

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

WEEKLY REPRESSION REPORT

FOR WEEK No.47
FROM 17/11/93 TO 23/11/93

One-hundred and nine deaths and 57 injuries were recorded during this period.

WEEKLY DEATH TOLL				
	PWV	NATAL	ELSEWHERE	TOTAL
General Incidents	51	38	14	103
Attacks against Security Forces	2	1	-	3
Right Wing Activity	-	-	2	2
Other Incidents	-	1	-	1
TOTAL	53	40	16	109

Main incidents:

- * The national death toll has disturbingly increased by 43% - from 76 last week to 109 this week.
- * All the regions contributed to the increase in the death toll as follows: PWV from 44 to 53; Natal from 27 to 40 and Elsewhere from 5 to 16 of which 13 occurred in the W.Cape.
- * The increase comes in the wake of the historic agreement on the Interim Constitution, signalling the go-ahead for the elections in April next year.
- * This is the first time in 8 weeks that the death toll has exceeded the 100 mark.

SEE ATTACHED REPORT FOR DETAILS !

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A. FORMAL REPRESSION

FORMAL REPRESSION OF PERSONS

Detention without Trial

The police reported that 15 people are currently being held under the provisions of the Public Safety Act.

Bophuthatswana: The ANC Western Transvaal Region reported that the more than 50 people detained in Mogwase last week were released from detention and charged with attending an illegal gathering. One of the detainees, Godfrey Kodi Sojane (15), is still in hospital following his alleged assault during interrogation.

Deaths in Police Custody

On the 18th November, Nhleku Dlamini was found dead in a cell in the Richmond Police Station cells in Natal. He had been arrested for alleged housebreaking and theft. The police reported that he had hanged himself.

B. POLITICAL VIOLENCE

GENERAL INCIDENTS

PWV : 51 deaths, 8 injuries. The death toll shows an increase from the previous week's figure of 43.

* **East Rand** continues as the focal point of violence, accounting for 48 deaths or 94% of the PWV total and 7 injuries. The worst affected townships were Katilehong (30 deaths) and Thokoza (16 deaths). Other areas affected in the East Rand sub-region were Eden Park, Phola Park and Tembisa which jointly accounted for 2 deaths. The East Rand's casualty toll includes 2 injuries in 2 separate train attacks.

* **Soweto & Vaal** recorded 1 incident each with a total of 3 deaths and 1 injury.

NATAL : 38 deaths, 35 injuries. The death toll also shows an increase from last week's figure of 26.

Both the N.Coast (12 deaths) and the N.Natal (12 deaths) showed a dramatic increase compared to last week when they recorded 6 and 1 deaths respectively. However, Durban showed a decrease from 12 deaths last week to 7 this week. Midlands recorded 1 death and the S Coast 6 deaths and 1 injury.

Reports from Durban indicate that violence in Bhambayi, Inanda - between the "red" faction (ANC-supporting) and the "green" faction (IFP supporting) is on the increase again and has resulted in the shattering of tentative peace efforts. The ANC reportedly suffered 4 deaths and 6 injuries in this conflict. Durban's reports included a train attack resulting in 1 death.

N.Natal reports included an attack on taxi commuters resulting in 6 deaths and 9 injuries; a random attack on residents in Paulpietersburg resulting in 5 deaths and 5 injuries and the killing of the chairperson of the ANC Pongolo branch.

W.CAPE : 11 deaths on the Peninsula as follows : Khayelitsha (7), Nyanga (3) and Somerset West (1). In an attack on Khayelitsha which resulted in 2 deaths and damage to 65 shacks, it was alleged by eyewitnesses that three white men in camouflage uniform, travelling in a private car, were at the scene and that after the attack, members of the South African Defence Force (SADF) shouted through a loud hailer that no-one would be sleeping that night.

TRANSKEI : 3 deaths in Tsolo. The casualties include an ANC member and 2 attackers. The ANC in the Transkei allege that a hit squad is operating in this area.

SECURITY FORCE ACTIONS

PWV : 10 injuries, 3 incidents. Ten Food and Allied Workers Union (Fawu) members were injured when police used teargas, rubber bullets and birdshot to disperse workers protesting outside an Irvin and Johnson (I & J) factory. The PAC reported 2 incidents of harassment of it's National Organiser at ISU roadblocks in Soweto.

NATAL : no deaths, injuries or arrests but reports of security force harassment in Port Shepstone, S.Coast and Sundumbili, N.Coast were received.

W.CAPE : 1 injury of an ANC MK member. Police claimed that the victim fired at them, but a health worker and other community members claim that the victim was unarmed.

ATTACKS AGAINST SECURITY FORCES

PWV : 2 deaths, 2 injuries and 8 attacks as follows:

East Rand - 7 attacks resulting in 2 deaths and 1 injury (of attackers) when police returned fire during one of the attacks on them.

West Rand - 1 attack resulting in 1 injury when a police vehicle was shot at.

NATAL : 1 death in Durban, Inanda when police returned fire after being attacked, allegedly by the ANC aligned "Red" faction of Bhambayi. The victim was reportedly a member of the "red" faction.

RIGHT WING ACTIONS

W.CAPE : 2 deaths of "coloured" men in Pofadder, W.Coast. The attackers were reportedly wearing insignia of the Afrikaner Weerstand Beweging (AWB).

C. OTHER INCIDENTS

TAXI CONFLICT

PWV : 1 injury and damage to 6 taxis, in Pretoria, resulting from clashes between taxi drivers.

NATAL : 1 death, 1 injury in a taxi conflict in Khwansani (near Mtubatuba), N.Coast