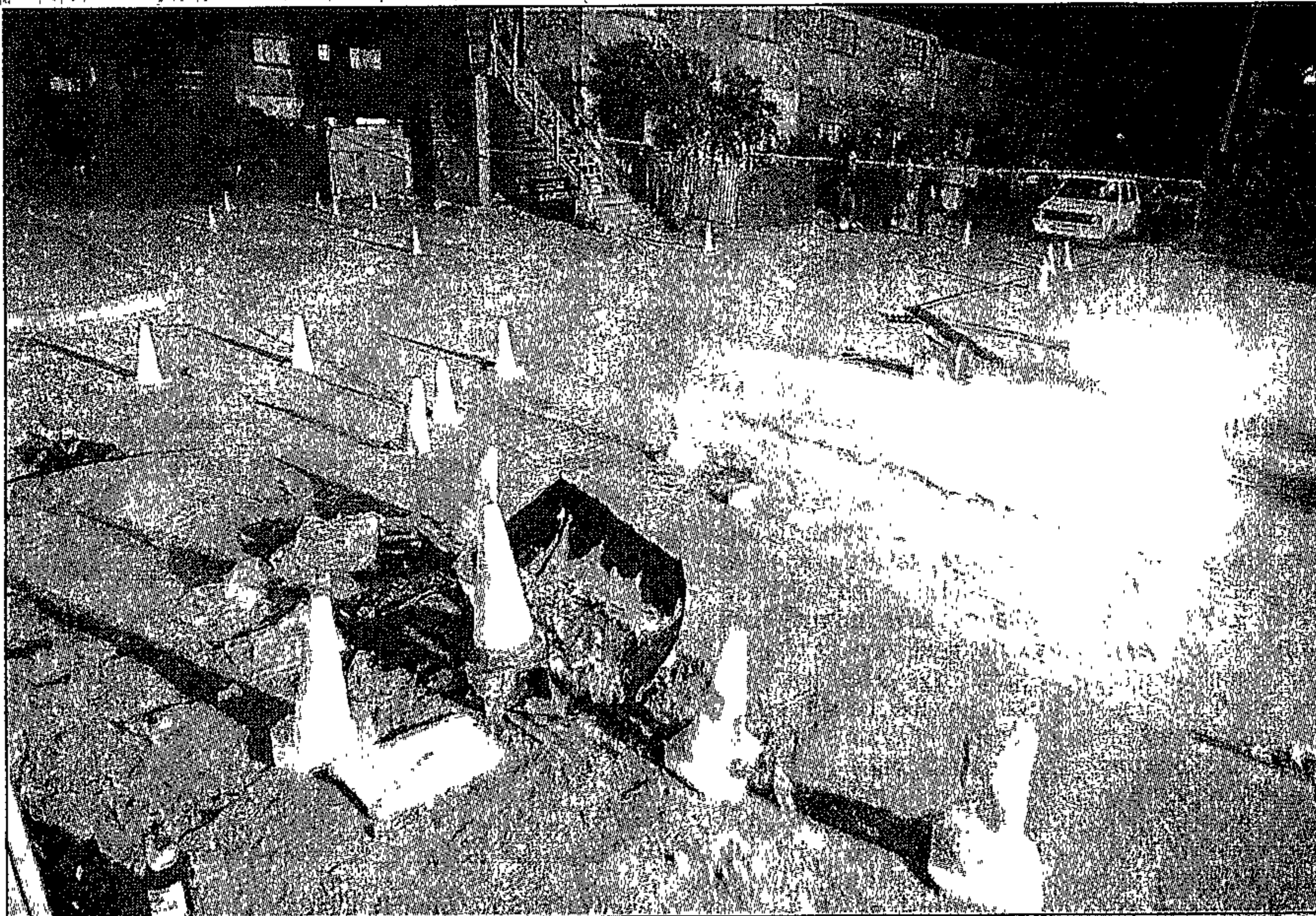
Nine millimetre, .45 and R-5 rounds were recovered at Howick Court. Some of the victims are believed to be members of the Americans gang.

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**STREET OF FEAR:** Pools of blood, empty beer bottles and a makeshift braai mark the spot opposite Howick Court, Hanover Park, where Cassiem Daniels was shot dead and 19 others were wounded on Saturday.

PICTURE: BENNY GOOL

## Nine children among dead in gang wars

**GASANT ABARDER**

AT least nine children have been killed and three seriously injured by gunmen on the Cape Flats in the past 18 months.

The latest casualty is Chantine Veldsman, three-year-old daughter of Glen Kahn, leader of drug cartel The Firm who was shot dead earlier this year. Chantine was shot in the head by a masked gunman outside her home on Saturday.

Other child casualties of gang warfare have been:

● February 1998: Richard Breda, 10, is wounded in a Bonteheuwel gang-fight.

● March 1998: Tarryn Busch, four, is shot dead when an armed gang bursts into the flat where she and her grandmother are visiting friends;

Shameez Samaai, six, and Timothy Peterson, 14, are shot dead in Bonteheuwel;

Erika Lekeur, 17, is killed by crossfire in a shebeen in Cloeteville, Stellenbosch.

● June 1998: Riza Samodien, 10, is killed during a gang fight in Manenberg.

● November 1998: Christel Abrahams, seven, dies in a shootout in Ocean View;

Sedicka Hendricks, four, is shot dead when men fire at her and her father at their home in Surrey Estate;

Raygana Abdurahman, 11, is hit as gunmen fire at a taxi in Mitchells Plain;

Abdul Harris, 15, is shot dead in Mitchells Plain;

● April 1999: Nishaad Galant, two, is critically wounded when her mother, Aadila Davids, a key figure in the Americans gang, is shot dead in her hair salon.



LEON LESTRADE

Innocence lost: Christel Veldsman clutches Chantine as friends and relatives comfort her

# Guns kill 322 kids in 5 years

BEAUREGARD TROMP  
STAFF REPORTER

Caught in the crossfire, or cold-bloodedly targeted like Chantine Veldsman, children are increasingly becoming the victims in the vicious gang warfare and urban terrorism tearing Cape Town apart.

"We used to see a few cases of kids coming in because they'd played with daddy's revolver," said former head of the trauma unit of the Red Cross Children's Hospital, Dr David Bass.

"But since 1992 they've really started coming in."

Between 1992 and 1996 no fewer than 1 736 children were admitted to the hospital with gunshot wounds, almost 350 children a year. Of these children 322 have died.

The figure since 1996 has been rising with just about every neighbourhood on the Cape Flats having been afflicted.

This weekend it was the turn of Beacon Valley where three-year-old Chantine Veldsman was shot in the head at point blank range in front of her home.

On Sunday a doctor at Red Cross Children's Hospital had to tell Chantine's mother, Christel, that the three-year-old had no chance of survival. Last night Chantine's life-support system was switched off, and the little girl died.

Neurosurgeon Professor Jonathan

Peter said yesterday the bullet which entered Chantine's head about 3cm above her right ear had fragmented her skull, driving splinters of bone into her brain.

Both hemispheres of the brain were penetrated by the bullet and bone splinters, as well as the hypothalamus, which controls the body's basic functions like blood pressure, temperature and breathing.

Within half a day Chantine's brain started swelling and became less and less responsive. By yesterday there was no response at all. This in effect meant that Chantine was brain dead.

Dr Bass is one of many who has had to face the anguished faces of parents who sit desperately at their children's bedsides, praying to God to spare their child.

"As a doctor you shut yourself off if you have to do it on a regular basis. I think you build up defences for yourself. If you let it impact on you in a normal way you'd collapse," said Dr Bass.

He said that none of the surgeons who started in the field with him 12 years ago was still involved in trauma.

And with every young victim of a shooting incident, staff tended to imagine how easily it could have been their own child.

"This is a terrible window on society which starts to tear you apart.

"It's just a level of tension all the time. You're wired up all the time. You go home wired up. You don't get away from it."

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# Gangs in peace powwow

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**YAZEED KAMALDIEN**

MEMBERS of the rival Dixie Boys and Americans gangs met at the Mitchells Plain police station yesterday to negotiate peace for safety in the area.

"We need to set allegations aside. And we can't change the past but we can change what is to happen in the future," Captain Desmond Laing of the Mitchells Plain police told gang members at the closed meeting.

Initial attempts at reconciling differences between the long-time rivals had been successful, but only for a few months, he said, adding that it "usually takes one incident to set sparks flying again".

This time it was the killing of 12-year-old Wayne Jansen in Ironwood Street, Eastridge, on May 26, allegedly by a member of the Americans, that resulted in six more gang-related deaths in Mitchells Plain, Laing said. Among these deaths was that of Junaid "Jango" Josephs, leader of the Dixie Boys, who was gunned down in a drive-by shooting on June 4.

"On that day I approached the Dixie Boys and the Americans to sit down and have peace talks. Both gangs agreed to it," said Laing.

Although both groups had agreed to meet at 11am yesterday, it was only after police officials went to find them that the meeting took place. Negotiations began at 12.15pm and the talks ended just after 1pm.

Only six delegates from each gang and two members of the Mitchells Plain Community Forum were allowed into the meeting.

The media were not allowed to take pictures as gang members said they were "afraid of attacks by other organisations". Police control was tight.

Outside, in the passageway, members of the Americans told of attacks by the Dixie Boys at their homes in the early hours of the morning. "We have made peace so many times before, but I don't trust the Dixie Boys. They throw stones at our houses and rob and shoot our families," said an Americans member who wished to remain anonymous.

The Americans also admitted to stealing from shops and selling drugs. "We sell drugs to earn money but the Dixie Boys just want to steal from us," the Americans member added.

Laing confirmed that both gangs were prone to carrying out retaliation attacks on each other in a territorial, drug-related battle. "The whole community is living as hostages. They can't leave their homes because gangsters shoot wildly. In the end (the gangsters) don't care who they shoot," said Laing.

Gang members left the meeting, which was reportedly held in a tense atmosphere, agreeing to discuss the formulation of a peace pact.

Laing said he was positive about the outcome of the meeting, and gang members from either side also expressed hope.

"There will be peace in the community. Both groups are cooperating," Laing said.

The Americans and Dixie Boys are set to meet again tomorrow at the Mitchells Plain police station.

# Police step up patrols in volatile Cape Flats <sup>B/D</sup>

CAPE TOWN — Police, bolstered by two army platoons and public order policing unit reinforcements, were patrolling Beacon Valley, Hanover Park and Mitchells Plain yesterday, after the weekend's Cape Flats violence, which left two dead and at least 20 hurt.

Operation Good Hope spokesman Capt Neville Malila said searches of suspects' houses in the area had been stepped up. The police were going all out to curb violence in the area, but believed this was not possible without the community's support.

He said Operation Good Hope head Ganief Daniels and provincial police commissioner Leon Wessels were meeting to discuss the situation.

At least nine children have been killed and three seriously hurt by gunmen on the Cape Flats in the past 18 months. The latest casualty is three-year-old Chantine Veldsman, daughter of the recently slain Glen Kahn, who was leader of The Firm, a drug cartel.

Chantine was shot in the head by a masked gunman outside her home on Saturday. She was rushed to the Red Cross Children's Hospital, where a spokesman described her condition yesterday as critical.

Chantine's father and a guard died when they were ambushed by nine gunmen at an intersection on the Cape Flats on April 4. The girl's mother, Christel Veldsman, called for the capture of the killers.

In other Cape Flats violence, Cassiem Daniels, 38, was shot dead and 19 people were injured in Hanover Park when occupants of two cars drove past a large group of people preparing for a braai and opened fire with R5 rifles and 9mm pistols.

Malila said police were investigating the possibility the attack was gang-related as some of the group were apparently linked to the Americans gang. — Sapa.

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## NEWS PULSE



**DRUMMING UP PEACE:** The African Marimba Band entertained Hanover Park youth yesterday after a march aimed at creating awareness about crime and violence in the Cape Flats. **PICTURE: KRISANNE JOHNSON**

# 300 march in Flats crime protest

**MOTSHIDISI MOKWENA**

FOLLOWING a weekend of violence and the tragic death of three-year-old Chantine Veldman of Mitchells Plain, more than 300 youngsters and parents yesterday marched from Freedom Square in Hanover Park in an attempt to raise awareness about crime and violence, and commemorate Youth Day.

Organised by the Red Cross Youth Society, in conjunction with Bush Radio who provided the music, the march was an attempt by the organisations to spread information about violence and crime in a way which young people could identify with.

Youngsters from Gugulethu were bused in to participate in the march.

They gathered a block away from where Cassiem Daniels, 38, was killed and 19 others were injured, some seriously, when unidentified gunmen opened fire on a group of revellers.

The youngsters were kept on their feet by popular kwaito tunes and groups like the African Dream Marimba Band.

Red Cross Youth Society co-ordinator David Stephenson said the march was of great significance after the weekend attacks.

"We are trying to unite the youth and to inform and educate them about crime and gangsterism and to get them to change their lives," Stephenson said.

"We are not leaving it up to them to understand for themselves what we are talking about, but making them part

and parcel of the whole process by allowing them to participate."

Chantine was shot at point-blank range and Jerome Petersen, 35, was killed by a masked man outside their Mitchells Plain homes.

Chantine died on Monday night when doctors at the Red Cross Children's Hospital switched off the life support machine. Petersen died at the scene. No arrests have yet been made.

One of the parents and a member of the Hanover Park Policing Forum, Naziema Samuels, said that they were doing everything they could to open the eyes of the youth.

She said that they were appealing to the parents to talk to their children and for communities to speak out and work with the police.

# Mountain refuge turns into a place of danger

## Attacks on hikers sound alarm bells for locals and tourists as police warn people to walk in groups

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Six elderly Mountain Club members were "surprised, angry and horrified" when they were ambushed and robbed by a young gunman and two henchmen while hiking down Karbonkelberg, above Hout Bay.

"They demanded our jewellery, money, watches and cellphones," said one of the victims, a retired teacher who asked not to be identified.

"Then they began stripping our valuables and had a good look through the packs. One lady was very indignant and she went after the man with the gun and grabbed his shoulder.

"He fired a shot. I don't think he intended to hit her, just to frighten her off. But we all shouted at her to leave him.

"When the men had taken all they wanted, they disappeared.

"It was pretty ghastly," said the teacher, a Mountain Club of South Africa member for more than 50 years, describing the attack, one of three by the same group on a single weekend two weeks ago.

While he does not intend to stop his own solitary climbs, he recommended that people hike in groups for protection.

For thousands of Capetonians, walking on the protea-clad Peninsula peaks provides not just exercise but a tranquil escape from the stress of the city.

But how criminals have begun invading the mountain wilderness. After a spate of attacks on hikers and picnickers in the past few weeks, people have been warned by police not to go on the mountain in groups of less than five people.

For walkers, whose hikes on Table Mountain and the great Peninsula massif provide an opportunity for spiritual flight, it feels like a severing of the umbilical chord.

Somehow we believed the mountains were a secure haven, even as the suburbs and city came under siege from muggers, burglars, rapists and murderers.

Having to be alert for criminals amid the fynbos could seriously affect the quality of life of many residents.

Ed February, a leading rock climber and a scientist at the South African Museum, says: "This is the mountain is a place where I feel comfortable and happy and free from the dangers of the city. What is the point of having this beautiful reserve in the centre of the city if we can't walk there?"

"I often go up the mountain alone to escape from stress at work. Must I find four other people to hold my hand every time I go for a walk?"

Dr February was concerned the problem could be seen as a race issue.

"I'm a black guy, and when I walk

on the mountain already some white guys get antagonistic towards me. I notice it especially when I walk on my own. If they think I might attack them, it's going to make matters worse."

Dr February, who has been climbing for more than 30 years, says police must act swiftly to arrest culprits and prevent further incidents rather than telling hikers to walk in large groups.

Yet policing is difficult with isolated attacks on hikers over the past few months on several of the most popular walking trails including the Lion's Head pipe track and Constantia Nek.

Your guide Hamme van Wieringen says: "This affects locals far more than the tourists. The mountain is part of our being and it would be a great loss if we couldn't walk alone there anymore. We might as well go to Gauteng."

A member of both the Ramblers Club and the Mountain Club, Ms

Van Wieringen said her husband climb alone more often than in groups. "For many Capetonians walking is a way of life. To take that away from us is like cutting off an arm."

Hout Bay police station spokesman Inspector Charlie Connor confirms there were three attacks, including the Karbonkelberg ambush, on a single weekend by the same group.

In the first incident, a mother and daughter sitting at a picnic area on Chapman's Peak at sunset were accosted and indecently assaulted by a group of five men, one of whom had a firearm.

The next day a group of hikers was robbed at gunpoint and the women indecently assaulted on Vakkenberg near Constantia Nek.

Inspector Connor said: "We don't want to tell people to stop walking. But you should go with a large group of people, especially if you go to deserted hiking trails."

Inspector Connor said the attackers drove battered cars in "chameleon colours". People should not start walking if they saw suspicious characters or odd cars.

Hikers should always inform somebody of exactly where they were going and what time they intended to return. If possible hikers should carry a cellphone.

Mountain Club spokesman Mike Meinlges said: "We are very worried about the attacks. We would really be horrified if one of our members was molested or hurt."

Mr Meinlges was also concerned about thefts from hikers' cars parked at places like Chapman's Peak, Signal Hill, Devil's Peak and Silvermine. "Everywhere we go, cars are broken into."

He believed lone women hikers and elderly walkers, some in their 80s and 90s, were particularly vulnerable.

"At this stage all we can say to people is be careful and go out in

groups. We tell members not to take their paycheques in their backpockets and not to wear expensive jewellery. We would advise people not to go to isolated areas for a while."

People who "love the mountains" could join the Mountain Club, which catered for everyone from serious rock climbers to strollers.

Brian Burger, who leads walks for the Friends of Silvermine Nature Reserve, says: "It's very disturbing for us. We've walked in these areas for years without any problem. One is at a loss as to what to do about it. If you arm yourself you create a worse situation. If you try to retaliate and they start shooting, then the group is at risk."

Some say the solution lies in better security, including parking guards, at key access points.

As Dr February says: "The only way to stop this is for police to step up patrols and make arrests so criminals get the message that hikers are not soft targets."





# With leaders in jail, terror attacks subside

Jonny Steinberg

TERROR attacks in the Western Cape declined sharply during the past six weeks as key leaders found themselves behind bars awaiting trial, security sources said yesterday.

However, the sources believe that a wilder and less disciplined tier of operators have begun to take their place, destabilising areas like Mitchell's Plain.

An escalation of high-density, visible policing on the eve of the election contributed to the decline in terror attacks, sources said.

"Visible patrols were carefully deployed both in areas targeted by the G-force of People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) and in the suburbs from which the G-force operates," a security source said. "Roving road blocks intercepted a number of suspicious vehicles and confiscated a range of explosive devices. The general presence of concentrated visible police acted as a strong deterrent."

The source said the primary reason for the decline in attacks was

that several key leaders of G-force cells were behind bars facing criminal charges. "The result is that the paramilitary cells are without leadership."

However, the leadership vacuum created by the arrests had given rise to "a second tier of terror operatives". A security source said: "They have brought with them a new and very volatile style. The old style was disciplined and paramilitary. Targets were carefully selected, assassinations meticulously planned."

"The new bunch, in contrast, is an unguided missile. They do not work in cells but gather in large, disorganised posses. They do not plan but act on the spur of the moment. On the one hand, undisciplined operatives are easier to catch and leave more evidence of their deeds; on the other hand, their wild actions can destabilise communities very quickly."

Another security source said that the series of drive-by shootings and retaliatory attacks in Mitchell's Plain during the past 10 days were the work of the G-force's "second tier".

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# Special squad set to clamp down on Cape cop-killers

## Swift action pledged as murder rate rises

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The Western Cape is about to get tough on cop-killers.

A special investigative unit, whose job is to stem the bloodshed among police, is to be extended to the province after the success of a pilot project in Gauteng.

The unit will investigate such killings and evaluate security measures at police stations.

Police killings in the Western Cape are low compared with figures for other parts of the country, but police management say they are still of serious concern.

This year, five police have been murdered in the Western Cape, four of them on duty.

There was an 11% increase in such murders between 1996 and 1998. Last year, 12 police were killed.

A police survey in the Western Cape showed most deaths on duty were related to the minibus taxi war, whereas police killed off duty were more likely to be targeted for their service pistols.

Claremont, Mitchell's Plain and Khayelitsha taxi ranks were listed in a recent police management

report as danger areas for police.

Other personnel targeted were investigators in high-profile special units such as Operation Good Hope.

In KwaZulu Natal, 32 police have been killed already this year compared to 25 during the same period last year, with the national toll now having topped 100.

A further 31 have been wounded or injured in KwaZulu Natal since the beginning of the year, mostly while on duty.

The rate at which police are murdered in South Africa is almost three times higher than among the general population and nine times higher than for their US counterparts.

In 1997, the national murder rate was 57 per 100 000, but for police it was 183 per 100 000.

Police spokesman Vish Naidoo said that in an attempt to reduce the alarming rate at which police were being killed, a special investigative team was being planned. Swift action was needed.

The Gauteng pilot project found that most police victims were young, non-commissioned officers. They were usually off duty and were shot for their firearms.

Another police study found that

between 1994 and last year mostly black male personnel were attacked.

Most victims felt the SA Police Service was not doing enough to protect them.

This led to a programme that aimed to bring communities and police closer together.

According to the Nedcor Institute for Safety and Security Studies crime index, the high-risk nature of policing in South Africa affected morale, effectiveness and productivity, undermining the police service where it was most vulnerable.

In England and Wales, where only one police officer was killed in 1995 and none in 1996, and New Zealand and Australia, where fewer than five officers were murdered on average every year, substantial attention was devoted to the problem of stress among police.

The index report said that long hours, under-staffing, poor overtime pay and inadequate facilities were putting police under pressure.

Internal police studies in 1995 and 1996 revealed high levels of insecurity associated with low morale, uncertainty about transformation, withdrawal of danger pay and the shortage of bullet-proof jackets.

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# Shift cops to the Flats - ANC boss

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Ebrahim Rasool, provincial leader of the African National Congress, says the only way to combat crime and urban terror in the Western Cape is to significantly shift police resources.

Mr Rasool was speaking at a sitting of the provincial legislature yesterday, after last week's controversial setting up of the New National Party and Democratic Party coalition government.

Speaking in response to the opening address by Premier Gerald Morkel, Mr Rasool said transformation needed unprecedented action on five fronts.

"The fight against crime and urban terror must see a significant shift in police resources to the Cape Flats.

"We need to accelerate the building of houses and to create jobs.

"Greater equality is required in education and the environment needs to be protected."

Mr Rasool told the legislature that while he had spelt out the greatest priorities of the province and how they were being threatened by "the immoral coalition government between the New National Party and the Democratic Party", the ANC would address the problems from the opposition benches.

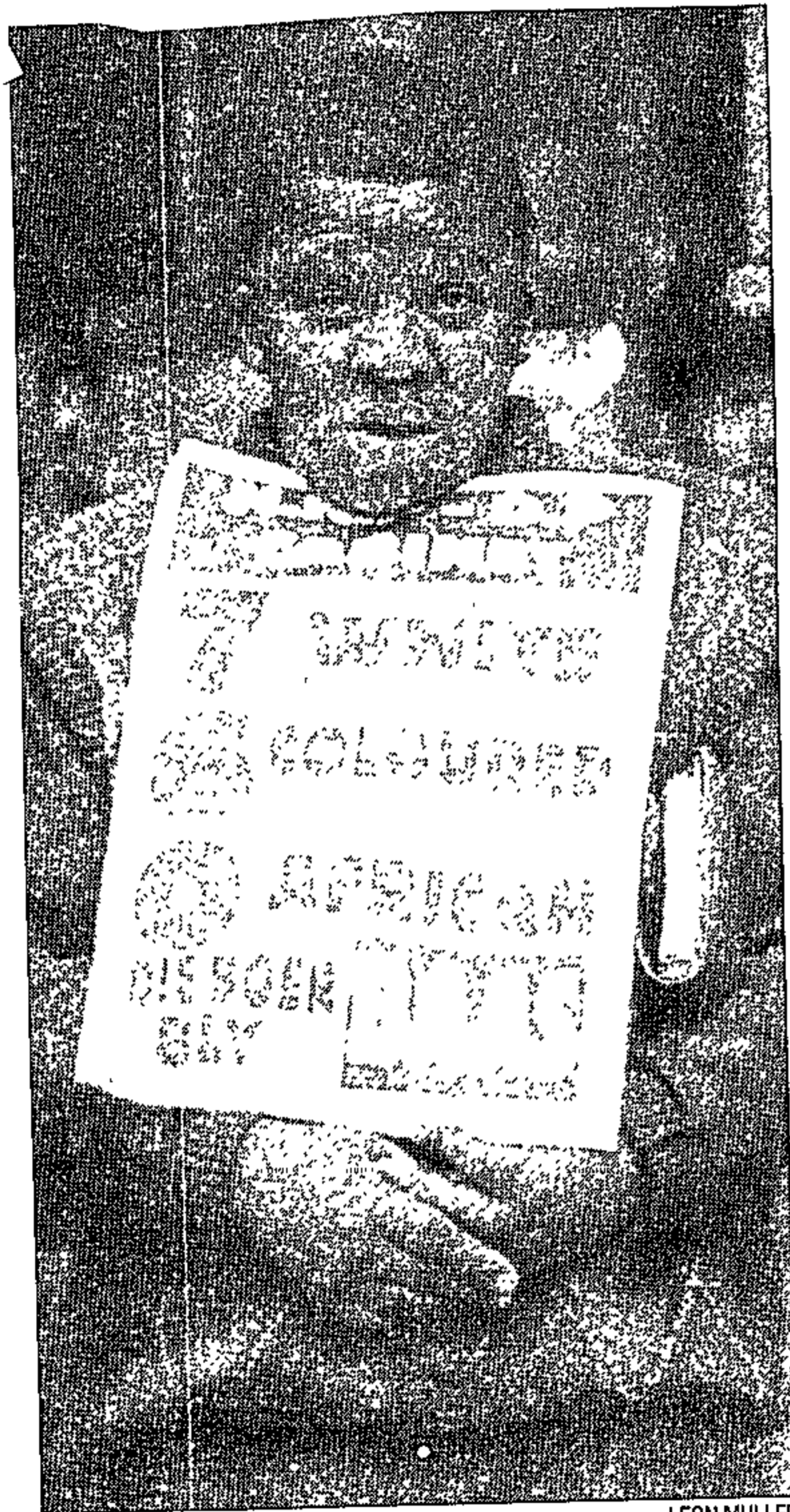
Mr Rasool said if the principle of redistributing police resources was not agreed on, then the profile of crime and urban terror in the province would remain the same.

The people of the province wanted a government which had the credibility to transform their lives.

He said it was a pity that the new coalition government was morally bankrupt.

"The ANC as the midwife of democracy in the country can't abdicate these responsibilities simply because we are the opposition in the Western Cape.

"We now have the responsibility to ensure that these objectives are met."



LEON MULLER

**Scoreline:** a protester outside the provincial legislature during yesterday's sitting

# Port trade slow

## - but so is crime

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Huge container scams pass city by

The factors slowing Table Bay Harbour's business growth may also be deterring a serious crime wave.

While the port still experiences crime of a relative petty nature, fraud and container theft costing millions of rands have hit Durban.

Cape Town's relative isolation, due to its distance from Gauteng and as a result of the smaller market it serves, has been identified as the cause of slow growth.

Now sources in Portnet, the semi-state ports authority and Transnet subsidiary, believe its isolation and size are also the reason container theft is not a big issue here.

Multimillion-rand fraud and container theft being investigated in Durban have all the elements of a gripping thriller. There are conspiracy theories, double-dealings and smear campaigns, all hinting at high-level involvement.

Even a private investigating firm employed by Portnet to look

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into the allegations is now itself under investigation - by another private investigator.

Senior Portnet officials suspect outside involvement in continuing losses from container terminals.

Whereas the surge of crime elsewhere is believed to be "system-based" - meaning it originated within the Portnet system - theft from containers in Cape Town and the occasional disappearance of containers here were suspected to be ship-based.

But inquiries into the theft, fraud, unlawful interference, bribery, corruption and organised crime syndicate operations at harbours are set to change gear

when a contract between Portnet and private investigators M-Power Loss Control Services and Consultancy expires tomorrow.

The working relationship between Portnet and M-Power was forged in March, when M-Power investigators approached Portnet, claiming to have evidence of fraud and other criminal activities.

Rob Childs, former managing director of Portnet, said M-Power investigators began collecting evidence of criminal activities and, to date, had been paid R160 000 for information.

"They were supplying us with reams of information containing very little hard evidence. About six weeks into their contract we suspected irregularities and decided to employ another firm of investigators," said Mr Childs.

Because of the sensitive nature of its inquiries, the new firm has asked not to be identified.

Its brief included finding out whether M-Power acted lawfully.

VICIOUS ATTACK ON COUPLE

# Signal Hill may be closed

**AFTER A BRUTAL ATTACK** on a young couple on Signal Hill early yesterday, there is a possibility that visitors may not be permitted to visit the world-famous viewing site after dark. **GASANT ABARDER** reports.

**C**APE Peninsula National Park officials are considering closing Signal Hill to the public as early as 10pm nightly after a spate of serious attacks this year.

In the latest attack, a young couple fell prey to a gang of three armed men who shot them, then gang-raped the woman before dumping the pair at the side of the N2 and making off with their car.

Earlier this year, the popular mountain attraction Rhodes Memorial, nestled on the slopes of Devil's Peak, was closed to vehicles at sunset following several incidents of rape and theft from cars.

Police spokesperson Captain André Traut said that about 1am yesterday, the couple — a 20-year-old man from Fairways and a 19-year-old Bothasig woman — were approached by three men in the parking lot on top of Signal Hill.

One of the suspects smashed the driver's window and shot him in the shoulder and chest. The woman was shot in the arm. The men then dragged the man out of the car and forced him into the boot of his vehicle, before driving off towards Cape Town International Airport on the N2 freeway.

The woman was repeatedly raped by the men before she was shot in the abdomen by one of the suspects. The suspects stopped near the highway exit to the airport, forced the young couple out of the car and sped off in their maroon Mazda 626 with the registration number CA 205 962.

The couple were soon spotted at the roadside by passing motorists, who called the police. The pair were admitted to NI City Hospital, where both were in a serious but stable condition.

No arrests have been made. Traut said the traumatised families had declined to comment but were "outraged" by the attack.

Since the beginning of this year, there have been at least five serious crimes committed on Signal Hill.

In January, an abduction was reported, while in February two models from Australia and New Zealand were raped.

In March a robbery was reported and in May an elderly woman was robbed of her vehicle while visiting Signal Hill with her domestic worker in the afternoon.

David Datz, park manager of the Cape Peninsula National Park, said that even before yesterday's attack, safety measures were being discussed for Signal Hill.

"We will have to seriously look at closing off the public road to Signal Hill at a time like 10pm. Our options are not great. It is difficult to do this because it is a public road.

