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The Editor,

Sir,

The news of the death in detention of Steve Biko fills one with feelings of horror, revulsion, and despair.

Horror at the fact that death in detention is now commonplace, and nobody in high places seems to care very much; revulsion at the fact that we now live under a regime which depends increasingly for its survival on a security apparatus against whose activities its victims have no protection whatsoever; despair that a man of Steve Biko's calibre should be lost to us at all, but particularly that he should be lost to us in this way. For this was a man to whom any sensible authority, trying to ensure a reasonable future for all people in South Africa, would have been talking -- not driving him to his death.

Yours faithfully,

Peter Brown.