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WEEKLY REPRESSION REPORT

FOR WEEK No. 36
FROM 01/09/93 TO 07/09/93

WEEKLY DEATH TOLL

	PWV	NATAL	ELSEWHERE	TOTAL
General Incidents	53	58	3	114
Security Force Activity	2	-	-	2
Attacks against Security Forces	3	-	-	3
Other Incidents	2	-	-	2
TOTAL	60	58	3	121

One hundred and twenty one deaths and 49 injuries were recorded during this period.

Main incidents:

- * The national death toll is almost double last week's figure of 69 deaths, a highly distressing return to the levels preceding National Peace Day on the 2 September.
- * The East Rand accounted for 86% (52 deaths) of the PWV death toll.
- * The Natal death toll shows a disturbing increase from the August weekly average of 40 deaths.
- * The combined East Rand and Natal death tolls account for 91% of the national figure.
- * Right wing activity resulted in either the disruption or postponement of at least 3 ANC meetings in W.Cape, OFS and PWV.
- * Reports from W.Cape included threats on the life of a Regional Peace Committee member while in Gugulethu township; and the death of a speaker at an ANC meeting in Khayelitsha, shortly after he addressed the meeting.

SEE ATTACHED REPORT FOR DETAILS !

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A. FORMAL REPRESSION

FORMAL REPRESSION OF PERSONS

Detention without Trial

The police reported that 108 people are currently being held under the provisions of the Public Safety Act.

Deaths in Police Custody

Two deaths in police custody were reported during the week. This brings to 30 the total number of people who have died in the custody of the police so far this year.

Death Row

Four people were sentenced to death for criminally-related offences during this period.

REPRESSION OF GATHERINGS

On the 6th September in King Williams' Town, Border, all gatherings, except the ANC's Bisho Massacre Commemoration, were effectively banned for a period of 24 hours.

B. POLITICAL VIOLENCE

GENERAL INCIDENTS

PWV : 53 deaths and 14 injuries accounted for as follows: E Rand (49 deaths, 7 injuries) and Johannesburg (4 deaths and 7 injuries). The East Rand townships affected were Daveyton, Duduza, Tembisa, Vosloorus, Katlehong and Thokoza, with the later two townships accounting for most of the deaths (44) in this sub-region and includes a train attack in which 3 people were killed. In Johannesburg, the casualties occurred in an attack at the Grosvenor Station (1 death and 7 injuries) and in violence at the George Goch Hostel in Cleveland.

NATAL : 58 deaths and 21 injuries were recorded, more than double last week's toll of 25 deaths and 5 injuries. Casualties were reported as follows: Durban (24 deaths), Midlands (6 deaths, 14 injuries), N Coast (18 deaths, 3 injuries), N Natal (8 deaths, 2 injuries) and S Coast (2 deaths, 2 injuries). In Durban, ongoing violence in Bhambayi claimed 14 lives while in Midlands-Wembezi, 5 deaths and 14 injuries occurred in an attack on a minibus which was transporting IFP supporters. On the N Coast, a total of 10 people were killed and 3 injured in the Kwambonambi area which is an ANC stronghold, but where there have been repeated attacks on IFP members.

BORDER : One injury was recorded in East London when a Daily Dispatch employee was assaulted.

W.CAPE : 3 deaths and 8 injuries as follows : Cape Town (3 injuries), Gugulethu (3 injuries), Khayelitsha (2 deaths, 2 injuries) and Macassar (1 death). One of the deaths in Khayelitsha was of a person who was killed shortly after he addressed an ANC meeting at Chumisa Primary School. Gugulethu reports included that of a Regional Peace Committee being threatened while in the township.

SECURITY FORCE ACTIONS

PWV : 2 deaths, 1 injury, no arrests. In the East Rand township of Katlehong, 1 man was killed and another injured when police fired live ammunition at a group of people on the way to the Huntersfield stadium to attend a mass rally. In Meadowlands, Soweto, Mr Prince Mofoka (23), an ANC YL member, was shot dead by police. Police and ANC YL versions of this incident differ: police claim that Mofoka fired at them first; and the ANC YL version suggest that Mofoka was killed without provocation.

E.CAPE : no deaths or injuries, but reports were received alleging security force harassment of members of the Steynsburg Civic Association.

ATTACKS AGAINST SECURITY FORCES

PWV : 3 dead, 1 injury, 10 attacks in the East Rand (9) and Soweto sub-regions (1). Two security force members were killed in 2 separate incidents in Tembisa. One security force member was killed and another injured in an attack in White City, Soweto.

NATAL : 2 injuries. An SAP member was shot and injured in Mtunzini, N.Coast and a KwaZulu policeman was wounded when his vehicle came under fire in Dundee, N.Natal.

W.CAPE : 1 injury. In Nyanga, Peninsula, an off-duty policeman was injured when shot while travelling in a taxi.

RIGHT WING ACTIONS

No deaths or injuries, but 3 reports of right wing activity resulting in either the disruption or postponement of ANC meetings in Bothaville (OFS), Pretoria (PWV) and Kraaifontein (W.Cape)

C. OTHER INCIDENTS

TAXI CONFLICT

PWV : 2 deaths in Pretoria of members belonging to rival taxi associations.