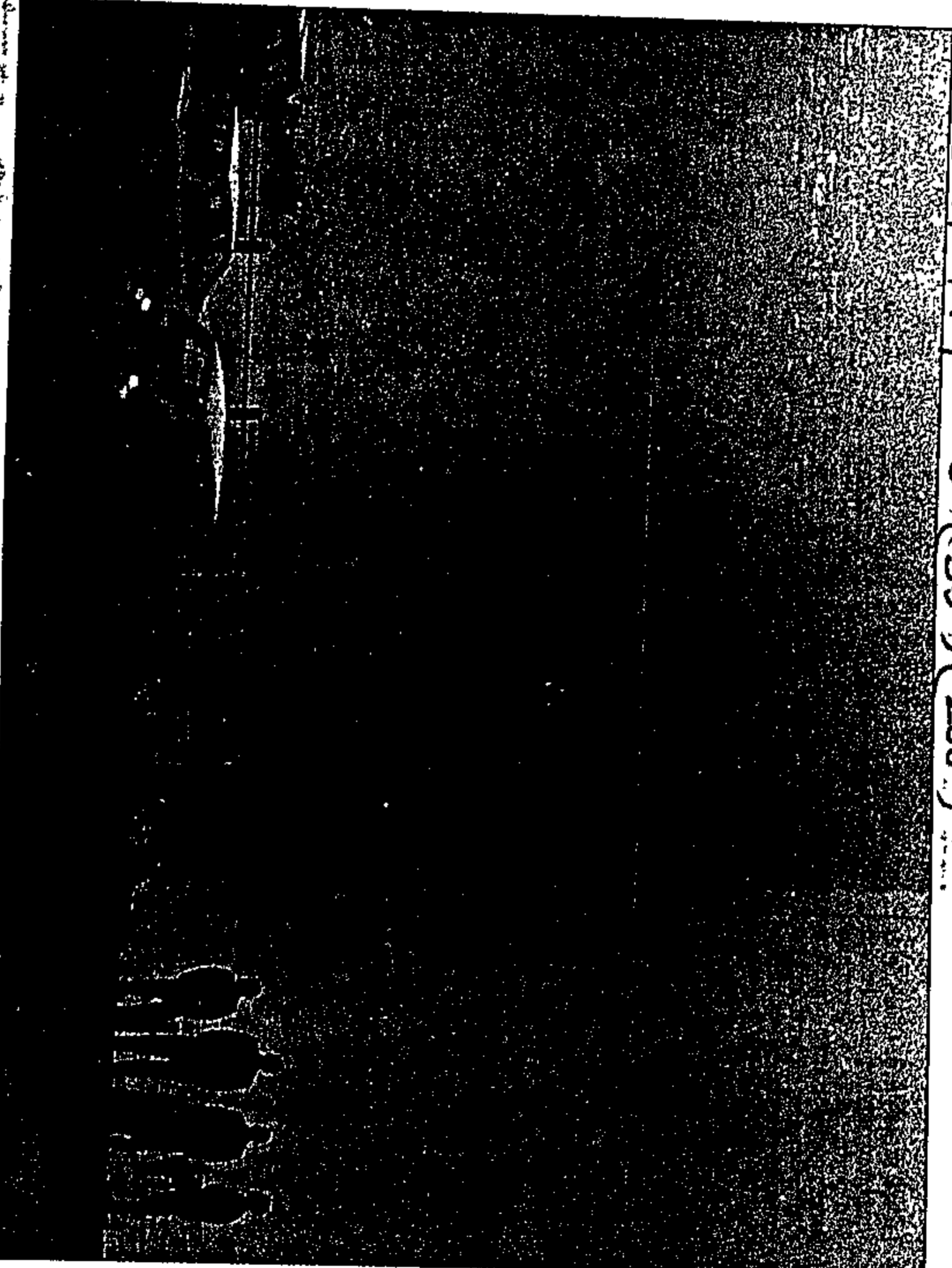
Rhodes Memorial has already been closed off to vehicles at night. We have discussed options like a manned security boom which will monitor vehicles entering Signal Hill. But you can't have a security guard for 24 hours — it's too expensive," Datz said.

He added that there are about 20 footpath routes which lead to the Signal Hill parking area, making it "difficult to keep criminal elements out".

However, Cape Town Tourism (CapTour) is opposed to the idea of closing off the road to the public.

CapTour official Sheryl Ozinsky said: "Closing off the area would be a last resort. It would spell disaster for tourism, because it would make a statement that the city is

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**HIGH RISK:** Signal Hill, one of Cape Town's favoured vantage points for its spectacular views, may be closed to the public after dark because of several attacks, the latest of which was on a young couple early yesterday.

being overrun by criminals." Traut said yesterday that various possibilities for countering attackers were discussed after yesterday's attack.

He said the possibility of installing a video surveillance camera at the popular lookout spot has not been ruled out. "We can't put up a notice board saying please exercise caution" because we don't want to scare any tourists away. We have not ruled out the possibility of a video camera link to Signal Hill. It can be discussed with Business Against Crime, but it could hold certain logistical and financial problems," Traut said.

He said parks and visibility of police would be beefed up following the attack.

- Traut warned that anyone visiting Signal Hill at night should exercise extreme caution.
- He cautioned the public to adhere to the following guidelines:
  - Visit the area in a group.
  - Do not leave your vehicle and wander around.
  - Do not visit the area late at night.
  - Watch out for anyone who behaves suspiciously.

John Penberthy of Business Against Crime said they would be happy to assist police in installing a video link to Signal Hill. "It can be done, but it must be done properly. We will be thrilled to help the police. I would get frightened if we close off Signal Hill at night. It would be a signal that we have lost the fight against crime."

PICTURE: MILWARD SARODIEN

# Summit of city leaders seeks end to terror at beauty spots

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The provincial Department of Community Safety will tomorrow host a mini-summit where Cape Town's business, tourism and police leaders will discuss ways to end violence at Signal Hill and other beauty spots.

Minister of Community Safety Mark Wiley, who is on leave, has asked his department head, Melvyn Joshua, to con-

vene the meeting, where key figures in the city will seek a counter to persistent attacks on hikers, tourists and other visitors to popular scenic sites.

Meanwhile, Cape Town Central and Camps Bay police have teamed up to increase the frequency of patrols to Signal Hill, Tafelberg Road and other places that are frequented by couples at night.

Increased patrols began on Monday, hours after a gang shot a 20-year-old man

and his girlfriend, also 20, after hijacking them on Signal Hill. They were both shot in the stomach before the woman was gang-raped. The couple were abandoned on the N2 near Cape Town airport as the gang escaped in their victims' Mazda 626.

Monday's attack has bolstered the resolve of the Cape Peninsula National Park, which manages the Table Mountain range, to close down the access road to Signal Hill after 10pm every day. After

attacks earlier this year, the parks authority deployed 50 rangers to protect visitors.

At tomorrow's meeting the city's leaders will argue that money and other resources should be found to reinforce efforts by police to keep all of Cape Town safe, to protect tourism - the city's economic lifeblood - and to step up crime prevention through community development.

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# A tangled web of killings

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Marianne Merten

**T**it-for-tat killings have hit the Cape Flats, as a complex net of revenge attacks unfolds in the ongoing violence between rival gangs, and between gangsters and anti-drug vigilantes.

Saturday's attack on members of a social and soccer club in Hanover Park — in which one man was killed and at least 20 people injured — is the latest in a series of bloody retaliations which police battle to control.

Residents had gathered on a pavement with members of the club to hold a braai. Two cars came down the road and the passengers opened fire on the group before speeding away.

It is unlikely investigators could have picked up many clues. News of the shooting reached the police more than an hour later when the Hanover Park Day Hospital asked for help.

When detectives finally arrived at the scene, they were handed a plastic bag of spent R-5, 9mm and .454 cartridges which one reservist had carefully picked off the ground.

Police and soldiers had been deployed in Mitchells Plain following the murders of the local Dixie Boys gang leader, Junaid "Jango" Joseph, and the son of alleged Tafelsig People against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) leader Abdul Heuwel.

Before the Hanover Park attack, Operation Good Hope's attention was on the killings of Jerome Petersen and Chantine Veldsman, daughter of Americans gang leader Glen Khan who was shot on Easter Sunday.

Perhaps the clue to the recent spate of murders lies with one of the Mitchells Plain American gang leaders,

Igshaan Marcus, who was among those taken to hospital after the attack.

Marcus moved to his mother's Hanover Park home after his wife, Ferosa, and his mother-in-law, Adielah "Mama America" Davids, were killed in April. Alleged Pagad hitman Ebrahim Jenneker has been arrested in connection with the murders.

Jenneker was arrested after Adielah Davids's bakkie was found outside a house in Brooklyn days after she was killed. The house belongs to a drug dealer whose daughter married into Jenneker's family. Police took the drug dealer's daughter into protective custody during a visit to her husband in jail. She was spotted wearing Adielah Davids's jewellery.

Tensions between Pagad and the Americans have sporadically boiled over in Mitchells Plain since an alleged Pagad attack on Americans gang boss Kadika Madat's house in April last year. Pagad national coordinator Abdus Salaam Ebrahim will stand trial in November in connection with the shooting. Since the charges were laid, Madat's house has been pipe-bombed and shot at several times. In retaliation, the home of Pagad's Faizel Steyn has been shot at and the Heuwel family threatened.

Abdul Heuwel's son, Moegamat Rezzah Heuwel (17), was shot four times and died two weeks ago. Abdul Heuwel has blamed the police for leaving him defenceless as they confiscated all the family's firearms. He says it is widely known that gangsters have put out contracts on Pagad members.

One member of the Americans gang, Jonathan Alexander, has already appeared in court in connection with Moegamat Heuwel's murder.

# Flats joins hands to hit back at mob law

## New crime plan links police, residents

**YUNUS KEMP AND JOHAN SCHRONEN**  
STAFF REPORTERS

**As mob vengeance soars in crime-ridden areas, community leaders and the police in Mitchell's Plain are to join hands in an initiative to combat crime.**

The move comes amid indications that ordinary people are losing confidence in the Government's ability to beat crime, and are taking the law into their own hands.

In incidents of street justice this week:

■ Eerste River residents demolished a derelict house believed to be a Naughty Boys stronghold after 14-year-old Valencia Farmer was gang-raped and fatally stabbed there.

■ Chaos erupted at the Kleinvlei Magistrate's Court when spectators kicked and punched four people appearing in court in connection with Valencia's death.

■ Women commuters attacked a

(37) man who had allegedly tried to rape a woman on a Khayelitsha-bound train.

In a bid to short-circuit the vigilante trend, the Mitchell's Plain initiative could pave the way for other communities to establish similar policing operations.

Elements of Operation Good Hope, the Mitchell's Plain Community Police Forum and the Neighbourhood Watch are to establish an operational base at the Mitchell's Plain police station from which police resources can be mobilised against crime.

"We are hoping this will restore confidence in policing and defuse growing community anger," said Mitchell's Plain station commissioner and acting West Metropole police chief Johan Kleyn.

"Community trust is a pivotal factor in stamping out crime."

He blamed the poor socio-economic climate in the area for the gangsterism behind the crime epi-

demio. "Gangsterism is a powerful micro-economy that offers a living to many people.

"But with strong community backing there is light at the end of the tunnel."

Director Kleyn said Mitchell's Plain was severely underpoliced, but powerful community policing projects were mobilising the law-abiding section of the community to help combat crime.

Operation Good Hope deputy commander Simon Mpembe, Mitchell's Plain Neighbourhood Watch chairman Louis Swigelaar, and Community Policing Forum chairman Henry Bush said in a statement at a news conference yesterday: "Our emphasis will be on stabilising the area, because the outcry from the community of Mitchell's Plain is: 'Make Mitchell's Plain a safe place for our kids'."

The numbers for the centre are (021) 370 1660, or toll-free 0800 10 11 11 or 0800 20 22 22.

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# Pagad goes on the march again

YAZEED KAMALDIEN

"ONE gangster, one bullet. One merchant, one bullet," chanted a 300-strong crowd that marched through Bonteheuwel yesterday in support of the first anti-drugs march for some time by People Against Gangsterism and Drugs.

Pagad's last public venture was in February, when the group opened a rehabilitation centre in Earnest Road, Gatesville.

Yesterday's march started at the Al-Jamia Uthmania mosque on the corner of Jakkalsvlei and Ironwood roads. There was a heavy police presence, with many policemen wearing bulletproof jackets. The march was also led by police Casspirs.

"This is a legal march. We are asking people from Bonteheuwel to participate and acknowledge the problems in the area," said

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Salie Abader, a Pagad leader. He also urged people not to "close your faces. We are not afraid to face the merchants and drug dealers".

The crowd anticipated a peaceful march and at first it seemed that residents were not interested in participating. As the march proceeded, it stopped at homes — allegedly the homes of drug merchants — where police Casspirs stood. As the crowd pointed to the one of the houses, someone shouted "Pagad is the solution".

A Pagad member shouted various slogans from the back of a Toyota bakkie carrying children. "No to rapists. Gangsters rape our daughters and sisters," he declared.

"Are we prepared to die for this cause?" he asked.

"Yes," came a strong reply from the supporters.

"Merchants are killers," continued the man on the bakkie. "Gangsters are cowards. Viva Pagad, viva! A united Pagad shall never be defeated."

Although the crowd consisted mostly of Muslim men and women, a prayer was also read by a Christian man who had marched with the crowd "to show that Pagad is not a Muslim organisation". Halfway into the march, the crowd was stopped by razor wire, to restrict them to the intended area demarcated for the protest. Pagad spokesperson Ardiel Kamedien criticised police for "not allowing members of the other communities to join the march".

Kamedien said the organisation would not support the police if they "continue to turn a blind eye to the criminal activities of drug dealers and gangsters".

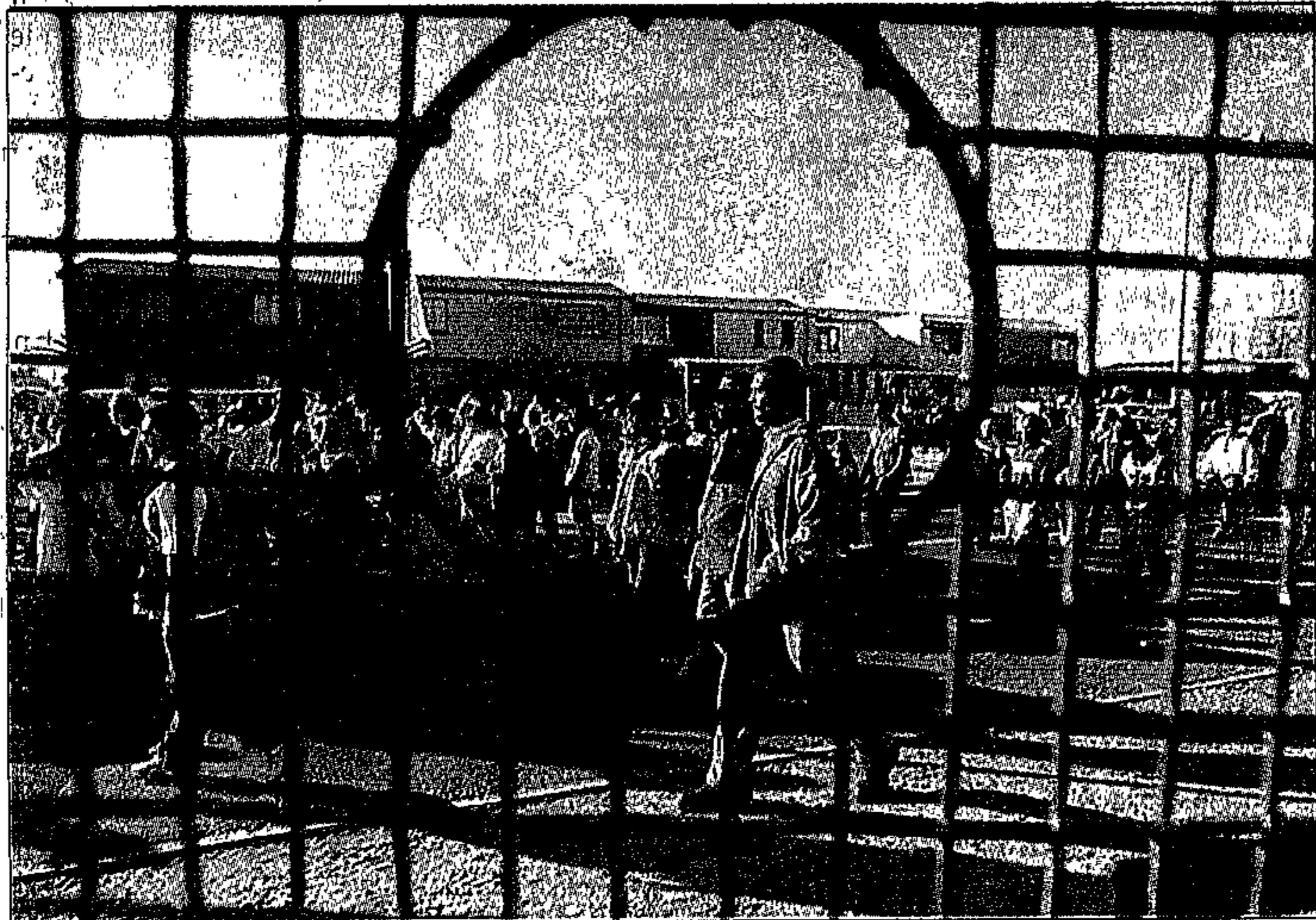
"We call on the serious mem-

bers of the SAPS to expose the corrupt (officers) within their ranks, who continuously work against our communities," Kamedien added.

By the end of the march, the crowd had grown to over 600 people and included members of the community.

Bonteheuwel residents were clearly unhappy about the reign of terror by gangsters and drug-merchants. "I think this is a good thing," commented Soraya Stegmann, a Bonteheuwel resident. "Too many things are happening these days. Gangsters are just killing the men and children. I think everybody feels happy about this (march)."

Pagad will hold a Martyrs' Day meeting at the Athlone Civic Centre this Saturday to pay homage to Pagad members who died "in the struggle".



**JOINT EFFORT:** Pagad members and residents of Bonteheuwel march side-by-side yesterday to highlight the problem of drugs and gangsterism in the area, while police look on.

PICTURE: MUJAHID SAFODIEN



**BURNOUT:** Police and residents of Tafelsig, Mitchells Plain, burn the bush in the vicinity of where six-year-old Veronique Maans' body was found last month.

PICTURE: MUJAHID SAFODIEN

# Bushes cleared to curb crime

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**YAZEED KAMALDIEN**

THE highest point in Mitchells Plain — a hill at the end of Amanda Close in Lost City — looks peaceful enough, but it has been the scene of some of the most hideous crimes on the Cape Flats in recent years.

It was here that the body of six-year-old Veronique Maans — who was raped and murdered — was found on June 13. And many other crimes have been committed on the same sandy slopes.

Yesterday residents joined councillors and the local police in cutting down the natural growth on the hill.

Near to where the first trees were burnt, a wooden cross, with a picture of Veronique pasted on it, marks the spot where her body was found.

"By removing the bushes, we hope to eliminate crime in the area. We need to make our community safer," said Moga-mat Alie Orrie, who has lived in Amanda Close for five years.

Orrie, also a member of the Danger-

bay Neighbourhood Watch, said the group had made a number of arrests.

Three children, including Veronique, have already been found dead among bushes on the hill. Three years ago the body of a woman who had been killed with a bottle was also found there.

The hide-outs of thieves and child molesters have also been discovered in recent years by the neighbourhood watch.

"In a way we are destroying the environment, but our children play here. They make caves with the bushes and it's an appealing place to criminals who can carry out their activities unnoticed here," Orrie said.

The clearing-up plan, initiated by the Mitchells Plain Community Policing Forum last Thursday, is aimed at ridding the area of violent acts against women and children. It will undoubtedly also be a long-term project, as the hill is about 25 metres high.

"Although we haven't decided how and exactly when the hill will be levelled,

community members are eager to have it removed so that we can see what is happening in our community," said Aziza Abrahams, a member of the Mitchells Plain Community Policing Forum.

The Dangerbay Neighbourhood Watch spends most nights on the hill, overlooking Mitchells Plain residents.

"We are trying to work hand-in-hand with the police. They already gave us radios," said Orrie.

Police members, who cut down bushes that children from the area carried to the fire, were also hopeful about the project.

"This is the first of a number of projects we have in the pipeline. We think we have progressed," said Simon Pmem-be, deputy commander of Operation Good Hope.

"We also need to break down she-beens because they are also a cause of crime."

A peace rally will be organised soon to make people aware of the crimes being committed in the area.

# It's a part-time crime fight in city

## Rent-a-cops carry the load as number of permanent police is cut in central Cape Town

JERMAINE CRAIG

There is not a single permanently employed policeman patrolling Cape Town's central business district area at any given time.

The only police presence comes from 30 rent-a-cops, who are civilians or police reservists trained and employed with funds from the business community and local authorities.

At an executive committee meeting of the City of Cape Town this week, concerns were raised that in areas where community policing was introduced, the number of permanent police was reduced.

At the meeting the council approved a motion to send a high-level local government delegation to Johannesburg to meet national Safety and Security Minister Steve Tshwete, to urgently address this problem.

The council felt that withdrawing permanent police personnel defeated the purpose of introducing rent-a-cops as an effective means of addressing crime and lawlessness in the Cape Town municipal area.

Superintendent Hendrik Steyn of the Cape Town Central Police station at Caledon Square confirmed

that only rent-a-cops patrolled the central business district.

"If it were not for them, there would be nobody, there would be absolute chaos. When their shifts end, we have very few permanent members and only two vehicles, with nobody on foot patrol. We simply do not have enough resources," Superintendent Steyn said.

In a pilot project, 12 surveillance cameras have been used to counter the shortage of police personnel, with 72 more cameras due to be installed by November. Early reports indicate the cameras have had a positive effect.

But city councillor Chris Joubert, who is spearheading the rent-a-cop campaign, said that while the cameras were definitely beneficial, the system needed the back-up of a strong police force on the ground to prevent crime before it happened.

Mr Joubert cited an article which appeared in the Weekly Telegraph in London last week, which cast doubt on the effectiveness of closed-circuit television in curbing violent crime.

A study was conducted over four years in Cardiff, Swansea and Plymouth of 25 000 assaults in the street. Cameras were installed after two years, but it was discovered there was little

difference in crime patterns in the periods before and after the installation of the cameras.

The co-author of the study, Professor Jonathan Shepherd of the University of Wales, said this indicated that closed-circuit television was not effective on its own, but had to be combined with police efforts.

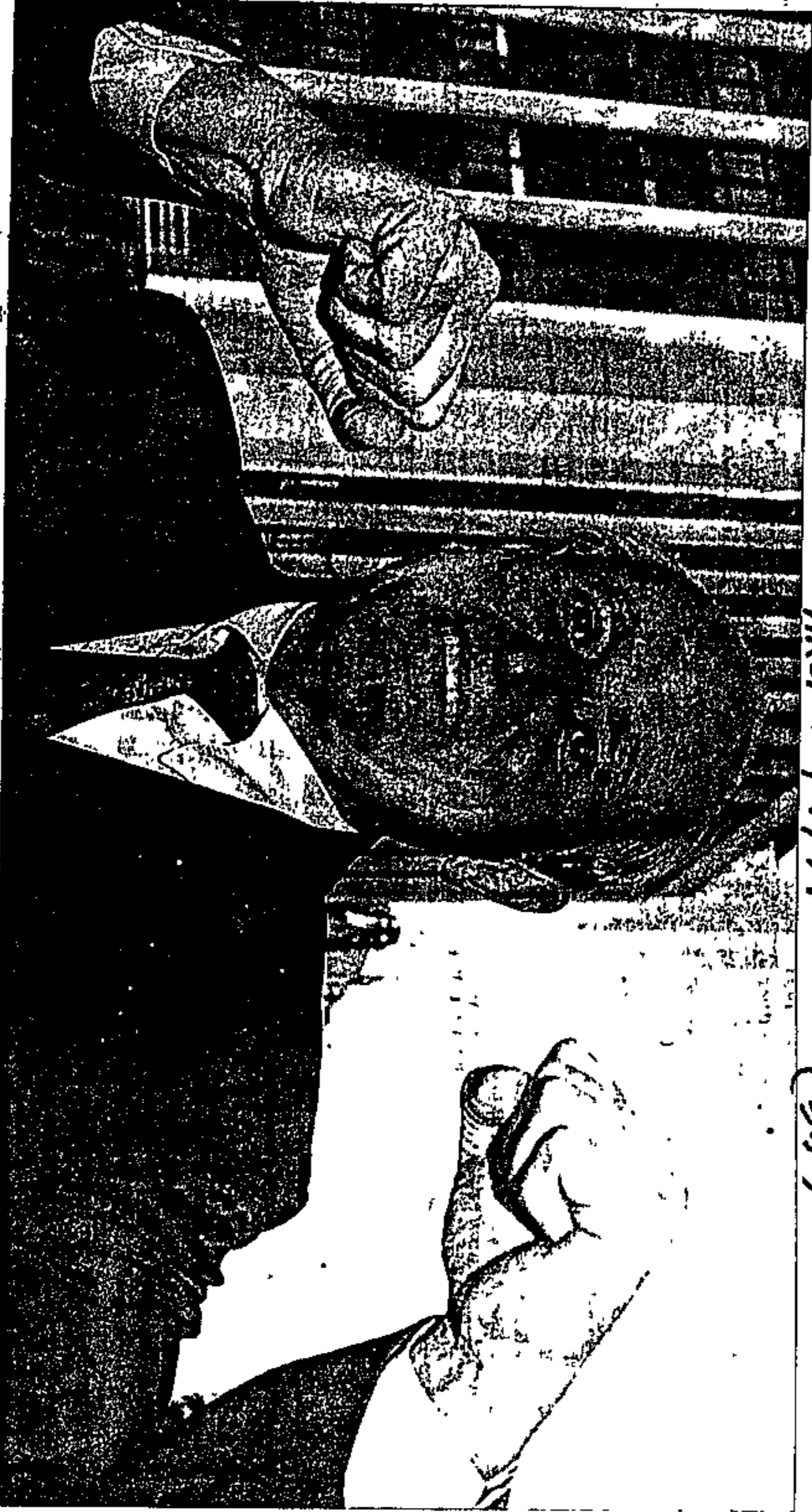
Mr Joubert said that at present the reservists patrolled the central business district from 10am to 6pm, but there was still a shortage of manpower on the streets.

"When the reservists went off duty, there was nobody patrolling the city at night.

He said the answer to a safer city was to have police patrolling 24 hours a day in tandem with the operations room monitoring the surveillance cameras.

At present, 294 rent-a-cops patrol Cape Town and Mr Joubert wants 770 to be employed by January 2000. He said either more permanent police were needed or more money needed to be forked out to employ more rent-a-cops.

The business community contributes R12-million a year towards the rent-a-cop project. Mr Joubert said more personnel could be employed on the streets if more businesses contributed.



COP CRUSADER: city councillor Chris Joubert is campaigning for an increased police presence to cut crime in the city. Picture: ANDREW JINGRAM

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# Arrests soar as community turns heat on criminals

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Growing co-operation between Western Cape police and communities affected by violent crime has led to a marked increase in the number of arrests in the past month.

Acting on information from communities, police have been able to arrest suspects in several highly publicised cases. Police spokesman Wicus Holtzhausen said people were beginning to realise that criminals did not live

on a distant planet, but in their own neighbourhoods.

"Communities are now coming forward with information and reporting their neighbours if they believe they are involved in criminal activities. The more information police stations receive, the more cases we can crack."

Police have, in the past month, arrested suspects for the rape and murder of 14-year-old Valencia Farmer in Krulls River. They are also holding a suspect in connection with the shooting of three-year-old Chanté Veldsman of Mitchell's Plain.

Police arrested a man in the murder of six-year-old Veronique Maans, who was abducted near her home in Tafelsig and found buried in a shallow grave two weeks later, but he was later released.

They have also arrested suspects in connection with break-ins and rapes in Ruyterwacht, and the murder of a couple on Franschoek Pass last week.

After last week's Pollsmoor prison vehicle ambush, 18 prisoners were re-arrested the same day. Police caught another five fugitives the following night.

Police have netted 33 more criminals on charges of murder, assault, burglary, vehicle theft and possession of unlicensed firearms, Man-drax and dagga.

Senior Superintendent Holtzhausen said changes in the use of informers, the restructuring of intelligence networks and growing public support were finally paying off.

"It's not perfect yet, as our aim is to arrest all those responsible for all crimes being committed, and we are definitely getting there," he said.

Police were changing their methods of investigation.

## Commissioner praises communities for helping police to arrest 7

NORMAN JOSEPH  
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Boland police commissioner Callie Westraat has praised the efforts of communities and police members who risked their lives in the arrest

of seven suspects, in two separate incidents, at the weekend.

Commissioner Westraat was commenting yesterday on Khayelitsha residents' lengthy efforts to help police trace and arrest five suspects for alleged armed robbery and

assault on a Philadelphia farmer.

The five men allegedly severely assaulted and robbed farmer Jan de Kock of a television set, a hi-fi, his car and other items on his farm, Philadelphia, at Philadelphia. He is in hospital in a serious but stable condition.

In another case, Franschoek citizens helped police arrest two suspects and recover three guns after a shop robbery.

Commissioner Westraat said the two incidents showed community policing at its best.

A BLOW TO CITY CRIME

# Message to criminals: Here's looking at you

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**AFTER** a hugely successful trial of anti-crime surveillance cameras in the city centre, Business Against Crime plans a major expansion. **KARIN SCHIMKE** reports.

**A**N additional 72 surveillance cameras are to be installed around central Cape Town by the end of September, eight of them along Long Street.

This will bring the total of high-tech security cameras in the city centre to 84, the first 12 of which were installed in a pilot programme at the end of last year.

Since then, the number of crime incidents recorded by the CCTV control room operators has decreased by 80%.

"When we started, we would catch up to five or six crime incidents on the cameras every day and our radios were constantly busy," said one of the control room operators this week.

"Now," he said, "many days go by before anything happens."

When the next 72 cameras are installed, the first so-called "footprint" of the project will have been covered.

According to John Penberthy, managing director of Business Against Crime (BAC) in the Western Cape, and one of the driving

forces behind the project, a "footprint" is a scientifically identified area in which it is economically viable for a crime to take place.

If a footprint is not completely covered, the danger exists of merely shifting crime to the boundaries where the cameras do not reach.

The project will eventually take in most of the Peninsula in a series of footprints.

The first footprint covers an area from Table Bay Boulevard and the entrance of the Waterfront, along Buitengracht, Orange, Roeland and Oswald Pirow streets and the Eastern Boulevard.

However, the cameras also cover areas far beyond those boundaries. One of the new high-resolution cameras will be so powerful it will be able to pick up the faces of people at the lower cableway station on Table Mountain.

Evidence picked up from the cameras can be used as evidence in courts.

Control room operators — some of whom are privately

employed by BAC, while others are seconded from Civic Patrol, the traffic department and the South African Police Services — have direct contact with several emergency and security agencies, including ambulances, the fire department and Metrorail.

When the operators spot suspicious behaviour, they can call on any of the co-operating agencies to investigate.

"When the police arrive in an area where something might happen, their presence often deters a crime. We've also, on a number of occasions, arrested muggers and people breaking into cars minutes after they've committed the crime," said Penberthy.

"The idea is to think differently about the way we police. We don't have enough resources to have 'bobbies on the beat' where they are needed, so the 'ops room' becomes the eyes and ears of the police.

"In this way, we can use rapid deployment to ensure that the 'bobbies' are in the right place at the right time.

"We aim to have someone respond to a call from the ops-room within 30 seconds."

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# Top scenic routes face shutdown<sup>(35)</sup>

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Politicians will today be warned that severe restrictions could be placed on the use of many of Cape Town's roads, including many internationally renowned scenic routes, unless urgent attention is paid to them.

They include parts of Chapman's Peak Drive and Ou Kaapseweg. The findings are in a report to the Cape Metropolitan Council's transport committee meeting today.

"It is believed that conditions have deteriorated due to a serious maintenance backlog and work should ideally take place on the roads within the next year or two.

"If you leave them," said Chris Atkins, in charge of road management for the CMC, "they'll deteriorate to such an extent that they'll become dangerous"

If no action was taken to repair certain roads, only two options would remain: severe restrictions or complete closure.

- ◆ Roads under threat include sections of Chapman's Peak Drive, Ou Kaapse Weg, the road between Simon's Town and Cape Point, Tygervalley Road, 5th Avenue in Grassy Park and Vissershok Road.

Restrictions could include reduced speed limits and the prohibition of heavy-duty trucks, buses and tour buses, which could severely affect the tourism industry.

- ◆ "On certain routes, yes, it could affect tourism. We are trying to draw politicians' attention to our concern," said Mr Atkins.
- ◆ "But if we start moving now, there will be normal disruption, but nothing major."

# Urgent plea to keep tourist routes open

NORMAN JOSEPH  
METRO REPORTER

The Cape Metropolitan Council is to ask provincial and central governments for additional funds to upgrade major roadways, among them prime tourist routes, which face severe traffic restrictions because they are deteriorating badly.

The council needs R39-million to upgrade and repair nine prominent roads, including Chapman's Peak Drive, Ou Kaapseweg, and the road from Simon's Town to Cape Point.

Yesterday the council's transport committee decided to send the report to its executive committee. The issue will also be under the spotlight at the general council meeting at the end of the month.

During yesterday's meeting, it emerged that none of the six local authorities in the Cape metro area had funds available to repair and upgrade the roads.

Acting transport director Wilfred Crous said that lack of invest-

ment from other authorities could "force council to close down roads".

The council recently budgeted R18,1-million for upgrading roads in the 1999/2000 financial year. This is a fraction of the amount needed to effect the necessary repairs to the affected roads.

