

## Brits Crisis

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Briefing  
from  
A.C.

Exco. of Brits Action Comm was ousted after allegations of corruption. Two factions developed. The conflict is unique in that it does not seem to involve vigilantes. Pretoria Civic Ass and the A.C. convened a meeting of the two factions last year. It was harmonious. The decisions of this meeting was to be communicated to the ppl by means of a mass meeting.

The mass meeting was conflictual.

After this P.C.C. was drawn in. They convened a mass meeting - this resulted in no progress.

One person was killed after this

Leonard Brown & his faction were arrested & charged for murder.

The other faction launched counter attacks.

Brown was driven out of Brits. Struggles continue.

Brown recruited ppl from Mandladi.

3 Mandladi Cde's were arrested. Still in jail. Brown asked for ~~our~~ legal assistance from lawyers for Human Rights.

In late Nov. Brits Co-ord Comm formed - this included Indian Area.

The Brits Co-ord Comm has organised a CB in protest against refusal by magistrate to grant permission for a March.

Briefing  
from Leonard  
Brown:

I feel I don't have a mandate as others are in Prison. In any case I don't know what the problem is all about. An important 3rd party <sup>(the police)</sup> is not here. Can the other group give an assurance that they would be able to abide by the decisions of this meeting.

Any doubts  
of Brits  
Waves org  
(part of the  
Brown faction)

Problem is one of fighting. We don't know what the cause is. We knew that after the death of Mankhol (Base, looting & fighting) took place. Thereafter Brown & others were released detained. Then a forum was set up where ppl came together to

discuss the problem. Allegations were made at forum. Some were saying Brown & his group murdered the comrade. It was decided that the community should not seek lawyers to bail the arrested comrades. Families would have to attend to this.

Members of the "other" group were released - nobody knows how this happened. Brown & others were released on bail. Upholds court'd. Added confusion was when the reprieve was granted. As a result of the upholds it was decided that no meetings will be held in the community. "Life will stand still".

Subsequent to court victory, Brown suggested that a party be held where 4 hearts will be slaughtered. The community was asked to contribute money. Rio fun all employed. A rumor was started by other factions that the party ~~was~~ is not going to take place. Some of us suggested that the party be cancelled as it may lead to violence. But the violence court'd anyway.

In the past yr the violence court'd. One night I heard gunfire at Mike Slogrove's house. We learnt that Suzanne's wife was shot. Later Mike Slogrove & Klairie were also shot & injured. We were surprised that the attackers were not arrested.

In time were ~~also~~ <sup>also</sup> chased out of our homes. I was called w.m.

This year, once again the feud has flared up.

These days it is difficult to attend meetings :: in the past ppl attended meetings armed.  
Brown: we have evidence of SAP incident ~~to~~ with mistake's group.

<sup>refers</sup>  
<sup>to</sup>  
<sup>the</sup>  
<sup>group</sup>  
After the release of Michael & other in June last yr. we formed O.T.O & started forming street corners. We learnt that another group was meeting & night & telling ppl that the BAC was misusing money.

Later Brown told me I am being misused by the BAC.

At a mass meeting Brown was asked to produce evidence that the BAC misused funds. He refused to do so.

The fight started one day when we were drinking in a shabem. Bow & others attacked us with knives etc. Moshu, Menohel Base & others were attacked.

A meeting was called by Tate Marabe to make peace & we agreed that we would not fight.