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STATEMENT BY THE TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION

MEDIA RELEASE

In the amnesty applications involving ten former MK Special Operations members to be heard in Durban next Monday, The Why Not Bar/Magoos Bar, will be the first on the roll of matters to be heard.

Ten applicants have applied for five sets of incidents which include acts of bombings, sabotage, possession of firearms and murder. The incidents happened in and around Durban from 1981 to 1986.

In the bombing of the Why Not Bar/Magoos Bar on the Durban Beach in which 3 revellers were killed and 73 injured, five applicants will appear before the Amnesty Committee.

They are Aboobaker Ismail, Robert McBride, Zarha Narkedien previously Greta Appelgren, Mathew Lacordier and Johannes Mnisi.

Other matters to be heard for the next three weeks include the double bombing of an electrical sub-station in Jacobs near Durban on January 10, 1986 in which one policeman, Bobby Wellman was killed, while four others were injured.

The applicants in this incident are Aboobaker Ismail and Robert McBride and Gordon Webster.

Five applicants, Aboobaker Ismail, Robert McBride, his father Derrick McBride, Zarha Narkedien and Mathew Lacordier have applied for the shooting of five policemen while rescuing a fellow MK member, Gordon Webster at the Edendale Hospital. The incident occurred on May 4, 1986.

Robert McBride and Mathew Lacordier are the only applicants for a grenade attack on the house of Yuill Peter Klein and his wife Brenda Klein in Wentworth on May 5, 1986.

The hearings are to be held at the Durban Christian Centre, cnr. Smith and Warwick Road, Durban.