The R18-million was calculated according to the ability of each local authority to fund its 40% share.

Roads under threat include sections of Chapman's Peak Drive, Ou Kaapseweg, Miller's Point Road, Tyger Valley Road, 5th Avenue and Strandfontein Road in Grassy Park and Visser-shok Road.

Ian McDonald, of the traffic and transport directorate, told yesterday's meeting that the deteriorating roads needed to be resealed and upgraded to accommodate the volumes of traffic.

Clutching his head yesterday, transport and traffic committee chairperson Welcome Zenzile said: "We can't just close down roads. It will become a serious problem."

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## BIG BROTHER HEADS FOR THE FLATS

**B**ig Brother is extending his line of vision in the Mother City. Cape Town is expanding a successful crime-busting project in which closed-circuit television cameras bolster the work of bobbies on the beat.

By October a pilot "surveillance technology project" run by the Cape Town City Council and Business Against Crime will be extended to the Cape Flats, where the rate of violent crime (murder, rape and assault) is the highest in SA.

Cameras will be installed in Manenberg, Mitchell's Plain and Athlone, where gangs control swathes of turf. Their activities mostly go unchecked by an understaffed police corps.

Since December, the installation of 12 cameras in the city

centre has cut street crime by more than 80%, says John Pemberty, MD of Business Against Crime for the Western Cape. The cameras captured incidents such as muggings, theft of and from cars and assaults.

Because the cameras present a bird's-eye view of a network of streets, it has been possible to use police in the city more efficiently. "We were able to observe situations and despatch police, instead of them blindly looking out for situations," says Pemberty.

Because criminals are captured on film, the rate of conviction has also gone up.

The plan envisages 120 cameras across the Cape Peninsula. The roll-out is based on the security plan

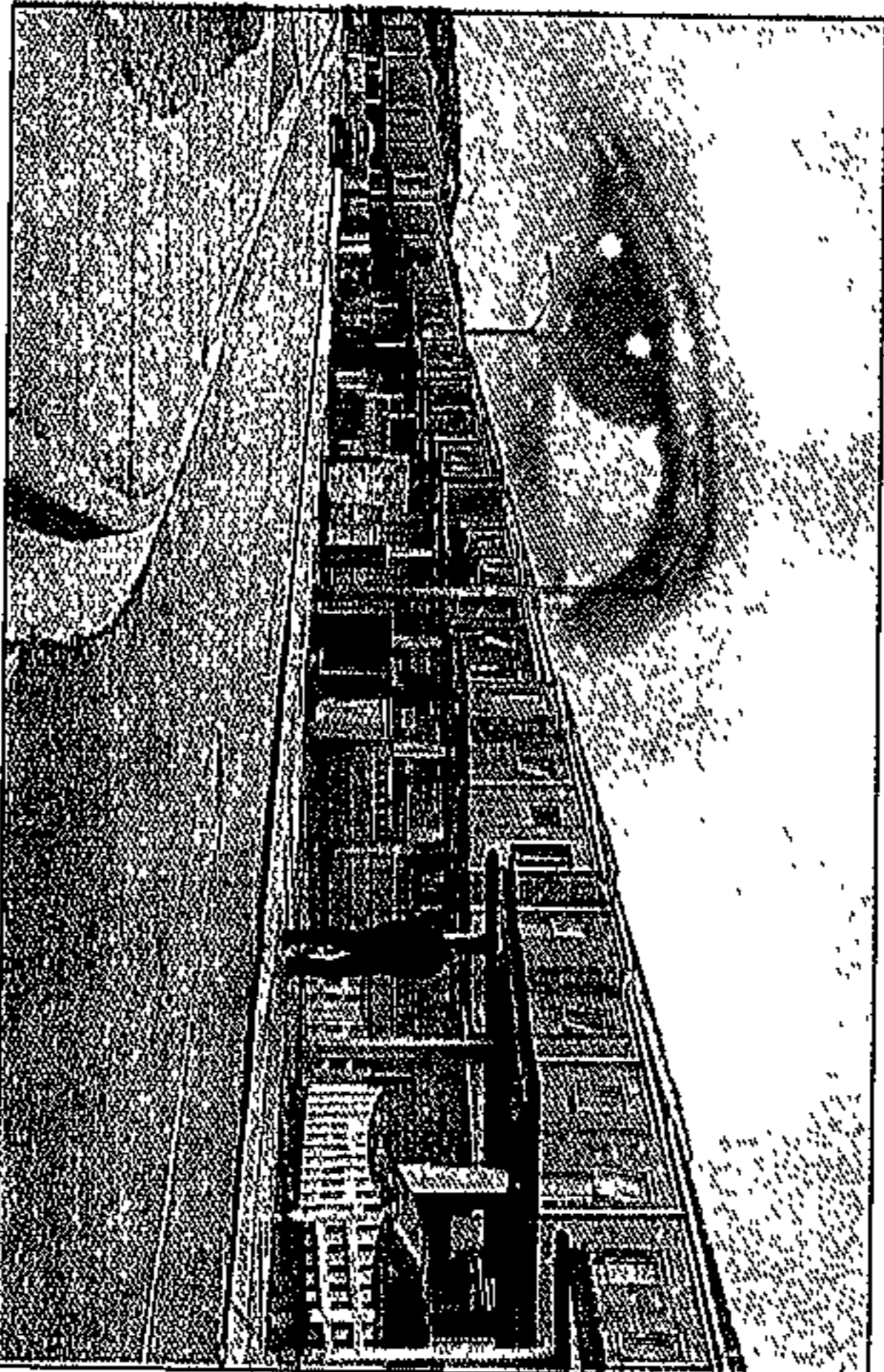
drawn up by Pemberty for the Olympic Bid "We expect a dramatic drop in crime on the Cape Flats," he says

The project isn't cheap: cameras cost about R24 000, excluding the related surveillance equipment.

But in the long run it's cost-

effective, says Pemberty. "You have to use technology to bridge the gap between the shortage of manpower and the growth of crime."

There must be something in it. The latest news is that it is being exported up-country to Johannesburg. Ferial Hatfajee



Mitchell's Plain . . . surveillance cameras to track criminals



# Tension at funeral of slain Pagad founder

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There was a mood of sullen tension at the weekend funeral of Farouk Jaffer, a founding member of the anti-drugs group, People Against Gangsterism and Drugs.

Mr Jaffer, who was expelled from Pagad along with Ali "Phantom" Parker for making "unfounded" statements about the organisation, was killed in a drive-by shooting in Ottery on Saturday night.

A procession of about 200 men took his body from his home to St Athen's Street Mosque, and finally to Vygekraal cemetery for burial.

Mourners in the procession showed little emotion, but people were tense as they quietly speculated about who was responsible for the killing.

Police spokesman Captain Neville Malilla said: "His body was found in his bakkie at 9pm. He had been shot six times, in the chest and head."

Captain Malilla said that Mr Jaffer had just pulled away from a stop street at the corner of De Wet and Link streets in Ottery, when unknown assailants drove past and shot him through the



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Slain: Farouk Jaffer

driver's side window. The shooting was just two blocks from Mr Jaffer's Pasadena Street home.

Mr Jaffer, once Pagad's chief co-ordinator, fell out of favour with the group after he accused the militant Qibla faction of "hijacking" the organisation.

Mr Jaffer and Mr Parker were expelled from Pagad in September 1996 for accusing Qibla of using Pagad's support to further its own "hidden agendas". At the time, Mr Jaffer said the aims of Pagad were not the same as those of Qibla and that 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.

Mr Jaffer was extremely critical of the new Pagad leadership and often spoke out against the group. With Mr Parker, he tried to retain the Pagad name by registering it as a Section 21 company. A legal battle ensued, which he eventually gave up.

He recently wrote a book on drugs which is to be published soon. Mr Jaffer is survived by his wife, two sons and two daughters.

FAROUK JAFFER DIES OUTSIDE HOME

# Pagad founder killed in ambush

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**FAROUK JAFFER**, one of Pagad's founder members who withdrew from the movement after a disagreement about its leadership policies, was buried yesterday after being killed in a drive-by shooting on Saturday. Crime Writer **GASANT ABARDER** reports.

**F**ORMER Pagad leader Farouk Jaffer became the latest victim of a sinister

sate of killings in Cape Town when he was ambushed and killed in a drive-by shooting in Ottery on Saturday.

Jaffer's name was once synonymous with Pagad. He was a founder member and key figure in the organisation with Ali "Phantom" Parker and Naddhime Edries until about two years ago.

But rifts within the organisation's leadership and disagreements over its strategy led to Jaffer and Parker distancing themselves from the anti-drug organisation.

On Saturday night Jaffer's body lay slumped in the middle of the road in the pouring rain at the intersection of De Wet and Link Roads, Ottery — just metres from his home.

The condition of his blue Mazda bakkie told the story: Several bullets had shattered the windows, while police cones marked the spent cartridges.

Operation Good Hope spokesperson Neville Malha said Jaffer, 47, was returning to his Pasadena Way, Ottery, home when his attackers swooped about 8.50pm. He was hit at least five times in the head and died at the scene.

Malha said that because it had been raining heavily, there were no witnesses around and police had not established a motive for Jaffer's killing or identified any likely suspects.

However, a neighbour told the *Cape Times* that while he was in his house, he heard a volley of 11 shots ring out and saw a red Opel Astra speed off and turn into Link Road about 8.45pm.

At an emotional but low-key funeral ceremony yesterday, Jaffer was referred to as a "martyr". A close friend, who did not wish to be identified, said: "Farouk was a true community man who always put children before himself. He put his wife and family second for the benefit of the community. He was a true *shahid* (martyr) who did work for the community."

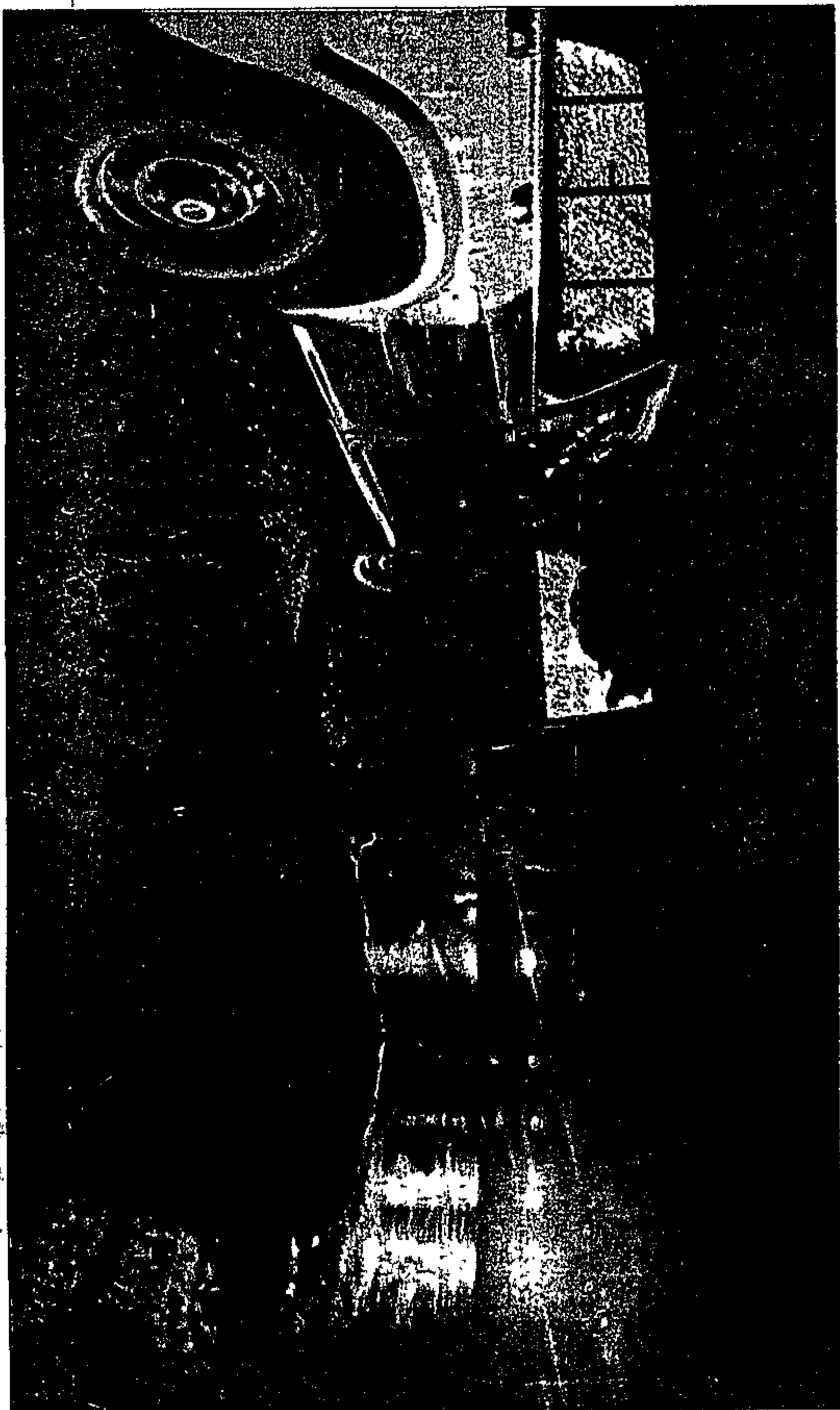
"He is not only a loss as a husband and father but also as a sincere community leader who did not work for any particular organisation," the friend said.

Another friend, Sheikh Shaheed Sataariden, questioned why the violence on the Cape Flats was continuing.

"Why are they doing this? Babies and innocent children are getting killed. What did this man do?"

"He lived for us and our children? Is it because he differed from a certain group in the community?"

"Today I say that Sheikh Sataariden is prepared to die. I feel proud of Farouk."  
"He is the first real martyr. But



**GUNNED DOWN:** The bullet-riddled body of former Pagad leader Farouk Jaffer lies at the intersection of Link and De Wet roads, Ottery, after he was shot in the head during a drive-by shooting on Saturday night. ● Picture Page 3

how many people must still die? "We will overcome the death of our brother Farouk Jaffer, but we will overcome the fear that we live with every day?"

"We will not stoop to the level of these people. But we have to take a stand. This community has

had enough," Sataariden said. No Pagad members attended the funeral. Pagad legal adviser Cassiem Parker said the organisation preferred not to comment on Jaffer's killing.

Parker, also a former Pagad leader and founder member when the organisation rose to prominence in 1996, was also the victim of a shooting attack late last year.

Unknown gunmen fired at Parker at his Rylands home and shot him in the back. Before his involvement with

Pagad, Jaffer was an active member of the Islamic Social and Welfare Association. He gave regular lectures on the harms of drugs at a prison for children in Worcester and recently wrote a book on drugs which is due to be published soon.

Shortly after the public lynching of Hard Livings gang leader Rashaad Stage in August 1996, Jaffer, along with Parker and Edries — who formed the core of Pagad's leadership — left Pagad and were labelled "traitors" by the new leadership.

# 'Fist' force alarms cops

## Police keep close watch on shadowy new vigilante group

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Senior police officers are worried about the formation of Die Vuis (The Fist), a shadowy new anti-crime group jointly led by a controversial former policeman, Ronnie Els, and a disgraced ex-cop who was a killer.

Two weeks ago, Mr Els, who is facing murder charges after shooting dead an alleged mugger at an intersection in Bellville at the weekend, handed Die Vuis's founding document to police.

During a meeting with organised crime unit head Boet Claassen, he invited the

police to Die Vuis's founding meeting, which was to be held at a Bellville nightclub. Police declined the invitation.

Mr Els, a former member of the narcotics bureau, said a public meeting to mobilise the masses and start a "membership drive" would be held at Bellville Civic Centre later this month.

Northern suburbs prostitutes have allegedly already been threatened by Die Vuis "to stop operating or else".

They said members of the organisation drove around in a "mafia-style", clad in



Fanatical? Ronnie Els

pass on to police. More than one prostitute interviewed

black. They were apparently always armed.

But Mr Els said although most of his members were former police and defence force members, he would use children and parents to demonstrate peacefully outside brothers of Die Vuis to work for them.

Director Claassen said police were very concerned about the group, which appeared to be "somewhat fanatical" and were "watching Die Vuis like a hawk".

He said there were "no grounds for an investigation except against Mr Els for another matter".

Mr Els was arrested late on Saturday after shooting a man who approached his car at an intersection in Bellville. Mr Els alleged the man posed as a beggar then produced a knife and tried to stab him.

Based on a statement from a youth hitting on the NI off-ramp about 4km away and an initial report from detectives and ballistic experts, police arrested Mr Els and charged him with murder.

Mr Els appeared yesterday in the Bellville Magistrate's Court, where he was refused bail pending further investigation.

Mr Els' son, also Ronnie Els, today asked the Cape Argus to make clear he should not be confused with his father. He distanced himself from Mr Els's activities.

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# Druglords' houses to be seized

## Fight is on, says Hofmeyr

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The state's new weapon in the fight against organised crime, the assets forfeiture unit, is set to cause more headaches for Cape druglords this month when it moves to seize houses used to sell drugs.

Several properties which have consistently been used to harbour criminals and serve as outlets for drug distribution have already been earmarked for forfeiture.

After the seizure, it is up to the owners to prove the properties are not being used as a base for crimes and that they were not originally bought from the proceeds of criminal activities.

Fresh from a significant High Court victory in Durban this week, where assets and cash totalling more than R1-million in ill-gotten gains were officially confiscated from two businessmen, the unit is beginning to flex its considerable muscle.

Established in early June, the unit has launched a number of civil and criminal forfeiture actions against corrupt officials.

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gangsters and druglords.

The beauty of the scheme, says unit head Willie Hofmeyr, is that money confiscated from criminals is then used to take them on.

"Our mission is to make sure crime does not pay. We take from the criminals and use the money to fight them."

Mr Hofmeyr, a former MP and legal adviser to President Mbeki, said a special fund had been set up to receive the forfeited proceeds of crime.

The fund would be used to pay for legal costs incurred by the unit as well as for the unit's expansion to about 20 highly qualified personnel.

At present, it consists of four lawyers, a chartered accountant and a secretary.

Mr Hofmeyr estimated it would take a year or two to get the unit to full complement, as a number of time-consuming "test" cases - some of which could reach the Constitutional Court - needed to be completed.

After that, the trickle of confiscations

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## Druglords' houses to be seized

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and forfeitures would turn into a flood, he said.

The unit was also involved in tracking down and recovering money taken in armoured-truck heists, tackling white-collar crime involving tens of millions of rands and had locked horns with several organised criminal syndicates and gangs.

"Our immediate priority is to go for the housing used to sell drugs,"

said Mr Hofmeyr. "This will mainly be in Cape Town, where people are caught time and again selling drugs from a house, and some even convicted, only for there to be another lot selling drugs there a week later."

"The forfeiture of the houses will allow us to get behind the underlings and get at the owners of the houses." As well as houses, the unit is also able to confiscate cash it believes has come from criminal activities.

On June 5, R145 000 in cash was found in the boot of a car belonging

to the reputed leader of the Amert-cans gang in the Kensington area, Ieshan Davids. There were traces of Mandrax on the notes, police say.

Once a seizure order was signed, Mr Davids - or anybody else claiming the money belonged to them - was required to prove in court that the cash had been obtained legally.

Claimants were given 14 days to state their case.

Now the R145 000 in Mandrax-stained notes has been added to the special fund.

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# Murdered Pagad leader was informer

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Marianne Merten

**O**usted People against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) leader Farouk Jaffer was assisting intelligence services with their investigations into the vigilante group. Last Saturday he was found shot dead near his home.

Said an intelligence official: "Jaffer started helping us a long time ago. But he also advertised his assistance. The hit could be linked to his role."

As Jaffer's body lay on the road for several hours in the rain, an unusual number of senior police officials attended the crime scene. They included provincial deputy commissioners Dirk Crafford and Adam Blaauw, Operation Good Hope operational head Director Simon Mpenbe and detective boss Director André du Toit.

"There is no motive as yet. No witnesses have come forward," said Operation Good Hope representative Captain Neville Mallia.

Provincial police representative Senior Superintendent Wilcus Holtzhausen said they are pursuing several avenues. "It is not our policy to say who may be an informer. It would be irresponsible to do that. We had several discussions with him and other members since Pagad started."

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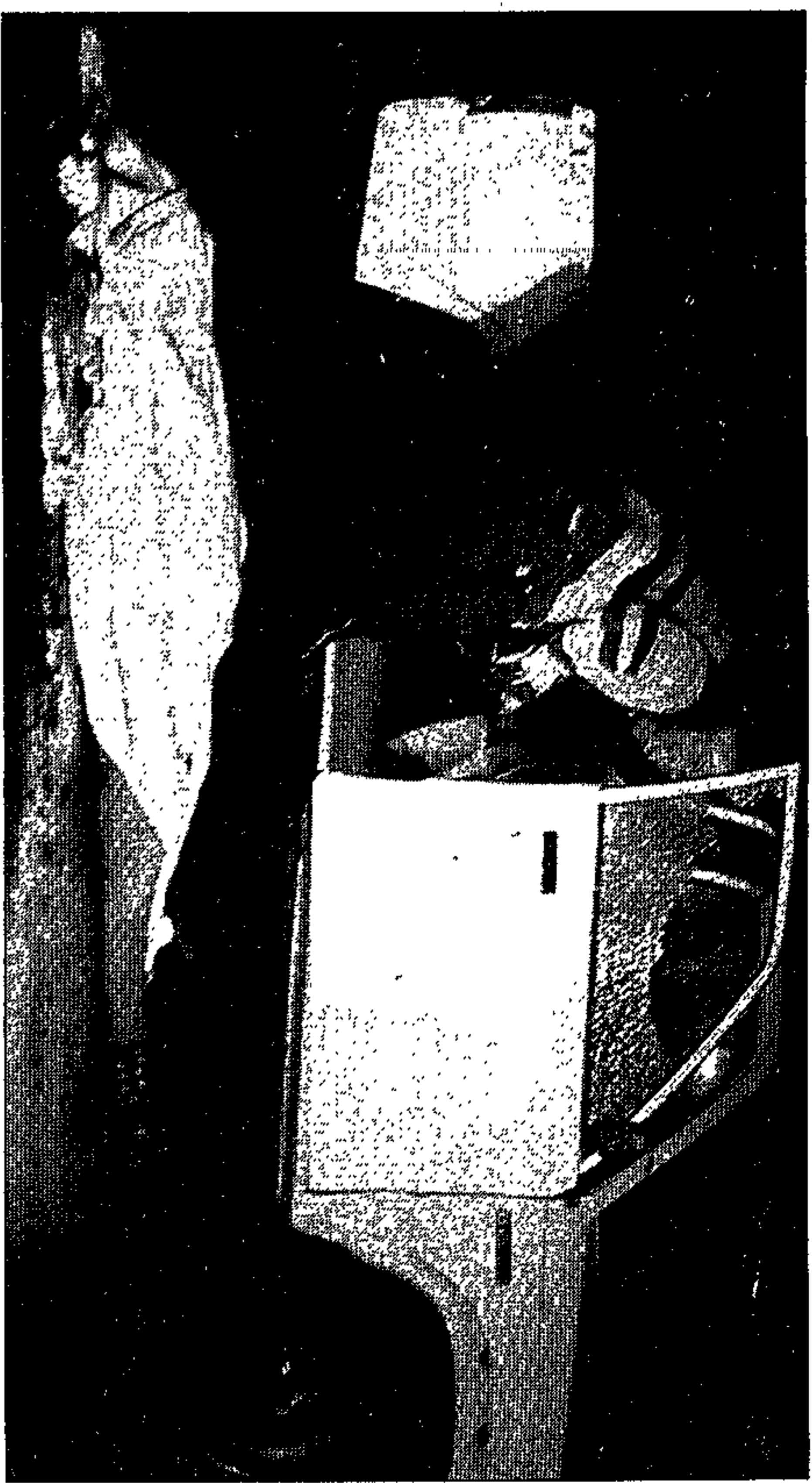
When Jaffer and Pagad's founding leaders, Ali "Phantom" Parker and Nadhmie Edries, were expelled from the organisation in September 1996, speculation was rife that Jaffer had opted to assist the National Intelligence Agency (NIA).

This followed his comments that Pagad had been taken over by Islamic fundamentalists under the umbrella of the left-wing organisation, Qibla. He and Parker registered the name Pagad as a Section 21 company in a failed attempt to remain in control.

Both Parker and Edries have also been attacked. Since a grenade was thrown into Edries's home in 1997, he has maintained a low profile. Parker was seriously injured when he was shot in front of his home last year.

Jaffer was regularly spotted in the company of police, sometimes high-ranking officers, before and after his expulsion from the anti-drug group. One such occasion was Pagad's protest at Cape Town International airport in December 1996, when its followers clashed with police. Jaffer was seen in a police helicopter at the scene. He had been flown up to Pretoria and Johannesburg to meet police officials there.

Police began an investigation into sedition against Jaffer and Parker,



**Taken out: Ousted Pagad leader and suspected intelligence services informer Farouk Jaffer was found shot dead near his home last week. PHOTOGRAPH: AK ADAMS**

but the two were never charged.

Although Jaffer left Pagad almost three years ago, he had useful information to share with the police. He was part of what observers regard as the "palace coup" which transformed Pagad from a community-based anti-drug, anti-gangster movement into one with an overtly Islamic agenda.

More importantly for the police, Jaffer was to have testified at the inquest into the lynching of Hard Living's gang boss Rashaad Staggie.

His murder during a Pagad march in August 1996 propelled the vigilantes into international headlines. Jaffer would have been able to point out at least some of the people who could be held responsible for Staggie's death.

The inquest is expected to resume in the Cape High Court on August 31. Ministry of Intelligence representative Helmut Schlenter said it is not the NIA's policy to confirm or deny whether a person works for them. But

the agency's active interest in the anti-drug group was exposed when former Pagad Gauteng co-ordinator Ayub Mungalee revealed he was a "spy" after he and four Pagad members were arrested at a police roadblock near Oudtshoorn in February.

It later emerged that Mungalee had been on the NIA's books as an informer since 1994. After a hiatus in 1997, when he gave up his Pagad leadership position, he again worked for them.

Mungalee claimed he had transported gunpowder to Cape Town with the knowledge of the agency and knew of at least two pipe bombs the NIA had photographed before letting them go.

His handler, Gretha Bezuidenhout, vehemently denied this. She insisted she had only been told about it later. During testimony she refused to answer questions about the nature of the agency's role in Pagad, except to say Mungalee could have been briefed either in Gauteng or the Cape.

Investigating officer Superintendent Henry Beukes has been relieved of the Mungalee docket. The official reason is that he allegedly withheld the ball file of one of the Oudtshoorn Pagad Five, but he also expressed concern over the lack of co-operation between the NIA and police.

Mungalee was not the first informant to be exposed. On Christmas Eve 1996 Cape Town police arrested prominent Pagad G-Force member Rushdien Abrahams on several attempted murder charges related to shootings at various drug dealers' homes.

Detectives linked Abrahams and at least two policemen to an undercover hand grenade sting. The secret operation went wrong when a grenade from the same batch killed a pregnant woman late in 1996.

The incident caused a rift in the Western Cape police. Intelligence services accused detectives of scuppering a long-standing infiltration.

# Western Cape is the murder province of SA

Stephané Bothma

THE Western Cape remains the murder and housebreaking province of SA, while Gauteng continues to show the highest rate of violent property crime, the latest crime figures released by the safety and security department show.

Once again Northern Cape shows high levels of interpersonal violent crime, resulting in the highest levels of rape, common assault and serious assault.

The data, which covers the period from January to May this year, show that the SA Police Service is not winning the battle against crime when compared to corresponding months since 1994.

## Northern Province is the safest place for people and cars, crime statistics show

Although 13 crime trends remained stable, six increased. These include armed robbery, hijacking, serious assault, residential housebreaking and theft.

Crimes that remain stable include murder, attempted murder, rape, housebreaking of business premises and theft of motor vehicles.

"Only the category of drug-related crimes show a decline," the report says. However, this category is not usually the result of members of the public reporting cases to the police, the report says. It is rather a reflection of police action such as

the seizure of drugs at roadblocks or as the result of the police acting on the information of contacts.

"Thus a decline in the recording of this crime category does not necessarily reflect an overall decline in the occurrence of drug-related crime," the report says.

An increase in one category of crime — the recorded cases of illegal possession of firearms — should be viewed positively," the department said at the weekend, as it meant police were being more successful in combating this type of crime.

Like the drug-related crimes category,

illegal possession of firearms also relies mostly on police action.

"In effect, then, an increase in cases of illegal possession of firearms provides a positive measure of police effectiveness in this regard," the report says.

A breakdown of crime in the provinces shows that the Western Cape has the highest level of reported crimes in most of the crime categories.

These are murder, attempted murder, residential and business housebreaking and theft of vehicles.

The report shows that the Northern

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Province is the safest place to live in SA. While eight people out of every 100 000 were murdered in the Northern Province from January to May this year, this figure was as high as 33,1 in the Western Cape, 29 in KwaZulu-Natal and 28,7 in Gauteng.

While 29,5 people out of 100 000 of the Northern Province's population were raped during the same period, 73 were raped in the Northern Cape, 64,2 in Gauteng and 63,4 in the Western Cape.

Not only people but motor vehicles also seemed safer in the Northern Province. There were 21,1 vehicles stolen for every 100 000 people in the province, while in Gauteng 280,6 were stolen and 117,9 in the Western Cape.

YOUNG GANGSTERS RUN AMOK

# Sowing seeds of township terror

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**A RISE IN GANG VIOLENCE** in three townships has prompted residents to seek military intervention to restore order. **MANDLA MINYAKAMA** reports.

**A** SHARP upsurge in gangster violence in the Cape Flats townships of Gugulethu, Nyanga and New Crossroads has led to demands for extra police and army and patrols in the area.

Residents and police report that gangs such as Yizo Yizo, the Moscows and the Dogg Pounds have embarked on a reign of terror which has residents living in fear. Many residents blame the criminal justice system and say the recent arrest of taxi drivers for alleged involvement in kangaroo courts was cause for gangs to rejoice and arm themselves to the teeth.

Recently a group of concerned Gugulethu residents brought the matter to the attention of the police and demanded that the issue be addressed. They also appealed to the authorities not to give bail to known gangsters.

Danile Landingwe of the Gugulethu Community Forum said he approached the police's Operation Good Hope for assistance after residents approached him with their concerns. "Residents are in fear because these boys use hard drugs."

Landingwe said members of the forum met military officials last Monday to discuss getting army patrols into the affected areas. He attributed the problem largely to the lack of support these communities have received from

police. He said that although there is a police toll-free number (10111), gangsters terrorise residents without fear because they know police will not arrive in time to prevent them.

Gugulethu police spokesperson Charles Kakudi speculated that the recent rise in gang violence between groups of youths aged between 14 and 18 may have developed as a result of a desire for revenge. He cited the case of one such youth who was seriously injured in an apparent revenge shooting last Wednesday. The youth is now lying in a coma at Groote Schuur Hospital.

Since then at least three other youths have been shot, and police have made at least eight arrests. After a reign of terror in the 1980s by the Ntsara and Adderley Street Boys — which were disbanded by outraged residents after

a series of rapes, murders and robberies in the late '80s — a different form of gangsterism began taking root in the townships in 1997 with the emergence of a new breed of gun-toting outlaw strongly influenced by US hip-hop stars.

Gangs imitating US "gangsta rappers" such as Tupac Shakur and the Notorious B.I.G. — both killed in drive-by shootings in 1996 — sprang up, adopting names such as Moscows, Dogg Pounds, Regionals, KwaZulu-Natal and Yizo Yizo. Like their US models, they used hand signals to communicate with each other.

They came from various parts of Gugulethu, New Crossroads and Nyanga and became involved in break-ins, car-hijackings, muggings and robbery to get money for alcohol and drugs.

Train commuters saw muggings in coaches by armed gangs

who stripped people of jewellery. Those failing to heed the gangs' demands were hurt or thrown from moving trains.

Contemporaries of the gangsters who refused to involve themselves in such violence were harassed and sometimes forced to flee their homes. Many conflicts erupted over women, often leading to injury or death.

Sometimes schools were used as battlefields and some pupils carried firearms and other weapons with which to defend themselves. Pupils believed to be particularly at risk were sent home early by schools for their safety.

