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**Repression Monitoring Group**  
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DEATHS - NATAL COASTAL REGION: 35		MIDLANDS: 11*	
<b><u>NORTH</u></b>		<b><u>SOUTH</u></b>	
Richmond Farm	1	Adams Mission	2
Vezunwayo (Stanger)	4	KwaMakhutha	3
		Ntinyane (Umbumbulu)	8
		Port Shepstone area	12
		Izingolweni	2
		Mtengwane	8
		Murchison	2
		Umlazi	1
<b><u>CENTRAL</u></b>			
KwaNdengezi	2		
Njobokazi	2		
		Bruntville	2
		Edendale	1
		Greytown	1
		Imball	1
		KwaMsane	1
		Slangspruit	1
		Richmond	1
		Sweetwaters	1
		Table Mt.	2
<b>TOTAL - (OCT 16-31): 46</b>		<b>ALL OCT: 85</b>	
<b>NATAL TOTAL YEAR-TO-DATE: 1088</b>			

\* Total includes death of a 7-year old shot 'accidentally' by an SAP special policeman in Slangspruit, and a special constable and security guard shot while on duty in Richmond and Greytown respectively.

**Peace Accord**

Initiatives towards establishing local peace structures are underway in Magwaveni (near Tongaat) in the Malukazi-Umlazi U and Z section area and in the Port Shepstone area. There have also been 'peace workshops' in the Richmond area by the IFP.

The Commission of Inquiry into the Prevention of Public Violence and Intimidation was appointed and includes: Mr Justice R J Goldstone as chairman, Neil Rossouw SC, Lilian Gugu Baqwa, MNS Sithole and Gert Steyn. Four appointments were made to the Interim National Peace Secretariat. They are: advocate Gert Myburgh MP, Jayrendu Naidoo of Saccawu, Suzanne Vos of the IFP, and Antonie Gildenhuys.

**A major obstacle to peace continues to be the distrustful working relationship between the community and the security forces. So long as this continues, arrests and convictions will remain few, and the lack of trust in the police will be further perpetuated.**

*This relationship is particularly bad in areas under the jurisdiction of the KwaZulu police. Many residents continue to allege that KwaZulu police members are, through action or inaction, involved in the violence, and feel unsafe reporting matters and laying charges at KwaZulu police stations.*

While the peace process in the PORT SHEPSTONE area is still underway, the massacre of 7 IFP supporters on October 16 sparked off a wave of unrest, leaving 5 more dead and many injured. Both the IFP and the ANC condemned the killings and vowed to cooperate with the police to track down the assailants.

**Focus on Umbumbulu**

Residents continue to report severe intimidation in many areas in Umbumbulu. Many residents have been told to leave the area or be killed if a member of their family is seen as supporting the 'comrades'. Six people were killed and more than 12 injured when a hand grenade exploded at the wedding celebration of IFP member Mbuzeni Shozi.

All-night 'camps' run by three known 'warlords' - some of whom are Inkatha members - continue to operate. People refusing to attend are reportedly fined, beaten, evicted from the area, or ordered to only return after securing a specified number of AK47 rifles to hand over to the leaders. According to a resident who attended several 'camps', men are forced to carry weapons ranging from spears to rifles, and are ordered to carry out attacks on certain areas, often for reasons unexplained.

A resident who had been evicted, upon returning to the area to check on his sugar cane, was spotted by 'police-men' of one of the warlords. He was taken out of the taxi and killed. Another former resident, upon returning for one day, was also spotted and earmarked to be killed, yet managed to escape.

## Security Forces

**An ECC unrest monitor has recorded more than 36 incidents of alleged assault by SADF members over the last two months.** These assaults include using electric shocks, suffocation by means of tubing, sjambokking, kicking and punching. The monitor also noted many reports of lost property and money following SADF raids for weapons or dagga

SADF members in Umgababa detained two ANC members toyi-toying from a meeting at a school. They were held overnight, during which time they were kicked, beaten with the butt of a gun, thrown out of a hippo and stepped on.

In early October, the same SADF members repeatedly assaulted and harassed about 30 ANC members from Umbumbulu who were staying in Umgababa. The SADF members forced the youths to dance, sing and speak Afrikaans at gunpoint.

**Sifiso Zama was shot dead by SAP members in M section Umlazi while playing soccer on October 24.** When KwaZulu police members arrived on the scene, the SAP members handed the ZP members a homemade gun and told them that Zama had fired at them first. The ZP members asked no questions from the witnesses and have thus far done no investigation.

Greytown ANC chair Solomon Mzolo applied for a restraining interdict against members of the SAP following seven incidents of harassment by SAP members, including shooting at his house.

**The Patriotic Front conference declared that the current violence has been 'initiated and sponsored by the apartheid state ... (which) has the power to stop it.'** The PF also called for the expulsion of 'all foreign mercenaries' from South Africa.

## Focus on KwaMashu K section

**Despite police investigations into the amaSinyora cases for more than one month, K section residents continue to report attacks, shooting and looting carried out by known amaSinyora members with the assistance of ZP members.**

*Although there is a 'joint SAP-ZP' investigation into the cases, no special provisions have been made to ensure that allegations of ZP involvement are handled singularly by SAP officers. For this reason, many eyewitnesses are too scared to come forward with information, and have opted to leave the area if possible. Large areas of K section are completely deserted.*

**Recent reports of unrest in K section include:**

**Oct 13:** Resident punched by a ZP member in the presence of SADF members; 'Comrades' threatened by a KwaMashu ZP Sergeant; ZP members seen 'escorting' armed amaSinyora members before a shooting attack.

**Oct 15:** ZP members present and allegedly assisting in the shooting at home K517.

**Oct 20:** Residents report shooting and looting of homes by 6 known amaSinyora members.

**Oct 22:** Residents report an attack on a home by known amaSinyora members, allegedly assisted by an SAP member from Overport.

## Courts Update

### **TRUST FEED**

**Seven policemen - including two captains - and an IFP branch chairperson, are facing murder charges for the massacre of 11 people at Trust Feeds in 1988.**

Four black special constables said they received orders from New Hanover Station Commander Brian Mitchell to carry out the massacre.

The plan for the massacre was allegedly formulated by Mitchell when local IFP leader Jerome Gabela requested Mitchell's help in solving problems between tenants and Inkatha-supporting landowners in the Trust Feed area. Mitchell allegedly suggested that the killing would be the best way of solving the problem.

When all the victims were discovered to be Inkatha supporters, Mitchell then explained to Gabela that there had been an 'accident'.

**Two former Durban policemen convicted of murder last year were released on parole after serving one year of their 12 and 10-year sentences. Prosecutors severely criticised the decision.**

*This bulletin is a compilation of information from press clippings from 6 Natal newspapers, 8 unrest monitors in Natal, police unrest reports and follow-ups with journalists, lawyers, and residents of the affected communities. For more information, please contact: Repression Monitoring Group, Black Sash, 27 Ecumenical Centre, 20 St. Andrew's Street, Durban 4001, Tel (031) 3055730, Fax (031) 3016611.*

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