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Police energies sapped in nailing bad cops

By JACKIE CAMERON

Every day, seven police members are accused of corruption

Last year, almost 2 300 allegations of corruption were levelled countrywide in the first 10 months of the year

And hundreds of policemen and women were exposed as calculating, brutal criminals who have shunned their oaths as law enforcers and turned to car hijacking, murder, robbery, fraud, burglary and dealing in illicit drugs

Police resources are being sapped as droves of experienced detectives have turned their energies to outwitting devious colleagues (who know how to sidestep investigations) instead of focusing their attention on criminals outside the SA Police Service

A senior organised-crime detective told the *Saturday Star* this week that his unit had spent more time investigating cases involving police members over this festive season than on criminals outside the police service

As police followed leads on a number of policemen involved in organised-crime syndicates this week, an Alexandra detective - believed to be a key player in an international illicit ivory-trading ring - was arrested in a sting operation

The promising detective, Sergeant Samuel Mashele, became the latest statistic in the police internal war against corrupt cops and police members who rank among this country's worst criminals

Pretoria West policemen arrested Mashele in a sting operation at a Midrand service station and recovered three tusks worth R120 000. The detective allegedly sold the tusks for R15 000

Dedicated colleagues

The arrested policeman was released on bail of R1 000 after appearing in court on Tuesday evening, but by late yesterday had not been suspended from his police duties. The detective was on duty when he allegedly made the ivory deal

Policemen and women are being turned in daily, by their honest, dedicated colleagues, who are fed up with bearing the brunt of the SAPS's tarnished image

Allegations of corruption were made against more than 2 200 police members between January and October last year - an average of more than seven police members every day

More than 830 police members are at the centre of intensive police investigations into corruption, of which more than 480 appeared in various courts around the country for abusing their positions as law enforcers to work in cahoots with sophisticated criminals

Police investigate charges of corruption when members take advantage of their jobs to commit crimes or collude with criminals, but they are also swooping on a growing number of police members who are moonlighting as robbers, drug dealers and burglars

More than 700 SAPS members in Gauteng alone are facing trials for premeditated crimes ranging from murder and abduction to fraud and burglary. Most of them are constables and sergeants, but there is a sprinkling of senior officers in their ranks

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Many are attached to specialist investigation units, and take advantage of their expertise in detecting criminals to avoid being caught committing similar crimes when they leave the office. Car theft and hijacking are hot favourites with police members involved in vehicle-related units

The Johannesburg branch of the SA Narcotics Bureau features strongly in police lists of their members facing criminal cases: at least five police members, including a woman police captain, from this unit are facing charges for crimes including armed robbery, the theft of firearms, and fraud

Although police resources are being sapped by investigations into crimes committed by SAPS members, Gauteng MEC for Safety and Security Jessie Duarte said this "self-cleansing" was essential to boost the

morale of law-abiding SAPS members as well as the confidence of the public in the police

"We have been criticised for being too transparent about this problem, but we believe we should continue to make these cases public knowledge. It's very important to take note that it is police members who are apprehending corrupt officials. There is a definite positive attempt by police management to root out corruption and crime within the SAPS"

Anti-corruption unit chief Director Steph Grobler, who heads more than 160 detectives, said "Our unit would not investigate a policeman charged with housebreaking unless that person used his official capacity to commit an offence. We are investigating very serious cases, which include policemen who are involved in R10-million robberies and car hijackings."

He said his unit was preparing dockets against more than 800 policemen, but that it had received information about more than 2 200 police members

"Not all of these police members will be corrupt. There are always attempts to discredit police members who are actively rooting out corruption. Police members who fight crime and corruption within the SAPS are very unpopular."

Grobler said Gauteng's police force was a "holbed of car theft and hijacking" and that more corruption was being rooted out here than in any other province

"We have not got a very high rate of cases being concluded in court because the legal process takes a long time."

"The members of public who involve police members in corruption are just as bad. One must remember that out of

120 000 police members nationwide, only 2 000-odd are supposedly corrupt" Grobler said rooting out criminal police members was more difficult than apprehending ordinary criminals "because you've got to fight the whole system"

"I enjoy the challenge. You have to devise plans and safeguard your methods in investigations because these corrupt policemen have access to the same systems and information that I have"

"The planning documents conceal the names of suspects, even when they are sent to more senior officers. I keep the key to the codes," he said. Director Azwimdim Nengovhela, of the provincial police commission, said: "This is a huge problem. There are honest cops out there - and they are the ones doing the job of rooting out the dishonest ones."

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'Millions offered! - but poor cops may be informing informers in get-rich-quick scam

No reward for fingering Sithole

BY CHARLES MCGALE

A FORMER friend and roommate of serial killer Moses Sithole has been refused the R500 000 reward promised by the police for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the mass murderer.

Johannes "Shuffle" Rapau claims it was his information that led to the arrest of Sithole, who was last month sentenced to a record 2 004 years imprisonment for 38 murders and 40 rapes.

Rapau (40) was held briefly by the police as a suspect in 1995.

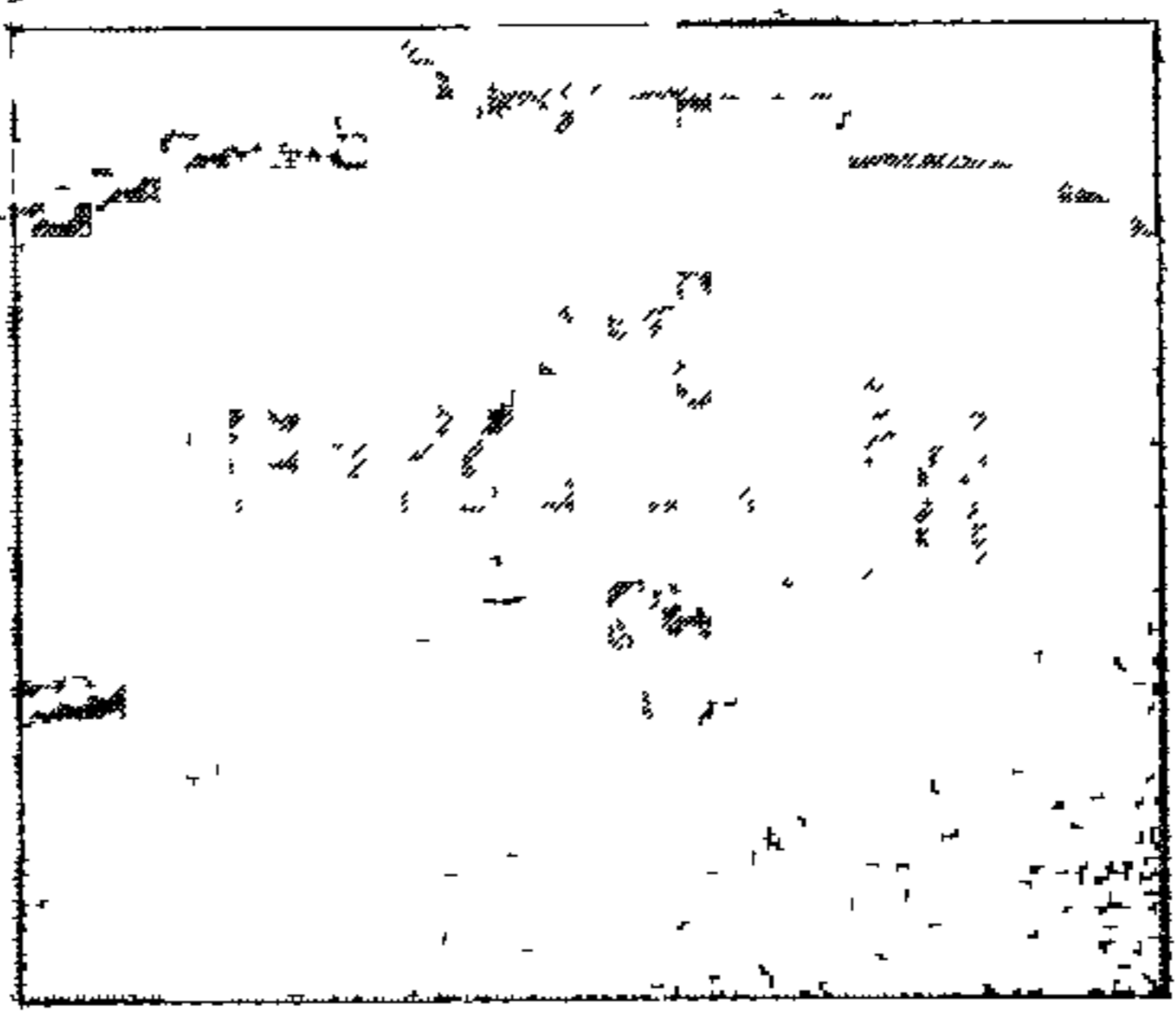
He told City Press this week the investigators asked him: "If you are not the serial killer, can you point him out?"

They then gave him a "thick" pile of photos, and he picked out Sithole's. Shortly before that he had shared his home with Sithole. At the time an East Rand man, David Selepe, had been arrested as a suspect and shot dead while allegedly trying to attack the police.

"I was suspicious of Moses. He repeatedly told me Selepe had been killed for nothing. I asked him what he meant, but he did not answer me. I told the police all this," Rapau said. "He also vanished from home often, and returned with ladies' jewellery, some of which was presented as evidence at the trial."

After Sithole's conviction, Rapau went to the murder and robbery offices in Pretoria to claim his reward. He claims he was treated with hostility.

The two initially met in prison. Rapau later claimed that Sithole had been used



DESERVE IT Johannes Rapau wants the R500 000 reward for identifying Moses Sithole. **Pic: THULANI SITHOLE**

by prison warders to commit other serious crimes inside prison.

SA Police Services director of communication, Reg Crewe, this week said Rapau's claim would not be honoured.

"Detectives working on the case are aware of his claim, and they inform me that he did not help them at all in the matter," Crewe said.

The reward had been paid to the right people, and it was not SAPS policy to divulge their identities, he added.

BY JIMMY SELEPE

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THE SOUTH AFRICAN Police Services has paid out a whopping R33-million to informers who allegedly helped to crack serious crimes in the past 10 months - amid fears that this system of rewarding informers could be open to abuse by the investigating police themselves.

The monies were paid out to informers who assisted the police in cracking many serious cases - including several armed bank robberies - in Gauteng, Mpumalanga and KwaZulu-Natal.

This information was disclosed by the police to City Press earlier this week.

In another breakthrough this week, police re-arrested two suspects who had escaped from custody last month and who are to face charges for alleged involvement in a multi-million rand car hijacking syndicate.

The police immediately announced that a member of the public who informed on the suspects would receive a R50 000 reward tomorrow.

But, while the informer system could be helping the police in their fight against organised crime, there are growing concerns that the rewards could be open to abuse by corrupt members of the police service.

There are now suspicions that police, who earn low salaries, crack the cases - but then produce "informers" who are in cahoots with them to claim the reward, which they later share.

Police spokesperson Director Reg Crewe told City Press that the South African Police Service has paid out R33,4 million already from its budgeted total of R47,6 million for the current 1997/98 financial year.

Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi and political organisations have in the past appealed to people to inform on criminal elements as part of the campaign to arrest the rising tide of crime in the country. In spite of the appeal by Mufamadi and his

Safety and Security MECs in various provinces to people to act as "informers" for the police, the public still appears reluctant to work with the authorities.

The R33,4 million rewards exclude payments given by the police to full-time police informers, who work with them to deal with crime syndicates in the country and abroad.

This week, a spokesperson for Bushy Eng-elbrecht's special investigative task unit said a member of the public who tipped off police in the arrest of two wanted fugitives who recently escaped from police custody will receive a substantial financial reward.

The information led members of the special investigative task unit and members of the North West police to a home where the two prisoners were found and arrested.

The two - Lassy Sibya and Killer Nkuna - were among the six dangerous prisoners who escaped from Pretoria Central Prison early in December.

Both Sibya and Nkuna were arrested on Thursday night in Hammanskraal following the tip-off.

The two prisoners have since been moved to the maximum security complex, CMAX, in Pretoria.

In recent months, police have posted substantial rewards to crack heists - some of them involving millions of rands.

For example, a R250 000 reward was offered for information on the armed gang which killed six security guards in a R10 million cash-in-transit robbery in Mpumalanga.

The six security guards escorting a multi-million cash delivery from Pretoria were killed when their convoy was ambushed with military precision near Marble Hall in Mpumalanga.

The gang comprised about 20 robbers armed with AK47 assault rifles and Tokarev pistols.

A similar modus operandi was used in a R17 million cash-in-transit robbery near Bronkhorstspuit in which two security guards were shot dead.

Quote of the week

SAPS footing legal bill for 458 policemen facing truth body

Stephané Bothma

PRETORIA — The SA Police Service (SAPS) is footing the legal bills of 458 policemen who applied for amnesty or had been subpoenaed by the truth commission, and had to date paid out almost R4m in lawyers' fees, the commissioner of police's office said at the weekend

Although no specific amount has yet been budgeted by the police for amnesty and other legal costs relating to truth commission hearings in 1998, sources said the amount would increase significantly as only a small percentage of hearings involving policemen had been dealt with last year

At the same time, a department of defence spokesman said the department was aware of only five SA National Defence Force members who were granted legal representation for amnesty applications. To date, the department had paid about R900 000 in legal costs involving amnesty applications and other expenses relating to truth commission activities

"The department is not privy to the consultation between clients

and legal advisors and it is therefore extremely difficult to distinguish on the basis of financial records only what legal representation was provided specifically for amnesty applications and what was provided for other truth commission activities," he said

The department's policy made provision for members or former members to apply for legal representation at state cost, but the department would not necessarily be aware of the precise nature of the legal representation because of legal privilege between clients and their legal advisers

"Therefore there may be others who have received legal representation at state cost for amnesty applications of whom the department is not aware," he said

The spokesman for the commissioner of police, Supt Martin Aylward, said the SAPS had to date paid R3 968 987 to legal representatives. As far as amnesty applications were concerned, the SAPS paid only for legal representation and no other expenses, such as travel or accommodation

"With regard to members and former members subpoenaed to

appear before the investigation unit of the commission, limited travel and subsistence expenses are paid by the commission itself," Aylward said

He said the SAPS paid limited costs to lawyers, including economy class airline tickets, proven subsistence expenses to a maximum amount of R250 a day, and travelling expenses for round and about trips of more than 200km at R1 a kilometre

Aylward said the expected cost to the SAPS of truth commission activities this year was unknown at present "It will depend on the schedule and number of hearings to be held by the commission"

Reacting to threats by a number of police amnesty applicants to take unsuccessful amnesty applications to the high court for review, Aylward said the present legal assistance scheme did not make provision for legal assistance for such high court action

"Any request for legal assistance in this regard will have to be considered by the state attorney in accordance with the prevailing provisions of the treasury instructions," he said

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Mufamadi to be briefed on 'racial tensions' in police

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Stephané Bothma

PRETORIA — Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi has requested written submissions from police commissioner George Fivaz and from police unions on alleged racial tensions among SA Police Service (SAPS) members in KwaZulu-Natal.

Mufamadi's request came hours after the postponement of negotiations between police management and unions on allegations of tension regarding the posting of non-black commissioned officers to black areas in the province.

Mufamadi said Fivaz, as well as the SA Police Union (Sapu), the Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (Popcru) and the National Police Service Union must provide written submissions to him by Friday.

"Without commenting on the merits of the issue until I have been fully briefed, I would like to urge all police officials to concentrate their energy and resources on fighting crime, the primary function of the SAPS," Mufamadi said.

Sapu provincial organiser Richard Ngidi said a meeting with police management was postponed when the unions demanded the presence of the KwaZulu-Natal portfolio committee on safety and security.

"We believe all concerned people should be part of the negotiations to solve the problem," Ngidi said.

The meeting, to be attended by safety and security MEC Nyanga Ngubane, acting provincial commissioner Tom Bezuidenhout and the three unions, was rescheduled for today.

Sapa reports Ngidi said the unions were opposed to the appointment of Indian officers to head police stations in mainly black areas instead of black policemen who qualified for the officers' positions.

On Friday, police at the Thornville police station near Maritzburg locked the station's gates to stop the newly appointed Indian station commander, Capt Deena Padayachee, from entering.

They demanded the return of the previous station commander, Capt Bonginkosi Ngubane, who was transferred to the Mpumalanga police station.

And last week, police at the KwaMashu police station protested against the appointment of two senior Indian officers to the station. They claimed black policemen were being overlooked for promotion.

Reacting to media reports in which KwaZulu-Natal provincial head of detectives, assistant commissioner FC Truter, had criticised national special investigating unit commander Bushie Engelbrecht, Mufamadi yesterday called on Fivaz to ask Truter to provide the safety and security ministry with a submission on the origins of the original newspaper report and Truter's relationship to it.

Top cops forced to stay

Key W Cape officers 'too valuable'

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Top Western Cape detectives making a bid for early retirement have been told they have to stay in the police service.

They had apparently hoped to be out of the force by the end of last year but, in an unprecedented move, management told them they were too valuable to be allowed to quit.

Several other top policemen, mostly members of the uniformed branch, have been told they can go.

All the officers had reached senior positions before 1994, when restructuring of the police led to their applying for new and, in some cases, more senior posts.

Some of their colleagues opted for retirement packages then and were paid out.

It is understood that many of the officers who recently asked for retirement packages felt the pressure was too great for them to continue in their jobs. Some said privately that the resources available to them, coupled



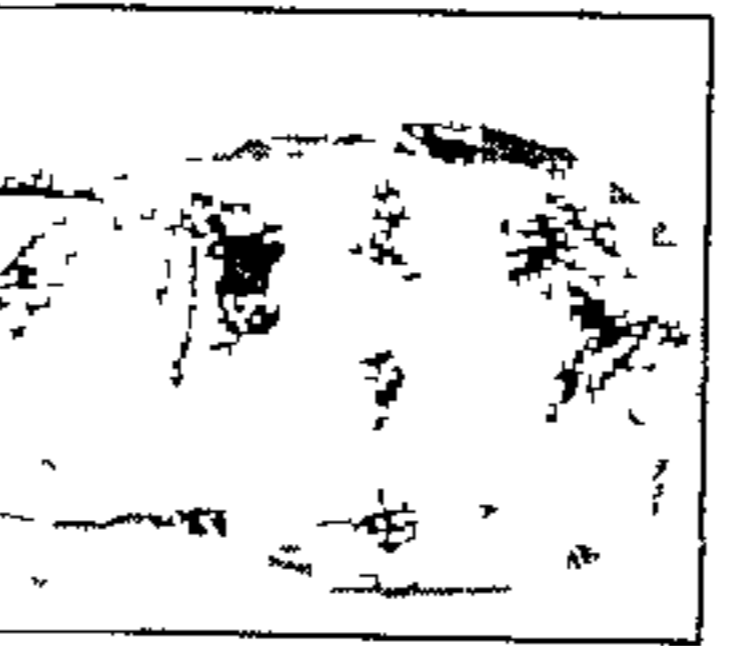
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Staying: Leonard Knipe



Going: Leon Wessels



Going: Johan Kleyn



Going: Fanie Bouver



Going: Raymond Dowd

with what were perceived to be constant complaints about their being from the "old guard", made their positions untenable.

But now Commissioner George Frivaz has told them they are too valuable to be allowed to leave. They have also been told that they applied for their present posts - which in some cases will give them much larger payouts than they would have received had they left in 1994 - and they have to stay in them until their contracts end.

The rumpus comes at a time when violent crime in the Western Cape has reached

crisis proportions and specialist units are needed to hunt down mass killers and combat gang-related violence.

Among those whose retirement applications have been turned down are head of violent crimes Leonard Knipe, organised crime boss Boet Claasen, his second-in-command, André Mostert, and Piet Rossouw, Cape Town detective chief.

Successful applicants, who are expected to retire in the next two years, are provincial Commissioner Leon Wessels (July 1999), East Metropole area commissioner Willem

Smit, Boland area commissioner Kalie Westraat, provincial police spokesman John Sterrenberg, head of visible and pro-active policing Fanie Bouver, Cape Town station commissioner Raymond Dowd and Mitchell's Plain station commissioner Johan Kleyn.

There is great unhappiness and confusion among many of the officers whose applications have been refused, but the national head of human resources management,

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Johan Small, said all applications were thoroughly considered and turned down only in "extreme" cases

Director Small said that in many cases, applicants for early retirement were successful but were given a different date to retire

"So many criteria had to be considered and, at the end of the day, the decision was made in the best interests of the police service and the community," he said

"Those who were told to stay were just too valuable to us and could not

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easily be replaced. But members must know that their applicants were not just summarily turned down and that much thought and consideration went into the process "

Director Knipe said that as a "disciplined and mature" police officer, he accepted management's decision to keep him in the service

He said he would continue to give of his best.

"I will also continue to make friends and enemies as I go on, but I will remain a dedicated and complete policeman until my last day," Director Knipe said

Commissioner Wessels would not elaborate on his application, which could in any case be granted only when his contractual term expired in July next year

"It's really a private matter," Commissioner Wessels said

"The problem is that members' intentions of future retirement create perceptions with colleagues and the community we serve

"What they forget is that a policeman who plans to leave on a certain date does not wind down and coast along until his last day but will give his all until the end "

Ill-discipline 'root of evil in SAPS'

Duarte says that police must do their jobs or face censure

By Khangale Makhado

THE ROOT CAUSE of problems in the South African Police Service which include the high rate of escapes from custody, is a lack of discipline within the force

Addressing a press conference with Gauteng safety and security MEC Mrs Jessie Duarte in Mayfair, Johannesburg yesterday, Gauteng police commissioner Sharma Maharaj said he has noted with regret that the standard of discipline within the service "was unacceptably low"

He said steps had to be taken to ensure that discipline was restored

Maharaj was speaking shortly after a two-hour meeting with 169 commissioners from police stations throughout the province to discuss the approach to tackling crime in Gauteng

Of major concern were escapes from police cells - 1 192 in 1997 and 1 161 in 1996 - according to Duarte

Of those 223 and 226 people were

recaptured in 1996 and 1997, respectively, she said

During 1996 and 1997 500 members of the police force faced departmental prosecutions relating to prisoners' escapes while 105 members faced criminal prosecutions during the same period

Twenty nine members have been suspended in the past two years

Duarte said it was time police went back to basics and did their job "by the book"

"The message to each and every station manager present is that police have to do their jobs and managers should check on absenteeism and implement the necessary labour action to ensure that the culprits are removed from the SAPS," Duarte said

According to Duarte, security for those in custody would be improved and authorities had already installed barbed wire around some police stations. They would also ensure that visitors and prisoners were subjected to searches

Anti-corruption probe 'ignored by authorities'

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Senior police officers implicated in report which no-one wants to accept from a lone officer who fears for his life

By **DEREK RODNEY**
Crime Reporter

The commander of a Gauteng anti-corruption unit and another officer have been implicated in a corruption probe authorised by Safety and Security minister Sidney Mufamadi.

However, the activities of senior policemen attached to the unit has become a bureaucratic hot potato as the investigating officer is passed from one authority to another after virtually completing his investigation, initiated in the last half of 1997.

At the core of the probe are the operating procedures employed by the unit in enticing policemen in corruption traps.

The irregularities have thrown a shadow over several

cases pending in Gauteng

Anti-corruption unit informer Ronnie Chetty, who alleges the unit gave him an open mandate to entrap policemen, has been subpoenaed by the State to testify in corruption cases involving policemen. But The Star has learnt he is planning to testify for the defence in each case in order to bring the unit's activities into the open.