One of the most highly publicised school cases involved the death in August 1997 of 18-year-old Howard Mackenzie, a Grade 10 pupil at Stermbele Matiso High in New Crossroads who was shot and killed at his desk.

## BLITZ ON DRINKING HOLES

# Liquor curfew for city

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A CLAMPDOWN on late-night bars and other licensed premises that operate beyond the hours stipulated in their licences has begun in the city. **ERIC NTABAZALLA** reports.

**P**OLICE have imposed a 2am curfew on Cape Town watering holes, with officials arguing that the move will result in a dramatic reduction in incidents of violence.

Police say restaurants and pubs must stop selling liquor at 2am as stipulated in their licences. However, nightclubs, which have a special licence will be permitted to sell liquor until 4am.

But restaurant, pub and nightclub owners in Sea Point, where police have begun to take action against licence transgressions, are crying foul.

They say their profits have been reduced — in some cases by up to 50% — and that if the clampdown continues they will be forced to retrench staff.

Many licence-holders have questioned the accuracy of the police's claim that the move will cut down on violent crime.

South African Breweries, the nation-

al liquor giant, has also disputed the police's claim of a link between alcohol abuse and violent crime.

SAB spokesperson Adrian Botha commented: "There's no national or international research that has proven a link between alcohol consumption and violent crime. The main causes of crime in this country are unemployment, social deprivation and greed."

Jacques van Lill, provincial commander of the police's liquor and firearms unit and a member of the Western Cape Liquor Board, said: "We have identified the root of the (violence) problem as alcohol abuse. About 80% of violent crimes are committed after people get drunk."

"We have 72 000 assaults a year in the Western Cape and between 30 and 40 murders a month in Khayelitsha along with hundreds of assault cases. These statistics speak for themselves."

Van Lill said liquor regulations per-

tain to closing times had not been enforced adequately in the past because there had not been enough manpower to do so.

He said more police officials have been given special training and that each police station will now have a liquor and firearms officer.

"We have started this campaign in the Western Cape because it has become a crime capital of South Africa and there's a lot of alcohol abuse here."

However, he said that the clampdown should not be viewed as a declaration of "open war" against the owners of licensed premises.

Saul Beder of Saul's Saloon and Grill is one of many Sea Point business owners who believes otherwise. "Where were they all these years and why were they not enforcing the law?" he asked.

Beder challenged police to prove that the campaign will reduce crime. "If they think closing down all the places will alleviate crime in this area, I think they are living in a dream world."

"The crime problems here stretch beyond selling liquor. They should get rid of the drug trade and prostitution

that's going on here," he said.

Gustav Moller, manager of a Sea Point Seven Eleven, said he believes other businesses in the area are likely to feel the effect of the clampdown.

"Most of the customers (of nearby bars and restaurants) are our customers who come to us to buy cigarettes and snacks."

"They are not criminals. I'm losing R2 000 a day already," he said.

Mark John, manager of the Blue Moon nightclub, said the move is a "smoke-screen by conservative whites" who are trying to rid the area of black people who have been moving in.

John has already been fined R12 000 for not closing at 4am — the stipulated closing time on his licence.

Police say a criminal case will be opened if an owner fails to follow the regulations governing licences.

Designated officers will write a report on any venue which transgresses the law. This will be sent to the Liquor Board to determine whether to re-evaluate the liquor licence.

The move is also expected to affect

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## Clampdown on bars

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hundreds of shebeen operators in and around the city.

"We know we are going to have problem with shebeens as there are lot of them," said Van Lill.

"One of our strategies is to form shebeen forums where we will try to persuade

shebeen queens to acquire liquor licences. "I will also visit all police stations to speak to community policing forums about the new plan."

"Communities are fed up with crime and they are aware that alcohol abuse is one of major contributing factors," Van Lill said.

He appealed to owners of liquor outlets not to sell alcohol to obviously intoxicated people or children.

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# Top cop

# linked to

# city terror

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Duo allege arms deliveries

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Two awaiting-trial prisoners have implicated a senior Western Cape policeman in the transport of explosives between Gauteng and Cape Town for use in urban terror.

Ayob Mungalee, former Gauteng Pagad co-ordinator, and George Kieser, a former member of the Soweto flying squad, have signed a joint affidavit naming a chief police communications officer in the Western Cape, Superintendent Riaan Pool.

They say Superintendent Pool, who was named in a weekly newspaper today, transported explosives and ammunition to the Western Cape "during a time when things were most volatile".

Superintendent Pool said he was being framed. "I'm clean. People should look at both sides of the story."

Pagad spokesman Cassiem Parker told the Cape Argus today that the allegations of an arms cache destined for Cape Town to discredit Pagad was "exactly what Pagad had been talking about for so long".

With the "truth emerging", he said, the chickens had come home to roost and it was time to reverse the public perception which had been criminalising Pagad.

"Our people have been sitting innocently in jail, but now as substantial allegations of third force activities emerge and the picture changes, the situation of our people behind bars should be reviewed."

Mr Kieser, who worked for 13 years as a policeman and was attached to the Soweto flying squad under the command of Superintendent Pool, claims to have driven several consignments of commercial explosives, M26 handgrenades and pipe bombs

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## Prison duo link top cop to urban terror

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and detonators to Cape Town and handed them to Supt Pool.

He alleges he is still in possession of an arms cache comprising 26 handgrenades, three pipe bombs, commercial explosives and detonators, which he is prepared to show to members of the Investigative Directorate on Organised Crime.

According to his lawyer, JORG Prinsloo, Mr Kieser was going to point out the arms cache, which is believed to be hidden in the West Rand area, to investigators today.

Mr Kieser also claims to be an undercover informer for the Nation-

al Intelligence Agency and for Military Intelligence.

He is expected to appear in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court on Monday on four charges of vehicle theft while still in the police. He was arrested 14 months ago and denied bail.

He has been in the Krugersdorp maximum security prison. It was there that he met Mr Mungalee, who also claims to be a National Intelligence agent and former Pagad Gauteng leader.

Mr Prinsloo said the two men had exchanged notes while sharing a cell and began to piece together a plot pointing to police complicity in ter-

ror attacks in Cape Town.

During the past few days the two have been locked in meetings with investigators from the Organised Crime Directorate and the Independent Complaints Directorate.

Operation Good Hope head Gantier Daniels said he was not convinced of the truth of the allegations as both Mr Kieser and Mr Mungalee had made unfounded statements in the past.

But these were new allegations and all heads had to be investigated.

"My honest gut feeling is that this is no more than a plan hatched by Ayob to discredit the police," Commissioner Daniels said.

# Terror Bombs: cache found

Former policeman accuses Cape Town officer of cover-up

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JOSEPH ARANES

Police investigators in Gauteng have found the remains of an arms cache allegedly used in urban terror attacks in Cape Town.

George Kieser, a former policeman now awaiting trial in Krugersdorp Prison, showed detectives linked to the Investigative Directorate on Organised Crime where he had hidden the cache - an M26 hand grenade, the grenade's detonator, 96 cap fuses used to set off explosive devices like pipe bombs, seven R1 magazines filled with live rounds, 25 pentallite boosters used to boost a detonator charge and 11 pipe bomb caps.

The cache was unearthed near Dobsonville and in Roodepoort yesterday after days of talks between Mr Kieser and the Independent Complaints Directorate, the body which investigates complaints against the police.

Mr Kieser said the cache had originally included 28 hand grenades, several pipe bombs, detonators, R1 rounds and magazines, shotgun rounds, R5 magazines and about 128 sticks of commercial explosive.

He alleges most of the ammunition was taken to Cape Town.

Mr Kieser, who was arrested 15 months ago and is facing charges of car theft, is sharing a cell with the former Pagad leader in Gauteng, Ayob Mungalee.

Mr Mungalee was arrested in the Karoo town of Prince Albert Road seven months ago for allegedly transporting explosives to Cape Town. At the time no explosives were found in his vehicle and he is now facing charges for illegally possessing firearms.

In a joint statement on Tuesday both men claimed to be National Intelligence Agency informers and said they were part of operations exposing police corruption and complicity in crimes and acts of urban terror.

They said police were persecuting them as a result of this work.

They also alleged that unsubstantiated evidence was used against them in court to preclude bail.

In the statement, Mr Kieser, a policeman for 13 years who was attached to the Soweto flying squad before to his arrest, alleges that his former commander, Riaan Pool, transported explosives to Cape Town during the period when terror attacks took place almost

daily.

Superintendent Pool, who now heads the East Metropole police communications service in Cape Town, denies the allegations.

Mr Kieser also named three other officers whom he alleges are corrupt and who he says were promoted in order to remove them from Soweto to the police anti-corruption unit in Pretoria.

During the talks with the Complaints Directorate, Mr Kieser claimed that he had also, on instruction of Superintendent Pool, transported hand grenades and pipe bombs to Cape Town.

He alleged that the ammunition and explosive devices he pointed out to the police yesterday were handed to him by Superintendent Pool and that Superintendent Pool's fingerprints should still be on some of the items.

At a smallholding near Dobsonville, Soweto, where Mr Kieser ran a scrapyard before his arrest, he showed investigators where the detonators were hidden.

In light rain detectives from the bomb squad removed the detonators but could not find any pipe bomb casings. Mr Kieser said he suspected the casings might have been sold as scrap during his absence.

He then took the police and reporters to his brother's house in Witpoortjie, Roodepoort, where the seven R1 magazines were hidden. A handgrenade, pipe bomb caps and the superchargers were found at his upmarket Roodekrans home, also in Roodepoort.

Mr Kieser said: "It's time that I come clean. I've put all of this on the table so they can have concrete evidence and the corrupt police officers are exposed."

"It's now time for Superintendent Pool and all the others to come clean and make full disclosures of the crimes they have committed and are involved in."

The officer in charge of the operation, George Hardaker, said they were satisfied with the find and would now start a "backtracking" process to find out where the explosives and ammunition had originated.

"These are early days and we will have to wait and see where this investigation leads us," Capa Hardaker said.

Gauteng's Independent Complaints Directorate head Shadrack Mahlangu said while

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the directorate had spoken to Mr Kieser, it was not handling the investigation.

"We are monitoring the developments and will work closely with the Directorate on Organised Crime so that the full picture can emerge. From what has been gathered here today, there is more to this investigation than just the theft of motor vehicles," Mr Mahlangu said.

# Top policeman implicated in Cape-bound arms cache

By STEVE DLAMINI

A HIGH-ranking police officer is among three policemen implicated by a former police detective in the discovery of a large quantity of explosives allegedly intended for use in urban terror attacks in Cape Town.

The explosives were discovered on the West Rand after former Soweto Flying Squad sergeant George Kieser led police to three spots where they were hidden.

Kieser is currently in Krugersdorp Prison awaiting trial in connection with five charges of car theft. He was let out of the prison on Friday morning to point out the arms caches. The explosives, used to manufacture plastic bombs, were found in Doornkop near Soweto, Rood-

ekrans and Witpoortjie. Police also found a M26 hand-grenade, a detonator, 96 cap fuses, seven R1 magazines with live rounds, a 75mm mortar, 25 pentaltite boosters, 11 pipe-bomb caps and a 105mm projector.

Kieser, who called City Press from prison about the explosives a week ago, told police they were part of a consignment police had transported to Cape Town for bombing attacks intended to damage the image of the anti-crime group People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad).

He claimed the explosives and the devices had been obtained by the police, including his former commander. Kieser alleged that the original cache, which was transported to Cape Town in 26 hand-grenades, detonators and shotgun rounds, several pipe-bombs and

126 sticks of commercial explosives. Kieser, who worked as a policeman for about 13 years, alleged that the arms and explosives were transported by a high-ranking policeman.

Some of the explosives were found at Kieser's home in Roodekrans and at his brother's house in Witpoortjie.

The alleged police involvement in arms trafficking to the Cape was first revealed earlier this year by self-confessed National Intelligence Agency informant Ayob Mungalee, a Johannesburg member of Pagad.

Mungalee was arrested with five other Pagad members while on his way to Cape Town with explosives used to make pipe-bombs.

Mungalee alleged that the explosives were given to them by the police. He told City Press he was aware of more caches. Police have since launched a high-level investigation into these allegations.

The breakthrough came as a result of Kieser co-operating with the National Director of Public Prosecutions, the Independent Complaints Directorate and the Justice Ministry.

Captain George Hardaker, investigating officer from the office of the National Director of Public Prosecutions, declined to name the police officers implicated in the arms cache.

Kieser has been in police custody since June last year in connection with five counts of car theft. City Press has court documents in which another policeman allegedly involved with Kieser, Superintendent

Riaan Poole, former head of the Soweto Flying Squad, admitted under oath that he had been involved in the theft of about 200 vehicles.

Poole admitted in court that he then became an informer for the anti-corruption unit and coerced members of his own unit to steal cars. He has since been transferred to Cape Town.

Kieser has alleged that he was being denied bail because he knew too much. He said he had informed members of the anti-corruption unit about the explosives when he was arrested, but his information was not taken seriously.

"I have also written several letters to Justice Ministry offices, but because of the influence some of the policemen who are involved have, I was ignored. "I just want to see justice being done, and I also want to come out clean. "I've put all of this on the table so they can have concrete evidence," he told reporters when he went to point out the weapons caches.

Hardaker could not confirm that Kieser had informed the police several times about the explosives.

Kieser's legal representative, advocate Jurg Prinsloo, told City Press the explosives were handed to his client by his "superiors" in the police service.

"He did not keep them for his own intentions. He just followed his superiors' instructions," said Prinsloo. "The two people involved in this, including the top-ranking policeman, are in trouble. We don't want to scare them now by naming them. We want this to come as a surprise," Prinsloo said.

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# Carolus loses bid to have case thrown out of court

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AN application by alleged drug dealer Gavin Carolus to have a case against him withdrawn was turned down in the Cape Town Regional Court yesterday.

Carolus, from Rugby, appeared on charges of allegedly forging a letter of consent for the possession of a firearm and ammunition. Acting Magistrate Thomas Taylor refused to throw out the case, but he agreed to a defence request for the postponement of the trial.

Pete Mihalik, for Carolus, argued that the state was over-zealous in bringing matters to court and was abusing its vast power. He added that the court should monitor the state and protect the rights of individuals.

Erasmus opposed the application and said that defence counsel had sufficient time to prepare for the case. He argued that the charges Carolus was facing were uncomplicated and therefore did not warrant a postponement. Thomas granted a postponement until December 1 and warned Carolus to appear.

# New firm to make CBD safe

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A SECTION 21 company has been launched to help bring prosperity, cleanliness and safety back into central Cape Town.

The Cape Town Central City Partnership has been formed to make improvements to the area bounded by Buitengracht, Tenant and Annandale streets and the Foreshore — an area which provides the Cape Town City Council with more than R160 million in rates each year.

It is a partnership between various bodies, including the city and Cape Metropolitan councils, the South African Property Owners' Association, the Cape Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Cape Town Tourism, City Community Patrol Board, Business Against Crime, Cape Town Heritage Trust, South African Black Technical and Allied Careers' Organisation and the Central City Improvement Districts Association.

It aims to foster economic growth, develop tourism and encourage investment in public infrastructure and transport.

Among its priorities are ensuring a level of service from the city council and fostering districts earmarked for improvements.

Wendy Hartshorne of the South African Property Owners' Association said of the new organisation: "We need to revitalise the economy of the central city but we are not here to replace the municipality or allow it to withdraw from its responsibilities."

# 'Cops sold weapons to Pagad'

**Marianne Merten and  
Evidence wa ka Ngobeni**

**S**enior police officers are involved in gun-running between Gauteng and the Western Cape as well as vehicle theft syndicates which supply illegal chop shops, according to former People against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) Gauteng co-ordinator Ayob Mungalee.

The self-confessed National Intelligence Agency (NIA) informer is awaiting trial in Krugersdorp prison after he and four other vigilantes were arrested in February allegedly in possession of two detonators, illegal firearms and ammunition.

In prison, Mungalee met and teamed up with a former policeman from the Soweto flying squad, George Kieser, who says he is also an informant for military intelligence and the NIA. Kieser, a police officer for 13 years, has been awaiting trial on charges of car theft for 15 months.

In a signed statement from jail, Mungalee and Kieser claim "a senior police officer transported explosives and ammunition to the Cape during a time when things were most volatile".

The statement names the officer as Western Cape Superintendent Riaan Pool, and alleges he has also been involved in car hijackings in Soweto.

"Full explanation [sic] will be given how a double agent conspired with this officer [to transport weapons]. The cache included M26 hand grenades, pipe bombs, detonators, superchargers, R-1 rounds and magazines, shotgun rounds, R-5 magazines and +/- 126 sticks of commercial explosives. Some of these are available in Gauteng presently and we will point it out."

Representative for the anti-corruption unit Welma Nortjé confirmed that Kieser's charges date back a long time and that he had been an informant for the NIA, but

added he has cried foul for a long time. Apparently he fell out with authorities after demanding more money for information.

Advocate AP de Vries, SC, director of public prosecutions for the Witwatersrand, said Pool was trained as an agent and used in an undercover operation by the national anti-corruption unit of the South African Police Service (SAPS).

"They are now testifying in court in various trials about these crimes against other policemen," De Vries said "All these cases are at present sub judice and I can therefore not give any greater detail."

Mungalee and Kieser claim Pool transferred the arms to the Western Cape and was relocated under the witness protection programme after he had apparently uncovered "a can of worms" related to a vehicle-theft syndicate.

Mungalee and Kieser claim that Pool and three of his colleagues have been given indemnity from prosecution despite their alleged criminal activities.

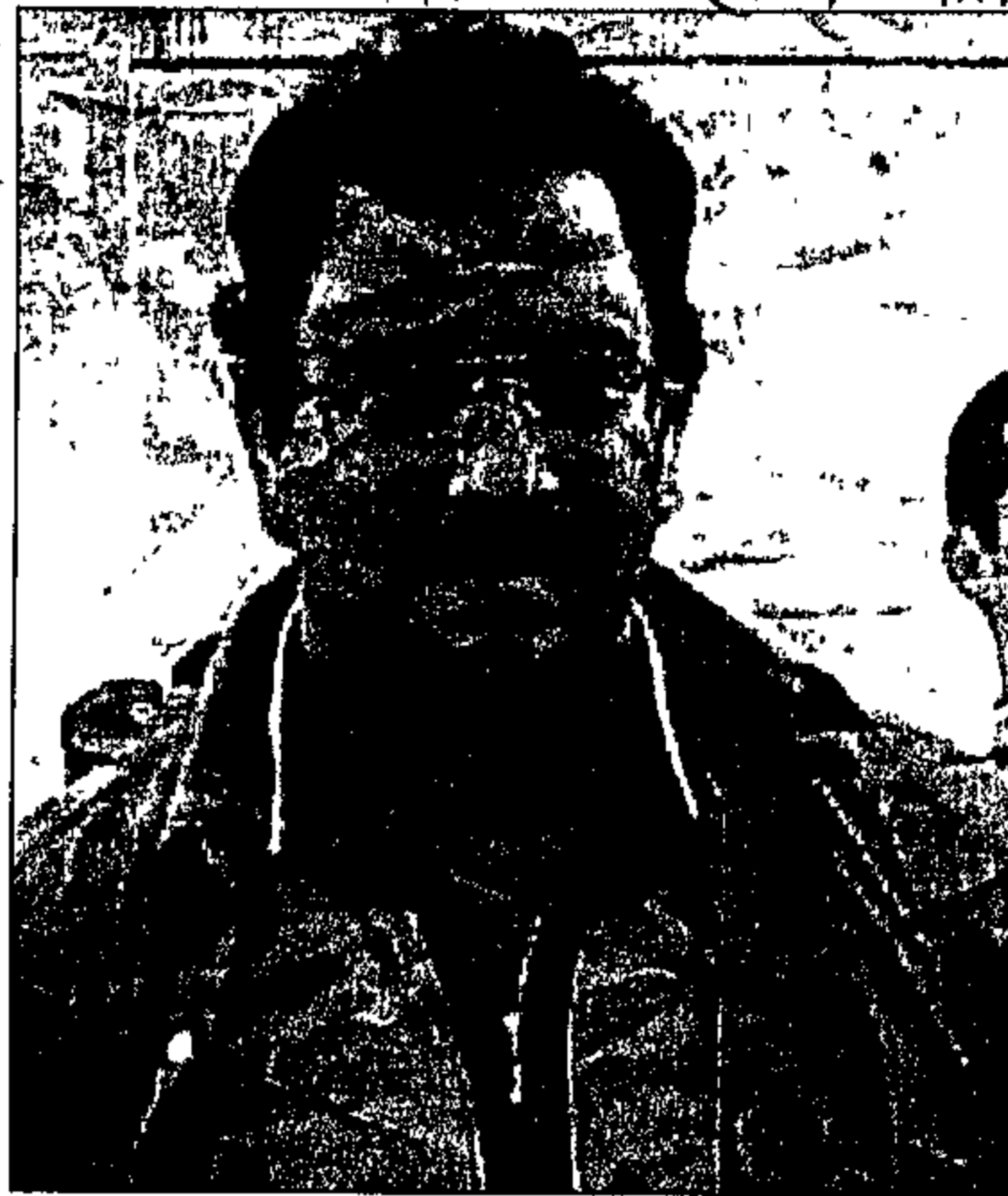
"He and two of his junior officers admitted in a court of law that they were together involved in hundreds of crimes over three years involving stolen and hijacked motor vehicles, also numerous acts of corruption."

The two say they have in their possession a letter from Deputy National Director of Public Prosecutions Jan d'Oliviera dated July 2, confirming the senior policeman has not made full disclosure.

But the commander of the anti-corruption unit, Director Stefan Grobler, said Pool's information had led to the confiscation of 63 stolen vehicles and the legal implication of 19 people.

Nortjé said Kieser has been making similar claims for some time.

The former policeman has been described as a very intelligent and dynamic person — a little like con-



**Awaiting trial: Ayob Mungalee claims that senior police officers are involved in gun-running. PHOTOGRAPH: CAPE ARGUS**

victed murderer Eugene de Kock "who has been involved in crimes but now blames others".

Said Nortjé: "He's been looking for reporters to tell his sad story. He's not in jail for nothing."

The two men allege they can prove police have been involved in cross-country gun-running and in at least one instance of a cover-up.

Says their statement: "... also proof of gangsters being supplied with police-issue arms and ammunition from Gauteng, which was recovered in the Western Cape".

The claims by Mungalee and

Kieser echo those made by the former Pagad member during his bail application in the Oudtshoorn Regional Court earlier this year. Mungalee alleged the NIA knew of several shipments of gunpowder for use in pipe bombs between Gauteng and the Western Cape.

His NIA handler, Gretha Bezuidenhout, denied this, saying the agency had only been informed after the fact that Mungalee brought several kilograms of gunpowder from Johannesburg to Cape Town in January.

Bezuidenhout also told the court

that although she had discussed the controlled delivery of weapons and gunpowder with Mungalee, the transports did not happen.

At the end of July Mungalee contacted a *Mail & Guardian* reporter to claim he is in detention because "he knows too much". He said he had investigated police in southern Johannesburg over the past two years, and forwarded proof of corruption and involvement to authorities as early as last year.

In one instance, Mungalee claims he alerted Soweto police to illegal chop shops and scrapyards which relied on police officers. But he was also allegedly told the police would have to wait for the army before raiding such places.

In their statement Mungalee and Kieser claim they have a sworn affidavit from an operative working at a vehicle satellite tracking group, describing how a Soweto scrapyard owner refused to hand over a stolen car until "a certain senior police officer was called to the scene".

This week members of the SAPS, the South African National Defence Force, the South African Revenue Service and the metropolitan council seized 20 allegedly stolen engines with serial numbers filed off at Don's Scrapyard in Soweto.

Area communications head Superintendent Govindsamy Mariemuthoo says the police often receive information in the course of investigations, but would not disclose the source of such details.

Mungalee and Kieser say they are compelled to speak out because of their previous participation in "intelligence operations which exposed police corruption and SAPS collusion in crimes".

"We offer detailed testimony before any supreme court judge. Should our allegations not be verified, we understand that we could then be prosecuted for perjury."

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# New strategy to make schools safer places

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Scarcely a week goes by without a school on the Cape Flats suffering a break-in, some form of vandalism or gang activity. It is not a new problem.

But the problem of stolen fridges, lawnmowers, laboratory equipment, computers, and using the school as a place to sleep or a hangout for gangsters to smoke dagga or to engage in sexual activities has become far too commonplace. Over the years, schools have learned to fix and replace things, or live without.

The short-term response has always been to throw money at the problem by trying to provide more security.

In the past four years alone, the Western Cape Education Department has spent R44-million on employing security guards at the most affected schools.

But this approach has proved shortsighted as it has been impossible to place guards at all schools or to continue to pour millions of rands into fences, burglar bars, and mesh wire at the expense of much-needed teachers, textbooks and stationery.

Research suggests that some of the most promising prevention and intervention strategies must involve the entire school community working together to find ways of solving the problem.

During the past year, the provincial education department has held intensive discussions about the problems of safety at schools and launched the ambitious Safer Schools Project, with its accompanying Bridge the Fence Project.

These projects are the brainchildren of an alliance of various government depart-

ments, NGOs, municipalities and community role players.

The project will focus its energies on the 130 most affected schools.

The objective is to develop an approach that involves parents, teachers and community organisations, with the purpose of finding ways to make schools safer for the children.

It seeks to allow the school community to find ways to solve problems of gangsterism, crime and vandalism at their schools.

The approach is based on the premise that the more the school community feels it owns the school, the more willingly it will be involved.

To achieve this

objective, a wide range of support services will be available to the school community. These range from conflict resolution and mediation skills, behaviour modification programmes to strategic planning and leadership training.

Programmes designed to develop entrepreneurial capacity, increase awareness of the threats facing schools and enhance community safety will be introduced.

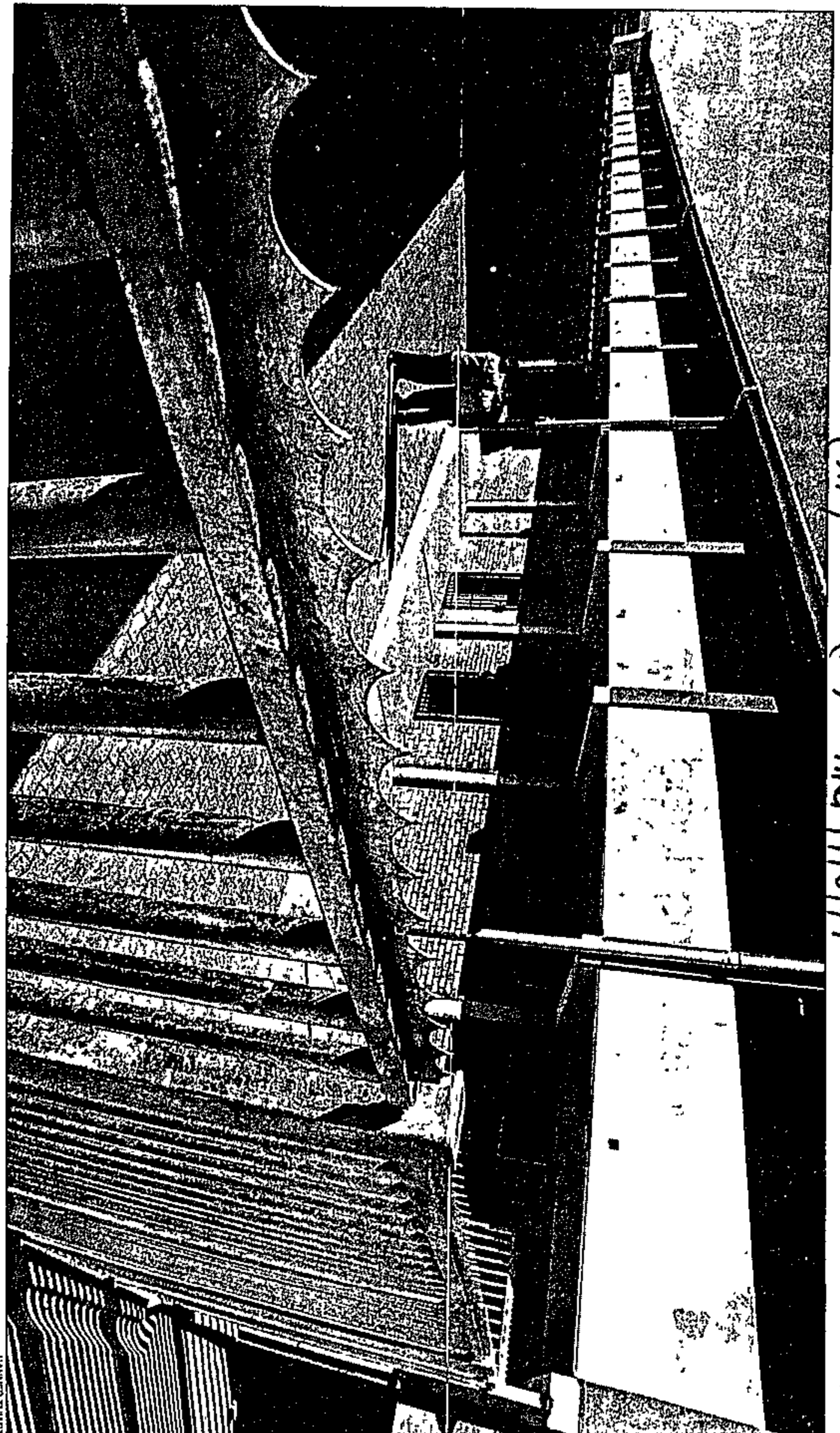
Schools will be given financial support on a monthly basis and their fences will be fixed, burglar bars and alarms installed and mesh wire put on windows.

A 24-hour security company will also provide protection, but only for 12 months. The companies must teach neighbourhood watch groups, and parents, children and teachers about crime prevention.

The objective is to transform schools into havens of safety for learners and to prevent violence in the communities from finding its way into schools.

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STAFF REPORTER



Taking no chances: Cornflower Primary School in Mitchell's Plain was constantly vandalised before it became part of the safer schools project and security was beefed up

HANES THART

# TERROUR TAKES BEATING

## Good Hope ops halt attacks

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### TERROUR OOSTERWYK SWAF REPORTEER

There has not been a single incident of urban terror in the Western Cape in the past six weeks - and the number of attacks fell by more than half in the first six months of 1999 compared with last year.

Although there have been no convictions since its launch, Operation Good Hope - the police initiative to combat urban terror - is claiming a 63% reduction of incidents in the first six months of this year compared with the same period last year.

Operation Good Hope head Gantiel Daniels attributed this to an increase in police control of high-risk areas including Mitchell's Plain, Athlone, Grassy Park and Manenberg, as well as the arrest of a number of prominent activists allegedly associated with urban terror.

He pointed to several key factors which contributed to police success:
 

- The raid on a Brooklyn house in April which provided the police with

### valuable evidence about urban terror.

■ A police search at Valhalla Park, next to Bishop Lavis, in March, which led to an arms cache containing automatic weapons and handgrenades.

■ A dramatic reduction in the activities of Pagad and related organisations.

■ Increased joint operations between Operation Good Hope, local police stations and various community initiatives, such as the Hope 2000 march in Mitchell's Plain.

Operation Good Hope was started in January as part of a national initiative to combat urban terror in the Western Cape.

It set itself the objective of stabilising the high-risk areas, creating a climate of safety and normalising life in the province.

Since its inception there has been a marked decrease in the levels of urban terror.

A comparison between statistics for January to July last year and January to July this year shows incidents of urban terror dropped from 133 to 62. In Athlone the number of attacks

dropped from 31 to 12, in Manenberg from nine to two, and in Mitchell's Plain from 31 to 18.

There has also been a reduction in the use of weapons.

There were 52 shootings in incidents of urban terror in the first six months of last year compared to 39 this year; 62 pipe-bomb blasts compared to six, and 13 petrol bomb blasts compared to eight.

Commissioner Daniels said: "We have several good cases that are now before the courts. The fact there have been no convictions is not the fault of the courts.

"The constitution guarantees rights to alleged perpetrators too, and they use their rights to stall and the cases drag on forever."

One area of concern for Operation Good Hope was the increase in gang activities in such areas as Mitchell's Plain and Grassy Park.

Commissioner Daniels was reluctant to comment on the possibility of broadening the mandate of Operation Good Hope to include these forms of urban terror.



