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### Attacks in Khayelitsha

Over the past few weeks there have been a string of violent attacks on residents of Site C, Khayelitsha, most following the sinister pattern by which we have come to identify third force activity.

In yet another incident last night, five people were killed. Four died in an arson attack in which 30 shacks were destroyed. The names of those who died are Mr Temba Boto, Miss Florence Falake and their children Portia (aged 12) and Tumake (aged 6).

Witnesses say they saw five men in balaclavas setting fire to the shacks. Some of them were white and they were speaking in Afrikaans. It was also alleged that the attackers afterwards boarded a police Casspir.

Elsewhere in Site C, a man was shot dead and two other men were found shot dead in Site B.

So serious is the threat to the community that people began fleeing the area today.

As always, the attacks appear to follow a similar pattern. Witnesses repeatedly report that the groups of attackers include white men, and that the police are often present on the scene but fail to take action. What makes these attacks even more frightening is that they are often not directed at any specific group. It appears that there is a deliberate strategy of launching random attacks with the aim of terrorising the community.

These aspects of the violence have been regularly pointed out by the ANC and characterise, we believe, the characteristic patterns of third force activity.

The situation is becoming outrageous and completely out of hand. Attacks are now happening on a daily basis. People live in constant fear of violence

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