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TRC seeks Magoo's bar bombing victims

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The Truth and Reconciliation Commission is looking for people injured in the Magoo's bar bombing in Durban in 1986 to process an amnesty application involving at least one of the MK officers who ordered the bombing.

It has been reported that Magoo's bar bomber Robert McBride, Zahrah Narkedien (better known as Greta Appelgren), who was with him on the night of the bombing, and at least one of their MK handlers, Abu Baker Ismail (or "Rashid"), are applying for amnesty.

The attack cost the lives of three young women on June 14, 1986, namely Marchelle Gerard, Angelique Patten-den and Julie van der Linde.

Ismail is currently chief of policy and planning in the Defence Secretariat and McBride is a deputy director in the Department of Foreign Affairs. Narkedien is a welfare director in the Northern Cape.

The relatives of the dead women have been traced, along with 30 of those who were injured, but the TRC is seeking at least 39 other victims.

McBride was convicted for the attack and spent time on death row

before being released in a 1992 reprieve for political prisoners.

He was subpoenaed earlier this year to give evidence before the TRC in an inquiry into who ordered the beach-front attack.

The subpoena led to objections from the ANC on the grounds that deputy president Thabo Mbeki would be making a party submission to the TRC detailing ANC command and control of military operations.

McBride was quoted as saying the subpoena put him in a terrible dilemma because it was tantamount to "informing" on his comrades.

The TRC will not release the names of the amnesty applicants before a date for a hearing has been set, but this can only happen once all victims have been informed of the application at least three weeks before the hearing commences.

The TRC is having difficulty tracing all the victims of the bombing because state records are incomplete.

Victims who have not yet been contacted have been asked to inform the TRC of their names and addresses as soon as possible. They are urged to call Martin Coetzee, the executive secretary of the Amnesty Committee, at (021) 245 161 during office hours.

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