Foreign crooks  
take a shine  
to the Cape

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TASLIMA VILJOEN

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The Western Cape is fast becoming the preferred base for international organised-crime syndicates, which are moving into the area in alarming numbers, crime analysts warn.

They say the province is an important link in the rapidly expanding global organised-crime scene.

In an effort to curb the activities of syndicates the local organised crime unit has launched joint operations with police in other provinces.

The unit's Willie van Heerden said about 95% of the city's drug trafficking could be linked directly to foreign syndicates.

Police are getting assistance from Interpol and the Drug Enforcement Agency of the United States, said Captain Van Heerden.

But they are battling to contain the growing number of foreign syndicates in South Africa, which include the Italian and Russian mafia, Chinese triads and Nigerians crime rings.

He said many of these groups preferred to operate in and from Cape Town.

There have been several incidents in recent months involving African kidnapping and drug-trafficking syndicates and police have had run-ins with the Chinese triads.

Peter Gastrow, head of the Institute for Security Studies, said the list was growing.

He said Cape Town's modern harbour and busy international airport made it ideal for foreign syndicates.

The city was also a thriving tourist resort, which made the presence of foreigners nothing out of the ordinary and gave foreign criminals ideal cover, he said.

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# Cameras have got the city covered

WILLEM STEENKAMP

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Twenty new, anti-crime, closed-circuit cameras have been installed in the Cape Town city centre as part of the campaign by the municipality and local business to stamp out crime.

There are now more than 30 surveillance cameras in the city. John Penberthy, of Business Against Crime, said another 75 cameras would be installed by next month.

Ultimately, it is hoped that other high-crime areas including parts of the Cape Flats will be linked to a huge surveillance grid which controllers will monitor around the clock, virtually blanketing the city.

Most major roads will be covered by cameras, allowing police and traffic officials to react immediately when a hijacking, armed robbery or other crime is spotted.

When the cameras are in place, police will be able to track criminals on just about every major road in greater Cape Town. Authorities will be able to block roads at short notice to apprehend criminals.

Mr Penberthy said cameras were planned for other areas like Mouille Point and Sea Point.

Crime in the central business district has shown a marked drop after the installation of the first 12 closed-circuit cameras at the end of last year.

Mr Penberthy said the increase in crimes committed by street thugs was worrying. But he said he was confident that this and other types of crime would be brought under control, if not stamped out, with more surveillance equipment.

# Spy cameras cut crime by 80%

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SPECIAL WRITERS

Surveillance cameras in the city centre have cut crime by 80% in the areas they cover – but crime prevention officer Carl Thiant said muggings were still a big headache.

“We watch the crime patterns on a daily, weekly and monthly basis to try stay a step ahead of the muggers,” he said.

When the city spy camera project was launched, the control centre was recording between 10 and 20 incidents a day, with an average of two arrests a day.

In the past month, the number of incidents in areas covered by cameras has dropped to five a week with three arrests.

But the risk of muggings remains high in blind spots, around corners and in dark alleys where the cameras can't “see”.

Twelve cameras watch the busiest areas like Adderley Street, St George's Mall and the

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Grand Parade. A further 63 are being installed and will be operating by the end of the year.

The cameras can “see” up to 2km away if they are unobstructed by buildings. They can also operate at night.

John Penberthy, managing director of Business Against Crime, the organisation driving the “spy camera” project, said known muggers had been identified by the surveillance team. When they moved into the camera area, police on foot patrol were alerted.

There are plans to install cameras in Sea Point, Woodstock, Salt River, Athlone, Heideveld, Manenberg and the Mitchell's Plain Town Centre in the first half of next year.

The project is being funded by businesses and the City of Cape Town.

Mr Penberthy said one camera could cover an area which would need 50 patrolling policemen. “Our problem now is that we see a crime

happen but we can't always get policeman there in time to stop it.

“Muggers have a very obvious body language, which is easy to pick up on camera. We call them jackals because they circle their ‘prey’ before they strike. Also, they are usually well dressed and not poverty stricken as one might expect.”

The mugging was always over in a few seconds, he said.

Last week, a Swiss tourist was robbed at knifepoint in St George's Mall by two thieves. Although the crime was caught on camera, the surveillance team were unable to stop it as it was over so quickly.

“The tourist wasn't hurt and we were able to follow him (via camera) back to his hotel where we visited him to make sure he was okay and police were able to take a statement,” said Mr Penberthy.

The muggers were “known juvenile offenders” but they were still on the streets as the tourist declined to lay a charge.

# Gangsters run amok at W&A

## Waterfront restaurant customer pistol-whipped as screaming kids watch

HELEN BARNFORD  
Staff Reporter

A group of gangsters attacked and pistol-whipped a customer in a packed restaurant in the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront last night.

Horrified patrons looked on as a gangster pulled a gun and others produced knives and beat a man who had earlier complained about their use of foul language.

A patron in the Dodge Diner who saw the incident said children were in the restaurant and everyone started screaming.

He said two men were having supper in the restaurant when a man sitting next to them started using abusive language to staff and tapping on the table with a knife.

"When one of the men asked him to stop, he pulled out a gun and started hitting the man. The next moment about five of his friends arrived and they all climbed into the man."

He said the gangsters, all about 18 or 19 years old and apparently members of the Junior Mafia gang, left the restaurant but returned three times and continued hitting the man.

He had blood oozing from a wound in his head.

"The police and V&A security guards arrived but the gangsters just left without anyone stopping them," said the witness.

"It's very disturbing. The Waterfront is supposed to be a safe place and you don't expect to see firearms being brandished around when you go out for dinner."

A Dodge Diner staff member said the gangsters were well known in the Waterfront for causing trouble. They had been in the restaurant many times before but it was the first time there had been a problem.

"They won't be allowed back and I hope the security guards escort them out of the Waterfront, because they know who they are."

Police spokesman André Traut said police were called to the restaurant twice last night.

"When we got there the first time the men had left already."

"The police got a call to say they had returned but by the time they got there the customer had left."

Captain Traut said no charges had been laid, which made it difficult for the police to investigate.

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# Stock theft rings hit farms

## Wall off N1, say cops as herds vanish

CAROL CAMPBELL  
Special Writer

Brazen stock theft rings are ruining farmers around Cape Town, sometimes making off with entire herds of cattle or flocks of sheep overnight.

Now police are calling for the N1 to be walled off with concrete to thwart thieves who rustle livestock across the highway and through farmland.

Worst hit are farmers in the Durbanville, Kraaifontein, Klapmuts, Stellenbosch and Paarl areas.

Even Tygerberg Zoo has lost tame sheep and countless ducks and chickens. On one occasion police found a slaughtered llama next to the N1, but they have yet to find the animal's owner.

Superintendent Hugo van Zyl, head of the provincial police stock theft unit, said the biggest culprits appeared to be syndicates operating from the Bloekombos informal settlement near Kraaifontein, which are stealing to order.

There are also thieves operating out of Khayamandi near Stellenbosch and from Khayelisha.

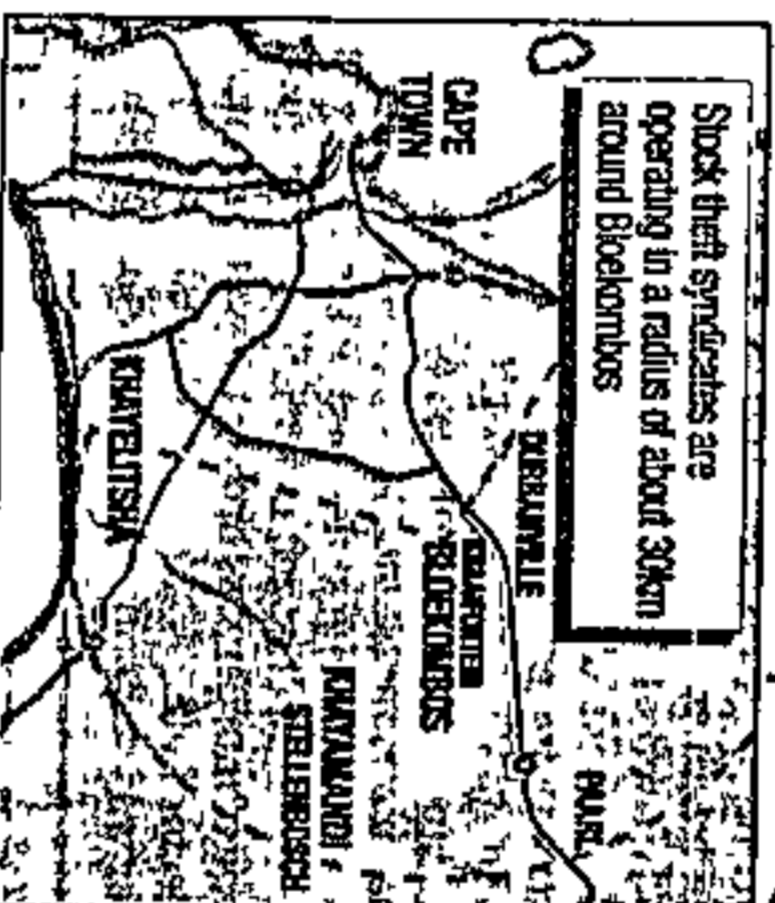
"The problem is so bad that last week the narcotics unit and the vehicle theft unit diverted staff to the stock theft unit to help us crack the Bloekombos problem."

The dog unit, a provincial task force, the tracking unit and the air wing are repeatedly called in to help.

The uniformed branch has provided eight



Soft target: Bandit, a sheep stolen in the raids, is given a cuddle by Rob Hall of the Tygerberg Zoo



full-time staff to patrol the worst-hit farms. Many animals are recovered, but police battle to make arrests unless they catch the thieves red-handed.

"Our guys spend many nights lying in wait for thieves, but when you confront them they run," said Superintendent Van Zyl.

Where thieves are convicted, they get heavy sentences - on average two years in prison for a first-time offender and five years for a repeat offender.

Next week the police are to meet the management of the state farms used by the University of Stellenbosch to discuss security.

Superintendent Van Zyl has also met and written to the provincial ministers of safety and security, agriculture and transport.

"We want the N1 to be fenced off with concrete so that these people cannot get livestock over the road," he said.

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At the moment thieves are moving the animals across the highway and through farmland, cutting fences as they go.

Stock theft is not new to the Western Cape, but in the past farmers often overlooked small losses, when people stole "for the pot". The mass stealing now is to fill orders for street butchers and other buyers.

"This is organised. People are making big money," said Superintendent Van Zyl.

In one instance 518 sheep, stolen from Klipheuwel, were herded over the N1. A few days later 274 vanished from a farm in the same area and were also herded across the highway to Bloekombos.

"This can also have fatal consequences for motorists," said Superintendent Van Zyl.

A driver was killed last year when he smashed into sheep on the N1, and in another accident a woman and her three children were injured when their car collided with stolen sheep on the highway.

The police believe a majority in the Bloekombos community are working with the thieves, who use their homes to hide stolen livestock in return for meat and/or money.

"Sometimes we find 30 or 40 stolen sheep in an empty shack and nobody in the community can tell us how they got there," said stock theft inspector Charles Steenkamp.

The police have dismantled all empty

shacks and removed dense bush which was used to hide the stolen livestock.

John Morris, flock manager at the state farm Mariandahl, which is used by the University of Stellenbosch for research, said he had lost countless sheep, often valuable stud stock.

"You can imagine the impact this has on research, never mind our student training programmes or the financial loss to the farm."

Mariandahl was probably the farm worst affected by stock theft in the southern hemisphere, he said.

"The Stellenbosch/Klapmuts railway line goes right through the farm and the Kraaifontein line borders us on one side.

"Both these lines are fenced, which makes them perfect channels for herding sheep," Mr Morris said.

So bad is the problem that most of Mr Morris's neighbours have given up farming sheep.

One night he lost 70 ewes, all recovered later from homes in Bloekombos. Police found 36 sheep in one house.

Stock theft investigator "Diy" de Villiers said the scale of the thefts was such that he suspected the thieves were from out of town and were familiar with moving huge volumes of livestock.

"These people know exactly what they are doing.

"I suspect they have been driven out of the Transkei by faction fighting and have moved their operation to Cape Town," he said.

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**ANDRE KOOPMAN**

FIREARM owners would be re-tested regularly for competence to own weapons, and limits would be imposed on the private ownership of guns in terms of a strict new draft gun-control law, approved by cabinet yesterday.

According to reliable sources, controversial provisions, such as psychometric testing, as part of firearm licensing, will not be included in the new law.

However, harsh penalties for the illegal possession of firearms, including sentences of between five to 10 years, have been mooted.

While the law intends imposing stringent limitations on private ownership of firearms (one per person) bona fide sportsmen and hunters would be accommodated in the new law, sources said.



**SAFETY CATCH ON:** Safety and Security Minister Steve Tshwete.

The government's chief communicator, Joel Netshitenzhe, yesterday said government was intent on bringing the legislation before Parliament as soon as possible.

The draft legislation has to be

vetted by state law advisors to check the technical details and to ensure that it complies with the Constitution.

•But government, if it had been able to, would have liked to have seen the law approved before the National Assembly rises this week.

Safety and Security Minister Steve Tshwete is on record as saying that the new gun law should boost police powers of search and arrest and increase the "powers of police to search vehicles and buildings and to seize guns".

In the face of strong opposition from the pro-gun lobby, Tshwete recently said: "I would like to reiterate that the aim of the new legislation is not to disarm law abiding citizens and police officers.

"(We want to) develop a culture of responsible gun ownership and reduce violent gun crime in South Africa."

# Police rushed in to patrol riot town

HELEN BAWFORD AND NORMAN JOSEPH  
Staff Reporters

Bredasdorp was calm today after bloody confrontations between community organisations and gangsters in Bredasdorp yesterday left four people dead and at least four injured.

Huge numbers of police were drafted in to patrol the streets and keep the peace.

Over the weekend police used rubber bullets and teargas to control a thousand-strong crowd which was baying for the blood of gang members and setting cars on fire.

Boland police spokesman William Reid said three gang members had been shot dead by the mob and a community leader, Dennis Newman, had been shot by police after he allegedly attacked them with a panga.

Captain Reid said Henry Mouton and Harin Parseley, members of the Terrible Josters, were among those killed.

The third gang member killed had not yet been identified.

Today police are meeting community leaders and community organisations to map out an action plan to fight crime.

Bredasdorp Community Police Forum chairman Hennie Oudendaal said a neighbourhood watch patrol would be formed tonight.

The Terrible Josters had been giving the community problems for some time, he said. He appealed to residents to lay criminal charges to help police combat gangsterism.

Captain Reid said other police units including the Peninsula gang unit, public order police and personnel from neighbouring stations had been called in.

People were fed up with gangsterism and drugs in the area.

He said a man had been killed last week, allegedly by gangsters, and the mob violence could have been in retaliation for this.

"Things have been tense here for a while and it was just a matter of time before they came to a head."

The incident started around 7am yesterday when a group of people attacked a house in Janille Street. The house and five cars were burnt.

Members of the Terrible Josters gang are believed to have been in the house.

"While police were there, they were called to a house in Riverside Street, where they

found one man dead in the yard and a second body in a vacant plot next door. The house and a car had been set on fire," said Captain Reid.

"When the police tried to remove the bodies they were attacked by the crowd. People wanted to burn the bodies."

Police came under attack again when they tried to remove a car which the crowd was trying to set alight.

After the clashes between police and angry residents, more than a thousand people marched on the police station, demanding that they be allowed to burn the bodies of those killed.

The complained police were protecting gang members.

Police managed to restore calm and the crowd dispersed.

Six cars were burnt and damage estimated at R182 000 was caused to two houses which were partially burnt.

Police will investigate charges of public disorder as well as three murder charges and the death of Mr Newman.

The Independent Complaints Directorate will also investigate the death of Mr Newman.

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# Low-tech

## Justice foils

## hi-tech city

## crime blitz

### TV evidence - but no VCPRS

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processing them took a great deal of time.

Business Against Crime should look at supplying equipment for dedicated courts to be allocated for cases using video surveillance evidence.

Mr Mohamed said the police had helped to provide TV equipment to ensure convictions.

Even if the courts did get enough equipment, camera controllers would still need to be given time off from their duties to formally place their evidence on record in court.

The 12-camera system, co-ordinated from a control centre in the city, has substantially reduced crime in the streets, with the number of attacks dropping by 80% in less than a year.

In the first six months of the year, more than 60 perpetrators of various crimes were caught red-handed.

A case before a magistrate's court on Wednesday proved just how efficiently the courts could become.

On November 13, police arrested a Tanzanian man, Abdul Ally Azizi. He had allegedly been in the process of raping a street woman, a "Ms Pymian", when the eagle-eyed control centre staff spotted him.

He was arrested immediately, but denied the charge and later insisted on viewing the evidence against him.

A court spokesman said once Azizi had seen the footage, he pleaded guilty, saving the court precious time and resources.

Business Against Crime plans to install a further 63 cameras by the end of the year.

Criminals on the streets of Cape Town's central business district are being rounded up in droves, but the conviction rate is a trickle - because the courts don't have TVs and VCPRS to scan the evidence.

The "eagle eye" closed-circuit television system, watching from high above the city streets, has been a big success, but Cape Town magistrate's courts are battling to translate the impressive arrest rate into a slick punishment machine because a desperate shortage of video machines and TVs is preventing state prosecutors from presenting the hi-tech evidence in court.

Without sufficient VCPRS and TVs, viewing the multi-million-rand system's evidence means packing up the entire court for inspections in loco elsewhere in the city.

In cases involving evidence from a private company's internal surveillance systems, this can mean traipsing off to businesses around Cape Town - with magistrates, interpreters, court recorders, et al, in tow.

The regional head of the Justice Department, Hisham Mohamed, said the first priority for the use of their handful of video machines were sexual offences cases involving minors - which had to be held in camera.

He insisted Business Against Crime now had to see through its investment, by ensuring that the courts were urgently consulted on their needs.

Cases were not being dropped, but

EXPRESSIONS OF HORROR, OUTRAGE

# Blast revives old refrains

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JUDITH SOAL

HERE was something horribly familiar about the reaction to the explosion at a busy restaurant in Camps Bay yesterday afternoon.

Gaviil and political leaders searched for something fresh to say, but it had all been said before. "Someone somewhere knows who did this," said Cape Town Mayor Nomananda Mfeketo. "We

are appealing to them to come forward so we can stop this terror."

These were the same words she used after Planet Hollywood was bombed last year. She made a similar statement after the explosion at the V & A Waterfront in January and again when the Blah-Bar was bombed. There is no evidence that anyone has come forward with reliable information about any of these crimes.

"We condemn this cowardly, faceless violence in no uncertain terms," said Peter Marais, acting premier of the Western Cape. He knew he wasn't being original.

Similar condemnations came from President Thabo Mbeki's office, Minister of Safety and Security Steve Tshwete, his provincial counterpart Mark Wiley, Cape Town tourism chief Sheryl Ozinsky and religious, civic and political leaders around the country.

Try as they might, they could not avoid clichés. What could they say, except speak of horror, shock, confusion and outrage?

"Obviously this kind of thing makes one very angry," said Mfeketo. "It also makes everyone scared. It seems there is a deliberate campaign to sow mayhem in the city."

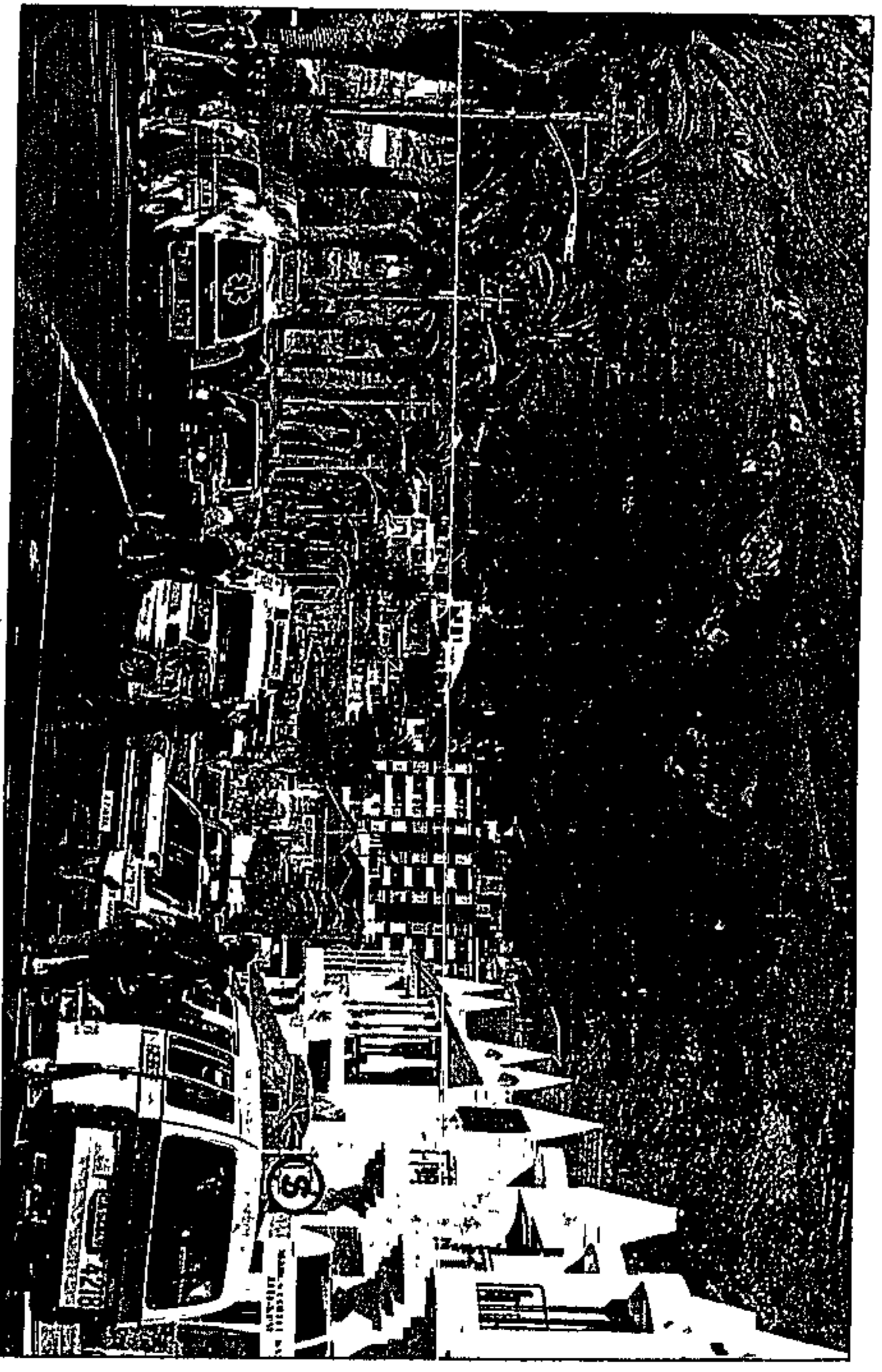
As has become customary after such incidents, Mfeketo said the city would raise money to pay for the victims' medical bills.

"We want those affected to know we are sincerely thinking of them. There are funds to help victims of terror and if these are not enough, we will get together and raise more. Cape Town has shown we can do this."

Based on past experience, the mayor appealed to Capetonians not to use the bomb to sow division in the city.

"After the Planet Hollywood explosion there was a lot of hate speech against groups that were assumed to be responsible. We must not lower ourselves to calling someone a terrorist based on their religion or appearance."

Like everyone who was asked for comment, Mfeketo phrased this appeal carefully. She, like the others, was not prepared to speculate about who might be responsible for the blasts, but nor did anyone question the link among them.



**CORDONED OFF:** Roads leading to Victoria Road in Camps Bay were closed off as all available rescue teams and police rushed to the scene of the blast. About 48 people were injured, at least four of them seriously.

"Whoever is behind these incidents has declared war on the people of the Western Cape, all the people," said Marais.

"It is now the duty of every citizen to hunt them down."

Marais mentioned another familiar ingredient: The reward. He said the amount on offer for information leading to the conviction of the bombers had been almost R1 million before the latest attack. "I suppose now it will

increase," he said. And then it was for Ozinsky to mention tourism.

"I don't think Cape Town can survive repeated terror attacks. We are very worried about the effect on tourism, as well as the lives and livelihood of the people of the Western Cape," she said.

"The tourism industry is resilient and has bounced back from the previous blasts, but there is a limit. It is impossible to under-

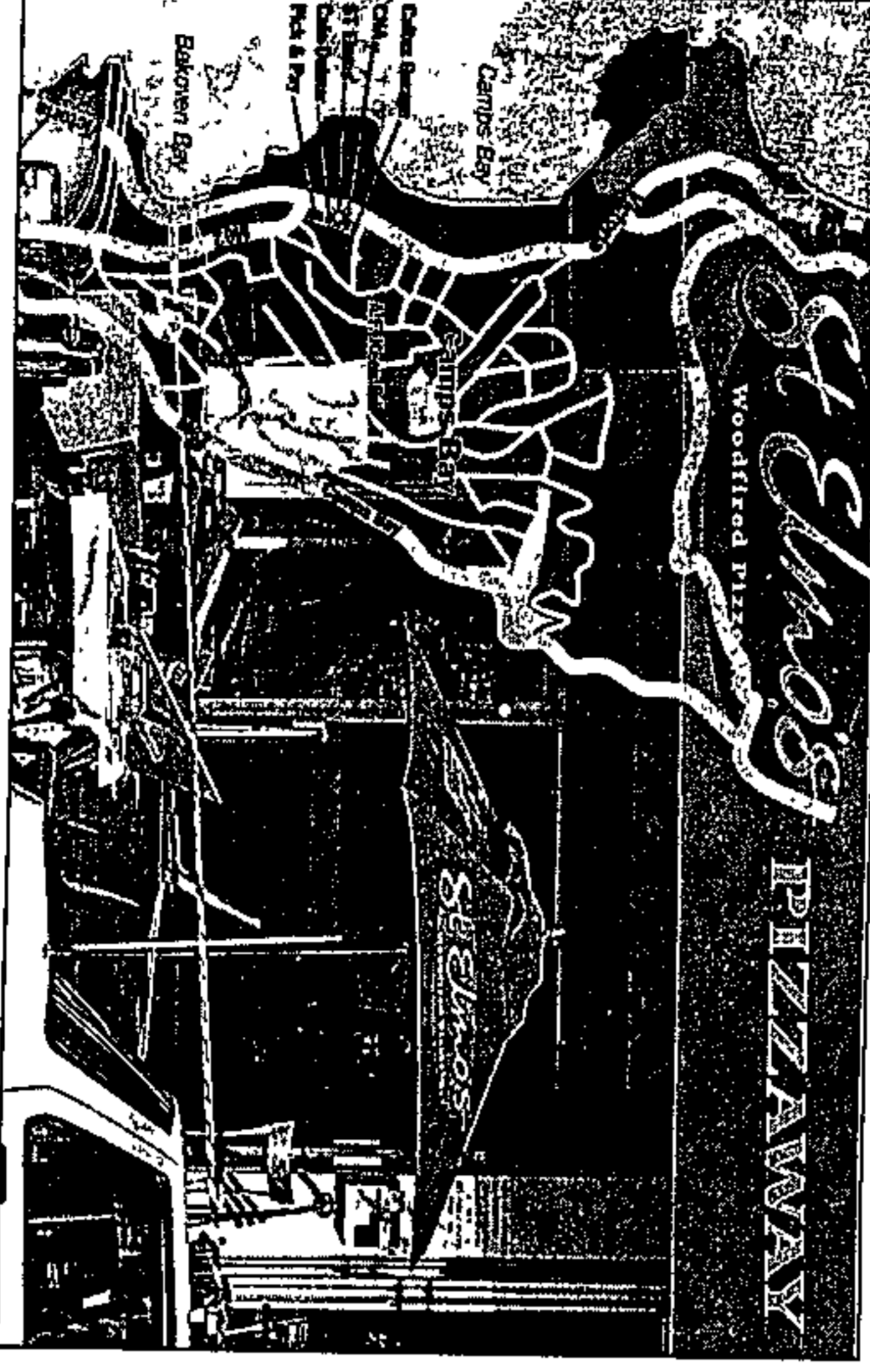
stand who would want to do this when we are entering our peak season, when we want to send out a message of peace and tranquility to the world."

Ozinsky said the police had assured tourism authorities that they had "intelligence" on who was behind the blasts, "but it seems their intelligence is not paying off."

She appealed to the national government to intervene.

Among the comments were the familiar calls for increased police action and promises of thorough investigations.

"The police are well skilled to deal with these incidents — they will be following up thoroughly," Wiley said after emphasizing his outrage, dismay and sympathy and calling for increased police powers in the province. It's hard not to feel one hasn't heard it all before.



Backover Bay  
Camps Bay  
Woodford Pizzeria  
Camps PIZZAWAY



# What people on the scene had to say



CONSOLOATION: Traumatized witnesses of yesterday's explosion comfort each other.  
 PICTURE: PETER BAUERMEISTER

● Thandeka Tuku, whose badly hurt cousin works at the restaurant "Was it him? Was he hurt? That's his takkies and his shirt. Oh my God, my brother."

● Café del Mar waiter Adam Marks, who escaped injury when a table landed on him: "An explosion, then screaming. It sounded like a noon gun, but when you fire it yourself. Then ... shit, I can't even speak properly."

● Alex Brown, Springbok media liaison officer and Camps Bay resident: "I heard the explosion from my house and it was very loud. I knew it was a bomb. Everyone in this area is worried and people don't know what to think or what's going to happen next."

● Nosiphwo Fanda, St Elmo's worker whose feet and arms were injured: "I can't remember anything. The blast just blanked everything out. I'm not sure whether I'm coming here tomorrow. No place is safe anymore."

● Nomathemba Hilda Zazini, St

Elmo's worker: "We usually make jokes at work but when my colleagues came running from the front of the restaurant screaming, 'bomb', I also just ran for my life. I never experienced anything like that before. (Sobbing) I don't know how to describe it."

● Bill Oliver, tourist from California who arrived on the scene minutes after the blast: "I arrived just after the road was blocked off and the police were excellent, they did a good job. This hasn't put me off touring in South Africa."

● Liesel Lamb (18), St Elmo's waitress, was having a cigarette at the back when a waiter rushed through to say there was a bomb in the restaurant. Lamb was severely shocked but unhurt, saying the bomb looked as if it was attached to a cellphone.

● Corne Brink, lifeguard from Bellville Lifesaving Club on duty at Camps Bay: "We were on the scene immediately and helped pull the injured people out of the restaurant."



MEDICAL AID: Several of the victims arrived at hospitals in wheelchairs or on stretchers.  
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● Mpo Ndhalovo of Pick 'n Pay: "We saw people rushing past and then the managers started taking towels out to help the injured."

● Ntombekhaya Lunka, St Elmo's worker: "I was lucky that I was at the back of the restaurant or I would have been hurt. ... The blast shook the whole restaurant. It was

like there was thunder inside and then the ceiling started collapsing.

● Lubana Gedezana, a worker from Pick 'n Pay, next to St Elmo's: "So many people were screaming and were running outside full of blood. It was scary. ... I have never heard such a, explosion. I am not sure how we are going to work now."

## Blast 'difficult' to probe

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 said the explosion "might have had something to do with the conviction of Dawood Osman", a Pagad member who was found guilty on Friday of killing four people outside the V & A Waterfront last year. Pagad, claiming Wiley had instigated it was behind the blast, has demanded an apology.  
 "No one has claimed responsibility for the explosion."  
 "The bomb comes at a time when 6 000 religious leaders from around the globe are gathering in the city for the Parliament of World Religions.  
 According to security sources, a white BMW with four occupants was seen speeding from the scene as the bomb went off.  
 "Stewart, outgoing national police commissioner George Frizz, his successor Jackie Seleke and top detectives based in Pretoria are to visit the scene and the injured in hospitals today.  
 Minutes after the bombing, police, fire and rescue and ambulance vehicles cordoned off a large

section of Victoria Road. Helicopters, some patrolling and others waiting to ferry the injured to hospital, hovered overhead.  
 Operation Good Hope investigators would be looking at the possibility of a link between the blast and those at Planet Hollywood, Caledon Square police station and the car park at the V & A Waterfront.  
 "We are not sure at this stage whether the bomb was similar to that used in the Planet Hollywood blast, but we are investigating all possible links and similarities with the other bomb explosions," Malilla said.