According to Chetty seven police officials – a captain, an inspector and five sergeants – were caught in traps set up by him and carried out by the anti-corruption unit between May and August last year.

Chetty says he fears for his life but has received scant protection from authorities who in one instance referred him back to the same Gauteng unit from

which he is fearing retribution

Other claims investigated by the lone investigator include allegations of kickbacks paid to an anti-corruption unit captain from informers' fees and the same captain being present during drug buys.

The Witwatersrand Attorney-General's office said the anti-corruption unit did not make use of informers to set up officials on an ongoing basis when The Star broke the original story in November.

The investigating officer, cannot be named as the almost completed docket is yet to be handed to an authority willing to deal with it.

The policeman fears for his life as he is still in the unit and his colleagues have become suspicious of his movements.

Errors pile up as weaknesses in watchdog body revealed

By **DEREK RODNEY**

Clamping down on police corruption has become a top political and operational priority. But a covert probe into the activities of a Gauteng anti-corruption unit has revealed shortcomings when keeping an eye on the watchdog.

An investigator, acting on ministerial orders, has nearly completed his investigation

and already compiled a 137-page docket which must be handed to an authority with the power to do something about it.

A comedy of errors has resulted in authorities either disregarding or simply passing the buck. These included:

The Ministry of Safety and Security

A high-powered meeting in October resulted in the investigation being prioritised by order

of the minister. However since then the minister's office appears to have distanced itself from the investigation.

The Independent Complaints Directorate

The ICD was called in to assist in the probe in October but pulled out of the investigation within days when it became apparent that several cases pending in Gauteng courts could be jeopardised.

Duarte declares war on sub-standard police

Vuyo Mvoko

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DISCIPLINARY measures, including expulsion from the service, awaited Gauteng policemen who neglected their duties this year, Gauteng Safety and Security MEC Jesse Duarte warned yesterday.

Speaking after a meeting with provincial police commissioner Sharma Maharaj, area commissioners, station commanders and heads of detective units, Duarte said that war had been declared on absenteeism, drunkenness while on duty, and on policemen who helped prisoners escape. Such a lack of discipline from members of the police had undermined all government efforts to deal with crime and had placed the public at risk.

She said Gauteng had the second highest murder rate in SA, behind the Western Cape, and ranked high in armed robberies and other violent crimes.

Duarte said special senior police officers would now be on duty at all times at police stations and on the road, to check on whether police presented themselves for duty and were not intoxicated.

She said construction would begin tomorrow on the Johannesburg Central Prison, Gauteng's maximum security detention centre, where "high-risk" awaiting trial prisoners would be incarcerated.

Police stations were being repaired and work had begun on fencing stations with barbed wire.

Security would be stepped up at police stations where awaiting trial prisoners were kept to eliminate the smuggling of weapons and implements that assisted escapes.

Duarte said chief magistrates would be informed of the new plans, with which magistrates across the province would have to be familiar to ensure their effectiveness.

Minister to help ease SAPS tension

Farouk Chothia **BD14/198**

DURBAN — Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi has been asked to attend an urgent meeting in KwaZulu-Natal to defuse racial tensions within the SA Police Service, following the transfer and promotion of Indians to police stations in black areas.

KwaZulu-Natal safety and security MEC Nyanga Ngubane, the legislature portfolio committee and three police unions said in a joint statement after a meeting in Durban yesterday that Mufamadi would be asked to assist achieving "equity and transformation" in the SAPS.

SA Police Union provincial organiser Richard Ngidi said there was op-

position to the recent transfer and promotion of Indians to about eight police stations in KwaZulu-Natal.

Ngubane had decided to reverse their appointments, pending further consultations with role players.

The meeting had agreed that a group be established to monitor how policy was implemented, the statement said.

According to earlier press reports, a Capt J Govender allegedly shot dead Capt Wisely Magwaza at Durban's Inanda police station last week after a dispute between the two, while policemen at Thornville in the Midlands barred station commander Capt Deena Padayachee from entering the police station.

Top cops accused of link with gangs

But probe finds no hard facts

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CRIME DESK

Two brigadiers, who have since left the police, conspired with gangs on the Cape Flats, gangsters have told a police investigating team.

But the gangsters are not prepared to swear to their claims in affidavits, says Ivor Human, head of the investigation. Director Human declined to name the former brigadiers.

The investigation did not uncover any other evidence of corruption among serving senior Western Cape police officers, he said.

In October, Commissioner George Fivaz sent Director Human, a top police investigator, to Cape Town to

co-ordinate an investigation into violence on the Cape Flats and allegations of corruption among senior police.

Director Human heads the national murder and robbery unit and gang violence unit in Pretoria and has specialised in "third force" and anti-corruption investigations.

He said he returned to Pretoria last month, having found no substance to the "gossip" about police involvement in gangs.

"When I asked for substance, no one could come forward with hard facts and information," he said. But gangsters had made allegations against two brigadiers who had since resigned.

He said that contrary to rumours

of police corruption, the work being done by various police teams probing violence on the Cape Flats, in particular the gang and Pagad investigation units, was of a high standard.

Director Human will present the results of his investigation to Commissioner Fivaz next month.

But his report may not be entirely accurate, says Riaz Saloojee, Independent Complaints Directorate regional director in Cape Town.

He was not surprised the public had declined to give Director Human factual evidence of police involvement in gangs. It had been evident at Director Human's meeting with community members that they were sceptical of the credibility and strategy of his investigation team, he said.

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Fivaz orders probe of anti-corruption unit

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Swift reaction to story that report by lone investigator into policemen's activities was being ignored

By DEREK RODNEY
Crime Reporter

Police Commissioner George Fivaz has ordered a full investigation into the circumstances surrounding a corruption probe into the activities of the Gauteng anti-corruption unit (ACU)

The Star yesterday published a report which revealed the plight of a lone ACU investigator who, with ministerial approval, conducted an investigation against his colleagues, but has been left in the lurch because no authority is willing to take his docket.

"I will be holding discussions with the commander of the national anti-corruption unit, Director Stef Grobler, with regard to this matter and have also directed that this issue be thoroughly investigated as the reduction of corruption within the criminal justice system remains one of the highest priorities," Fivaz said.

The activities of the unit have been exposed in a docket which implicates the commander and another senior officer of the ACU in activities, including corruption and defeating the ends of justice

But the investigation, prioritised by Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi in October, has become a bureaucratic hot potato, with the investigating officer being passed from one authority to another after virtually completing his probe.

His investigation has thrown a shadow over several cases pending in Gauteng's courts, one of which starts in a Soweto court next Monday.

ACU informer Ronnie Chetty, who claims the unit gave him an open mandate to entrap policemen, has been subpoenaed by the State to testify in corruption cases involving policemen attached to various units in the province, but he is now planning to testify for the defence in each case in order to

bring the unit's activities into the open

Seven police officials - a captain, an inspector and five sergeants - were caught in five traps set by the ACU between May and August last year

Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union official James Makapane said yesterday the union was not surprised by Chetty's allegations, and was concerned that particularly black policemen were targeted for sting operations

■ AFP reports that the number of police officers charged with aiding escapes from custody more than doubled in 1997 to 171, from 91 the previous year, Fivaz said.

About 60 policemen are currently suspended pending the outcome of investigations into escapes, he said in a statement

"Any form of negligence or collusion on the part of South African Police Service members in connection with escapes from custody will not be tolerated."

Number of escapes from police cells has not increased — Fivaz

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PRETORIA — The number of police charged with helping prisoners to escape from custody had nearly doubled last year, although the total number of escapes remained the same, national police commissioner George Fivaz said yesterday.

Fivaz said 171 policemen were prosecuted last year on charges relating to escapes, compared with 91 the previous year.

Departmental prosecutions over the same period increased by more than 30% from 588 to 888. A total of 60 policemen were under suspension pending the outcome of investigations into escapes.

"Any form of negligence or collusion on the part of SA Police Service members in connection with escapes from custody will not be tolerated," Fivaz said.

He said there had been no increase in the number of escapes from police custody last year when compared to 1996.

Last year, 1,4-million people were detained in police cells, of

which 0,3% managed to escape. "During 1996 the figure was exactly the same," Fivaz said.

"This does not mean that I am satisfied with the amount of escapes — even 0,3% is unacceptable and leads to an erosion of public confidence in the ability of the SAPS to enforce the law."

A recent study conducted by the police and the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research in Mpumalanga and Gauteng found the majority of escapes from police cells could be attributed to non-compliance with instructions or negligence on the part of police officials. Other problems identified included overcrowding of cells and poor facilities.

Fivaz said all provincial commissioners recently submitted contingency plans to curb escapes. "These plans are in the process of being evaluated with a view to drawing up national orders committed to preventing escapes."

Fivaz also expressed concern about media reports that a sus-

pected thief was released from police custody after she had sex with a policeman.

Lillian Dlamini, 25, was arrested in Hazyview for shoplifting last year. She reportedly told police upon her rearrest on Tuesday that she had sex with a police officer in a cell on December 4, and he then smuggled her out.

Mpumalanga SA police services spokesman Capt Izak van Zyl said the woman failed on Tuesday to point out the man in an identity parade held in Hazyview. "The investigation is continuing, but we have no suspect," he said.

Fivaz said every escape from police custody was the subject of an internal probe. Where negligence or complicity was suspected, the police member concerned was required to provide reasons why he or she should not be suspended from duty. "If found guilty, departmentally or criminally, those members face possible dismissal from the police service," he said — Sapa

Gauteng Safety and Security Department faces probe

By JACQUI REEVES

Crime in Gauteng, the issue that plagued outgoing premier Tokyo Sexwale during his term of office, will be awaiting his successor, Mathole Motshekga, when he takes office next week - in the form of an inquiry into the Department of Safety and Security.

Sources close to the investigation say some of the recommendations by investigators from the Provincial Service Commission could include the beefing up of the number of staff employed by the department and a cutting back of some of the department's projects.

The Department of Safety and Security is one of the smallest in the provincial government, with a staff of just 22.

Sources close to the investigation said one of the department's key problems was its size. A lack of manpower, and an inability to cope with the many projects the department has planned, has resulted in an apparent inability to fulfil its primary monitoring function.

The source also said co-operation between the department and the police on specific cases was not effective. The investigation has shown that officers frequently fail to follow directives to check up on complaints that the department has received.

Patrick Fitzgerald, chairman of the Gauteng Provincial Service Commission, said his department expected to issue a report on the matter by the end of the month.

He said the Provincial Service Commission had been conducting interviews with the department's staff, reviewing the goals of the department, and was evaluating the department's efficiency, effectiveness and management capacity.

Corrupt cops are sabotaging public's fight against crime

By PETA KROST

Crime Stop's operations are being hampered by police inefficiency and corruption. Information from the public about crimes across Gauteng goes to waste because policemen are either too lazy, undertrained or overworked to follow it up.

In some cases, corrupt cops use the information passed on to them in good faith by Crime Stop to commit more crime - for instance by "re-stealing" stolen cars that informers have informed Crime Stop about.

"Sometimes absolutely nothing is done with the positive information that is passed on to the relevant police units," said Crime Stop commander Jaco Louw.

The toll-free informer service has been lauded in the past by police management as a good tool for solving crime. The public and policemen can give information anonymously to help police investigations.

(251) An average of 8 000 calls come in to Crime Stop each day. Every week a maximum of 600 calls supply information that is useful for the solving of a crime.

While Crime Stop can boast numerous successes, far too many tipoffs are never followed up by police investigators.

"This is usually because either the policemen are not trained properly or they themselves could be involved in crime," Louw said.

He said corrupt policemen would do what they could to stop Crime Stop from uncovering their wrongdoings. However, there was nothing they could do to prevent being fingered by anonymous informers.

"Corrupt cops need to watch their backs," Louw said. "We often get tipoffs on police misconduct from people who are clearly policemen or police wives who would never call if they had to identify themselves."

Corrupt cops harm crime fight

(251) He told of a specialised vehicle theft unit which regularly received information from Crime Stop in the past. Because of the corruption, however, no arrests were made.

"After about a year, the unit itself was investigated and the corrupt policemen removed," he said.

"It is always best when you know you can trust a particular policeman implicitly and can bring the informer and policeman together to work on the information."

He said it was often difficult to know who to believe the policemen or the informers.

"There are cases when policemen might recover the stolen vehicle and sell it," Louw said. "The informer who saw the policemen take the car then phones Crime Stop for his reward, only to be told that the information did not pan out. Who do you believe? It is possible that through investigations of their own, another unit recovered the car before the others got there."

Afraid

Once an informer gave information about hidden boxes of stolen groceries, Louw recalled. The police then told Crime Stop how they confiscated six boxes of groceries. The informer was taken aback as he explained that the police had in fact taken 13 full boxes. In that case the informer came forward and made a statement. But often the informers do not want to come forward because they are afraid, Louw said.

A Crime Stop employee explained that she was sometimes fobbed off when she made follow-up phone calls to units to which she had passed on information. She had been told "not to listen to informers", that "informers cannot tell us what to do", that "we are too busy" or that "we'll come back to you about it".

Sometimes she is told that her informer must come in and make a statement, which informers often consider too dangerous. "Part of the reason people contact Crime Stop with valuable information is because they can remain in the safety of anonymity," she explained.

The hierarchical snobbery that exists in police ranks has also proved to be an obstacle. When a low-ranking policeman checks up on what a senior detective has done about a tipoff, the latter may be dismissive of the younger officer.

"I would generally take up this issue, as I have done recently, even if it means going to the area commissioner to complain," Louw said. "This (attitude) cannot be allowed to get in the way of effective policing."

Sometimes information passed on from Crime Stop is lost. Crime Stop has put in place various security checks to be able to keep track of the information. One man, considered an extremely reliable source by Crime Stop, explained that, often, information he had provided was never investigated.

"Sometimes when I give information about a break-in - exactly where the stolen goods and the thieves can be found - the police might go there and confiscate the goods and not even attempt to arrest the suspects," he told the *Saturday Star*.

Following another tipoff to Crime Stop, the policemen confiscated stolen goods in a flat. "They left a note for the suspect to report to them at the nearby police station," he said. "Obviously, the suspect did nothing of the sort."

Police spokesman Inspector Mark Reynolds said Crime Stop was "one of our assets and one of the systems that works best in the police service. If there are problems, I am sure something can be done to rectify this situation."

Between June and December last year, 1 105 cases were solved because of calls to Crime Stop.

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New prison chief faces high-level investigation

Probe to focus on 1996 slayings

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PAUL KIRK

Pietermaritzburg - A top-level investigation has been ordered into the activities of the new head of Pietermaritzburg Prison, Russell Ngubo.

Ngubo, 37, was appointed on Monday by Maxwell Ntoni, the provincial commissioner of correctional services, in the absence of the Minister of Correctional Services, Siphosiso Mzimela, who is in America.

Ntoni, could not be reached for comment.

Attorney-General Tim McNally said the investigation involved a case in which Ngubo had been linked to the politically motivated deaths of a Bulwer family on November 23 1996.

He said the Bulwer police had originally handled the investigation but it had been taken over by the national investigative task unit.

Ngubo, who ran the escape-plagued Newcastle prison until his new appointment this week, has also been the subject of a number of previous investigations.

Last year he was released on bail from a Himeville court following charges of assault with intent to commit grievous bodily harm.

However, the charges were withdrawn when the two witnesses to the alleged assault, Shlula Dlamini and Sighubu Dlamini, were murdered by unknown assailants.

Another investigation linked Ngubo to a 1996 drive-by shooting outside the Pietermaritzburg Magistrate's Court.

The charge was withdrawn after witnesses refused to testify.

Ngubo was also charged with illegal possession of a 9mm pistol reported stolen by Correctional Services.

The weapon was found during a

police raid on his home. The department declined to prosecute him.

Asked for comment, Ngubo said he had no wish to speak to the press.

A spokesman for the Department of Correctional Services, Philemon Ntuli, defended Ngubo's promotion.

Said Ntuli: "All the charges were part of a frame-up. The attorney-general himself told us this."

"He said Mr Ngubo was not guilty of anything."

When asked for his comment on this particular issue, Mr McNally denied he had said anything of the sort.

Douglas Gibson, spokesman for the Democratic Party, said "I find it almost unbelievable that the department can appoint a person under investigation on serious charges to a senior position."

He promised to raise in Parliament the question of Ngubo's career.

Racial strife sets Inanda cops fleeing

CP 18/11/98
By CHRIS HLONGWA

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FEARING for their lives, 13 Indian policemen have left the Inanda police station, west of Durban, in the wake of the shock killing of "people's captain" Bongani Wisely Magwaza, allegedly by an Indian senior colleague

□ And yesterday ANC deputy president Jacob Zuma slammed recent racial incidents involving Indian and black policemen in KwaZulu-Natal. At a function in Durban to celebrate his election as ANC deputy president, Zuma urged black people not to succumb to "divide-and-rule tactics", saying certain white police officers were sowing dissension.

□ Captain Jayindran Govender was arrested in connection with the murder and released on bail of R5 000. He is to appear in the Inanda Magistrate's Court on Tuesday.

Police sources said after a quarrel with Magwaza over the use of a government vehicle, an officer walked into the station on Friday last week and fired at least two shots at Magwaza with an R-5 rifle.

Angry residents and community leaders have gathered at the slain captain's home in large numbers to pay their respects.

He will be buried today at the Red Hill cemetery.

□ After a residents' march this week Indian staff members left in fear of their lives. They have been reporting for duty at the Phoenix police station.

"There are no Indians at the station now," a black policeman at the station said yesterday.

Residents staged a four-hour sit-in at the police station on Friday after police management failed to attend a meeting where residents were to voice their anger at the presence of Indian officers.

□ The killing of Magwaza - a well-loved community member and "a real crime-fighter" according to Mtholephi Mthimkhulu, chairperson of the Inanda Mission Development Committee - has heightened tension after the explosive situation following the controversial mass transfer of Indian officers to head police stations in black areas. Black officers say they have been overlooked and claim the transfers and promotions are racist.

One top policeman cited as having been ignored because he was black is Captain Themba Mkhize, who has 29 years' experience in the police service. He applied for an advertised post as head of the Umbumbulu police station, south of Durban, but was told by headquarters in Durban he did not qualify because he was not a superintendent.

Mkhize had run the police station since 1993 as a warrant officer. In 1995 he became an acting commissioner at the station while the former KwaZulu Police and South African Police were being amalgamated.

The station serves about 50 000 mainly black people and has 120

policemen

With the support of his colleagues, he defied an instruction given telephonically ("by an Indian officer," says a black policeman) from the head office at the CR Swart Square police station, and applied for the post.

An Indian officer, Captain Anesh Sukdeo, then phoned to tell Mkhize he was the new station commissioner and gave instructions to be fetched.

Sukdeo was not a superintendent but a captain like Mkhize. "So what were the criteria - this is racism," a senior officer at the police station said this week.

When Sukdeo arrived he was greeted by placards saying "Go back to India".

The mass promotion and transfer of Indian officers to black areas hit the rocks - and in its wake a province-wide crisis ensued, pitting black against Indian officers.

At several police stations black officers, claiming they had been overlooked for promotion, locked out Indian officers to prevent them from taking over.

□ MEC for Safety and Security Nyanga Ngubane has put the promotions and transfers on hold. His move was unanimously endorsed at an urgent meeting with three police unions this week.

Captain Mkhize has since received an official letter confirming his post as acting station commissioner.

□ Police spokesperson Bala Naidoo said Sukdeo had gone to Umbumbulu without authorisation. It has also come to light he was being investigated in connection with a case of misconduct.

□ Disabling the racial time-bomb, the crisis meeting "unanimously resolved" to ask the MEC to approach the national minister of Safety and Security, Sydney Mufamadi, and request him to attend an urgent summit of all stakeholders regarding the contentious process and policy.

"This meeting would explore options to ensure equity and transformation in the SAPS," said a joint statement.

The meeting also resolved to establish a body to monitor the implementation of policy and ensure transparency, and "to suspend the process of en masse transfers subject to further consultations with all role players".

□ In an earlier statement, Mufamadi said he had noted media reports which indicated that tensions existed over the posting of non-black commissioned officers to black areas in KwaZulu-Natal.

He said he had asked national commissioner George Fivaz and labour unions Sapu, Popcru and PSA to urgently provide him with "their perspective on this matter in writing".

"Without commenting further on the merits of the above issues until I have been fully briefed, I would like to urge all police officials to concentrate their energy and resources on fighting crime, the primary function of the SAPS," said Mufamadi.

Whites blamed for Natal SAPS tension

Farouk Chothia

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DURBAN — The African National Congress (ANC) has accused senior police officers in KwaZulu-Natal of fomenting racial tensions between blacks and Indians in province
ANC deputy president Jacob Zuma said at an ANC meeting on Saturday senior white officers wanted to ignite

conflict between the two groups so that they could "divide and rule"

He was reacting to tensions which flared recently after only Indian officers were appointed to head police stations in black areas. An Indian policeman shot dead a black colleague in Inanda, while in Thornville black policemen barred the Indian station commander from entering the station.

City 'cop-and-crook' scam probed

JOHAN SCHRONEN
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

-A cop-and-crook scam, in which at least three policemen are alleged to have used false case numbers to book inmates out of Pollsmoor Prison for "investigation purposes", but used the men to commit crimes, has been exposed by detectives in the Presidential Investigations Task Unit.

Police are to question the policeman with the Knotts' car to establish whether he was

involved in the scam.

A unit spokesman said that in several recent crimes the suspects had turned out to be prison inmates, which had resulted in investigations being closed, because "people behind bars cannot possibly be linked to crimes"

But unit detective Gerhard Engelbrecht and his team proved otherwise, and identified a group of policemen who allegedly linked up with a gang of prisoners and other criminals regularly

Captain Engelbrecht exposed a car theft

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syndicate involving three low-ranking policemen, one from Mitchell's Plain, and several prisoners.

He found seven instances in Pollsmoor records over the past six months of inmates being booked out of prison on false case numbers. Most of those involved were dangerous gangsters, according to their records

"We have established that the case numbers used on official forms as reasons for the temporary releases were false or belonged to unrelated investigations," said Captain Engelbrecht

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Anti-corruption unit probing 2 000 cases against policemen

Bonlie Ngqiyaza

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THE SA Police Service's anticorruption unit had brought 490 cases of police corruption to the courts for prosecution since December last year, with about 2 000 additional cases still under investigation, legal unit spokesman said yesterday.

Anticorruption unit director Stefan Grobler said the corruption cases were of all types. He said that 1 781 investigations

against policemen in different units were being conducted, of these 691 were "mere enquiries", while the unit had opened dockets in the remaining 1 070 cases.

Station commanders in White River, Mpumalanga and Klerksdorp were being investigated on charges related to vehicle theft.

The White River station commander — originally charged with six counts, four of being in possession of stolen property and two of

theft — had already been sentenced to a suspended sentence of three years and a R10 000 fine or nine months' imprisonment.

On the two counts of theft, the station commander had been sentenced to four years' imprisonment, Grobler said.

He said a third senior man working from the Mabopane police station in the North West, who had forged and falsified documents and stolen a minibus from the Mabopane police pound, had recently lost his appeal in the Mmabatho High Court and was serving a 10-year jail sentence.

