



**Repression Monitoring Group**

**BULLETIN 24: JULY 1 - 15 1991**

**DEATHS - NATAL COASTAL REGION**

<b>NORTH</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>SOUTH</b>	<b>25</b>
Applebush	2	Illovo	2
KwaMashu	3	Malukazi	1
Ozwathini	1	Port Shepstone	21
		Dweshula	7
		Esikedleni	1
		Gamalakhe	6
		Mawulweni	1
		Ngwazini	1
		Nkulu	1
		Nyandezulu	4
		Umbumbulu	1
<b>TOTAL (JULY 1-15): 31</b>			

**Focus on Security Forces**

More and more allegations of security forces playing a provocative role in the violence have been made by ANC supporters, IFP supporters, and unrest monitors. Some of these include:

**KWAMASHU:** Despite numerous warnings of a pending attack on ANC supporters returning from the July 7 ANC rally by train to KwaMashu, SAP and SADF members failed to ward off attacks, resulting in one dead and two injured. An SAP member told a monitor that the police had been instructed not to interfere 'unless absolutely necessary'. Eyewitnesses said that SAP and SADF vehicles were present during the attack.

**MALUKAZI:** Charges of intimidation were laid against an SAP Security Branch warrant officer by IFP supporters in Malukazi. Many reports were received of repeated harrassment by SAP members of IFP members in the area, who have been threatened and told they must move to ANC areas.

**MAGODA:** The SADF were allegedly involved in the killing of 5 ANC supporters in Magoda, near Richmond. The killings occurred while SADF members were raiding houses in the township, allegedly 'looking for comrades'. The killers used state-issued R1 rifles, and fired more than 100 shots (uncharacteristic of the ammunition-saving nature of ANC and Inkatha attacks).

**PORT SHEPSTONE:** Seven SAP members wearing balaclavas questioned and searched a monitor outside of Gamalakhe township. In June, three youths were abducted and tortured by SADF members wearing balaclavas. This month, 40 armed men were wearing balaclavas when they attacked 5 houses in Esigedleni, and a Gamalakhe-bound bus was stopped by a group of balaclava-clad men, who boarded the bus and hacked 2 men to death.

**UMGABABA:** ANC supporters returning to Emini near Umgababa from the July 7 ANC rally were shot at by people in a car, allegedly policemen. A police notebook was found later at the scene of the shooting.

**ULUNDI:** Head of the KwaZulu Police Jac Buchner publicly admitted that the KwaZulu police were biased toward Inkatha 'to a certain extent'. The following day Buthelezi denounced his statement and denied any bias in his police force.

*This bulletin is a compilation of information from press clippings from 6 Natal newspapers, 5 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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The above allegations are separate from previous cases of more overt police action, which has showed a minimal decline in the past six months as compared to the last six months of 1990.

<u>NATAL COASTAL REGION ONLY</u>	
<u>July - Dec 1990</u> - 26 killed by ZP (8 of those allegedly) - 8 killed in attacks carried out by vigilantes with ZP support - 10 injured by ZP	<u>Jan - June 1991</u> - 8 killed by ZP (3 of those allegedly) - 17 killed in attacks carried out by vigilantes with ZP support - 10 injured by ZP
- 7 killed by SAP - 9 injured by SAP	- 4 killed by SAP (2 of those allegedly) - 0 injured by SAP
- 3 killed by SADF - 4 injured by SADF	- 4 killed by SADF - 0 injured by SADF

### Focus on Port Shepstone

There were twenty-one people killed, at least 25 injured and 45 homes destroyed in the Port Shepstone surrounding areas during the first two weeks of July.

Following the attack on Esigedleni, spears described as 'professionally-made' were found in the area. The attack by about 40 armed men targeted 5 specific homes.

The house of the ANC chairperson in the area was attacked the day after an attack on the local IFP chairperson.

Local monitors expressed suspicions that the attack on the IFP house was done by outside forces to provoke a retaliatory attack on the ANC leader's house.

### Focus on Malukazi

IFP-supporting residents in Malukazi have reported repeated harrassment, assaults and shooting by members of the SAP in the area.

An Umlazi IFP chairman pointed to the ANC as responsible for killing IFP members in Malukazi.

Other residents, describing themselves as neutral, reported being intimidated by a group of people who claimed to be Inkatha members.

Although no unrest-related deaths have appeared in SAP unrest reports for June, more than 15 murder cases have been opened by the local police. This calls into question the criteria being used for labelling a death 'unrest-related' or not, and could mean that many deaths are covered up in various areas by being named 'criminally-related'.

### Intimidation

Three ANC supporters were killed and many injured in attacks on people returning from the ANC rally on July 7 at King's Park. Attacks took place at Applebush, Emini, Isingweni, KwaMashu, Ntambanana and Ozwathini.

Shack dwellers at Block AK have established a resident-operated security team following repeated threats and intimidation by whites, sometimes armed, who have threatened the dwellers and driven their cars into the shacks.

The University of Natal restored Mzala's book *Gatsha Buthelezi: Chief with a Double Agenda* to its library shelves.

### Midlands

*This report only covers the COASTAL AREA of Natal. Complete information about the Midlands can be obtained from the Centre for Adult Education at the University of Natal at Pietermaritzburg. However, this bulletin will attempt to include some general figures and trends from the Midlands to put the violence in better perspective.*

About 25 people have died in the Midlands region during the first two weeks of July. About 10 people have been injured and more than 40 houses destroyed in attacks in the area.

In the Richmond-surrounding area, where more than 100 people have died since January 23, five ANC supporters were gunned down on July 14.

There have been repeated allegations of the involvement of the security forces in the ongoing violence. Monitors note that despite requests by the community for a temporary police station to be erected between warring Nkobeneni and Magoda, this was done only after more than 40 people had been killed.

Suspicion is also mounting about the involvement of local white rightwing farmers from the area - many of whom are AWB members. Some whites are also members of the Umkomaas Commando, and thus are issued R1 rifles.

No peace talks are currently underway. Efforts toward peace made three weeks ago were destroyed by the killing of 16 people on the eve of the peace talks.