He said anyone could walk into a crowded restaurant and plant a bomb without being detected and this made the blast more difficult to investigate.  
 "This is an outrageous and cowardly incident," Wiley said.  
 "This is the way terrorist organisations operate."  
 "This is a targeted and no matter how well trained the police are, they can never be prepared when terrorist attacks take place."

Mbeko appealed to Capetonians not to take their anger out on fellow citizens by accusing them falsely.

# Tshwete (35) BD 20/11/99 seeks new terror laws

## Fivaz to divert more resources to Western Cape

Farouk Chothia  
and Sapa

SAFETY and Security Minister Steve Tshwete has resurrected the idea of pushing new anti-terrorism legislation through Parliament early next year in an attempt to crack down on what appeared to be politically motivated bomb blasts in Cape Town.

The security forces seemed to have been caught off-guard by Sunday's attack at the St Elmo's pizza outlet in Camps Bay, as they had in recent months diverted some of their personnel away from urban terrorism.

Tshwete visited the scene of the blast with Intelligence Minister Joe Nhlanhla, Western Cape acting premier Peter Marais, national public prosecutions director Bulelani Ngcuka, Scorpions commander Frank Dutton and national police commissioner George Fivaz. Fivaz said more policemen and equipment would be allocated to the Western Cape so the investigations could be aggressively pursued.

Tshwete said that the blast was aimed at destabilising the national and provincial governments.

A "well-known" group in the Western Cape was responsible.

People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) spokesman Cassiem Parker said the organisation would meet its lawyers today to discuss the possibility of a defamation suit against Western Cape safety and security MEC Mark Wiley who suggested Pagad was responsible.

Tshwete said the blast was aimed at disrupting the World Parliament of Religions conference, which starts in Cape Town tomorrow, and millennium celebrations.

Muslims Against Global Oppression spokesman Moaim Achmad said the organisation would protest against the conference because "satanists" would

be attending.

Tshwete said he wanted new anti-terrorism legislation, similar to that in the US, to come into force early next year and had instructed Ngcuka and Fivaz to look into the issue.

Former justice minister Dullah Omar said in February that new anti-terrorism legislation would be passed early this year, but it never happened.

Justice ministry spokesman Paul Setsetse said the SA Law Commission was looking at all security legislation and was likely to release draft anti-terrorism legislation in about June next year. It is understood that Tshwete wanted Ngcuka and Fivaz to look into the possibility of consolidating different crime legislation, on which the police in the Western Cape rely, into a single piece of legislation that would also focus on terrorism.

Marais called for constitutional amendments, in particular to provisions which gave suspects the right to remain silent and which required that they be released within 48 hours or be charged. The police could not be expected to build watertight cases against "terrorists" in such a short period, Marais said.

Police spokesman Capt Neville Malila said there had been a slight shift in resources in recent months to assist in areas where gangsterism was out of control, as there had been a decline in urban terror.

However, the Camps Bay bombing meant that all resources had to once again be focused on "urban terror".

Western Cape tourism board CE Mike Fabricius said other bomb blasts in the city did not drive away tourism, and he did not expect the St Elmo's blast to do so either.

The tourism industry was "resilient", he said.

# Search for bombers

## Tshwete highly optimistic arrests will be made soon

By Waghied Misbach  
Political Correspondent

**T**HE Government plans to beef up the capacity of the Western Cape's Operation Good Hope to hunt down the suspects that bombed a restaurant in Camps Bay, Cape Town, on Sunday.

At a briefing at the scene of the bombing yesterday, Safety and Security Minister Steve Tshwete said he would appoint a special team from all the country's crime fighting agencies to work with Operation Good Hope.

The team would include members of the National Directorate of Special Investigations (the Scorpions), the intelligence community, the police and other crime fighting agencies. The plan would involve intensive police activity in

the Western Cape over the holiday period and would last until April.

Slamming the attack as "despicable" and the perpetrators as "scoundrels", the Minister also announced that he planned to ask Parliament to draw up special legislation early next year to deal with perpetrators of terrorist acts.

President Thabo Mbeki also slammed the bombers, saying it was the work of "desperate elements". He promised that the full force of the law would be applied to capture the perpetrators.

There was a heavy police presence at the scene of the blast yesterday. Media representatives were told not to cross the police cordon because detectives were still searching the area for clues.

The bomb caused extensive damage inside the building, with electric wiring hanging from

the ceiling. A huge window overlooking the beachfront was also blown out.

Earlier in the day Tshwete met with representatives of various crime fighting agencies for an extensive briefing on the attack. He said the police gave a clear indication of who they suspected was behind the blast and showed him vital clues they had found at the scene.

At the scene of the bombing Tshwete was flanked by national police commissioner George Fivaz, Intelligence Minister Joe Nhlanhla, National Director of Public Prosecutions Bulelani Ngcuka, Operation Good Hope's Ganiel Daniels, acting Western Cape Premier Peter Marais, Cape Town mayor Nomandla Mfeko and top brass from the Western Cape police.

He said the group suspected of the attack were "well-known to Capetonians" but he did not want

to name them at this stage.

"These people are not just sitting in the dark. They know what they want to attain. They want to disrupt the Parliament of World Religions and the millennium celebrations," Tshwete said.

Fourty six people were injured in the pipebomb blast. Reports indicate that the bomb was detonated from a cellphone - the first time such a method has been used in a bomb attack.

The device had been placed in a plastic bag under a table in the restaurant. A staff member saw the bag and was rushing to tell management about it when the bomb exploded.

The attack follows the bombing of a local pub in Cape Town's Sea Point area last month. The Western Cape government has offered a R1-million reward to anyone with information that leads to the arrest of the bombers.

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# 'Gauteng capital of commercial crime'

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Bonile Ngqiyaza

GAUTENG had the highest incidence of commercial crime last year, national director of public prosecutions Bulelani Ngcuka said yesterday.

Speaking at the opening of two new specialised commercial crime courts in Pretoria, Ngcuka said the province accounted for 43% of the 60 000 cases reported last year. It also accounted for half of the R4,6bn involved.

Ngcuka said a large number of cases involving commercial crime was disposed of without any court appearance.

This was as a result of withdrawals by the director of prosecutions or the complainants, or cases being disposed of as unfounded or undetected.

Ngcuka said: "This is cause for great concern. A criminal, whether masquerading as a businessperson or as a professional, is a criminal and must be given no space."

He said although media attention tended to focus on violent crime because of its brutal nature, it was commercial crime which posed the most serious threat to the economy.

Meanwhile, Parliament has approved R107m for the justice department to pay lawyers owed money by the Legal Aid Board.

Justice Minister Penuell Maduna said at a workshop attended by international donors in Pretoria yesterday that government would pay all money owed to lawyers by the board.

He criticised lawyers who refused to work for less than R1 800 a day and said legal aid was never intended to benefit lawyers. It was intended as a service for citizens as well as to serve the interests of justice.

Maduna told delegates at the workshop that about 30 000 members of the SA Police Service (SAPS) were functionally illiterate, a "shocking statistic" considering that the SAPS employs about 130 000 people.

He said: "Quite a number of these people are found in Kwa-Mashu and KwaZulu-Natal in general. My short experience ... tells me that there is a lot of training that we need to do."

Many courts in SA, particularly those which served disadvantaged and former black communities, fell short of the required minimum standards.

In rural areas such as the former Transkei and Zululand there were courts which lacked basic services, he said.

These included running water and sophisticated equipment such as telephones and fax machines.

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Taryn Lamberti and Sapa

ALL state resources were being mobilised to put those behind Sunday's Camps Bay pipe-bomb blast behind bars. Justice Minister Penuell Maduna and Safety and Security Minister Steve Tshwete said yesterday.

"This year will not come to an end before we have found (the Camps Bay bombers) and put them in jail," Maduna said at the launch in Jabulani, Soweto, of Project Harmony, a community police project aimed at improving community-police relations. The launch was held after an interministerial security committee meeting at the nearby Protea police station to discuss

problems facing the criminal justice system. After the meeting Tshwete, Maduna, Home Affairs Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi, Intelligence Minister Joe Nhlanhla and Correctional Services Minister Ben Skosonavowed to fight criminals with renewed vigour. "We will fight criminals with all the state's might and in terms of the constitution," Maduna said.

Earlier yesterday, at the launch of a citizen's advice desk at the Pretoria Magistrate's Court, Maduna said the Camps Bay bombers must be "punished severely". He said police were working with an eyewitness who reportedly saw people leaving a bag, believed to have contained the bomb, before the explosion which injured 48 people. Tshwete said police were "scoring major successes every

hour of the day". He said: "We should not be merciful and should not feel any compassion. Our mission is to prevent crime and to apprehend those who commit it." Crimes like murder and rape violated the victim's constitutional rights, Tshwete said. "This is not the time for niceties. It is a very difficult transitional situation in which the criminals want to exploit," he said, urging the com-

munity to work "hand in glove with the police". In an emotive display, members of the Soweto reaction force pretended to arrest a couple involved in domestic violence. The "attacker" threw a woman to the dusty ground and the crowd roared its angry disapproval. When the audience realised it was part of an act, they cheered as a white police BMW whizzed

into the stadium and police officers arrested the "suspect". After the exercise, outgoing national police commissioner George Fivaz echoed Tshwete's zero tolerance attitude to crime. Fivaz said the police service was a reflection of society because "we do not recruit police officers from outer space". He said the community had an important role to play in stamping out corruption and dishonesty.

Tshwete said he wanted more women recruited to the police force. "Women police officers are the most disciplined in the SAPS. We want to recruit more and more of them to elevate the status of the police service," Tshwete said. Meanwhile, the Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) yesterday welcomed moves by government to introduce anti-terrorism legislation in the wake of Sunday's

# 'All resources used to hunt for bombers'

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## Justice Minister Penuell Maduna promises that those behind Camps Bay blast will be found and jailed before the year is out

blast. IFP parliamentary safety and security spokesman Velaphi Ndlovu called on Tshwete, Maduna and Nhlanhla to work together to introduce tough counter-terrorism measures as a matter of urgency. Tshwete said on Monday he would introduce tough new anti-terrorism legislation to Parliament early next year. United Democratic Movement spokesman Annelizé van Wyk called on Tshwete and Nhlanhla to explain why the government's anti-terrorism campaign Operation Good Hope was "on the verge of being closed down when it is common knowledge that gang-related violence and acts of terrorism increase around the December holidays".

# All parties unite to condemn Cape Town bomb blast

(35) Sowetan 11/12/89

By Khathu Mamalla

COMPONENTS of the former liberation movement were united yesterday in their condemnation of the attack on innocent people at a restaurant in Cape Town in which 48 people were injured on Sunday.

The African National Congress, Azanian People's Organisation and Pan Africanist Congress condemned the bomb explosion targeting unarmed and unsuspecting civilians as an act of cowardice.

ANC spokeswoman Ms Nomfanelo Kota said the party was disgusted at the incident.

"If there are people who want to turn our country into another Bosnia, they should be warned that the Scorpions (a highly specialised police unit) will deal with them. Cape Town is not only an investment area for the region but for the country as a whole.

"Our people should stand together against these acts of terror and expose those involved," said Kota.

Azapo president Mr Mosibudi Mangena said there could be no justification for the attack under the current political arrangement in the country.

"Indeed, there might be groups of people or organisations that might hold strong views on issues such as abortion, homosexuality, crime, the economic system and so on. But the Constitution, the legal regime and political practice at the moment allow all views free play.

"The correct way to handle political differences in a democratic order is to debate and campaign in a peaceful and orderly manner," said Mangena.

He said the use of cowardly, violent and reckless methods that maim innocent people were completely misplaced and misguided.

PAC spokesman Mr Wonder Masombuka said there was no reason for such a thing to happen. He said there were better platforms to resolve disputes than to resort to violence against a democratic order.

The Inkatha Freedom Party supported moves yesterday by the Government to introduce anti-terrorism legislation in the wake of the bomb attack.

IFP parliamentary safety and security spokesman Mr Velaphi Ndlovu called on the ministers of Safety and Security, of Intelligence, and of Justice to work together to introduce tough counter-terrorism measures as a matter of urgency.

# Row hits hunt for bombers

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## Maduna and cops in tangle

STAFF REPORTERS

Three days after the Camps Bay bomb, the investigation has become tangled in a war of words between Justice Minister Penneil Maduna and the police.

Mr Maduna said on radio yesterday there were three known suspects and police were close to making arrests, but today police reiterated: "We don't know who the bombers are - that's official."

"We don't even have a clear motive, let alone the names of suspects."

Investigators of the Crimes Against the State Unit today rebutted the statement by Mr Maduna, who said on radio last night that three suspects in the Camps Bay bombing had been positively identified.

Even Safety and Security Minister Steve Tshwete's statement in Camps Bay that "police had concrete clues" was off the mark, according to Operation Good Hope spokesman Neville Malila.

Mr Tshwete said on Monday that "our guys

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know who they are looking for" and that it was clear the bombers had a political agenda.

Captain Malila also dismissed speculation in today's Die Burger that a mafia-style extortion gang targeting places of entertainment was behind Sunday's attack.

Die Burger quoted unnamed police sources as saying that "a group of extortionists well known in Cape Town" was suspected.

Mr Maduna today struck by his statement and supported Mr Tshwete's assertion that police knew who the bombers were.

Paul Setsetse, Mr Maduna's spokesman, reiterated the claims this morning to the Cape Argus.

The minister "has been reliably informed that certain suspects have been identified and are being closely followed", Mr Setsetse said.

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# Row hits hunt for bombers

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Sources in the Crimes Against the State Unit based in Bishop Lavis said brewing friction between the Scorpions and other investigators and conflicting statements by politicians about the status of the investigation was counter-productive and hampered the probe.

Mr. Meanwhile Peter Gastrow, director of the Institute for Security Studies, said because of the sophisticated nature of Sunday's explosive device, it was unlikely to have been the work of a shingle bomber.

Mr. Gastrow, who has been monitoring terrorism in Cape Town since its emergence in the last three years, said had been the hallmark of terrorist bombers all over the world, especially the Oklahoma bomber and the bombing of the World Bank in New York.

"If a group is responsible and at this stage it is all speculation, then I would say that they are deeply involved in an ideological cause. Their pursuit of their objectives is in their eyes a noble cause such that the consequences as far as life is concerned are only secondary."

# Blast revives call for terror laws

THOMAS LINDO  
Pournu Reporter

Legislation against urban terrorism is an uncomfortable concept in a country with South Africa's history.

But, it is one of the very few topics the New National Party-Democratic Party coalition government in the Western Cape and the African National Congress-led national Government agreed on this week.

While the Institute of Security Studies and different legal groups cautioned against laws that could be used to justify power abuses, New NP acting Western Cape premier Peter Marais said yesterday that he was "delighted" with national Safety and Security Minister Steve Tshwete's recommitment to drafting anti-urban terror laws.

After visiting the scene of the bomb that ripped through St Elmo's pizzeria restaurant in Camps Bay on Sunday, Mr. Tshwete resurrected the anti-terrorism legislation idea that was mooted by former Justice Minister Dullah Omar after last year's Planet Hollywood bombing at the Waterfront.

Mr. Marais said: "You can't fight terrorists by affording them full constitutional rights."

"You can't tell me that a terrorist who has killed 100 people in a bomb

## Constitutional rights'

ie Lawyers (Nadel) welcomed the move to curb terrorism.

But they warned that "the wrong hands" could use anti-terrorism legislation to undermine a democratic state. Given that there have been nine bombs in the past 19 months in Cape Town, Mr. Govenda was in no doubt that special legislation was necessary.

"The greater needs of the State have to be balanced against the fact that sophisticated terrorists are wrecking havoc," he said.

Referring to other constitutional democracies like West Germany, where laws were drafted to cope with the Badler Meinhof and the Red Army Faction - terrorist groups operating in the late 1960s and early 1970s - Mr. Gastrow was confident anti-terrorism laws could be drafted within the bounds of South Africa's Constitution.

"Police powers of arrest and detention could be extended. Bail laws could be changed. Restrictions like filming and recording all visits prisoners' received, including those from their lawyers, would be some of many options under an anti-urban-terrorism law."

But Mr. Gastrow warned that the law had to be drafted after a "dispassionate investigation".

The last thing South Africa needed, he said, was legislation based on knee-jerk, politically motivated reactions.

## Olivia stable after further operation

STAFF REPORTERS

Olivia Milner, who lost a leg in Sunday's St Elmo bombing, is in a critical but stable condition in the Milneron Medi Clinic today.

A statement issued by the Milner family said Olivia had undergone more surgery to her legs last night to determine the extent of her injuries and to ensure there is no infection.

She had major injuries to her remaining leg and extensive burns. She is still under heavy sedation.

"We and the doctors are taking one day at a time," said her mother, Elana Newman. "As a family, we would like to express our warmest thanks for all the care and concern shown, not only by our friends and those who know and love Olivia, but by total strangers as well."

"We just ask that you all keep rooting for her."

Capetonians have been called on to flock to Camps Bay at 6pm today in a show of support for victims, and in defence of urban terrorism.

The call came from radio station Ekta, which has established a relief fund at the Merriman Square branch of Standard Bank, account number 0731382160.

For further information, please contact Jill Ritchie at 021 7900412.

## Better safe than sorry this festive season, say police

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Rather be safe than sorry, spreading this festive season to help people become more aware of the threat of urban terror attacks.

Cape Town central police spokesman Andre Traut said everyone visiting places of entertainment and other public venues should be vigilant.



Message of hope: a painting in the window of St Elmo's in Camps Bay belies the chaos caused by Sunday's bomb blast

deserves the right to silence after being arrested; that police should have a watertight case in order to detain terrorists for more than 48 hours.

The South African Law Commission confirmed that it would be looking into whether presenting Parliament with a draft next year.

The Chairman of the Human Rights Commission, Barney Pitsoana, said he could not reject the idea of such legislation.

Investigate false alarms than be called out after an explosion.

Meanwhile Atlantic sea board councillor Chris Joubert is focusing his efforts on enhancing safety and security in Camps Bay for the festive season.

An immediate solution would be to enhance police visibility, with a rent-a-cop programme which will start as early as this week. Then we are also looking at a video surveillance system," Mr Joubert said.



Deadly: the public should be on the look-out for pipe bombs like those above and at left

## Keep a look-out

Western Cape police have released photographs of pipe bombs so that people know what to look out for.

But police spokesman Rod Beer said the bombs could come in any shape, size or colour, and could be hidden in any type of bag, parcel or box. For this reason people working in public places should know and recognise what belonged on the premises.

Anybody with information about suspects, pipe bombs or connected allegations is asked to call the police all-hours number on 021 7900412.

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# Bomb sparks safety summit

## Security to be beefed up for new year

TRIGVE LIND AND JOHAN SCHARMEN  
Staff Reporters

A sophisticated security network is to be cast over Cape Town over the turn of the millennium.

The Multi-Agency Delivery Action Mechanism (Madam) has called a meeting today to review and beef up security plans for the Peninsula, especially for areas frequented by tourists, in anticipation of the planned turn-of-millennium festivities and after Sunday's Camps Bay bomb blast.

Operation Good Hope head Gantief Daniels said soldiers and police reinforcements were being flown to Cape Town from all over the country today and tomorrow to take part in a massive "gloves off" Safer Cape Campaign.

"We are also importing state-of-the-art technical resources from specialist units up-country to help us with our investigation into the Camps Bay blast and other unsolved terrorist attacks," Commissioner Daniels said. Madam, the province's highest-level security agency, has also invited millennium

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party organisers, restaurateurs and hoteliers to today's meeting.

Better co-ordination of law enforcement and emergency services, Madam hopes, will guarantee a 60-second response time to crime. Represented on Madam are the national intelligence agency, the provincial director of public prosecutions, the police commissioner, business, the military, emergency services, disaster managers, tourism bodies, local municipalities and political leaders.

Western Cape director general Niel Barnard, who chairs the agency, chose not to comment until after the meeting.

Deputy director general of community safety, Melvyn Joshua, said today's meeting would fine-tune and review security plans that each arm of the agency had worked out.

"We will make sure everything is in place and that we have contingency plans for everything from Y2K failures to explosions."

While it is unlikely that many details of Madam's security plans will be publicised, crime will make it to double the number of surveillance cameras in the city's central business district.

By the weekend there will be a camera every 150 metres in the city.

Michael Farr of the Partnership, an inner-city renewal venture, said, "Anyone who does anything from planting a bomb to snatching a handbag in the city centre will be seen, identified and captured on film."

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Words not enough: friends of bomb victim Olivia Mince-see-see each other at a gathering yesterday in support of the blast victims  
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## Bomb sparks safety summit

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Although Business Against Crime spokesman John Penberthy described response to Sunday's explosion as "crackerjack", he said that he would not be satisfied until today's Madam meeting had finalised a plan to ensure that law enforcement agencies could react to a crime within a minute of its being committed.

"This is an international standard, and if Cape Town wants the tourists and the business, it has got to conform," he said.

Commissioner Daniels said detectives investigating the St Elmo's blast were piecing together a huge puzzle and needed time and space to complete their probe.

■ Meanwhile, the Parliamentary Bureau reports that Parliament has increased checks on cars and visitors.

Secretary to Parliament Sindiso Mfenyana said an emergency evacuation yesterday of Parliament's Marks Building, headquarters of most minority parties including the official opposition Democratic Party, was part of moves to step up security.

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# Plan to give area watches more muscle

## Formal bodies a step closer

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The provincial ministry of community safety's plan to formalise the many neighbourhood watches is a step closer.

Successful talks have resulted in the drafting of a constitution and a code of conduct for watches.

The document was aimed at the co-ordination, regulation and recognition of the watches, according to the ministry.

It was drawn up after discussions between the department and neighbourhood watches, local authorities, the police and community police forums.

Last month, the department conducted a series of workshops with about 200 neighbourhood watches.

The document was last night presented to community safety minister Mark Wiley and new provincial police commissioner Lennit Max by the head of the secretariat for safety and security, Melvyn Joshua.

It was hailed as an historic occasion for crime-fighting organisations and

the start of a new era of co-operation between neighbourhood watches and the police.

Under the constitution, the neighbourhood watches would have to affiliate themselves to the community police forum in their area, which would ensure their recognition.

The code of conduct aims to ensure that neighbourhood watches operate within the framework of the law and to act as a guideline within which they should operate.

The document also sets out guidelines defining the relationship between watches and the police.

Guidelines for co-operation include:

- Police will, wherever possible, provide reservists to supervise neighbourhood watches when patrols are done.

- The secretariat will decide on all project-funding applications for a registered neighbourhood watch submitted by a registered community police forum.

- Watches will help police identify potential reservists;

- Watches and the police must share information on crime prevention and the arrest of suspects.

# Police helpless in Cape of fear <sup>(3/5)</sup>

*Police have blamed the usual suspect, Pagad, but seem no closer to preventing a spate of festive season bombings in Cape Town, reports Marianne Merten*

**S**unday's bomb blast in Camps Bay again casts doubt over the state's ability to deal with terrorism by a handful of people in Cape Town, despite having spent millions of rands on Operation Good Hope and other special campaigns over the past three years.

Officials in the Western Cape administration and security agencies were warned earlier this month of a possible resurgence of bombings in the Peninsula over the tourist season.

This emerged weeks ago during a regular briefing to the joint meeting of civil society organisations, government departments and police and army officials. But Safety and Security Secretariat head Melvin Joshua says: "That's something I can't comment on."

Several highly placed sources say information was gathered towards the end of October which indicated a group of young people, possibly associated with anti-drug vigilantes People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad), but not necessarily under its control, were planning terror activities.

The warning was issued just three months after the anti-urban terror campaign Operation Good Hope was scaled down by half in anticipation of the end of its lifespan in mid-December. Police authorities believed the threat had been significantly reduced by the arrest of and refusal of bail to key Pagad members linked to bombings, drive-by shootings and the manufacture of pipe bombs.

Yet the blast at St Elmo's pizzeria, which injured at least 48 people, caught everyone off guard in respect of the timing. It came at the start of the local tourism season on a warm, sunny day and the target was a popular holiday spot frequented by families.

The speedy involvement this week of the national ministers of safety and security, and intelligence, National Director of Public Prosecutions Bulelani Ngcuka and outgoing National Police Commissioner George Fivaz has overtaken the provincial efforts to a large extent.

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The Camps Bay probe is headed and controlled by an inspector from Pretoria, who has spent the past year in Cape Town attached to the special investigation directorate into organised crime (IDOC) — one of the groups amalgamated into the elite crimebusters, the Scorpions, under Ngcuka's authority.

The inspector is supposed to receive the cooperation of the investigators attached to the crimes against the state unit, who have been taking statements from witnesses this week. But the Cape investigators are grumbling.

The crimes against the state unit is coordinated at national level under the serious violent crimes component and headed in the Western Cape by Director Leonard Knipe. Over the past two years he has hand-picked several of his former murder and robbery unit colleagues, who initially were known as the Pagad investigators.

Yet the group has always maintained a distance from Operation Good Hope. Up until two weeks ago the unit remained in their murder and robbery offices several kilometres away from the operation's Bishop Lavis headquarters.

Structurally, Operation Good Hope has been flawed from the start. It never had its own intelligence gathering capacity. Instead it had to rely on provincial intelligence structures fragmented by infighting. Similarly the campaign never had any investigative capacity. Instead Knipe is working in close liaison with the Scorpions which recently started its own investigations.

**O**peration Good Hope has a new command structure with daily meetings between the various participants and a mobile intervention force seconded from the public order police reporting directly to the operation's head. But the focus on tourist areas in white Cape Town means its visible policing role on the Cape Flats will be stopped — leaving in the lurch areas like Manenberg, where a gang war has claimed at least nine lives in the past six weeks.

Reports of successes over the past few months have been focused on arrests related to drugs, illegal firearms and possession of stolen cars and property. Its staff could not supply complete statistics, but a report covering the period of November 9 to 25 says 354 people were arrested.

These figures are reminiscent of Operation Recoil, an anti-crime campaign launched ahead of the festive season in 1997 at a time of frequent pipe-bomb attacks. Initially only envisaged to last for three months, it stayed in place until Operation Good Hope replaced it. Al-



High-level concern: Camps Bay bomb victim Elizabeth Alpeni (left) is visited in hospital by Peter Marais, acting premier of the Western Cape (centre), and Cape Town mayor Nomaandla Mleketho. PHOTOGRAPH: AP

though some 40 000 people were arrested for various offences ranging from murder to theft, Operation Recoil failed to stem attacks.

Operation Good Hope has been criticised from various quarters since its inception in January as being largely ineffective and little more than a visible public policing effort. Chevening Fellow at the University of Leicester's Scarman Centre for the Study of Public Order, Eldred de Klerk, says the operation has failed to include communities in effective crime prevention. Nor has it used the capacity of grassroots police officers.

"Local officers continue to feel that it is a special ops and they are only pawns in its execution or delivery. The true tragedy though is how community resources and intelligence have not been used optimally. Again, the community has been viewed and treated as poor relations in all these police operations," De Klerk says.

In the wake of the bombing of Sea Point's popular gay club Blah Bar earlier this month and the Camps Bay blast, the initial reaction has been to point the finger to the anti-drug vigilantes Pagad whether directly or through thinly veiled references.

As in the bombing of Planet Hollywood at the end of August last year, the explosions at Central Cape Town police station and three other stations in the greater Cape Town area, no one from Pagad has as yet been arrested or charged.

According to Operation Good Hope, urban terrorism is directly linked to the anti-drug vigilantes, gang wars, and Cape Town's mafia underworld of protection rackets, extortion, prostitution and drug trafficking, even though they undermined the authority of the state, are not included and are passed on to other policing units. However, if Pagad members are involved in car hijacking or intimidation, this falls under the definition of urban terror.

"Pagad in all its guises has effectively become the latest policing, media and intelligence services 'folk devil' if Pagad is known for throwing or placing pipe bombs, then any pipe bombing will be threaded back to them," De Klerk says.

"The amount of resources committed to arresting the spate of urban violence which has besieged our city and its people needs to deliver a suspect and, if we are lucky, a conviction. Lining up the usual suspects is far too common a police response to a situation they feel forced to react to."

There is little dispute that the latest bombing is an act of terrorism. What baffles many is the fact that no one seems to want to claim responsibility. Says Institute for Security Studies Cape director Peter Gastrow, "The only reason could be that if they announce their motive, 99.9% of South Africans would climb down their throats with wrath."

**P**olice attempts to infiltrate the group have backfired as informants were exposed by other officers. And earlier attempts by Muslim scholars to brief investigators on the ideology and customs of Islam have been arrogantly rejected.

In the wake of the St Elmo's blast, Operation Good Hope has been given a new lease of life — at least until April. This has pushed into the background doubts raised over the way money has been spent.

In April the *Mail & Guardian* reported that only a third of the R7.5-million budget for the period between January and March had been spent. It was paid out for buying tyres, repairing vehicles from other provinces, bodyguards and overtime claims. Now the books of Operation Good Hope are again under scrutiny as irregularities in the spending of millions of rands for the special campaign are suspected.

# Police crack the whip

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## Blitz in Cape Town is welcomed by some, while others decry it as a publicity stunt

JESSICA BEZUIDENHOUT and JANET HEARD

**P**OLICE launched a massive crime blitz in Cape Town this weekend in a security crackdown aimed at making the city safe for bomb-weary residents and tourists.

The campaign — which included a raid on the recently bombed Blah-Bar on its re-opening night — initiated some nightclub owners, who claimed its "gun-sho" nature scared off patrons, was a waste of money and a publicity stunt.

However, others welcomed the visible policing, saying the "anar-sion" was vital to ensure that there were no further blasts in the city.

The multi-million rand operation is set to continue into the new year and police say they will also crack down on drugs, gangs, taxi violence and all criminal activity.

"We have adopted zero tolerance on all crime," said Operation Good Hope chief, Commissioner Gantiel Daniels.

The security swoop follows pipe bomb attacks on the Blah-Bar four weeks ago and last Sunday's blast at St Elmo's, a family restaurant in Camps Bay. More than 50 people were injured in the two attacks.

"This is the biggest crime prevention plan in the province yet. We have co-opted members of the defence force and police reservists," said Daniels.

Resources have been deployed from other provinces. Daniels said national headquarters had given the province three helicopters, additional cars and technical facilities.

He told restaurateurs and club owners that police had identified red spots in the city — potential urban terror targets.

"We cannot guarantee that your place will not be bombed this festive season," he warned.

Areas most likely to be frequented by tourists and holiday makers, as well as the local public, will be targeted at random.

Since the start of the operation late on Friday, police have hit streets and businesses in the city centre, Camps Bay, Sea Point, Woodstock, Esties River, Mamelberg, Hout Bay, Century City and Clarendon. Other areas that have been identified include Table Mountain and the cableway area as well as major shopping complexes, including N1 City, Tygervalley, the Waterfront and Cavendish Square.

"We have cordoned off roads, searched cars, investigated suspicious activity and searched business premises." Although police were looking for dangerous objects and explosives, undercover policemen followed up and monitored all suspicious activity.

"We want the public, including visitors to the city, to know they are safe. But most importantly, we want

criminals to know it is not going to be easy for them," Daniels said.

On Friday night, police arrested one person for rape and six others — including a city-centre shop owner — for dealing and possession of dagga or cocaine.

One club owner infuriated by the raid was Glyn Delaney, who reopened the Blah-Bar on Friday night. "It was a publicity stunt, badly handled and showed no tact," she said.

She said the club had its own security measures and there was no reason for the raid.

"Loads of police with loudspeakers barged through, people were alarmed, and there were video cameras. They were dishing out leaflets."

City of Cape Town mayor Norman dia Mkekele, who attended the re-opening on Friday night, would not comment on the nature of the raid at the Blah-Bar, which happened after she had left.

"I visited the club to show that we must not give in to these cowards, and to support the club for opening after only four weeks. We cannot be

paralysed by the fear that people will bomb."

"We have been calling for stepped-up security to protect people's lives. In that process, other people may feel uncomfortable. But it is worth it if it prevents a bomb being planted," she said.

Another club owner, Justin Dysel, said police burst into his club, Angels Detour, and broke down the back door. "All they did was arrest one gentleman with a joint."

He said the raids were uncalled for and suggested that club owners

should invest in their own security measures to ensure the safety of their patrons.

The owner of the Bronx club in Green Point, who asked not to be named, said his premises were also raided on Friday night. "There were many police and my customers were more than happy to accommodate them."