In Klerksdorp, four members of the public were awaiting trial on 64 counts of fraud and car theft. One of them, Dirk Esterhuyzen, had already been sentenced to a R15 000 fine or five years' imprisonment for car theft.

In North West, five policemen and a civilian were awaiting trial on

"another issue related to the 64 counts. There are two or three syndicates involved in that case which we infiltrated and broke up"

Captain Jan Kruger in Rustenburg had been sentenced to a nine-year term of imprisonment for vehicle theft, and SAPS member Henk Fourie, working from the Boschkop police station outside Pretoria, had been sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment, eight of which were suspended.

MEC grilled on inquiry

Pule Molebeledi

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BLOEMFONTEIN — Free State agriculture MEC Cas Human was grilled by the provincial standing committee on safety and security after denying the findings of a commission of inquiry that there had been corruption in two of the province's parastatal bodies.

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Free State premier Ivy Matsepe-Casaburri set up the inquiry last year to look into the affairs of two agriculture parastatals: Agriculture and Eco-tourism Development (Agri-Eco) and the Rural Strategy Unit.

Although it conducted a limited forensic audit, the inquiry found large-scale financial irregularities, nepotism and incompetence by key managers and directors. It recommended that Human, the parastatals' only shareholder, should replace the Agri-Eco

board of directors in consultation with the provincial agriculture committee. The board was criticised for failing to appoint managers to administer the company's assets and failing to act on auditors' letters highlighting weaknesses in internal controls.

Human said the board had dismissed Terry Burns, a former GM of tourism at Agri-Eco, for nepotism after he had offered his wife a job at a local resort at a monthly salary of R15 000. According to the report, income tax was not deducted from the salaries of Burns, his wife and other employees.

Human conceded that the parastatal's extensive use of consultants, who were mostly its employees, amounted to corruption. However, he defended as "humanitarian" the R114 000 severance payment to D Beaton, a former CEO employed for one month and then asked to resign because of his "mental state". This had been done on the advice of a labour relations consultant. It was less than voluntary redundancy payments.

Police knew of planned Shobashobane attack

IVWONGO

— An Izngolweni policeman testified yesterday that he had informed police officers of a possible attack on the Shobashobane village on the KwaZulu-Natal south coast two years ago.

Sgt Frans Nxumalo was giving evidence before a commission of inquiry into police action before, during and after the massacre of 18 African National Congress (ANC) supporters on Christmas morning in 1995.

He said he had received the information from a reliable member of the community in early December and passed it on to Izngolweni detective, Insp Hennie de Bruyn, who recorded it in writing.

The informant said Tokatha Freedom Party (TFP) members planned to attack the mainly ANC-supporting Shobashobane village to drive the ANC from the area. The village is part of the mainly TFP-supporting Izngolweni region.

He said De Bruyn assured him he would pass the information onto the police joint information centre which would inform the joint operation centre to decide how to act on the information.

Nxumalo said he had also received information of possible attacks planned by ANC youths on TFP members for after school club and passed this on to his superiors.

The inquiry has been plagued by administrative problems, Commission chairman Mervyn

Item	31 Dec 1997	31 Dec 1996	30 June 1997
Land and buildings	2 431	2 399	2 003
Plant and equipment	125	125	124
Properties advanced	364	220	333
Intangible assets	301	685	650
Assets	566	926	1 004
Liabilities	277	601	700
	289	325	304
	265	241	354
	3 388	3 656	3 348
Net assets	1 252	1 232	1 246
Shareholders' funds	1 687	1 975	1 615
Reserves	2 939	3 207	2 861
Provision for contingencies	8	11	13
Total	225	260	267
	216	178	207

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in a dilemma ... Captain Santorro Arikum, living in no-man's land after an exhausting, soul-destroying investigation into the activities of two colleagues at the Gauteng Anti-Corruption Unit, hands over the docket to SA Police Union organiser Gerhard van der Merwe.

Anti-corruption policeman frozen out

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Sleuth finds himself sidelined while probing activities of senior officers

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By DEREK RODNEY
Crime Reporter

The policeman who investigated corruption and other irregularities at the Gauteng Anti-Corruption Unit on the orders of Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi has been told he is no longer welcome at the unit.

Captain Santorro Arikum is the policeman named by The Star last week as the lone investigator who conducted a corruption probe into the activities of unit commander Superintendent Eddie Sevenster and Captain Henry Mollegai.

The Star reported last week how the probe almost ground to a halt after Arikum was left on

his own when he failed to receive any assistance from the Independent Complaints Directorate and when the minister's office appeared to distance itself from receiving the docket.

However, a letter from Mufamadi's office addressed to Arikum on Monday praised the policeman for the energy he had invested in the investigation.

"It is not standard practice for me to peruse dockets. As you are well aware, this function resorts under the operational (SAPS) wing. I have been under pressure to respond to your well-intended gesture through the media and am writing to you because I consider this pressure to be unnecessary," the letter stated.

The probe gathered momentum again yesterday when Arikum handed the docket to South African Police Union organiser Gerhard van der Merwe before he in turn handed it to national commissioner George Fivaz.

Van der Merwe, during his meeting with Fivaz, managed to get the following assurances from the commissioner:

- The docket will be handed to Witwatersrand Attorney-General André de Vries for a decision on whether to continue with the investigation and whether charges may be brought against Sevenster and Mollegai.

- Arikum will remain at the unit.

- Arikum may in no way be victimised and if any move is made against him, it must be brought to the attention of Fivaz's office.

The irregularities will come under the spotlight today, when former Anti-Corruption Unit informer Ronnie Chetty, who alleges that the unit gave him an open mandate to entrap policemen, will start testifying about his activities.

Chetty alleges that seven police officials – a captain, an inspector and five sergeants – were caught in traps set up by him and carried out by the ACU from May to August last year.

In another twist earlier this week, Arikum was informed by national ACU commander Director Stef Grobler that

there was no post available for him at the unit and he would have to report to provincial headquarters to find another post.

Grobler told The Star that the transfer was in line with the police's en masse promotions and transfers which came through on January 6 and had nothing to do with the policeman's involvement in the ACU probe.

Arikum has also investigated claims and taken statements regarding allegations that Mollegai received kickbacks from informers' fees and was present during drug buys, after which he and Chetty used the drugs to procure prostitutes.

'Dead' children found alive

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Angella Johnson

Mouths gaping in shock, Bongani Ngubeni and Mpho Lebesi stared at their faces on the front page of the newspaper "Missing children Muti-killings of 13 children feared", screamed the headline. The boys, who live within metres of each other, were idly playing in the street, unaware that a massive police hunt had been launched to find them.

Orange Farm police had only to make a 10-minute drive from their offices on the outskirts of the sprawling township to find two of the children on their newly compiled missing-register — presumed victims of sangomas seeking human body parts to be used as muti ingredients — safe in the bosom of their families.

"I wonder just how many other children have returned home safely but were never taken off the list," pondered Sarah Lebesi, as she eyed the newspaper.

She had reported her 13-year-old son missing on December 30 last year after he failed to come home from playing football with friends the previous evening. "I went to the police station in the morning with a photograph and they said they would come and search the area, but no one ever came," Mpho explained that he had been on his way home at about 5pm when two black women in a red and white Opel Kadett stopped and asked directions to a butcher's shop. The women suggested it would be easier if he got in the vehicle and took them there, and promised to drop him home afterwards.

He was not scared because, although his mother had warned him not to take lifts from strangers, he had assumed she meant men.

The women drove him to a cemetery at the other end of the township, ordered him out of the car and sped off. Alone and frightened of the dark, he ran out of the graveyard. It took him a day and a night to make his way home.

"He kept getting lost and was too scared to ask anyone the way," said his mother. "He didn't eat or drink the whole time."

She believes the women had left him to be taken by someone and killed for muti. "I can only assume their timing was off and that's what saved him from death."

Her partner, Sydney Magasela, said he went to the police the next day and told them Mpho's story. "I told everything to a Sergeant Tshabalala and he said he would cancel a call he had put in to the radio and television stations. He even said he would come to the house to return the photograph and check that everything was all right, but we never saw him."

Down the dirt track, in her thatched rondavel, Regina Masetshaba-Kubeka was equally nonplussed to hear that her son Bongani



Safe and sound: A policeman cradles a lost toddler in Orange Farm. PHOTO: RUTH MOTAU

was being sought by police, presumed dead.

Bongani (7) disappeared for one day last October. He had taken off to visit an aunt on the other side of the township without telling anyone and, as neither family had telephones, it was not until the next morning that he was brought back.

"I went to the police station myself and told them the same day he came home," said Masetshaba-Kubeka. "This is so ridiculous. As you can see, he is very much alive. No one has come around to talk to us. If they thought he's missing, why have they not come to take our statements? Now you can see why people in this area think the police do a very bad job."

There have been numerous complaints over the years about the ineffectiveness of the Orange Farm police station, which is largely staffed by former apartheid kitskonstabels. Mostly semi-literate and trained to do little more than crowd control, they have been dubbed lazy incompetents by local people.

Tshabalala, the officer who is supposed to be in charge of the missing-persons list in the area, appears to have done little more than shove the children's photographs into a drawer along with those of some 25 adults who disappeared from their homes.

It was only after angry calls from police headquarters this week that the numerous files (including those of Bongani and Mpho) were found scattered around the police station.

According to one of his colleagues, who did not want to be named, "most officers don't like doing this kind of missing-persons job because it's not seen as hard core. They would rather investigate more important crime cases like murder and robbery."

Yet it is believed that of the estimated 1 300 children listed as missing in Gauteng, Mpumalanga, North-West and Northern Province over the past three years, most were aged between seven and 11.

Many were eventually found safe, some ended up pounding the pavements as street kids,

but police believe a "substantial" proportion have been mutilated and used for muti. It has also been suggested that a number of missing kids may have been kidnapped and sexually abused.

Captain Thabang Letlala, representative of the Vaal Rand police, agreed that the township had been badly served by unskilled officers. "We are having problems there because these people do not have the right skills to do basic police investigative work, but attempts are being made to bring them up to speed."

He argued another reason for the backlog was that parents would report a child missing, "then we never see them again, because they don't usually come back until something happens like the murder of six-year-old Zanele Nongiza."

But Zanele's mother, Mekhita Nongiza, complained that when she went to report that her daughter had been taken away by a strange man on January 3, the policeman had slapped her bottom and propositioned her. "I was very upset because I had gone there for help and they did nothing until last weekend [when parts of her decomposed body were found]."

Captain Letlala said an internal investigation had been launched to find out why police failed to look into reports of so many missing children. Despite his reassurance that a dragnet had already started to find these youngsters, he was still unaware on Thursday morning that at least two of the "victims" were at home.

Police appear to be concentrating their efforts on the area in the township where Zanele's mutilated body parts were found, and have unearthed several bones. Inspector Tinus Oosthuizen, who is leading the inquiry, said forensic tests have to be carried out to determine whether the body parts are human or animal.

He said he intended to look into the cases of other missing Orange Farm children but has been hindered by a lack of staff. "We are only two or three people working on this and it is not the only crime that we have to handle."

Cape cops go broke

Copters grounded, travel curbed

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Cash-strapped Western Cape police have grounded helicopters, clamped down on the use of official cars and curbed cellular telephone expenses.

As the end of the financial year approaches, money is running out and unit commanders are facing severe cash constraints.

Among the emergency measures are:

- Grounding of the Airwing's helicopters except in extreme emergencies, cutting flying hours to the absolute minimum

- A ban on air travel for investigations

- Tight controls on the use of police vehicles after hours and an investigation into the abuse of official cars

- A clampdown on spending on items such as cellular telephones

- A ban on the hiring of cars

Yet many police are still exacerbating the crisis by taking advantage of poor controls. Several are being investigated for alleged unlawful use of state vehicles, and others who commute excessive distances in police cars are under scrutiny.

Internal investigations have been launched into:

- An alleged bogus "investigation trip" to Transkei by four Khayelitsha detectives

- An officer who allegedly used a police minibus for a family picnic at Kogelbaai

- The circumstances surrounding a Vredendal officer being paid an allowance to move to Clanwilliam temporarily, but who allegedly still used a police car to drive the 70km to and from work each day

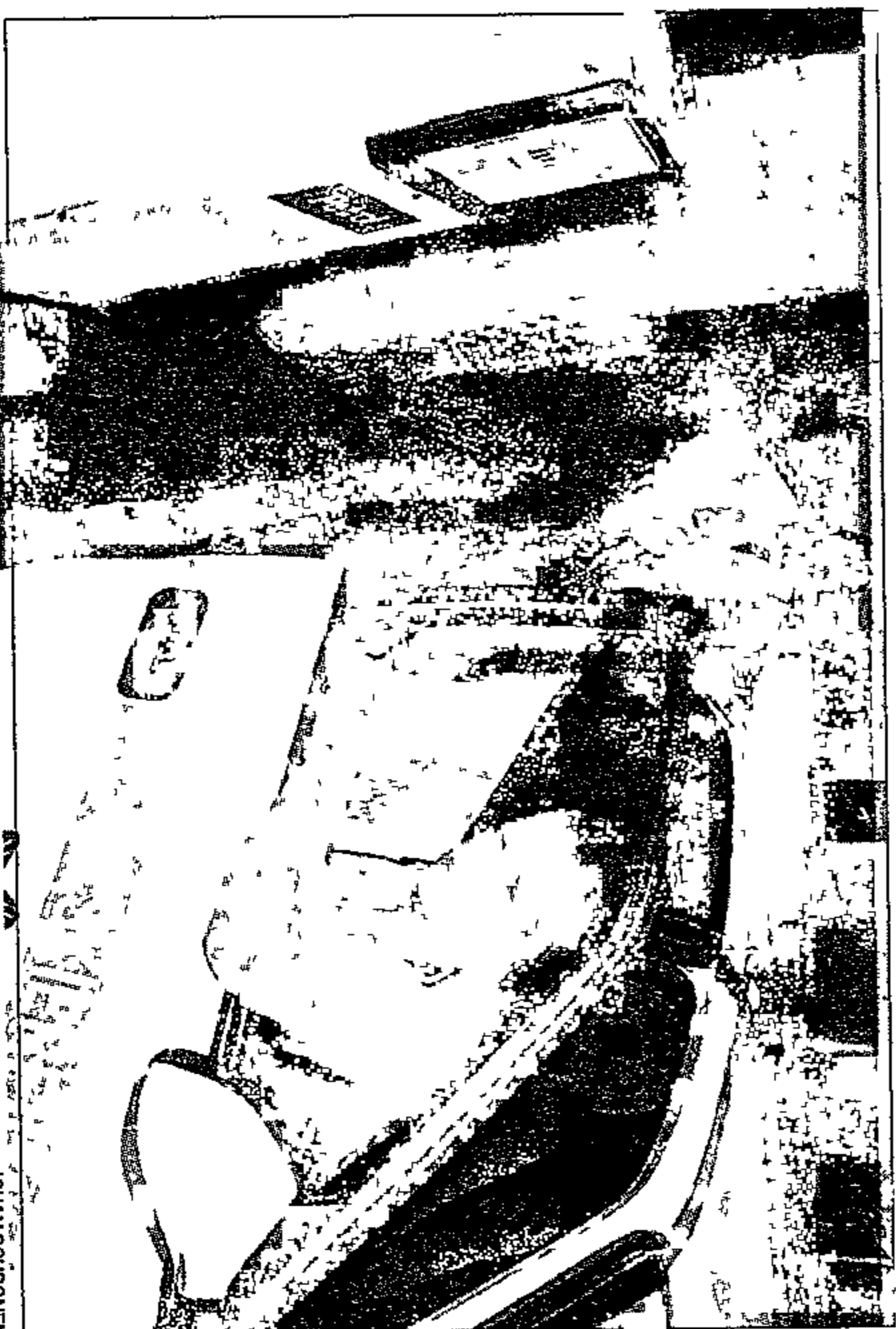
Police authorities are also looking at what they call the excessive distances travelled to work by some members. Many police posted in Cape Town and suburbs live as far away as Yzerfontein, Wellington and Paarl and use police cars to commute up to 130km a day.

Director Rina Fick, provincial head of financial services, has produced a report confirming the dire financial situation.

She said that in the 1996/1997 financial year payments to suppliers and money advances had been suspended in December but this financial year funds had dried up earlier.

This indicated serious problems with the police budget on a national level.

Transport was a major expense. The use of official vehicles to and from work was being reconsidered by management while the hire of vehicles from the Government Garage had already been banned. A monthly limit of R350 had been placed on all official cellphones.



JOHAN SCHRONEN

Precious drops: crime reaction unit member Philip Cliff looks on as colleague Anton Booysens fills 'er up

Minister of Community Safety Gerald Morkel and Western Cape Commissioner Leon Wessels said in a joint statement on "the possible financial crisis" facing the province that measures had been implemented which would "necessitate sacrifices" by members in terms of "creature comforts".

Racism in the force: Police union wields big stick

Sechaba ka'Nkosi

The Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (Popcru) is planning a series of mass disruptions in the police and correctional services departments within the next few weeks to highlight its frustration at racism and the slow implementation of affirmative action in the South African Police Service (SAPS).

The disruptions will mark the beginning of a multi-pronged strategy expected to culminate by the end of March in the ousting of three provincial police commissioners and a number of white officers implicated in racial conflicts with black colleagues.

If the disruptions fail to deliver the desired results, Popcru leaders have decided to call a national strike, with a key demand being the removal of Gauteng Provincial Commissioner Sharma Maharaj and his counterparts, Chris Serfontein in KwaZulu-Natal and Johan Deyser in the Northern Cape.

The campaign, which last year was marked by high-court battles between Popcru and police management, swings into action next month. The union plans to bus hundreds of its members to interrupt a disciplinary hearing against members in Gauteng, and then proceed



Pie in the sky: The union may call a national police strike in protest against the lack of affirmative action. PHOTO: GREG MARINOVICH

to the Northern Cape when similar hearings are held a few days later. Strongly worded correspondence has been circulating between Popcru, the national police commissioner and the Ministry of Safety and Security.

The union's national executive committee plans to meet on February 14, but insiders say this will be a ratification of a strategy already adopted by a few on the executive committee. Central to the looming tension

are allegations of deep-seated racism within the police force and continuing victimisation of union members by senior white officers.

A case highlighted by Popcru involves a commission of inquiry appointed by the Gauteng MEC for safety and security in December 1996 to investigate allegations of racism at Kew policing unit in Alexandra. The commission, led by respected attorney Trego Mosenke, made far-reaching recommendations, including that criminal charges be laid against certain white officers.

The report accuses white officers of abusing state equipment and referring to black officers as "kaffirs". It points out instances where white officers have undermined or even assaulted senior black officers.

"What is most disturbing about these events is that all the implicated white officers have neither been charged nor disciplined," it says. "The failure to act against these officers has created a situation where black members feel vulnerable and undermined."

The report recommends eight white officers be subjected to a disciplinary proceeding and others face criminal charges within 90 days of the report being released. Yet, although the report was handed in to

the offices of Maharaj and Safety and Security MEC Jessie Duarte in October 1997, black officers say no action has been taken.

Popcru says the Alexandra example reflects the general conduct of white officers, particularly in the three worst-affected provinces. Next month's campaign is aimed at putting more pressure on the authorities to take action against those implicated.

A meeting between the union and Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi this week fell through at the last minute for unspecified reasons. Mufamadi had summoned the union's executive to the African National Congress's headquarters at Shell House, in a bid to find a solution to the simmering tensions and the possible strike.

His summons came after the union had petitioned his office about the violation of rules by "certain" provincial commissioners and attempts to sabotage affirmative action policies by senior white officers. Referring to the eruption of racial conflict arising out of the posting of Indian commanders to manage police stations in traditionally African areas this month, the petition says such conflict is "inevitable" and similar tensions in the future can only be averted through meaningful dialogue.

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Police man vs policeman

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ANDRE LINCOLN:
Policeman for four years.

Nave pictured in a newspaper, though visible in police college of the Shell Course shooting.

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Director in the new APS top position on ANC in mid-1996 appointed head of the residential task unit.

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THE head of the elite presidential task unit, set up in 1996 to investigate organised crime and police corruption, has himself been arrested in what some senior police sources see as a showdown between the old guard and the new.

No formal charges were put to Director Andre Lincoln when he appeared in the Cape Town Magistrate's Court this week in connection with alleged theft and fraud. He was released on bail of R2 000 with stringent conditions.

Lincoln was one of the most senior former ANC intelligence operatives absorbed into the South African Police Service after the advent of democracy in 1994, a former member of the ANC's department of intelligence and security (DIS) and a former senior functionary of the National Intelligence Coordinating Committee.

The presidential task unit reports directly to national police Commissioner George Fivaz, Minister of Safety and Security Sydney Mufamadi and Deputy President Thabo Mbeki.

Lincoln's arrest follows a six-month investigation by Director Leonard Knipe, commander of the Serious Violent Crimes unit — a police officer of many years' experience, who is widely regarded as one of the country's top detectives — and Senior Superintendent Pieter Rossouw.

According to Knipe, "certain case dockets" were referred for decision to the Cape attorney-general's office, which decided to institute a prosecution on one of the charges — a case of alleged drunken driving. Lincoln's court appearance this week relates to four case dockets, including three charges of fraud and one of theft by conversion.

Approached for comment by the *Cape Times* yesterday, Lincoln said he had been advised by his lawyers not to comment on the case, but sources — both in his unit and elsewhere in the police — said they believed he was being "harassed" because fellow police were insecure about his senior position and the sub-

jects of his investigations.

"From the time of his (Lincoln's) appointment in mid-1986, top officers who served in the old police force were suspicious because they were not privy to the establishment of the unit, or the information it generated. There seemed to be a general fear that he had been placed to investigate the top brass," one source said.

"The bottom line is that every attempt is being made by top management at national and provincial level to undermine the unit," another said. "Knipe is well known for his intense dislike of the intelligence community."

A third source said: "Maybe Knipe is investigating him according to police standing orders, but his was an intelligence operation and the same rules and regulations do not necessarily apply. If Lincoln was a white officer, then this whole issue would have been handled departmentally."

Among the high-profile dockets known to be carried by Lincoln's team are the fraud and corruption investigation into police officer Captain Simon Nohmangel, an investigation into a project of the police organised crime unit (said to implicate senior serving and retired police elements), and a long-running investigation into Sicilian-businessman-turned-Ciskei-citizen Mr Vito Palazzolo.

On Wednesday, Knipe obtained a warrant from a magistrate to search Lincoln's Strand Street offices and his Plumstead home on the grounds that there were articles which were either used in the commission of an offence, were intended for use or which may afford evidence of the commission of an offence.

In the warrant, Knipe and his team of detectives demanded that Lincoln hand over all documents and files about Operation Intrigue — the investigation into claims that officials from the previous and present government collaborated with Palazzolo — and the investigation into five fugitives of justice sought by the Italian Criminal Justice system: Mr Marano, Tullio Troia, Mr Giovanni Bonomo, Mr Geriardi Giuseppe, Mr Vito Palazzolo and Mr Pietro Fingia Palazzolo.

The warrant called on Lincoln to hand over all documents and files about the employment of a named police informer and documents and files about all registered informers of the presidential task team. Also wanted was a confession allegedly made by a Mr George Farmer to a magistrate in connection with several charges of murder and other acts of criminality.

In an affidavit in support of the warrant, Knipe said he and Rossouw had been mandated by Fivaz to investigate allegations of criminality against Lincoln. Knipe said all the case dockets forwarded to the attorney-general pertained to allegations of criminality committed by Lincoln and to incidents not directly related to the powers and functions of his office.

