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Six leaders are held as police swoop in Natal

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## Daily News Reporter

### THE Security Police crack-down on the Natal Indian Congress leadership has wiped out the cream of Indian political opposition.

The NIC, which is strongly opposed to the Government-nominated South African Indian Council, has played a leading role in parent-support committees during the schools boycott.

Leading NIC personality detained in Durban last night was Mr George Sewpersadh, president of the organisation.

Others were Mr M. J. Naidoo, vice-president, Mr Thumba Pillay, Mr R. Bughwandeem, Dr Farook Meer and Mr Cash Morgan.

Mr Sewpersadh was taken from his Reservoir Hills home to his law offices in Verulam where the Security Police made a search.

### Criticised role

Mr Naidoo was detained by Security Police after addressing a meeting of the Society For Democratic Education at Durban's Vedic Hall.

The meeting was called by teachers who criticised the role of the Teachers' Association and other professional teachers' organisations for not playing a positive role in the educational crisis.

Mr Naidoo told the audience of the detention of Mr Sewpersadh and other leaders.

News of the crackdown was greeted with silence at a meeting at the Orient Hall where parents were discussing the suspension of more than 10 000 Indian pupils by the Department of Indian Affairs.

Security Police also called at the home of Mr Paul David in Verulam at 1am today. They told his wife they wanted to question her husband.

Mr David is secretary of the Release Nelson Mandela committee in Natal.

Last night's meetings supported the return to classes of all pupils on condition that the June examinations are called off; that all universities and other educational institutions are re-opened; that detained leaders are released; that there is no victimisation of pupils; and that students and suspended pupils be allowed to return to their studies unconditionally.

Mrs Coral Vinsen, a convenor of Women For Peaceful Change Now, expressed concern at the wave of detentions.

"It is our conviction that

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### Indians hit in swoop

the detention of those seen to be leaders can never solve the problems of unrest. As an organisation working for peaceful change we believe peace can only be achieved when people feel they are living in a just society," she said.

In Cape Town Mr Ray Swart, official Opposition spokesman on Indian and police matters, said he was disturbed at the number of detentions around the country.

He hoped the authorities would bring detained people to trial or release them as soon as possible.

A Security Police spokesman confirmed the detention of the six men in terms of Section 22 of the General Law Amendment Act.

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# NIC man banned

**PIETERMARITZBURG** — An Indian businessman and civic leader, Mr A. S. Chetty, was served with a five-year banning order at his home here on Wednesday.

The order bars him from visitors other than his son and daughter-in-law, from attending any social or political gathering, confines him to the Pietermaritzburg district and keeps him under house arrest between 6.00 pm and 6.00 am and over weekends.

The order is Mr Chetty's second in eight years.

Mr Chetty is chairman of the Pietermaritzburg branch of the Natal Indian Congress, Pietermaritzburg Housing Action Committee and the Platoon Action Committee.

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**Refuge in Zimbabwe for banned SA man**

The Star's Africa News Service

**SALISBURY** — Banned former Durban research worker Mr Govin Reddy has been granted political asylum by the Zimbabwean Government, according to a local report.

Mr Reddy worked for the South African Institute of Race Relations before being detained with other black leaders after the Soweto riots in 1976. He was banned in December of that year and fled to Swaziland in March this year.

He arrived in Zimbabwe this week, apparently the first South African to gain political asylum here after the Zimbabwe Government's announcement of an open-door policy for anti-apartheid refugees.

Mr Reddy was a prominent figure in the Indian community in Durban.



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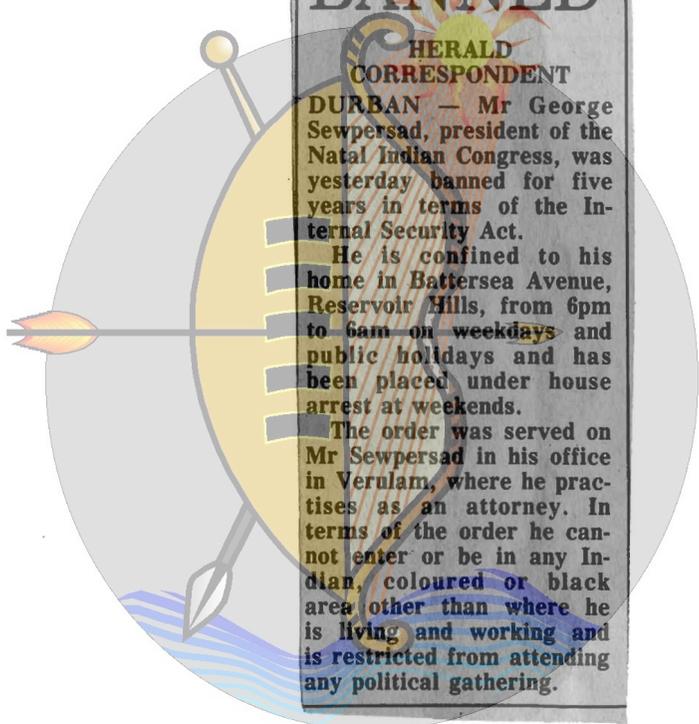
**INDIAN LEADER BANNED**

**HERALD CORRESPONDENT**

**DURBAN** — Mr George Sewpersad, president of the Natal Indian Congress, was yesterday banned for five years in terms of the Internal Security Act.

