

SECTION V : DOCUMENTATIONLIST OF THE TEN TRANSGRESSIONS OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM BY THE SA GOVERNMENT AS COMPILED BY THE JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION DIVISION OF THE SACC.

1. The interference by the Hon. the Minister of Police in the service of worship held at St Mary's Cathedral on June 16, 1977, by deciding who and who should not preach.
2. The abrogation by the State to itself to interpret the Scriptures and to place its own interpretation thereon - witnessed in the reasons for the banning of one issue of the Black ecumenical paper, The Voice.
3. The use by the Minister of Justice of the ex-Moderator of the Dutch Reformed Church in the recent negotiations with Bishop Scharf of the Evangelical Church of Germany, for an interpretation of Scripture which sought to justify detention without trial.
4. The recommendation of the Van Rooyen Commission concerning state-control of voluntary collection of funds from the public as instanced in the threat to debar the churches and Christian organisations from receiving funds for legal aid to those who would otherwise lack adequate representation.
5. The requirement whereby certain clergy are required to submit sermons for SABC censorship prior to broadcasting.
6. The ruling of the Defence Further Amendment Act which prevents a Christian from offering full pastoral care in regard to matters of involvement in the Defence Force, especially with reference to conscientious objection.
7. The intervention to prevent Black and White Christians from meeting freely in fellowship, as evidenced in the action that made it impossible for members of Ds S Buti's NGK congregation to share with White Christians. And the threat by a government-appointed board that Black Christians might be prevented from worshipping in so-called White churches, even though resident in the community.
8. The action of needless throwing of teargas during and after commemoration and burial services on June 16, 1977, and during other services held at Soweto.
9. The interrogation, and in some cases detention of church leaders, both ministers and laymen, without legitimate reason, thus debarring them from fulfilling their preaching and pastoral responsibilities.
10. The expropriation of the property and buildings of the Federal Seminary at Alice, with still no provision being made for adequate and alternative facilities under acceptable conditions for the training of black clergy.