A case docket of fraud, involving different actions allegedly committed by Lincoln and a Captain Benn with a convicted prisoner, Jacques Mangagalli, 28, was under consideration by the attorney-general, Knipe said. Mangagalli,

who was jailed for 25 years in 1996 for fraud, was removed from Pollsmoor Prison and allowed to live in a Table View flat while ostensibly assisting Lincoln's unit.

In an unprecedented move last year Inspector Gavin Meyer of the anti-corruption unit, held a press conference at which he revealed that Mangagalli had made statements implicating two policemen and a prison official in the smuggling of a firearm and a hand-grenade into Pollsmoor Prison in 1996. The hand-grenade exploded on August 5, 1996, injuring 26 prison inmates.

In his affidavit in the Lincoln arrest, Knipe said the attorney-general's office was also approached to issue a subpoena in terms of Section 205 of the Criminal Procedure Act on Lincoln's friend and alleged business partner, prominent Cape Town businessman Mr Ian Hirschorn.

"I believe that it should be clear from a study of the above referred-to case dockets and the other referred-to matters that Director Lincoln has no respect for the law, that notwithstanding being under investigation he has continued to transgress the law and that it appears obvious that in certain instances attempts have been made to sabotage our investigations."

Knipe said he believed a prima facie case had been made out against Lincoln and that a warrant for his arrest should be issued. He would then have an opportunity to reply to the allegations.

Stingent bail conditions include Lincoln may not go to the task team's offices, he may not contact various people, including members of his unit. He may also not contact Palazzolo, Mr Reggie Oliphant MP, Hirschorn or any other witnesses whose names Knipe may supply.

Provincial police spokesperson Senior Superintendent John Sterrenberg confirmed Lincoln's arrest, the seizure of various items and his court appearance, but would not comment further. He termed the steps being taken against Lincoln as "another example of police determination to stamp out corruption in the Western Cape."

All Knipe would say was that he had always been supportive of change in the police service, and had always respected Lincoln as a colleague. "I have always said a lot of (the new people in the police) are better than sliced bread."

LEONARD KNIFE:
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Regarded as a straight-talking, no-nonsense detective.

Head of the Peninsula Murder and Robbery Unit in 1980s.

Led police investigations into the St James Church massacre in 1993.

Led hunt for the station strangler in 1994.

In 1997 was subpoenaed to testify on his knowledge of the police ambush and killing of senior ANC guerrillas in Gugulethu.

Now heads the National Priority Crimes unit, Western Cape.

English-speaking; his politics are said to be closest to those of the Democratic Party.

Why Kahn can't cop out of job

Intensive crime plan is showing progress

Police chief executive Meyer Kahn has put his job on the line, pledging to resign in June if he has not made significant progress in "taking back" the streets from crime

How likely is he to succeed? Senior colleagues seem to think Mr Kahn's confidence is justified. National Commissioner George Fivaz and Commissioner André Prusins insist their "multidisciplinary" National Crime Prevention Strategy (NCPS) is working and will continue to show progress.

The strategy involves co-ordinating the government departments handling police, security, prosecutions, defence, home affairs, technology, welfare and correctional services. The man in charge of it all, Bernie Fanaroff, attributes the massive increase in crime to a society in transition, and he points to the change in the security arms of the state, from highly militarised to democratic.

With this change, however, has come uncertainty and a breakdown in discipline. Police dockets are going missing, escapes from police cells have become a major problem, corruption within the correctional services system has seen warders helping criminals - some of them violent ones - to escape.

Dr Fanaroff makes no bones about it: criminals have not been put off crime, because they don't believe they will be arrested, let alone prosecuted, sentenced and "put away". While citizens may not take solace

THE BIG PICTURE

While crime rages apparently unabated, a national prevention plan is making small inroads, writes DONWALD PRESSLY



in the fact that crime figures, excluding rape, have been stabilised, Dr Fanaroff believes there will be a drop in the months ahead.

- Practical steps have been taken
- South Africa's first detective academy has been set up
- One thousand police holding cells have been upgraded to stem the number of escapes after arrest
- Electric fences have been put in place at 19 jails

Dr Fanaroff said international computer companies IBM and TRW and local company Motswedi had been hired to study how police dockets had gone missing or been stolen. By July, they will have produced a report on the systems needed to prevent this, and tenders will go out for implementation. Dr Fanaroff said the Government was giving itself 18 months to implement an automated fingerprint sys-

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It's a crime: scenes like this may soon be a rarity rather than the norm if Meyer Kahn's crime prevention strategy pays off

tem, but it could cost as much as a R1-billion "Government on government" discussions were being held to seek financial help, but he would not identify the governments being approached.

A confident Mr Kahn believes a police morale will start showing a dramatic improvement once the new system of performance evaluation comes into being. He wants good police officers to quickly rise above the base salary of

R50 000 a year "to at least double that". Corrupt police are being rooted out by the anti-corruption unit. Sectoral policing is being introduced so that police can be identified easily in the community.

A scientific survey will begin next month of 5 000 households throughout South Africa to determine crime levels and public perceptions of crime. Dr Fanaroff said domestic crime often went unreported and a clear pic-

ture of these levels was needed. He believed fervently that Mr Kahn was correct in his claims that the interdepartmental approach to resolving crime was working.

There were no excuses now because police could not blame correctional services or prosecutors, or visa versa, for breakdowns in the system. For example, escapes from custody were reduced by a training programme for warders, while the police

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Makhosini Nkosi, a spokesman for Gauteng premier Mathole Motshekga, said the commission had fulfilled the DP's request that all information in the computers and document files in the Safety and Security Department be sealed to prevent senior officials in the department from destroying evidence.

"Director-general Mntambo responded positively to the commission and allowed computer technicians to copy all the information available in the disks and computer hard drives."

"The premier instructed the director-general to assist the commission in every manner possible to fulfil its mandate," Mr Nkosi said.

Sources said yesterday that Mr Motshekga had asked Ms Duarte to

resign to save her from the political humiliation of going through a public official inquiry.

But Ms Duarte chose to face a commission of inquiry rather than resign, as she believed her loyal supporters would not desert her.

The sources said it would be surprising if Ms Duarte survived the political storm which has broken around her.

"She had been told by Motshekga and top ANC politicians to resign," said one source.

The relationship between Mr Motshekga and Ms Duarte was described as "extremely strained".

Mr Motshekga will take his cue from the findings of the commission, and act only on its findings, the source said.

But Ms Duarte's supporters still believe she is more at risk from opposition parties and officials within her department than from pressure from the African National Congress's Motshekga camp. And there is evidence that she can draw on the support of a few loyal aides.

Vacant police posts a scandal, says DP

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The 1 200 new police posts advertised after the lifting of the moratorium on recruitment last year have not yet all been filled

Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi told Parliament this week there had been 600 000 applications for the posts

These applications were still being processed, he said in reply to questions by Doug Gibson of the Democratic Party

"This is scandalous," Mr Gibson said
The police had been "bleeding" personnel because of deaths, resignations and retirements

There were only about 131 000 police trying to maintain law and order

Mr Gibson acknowledged that the task of processing the applications was huge, but said the moratorium had been lifted in April last year

It was reported last month that final selection would begin on February 9, and training on June 1

Mr Gibson said recruitment should have been a top priority

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PHOTOGRAPH: THEMBA HADEBE

Another day, another car smash scandal

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Sechaba ka'Nkosi

Gauteng MEC for Safety and Security Jessie Duarte, whose political career hangs in the balance, personally handed an allegedly fraudulent document to the *Mail & Guardian* last week in an attempt to ward off a series of damaging allegations levelled against her.

The commission of inquiry investigating the charges heard this week that a staffer in Duarte's department had been coerced into manufacturing the document clearing her of driving a state vehicle involved in an accident.

And the MEC faces further embarrassment with the revelation that her media adviser, Mbulelo Musi, smashed three government cars last year. According to our sources, Musi only obtained his driver's licence on January 8 this year.

When asked for comment, Musi said he had had a previous driver's licence which he "renewed around December. I did go for test drives towards the end of last year and that is how I got my new licence."

If Musi indeed drove the three cars without a valid licence, the mystery of how the cost for the smashed cars was recovered remains unclear.

Documents in the *M&G's* possession indicate that Musi was asked on a number of occasions to submit reports on the accidents but failed to do so on time.

In one letter the department's director of support services, Theo Burgers, warns that Musi's failure to submit the reports might result in a suspension of his authorisation to drive a state vehicle.

Musi and the department's deputy director general, Mkhabela Sibeko, are the two senior officials who allegedly intimidated an employee into retracting a statement implicating Duarte in driving a state vehicle without a valid driver's licence.

As the two-person commission of inquiry took off this week, the document — which Duarte argued would form the basis of her defence against mismanagement and corruption allegations — became the centre of contest between the commissioners and legal teams representing the various parties.

Gauteng Premier Mathole Motshekga appointed advocate Marumo Moerane last week to head the commission, with the assistance of the chair of the National Public Service Commission, Professor Stan Sangweni.

Included in a package to the commission was a forged letter allegedly written by the department's transport control officer, Lerato Maruping, and an official accident report signed by Duarte's bodyguard and driver, David Sons, confirming he was the driver of a government vehicle involved in a car accident on October 18 last year.

Duarte's version of the accident — which she said was recorded in her diary — is that on the fateful day Sons transported her to an African National Congress

meeting at the party's provincial headquarters in Lancet Hall.

Afterwards she and Sons drove towards the provincial legislature to fetch documents. Duarte went in to the building and left Sons to look for a place to park the car.

When Duarte came out a few minutes later, she saw a group of men arguing with Sons. A minibus had smashed into their government car, and she decided they should leave the scene because the driver of the minibus had already left.

That is why, according to her, it took days for the matter to be reported to the police. Sons was still trying to track down the owner of the vehicle with the registration number given to him by the men with whom he was arguing.

Although Sons — a police sergeant — does not deny he made his initial statement to the police voluntarily, he insists that he did so to protect Duarte and has since retracted it.

In an official accident report given at Central Johannesburg police station with the case number BR 632/10/97, Sons admits he was the driver of the vehicle.

"On the above-mentioned day I was the driver of GG vehicle [GFM 475 G] and executing protection duty to MEC for Safety and Security Jessie Duarte in Market Street. I parked the vehicle in Market Street, nearest corner Loveday. "Returning to the vehicle I noticed it was damaged from the back. All inquiries ended in vain as I had to rush with the MEC to her next appointment. I was told a white Hiace Toyota taxi drove into the state vehicle and chased away [sic]. No further documents could be found," Sons's statement reads.

On Tuesday night this week Sons phoned Duarte to notify her that he was going to submit an affidavit to the effect that he did not drive the car — leaving Duarte, an unlicensed driver, as the only person who could have been driving the car on the day in question. This makes Sons himself liable to criminal charges, since he made a sworn statement to a police station and is now retracting it.

Sons is understood to have taken the decision after interrogation by commission investigators days after Maruping decided to come clean.

Duarte's department scoffed at the latest developments, saying they are part of another plot to discredit the department. Representative Mongezi Mnyani insisted Sons had driven the car.

"The department views the retraction as confirmation of a conspiracy against it, and we will be bringing this to the attention of the commission," said Mnyani.

Gauteng Attorney General Andre de Vries is understood to have instructed provincial commissioner Sharma Maharaj to open a docket into possible contraventions of the Road Traffic Act, as well as fraud charges.

Files seized from Duarte's

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The letter exonerates Duarte from blame arising from a motor accident in October last year. Duarte is alleged to have been driving the car

without a licence.

Makhosini Nkosi, a spokesman for Gauteng Premier Mathole Motshhega, said the commission had fulfilled the DP's request that all the information in the computer and documented files in the safety and security department be sealed to prevent senior officials in the department from destroying evidence.

Director-general Mtshambo responded positively to the commission and allowed computer technicians to copy all the information available in the disks and computer hard drives. "The premier instructed the director-general to assist the commission in every manner possible to fulfil its mandate," Nkosi said.

Sources said yesterday that

Motshhega has asked Duarte to resign to save her from the political humiliation of going through a public official inquiry.

But Duarte chose to face a commission of inquiry rather than resign as she believed that her loyal supporters would not desert her.

The sources said it would be surprising if Duarte survived the political storm which has broken around her.

"She had been told by Motshhega and top ANC politicians to resign," said one source.

The relationship between Motshhega and Duarte was described as "extremely strained". This is in spite of Motshhega's attempts to unite the ANC in the province by bringing the people who opposed his election closer into his fold.

Motshhega will take his cue from the findings of the commission, and act only on its findings, the source said.

But Duarte's supporters still believe that she is more at risk from opposition political par-

ties and officials within her department, than from pressure from people within the ANC's Motshhega camp.

"Peter Leon, and Duarte have never sat around the same campfire," one source said.

And there is evidence that she can draw on the support of a few loyal aides.

According to allegations at the inquiry, it seems that Sibeko and Musi have tried to get old "allies" to stick to "old stories".

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Top-level backing for Kahn's approach

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Praise for his 'bullish' statements and willingness to put himself on the line over crime

By GIL GIFFORD AND DONALD PRESSLY

There is growing confidence in informed quarters that police chief executive Meyer Kahn can crack city crime with a co-ordinated approach, use of intelligence and a high-powered team.

This is in spite of a public perception that criminals are running rampant.

Earlier this week Kahn put his job on the line by pledging to resign in June if he had not made significant progress in "taking back" Johannesburg's streets from crime.

"If Kahn can crack crime in Johannesburg, he can crack it anywhere," said Lala Camerer, a senior researcher for the Institute for Security Studies' crime and policing programme. Senior colleagues believe Kahn's confidence is justified. National Commissioner George Fivaz and Commissioner Andre Prins insist their

"multidisciplinary" National Crime Prevention Strategy is working and will continue to show progress.

The strategy involves co-ordinating the government departments handling police, security, prosecutions, defence, home affairs, technology, welfare, and correctional services.

The man in charge of it all, Dr Bernie Fanaroff, attributes the massive increase in crime to a society in transition, and points to the change in the security arms of the state from highly militarised to democratic.

"Kahn has stated that he wants to show successes. He has plans for a focused, targeted policing programme and intends using crime information, intelligence and a high-powered team," said Camerer. "His sentiments are bullish, but they're good and inspire confidence," she added. Doug Smollan, executive chairman of Business Against Crime in Gauteng, said BAC

had full confidence in Kahn.

"His approach has so far been low key and quietly purposeful. He has thoroughly investigated and understands the task at hand, and many of his plans have and are still to be implemented," Smollan said.

A meeting of minds all working together

He said much effort had been generated into co-ordinating the efforts of agencies such as BAC, the Johannesburg Central Community Police Forum and other organisations with the aims of the police. "We now have a meeting of the minds, not a bunch of

people all pulling in different directions," Smollan said.

It is believed that Kahn is set to intensify his war on Johannesburg street crime in time to show real results by his self-determined June deadline.

Fanaroff believes there will be a further drop in crime in the months ahead.

Practical steps include South Africa's first detective academy has been set up; 1 000 police holding cells have been upgraded to help stem escapes; and electric fences have been erected at 19 jails.

Fanaroff said private companies had been hired to study dockets going missing or being stolen. By July they would have produced a report on information technology systems needed, and tenders would then go out for implementation.

Fanaroff said the Government was giving itself 18 months to implement an automated fingerprint system costing as much as R1-billion.

"Government-on-government" discussions were being held to seek financial help, but he would not identify the governments being approached.

A confident Kahn believes that police morale will start improving dramatically once the new system of performance evaluation comes into being.

He wants good police officers to rise quickly above the base salary of R50 000 a year "to at least double that".

Corrupt police staff were being rooted out by the anti-corruption unit.

Sectoral policing was being introduced so that policemen and women could be easily identified in the community.

A scientific survey would begin next month of 5 000 households throughout the country to determine crime levels and public perceptions of crime, according to Fanaroff.

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The Star EDITORIAL

Dams are overflowing and more rain is ...



1 000 petrol-pump police going back to the beat - no

ADRIAN HADLAND

More than a thousand police working full-time as petrol-pump attendants for police vehicles would be shifted back to the beat, according to the Minister of Safety and Security, Sydney Mufamadi.

Addressing a press briefing in Parliament, Mr Mufamadi said the redeployment of police in "soft jobs" and their replacement by civilians would result in more than 3 000 police being freed for crime-fighting tasks over the

next three years

Among the 3 000 were detectives who had, for example, been placed in head office in Pretoria undertaking administrative duties when they were sorely needed for investigations

"We've got personnel badly deployed, but we are beginning to fix the system," Mr Mufamadi said

"These sort of people are being deployed back to where they are needed"

The appointment of police chief executive Meyer Kahn and the introduction of new management systems

and "pockets of excellence" in the Police Services would also have an impact on absenteeism and on the more efficient use of resources, Mr Mufamadi said

Absentee rates in the police had climbed to over 30% while a target of 10% had been set

Training programmes would also be implemented to boost skill levels, particularly among detectives, he said

He said that in December 1996 only 20% of detectives had received basic training in their craft

By the end of 1997 this figure had increased to 66% and by the end of 1998 it was hoped that all detectives would have undergone training

Acknowledging that crime levels in South Africa were still unacceptably high, Mr Mufamadi told the briefing that in most categories of serious crimes the levels had stabilised and in some cases were beginning to show an improvement

Mr Mufamadi announced, meanwhile, that Operation Recoil - the police initiative to cope with gangster-

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ism in the Western Cape - was to be extended

The operation was due to finish at the end of January, but crime intelligence information indicated there was a need for Recoil to continue, he said

To add legislative muscle to curbing gangsterism in general, a new bill would be tabled in Parliament this year, he announced

The legislation would be based on two laws in place in California and Florida

"The main purpose will be to discourage people from participating

in and encouraging others to join criminal gangs," Mr Mufamadi said.

As a result of Operation Recoil, 7 437 arrests had been made in the Cape Flats area between the end of October last year to the end of January

These included

- 269 arrests were for robbery
- 175 for murder
- 298 for theft of motor vehicles
- 555 were drug-related
- 623 for house-breaking
- 127 for malicious damage to

property

■ 11 for arson,

■ 1 521 for crimes against women and children

Mr Mufamadi added that the 1 200 vacant posts advertised in the police would be filled by July

More than 600 000 applications had been received for the posts

"In conclusion, we still have a long way to go," Mr Mufamadi said

"But we are upbeat about the future prospects and we are determined to build sustainably on our more recent successes"

more 'soft' jobs

Kahn unveils plans to put bureaucrats on the beat

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Commission's findings may oust Duarte

By JIMMY SEEPE

FEBATTTLED Gauteng Safety and Security MEC Jessie Duarte's problems are deepening and there is now a strong possibility that she may be forced out of the ANC's highest decision-making body, the National Executive Committee (NEC).

If the Moerane Commission - headed by advocate Marumo Moerane - which is probing allegations of mismanagement as well as the misuse of an official vehicle against Duarte, confirms the allegations, the NEC would most likely be forced to remove her from this influential body.

The NEC, meeting this weekend to chart the path for the party's programme for this year, is under pressure to demonstrate that the conduct of its members is beyond reproach.

Duarte's standing within the NEC is on rocky ground following a spate of allegations levelled against her within her department. She was elected to the NEC and stood at number 55 with 1 110 votes in her favour.

The commission, expected to resume tomorrow, was postponed this week after allegations of a cover-up by department of safety and security officials emerged from documents to be handed to the commission.

The NEC is meeting this weekend at an undisclosed venue in Cape Town to map out a development programme of action for 1998 leading up to the 1999 elections.

The NEC is also expected to finalise discussion on some of the resolutions adopted at the party's 50th National Conference held in Matikeng last December. The National Working Committee of the organisation is

also expected to be elected.

The government's Growth, Employment and Redistribution policy, which has come under scathing criticism from opposition parties this week, is expected to be the focal point of discussion.

The Congress of South African Trade Unions and the South African Communist Party are expected to reiterate their opposition to certain clauses in the strategy.

Party insiders said that although it was widely reported that there was wide consensus on Gear at the last national conference, this is in fact not the case.

The NEC suffered another setback last week with the resignation of North West premier Popo Molefe after internal provincial squabbles over his election last December.

This week several documents were brought before the commission in which safety and security department transport officer Lerato Maruping denied that she wrote two letters accepting the false claim that Duarte's bodyguard-cum-driver, David Sons, was driving the MEC's official vehicle when it was involved in an accident on October 18 last year.

Maruping's denials, followed by Sons' retraction of an earlier statement that he was driving the car when the accident happened, threw the commission into confusion and forced the postponement. Maruping's affidavit was brought to the



DEEPENING PROBLEM... Gauteng safety and security MEC Jessie Duarte may be forced to quit the ANC's influential National Executive Committee

attention of Premier Mathole Motshhega by legal representatives for the department's director of support services, Theo Burgers. Duarte suspended Burgers at the beginning of this month for allegedly leaking documents to the media claiming corrup-

tion in the MEC's department. He was also accused of being unwilling to work with Duarte.

The suspension was lifted by Motshhega on Wednesday after the state's attorney informed him that the suspension was unlawful.

Motshhega's spokesman, Makhosini Nkosi, said the premier met provincial director Vincent Mntambo and Duarte on Tuesday and they agreed to lift the suspension.

Duarte's spokesman Mongezi Mnyami on Wednesday said Sons' retraction would be used to prove that there was a conspiracy against Duarte and her department.

He said Sons' pocket-book showed he was at work on the day in question and he noted being involved in a crash.

Mnyami said Sons claimed overtime for working on a weekend and was paid. "The department views the retraction as confirmation of a conspiracy against it and we will be bringing this to the attention of the commission," he said.

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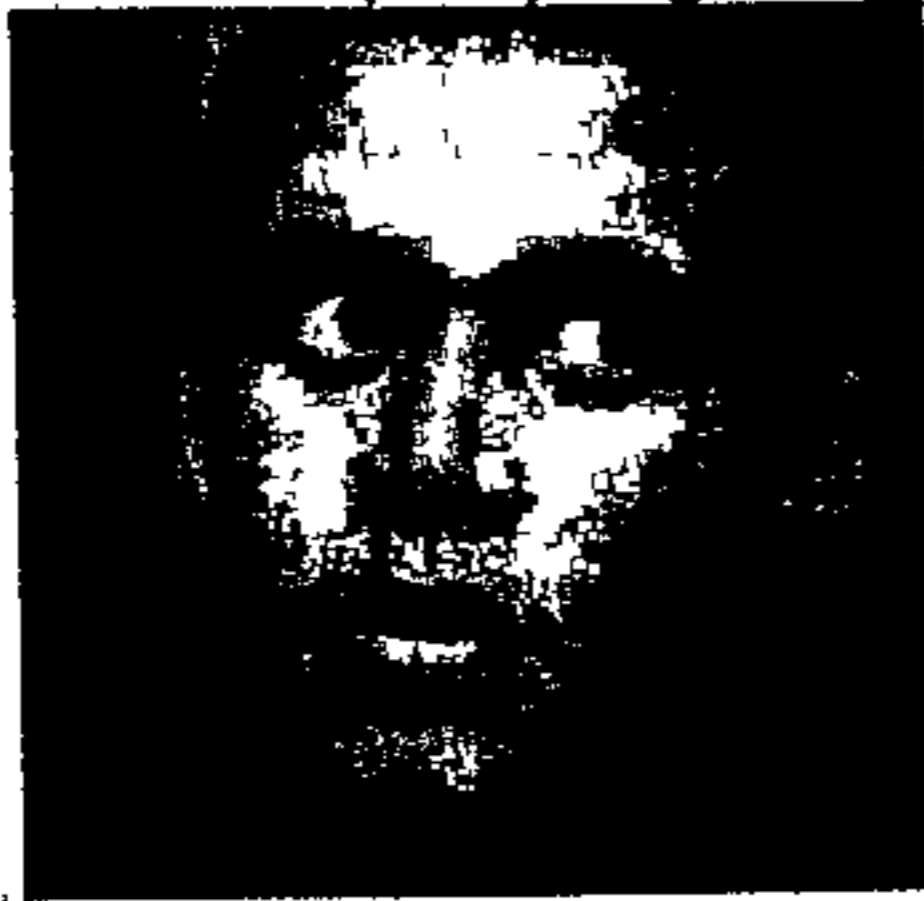
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BY CELIA RUSSELL

The mother of Gauteng safety and security transport officer Lerato Maruping says she overheard two of MEC Jessie Duarte's aides tell her daughter to sign a document during a late-night visit on February 4.