He has equipped the bar with a 24-hour surveillance camera and a scanner at the door in the wake of the Blah-Bar blast.

The owner of the restaurants, The Fez on the Beach and the

Fez nightclub on Green Market Square, James Measures, also supported the raids but said the raid on the Blah-Bar was misdirected. "I think that was a shocking idea, the police should have utilised their resources a little better and given the Blah-Bar a free ride on opening night."

He said the bombings had made him wary, "but also more determined to work harder to make people enjoy our the country. In future, no bags may be left behind bars, for instance."

Both Fez and Bronx employ security guards from Pro Security.

Cape Town Tourism manager Sheryl Ozinsky said it was important that police found a balance between the need for police visibility and the need to not scare off patrons.

"The operation needs to be completely professional and managers should be warned a few minutes before the raid."

She welcomed the stepped up security. "There is a fine balance between giving people a sense of security and at the same time being courteous and communicating the raid in the right way."

She said although cancellations had been "trickling in" in the wake of the blast, it had so far been contained. "Capetownians are in a state of shock, but we must come to terms with it, as William Kentridge said, we must keep optimism in check and pessimism at bay."

## Police set up tourist unit

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"EVERY tourist who falls victim to crime in Cape Town is one too many".

This is the view of Superintendent Shorty Pistorius, who will head a new police Tourist Assistance Unit which will start operating next Wednesday.

The 20-member unit, made up of community patrol officers, is the first of its kind in the country to focus exclusively on making the city safer and creating a friendlier environment for the influx of tourists.

Pistorius said areas that were frequently visited, such as Signal Hill and Table Mountain's Cableway, would be patrolled constantly by specially marked patrol cars.

Besides protecting tourists, the officers will also help them.

Tourist officers will receive training from Satour, the Tourist Safety Task Group, tourism boards,

hotellers and tour guides.

The Western Cape Tourism Board will also offer multi-lingual training.

Pistorius said if there were any major incidents involving tourists, unit members would contact the relevant consulates, visit them in hospitals and debrief the traumatised.

Community Safety MEC Mark Wiley will launch the unit next Tuesday.

Cape Town Tourism manager Sheryl Ozinsky welcomed the formation of the new unit.

"I think the new unit is fantastic. It is service oriented and they are not there only to stop crime but to attend to tourists and visitors to our city," Ozinsky said.

She said some 120 000 international and 300 000 domestic tourists were expected in the city over December alone.

International tourists were particularly susceptible to muggings and theft, Ozinsky added.

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# Nabbed - Key

# bomb suspect

## Police reservist, NIA agent arrested

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Police today arrested Dean Mostert, the 26-year-old police reservist and alleged National Intelligence Informer, who they believe may be the key to uncovering who is behind urban terror in the city.

Mr Mostert, who has previous convictions for theft, fraud and satanism, was arrested along with a National Intelligence Agency operative in Beaufort West about 4am today.

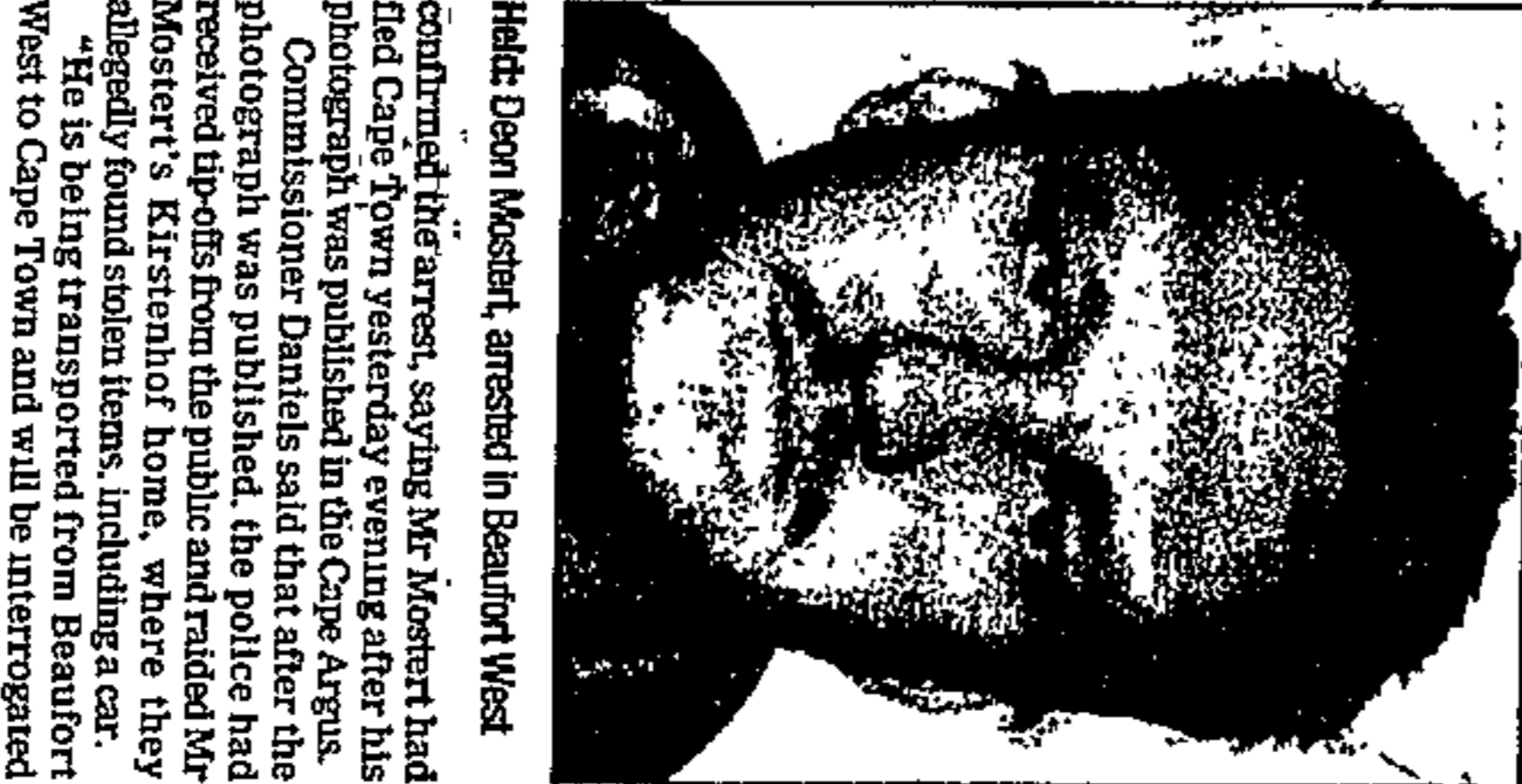
The presence of the unknown police contacts during Mr Mostert's arrest comes after a claim by former Pagad Gauteng co-ordinator Ayob Mungalee in February this year that he was a National Intelligence Informer who had infiltrated Pagad.

Mr Mungalee's spy handler, Greia Bezuidenhout, testified at Mr Mungalee's bail hearing, where he appeared with four Pagad members on charges of theft and being possession of illegal firearms and ammunition after their arrest on the NI.

Today Andre Maritz, spokesman for Safety and Security Minister Steve Tshwete, declined to comment about the presence of the NIA agent in the vehicle.

Mr Tshwete had issued a statement a day after the St Elmo's bombing, saying police knew who the perpetrators were.

Claims that Mr Mostert had links to right-wing groups could not be confirmed.



**Hold:** Dean Mostert, arrested in Beaufort West confirmed the arrest, saying Mr Mostert had fled Cape Town yesterday evening after his photograph was published in the Cape Argus. Commissioner Daniels said that after the photograph was published, the police had received tip-offs from the public and raided Mr Mostert's Kirstenbosch home, where they allegedly found stolen items, including a car. He is being transported from Beaufort West to Cape Town and will be interrogated

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today. He will be questioned in connection with several cases, including the Blah Bar and St Elmo's bombings," Commissioner Daniels said.

David Frost, spokesman for Western Cape Community Safety Minister Mark Wiley, said the arrest had a great deal to do with "the amazing response" of people to the release of the photograph.

Yesterday the head of police intelligence, Jeremy Veary, named Mr Mostert as the man authorities wanted to question about pipe-bomb attacks.

Nine people were injured in the Blah Bar bomb attack in Green Point on November 6. Three weeks later, 48 people were injured when a powerful pipe bomb ripped through the St Elmo's pizzeria while patrons enjoyed a Sunday afternoon in Camps Bay.

The St Elmo's bombing was the city's ninth urban pipe-bomb attack in 17 months.

When the photograph was released, no warrant of arrest had been issued for Mr Mostert. The probe into the bombings was plunged deeper into murky depths yesterday when hours after the picture was released, the Cape Argus received a letter from a white extremist neo-Nazi group calling themselves the Arnold Leese Battalion of White Wolves, who claimed responsibility for the Blah Bar and St Elmo's bombs.

The letter claimed that the blasts were in

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## Police arrest key city bombing suspect

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rehabilitation for the role Nelson Mandela played in 1963 in bringing the murder of a black youth Stephen Lawrence by a neo-Nazi in London back into the public eye.

Earlier this year a former member of the Soweto Flying Squad, George Kleser, who is in prison with Mr Mungalee, implicated a senior Western Cape policeman in the transporting of explosives from Gauteng to Cape Town.

Mr Kleser, who is an awaiting trial prisoner in Krugersdorp, led a team of detectives from the Investigative Directorate for Organised Crime to the remains of a substantial arms cache he alleges had been ordered by the policeman for use in acts of urban terror in Cape Town.

The arms cache included an M26 handgrenade and detonator, 96 cap fuses used to set off explosive devices such as pipe bombs, seven R1 magazines, 25 Penaltive boosters used to

boost a detonator charge and 11 pipe bomb caps.

The policeman has denied the allegations.

Responding to the release of Mr Mostert's photograph yesterday police spokesman Wilcoo Holzhansen alleged that Superintendent Veary had not consulted the investigators of the bomb blasts before releasing it.

The information released to the media included Mr Mostert's identity number.

The apparent split between intelligence sources and the detective component of the police comes less than a week after Justice Minister Penuell Maduna became entangled in a war of words with Operation Good Hope spokesman Neville Mallia.

Mr Maduna was adamant that the police had identified three known suspects involved in the St Elmo's bombing in Camps Bay. But Captain Mallia has denied this, describing the minister's remarks as being "off the mark".

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**CRIME COUNT**

● MUIZENBERG: Peter Coetzee, 30, was shot and wounded when he and his friends were fired on by two men at 9.30pm on Monday while sitting on a pavement in Church Street. Coetzee and his friends had been approached earlier by the men who asked them if they sold drugs. Coetzee was wounded in his stomach, but Cape is still regarded as the most dangerous province of them all, according to the latest survey of crime statistics.

In the most up-to-date, nationwide crime bulletins released by the Department of Safety and Security, it was revealed that the Western Cape had the highest level of crime in seven different crime categories.

There are 15 crime categories altogether.

The province has the highest incidence of specific crimes per police area per 100 000 of the population between January and October 1999. The figures are as follows:

- Murder - 65,2
- Assault - 850,5
- Residential housebreaking - 970,9
- Shoplifting - 217,1
- Theft out of motor vehicles - 972,1

Other thefts - 1 609,7

The release of the nationwide crime statistics is part of the department's monthly release of crime data aimed at keeping the public informed of the latest crime trends in the country.

While previous monthly reports have shown that murder figures have been stable during 1997 and 1998, the latest data showed that murder is again on the decline.

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● HEIDVELD: Norman Amerika, 16, of Sneeuwberg Road, died in hospital after the was stabbed in the chest during an argument in Longkloof Street about 11.15am on Monday. Witnesses said the attacker had accused Amerika of having thrown a stone at him on Sunday.

● MOSSSEL BAY: Yesterday morning, police discovered the decomposed body of man aged about 70 in the bushes behind Santos Haven old age home at Heidebrand. Police believe the body had been there for two weeks.

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SUSPECT ARRESTED

# Rotten police

# linked to bombs

ROGER FRIEDMAN  
and GASAIT ABARDER

**C**ONTRADICTIONS, Cloaks and daggers. Shades of grey. Face. As the arrest of a suspect in connection with the St Elmo's pizzeria and Blah Bar bombings burst into the news yesterday — pointing the hunt for the perpetrators increasingly in the direction of bad apples in the security services — intelligence and police agencies battled to explain the latest developments.

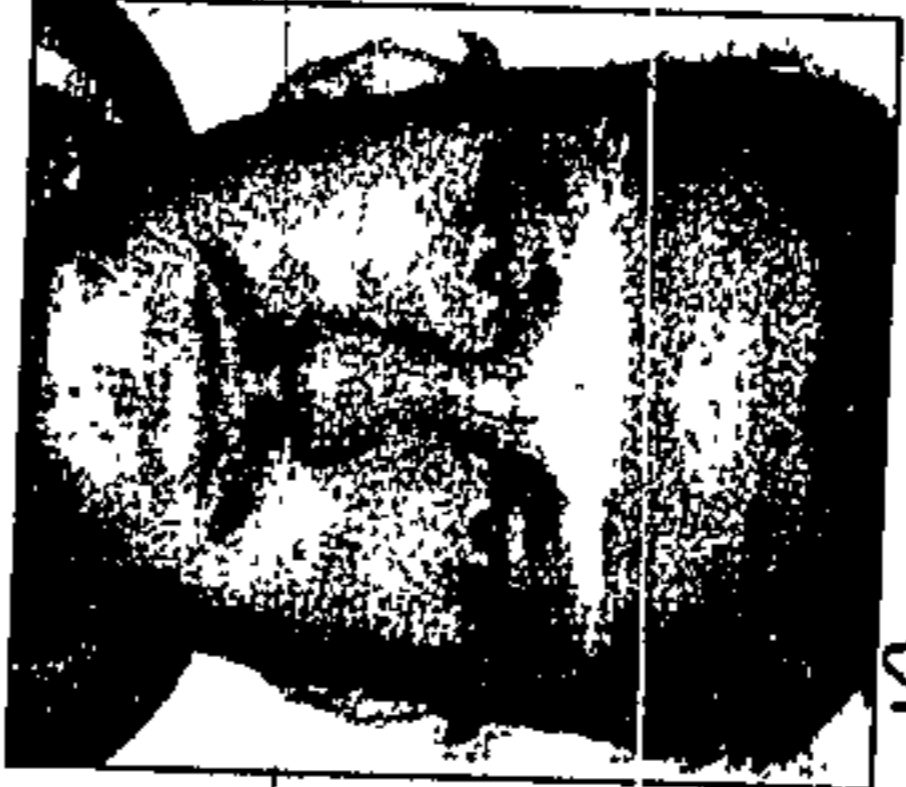
Meanwhile, the Western Cape police appear to have split into opposing factions following the arrest of Deon Mostert, 26, at 4am yesterday near Beaufort West.

Although he was wanted by the police, Mostert was in the company of two policemen when he was arrested. They were on their way from Cape Town to Gauteng.

According to the office of national police commissioner George Fivaz, the two policemen work for an anti-corruption unit and they were working on an unrelated case.

Mostert has been linked, as a source, to the National Intelligence Agency (NIA) and Western Cape police. But NIA director-general Vusi Mavimbela denied yesterday that Mostert was one of theirs.

The fugitive was arrested following the release of his identikit with a lengthy statement from Western Cape Crime Intelligence Services head Jeremy Veary on Tuesday morning — a very unusual



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Mostert and very senior members of the Western Cape police in relation to the bombings.

Attempts by the *Cape Times* to verify any information with official sources relating to the investigation, Mostert's arrest, the identity of the people with him when he was arrested, why he was with police when he was being sought by police, were unsuccessful. A blanket of secrecy was thrown over the entire operation.

The ruling ANC and the official opposition DP both demanded clarity from security officials late yesterday.

**ARRESTED** Deon Mostert, who was linked to the NIA and provincial police, step for an intelligence agent to take.

Visible cracks in the police service began to appear when Western Cape police spokesperson Wilcus Holzhausen stated yesterday that Veary had not consulted the team investigating the bombing before releasing the identikit and statement.

The cracks then took on national proportions when Fivaz released a statement pouring cold water on the significance of Mostert's arrest — only to be contradicted by a second statement from his office purporting to clarify the position.

On further investigation, the perceived provincial cracks widened into a chasm when it emerged that Veary's team was investigating links between

## Mostert arrest

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Leonard Knipe, who is apparently not connected to the Scorpions. Attempts to reach Knipe yesterday failed.

Sipho Ngwenya, spokesperson for the Directorate of Public Prosecutions, said an investigation team from the Scorpions would question Mostert about acts of urban terror. He had no knowledge of the identities or affiliations of the two men in the car with Mostert. Fivaz first said that Mostert had "in fact been arrested" in connection with a stolen motor vehicle. Shortly afterwards, Fivaz's spokesperson Sally de Beer told Sapa that Mostert was still a suspect in the bombings, but that Fivaz had made the original statement to clear up "misperceptions in the mind of the public".

Then DP spokesperson Graham McIntosh released a statement saying: "These conflicting stories are extremely worrying, especially since the safety and security of innocent people is at stake if the perpetrator of the bombings is still at large.

"The public must be informed about whether or not Mostert is indeed the real suspect, so that they can make an informed choice about their movements, such as where they chose to go out or which destination they picked for a holiday.

"In the interests of public safety, the police must please tell us what is going on," McIntosh said.

The DP appreciated that the police could not give a "blow-by-blow" account of their investigation, he said.

Later, ANC Western Cape spokesperson Cameron Dugmore said it was important that

the police should not send out mixed signals as it undermined public confidence. The police, nationally and provincially, should coordinate their efforts to ensure successful arrests, prosecutions and convictions of the perpetrators.

It also emerged yesterday that Mostert had previous convictions for theft, fraud and occult-related crimes.

Johan Plenaar, a spokesperson for the Western Cape Department of Correctional Services, told the *Cape Times* that Mostert was admitted to the awaiting trial section of Pollsmoor prison on a charge of theft on March 6 last year.

However, all records of Mostert ended on November 2, the day he appeared in the Cape Town Magistrate's Court on the theft charge. Mysteriously, he did not return to Pollsmoor Prison.

The *Cape Times* received an anonymous tip-off on Tuesday that Mostert had later visited Pollsmoor Prison in the company of senior police.

Meanwhile, the *Cape Times* received a letter from the Arnold Leese Battalion of the White Wolves claiming responsibility for the St Elmo's and Blah Bar bombings. The letter is the second issued by the group after a Cape Town radio station received a similar letter earlier in the week.

The letter read: "When we helped to cause the 'accidental' fire at the British High Commissioner's house, you laugh in our face (sic). Who is having the last laugh now?"

"The Blah Bar and St Elmo's were bombed by us for Mandela's and Cheryl Carolus' interference in the Stephen Lawrence case in Britain." The handwritten letter said that if Jews and non-Whites who did not leave the British Isles "after 1999 has ended, you will be exterminated. You have been warned".

## Controversy surrounds bomb suspect

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Taryn Lambert  
and Stephen Lauffer

**T**HE key suspect in the St Elmo's and Blah Bar bombings, Deon Mostert, was being driven to Johannesburg by police officers in an SA Police Service car with false number plates when he was arrested yesterday, a senior source said.

A petty thief and minor police informant regarded by his handlers as unstable, Mostert was with officers attached to the Johannesburg anti-corruption unit who claimed they were taking him to Gauteng for questioning. However, the source, who is close to the investigation, said it seemed as if the officers had hoped to steal the limo.

It is understood that the police who stopped the car in Beaufort West early yesterday discovered incriminating items in the vehicle. The car had different license plates front and back.

"Senior officers were last night asking why the commander of the Johannesburg unit had not at least informed police headquarters that he had Mostert in his custody. The possibility of disciplinary or criminal action for defeating the ends of justice was apparently not being ruled out. The source said it seemed Mostert was used in an attempt by one group to embarrass another.

The Johannesburg unit is investigating Mostert's claims of police complicity in drug running in Cape Town. It appears they were keen to question him on his claims of possible links between the officers and People Against Gangsterism and Drugs.

It was unclear last night whether Mostert had confessed to the bombings. National commissioner George Fivaz told Sapa Mostert was still a suspect despite an earlier statement from his office expressing concern at "misperceptions" regarding the link between Mostert and the bombings. The police earlier hailed the arrest as "a breakthrough" and proof of the public's willingness to co-operate with them.

Intelligence Service Minister Joe Nhlabathi denied last night that Mostert had been an agent of the National Intelligence Agency. The suggestion was "deliberately planted in the media with the aim of diverting the focus of the investigation and discrediting the NIA".

# WHAT A STUPID

ASLLEY SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

What the hell is going on within the ranks of the police service?

That is the question Capeonians are asking today after the apparent confusion within senior police circles over exactly why Deon Mostert was apprehended at a police road-block in Beaufort West early yesterday.

Mr Mostert was arrested and two anti-corruption officers based in Pretoria were held for questioning.

Today the Cape Argus was told that the boot of the men's car was full of case dockets relating to urban terror in Cape Town.

Other new information - that the anti-corruption unit in Pretoria was investigating provincial police involvement in corruption - could not be confirmed.

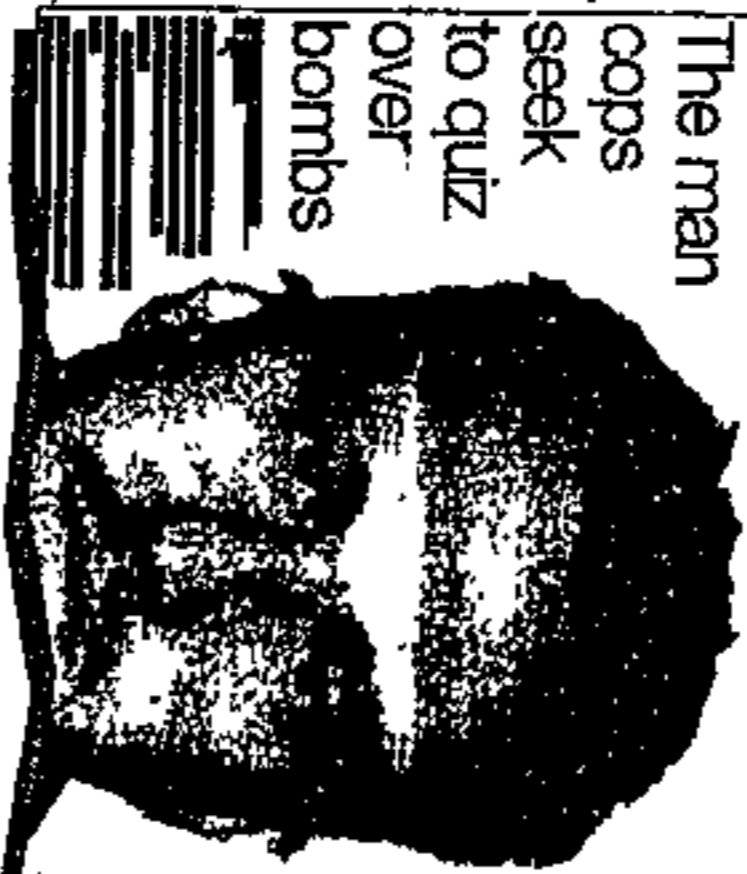
It is also believed that the two police intelligence officers who released the photograph of Mr Mostert, Jeremy Veary and Shane McPhearson, are in hiding. They believe their lives are in danger after releasing the information.

The head of the Investigative Directorate on Organised Crime, Percy Sorn, said one of his three men yesterday and concluded that there was not enough evidence to open an investigation.

New allegations were made every day against a range of people, including policemen, and he was duty-bound to investigate them.

## WANTED

The man cops seek to quiz over bombs



Tuesday: how the Cape Argus reported the police releasing a photograph of Deon Mostert

The Cape Argus contacted Wilma Nortje, spokeswoman for the anti-corruption unit, who said all inquiries relating to the bombings would be handled by Sally de Beer in national commissioner George Fivaz's office. Superintendent Nortje said the head of the unit, Stefan Grobler, was in Cape Town and would report to Commissioner Fivaz.

When the newspaper tried to contact Superintendent De Beer there was a message on her cellphone directing all inquiries to Western Cape police spokesman Rod Beer

## Nabbed - key bomb suspect

Police reservist, NIA agent arrested



Wednesday: the detention of Mr Mostert is carried in all editions of the Cape Argus

Captain Beer in turn asked the Cape Argus to fax him questions relating to the anti-corruption investigation of senior policemen in the Western Cape, including violent crimes unit head Leonard Knipe, and the allegations that urban terror case dockets were found in the car in which Mr Mostert was arrested.

Mr Mostert's photograph was released on Tuesday by head of police intelligence Jeremy Veary, who identified him as the man authorities wanted to question about the pipebombs at the Blah Bar in Green Point

Leave us out of the nightmare, says Deon Mostert's father page 6

and St Elmo's in Camps Bay.

The accompanying press release warned people not to approach Mr Mostert because he was dangerous.

Operation Good Hope head Gannet Daniels said after the arrest that Mr Mostert, an alleged police and intelligence informant, being questioned in connection with pipebomb attacks in the city.

A few hours later Commissioner Fivaz issued a statement saying Mr Mostert had been arrested for being in possession of a stolen car.

Later Operation Good Hope spokesman Neville Malilla declined to comment on Commissioner Fivaz's statement, which included an attack on the media.

"I am extremely concerned that misperceptions may have been created in the mind of the public regarding the link between Mr Deon Mostert and the bomb blasts at the Blah Bar and St Elmo's restaurant..." Commissioner Fivaz's statement read.

However, senior intelligence sources remain adamant that Mr Mostert is being questioned extensively about alleged police involvement in urban terror.

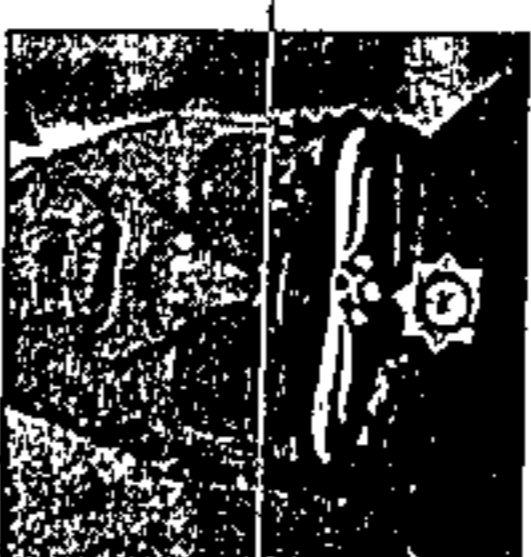
These allegations first surfaced earlier this year when a former member of the Soweto



In hiding: Jeremy Veary



Probe: Leonard Knipe



Stolen car: George Fivaz

## Our life of fear, by Deon's dad

ASLLEY SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

"If my son Deon is guilty, I say hang him or lock him up and throw away the key, but it is not for me to judge."

My gut feelings tell me he is innocent and we are waiting for the police investigation to run its course, but my concern is for my family, who are living in fear after his arrest.

These are the words of the father of Deon Mostert, the man who, according to Operation Good Hope spokesman Neville Malilla, is being questioned in connection with the Blah Bar and St Elmo's bomb blasts.

In the exclusive interview in an isolated spot last night, the elderly man, who did not want his first name revealed, said he was speaking out as a father who wanted to protect Deon's family from being implicated in any way with what was going on.

He did not know whether Deon Mostert had been involved in the bombings, but appealed to the media and the public not to drag his family into the allegations.

Mr Mostert senior said he had been shocked and outraged by the bombings, but felt he needed to speak out to protect his family from public rage. He was at pains

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# Big Brother comes to the Mother City

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Business against Crime has installed another 63 spy cameras in the city of Cape Town, writes **Marianne Merten**

**S**py cameras on Cape Town's streets from Eastern Boulevard to Roland Road near Parliament? It may sound like Big Brother is watching, but the people behind the closed circuit television camera are adamant they are just doing their bit to fight crime.

Business against Crime this week installed another 63 cameras around the city area, bringing the total to 75. All are linked to a central control room — at a secret location somewhere in the Mother City that is staffed around the clock.

Since the start of the 12 camera pilot project a year ago, more than 250 crimes have been caught on camera leading to 210 arrests for everything from muggings to traffic offences, drug deals, stabbings, shootings and bomb threats.

"I'm not just a guard," says control room inspector Maurice Hendricks, previously a security guard at Aleskor diamond mine in the Northern Cape. "You are actively involved here."

Job requirements include knowledge of street life, willingness to be trained and an attitude not to regard this job as just any other. Women and the disabled had to be represented.

Control room inspector Ross Harris has been confined to a wheelchair since he fell ill. He was previously a DJ and a bouncer and has inside knowledge of the CBD club land.

"They call me the expert," he jokes. "But I worked damn hard at getting here. And they have realised it can work out."

The monitors are in contact with various police stations, the flying squad, traffic officers and municipal patrol officers. The response time is between three to five seconds.

And there is a strict rule: If there is no police officer at the centre, the surveillance

operation shuts down. A police superintendent recently took up his permanent post at the control room.

A large number of dockets have been opened on the basis of the videotapes, which are admissible in court.

At the end of January, the cameras were used to track six People against Gangsterism and Drugs members along Eastern Boulevard after reports of a suspicious vehicle heading from Sea Point were received. The men are now awaiting trial for illegal possession of firearms and ammunition.

In another dramatic incident, a car thief was arrested within 60 seconds of breaking into a vehicle outside the Castle.

Then there are the more mundane victories. Muggings at ATMs and of tourists in St George's Mall have all been captured on video and, more importantly, the criminals have also been apprehended.

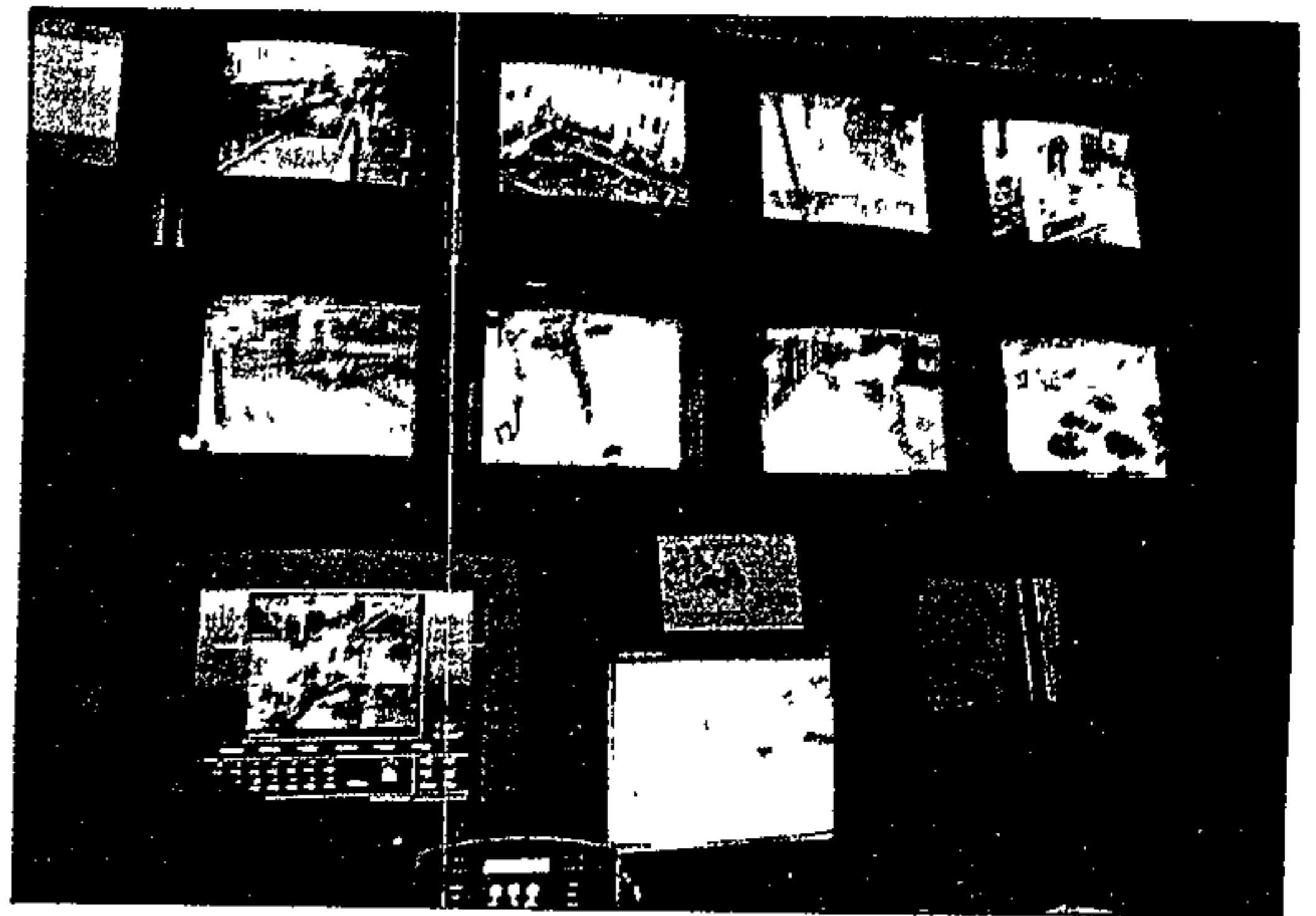
**B**usiness against Crime Western Cape director John Penberthy says one reason for expanding the network is to ensure that criminals do not simply migrate to areas that are not covered.

