


**HUMAN  
RIGHTS  
COMMISSION**
**B76****WEEKLY REPRESSION REPORT**

**FOR WEEK No. 43  
FROM 20/10/93 TO 26/10/93**

**Ninety-four deaths and 21 injuries were recorded during this period.**

<b>WEEKLY DEATH TOLL</b>				
	<b>PWV</b>	<b>NATAL</b>	<b>ELSEWHERE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>General Incidents</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>86</b>
<b>Security Force Activity</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Attacks against Security Forces</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Other Incidents</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>94</b>

**Main incidents:**

- \* The national death toll shows no significant change from last week's figure of 90 deaths. Violence in the PWV and Natal regions remained at virtually the same intensity as last week.
- \* The East Rand continues to be the national focal point, accounting for 59% of the national death toll.
- \* The ANC's Sonke (all of us) festival which was attended by thousands of Natal residents went off peacefully.

**SEE ATTACHED REPORT FOR DETAILS !**

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## A. FORMAL REPRESSION

### FORMAL REPRESSION OF PERSONS

#### **Detention without Trial**

Police reported that 1 person was still being held under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act and that 12 people are being held under Section 3 of the Public Safety Act.

## B. POLITICAL VIOLENCE

### GENERAL INCIDENTS

**PWV** : 52 deaths, 3 injuries of which 50 deaths and all the injuries occurred in the East Rand. The worst affected townships remain Thokoza (21 deaths) and Katlehong (20 deaths). Other townships affected were Ivory Park (6 deaths), Daveyton (2 injuries), Tembisa (1 death) and Vosloorus (2 deaths and 1 injury - when gunmen opened fire on commuters at a taxi rank that borders Katlehong and Vosloorus).

Two deaths were recorded in the Soweto sub-region, when gunmen forced their way into the Dube hostel and started shooting randomly.

In other incidents in the PWV, not resulting in casualties, \* the home of a National Party (NP) member was set alight by unknown attackers \* the Mapetla Hostel Residents' Association threatened to attack security guards at train stations and to destroy Spoomet property if security guards were not deployed at all stations.

In Randfontein on the West Rand, the ANC's election office was petrol bombed; and in Yeoville, Johannesburg, the vehicle of ANC member was destroyed in an alleged arson attack.

**NATAL** : 28 deaths, 4 injuries as follows: Durban (3 deaths, 1 injury), Midlands (1 death, 1 injury), N.Coast (10 deaths, 1 injury), N.Natal (9 deaths, 1 injury) and S.Coast (5 deaths). In Loskop, Midlands, a faction-fight resulted in 24 deaths and 5 injuries. This, however, has not been included in HRC statistics, as it is still unclear whether it falls into the HRC's classification of political violence. Reports in connection with the ANC's Sonke festival included the death of an ANC member, killed while putting up posters advertising the festival and of ANC supporters being intimidated, either on their way to the Festival or before it started.

### **W.CAPE**

Six deaths were reported in the Peninsula sub-region as follows, Brown's Farm (1 death), Crossroads (2 deaths), Khayelitsha (3 deaths).

### **CISKEI**

5 injuries of PAC members when shots were fired and a hand grenade exploded at the Fort Hare University. The incident occurred in the context of alleged conflict between the ANC and PAC over use of a hall for meetings.

**SECURITY FORCE ACTIONS****PWV**

At least 3 injuries, all in the East Rand, of 3 youths who were seriously injured after being allegedly abducted and assaulted by SADF members, who reportedly took the boys to Kweasine hostel in Katlehong. The SADF denied the claims.

In other incidents, the SACC, the IBIR and the Star, reported that members of the ISU fired shots randomly and were excessive in their actions in the townships of Katlehong and Thokoza.

**NATAL**

One death of an MK member killed by a policeman in KwaMashu.

**CISKEI**

The Border Peace Desk reported that two ANC Youth League members were injured when assaulted and kept overnight, by members of the Peaceforce, in the headman's house in Twecu village, King Williams Town.

**E.CAPE**

19 arrests of representatives from Sanco, ANC, SACP and residents, demanding the resignation of the Town Council, who were staging a sit-in at the Klipplaat municipality offices.

**ATTACKS AGAINST SECURITY FORCES**

**PWV** : Three deaths (1 policeman and 2 alleged attackers) and 4 injuries (1 alleged attacker) were reported in 25 attacks. In Cleveland, Johannesburg, 1 policeman was killed and another injured when an SAP patrol vehicle was stopped by a white man and a black man, who then opened fire on the police.

**NATAL** : Two deaths and 1 injury of alleged attackers in separate incidents. In Umlazi, Durban, when members of the Internal Stability Unit (ISU) came under heavy automatic gunfire and returned fire. The attackers were from Unit 17, the IFP stronghold in Umlazi which launched an attack on ANC supporting areas in Umlazi on the same day as well as on 17 October.

**W.CAPE**

No deaths or injuries, but the Nduli police station and a police vehicle were stoned by youths.

**C. OTHER INCIDENTS****TAXI CONFLICT**

**W.CAPE** : 1 death of an ex-member of the Western Cape Black Taxi Association (Webta), who was shot dead while driving in Nyanga.

**NATAL** : 1 death in Pietermaritzburg, Midlands. A casual worker who had supported a Food and Allied Workers Union (Fawu) strike at Tastic Rice factory, was killed, allegedly by a Food, Beverage and Allied Workers Union (FBWU) shop steward. The FBWU is allegedly against the strike.