Elina Lekalakala, white-haired and quietly spoken, yesterday told an official inquiry into mismanagement in Duarte's department she had agreed to spend the night at her daughter's home because Maruping had told her that she was under "pressure at work and felt stressed". Maruping had discovered that Duarte had driven a state-owned vehicle when it was involved in an accident and had been told to "protect Mrs Duarte".

Lekalakala had woken her daughter when the deputy di-



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Players in the drama ... David Sons and Lerato Maruping.

rector-general of safety and security Mkhabela (Simon) Sibeko and Duarte's media officer Mbulelo Musi had paid their late visit.

Attorneys representing Sibeko and Musi admitted the two men had visited Maruping late at night, but denied it had to do with the accident report.

"The purpose was to formulate charges against one of the

employees - Theo Burgers," Anton Leshela said.

Later, Duarte's driver admitted to lying in an accident report and falsifying two police pocket books to support his claim. David Sons said he was not at work on October 18, the day on which the official vehicle was in the accident.

When he reported for work the next day (on October 19) he

(251) noticed the bump in the back of Duarte's official vehicle, BBP 766 GP, and Duarte told him she had been in an accident.

He said Duarte said she had been bumped by a white Hi-Ace Toyota taxi, but when the driver of the taxi became aggressive she left. The following day Sons tried to trace the taxi driver from the number supplied to him by Duarte, but failed.

A week later, on October 27, he approached Maruping and told her of the accident. But when he filled in the accident report Sons stated he had been driving the vehicle.

This year Duarte asked him to write a statement on the matter but while compiling the statement she told him to attend a briefing, at which he was "pointed out" as the driver. Sons said he was not aware that Duarte did not have a licence.

Guards face mass sacking

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Strike, marred by violence, is unprotected and illegal say employers: intention is to start firing staff on Friday

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By Gill Gifford,
Thembakazi Sikenqa and Sapa

Thousands of security guards participating in a nationwide strike for better pay face losing their jobs by the end of the week if employers succeed in having their action declared illegal.

But workers said today they would gather at major centres across the country again to continue the strike despite the threat of court interdicts declaring the action unprotected or illegal.

The guarding division's Professional Transport Workers Union and the cash in transit industry's Motor Transport Workers Union spokesman Emily Fourie said. "We are disgusted with the court action. It is an act of bad faith when such action is taken when negotiations are still under way."

Fourie added that workers were anxiously awaiting feedback from their employers.

Estimates of the number on strike yesterday ranged from the 30 000 given by employers to the 100 000 put out by unions and more were expected today as the Western Cape joined the protests.

Workers held rallies and marches in cities around the country yesterday. The strike caused major disruptions, with many buildings, shopping centres and banks left unguarded.

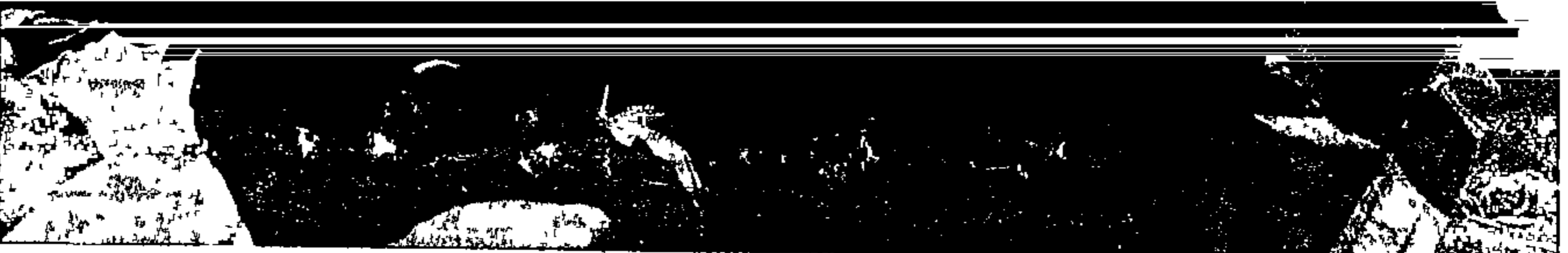
The security industry stands to lose millions if workers and employers do not reach a compromise soon, said Mick Bartmann, spokesman for the SA National Security Employers' Association (Sansea).

"The losses could run into millions with the strikes, but most companies have contingency plans and these will cause some relief," he said.

Bartmann said the money was lost when guards did not report to their posts for duty and their companies would lose contracts.

The march in Johannesburg yesterday was marred by incidents of vandalism and intimidation of guards who were not taking part in the strike. Three marchers were arrested.

The Commission for Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration, a statutory body, has issued both the employers' organisation and the unions with an intervention order, and



Getting rough ... a municipal security guard on his way to work was one of many intimidated by strikers at Library Gardens in the Johannesburg city centre yesterday.

has summoned the leadership to an all-day hearing today.

Talks between the South African National Security Employers' Association (Sansea) and the 11 participating unions were still deadlocked last night.

"We are at a stalemate. The unions are asking for a 12% wage increase, 4% company

contributions to a provident fund and an annual 18th cheque bonus. Employers are offering a 10% wage increase, 3% provident fund contributions and no bonus unless it is drawn from the provident fund money," said Fourie.

The employers maintain the strike is illegal as it violates a

wage agreement which expires only in April.

"We believe the strike is unlawful. If the guards don't turn up today we will apply to the Labour Court for an urgent interdict," Bartmann said. "Once we get it, we will start terminating their employment, probably from Friday."

'Boost police morale, discipline'

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SOUTH AFRICA could not afford further racism in the police service, and police had to be given the chance and encouraged to defuse the tension as soon as possible, Mr Piet Matthee (NP) said yesterday

Police work involved a high level of stress, added to which were problems such as low salaries, a heavy workload and job insecurity, Matthee said during debate on a motion highlighting racial tension in the force and the alleged involvement of police in crime

Police officers received little in return for their devotion to duty and scant appreciation, he said

It was necessary to improve morale and discipline so that the police could once again be proud of what they did

This could be achieved by, among other things, improving salaries, appointing more police to

reduce the workload, rooting out corruption, and recruiting only the best candidates into the service, Matthee said

Mr Rapu Molekane (ANC) said racism was hampering effective policing, but the problem would not be solved overnight

However, it was unacceptable that there were still no black divisional commissioners and very few other senior black officers

He agreed that discipline needed to be strengthened, but not the kind of discipline that had allowed the "De Kocks of this world" into the police

Although many police members had been arrested for corruption and criminal activity — more during the past four years than during all the apartheid years — there were still many good police officers who should be congratulated for their efforts in fighting



MIKE ELLIS: Concerned about racial tension

crime, Molekane said

Mr Mike Ellis (DP) said his party was concerned about racial tension in the police — especially in KwaZulu-Natal — and this had to be overcome as a matter of urgency

Affirmative action policies would not help, and all racism and racist agitation had to be rejected

Mr Joseph Chiole (FF) contended that top priority had to be given to police morale

Integrating the various groups making up the police service was not an easy task, as some had been taught to regard each other as enemies

It could take up to two generations to change attitudes, and the matter had to be handled sensitively, he said

Mr Velaphi Ndlovu (IFP) said there was still no visible policing in black areas and people had to walk long distances to police stations

Disadvantaged communities demanded to be policed properly, as elsewhere. He was also concerned about too few black police officers being promoted — Sapa

Cops with (over) time on their hands

MARK KEOHANE

Is it the police who are inefficient
or is it the system?

THE gangster war in the Cape Flats intensified. The South African Police Service, starved of manpower, pleaded a questionable innocence. What could they do? The numbers, argued the authorities, were just not there to do justice to combating the murder of a suburb most know only as a township.

Manenberg burned, from the gunfire alone, and Mr Plod shrugged his shoulders.

No manpower? Yeah right two less at Manenberg and two more to wake me up at Iam with a knock from hell and a warrant of arrest for having failed to pay a R40 speeding fine.

I had paid the fine, admittedly a month late, but I was in contempt of court. There are no excuses. Guilty, your honour Guilty, as charged.

It was my negligence I had driven at a devilish 76 km/h in a 60 km/h zone I accept the consequences of this terrible

action and the oversight in remembering I owed Malmesbury's Magistrate Court R40 for the "schedule one" offence.

But, having an appreciation of the magnitude of my crime, I can plead to making every effort not to obstruct the process of justice. At the time of my outrageous act, I offered my home and work address to the traffic officer concerned. I even obliged him with a home, work and cellular telephone number.

Not that this made any difference to the crack unit, who sought me out at Iam, flashed their badges in my wife's face and announced that they had a warrant for my arrest.

I produced a receipt of payment. The two policemen, armed and ready to arrest if I dared to escape (or so it seemed) acknowledged the fine had been paid. They could, I was informed, still arrest me for contempt of court, but would not. Apparently, waking me at Iam, waking the neighbours in our flat complex and scaring the hell out of my wife, was sufficient warning that these "schedule one" offences are taken seriously. Manenberg can burn, people can die,

but "Sir" driving 76km/h in a 60km/h zone and then paying your R40 fine a month late necessitates SAPS overtime, two armed officers of the law and an early morning raid.

Outraged, I consulted the managing editor. He called the lawyers. Mr Plod had some explaining to do.

Actually, Mr Plod had no legal explaining to do. The duo, armed with knuckles that doubled as an alarm clock in the early hours of the morning, were well within their rights to blaze away at my door and take me downtown to the SAPS health hydro for a feed of whole-wheat bread, water and some serious soul searching.

The system allows it. The same system that releases (on bail) criminals with no fixed address.

Mr Plod, the lawyers told me, was just doing the job in an inefficient system. The SAPS were not to blame.

Legally, I am forced to accept they were not. But in every other respect they were because common sense is ammunition enough to know that it would have taken

one telephone call to my office or residence to contact me.

I would happily have undertaken the five-minute walk to Cape Town's Magistrate Court to pay the interest accumulated through the additional contempt charge.

It really is a simple process, and it would have cost the SAPS only 40 cents for a local telephone call.

Even better, the police officer could have shown a positive return on a warrant of arrest. Instead, two police officers, forced to work overtime, driving a vehicle that costs more than 40 cents to maintain for a night's duty, saw fit to wake me at Iam.

The police, defending their action and emphasising the seriousness of my crime, claim that the cost of processing a R40 spot fine which is not adhered to could cost as much as R500. I can now see why.

Chaps, I — like so many others who have committed such a R40 evil — was just a phone call away. I was not in need of a house call at Iam.

Residents, living in fear of gangsters, were more deserving of your attention.

Duarte 'cover-up'

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JOHANNESBURG. Gauteng Safety and Security MEC Jesse Duarte has been implicated in a conspiracy to cover up her alleged involvement in an accident in her official vehicle last October.

On the third day of an inquiry into mismanagement in her department, Mr Edmund Wessels, acting for departmental head Mr Theo Burgers, said the "remarkable similarity" between the pocket book entries of Duarte's two bodyguards, Mr David Sons and Mr Madiba Shiburi, pointed to a "conspiracy" between them, the department's deputy director-general Mr Simon Sibeko, Duarte's spokesperson Mr Mbulelo Musi and Duarte.

Sons testified on Monday that he had made a false report claiming he was the driver of the vehicle on the day of the accident, October 18.

He said he had falsified his pocket book — used by bodyguards to detail their day's activities — to indicate he had reported for duty.

Sons' wife said he had taken her shopping on that day.

Sons said he had got a second pocket book, from the police station, to fill in the accident details.

Duarte probe hears of 'cover-up conspiracy'

Johannesburg - The commission of inquiry into allegations of corruption and mismanagement by Gauteng safety and security MEC Jessie Duarte and her department has heard of a possible conspiracy to cover up the truth behind an accident last October involving Ms Duarte's official vehicle.

The possibility of a conspiracy was yesterday put to Ms Duarte's driver, David Sons, who last week admitted to the commission that he was not the driver of the car when the accident happened on October 18. He said he was not on duty that day, in spite of having claimed

overtime (257) (257) Edmund Wessels, legal representative for senior departmental official Theo Burgers, told Mr Sons during cross-examination yesterday that his conduct at the time of his consultation with commission facilitator Niel de Villiers pointed to a conspiracy between himself, the department's head Mkhebel Sibeko, Ms Duarte's spokesman Mbulelo Musi, and Ms Duarte, to cover up the truth about the accident.

Only when Mr Sons was caught lying to Mr De Villiers did he change his story, Mr Wessels said.

- Sapa

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Call to ground Oasis over

FOREIGN SERVICE

Melbourne - Australian passengers who endured yesterday's "flight from hell" aboard a jet from Hong Kong, today called on all airlines to refuse to carry the British group.

The passengers, who did not want to be named, travelled in business class on the seven-hour

the experience as "horrific".

They said the group were either drunk or affected by drugs when they boarded the Cathay Pacific aircraft and from then on kept up a non-stop bombardment of abuse, obscene language, illegal smoking and harassment.

The uproar subsided to a certain extent after the captain left the cockpit and told the group members that unless they behaved he would divert to the

Popcru accuses police of ignoring black murders

'Investigating white cases takes priority'

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STAFF REPORTER

Helderberg's Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (Popcru) has accused the police murder and robbery unit of regarding black lives as cheap.

But the unit has counter-charged that local police officers are lazy and careless

Popcru spokesman Danie Julies alleged that murder and robbery detectives had ignored the killings of two black Strand women on February 6 and instead gave priority to the case of a white Strand woman who was raped and murdered.

The bodies of the two black women, one pregnant, were found on a farm near Lwandle. They had apparently been strangled. A seriously injured woman was found nearby.

On the same day a 68-year-old white

woman was raped and murdered in her home

Mr Julies said the police still treated black murders as low priority and gave priority to white murder cases.

Mack Manuel, Popcru's provincial organiser, claimed that murder and robbery detectives were recently withdrawn from other investigations to probe the killings of Mike and Maggie Knott of Somerset West, Marilese Holmes of Gauteng and her American business associate, Eddie Keim.

The four were murdered last month in car hijacking attacks.

Murder and robbery acting commander Elbe Swart said the unit was notified about the Lwandle murder only a week after the bodies were found.

Superintendent Swart said policemen in Somerset West were too lazy and careless to alert the unit promptly

"The unit has no time for politics

and we work according to a mandate. We serve communities the best we can," he said.

East Metropole police assistant area commissioner Arno Lamoer said he understood the frustrations and anger of the community and the union.

He said Strand and murder and robbery detectives had visited the murder scene in Lwandle

It was originally thought that the killers were known and that the three women had been raped. Strand detectives took over the case, he said.

But according to a report he received last week, the women had not been raped and the identities of the killers were not known.

Director Lamoer said murder and robbery unit investigators did not work under him. He said his men strove to serve all communities and a good working policy among all police units was vital.

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Gauteng MEC for safety and security Mrs Jesse Duarte takes a break during the hearing before a commission of inquiry in Johannesburg yesterday. The inquiry is hearing allegations of corruption and mismanagement by Duarte and her department
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Sons 'lied to protect Duarte'

By Russel Molefe (251) ~~(251)~~

MR David Sons admitted yesterday to having falsified entries in his pocket book and claiming for overtime to back his story to "protect" Gauteng MEC for safety and security Mrs Jesse Duarte

Sons is the bodyguard and driver of Duarte, who is being investigated after allegations that she was involved in an accident on October 18 last year while driving a state vehicle although she did not have a driver's licence

She also allegedly failed to report the accident to the police on time. Other allegations include corruption and mismanagement in her department

Under cross-examination by attorney Mr Edmund Wessels, Sons agreed that the initial report in which he claimed he was the driver of the vehicle at the time suited Duarte. He agreed that he had changed his initial report, submitted on October 27, after being exposed as having lied about the accident

Second report

In his second report, submitted after the announcement of the commission of inquiry into the matter, Sons claimed that he was not on duty when the accident happened

This was corroborated by his wife Clareriscia, who also testified yesterday that her husband was at home preparing for the second birthday of their youngest daughter

Wessels suggested there must have been a conspiracy involving safety and security deputy director-general Mr Simon Sibeko, media liaison officer Mr Mbulelo Musi and to some extent Duarte, which led Sons to initially lie and falsify his pocket book

But Sons replied "All I know is that I was not driving the car"

This prompted Wessels to say "You are not being frank with the commission on who told you to write the false initial report. In all probability there is a conspiracy involving Sibeko, Musi and to some extent Duarte"

Earlier safety and security transport officer Ms Lerato Maruping testified that Sibeko and Musi had visited her late one night and forced her to sign a letter distorting facts of the accident

Labour criticises police action

Geneé Grawitzky

ABOUR yesterday criticised the role played by the police in handling strikes and dealing with picketers and called on government to begin training police to change attitudes which were still stuck in the past.

National Economic Development and Labour Council (Nedlac) labour convener Musi Buthelezi and the inclusion of the role of the police in a code of good practice on picketing was insufficient to change behaviour and attitudes. The police still think they are back in 1976."

This view emerged during a meeting at Nedlac yesterday on agreements reached between labour, government and business in codes of good practice on retrenchments and picketing. The codes—aimed at assisting all parties in the application and interpretation of the Labour Relations Act—were the subject of lengthy negotiations in view of the contentious nature of the debates. All parties expressed hope that the codes would reduce conflict and improve the current industrial relations system.

Buthelezi said he hoped the code on picketing would clarify the police's role especially in view of their recent actions in the security industry strike. Workers, he said, were dealing with police who themselves were going through transition and were grappling to understand the new democratic principles being applied.

The code of good practice on picketing clarifies provisions in the act, such as the functions of the Commission for Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration.

It also outlines factors to be included in a picketing agreement and those which should be considered by employers when refusing permission for workers to picket.

Employers cannot unreasonably withhold permission to allow workers to picket but can do so depending on a number of factors including the nature of the workplace, number of workers involved and conduct of picketers.

The police, in terms of the code, have no responsibility for enforcing the act but rather have to take reasonable steps to ensure peace on the picket line or elsewhere. An employer cannot ask the police to help identify picketers against

whom it wishes to interdict

The code on dismissals based on operational requirements attempts to address the controversial question of when consultation should commence with workers on proposed retrenchments. The code stresses the importance of parties starting to talk earlier rather than later to ensure a higher chance of reaching some form of consensus.

Labour department deputy director-general Les Kettleidas said perceptions over the lack of consultation on retrenchments had led to a lot of disagreement and industrial action.

The code states that consultation should take place as soon as an employer contemplated a reduction in the workforce while Buthelezi said companies should inform workers of future strategic plans once these are decided upon.

Business South Africa (BSA) Steve Lenahan said various other sections in the act, such as the establishment and function of workplace forums, made provision for such discussion.

The code will be added on to the end of schedule 8 of the act, the code of good practice on dismissals linked to conduct and incapacity



Business South Africa representative Steve Lenahan outlines business' position on the codes of good practice on retrenchments and picketing during negotiations in the National Economic Development and Labour Council yesterday.

Picture: BRETT ELOP

Police work in SA 'full of stress and very traumatic'

By Charity Bhengu (2/1)

POLICE work, by its very nature, is stressful, especially in a violent, crime-ridden society such as South Africa, a member of the Department of Social Anthropology of Natal

University said yesterday

Ms Mary de Haas said "What goes largely unnoticed, however, is the severe stress to which many police members are subjected as a result of the nature of the organisation of which they are a part"

police practice programme we came to the conclusion last year that the work experience of the police is presented in all sorts of ways

"The focus is very much on the bad apples, and for good reasons

However, we've heard very little or

practically nothing about the police as victim. This conference is to address that"

The response to the conference was overwhelming with a turnout of about 340 people - police officers, psychologists, social workers, non-governmental organisations, tertiary institutions, the Ministry of Correctional Services, the army and members of the public

Dr Danny Titus, head of the technikon's police trauma programme, said at the opening: "In our

Among other things, the conference will challenge the commonly held belief that stress and trauma are caused by events. It will also examine the attacks over the last few years on police officers which resulted in death and injury

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Inquiry told of Duarte's 'threats'

By Russel Molefe

GAUTENG safety and security department transport control officer Mrs Lerato Maruping was "threatened" by MEC Mrs Jessie Duarte after she questioned the discrepancies in a report about an accident in which Duarte had allegedly been involved

This was said yesterday to the commission of inquiry into allegations that Duarte had been involved in an accident while driving a state vehicle without a driver's licence on October 18 last year

Other allegations to be probed include corruption and mismanagement in her department

Maruping testified before the commission that Duarte's driver and bodyguard, Mr David Sons, brought a report to her on October 27 in which he stated he was the driver of the vehicle when the accident happened

This was in spite of the fact that Sons had told Maruping on two occasions that Duarte had been the driver of the vehicle on that day

Involved in the accident

"I asked him why he had stated he was involved in the accident when he had told me earlier it was the MEC," Maruping said "Sons told me there was nothing he could do as he had to protect the MEC

"I later wrote a letter to the government garage I then went to the labour relations section on November 3, where I told the officials that I had a problem (concerning the accident)"

She said Duarte later summoned her to her office through the department's deputy director-general, Mr Simon Sibeko

"In the presence of Sibeko, Duarte expressed her unhappiness about my questioning the different stories about the accident She told me she had the power to hire and fire and who did I think I was to investigate the MEC," Maruping said

She also testified that Sibeko and Duarte's spokesman, Mr Mbulelo Musi, visited her late one night and coerced her into signing a letter exonerating the MEC

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Duarte put pressure on me – official

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Maruping claims she was threatened
after questioning traffic-accident details

BY CECILIA RUSSELL
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Gauteng government official Lerato Maruping claimed yesterday that Safety and Security MEC Jessie Duarte intimidated her after she questioned the details of a traffic accident involving Duarte's official car in October last year.

Maruping was giving evidence before the Moerane commission which is looking into allegations of corruption and mismanagement in Duarte's department.

One of the issues being examined is a traffic accident involving Duarte's official car last year and allegations of a subsequent cover-up by Duarte's officials, who are alleged to have forged Maruping's signature.

Maruping told the commission she had written to Duarte's deputy director-general, Mkhabela Sibeko, telling him she was surprised that the accident report "came out stating that Sons (Duarte's bodyguard David Sons) drove the car" when "it was confirmed that the vehicle in question was driven by the MEC personally".

