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REPRESSIVE LEGISLATION

The declaration of Unrest Areas on Wembezi and Bruntville districts in Natal, was lifted.

FORMAL REPRESSION OF PERSONS

Detention without Trial

Police reported that in terms of Section 29 of the Internal Security Act (ISA), 1 person was detained, 4 people were released and 3 people remained in detention. Five Public Safety Act detainees were released and none were being held.

B. POLITICAL VIOLENCE

GENERAL INCIDENTS

AREA	DEATHS	INJURIES
PWV	70	22
Natal	40	37
Elsewhere	6	1
TOTAL	116	51

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East Rand :

At least 69 people were killed and 12 injured in separate incidents. Townships affected were Tembisa (4 deaths), Katlehong (40 deaths, 12 injuries) and Thokoza (15 deaths). The Tembisa violence did not appear to be linked to the outburst which occurred in Katlehong and Thokoza (see below for details).

Violence in Thokoza/Katlehong flared on Sunday, 4th July after 2 attacks on the IFP-supporting Thokoza hostels, and has been raging since these attacks. Newspapers report the death toll as being as high as 92. However, reports received by the HRC indicate a death toll of 65 from the 4th to the 6th of July. The reports received, clearly indicate a difficulty in getting precise details of incidents and the number of casualties - in itself a sign of the intensity and complexity of the violence.

Reports have included :

- * allegations of security force negligence by failing to respond timeously, failing to act, etc. These allegations have been made both by the IFP and residents;
- * allegations of IFP-supporting hostel dwellers intimidating residents into joining the IFP, extorting money for weapons, and taking over the houses of residents who have fled the area.
- * journalists being victims of intimidation in regard to their attempts to report on the situation;
- * peace monitors and security force members have in some instances, been caught in the crossfire;