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**TRC TO HEAR MCBRIDE MAGOOS BAR
BOMBING AMNESTY APPLICATION**

Foreign Affairs director Robert McBride will appear before the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's amnesty committee later this month for the 1986 bombing of Durban's Magoos Bar, which left three revellers dead and 71 injured.

According to a TRC statement on Thursday, McBride - who was sentenced to death but subsequently released on indemnity - and four other former Umkhonto we Sizwe cadres were seeking amnesty for the incidents.

The hearings were scheduled for Durban's Christian Centre between September 27 and October 10. Nine other applications, including amnesty bids for murder, sabotage and possession of firearms and ammunition, would also be heard. Although McBride was indemnified during the exchange of prisoners between the African National Congress and the National Party government, he still needs TRC amnesty to cover him against actions by the victims, including civil claims. McBride's co-applicants are Aboobaker Ismail, Zahrah Nakerdien - previously Greta Applegreen - Mathew Lacordier and Johannes Mnisi. The bar's official name was the Why Not Bar, but the media called it the Magoos Bar, TRC spokesman Mbulelo Sompetha told Sapa.

The TRC said the commission would also hear other

applications. McBride and his father Derrick would be applying for amnesty for their roles in bombings by the ANC's special operations unit in Durban and surrounding areas between 1981 and 1986. Other applicants are Ernest Lekota Pule, Lester Dumakude, Edward Allan Pearce and Marcelle Trevor Andrews.

McBride and Aboobaker Ismail were also applying for amnesty for the January 10, 1986 murder of Constable Bobby Wellman during a double bombing of an electrical sub-station in Jacobs near Durban. Wellman's four colleagues, Roelf van der Merwe, James Dunn, Dudley Booyens and Vincent Zimmerman, suffered 90 percent burns when the second explosion rocked the sub-station while they were at the scene to investigate the blast.

In another application, McBride, his father, Aboobaker Ismail, Applegreen and Lacordier accepted responsibility for the 1986 shootout with police in which Mlungisi Buthelezi was killed while attempting to assist MK cadre Gordon Webster escape from police guard at the Edendale hospital. Four policemen, Linda Edward Ngcobo, Simphiwe Shange, Nkosinathi Nkabini and Johannes Hendrik Visagie were wounded during a subsequent shootout.

McBride and Lacordier would also testify on their involvement in a grenade blast which damaged a house and injured Yuill Peter Klein and his wife Brenda Klein in Wentworth on May 5, 1986.