"Duarte was not happy about this letter (to Sibeko). She said that she had wide powers and the right to hire and fire me," she said.

"I told Sibeko she is now intimidating me. Sibeko never said anything," Maruping said.

She told the enquiry she only became aware there were two letters bearing her signature and exonerating Duarte after The Star contacted her on February 17.

She told The Star reporter that she wanted to see the two letters "because I can only remember signing one".

Maruping said she signed a letter during a late night visit to her home by Sibeko and media officer Mbulelo Musi saying she was satisfied with the explanation that Duarte's bodyguard was the driver of the official vehicle.

She said she had asked Sons why he had filled in the accident report and he said "there was nothing he can do as he had to protect the MEC".

She said she had a problem with the accident report and was advised by the labour relations department to write a letter and make sure a copy was given to a number of people.

Yesterday Duarte's advocate Reenen Potgieter reacted to commission advocate Niel de Villiers leading evidence about tendering procedures for furniture.

"Over-zealousness to get things done in time can never be dishonest and is not evidence of corruption," Potgieter said.

Furthermore, he said De Villiers had alleged Duarte was corrupt because she had not reconciled accounts relating to the daily allowance for her trip to Portugal. Potgieter said De Villiers had earlier confided in him that the commission had not found any "evidence of corruption anywhere".

Referring to Duarte's trip to Portugal, Potgieter said all allegations of corruption had centred on the allowance which enabled politicians to draw money for the trip.

Duarte had not reconciled the allowance as it was not yet year-end, Potgieter added.

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Gauteng premier wants young black men to help police

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BY HOPWELL RADEBE
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Gauteng Premier Mathole Motshega yesterday called for the establishment, in townships, of police reservist units consisting of young black males, to assist the SAPS with crime prevention.

Addressing a crime summit in Midrand, Motshega said young blacks should follow the example of their white counterparts who volunteered to watch their neighbourhood by becoming police reservists.

"I challenge young black males to stop pointing a finger at the police and allow the SAPS to train them and assist with equipment to curb the rampant crime in the townships."

He reiterated his call for the establishment of an alternative justice system to handle "a host of petty crime, juvenile, municipal and social offences."

"The entire criminal justice system has been rendered ineffective and inefficient. The SAPS and the entire criminal justice system are overburdened by the responsibility to enforce minor criminal offences."

Motshega said his provincial task team, composed of representatives from the Justice Department, the SAPS, Gauteng Business Against Crime, the legal profession, the Department of Safety and Security and the Khayalami Metropolitan Council, was proposing the restructuring of the criminal justice system.

Motshega called for the removal of municipal and minor community violations from the jurisdiction of the courts.

He said apartheid had criminalised petty crime, resulting in social disharmony including public indecency, drinking in public, general civil disobedience and even the breaking of municipal by-laws such as building regulations and breaching of business hours.

He said special municipal and community courts and corresponding police services should be established to handle petty offences.

Community courts - makgotla - would deal with juvenile offences, family squabbles and social fabric disharmony of a lesser nature which "was not

acceptable in society but was not necessarily serious crime".

He said makgotla should be established on a decentralised basis to enable communities to intervene in activities threatening their fabric and harmony.

A form of community police composed of local people organised along the lines of self-defence and self-protection units would assume the responsibility for enforcing a defined number of violations and bringing transgressors before community courts which would have powers to impose alternative sentences such as community service or issuing orders for transgressors to comply with.

Municipal courts would form a second-tier justice system responsible for enforcing

municipal by-laws and building regulations and serve as the diversion to handle appeals by transgressors against the convictions and sentences imposed by community courts.

Certain crimes should be identified for the jurisdiction of a network of community-based correctional service centres.

These centres would be manned by trained staff to deal with social and juvenile offenders diverted from the criminal justice system.

"These institutions would be used by professionals such as lawyers, social workers, psychiatrists and psychologists to gain practical experience as part of the process they would donate their expertise and services," Motshega said.

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**Popcru
members
to face
inquiry**

By Mpkeleni Duma

TWO members of the Police, Prison and Civil Rights Union (Popcru) provincial executive committee in the Free State have been suspended pending an inquiry.

Popcru national spokesman Mr Oupa Mmotesa disclosed this week that provincial chairman Mr Motete Mahlatsi and provincial secretary Mr James Mokoena had been suspended for allegedly bringing the union into disrepute.

Mmotesa was reluctant to elaborate on the suspension of the officials, fearing it might compromise the pending commission of inquiry.

Mmotesa alleged that Mokoena and Mahlatsi had breached certain codes and regulations of the organisation

He alleged that some Popcru officials in the Free State were "no longer seeing eye to eye"

According to Mmotesa, the decision to suspend the officials was taken by the union's national executive committee after a series of complaints from Popcru branches.

Both Mokoena and Mahlatsi declined to comment yesterday and said that would jeopardise their case.

They were waiting to be summoned to the inquiry in order to tell their side of the story and respond to allegations.

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Black cops in bid to arrest racism in jobs

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Policing 'hampered'
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ESTELLE RANDALL

Black officers in the South African Police Services (Saps) are due to meet today in Kimberley to decide how they can get rid of entrenched racist practices among black and white police which are hindering the fight against crime

Today's Black Officers' Forum meeting comes against the backdrop of criticism in Parliament that the slow pace of affirmative action in the police service was hampering effective policing

"The entire top management is lily-white with only a sprinkling of black faces," said Rapu Molekane, chairperson of Parliament's safety and security portfolio committee during a debate this week

His sentiment is shared by the forum, an informal network open to black officers from the level of captain up to that of deputy commissioner

Co-ordinator Mpo Mmutle said the forum was established to address discrimination in the police and to improve policing in rural areas and former black townships

Mr Mmutle, formerly an Umkhonto weSizwe member, joined the police in 1996 as director of restructuring in the Saps management services. His team provides technical support to National Commissioner George Fivaz's chief adviser, Divisional Commissioner Louis Eloff

There are about 1 200 black commissioned police officers - from captain up to deputy commissioner - and it is they who must take more responsibility for accelerating transformation in the police, argued Mr Mmutle

He said that for too long the junior ranks of the police have fought for improvements while those in senior ranks have done almost nothing

"We must address the past imbalances so that we can have better service delivery. If we don't, we'll end up with a demotivated police service," he warned



Under fire: Commissioner George Fivaz

The forum argues that there are specific issues which affect black police as victims or perpetrators of apartheid, including

- Continued prevalence of a master/servant relationship between whites and blacks in the police service

- Failure of affirmative action and redistribution of resources to formally disadvantaged communities

- Lack of representation at top management

- The fact that apartheid laws were implemented by black police, not only whites

Mr Mmutle said white officers were unable to appreciate the effects of apartheid on black police, who had helped to make the system work

"These black police cannot easily be reinstated in black areas and it's difficult for them to be placed in white areas," said Mr Mmutle

There were also problems with black police taking enough responsibility for improvements in policing and imbalances of the past

A document prepared for today's meeting points out that there are police stations staffed completely by black police, but which were not performing

These stations could not blame whites for their failure

Black officers appointed to senior positions also seemed to

have arrived in "comfortable zones" and did not help with addressing past imbalances, says the document

The management levels of director to deputy national commissioner were particularly problematic because these were the levels where most blacks "excelled in proving their allegiance to the old regime"

"If one was to close one's eyes, one would not even notice the difference between black and white," states the document

Appointment of black "tokens" was also demoralising as such people lowered the already-low management standards and were destroying professionalism of members of the police in general

"We must stop pointing fingers at whites, especially if we are not doing enough ourselves

"Black officers have the authority to make things happen," said Mr Mmutle

He was disappointed in the response to the forum from top management

"National Commissioner George Fivaz has his office about 20m away from mine, but he has never met with me, despite a request for a meeting with him from the forum"

Instead, Mr Mmutle said, Commissioner Fivaz criticised the forum through the media last year.

A statement from Commissioner Fivaz in November slammed the forum as racist and warned that it threatened to "unleash extreme tension and divisions within the Saps and also to wipe out gains made in combating racism"

"Already suggestions have been raised in reaction by angry and insulted white officers to establish a so-called White Managers' Forum," said Commissioner Fivaz

Joseph Ngoben, spokesman for Commissioner Fivaz, said he was unaware a white managers' forum had been formed in reaction to the black officers' forum which, he said, had held a meeting with Minister of Safety and Security Sydney Mufamadi

Black police urged to get their act together

By ESTELLE RANDALL

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"The entire top management is lily-white with only a sprinkling of black faces," says Rapu Molekane, chairman of Parliament's safety and security portfolio committee.

His sentiment is shared by the forum, an informal network open to black officers from the level of captain up to deputy commissioner.

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Mmutle, a former Umkhonto weSizwe member, joined the police in 1996 as director of restructuring in the SAPS's management services.

His team provides technical support to National Commissioner George Fivaz's chief adviser, Divisional Commissioner Louis Eloff.

There are 1 200 black commissioned police officers - from captain up to deputy commissioner - and it is they who must take more responsibility for accelerating transformation in the police, Mmutle argues.

He says that for too long the junior ranks have fought for improvements while senior ranks have done almost nothing. "We must address the past imbalances so that we can have better service delivery. If we don't we'll end up with a demotivated police service."

The forum argues there are specific issues which affect black police officers as victims or perpetrators of apartheid. They include:

- The continued prevalence of a master/servant relationship between whites and blacks in the police service
- Failure of affirmative action and redistribution of resources to disadvantaged communities.

■ Lack of representation at top management levels and the fact that apartheid laws were implemented by black police as well, not only whites.

Mmutle says white officers are unable to appreciate the effects of apartheid on black police who helped to make the system work.

"These black police cannot easily be reinstated in black areas and it's difficult to place them in white areas."

But, he says, there are also problems with black police not taking enough responsibility for improvements in policing and addressing past imbalances.

A document prepared for today's meeting points out that there are police stations staffed completely by black police but which are not performing. These stations could not blame whites for their failure to perform.

Black officers appointed to senior positions also seem to have arrived in "comfortable zones" and do not help with addressing past imbalances, the document says.

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particularly problematic because these are the levels where most blacks "excelled in proving their allegiance to the old regime."

The document adds "If one were to close one's eyes, one would not even

notice the difference between black and white."

It also says the appointment of token blacks is demoralising because such people lower already low management standards and is destroying the professionalism of SAPS members in general.

"We must stop pointing fingers at whites, especially if we are not doing enough ourselves. Black officers have the authority to make things happen," Mmutle says.

He is disappointed in the response to the forum from top management. "Commissioner Fivaz has his office about 20 metres away from mine but he has never met with me, despite a request."

Instead, Mmutle says, Fivaz criticised the forum through the media last year as racist and warned that it could unleash extreme tension and divisions.

Stations staffed completely by blacks cannot blame the whites for their failure to perform

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Investigation of safety ministry uncovers abuses

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AN INQUIRY into the Gauteng safety and security department has highlighted a range of irregularities, including the failure to remedy the abuse of state vehicles and to recover overpayments to an official.

The commission, conducted by internal audit director Zodwa Lekubu at the request of Gauteng director-general Vincent Mntambo, completed its work in August. Its findings have been passed on to Mntambo, with copies to safety and security MEC Jessie Duarte and her director-general, Mkhabela Sibeko.

The report states that in June last year two government vehicles were obtained without proper authorisation and used to transport safety and security staff to a funeral in Umtata.

No corrective action had been taken over the trip, which cost the government R9 605.

The report found that Duarte's department had failed to exercise proper control over state vehicles and had failed to take corrective action after at least five accidents, including the writing off a Ford Escort.

Two officials had sent written requests to the head of the department to "take steps in addressing the high accident rate in the department".

"It appears no corrective steps have been taken to date".

The commission found that the department has not been able to recover R7 224 from Joseph Banda, who had been overpaid by more than 50 hours — and in one case paid twice — while employed as an administrative secretary by the department.

Banda was employed by the safety and security department without a proper employment contract, after being dismissed from his previous job for fraud, the report disclosed.

It recommended that before appointing staff, the department study the Public Service Act.

The report also found that there had been "loopholes" in a R3,7m contract to build a police station at Midrand.

The matter had been referred to the state attorney's office, who was renegotiating the terms of the contract with the company concerned.

Lisbon denies paying for Duarte's friend

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Nomavenda Mathiane

A PORTUGUESE government official has contradicted Gauteng government claims that Portugal paid for a "friend" to accompany safety and security MEC Jesse Duarte to Portugal.

Babalazi Bulunga's participation in the visit early last year raised eyebrows in Gauteng government circles. Bulunga, an employee of multinational Gillette, has done consulting work for Duarte's department.

Duarte had also been accompanied by her spokesman, Mbulelo Musi, and deputy director of sports and recreation Gilberto Martins.

Musi said the Portuguese government had paid for Bulunga. This was

disputed by the Portuguese cultural attaché to SA, José Galaz.

Musi said Bulunga had on many occasions consulted for Duarte's department for free. Mkhabela Sibeko, a director in the safety and security department, said Bulunga was a "close friend" of Duarte's.

□ **Bonile Ngqiyaza** reports that a provincial service commission investigation has recommended that public complaints management within Duarte's department be reviewed.

The report, made public yesterday, recommended that a disciplinary inquiry be initiated into the behaviour of one of the department's three senior managers with a view to bringing charges against him after he failed to

hand over documents to investigators.

It said the individual had admitted to leaking information to outside parties, vowing to continue, with the intention of undermining public confidence in the department.

The report accused the senior manager of blackmail and recommended that he be suspended immediately.

The United Democratic Movement yesterday distanced itself from calls, issued in its name, for Duarte's resignation and accusing her of mismanagement and nepotism. UDM spokesman Bob Robertson, under whose name the statement went out, said the matter was being investigated.

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Duarte dismisses all allegations against her as a storm in a teacup

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By DEREK RODNEY

Gauteng MEC for Safety and Security Jessie Duarte maintains that allegations levelled at her by opposition parties are a storm in a teacup and that she can explain the department's actions

Charges levelled by the DP and the United Democratic Movement (UDM) range from financial mismanagement, negligence and favouritism to dubious personal travel claims and selective disciplinary practices

Some of the allegations are:

Financial mismanagement:

The Allegation:

Travel expenses incurred by officials not employed by the Department of Safety and Security for private purposes

The first incident occurred in April last year, when Duarte was invited to Portugal by the Portuguese government, which offered the department one ticket for the visit. A party of four undertook the journey, however, and the additional tickets, at R7 230 each, were paid for by the department.

The Response:

Duarte's office yesterday said the department footed the bill for consultant Babalazi Bulunga, her communication officer Mbulelo Musi, and interpreter G Martins.

Transport:

The Allegation:

Three state vehicles were ordered by consultant Joseph Banda to use as transport to a funeral in the Eastern Cape. The UDM alleges that Banda had no authority to order the vehicles and misrepresented himself as an assistant director. Petrol and travel expenses claimed amounted to R9 605.

The Response:

The outstanding cash has been recouped from the salaries of those who took the journey

Favouritism:

The Allegation:

The appointment of Duarte's personal assistant Joseph Banda to administrative secretary without a proper background check and discrepancies regarding his educational qualifications.

Banda was appointed despite his failure to mention on his application form that he had been dismissed from Group Africa in October 1994 for alleged credit card fraud. Banda was never formally charged.

Four of the 58 applicants were interviewed and Banda was appointed on the grounds that Duarte was of the opinion that he had "grown" since joining her office and was best

suited for the job

The Response:

Banda was never appointed as a consultant and, according to Musi, Duarte withdrew the recommendation for his employment when details of his past became apparent. Banda is also in the process of paying back a figure in excess of R7 000 which he was apparently overpaid.

Vehicle accidents:

The Allegation:

Duarte was involved in an accident on October 18 last year which was reported only nine days later. In a letter from the assistant director (administration), Lerato Maruping, to safety and security head of department Simon Sibeko, she (Maruping) questions the delay in reporting the accident to Johannesburg Central police station.

In this letter Maruping states that it was confirmed to her that Duarte had been driving the vehicle when the accident occurred, but when the accident report came out, the name of her driver, Richard Son, appeared in it.

However, a week later Maruping drafted a memo to Sibeko in which she stated that she was satisfied with the explanation given to the matter.

No further details were forthcoming

The Response:

Duarte was not the driver of the vehicle.

Samrand police station:

The Allegation:

Duarte authorised the building of the proposed Samrand police station in Midrand without supplying the state attorney with a draft agreement, as is required by law.

According to documentation, the department entered into a deal for the police station whereby the state would pay R3,7-million while the land would R2,03-million would be provided by Samrand.

However, state attorney A Botha last July warned against continuing with this deal because the contract had been concluded beyond the powers of the department, was void and had no legal effect. "Steps should be taken to salvage this project but it appears to me that you are at this stage proceeding along the lines of the invalid and clearly incorrect agreement," Botha said.

The Response:

Duarte did not authorise the deal. She did order that the entire deal be redrafted and called in the help of the director-general's office. The go-ahead for the project has since been given after all legal requirements were adhered to.

Various charges levelled by two parties

The knives are out for Jessie Duarte

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Safety and security MEC under pressure to resign in wake of corruption allegations

By HOPEWELL RADEBE
Political Reporter

Gauteng MEC for Safety and Security Jessie Duarte is facing pressure from ANC colleagues to resign or face an inquiry into charges of mismanagement and corruption in her department

Gauteng Premier Mathole Motshekga yesterday met senior ANC members of the provincial government, Transport MEC Paul Mashatile and Health MEC Amos Masondo, to discuss the allegations

"Obviously, the opposition parties want Jessie out of the cabinet and we cannot ignore the allegations against her and evidence brought before the premier," Mashatile, who is also ANC provincial secretary, said afterwards

He would not provide details of what was said at the meeting with Motshekga.

He said he believed the matter would be "thoroughly investigated through legal channels"

"We must respond appropriately after the investigations," Mashatile said

Motshekga later briefed the Gauteng cabinet on the charges, made by the Democratic Party and the United Democratic Movement

"Her head must roll because she has proved to be incompetent and a burden to the (provincial) government,"



Jessie Duarte ...
under fire
from some of
her ANC
colleagues.

fokeng and Local Government MEC Sicelo Shiceka, wants her out

It is understood that Shiceka, Mofokeng as well as influential forces outside the cabinet were pushing for Duarte's resignation to "avoid embarrassing Motshekga, who had expressed no desire to reshuffle the cabinet when he took office last month".

Duarte is understood to have angered Sexwale last year. He discussed with her some of the allegations that are now coming to light, and ordered the Public Service Commission to investigate earlier claims of maladministration in her department

The Star understands that the possibility of her resignation was raised at the cabinet meeting.

Sources in the ANC provincial leadership said the allegations, though untested, had "shocked the provincial cabinet meeting"

"Nothing short of Duarte's resignation would please some provincial leaders who were pro-Motshekga during the provincial leadership race," one source said

Sources said Motshekga was in a "dilemma" because he wanted to be seen uniting the ANC in the province.

"But for the sake of unity he might have to institute the inquiry and act according to its recommendations," the source said.

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Gauteng DP leader Peter Leon said

Both the DP and the United Democratic Movement have demanded her resignation, and the National Party sent a fax to President Nelson Mandela asking him to intervene. Duarte is a former personal assistant of the president

Both the DP and the UDM yesterday produced internal documents suggesting widespread mismanagement relating to government vehicles, consultants and a trip abroad

Duarte's position is further complicated because she supported Motshekga's opponents in the run-up to the election of a new premier to replace Tokyo Sexwale late last year

One group of MECs, which is understood to include Mashatile and Masondo, is backing her

They argue that an investigation should be held into the validity of the charges before any action is taken

But another group, said to include Housing MEC Dan Mo-

Contradictions emerge over Duarte delegation's trip to Portugal

Bonlie Ngqiyaza

A REPORT on a trip to Portugal undertaken by Gauteng safety and security MEC Jessie Duarte last year and a letter she wrote to premier Mahole Motshekga last Friday contradict her department's statements that Portugal paid for a friend's air fare.

In the two documents — one leaked to Business Day, and in a signed letter brought in by department officials last Friday — Duarte states that the Portuguese embassy paid Babalazi Bulungaga's fare. However, at the weekend a Portuguese government official denied that Lisbon paid for Bulungaga's R7 230 airfare.

And this week a travel agency voucher surfaced with the leaked documents, showing the department was responsible for the bill.

Yesterday The Star quoted Duarte's spokesman, Mbulelo Musi, as saying the department paid the bill for Bulungaga, Musi and an interpreter, Gilberto Martins.

Department spokesmen declined to comment on the trip yesterday, citing a gag order from the cabinet.

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Leon expressed disappointment at the response from the premier's office on the Duarte issue. "Their response, thus far is that the allegations are untested. How does he expect the issue

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Musi said safety and security officials were assessing the extent of destroyed files and missing documents following the leaks. He described the department's official documents as being in a "state of flux, with quite a number missing from the archives".
The Gauteng African National Congress (ANC) expressed support for Duarte and rejected calls for her resignation. It said it was disgusted at the assumption by the Democratic Party (DP) and other "opportunistic groupings" that she was guilty even before a court of law tried her.
The DP said it had drafted a letter to the Gauteng attorney-general asking him to investigate the circumstances of an accident Duarte is alleged to have been involved in while driving a government vehicle. DP provincial leader Peter Leon said the letter asked the attorney-general to interview Duarte's bodyguard, David Somo, whom she said was the driver, and Lerato Marring, who in a memorandum pointed out dis-

to be tested except perhaps by the full might of the law?
On the reported gag on the safety and security department by the cabinet, Leon said it would be shocking if such a ban had been imposed.
The premier's office said the DP's allegations were being considered carefully by the premier and action to be taken would be announced on Monday.

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Duarte's 'inept' secretariat slammed in report

By JACQUI REEVES

A damning report issued this week by the Gauteng Public Service Commission (GPSC) shows the province's Safety and Security Secretariat is virtually incapable of its main function - handling complaints from the public.

Hundreds of crime-related complaints and queries have not been acted on because of the poor management of the secretariat.

Details of the report were overshadowed this week when the report led to the suspension of Theo Burgers, director of support services, for his "open defiance" against the

MEC, Jessie Duarte, and his intention to act against current efforts at restructuring the secretariat. The report did, however, reveal glaring inadequacies in the secretariat's ability to handle complaints.

The GPSC said members of the complaints unit appeared uncertain about whom they should be reporting to and said none of the available management charts of the department provided a clear indication of the location of the complaints department.

The report also said functions within the secretariat were duplicated; minutes of meetings dealing with complaints were not kept; and no effective filing system existed.

resulting in files being stacked in drawers in no apparent order.

Only two individuals were seconded from the South African Police Service to work in the complaints unit, one of whom was a constable with no previous experience of managing complaints from the public.

In addition to this, only one of the two incumbents had a driving licence, often forcing both to be out at the same time, so that one could drive the other to an investigation.



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The report stated that, while there had been attempts to develop a better system, there was "no indication of an awareness, assistance, support and management from administrative leadership".

Speaking at a press conference this week, embattled Safety and Security MEC Jessie Duarte said the investigation had revealed no evidence of impropriety but had backfired against Burgers. She did, however, admit there were areas within her department which could be improved.

The Democratic Party's Peter Leon instigated the investigation by making a formal request to then-premier Tokyo Sexwale, who then initiated the GPSC's investigation.

Yesterday, Leon claimed the report was a "withering indictment of Duarte's administration".