Sites are already being tested in the gangland of Mamelberg on the Cape Flats. Other spots have been identified in the Athlone and Mitchells Plain CBIDs. By May, the beachfront area between Sea Point and Camps Bay should be covered.

It cost about R12 million to set up the centre and about R1-million a month to run it. The money was raised by business, which will fund the operation through a levy, and the Cape Town city council.

In the face of the declining numbers of law enforcement officers countrywide from 208 000 in 1995 to about 120 000 and the high absenteeism rate, this technology becomes a useful tool.

"We are running on a rugby field with



The control room: Three people man each of the six consoles of 12 screens, working on a rotational basis to prevent concentration lapses. PHOTOGRAPH: RODGER BOSCH

only seven men playing," Penberthy says, "therefore the introduction of technology. Surveillance is the most useful and

Although the cameras can zoom in and out, the humans behind the controls must stay alert.

Three people man each of the six consoles of 12 screens. One operates a single screen focusing on specifics, another watches all 12 while the third has a break. They rotate every 45 minutes to prevent eye strain and concentration lapses.

Then there are monitors monitoring the monitors to ensure their fingers do not manipulate the cameras into the wrong direction, say a scantily clad woman.

The cameras rotate 360 degrees and view up to 2km. The *Mail & Guardian* witnessed a simple demonstration this week: camera number seven focuses clearly on the number plate of a randomly picked car parked on the Grand Parade. The view inside is obscured because of the wind screen sun protector. From there, the taxi rank on top of the railway station is in plain view.

The videotapes are stored for three months, and, depending on whether the film is required in court, burned on to a CD to be stored for several years.

Surveillance centre manager Rayaan Parker says it is important to keep the information in case operators are accused of having invaded someone's privacy.

Parker is also confident that sufficient checks are in place to prevent any of his footage ending up on the Internet.

*Hendricks and Harris are not the inspectors' real names*



# Top cop faces charges

## I told blast suspect to flee city, admits Good Hope chief Daniels

ASSOCIATED PRESS

ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR Operation Good Hope head, General Daniels is facing charges of defying the ends of justice for his role in the botched police investigation into the activities of suspected St Elmo's and Blah Bar bomber, Dean Mostert.

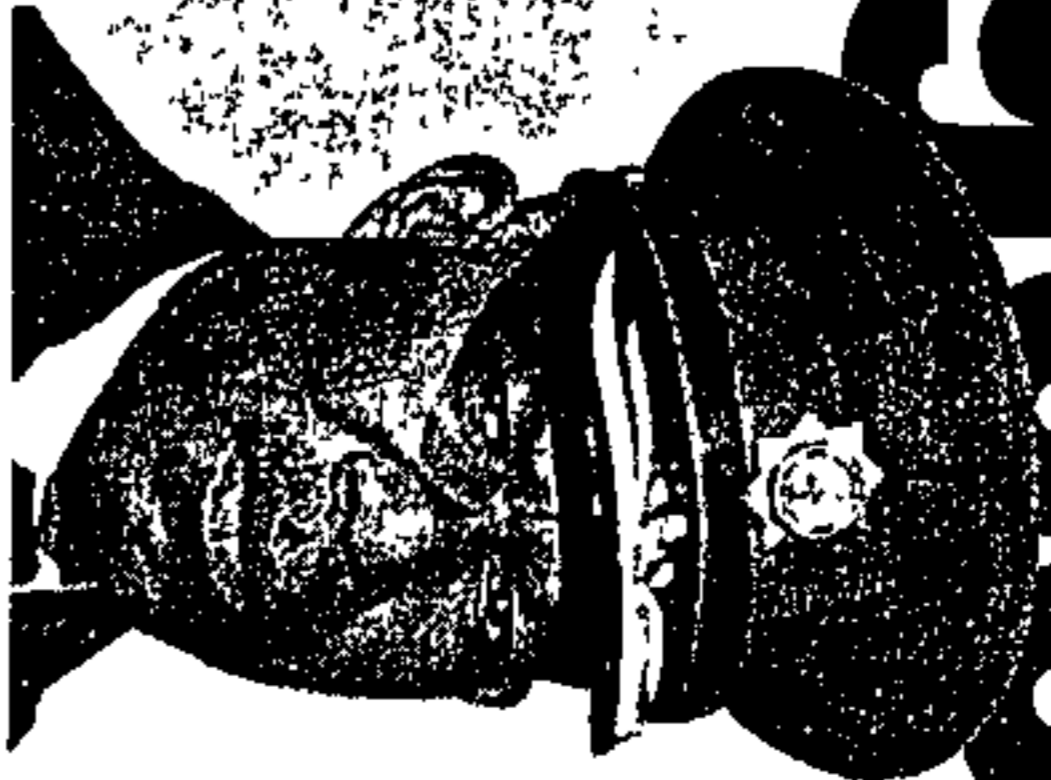
It is alleged he tipped off Mr Mostert and his two police intelligence handlers hours before Mr Mostert's photograph appeared in the

media on Tuesday. The men then fled the city. This latest revelation sowed further confusion about the police probe into the bombings and is sure to leave the people of Cape Town against a senior police officer, national police commissioner George Fivaz, represented by senior police officers, national police commissioner George Fivaz, represented by provincial community safety minister Mark Vries and Percy Sotho of the Scorpions unit in Caledon in an attempt to make the case of the state of the investigation.

Commissioner Fivaz was to hold a news conference in Pretoria today to try to save the tarnished image of the police. It is alleged that Commissioner Daniels was aware of Operation Mbeke - an investigation funded by Johannesburg director of public prosecutions André de Vries into allegations that certain top provincial police were involved in corrupt practices - but did not inform his superiors.

The other allegation, which is being probed by independent gang unit investigator Johannes Kotze, is that Commissioner Daniels told Mr Mostert and his handlers to leave Cape Town after he learned that Mr Mostert's photograph was to appear in Tuesday's Cape Argus. Mr Mostert's handlers are Pretoria-based anti-corruption policeman Captain Nole and Inspector Nel. The two came to Cape Town several months ago and were probing the corruption allegations and the alleged involvement of senior police officials in urban terrorism.

Commissioner Daniels confirmed he was told of the operation and the activities of the anti-corruption police in the city. "They told me about their activities and I checked with Mr De Vries that they were on official business. "When I became aware that the officers' operation could be jeopardised because of the media coverage surrounding Mr Mostert, I told them it would be best if they left the city. "Meanwhile Mr Mostert and his wife Tina appeared in the Wynberg Magistrate's Court this morning on charges of vehicle theft, all unrelated to the bombings.



Tip-off: Genl Daniels facing investigation

### 'Mostert told me he didn't plant bomb'

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Mr Mostert arrived he had "lots of cash" and always carried a shotgun. He said Mr Mostert told him he had a good job in Gauteng.

"Then he turned up with a red Honda which he parked in my garage. Things got very shady and he told me quite a bit about what was going on. About midnight on Tuesday, after wide publicity had been given to Mostert as the bombing suspect, Mr Lloyd drove to Hout Bay, where he met a policeman named Nolle said.

They, the policeman, and Mr Mostert, had decided together that the bomb was benign. (They had to file Cape Town) and they then decided to leave.

While Mr Lloyd was in Hout Bay with Mr Mostert, two of Mr Lloyd's relatives, who knew about his predicament with his house guest, went to Muizenberg police and told them that Mr Mostert was with Mr Lloyd and that Mr Lloyd feared for his life.

But the policemen were unable to contact provincial intelligence chief Jeremy Veary, who was looking for Mr Mostert.

The relatives left the police station, but at about 2am on Wednesday, Mr Lloyd himself arrived at the charge office and told them about Mr Mostert and his plans to leave. This information led to Mr Mostert's arrest in Beaufort West hours later.

Meanwhile, Muizenberg police accompanied Mr Lloyd to his home, where he showed them the car in his garage, which turned out to be stolen, Mr Lloyd said.

He had had no alternative but to speak to the police.

"My fingerprints were all over the car and when he was here he spoke about his involvement in the St Elmo's bomb."

Mr Mostert had, in the meantime, fetched Tina from the maisonette and fled.

"I knew things were coming to a head. I feel so sorry for him, his wife and their two boys, Michael and Shaun. They are lovely people," he said.

"I told police everything I knew. But I'm still scared, ugly things have been happening around me," Mr Lloyd said.

### 'Mostert told me he didn't plant bomb'

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He assured me that he did not plant any bombs, but that he was present when St Elmo's blew up."

Mr Lloyd said he grew up with Mr Mostert and they remained very close until Mr Mostert left Cape Town in a hurry about a year ago.

Mr Mostert returned to Cape Town about 10 weeks ago and contacted Mr Lloyd.

Deon and his wife, Tina, first lived in hotels, but then asked if they could stay over.

"He said he was missing his children, whom he had left behind with his mother when he left Cape Town in 1998 and wanted to see them for Christmas, perhaps even take them back to Gauteng," Mr Lloyd said.

Mr Lloyd, who was visibly edgy, said when

# Mostert names top cops

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Marianne Merten and Ivor Powell

**D**eon Mostert, the man arrested this week in connection with the recent Cape Town bombings, asked police informers to help carry out the bombings, according to police intelligence documents.

The documents say that Mostert told the police informers he had protection from three senior police officers tasked with investigating urban terrorism. The officers named are Director Leonard Knipe, head of the Western Cape serious violent crimes unit, Captain Mike Barkhuizen and a Captain Vermeulen, both seconded from the murder and robbery unit.

Mostert was arrested in Beaufort West on Tuesday while travelling in a stolen red car along with two anti-corruption detectives — hours after his identikit had been released countrywide. At the time of going to press he remained in custody as police representatives across South Africa struggled to provide a coherent explanation of the week's events. The police are now refusing to release any more statements on the matter.

Western Cape MEC for Community Safety Mark Wiley said he has requested a meeting with outgoing police National Commissioner George Fivaz and his successor, Jackie Selebi, to discuss the Mostert saga. Wiley said he wants their reassurance that "any police officers who may be implicated in the investigation must summarily be withdrawn and, if need be, suspended". Meanwhile, Mostert and his wife will be kept in a place of safety.

Wiley said that an immediate audit must be made of "all the evidence seized in connection with this case and duplicates kept in separate safe custody".

Director Knipe has strenuously denied any link to Mostert, threatening to hit the *Mail & Guardian* with a R2-million defamation suit if it linked him to such allegations. Barkhuizen said he had "no comment at this stage. The allega-

tions are ridiculous as far as I'm concerned."

According to the documents in the possession of the *M&G*, Mostert was "used as an informer" by murder and robbery to frame People against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) members in bomb attacks.

The documents say Mostert claimed to have enjoyed "police protection in the form of Director Knipe, Mike Barkhuizen, Vermeulen from murder and robbery".

It has also been confirmed that Western Cape intelligence head Director Attie Trollip was briefed in the first week of December about alleged "complicity of high-ranking police officers" in the Cape terror attacks. However, according to the document, Trollip has joined Knipe and other police in denouncing Mostert "as a bullshitter".

In addition to the documents, a high-placed source has independently confirmed that one of the detectives probing the urban terror is linked to "ordering and manufacturing pipe bombs".

The documents trace the origins of Mostert's relationship with the police, starting with his role as an informer for the murder and robbery unit. The papers say Mostert was recruited "with the purpose of setting up certain members of Pagad in terms of providing them with pipe bombs and by so doing implicating them".

Much of the detail in the intelligence papers is sourced to three unnamed key informants. The *M&G* has established the three are in fact gang "generals" in notorious Cape gangs who first made Mostert's acquaintance in prison. Mostert allegedly deflected the gang leaders' sexual advances in jail by claiming he was protected by senior policemen.

Part of Mostert's tasks, according to the document, included recruiting others "to get involved with a group who would manufacture pipe bombs and other explosive devices and place them in tourist-related targets in Cape Town".

The documents allege that police are in pos-



**Director Leonard Knipe: Allegedly protected Deon Mostert**

session of photographs of the Blah Bar in Green Point and St Elmo's pizzeria in Camps Bay at the times they were bombed. "They showed me photographs taken an hour before the Blah Bar bombing and photographs taken after the bombing. They were time-dated photos. They also showed me photos of St Elmo's. This confirmed Mostert's involvement."

Sources believe Mostert was not the bomber, but organised surveillance of the two venues and recruited the team which placed the bombs.

A well-placed source has told the *M&G* that the two policemen in the car with Mostert this week appeared to be moving their operations

# Police clueless after man questioned

## about blasts turns out to be 'chronic liar'

JOHAN SCHRONEN AND  
OWN CORRESPONDENT

After the hue and cry over the "breakthrough" in Cape Town's terrorist bombings, police have confessed they have achieved absolutely nothing.

At the end of a week of contradictions and confusion, police admitted yesterday they had botched the case and were not a step closer to solving the St Elmo's and Blah Bar bombings.

They dismissed Deon Mostert, the man picked up for questioning, as a "chronic liar" who was paid by police to investigate his own allegations.

Divisional Commissioner Tim Williams, head of the police crime intelligence division, told a media conference in Pretoria that Mostert had been paid by the police to help them investigate his allegations about the bombings and the involvement of senior policemen.

But he was not a registered informer or an intelligence agent. He is, in fact, a convicted criminal

### Commissioner Fivaz has asked for:

1. An investigation into the outstanding cases against Mostert across South Africa.
2. An investigation by national head office into the role played by the Gauteng branch of the anti-corruption unit in the affair.
3. An investigation to find out why and how Mostert's photograph was released to the public.

who was considered unsuitable for registration as a police informer because of his past.

Mostert appeared with his wife, Martina, in the Wynberg Magistrates Court yesterday as police investigated about 20 charges of their of video records, microwave ovens and other items pilfered from hotels and other "places of accommodation", national Police Commissioner George Fivaz said in Pretoria.

Mostert also faces a charge of car theft. Frank Dutton, chief of the new Scorpions police squad, confirmed that "there's no breakthrough expected yet" in the investigations into the bombings.

Commissioner Fivaz said the confusion created by Mostert had "derailed" the focus of the investigation. Mostert had written two letters apologising for the discomfort and embarrassment he had caused the police and investigations are under way to determine whether he should be charged with defrauding the state.

Commissioner Fivaz said two days of questioning and visits to various scenes had led police to one fact: "So far we have established that Mr Mostert is a chronic liar".

Commissioner Fivaz rejected assertions that there was hostility among the three officers. He stressed that even though it had been wrong for Mostert's picture to be released, the press statement did not name him as a suspect in the bombings, saying only that he was

being sought for questioning. Commissioner Fivaz said a case of defeating the ends of justice would be investigated against the two Gauteng anti-corruption detectives with Mostert when he was arrested. They were apparently aware that Western Cape police were looking for Mostert for questioning, but took him out of the province anyway.

"It is a totally unacceptable situation to have police officers in the company of a wanted person, creating the impression that police were taking a fugitive from a scene of crime," he said.

Commissioner Fivaz stressed that the police investigation into the bombings was continuing unabated. Directorate of Public Prosecutions head Bulelani Ngcuka said the release of Mostert's photograph "should never have happened".

## NEWS

# Top cop Daniels denies he is facing charges of defeating the ends of justice

CHENÉ BUGHNAUF

Operation Good Hope head Ganiel Daniels has denied a report that he is facing a charge of defeating the ends of justice for advising anti-corruption investigators to leave town when police were looking for Deon Mostert. Commissioner Daniels was backed by national Police Commissioner George Fivaz, who told reporters that

a report in yesterday's Cape Argus was incorrect. Western Cape Commissioner Leannit Max and national head of detective services Commissioner Manie Schoeman refused to answer direct questions on the matter, but Commissioner Max said allegations against Commissioner Daniels would be investigated. Commissioner Max said in a writ-

ten statement: "An investigation will be held into SAPS members having contact with Deon Mostert and assisting him to leave the province while local police were searching for him. Should it be revealed that members other than the two anti-corruption unit officers were involved, charges may possibly be brought against such members for defeating the ends of justice."

"Certain allegations against Commissioner Daniels have been carried in the local media. These allegations will form part of the global investigation into this matter."

Commissioner Daniels denied he was facing charges of defeating the ends of justice. The Cape Argus reported yesterday that Commissioner Daniels had tipped off the two anti-corruption detectives hours before

Mostert's photograph appeared in the media on Tuesday. The three then left the city. Commissioner Daniels said the report was "quite damaging" and he would discuss the matter with his legal representatives. Cape Argus editor Moegsten Williams responded: "It's unfortunate that Commissioner Ganiel Daniels has rushed into a condemnation of the

foolishly issued by the police."

## Police bomb probe lands pair in court

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Investigators probed his claims thoroughly, but could find no proof. He could, for example, not point out certain spots at the scenes of the bombings. In one case, Mostert took police to a Cape Town mansion where he alleged a senior policeman was living, but it turned out that the house belonged to a millionaire. With no links to the policeman in question,

Many questions still remain, including why Mostert had two unlicensed guns on him in the company of two policemen when he was arrested. Commissioner Fivaz said he had asked for separate investigations into several issues.

In spite of the apparent lack of progress in the investigations into the Planet Hollywood, Blah Bar and St Elmo's attacks, he said it should be noted that there had been a "considerable drop" in incidents of urban terrorism in the Western Cape after police arrested certain suspects.

"I think it's unfair to say nothing has been done," he said. The Mostert's lawyer, Koos Louw, told the Wynberg Magistrates Court yesterday that his clients had been cleared by Johan Kotze of the serious violent crimes unit and the state was satisfied Mostert was not linked to any acts of terrorism.

But police confiscated several television sets and electrical appliances allegedly stolen from guesthouses in Hour Bay, elsewhere in the Peninsula and Stellenbosch.

Mostert is also accused of stealing a red Honda Ballade in Kirstenbosch.

The magistrate postponed the case until December 17 for further investigation. Mr Louw said after consulting his clients and the investigating officer, that he agreed not to apply for bail until their next appearance.

# City security boom as festive visitors pour in

## Bomb blasts put tourist spots on their guard

**KARYN MAUGHAN**  
STAFF REPORTER

**An influx of tourists into Cape Town for the holidays is causing a mini-boom in the city's security industry.**

And low-paid policemen are turning to the industry to find more lucrative work, or to earn extra part-time.

The prosperity for the security industry has been bolstered by last month's bomb attacks at the Blah Bar and St Elmo's, which intensified concerns about the safety of public areas.

Five of seven Western Cape security businesses say they have increased staff by between 20% and 35%.

Businesses in Camps Bay, the site of the St Elmo's blast, have more than doubled the number of rent-a-cops they employ.

A total of 36 restaurants and companies in Camps Bay are each contributing up to R3 000 each for the hiring of four extra rent-a-cops, increasing the total from three to seven.

The manager of a Beaconvale security company, who declined to give his name,

said that, although the festive season was usually a busy time for the industry, he believed that the two bomb attacks had had an impact.

"There have been a lot of people needing guards over the past week. We need about five extra people, in addition to our 25 permanent staff, to cope."

Duncan Cloete, head of security at the Waterfront, said security would be doubled on specific public holidays.

"On the millennium, we will work with the police and army, in addition to our full two-shift complement," he said.

Waterfront spokeswoman Maureen Thompson said the popular tourist destination had increased security "as usual" over the festive season.

The Waterfront had its own security division and frequently worked with the police force on a formal and informal basis.

"There is a new government overtime limit, so members of the police force often work undercover for us," she said.

Collin Sherriff, regional head of police human resources, said that any police

officer working at a second job without permission could face disciplinary action.

"When members apply for permission, we have to consider three factors in accordance with the Labour Law.

"The job cannot be in direct competition with the existing employment, the job must not influence the capacity of the employee to do his primary job and the commitment to the existing job should not be affected," he said.

Director Sherriff said that "very, very few" police staff actually applied for permission to do a second job.

"Only about 1% apply and a tiny percentage, say 0,09% of those applications, are for security positions.

"So far we haven't turned down any applications," he said.

John Penberthy, managing director of Business Against Crime, said he was hoping the bombings would not make businesses panic.

"We would encourage companies to look at their security and ensure that it is adequate," he said. "I'm praying that it will be a safe festive season."

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# W&A murderer gets 32 years

## Pagad man 'showed no remorse'

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**STAFF REPORTER**  
 Paid supporter Dawood Osman will serve 32 years in jail for his role in the murder of four people, three of them teenagers, shot outside the Waterfront in March last year.

"We salute you Dawood" was the reaction from his supporters in the Cape High Court public gallery today as the sentence was passed by Mr Justice Roger Cleaver.

Osman was convicted of the murders of Shaheen "Schubert" Daniels, 28, Gaston Japhia, 18, Galed Kahner, 16, and Angelo Wayne van Rooyen, 16, who died when a group of men opened fire on three cars in an ambush at the entrance to the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront.

Judge Cleaver said the sentence should also be seen as a deterrent by any vigilante group wanting to take the law into their own hands.

As for Osman's personal circumstances, Judge Cleaver said he knew very little because Osman did not testify in mitigation. He had shown no hint of remorse.

Remorse is usually shown in mitigation but there is no suggestion that you showed any remorse after the attack or after your conviction, Judge Cleaver said.

For each of the murder convictions, Judge Cleaver sentenced Osman, 26, to 20 years.

### The Osman case SENTENCE

- Judge Roger Cleaver sentenced Dawood Osman as follows:
  - For the murders of
    - Shaheen "Schubert" Daniels, 28 20 years
    - Gaston Japhia, 18 20 years
    - Galed Kahner, 16 20 years
    - Angelo Wayne van Rooyen, 16 20 years
  - For receiving the stolen cash of 2000 rands, 5 years
  - For receiving the stolen cash of 1000 rands, 5 years
  - For receiving the stolen cash of 500 rands, 5 years
  - For receiving the stolen cash of 200 rands, 5 years
  - For receiving the stolen cash of 100 rands, 5 years
  - For receiving the stolen cash of 50 rands, 5 years
  - For receiving the stolen cash of 20 rands, 5 years
  - For receiving the stolen cash of 10 rands, 5 years
  - For receiving the stolen cash of 5 rands, 5 years
  - For receiving the stolen cash of 2 rands, 5 years
  - For receiving the stolen cash of 1 rand, 5 years

cellphone, Osman was sentenced to six months' suspended for five years. Some of these sentences will run concurrently, effectively sending him to jail for 32 years.

There was a heavy police presence at the High Court today, both in the courtroom and outside. Police vans and barked while condoned off the steps leading to the building and policemen were inside the courtroom as well as the rest of the court building.

Osman, dressed in a white shirt and patterned jacket, stood emotionless as Judge Cleaver handed down sentence.

When the court adjourned, his family and friends shouted their support from the public gallery before rushing to the dock to speak to him.

Passing sentence, Judge Cleaver said he did not agree with defence counsel John van der Berg that Osman's participation had been minimal.

He said the murderer could not have been committed without his help.

He said that in coming to an appropriate sentence, he had had to consider the interests of society and the community.

The attack had been committed amid "busy holiday traffic and showed a disregard for law and order".

He said the defence's suggestion of a five-year sentence for Osman was inappropriate.

For the attempted murders of Yusrie Rabhan and Mogamat Noor Ismail during the same shooting he was sentenced to five years each.

On a further conviction of receiving a stolen

# City gets police unit to protect tourists (37)

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TWENTY more police joined the battle against crime in the city centre when Community Safety MEC Mark Wiley launched the police Tourist Unit yesterday.

The members of the unit, who can be identified by a white sleeve on their left arms, will focus on protecting the thousands of tourists who will visit the city this holiday season.

Besides keeping a watchful eye on the visitors, they will also be able to help foreign visitors more effectively.

"They are trained in all aspects as any other community patrol officer with powers of arrest," Wiley said.

"But in addition, Western Cape Tourism and the V&A Waterfront have trained them further at no cost."

He said the unit members learnt about the background of tourism, the value of tourism to the province and the safeguarding of tourist venues.

"Plans are also afoot to teach them an international language other than English in collaboration with foreign consuls."

He added that the members of the unit were trained to deal professionally with tourists from a public relations point of view.

Avis car hire has donated two vehicles and bicycles will be used in the 24-hour service, which will be based in the city centre.

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# The pictures Mostert took

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**D**EON MOSTERT — named in an apparent police mix-up as a suspect in the Camps Bay bomb blast — was having a drink in Milnerton at the time of the explosion. Time-dated photographs taken of the Blah Bar and St Elmo's before and after they were damaged by blasts and apparently shown to police, "proving" Mostert's involvement in the bombings — are worthless. Mostert is "fooling" the police watchdog, the Independent Complaints Directorate (ICD), into believing he has useful information. This is the latest version of police intelligence about the recent bombings, given by outgoing national police commissioner George Fivaz, his successor Jackie Selebi and Minister of Safety and Security Steve Tshwete. At a meeting with these three and other top provincial and national police officers in Tshwete's office yesterday, the *Cape Times* was shown copies of the seven "before and after" photos Mostert was said to have taken.

The photographs of St Elmo's and the Blah Bar were clearly taken after the bomb. None showed the venues before the blasts. Another is of an escort agency in Sea Point. The others can barely be made out.

Following the contradictions in riddled official and unofficial statements about the police investigation into the bombings, the *Cape Times* has tried to gain clarity and has been told:

- Mostert cannot be the Camps Bay bomber because he was having a drink in Milnerton with a woman friend when the bomb exploded. The woman has told police that she watched the reaction to the blast on television with Mostert.

- Mostert then went to Camps Bay to take his photographs.

- An unbalanced Mostert boasted that he had been involved in the bomb — boasts that came to the attention of the police investigators.

- Western Cape crime intelligence chief Jeremy Veary was "over-zealous" in giving the press Mostert's identikit. Charges of contravening the police act are being investigated against him.

- Charges are also being investigated against the two Gauteng officers who were with Mostert at the time of his arrest. The two men, Captain J.R. Nolte and Inspector Billy Neif, are in Cape Town and are cooperating with investigators.

"Whatever the circumstances surrounding the release of the identikit, they must have known Mostert was wanted by the police," said Fivaz. "So then we have to ask why

they were in a car with him driving back to Gauteng."

- Mostert's allegations of corruption against senior police officers Leonard Knipe and Mike Barkhuizen were discredited years ago.

- Mostert has the gift of the gab and has been able to convince Gauteng detectives investigating alleged corruption in the Western Cape that he has useful information. He has also been able to fool the ICD into believing he is a credible source.

- There is nothing sinister about police paying discredited people like Mostert for information because "sometimes something fruitful materialises."

- Contrary to recent reports, there are no records of Mostert having passed a polygraph test.

- The *Cape Times* took this version to other senior sources in the investigation and was told:

- The photographs are not the only evidence linking Mostert to the bombs. The ICD has "plenty more" evidence in its possession. Why else would it be taking Mostert's testimony so seriously?

- The information about police corruption in the Western Cape is linked to recent events and has not been discredited.

- Veary was ordered by his superiors to issue the identikit.

- Mostert is being used to discredit certain police officers.

- The records of Mostert's polygraph test are being withheld from some top officials.

At a press conference earlier in the day, Tshwete said the police had met ICD officials and promised to cooperate in their investigations.

"There is no rift between the ICD and the police," he said. "We had a meeting this morning with them to ask them what aspects of the case they are investigating so that we don't fall over each other."

There are now seven official investigations leading from the investigation into the bombs. The ICD is probing:

- Alleged police involvement in the Cape Town bombings.

- The involvement of police officers in the theft of firearms from police stations.

- Allegations of police corruption in the Western Cape.

- Death threats allegedly made against ICD members by the police.

- The police are investigating procedural issues relating to the release of Mostert's identikit.

- All outstanding issues relating to Mostert's criminal activities and allegations.

- Why the Gauteng anti-corruption officers were with Mostert when he was arrested.

Fivaz assured the public that all would be disclosed once the investigations had been completed.

# Little brother watches Cape Town's heart (35)

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THE installation of 75 closed circuit cameras (CCTV) in central Cape Town by Business Against Crime, is sending out a stern message to criminals that their every move is being monitored, while for businesses and visitors to the city there is the reassurance of knowing that there are extra pairs of eyes watching out for them.

The modern facade of Business Against Crime office in downtown Cape Town is no different from any other block, but beyond the efficient receptionist and the modular furniture lies some of the best surveillance equipment in Africa.

This is the nerve centre of CCTV, the hub which criminals fear and the general public welcomes. This is the nerve centre where the all-seeing eyes of the 75 cameras come together to provide blanket coverage of the streets and alleys, the taxi ranks and bus stops, and the squares and malls where criminals ply their trade.

The cool air conditioned office corridor leads to a small control room behind which is a large darkened room.

At first eyes battle to become accustomed to the gloom but, as pupils dilate, there is the realisation that the room is filled with a huge semi-circle of monitors each showing a different scene.

At a console in front of each bank of 12 screens sit two people. One studies a large monitor on the desk while the other, sitting a little further back, scans each of the 12 monitors in turn. If a situation interests him, he tells his companion and the picture is called up on the desk monitor.

The picture quality is better than shown on television and can be used in court cases for identification purposes. Images recorded on the system have been used in court several times since the cameras were first installed.

While visiting the centre, the Cape Times watched a possible crime being prevented in Thibault Square, where a film crew was setting up. A group of visitors who were watching the proceedings were accosted by vagrants. A quick call from the centre to the nearest

policeman meant that the visitors only had to put up with the unwelcome attention of the vagrants for a few seconds. As soon as the police arrived the vagrants moved off.

Every centimetre is covered and suspects can be tracked throughout the city.

Recently, a streetchild was apprehended 25 seconds after he had stolen a cell phone from a woman. The child didn't realise he was being watched and monitored as he ran off, dodging through several city blocks. The control centre told a policeman on his beat to stand his ground, and the child ran straight into his arms. The cell phone and child were then marched back to the woman who couldn't believe that her phone had been recovered so fast. The child appeared in court, pictures of the crime being committed were shown and he was convicted.

But John Penberthy, who heads up the Business Against

Crime initiative, is more concerned with preventing crime, than capturing the criminal on camera.

"We try to pre-empt the crime, by stepping in before it happens. We are serious about bringing down the crime statistics, and one camera does the work of 50 policemen."

There is a fine line between crime prevention and harassment, but once a person steps outside his front door, his right to privacy vanishes.

Anyway, we have had only praise from the man-in-

the street for the initiative, which ultimately protects him and makes the city's streets safer. But to still the tongues of those who feel their rights are being infringed, we will be putting up suitable warnings in the next few months," said Penberthy. But the system wasn't cheap and would never have got off the ground without an R8,5 million boost from Cape Town City Council.

**We are serious about bringing down the crime statistics... one camera does the work of 50 police**

So far the project has cost R15 million to install and run, and costs approximately R250 000 a month in salaries alone. But, Penberthy said, it is well worth it.

"If policemen were being used to cover the area we oversee, it would cost more than double the amount, and the whole exercise will be paid for in the next six months. The most expensive part of the project is behind us."

"I see our partnership between business and Cape Town Council as a win-win situation because it means people are not afraid to come into the city, businesses stay open and the council picks up the rates and taxes. The only person losing out is the criminal," Penberthy said.

The central business district was targeted first because of its strategic and economic value, but already CCTV testing is being done in the Heideveld/Manenberg area, which is Business Against Crime's next target area.

Within the coming year, between 300 and 500 cameras will be operational throughout the Peninsula, and all will lead back to the hub, where many other "little brothers" will be watching.