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The order was served on Mr Sewpersad in his office in Verulam, where he practises as an attorney. In terms of the order he cannot enter or be in any Indian, coloured or black area other than where he is living and working and is restricted from attending any political gathering.



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**S.T. HERALD**

# Indian congress head banned for five years

By Mariah Vengtas

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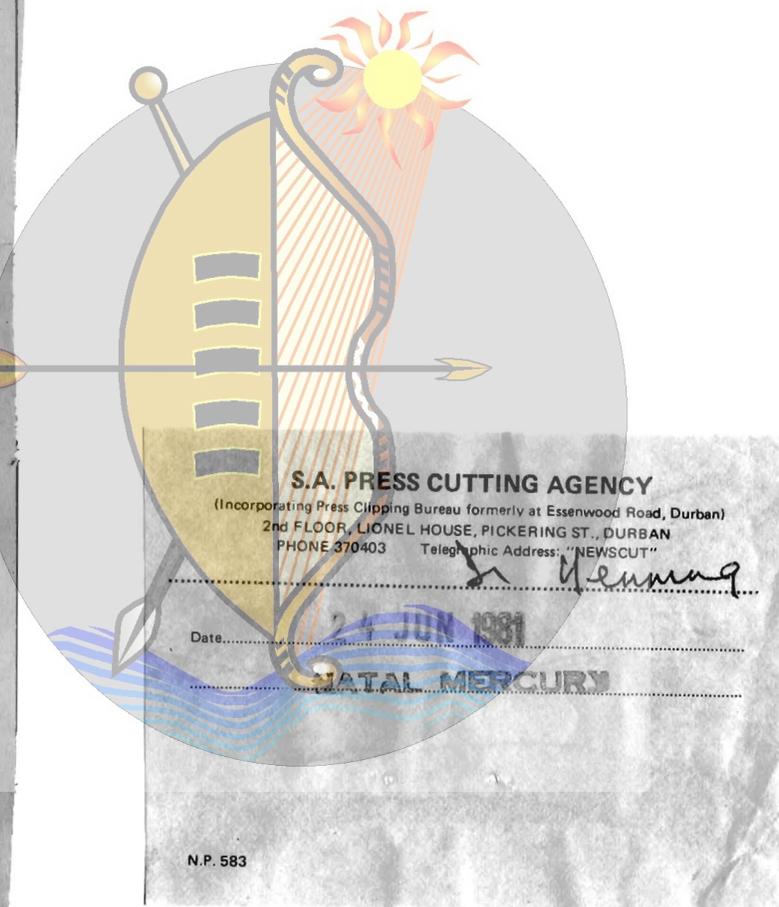
## Resented

Mr Sewpersadh was previously banned for five years but the order expired in October 1978. He was president of the Natal Indian Congress before he was first banned and was re-elected president after the banning order expired.

Condemning the banning last night, Mr D K Singh, chairman of the Durban Housing Action Committee, said he 'strongly resented the unwarranted action against Mr Sewpersadh'.

After an emergency meeting of the congress executive last night, general secretary Mr R Ramesar condemned the ban and said the congress would not be deterred and would continue 'to fight the unjust laws of this country'.

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Natal Witness 25/6/81

# N.I.C. hit out at banning of president

Witness Reporter

THE Pietermaritzburg branch of the Natal Indian Congress has hotly condemned the banning of its provincial president, Mr G. Sewpersadh, for a second five-year term as an "arbitrary and cowardly action" on the part of the Government.

In a strongly-worded statement yesterday, the City body attacked the possible reasoning which led to the banning of its own chairman, Mr A. S. Chetty, earlier this year and Mr Sewpersadh's effective "house arrest".

"There must be something radically wrong with the racist regime in Pretoria to wantonly resort to such dastard tactics," the statement said.

"What has Mr Sewpersadh, or for that matter Mr Chetty, done that warrants such action?"

Protests against an unjust system and its laws or criticism against the Government were not in themselves crimes, the statement continued.

The reasons for the action against the two congress leaders were, the statement supposed, government fear that its racial philosophy is exposed for what it is worth, or that it has some secret information about Mr Sewpersadh or Mr Chetty that it does not want to divulge."

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