"From the top downwards, the GPSC report reveals that the department operates in chaos, with a lack of clarity, and prevailing confusion about powers and responsibilities and the lines of accountability in the areas of public complaints."

The report has recommended that the secretariat clarify its role with respect to handling public complaints

Despite the uncertainties and tensions caused by leadership conflicts, the report said, the staff appeared to be highly motivated. But this motivation was not enough and needed to be "reflected in their willingness to take responsibility and provide leadership at various levels by taking on a more hands-on management"

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Popcru members have had enough!

By JIMMY SEPTI

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DP, UDM release dossier allegedly linking Duarte to irregularities

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Bonle Ngqiyaza

A DOSSIER alleging misuse of government funds by Gauteng safety and security MEC Jesse Duarte and an attempt to block an audit of her department was made available to the media yesterday by the Democratic Party (DP) and the United Democratic Movement (UDM) at separate conferences.

The documents, allegedly leaked by a source in Duarte's department, include a memorandum indicating that Duarte intervened to stop an audit of her department initiated by outgoing Premier Tokyo Sexwale last year.

The documents point to serious maladministration in the safety and security department. They indicate that department officials, some senior, repeatedly damaged cars in accidents and failed to report them.

One of the documents relates to a VW Jetta allegedly driven by Duarte and involved in an accident on October 18 last year. It was reported to the police only towards the end of the month.

The DP and UDM both raised the issue of the circumstances surrounding the employment of a "consultant" Joseph Banda — whose highest qualification was a Standard Eight certificate — at more than R280 000 a year.

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department His curriculum vitae fails to declare his employment with the company concerned — Group Africa.

Also in the dossier is private correspondence between the MEC and her legal adviser discussing how she should respond to the question of Banda's employment.

Musi said a provincial cabinet meeting

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Top cop backs off from Western Cape police

Andy Duffy

The top detective brought in amid huge fanfare late last year to revive crime-fighting efforts on the troubled Cape Flats spent just six weeks in Cape Town before returning to Gauteng

Police management deployed Director Ivor Human to the Western Cape last October to lead investigations into the spiralling violence, and alleged police complicity

But Human says he found nothing that would stand up in court to implicate serving, or former, police officers. He also says the Western Cape police are more than up to the task of

policing the Cape Flats

Human returned to Gauteng on December 12. Currently on sick leave with a broken arm, he says he still has to discuss with National Police Commissioner George Fiyaz whether he should return to the province.

But he adds that the Western Cape police "are very capable of doing their job. It appears things are going well down there. We came across nothing [relating to police complicity] that would substantiate anything."

Human's apparent conclusions and swift departure have surprised some elements of the local police and intelligence community. But several officials, who are convinced that

there is widespread police complicity, believe Human's investigation has merely moved into a less conspicuous phase

Human's return to Gauteng is nevertheless likely to dismay the Cape Flats's long-suffering populace, given the importance police publicly attached to Human's appointment

Fiyaz recruited Human as part of a high-level initiative, involving the president's office, to combat escalating violence in the province.

Human's appointment followed a crisis meeting involving Minister of Safety and Security Sydney Mufamadi, Minister of Defence Joe Modise and Deputy Minister of In-

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telligence Services Joe Mhlanhla

Human was previously a key member of Gauteng Attorney General Jan D'Oliveira's special investigation team, specialising in "third force" and police corruption probes

Fiyaz's office declines to specify what Human's investigation has achieved, but says "There is no finally as to the duration of Human's assignment. This is a fluid situation which requires constant evaluation"

The situation has taken an ominous turn in the first days of the New Year, with gang violence claiming at least six lives, including that of gang leader Edmund Herold. Shot on Saturday following a car

chase, Herold was standing in as leader of the powerful Americans gang, while his brother Neville (alias Jacky Lonty) sits in jail on a murder charge

Hours before Herold's killing, four people, including a 16-year-old girl, were shot dead at the Sea Point house of Hard Livings gang leader Rashied Staggie

Rivalry between the Americans and Hard Livings gangs stretches back for years. The Americans have previously been linked to the Civil Co-Operation Bureau

Western Cape serious violent crime division head, Director Leonard Knipe, says arrests for the Sea Point murders are imminent. His team believes the attack was the work of the Americans. Herold is likely to have been shot in retaliation. No early arrests are expected for that killing

Probe to look into Duarte allegations

Bonile Ngqiyaza

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AN INDEPENDENT commission of inquiry consisting of a senior lawyer and an expert on public administration, will be appointed to look into allegations of corruption and mismanagement relating to provincial safety and security MEC Jessie Duarte, premier Mathole Motshekga said yesterday.

The allegations against Duarte include driving an official car without a licence, failure to report an accident on time and unauthorised payment of an air ticket for a nongovernment worker.

Motshekga said the allegations would guide the terms of reference for the commission. The premier was speaking after a meeting of senior African National Congress (ANC) office-bearers including Paul Mashatile, Amos Masondo and Obed Bapela yesterday morning.

Motshekga said the commission would report to him at the end of the month and commissioners' names would be made public on Thursday, after the individuals to be appointed to the commission had been consulted.

He reiterated earlier ANC denials that there were no factional splits within the organisation in Gauteng. "We are united on the course of action we are announcing today," he said at the news briefing to announce the inquiry. Motshekga also criticised the theft and leakage of public documents, as "illegal and unacceptable".

"Anybody found to be doing that will be dealt with severely under the pro-

vision of the law. We call on everyone, especially some sections of the media, to act responsibly on this matter."

Motshekga confirmed that Duarte had entered a clinic for a "routine checkup", but sources indicated she was suffering from extreme stress, "possibly a nervous breakdown".

The Democratic Party (DP) yesterday welcomed the inquiry and expressed the hope commissioners appointed to the task would be truly independent, unlike those conducting an inquiry into the premier's activities.

DP provincial leader Tony Leon said while he accepted that Duarte would be considered innocent until proven guilty, he was astonished the principle had not been applied to support services director Theo Burgers.

Burgers was suspended recently on the recommendations of a public service commission inquiry pending a probe of his possible links with documents leaked from the department.

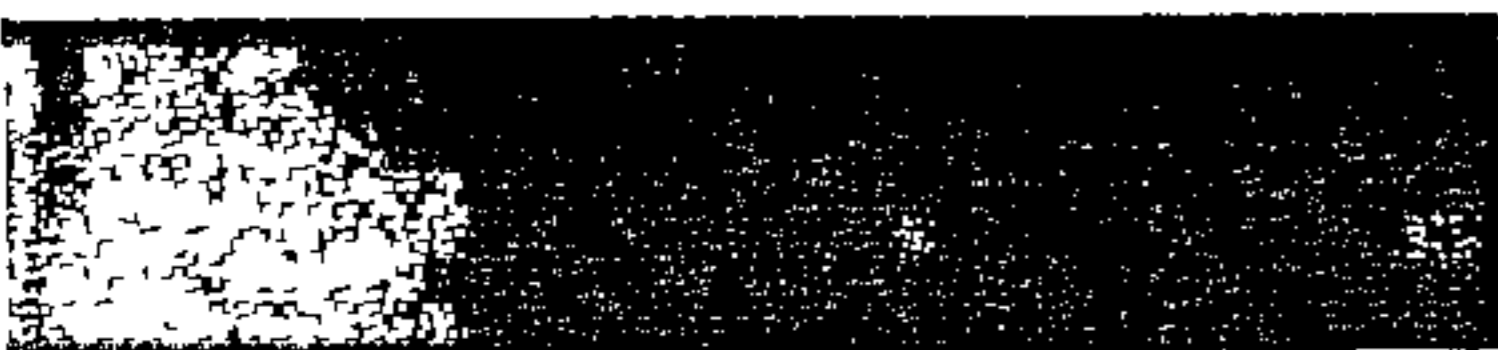
"The fact is that if the premier is loath to suspend Duarte pending the outcome of this inquiry, he should immediately lift the suspension of Burgers, whose case is intrinsically connected with that of the MEC. What is good for the gander should be good for the goose," Leon said.

The National Party criticised Motshekga for failing to consult with other opposition parties, saying it was clear that he could not differentiate between his role as ANC/SA Communist Party leader in the province and his position as premier.



Gauteng premier Mathole Motshekga in Johannesburg yesterday where he announced a two-person commission of inquiry to probe allegations of corruption and mismanagement facing safety and security MEC Jessie Duarte.

Picture ROBERT BOTHA



Row over 'mystery driver' in MEC's car crash

ARGUS CORRESPONDENT

Johannesburg - The mystery surrounding a car crash involving Gauteng's Safety and Security MEC has taken a surprise twist as officials gave a third version of who was driving at the time, no one.

The first version was alleged by the Democratic Party - that MEC Jessie Duarte was involved in an accident while driving a state vehicle on October 18 last year without a driver's licence.

The DP said she failed to report the incident until nine days later.

Version two was given last Monday, when Ms Duarte said she had been a passenger in the car and claimed that it had been driven by her bodyguard, David Sons. She refused to say whether she had a licence.

Yesterday, Gauteng Premier Mathole Motshekga announced a commission of inquiry into five allegations - including the car crash mystery - brought by the DP.

The third version of the car-crash saga followed a series of questions put to Ms Duarte by the Cape Argus's sister paper, the Star, in an attempt to clear up the contradictions between

her statement and the DP allegations.

Ms Duarte did not reply, but officials in her department said neither Ms Duarte nor Mr Sons was in the car. They alleged it was parked on the corner of Market and Rissik streets when it was hit from behind.

When Gauteng DP leader Peter Leon was told about the third version, he said: "My sources say the car was driven by Duarte."

This version also conflicts with a letter from transport controller Lera- to Maruping to security head of department Simon Sibeko saying it was "confirmed to her" that Ms Duarte had "personally" been

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The search for the driver of the minivan was the reason for the delay in reporting the accident to the police.



Under scrutiny: Jessie Duarte

Mystery of Jessie's self-drive

No one in MEC's vehicle when it was hit, according to third version of accident

Star 10/2/98
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Derek Rodney

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ANC criticises safety and security leak

Bonile Ngqiyaza

THE African National Congress (ANC) has criticised the theft of confidential government documents and opposition parties for "peddling" in public information to "score political points", saying such actions encouraged corruption in government

This follows the leak of a dossier, alleging misuse of government funds and corruption by Gauteng safety and security MEC Jessie Duarte, to the media last week by the Democratic Party (DP) and United Democratic Movement. The ANC urged public servants to heed their code of conduct and to resist attempts to draw them into acts of "corruption and criminality".

Gauteng opposition parties withdrew yesterday from meetings of the safety and security standing committee until allegations against Duarte's

department received consideration

The walkout followed a failed DP request for the committee to defer business yesterday to consider the allegations, and an unsuccessful opposition bid to get the legislature to discuss two reports at its meeting next week

The parties put the matter to a vote at the insistence of the opposition, whose combined strength of 42 votes could not match the ANC's 48

In its opposition to the DP proposal, the ANC said several committee members not in possession of the documents would be at a "disadvantage". It also raised a technical point to do with procedure in submitting documents, saying the set of documents had yet to come before the province's cabinet

DP provincial leader Peter Leon said he was disappointed with the ANC caucus's response to the documents. He argued that the public service com-

mission report had been given to Gauteng premier Mathole Motshekga last month, at about the same time it was handed to Duarte. He dismissed the ANC's point that these documents still had not been tabled to the cabinet, saying they were public knowledge

Committee chairman and Gauteng ANC deputy secretary Obed Bapela said the ANC saw it as a "pointless exercise" to institute a parallel process to the independent commission of inquiry Motshekga announced this week

He criticised the walkout, saying it would have a negative impact on the technical work of the committee

The National Party said the premier's investigation was his prerogative as it affected a member of his cabinet, an issue which should not affect the oversight role the committee had to play on behalf of the legislature in terms of the constitution

Opposition in walkout over Duarte debate

Star 11/2/98
BY CECILIA RUSSELL

Gauteng Reporter

Opposition parties yesterday staged a walkout of the Gauteng public safety and security portfolio committee after the majority ANC refused to allow a debate on corruption allegations against MEC Jessie Duarte

The walkout by the Democratic Party, the Pan Africanist Congress, the National Party, the Inkatha Freedom Party and the Freedom Front followed a heated debate during which the parties failed to reach agreement on whether the committee should discuss the matter

While the opposition parties wanted the matter discussed as a matter of urgency, the ANC wanted it delayed until the independent commission looking into the allegations has tabled its findings at the end of the month.

The committee will now not be able to function for at least two weeks because it will not have the necessary six members required to form a quorum.

A fracas broke out soon after

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the DP's leader in Gauteng, Peter Leon, asked that the normal agenda be suspended so that the committee could discuss the Gauteng Provincial Service Commission report into the safety and security department and the documents containing allegations of mismanagement and corruption against Duarte

Leon said the commission's report "was a damning indictment of the management of the department of safety and security". He argued that the allegations against Duarte were already in the public arena, as they had been given to the Premier Mathole Motshengka and the media, and should therefore be discussed by the committee in terms of their duty to monitor the MEC and her department

Opposition parties accused the ANC of taking "refuge in technicalities" and demanded that the matter go to a vote

When the combined opposition lost the vote 42 to 48, Danie Bischoff (FF) announced they would no longer participate in the committees until such time as "we have the opportunity to discuss this matter"

'I'm being smeared,' says Duarte

Sechaba ka'Nkosi

Embattled Gauteng MEC for Safety and Security Jessie Duarte came out this week with guns blazing in a bid to clear her name from what she calls a "smear campaign" against her.

In an exclusive four-hour interview with the *Mail & Guardian* at her Johannesburg home, Duarte said while she was willing to cooperate with the two-person task team appointed by Premier Mathole Motshega on Monday to probe the allegations, she would not apologise for what she had done — even if it costs her her job.

"I am going to the commission and I will answer everything I am asked. If I am guilty, I am prepared to pay. But I am not going to resign," said Duarte.

Opposition parties called for her resignation or suspension last week. Charges levelled against her include driving an official government car without a valid driver's licence and failing to report in time that her car was involved in an accident.

She is also accused of employing an underqualified consultant at nearly R300 000 a year, and of buying an unauthorised air ticket to Portugal for a friend who is not a government employee.

Duarte unleashed scathing criticism at officials in the Gauteng provincial government's civil service — particularly its Director General, Vincent Mtshambo, and her department's suspended director of support services, Theo Burgers. She acknowledged there were ad-



Jessie Duarte: Won't apologise

A matter of fact

A headline in the February 6 to 12 edition of the *Mail & Guardian* — "Lover's trip damns Duarte" — implied it was a fact that Babalazi Bulunga was the lover of Jessie Duarte. The *M&G* places on record that the article merely reported that the allegation had been made, and it was not proven. We apologise to Duarte and Bulunga for any embarrassment or hurt caused by the headline.

ministrative irregularities in her department, but argued that documents leaked to the media last week

were carefully selected to give a one-sided story aimed at undermining her in the run-up to the elections next year.

To prove her innocence, Duarte produced further documents which she pledged to hand in to the commission to illustrate why she took certain decisions.

The documents support Duarte's assessment that:

- An internal inquiry cleared her of any suspicions regarding the accident, and accepted that the car was driven by her driver and bodyguard, David Sons. She acknowledges the accident was reported to the police nine days later — two days later than officially required — but a departmental accident report form was completed by Sons. Lerato Moruping, who had asked in a memo leaked to the press who had driven the vehicle, subsequently wrote that she was satisfied with Sons's explanation.

- Payment for the trip to Portugal was sanctioned by former premier Tokyo Sexwale and the provincial treasury. The purpose of the trip, according to Duarte's documents, was to allay fears in Portugal about a spate of killings of Portuguese citizens in Gauteng.

- An investigation into the employment of controversial consultant Joseph Banda was conducted by Burgers only after Duarte recommended that he be employed by the department on a full-time basis. Banda holds a standard eight certificate, but Duarte said he was one of the most useful employees in her department. Once Burgers informed her of problems with Banda's past,

she took action.

Said Duarte about the car accident: "I find it a bit ridiculous that [Democratic Party leader in Gauteng] Peter Leon can ask for my driver's licence while I hardly drive. I hold a very sensitive portfolio and I know I'm vulnerable. I am a security risk."

The one question that brought an emotional response is the nature of her relationship with Babalazi Bulunga, the man who went along on the Portugal trip.

She said she met Bulunga in 1995, during the violence on the East Rand. They worked together with other comrades in demobilising the ANC's self-defence units and the self-protection units of the Inkatha Freedom Party. A prominent human resource executive, he has done voluntary work for her department ever since.

"I still think I did the right thing [in taking him to Portugal]. I took people who understood the issues and who went there and reported back. In fact, ever since we started working with the Portuguese community, there have not been any killings. To me that is a success."

Burgers was responsible for keeping all the department's records and personal files. Yet days before he was suspended, sensitive files and records disappeared from the department.

The internal investigation noted that Burgers boasted he was in possession of documents which constituted "proof" of impropriety and misconduct of senior members in the department.

In an apparent reference to Burgers on Monday, Motshega said his

government was considering pressing criminal charges against individuals who steal state documents. "The theft and leakage of public documents is illegal and unacceptable. Anybody found to be doing that will be dealt with severely under the provisions of the law," he warned.

Duarte said she was not directly involved with Banda's employment and remuneration. She motivated for him to be employed as a permanent employee because he was "efficient". It was only then that a background check was done on him. When his past employment record was brought to her attention, she fired him immediately, although she was not happy with the decision.

"Banda was one of the most hard-working people we had in the department. We were all sorry to lose him, but I had to act because he did not disclose his previous employment. But I think if Banda was white, his qualifications would not have been an issue. What hurt most is that the democracy we fought for hurts the victims most."

Duarte said while she is not happy with the publicity she has received in the past few days, she is not bitter. When she expressed reservations about Motshega's nomination for the premiership, she was only exercising her democratic right.

"Perhaps my weakest point is that I refuse to be blackmailed. I am not scared of dealing with issues, and that is what people probably have a problem with," she said.

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New claim as commission to probe Duarte is established

BY CECILIA RUSSELL

Within hours of a commission of inquiry being established to investigate allegations against Jessie Duarte, a new claim has been made that her son was involved in a high-speed car chase and a shootout last year while driving a state vehicle.

"It is beyond belief that the MEC's son used a state-owned vehicle in a high-speed car chase and shooting," said Peter Leon, Democratic Party leader in Gauteng.

The DP said in a statement that Yusha Duarte (23) and his girlfriend, identified only as R Desai, were driving at midnight on August 15 last year in Horison on the West Rand in a state-owned vehicle, registration BBP766GP.

They allegedly had an altercation with another motorist, G A Mutlanyana, and the incident resulted in a 15km car chase down Ontdekkers Road, during which a police car also gave pursuit. During the chase,

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Mutlanyana allegedly fired shots at the state vehicle.

The car, a green VW Jetta, is believed to be the same vehicle that Jessie Duarte was alleged to have been driving when it was involved in an accident on October 18 last year.

Mary Martins, police spokesman for the West Rand, confirmed that Yusha Duarte was driving a state-owned vehicle but could not confirm details of its number plate.

She said Mutlanyana would appear in the Roodepoort Magistrate's Court on March 6 on charges of drunken driving.

■ Gauteng Premier Mathole Motshekga yesterday named the two commissioners who will investigate allegations against Duarte. The commission will be led by advocate Marumo Moerane, who will be assisted by the chairman of the National Public Service Commission, Professor Stan Sangweni.

The commission is to start its work on Monday and report back to the premier on February 28.

Mounting fears for the thinning blue line

Policemen slain for guns they had no chance to use

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YVETTE VAN BREDA

AT least six Cape Town policemen have died at the hands of criminals in a recent spate of attacks and police are concerned that they are increasingly becoming easy targets

"It is alarming that so many policemen killed and injured in such a short time," said Senior Superintendent John Sterrenberg.

At least six policemen had been killed and four seriously wounded in the past five months

It appeared the motive was often to get their weapons, Sterrenberg said

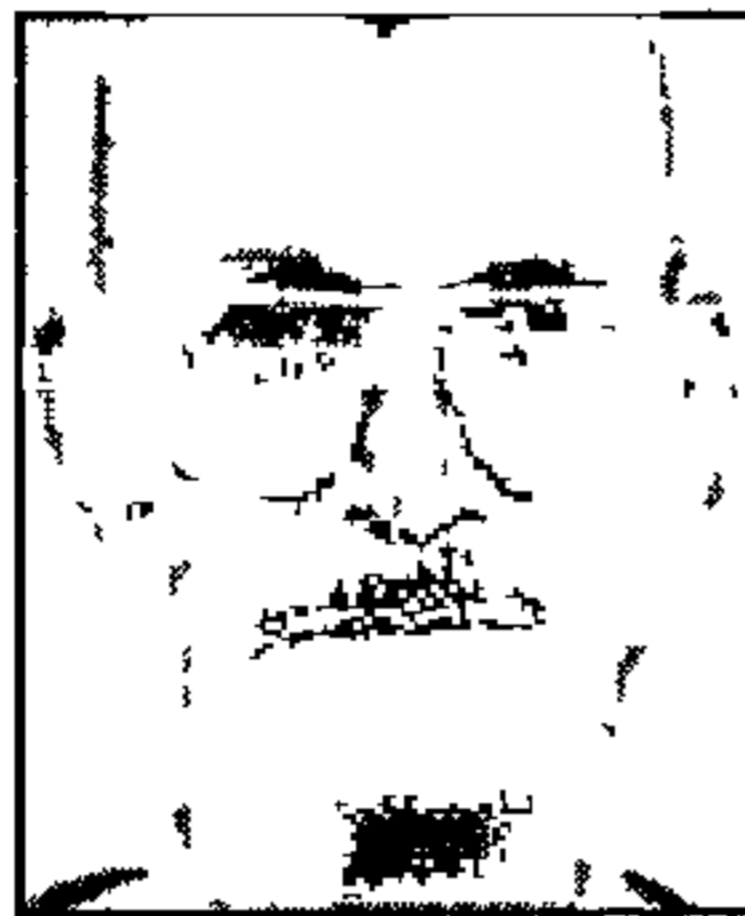
"There are a lot of people out there who want illegal guns. They are in demand on the black market and can be exchanged for any other commodity like drugs, cash or contraband," he said.

Policemen were easy targets, especially when patrolling alone, he said.

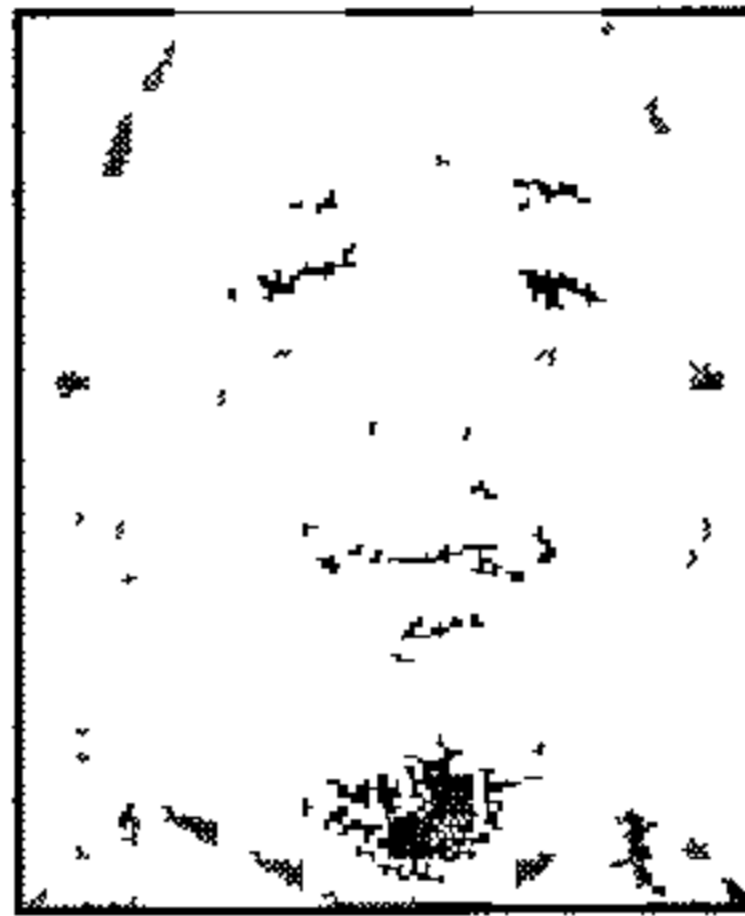
"Police officers cannot be expected to have their firearms constantly at the ready"

Several policemen came under fire during this week's gang warfare in Manenberg

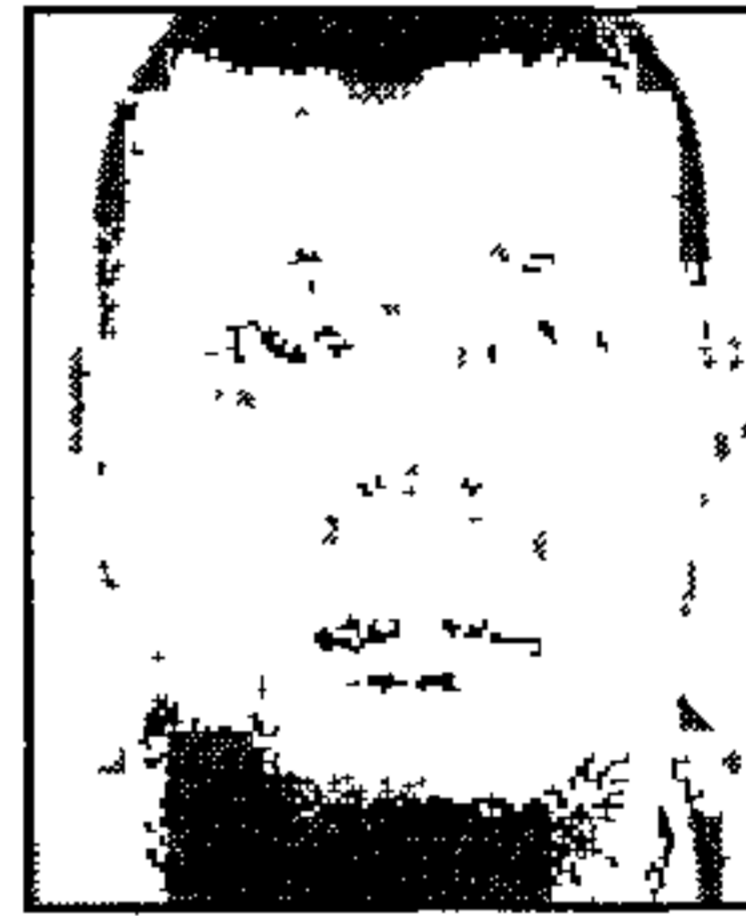
The recent murder in the force was that of Constable Tsukelo Ncoza, who was shot dead at a satellite station at the Imarika shopping centre in Philippi on February 9



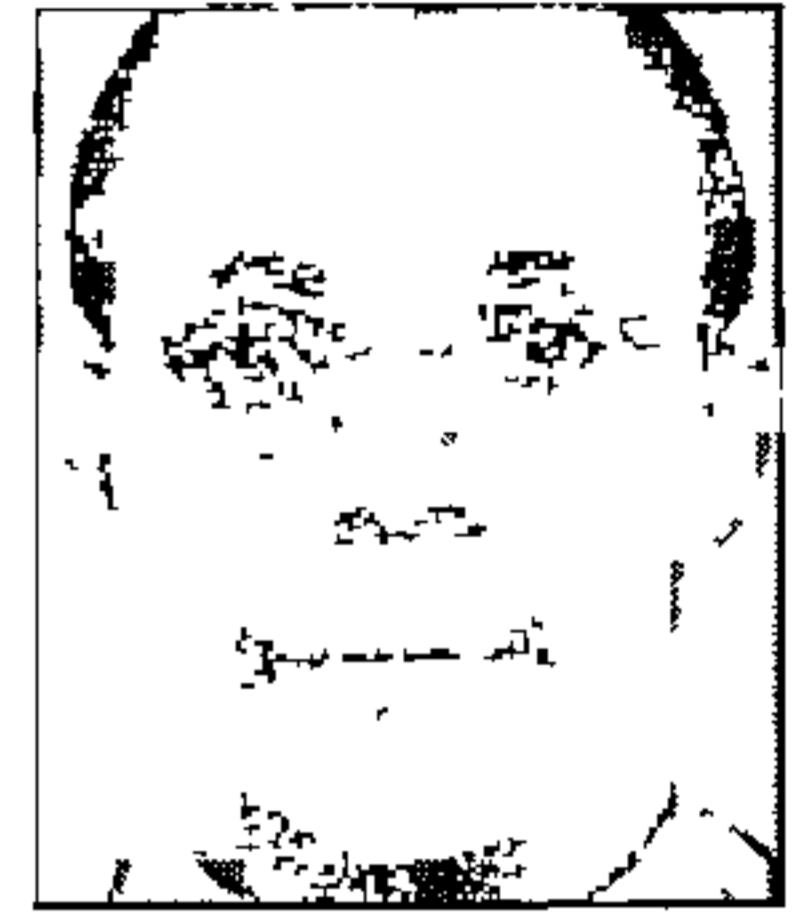
CAUGHT IN ROBBERY:
Okkie van Rensburg



CHANCE ENCOUNTER:
Aubrey Stanley



STATION SHOOTING:
David Scheepers



SITTING TARGET: J J Grobbelaar

He was the second policeman to have died there. Constable Lungile Nelson Sijobo, 45, was shot dead on November 29 by robbers apparently intent on stealing his service pistol

On January 16, Sergeant J J Grobbelaar of the Alien Investigation Unit was shot in Crossroads as he waited in his patrol van for a colleague. Grobbelaar's killers took his firearm

On the same day, Inspector Okkie van Rensburg was shot

dead in Bonteheuwel during a robbery at the post office

Constables Aubrey Stanley and David Scheepers were shot dead on their way to a rugby game on September 21 when they questioned three suspicious-looking men at a station

In July, Sergeant Mbambeleli Zanekele was shot dead as he stepped outside the Langa police station

Several policemen have narrowly escaped death. Murder

and robbery Detective Constable Mbongeni Nongauza is unconscious and paralysed in hospital. He was shot last Thursday night

In November, Captain Neville Mahla was shot in the head during gang fighting in Manenberg

On November 14, Sergeants Jaco Swart and Marius Jansen van Rensburg were wounded in Durban Road, Bellville

A reward of R250 000 is offered for information on the killers

Three cops expelled as crime grips Parliament

HENRY LUDSKI

THREE policemen have been booted out of Parliament after being linked to the theft of computers worth tens of thousands of rands

One, a sergeant attached to the National Protection Services, has signed a written confession implicating two of his colleagues in the crimes last year

A Western Cape police spokesman this week confirmed that the three policemen had been transferred to duties at ministerial complexes in Rondebosch, Cape Town, pending a decision by the Cape Attorney General, Frank Kahn, on whether to prosecute

Crime in Parliament dropped during the end-of-year recess, encouraging police and officials to believe the problem was under control. But thieves have struck with a vengeance this year

● On January 28, thieves broke into the car of a policeman attached to the VIP protection unit metres away from the presidential parking area.

● On February 3, a cellphone was stolen from Tuynhuys, the President's

office, and four incidents of theft and vandalism were reported to the police.

● On Tuesday, an expensive CD-shuttle system was stolen from the car of a National Council of Provinces member, Mohammed Bhabha, while it was parked in Parliament's garage on Stalplein.

● A few hours later, while veteran politician Dave Dalling was in the National Assembly, a thief stole a cellphone out of his briefcase in his office.

● On the same day, a policeman smashed an entrance door to Parliament off its hinges, and

● IFP National Council of Provinces member Geoffrey Bhengu arrived back in Cape Town for the opening of Parliament to find someone had broken into his car, parked at Stalplein

The superintendent of Parliament Buildings, Themba Nkosi, confirmed on Friday that a staff member, Ferdinand Jules, had been dismissed this week after being found guilty of breaking and entering. He is the fourth parliamentary worker to be dismissed in the past year for a criminal offence

Shocked MPs are now appealing to the Speaker of Parliament, Frene Ginwala, for greater protection

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Duarte given a chance to clear her name

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A commission, set up by Gauteng premier

Mathole Motshekga, will begin its task today

By **CECILIA RUSSELL**

The next two weeks will determine whether Jessie Duarte, Gauteng MEC for safety and security, can survive the political storm that has broken out around her. Opposition parties have called allegations of graft and mismanagement made about her damning, Duarte has dismissed it all as a "storm in a teacup" and a "smear campaign".

Today, a commission of inquiry set up by Gauteng premier Mathole Motshekga will attempt to establish the truth of several allegations made against Duarte.

The difficulty of the task before the commissioners is compounded by the many versions of events that have surfaced in the wake of some of the allegations made. There are, for example, several versions to the high-speed car chase and shootout in Horison on the West Rand in August, in which Duarte's son Yasha is implicated.

Yasha denied in a Sapa report that he was on a joyride or driving the vehicle, saying he was running an errand for his

mother when they were allegedly shot at by a drunk, gun-wielding motorist. This is contradicted by a statement by the ANC which says that Duarte had reprimanded her son following the accident.

This is the same state vehicle which was involved in an accident in October. Various statements have put Duarte, who does not have a driving licence, behind the wheel of the

Conflicting reports will be reviewed by inquiry

car at the time of the accident, or that her bodyguard, David Sons, was driving the car and, that the car was parked in the Johannesburg city centre at the time of the accident.

Yesterday it was reported that the department failed to follow proper tendering procedure when ordering R100 000 worth of furniture for Duarte's new office in December 1996 and January last year. Admin-

istrative head of department Simon Sibeko apparently had asked that tendering regulations be relaxed because of the growth of staff in the department.

The commission has been charged with investigating the circumstances of the appointment of Joseph Banda at an annual salary of R300 000. Banda was unqualified for the job and had failed to disclose at the time of his appointment that he had been dismissed by a previous employer for alleged fraud.

Also to come under scrutiny will be the trip to Portugal by Duarte's "friend", Babalazi Bulunga. Duarte said the trip had been paid for by the Portuguese government but documents leaked to the media show that her department had paid for the trip. What was the nature of the consulting work which Bulunga apparently did for the department "free of charge"?

The commission will be led by advocate Marumo Moerane, who will be assisted by the chairman of the National Public Service Commission, Professor Stan Sangweni.

Shock claim hits embattled Jessie Duarte

Intricate cover-up alleged

APR 17/2/98
ARGUS CORRESPONDENT

Johannesburg – A senior Gauteng official has made a shocking new claim, accusing officials of Safety and Security MEC Jessie Duarte of an intricate cover-up designed to save her political career.

The alleged cover-up involves the forced signing of a backdated letter and the apparent forging of a signature

Last night Gauteng transport officer Lerato Maruping confirmed her signature on the letter exonerating Ms Duarte "was definitely a forgery".

Ms Maruping claimed in an affidavit submitted to an official inquiry in Johannesburg yesterday that two of Ms Duarte's officials, Mbulelo Musi and Mkhabela (Simon) Sibeko, bullied her into signing the letter, dated November 11, 1997, on February 4 this year.

The November 11 letter quotes Ms Maruping as saying she was satisfied that Ms Duarte's bodyguard, David Sons, was driving Ms Duarte's official car when it was involved in an accident in central Johannesburg on October 18.

Opposition parties are claiming Ms Duarte was driving and that she failed to report the accident within 24 hours – a claim Ms Duarte has denied. Her department has produced the November 11 letter to back the claim.

But Ms Maruping claimed Messrs Musi and Sibeko visited her late at night to coerce her to sign the backdated letter.

Her affidavit was submitted yesterday on the first day of an inquiry appointed by Gauteng Premier Mathole

Motshekga to probe opposition party claims that Ms Duarte mismanaged her department.

In a bizarre twist to the saga, The Star newspaper was faxed a letter allegedly signed by Ms Maruping four hours before Mr Musi and Mr Sibeko allegedly obliged her to sign the November 11 letter at her home in Kagiso on the West Rand at 10pm on February 4.

The signature on the faxed letter is markedly different to the signature which, Ms Maruping claims, she made under duress. The apparent forgery suggests that her staff were engaged in rearguard action designed to protect Ms Duarte.

At her Kagiso home last night, Ms Maruping examined both copies of the letter and said the copy faxed to the Star was "a forgery" and not signed by her.

In her affidavit presented yesterday, Maruping alleges. "On Wednesday February 4 at about 10pm, my mother Elena Lekalakala woke me up saying that my colleagues came to see me.

"She indicated that she was reluctant to wake me up that hour, but upon their insistence, did so. When I came out of my bedroom into the lounge, Mr Simon Sibeko, the head of department, and Mr Mbulelo Musi, media liaison officer to the MEC, were already sitting in my lounge.

"They asked me to do a special favour as they were under pressure and had a deadline for 11pm that evening as The Star newspaper was waiting for their response. They had a letter that was typed and backdated to the 11th November 1997."

Police union in protest march

Ston 17/2/98
A group of police officers belonging to the Police and Civil Rights Union (Popcu) marched to the offices of the Johannesburg Police Commissioner Sharma Maharaj this morning. They were protesting against disciplinary action taken against 19 colleagues charged with mutiny.

The 19 members of the public order policing unit, formerly the stability unit from Q base in Alexandra, were charged after they locked gates of the base during a protest in March last year - Staff-Reporter

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JESSIE DUARTE



PROBE EXCLUSIVE

Mr. Maruping

This is the signature on a letter faxed to The Star at 6.19pm on February 4. Last night the alleged writer Lerato Maruping told The Star her signature had been forged.

Mr. Maruping

This is the signature on a similar letter Maruping claims she was forced to sign four hours later by two of Maruping's aides. Maruping says in a sworn affidavit this letter is "null and void".

Star exposes forgery scandal

One signature was forged, the other obtained under duress in late-night drama, says official

By Cecilia Russell
AND Tero Mthembu

A Star investigation has uncovered an intricate, cover-up designed to save Gauteng Safety and Security MEC Jessie Duarte's political life.

First Duarte's aides, under pressure to answer questions from The Star, sent the newspaper an alleged forged letter apparently signed by an official

exonerating her from a car crash scandal.

Then four hours later, at 10pm, the aides faxed Maruping a letter that was the same as the one she had signed up and down, but with the same, except for two technical differences.

These allegations came to light yesterday on the first day of an inquiry appointed by Gauteng Premier Mathole Motshega to probe opposition

party claims that Duarte mismanaged her department.

One of the allegations is that Duarte was driving an official car, the vehicle without a licence when it was involved in an accident in October last year.

Last night Gauteng transport officer Lerato Maruping confirmed that the signature on the letter faxed to The Star on February 4 at 6.19pm was a forgery.

She claimed in an affidavit

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that two of Duarte's officials Mbelelo Musi and Mkhabela (Simon) Sibeko, had bullied her into signing the letter on February 4 this year and that this was backdated to November 11.

The November 11 letter quotes Maruping as saying she is satisfied that Duarte's bodyguard, David Sons, was driving Duarte's official car when it was involved in an accident on October 18.

Opposition parties are claiming that Duarte was driving the car at the time of the accident - a claim Duarte has denied. They also claim that she did not have a licence at the time of the accident.

Her department, questioned by The Star then produced the November 11 letter to back Duarte's claim. The letter was allegedly sent by Maruping to Sibeko, deputy director-general of the secretariat for safety and security to state that she was satisfied with the explanation that the bodyguard and not Duarte had been driving. Earlier she had asked Sibeko to probe contradictions in versions of the accident.

The signature on the faxed letter is markedly different to the signature which, Maruping claims, she later made under duress. The apparent forgery suggests that staff were engaged in rear-guard action designed to protect Duarte.

At home last night, Maruping examined both copies of the letter and said the copy faxed to The Star was a forgery and not signed by her.

In her affidavit Maruping said, "On Wednesday February 4 at about 10pm, my mother Elena Leikalakala woke me up, saying that my colleagues came to see me.

"She indicated that she was

'Jessie Duarte's aides plotted cover-up'

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"They asked me to do a spe-

during 1997

"I was under duress, and intimidated by their presence, for this reason I have signed the letter.

"On the 5th February 1998 at around 8am, Mr Sibeko handed me a letter dated the 10th November 1997 which stated that he had consulted with David Sons and he confirmed he

Sibeko approached me in my office and begged me to stick to the content of the letter dated 11 November."

Closer examination of the letter submitted to the commission, and the one received by The Star on February 4 in response to an urgent query on the accident, shows the letters differ in at least three ways.

This memorandum serves to inform the DDG that the clarity needed in connection with an accident which occurred on the 18th October 1997.

First discrepancy ... "clarity needed in connection" in 4pm letter (top), "clarity needed by myself" in 10pm version.

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"They had a letter that was typed and backdated to the 11th November 1997. This letter stated something to the effect

drove the car on the day of the accident.

"All this was done under duress and since I have been unfairly and unjustifiably charged and tried twice in 1997, I was scared for further victimisation in this regard.

"Therefore I thought it fit to

First, Maruping's signature differs; second, in the one letter, Maruping is referred to as the "Local Transport Control Officer", but the letter faxed to The Star calls her "Local Transport Officer"; and third, there is a difference in the wording.

Maruping told The Star last

From : Ms Lerato Maruping
Local Transport Officer

From : Ms Lerato Maruping
Local Transport Control Officer

Second discrepancy ... from "Transport Officer" at 4pm (left) to "Local Transport Officer" at 10pm.

that I misconstrued the facts in my letter to Mr Sibeko of the 3rd November 1997 regarding the MEC's involvement in an accident.

"They further mentioned that I must not worry as I have the full support of the head of department and the MEC, and apologised for the treatment and what had happened to me

give the HOD, Mr Mkhabela (Sibeko), my co-operation.

"I further state that I cannot live with my conscience if I am going to remain silent and allow myself to be manipulated. I therefore declare the letters dated 10th and 11th November 1997 null and void.

"I also wish to state that today, February 10 1998, Mr

night she was "absolutely sure" Musi and Sibeko visited her on February 4.

Musi yesterday refused to comment on the allegations, saying the matter was sub judice and that he would make a submission to the commission. Laughing hysterically, Musi said: "Actually, it's laughable".

Ms Lerato Maruping
Local Transport Control Officer
Secretariat for Public Safety and Security
Gauteng Province

LERATO MARUPING (MRS)
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: ADMINISTRATION
LOCAL TRANSPORT CONTROL OFFICER

Difference ... the February 4 version and Maruping's normal style used in her letters on the right.

17 Alexandra officers to face hearing over mutiny

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By MBANGWA XABA

21/12/98
A total of 17 Alexandra policemen will tomorrow appear before what is believed to be the first disciplinary hearing into a mutiny in the South African police force

The hearing was supposed to be heard yesterday but was postponed to tomorrow.

The 17, all from Kew Base in Alexandra, last year locked the station commissioner and other senior white officers out of the base during a protest against alleged racist attitudes of senior white officers

Black policemen accused all the white officers who were locked out of being racist. The standoff was eventually defused by a delegation from the provincial commissioner's office.

Several Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union members yesterday held a protest demonstration outside the commissioner's office in Braamfontein.

Popcru's Gauteng provincial secretary James Makapane said the hearing was unjustified because it pre-empted the implementation of the recommendations of the Moseneke Commission

The commission was appointed in April last year to investigate, among other things, the racism claims against some members of the service.

"The Moseneke Commission recommended that the white officers should be charged criminally. Instead of doing that, Gauteng police commissioner Sharma Maharaj is charging our members who were involved in legitimate protest action," he said

The hearing will be held at Johannesburg Central police station.

DP calls for talks on 'damning report' on security department

Bonnie Ngqiyaza

THE Democratic Party (DP) intends requesting the Gauteng safety and security standing committee to suspend ordinary business at its meeting tomorrow for an urgent discussion on a "damning report" on the safety and security department.

Gauteng DP leader Peter Leon said at the weekend the party had been vindicated by a report on the security department for the way in which public complaints against the SA Police Services (SAPS) had been handled.

Leon said an investigation by the provincial services commission had revealed such "gross incompetence and inefficiency" that he would request the committee to suspend ordinary business at its meeting to enable members to discuss the report.

The investigation followed an unsuccessful motion by Leon to the Gauteng legislature in November last year for an independent commission of inquiry to probe MEC Jesse Duarte's alleged inability to monitor and oversee the department's work, particularly unresolved public complaints. In response, then premier Tokyo Sexwale initiated the public services commission investigation.

"The complaints, forwarded by the DP since the provincial government took office over three years ago, included a number of tragic murders about which family and friends of the victims were desperately seeking progress reports on police investigations," Leon said.

He said his attempts to assist by requesting information from Duarte's staff were ignored. "This was utterly shameful, given those demanding justice were already suffering enormous grief and trauma."

Leon said the report was a indictment on Duarte's administration. "The department's complaints unit receives between 100 and 150 calls a day, 12 walk-in complaints and a few faxes, but according to the report, it is incapable of even recording complaints accurately, let alone resolving them."

From the top down, the report showed that the department operated in chaos, with a lack of clarity about powers and responsibilities and the lines of accountability in the area of public complaints.

"It also acknowledges my longstanding suspicion that the secretariat is neglecting its overall mandate to monitor the functioning of the SAPS in this province," Leon said.

He said it was inexcusable that in the crime capital of the world, members of the public had no recourse to the provincial government, particularly when the responsible department received R25m of taxpayers' money annually.

Gauteng premier Mathole Moshale will today make an announcement on the course of action to deal with allegations of financial mismanagement, favouritism and corruption in Duarte's department.

Meanwhile, Gauteng communications director Noel Ndlovu could not confirm reports that a gag order had been imposed on the safety and security department by the provincial cabinet.

The department also denied at the weekend that Duarte had suffered a mild stroke and had been admitted to a clinic in Johannesburg on Thursday. Spokesman Mongezi Mnyani said Duarte had been in Cape Town on Friday for the opening of Parliament.

"We have not heard anything of that nature as far as we know, the MEC is in a good condition," he said.

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Duarte's driver backs out

(25) (21) *revelation 19/2/98*
 GAUTENG safety and security MEC Mrs Jessie Duarte's driver said on Tuesday night he was not driving her official car when it was involved in an accident

And yesterday it was announced that safety and security director Mr Theo Burgers' suspension, which forms part of an investigation into Duarte, had been lifted

Burgers was suspended on February 1 after allegations that he was unwilling to work with Duarte

Driver Mr David Sons retracted an earlier statement that he was driving the car when the accident happened in

October last year

The accident is one of several issues being investigated by a two-man commission appointed by Gauteng Premier Mathole Motshekga. The issues include allegations of mismanagement in Duarte's department

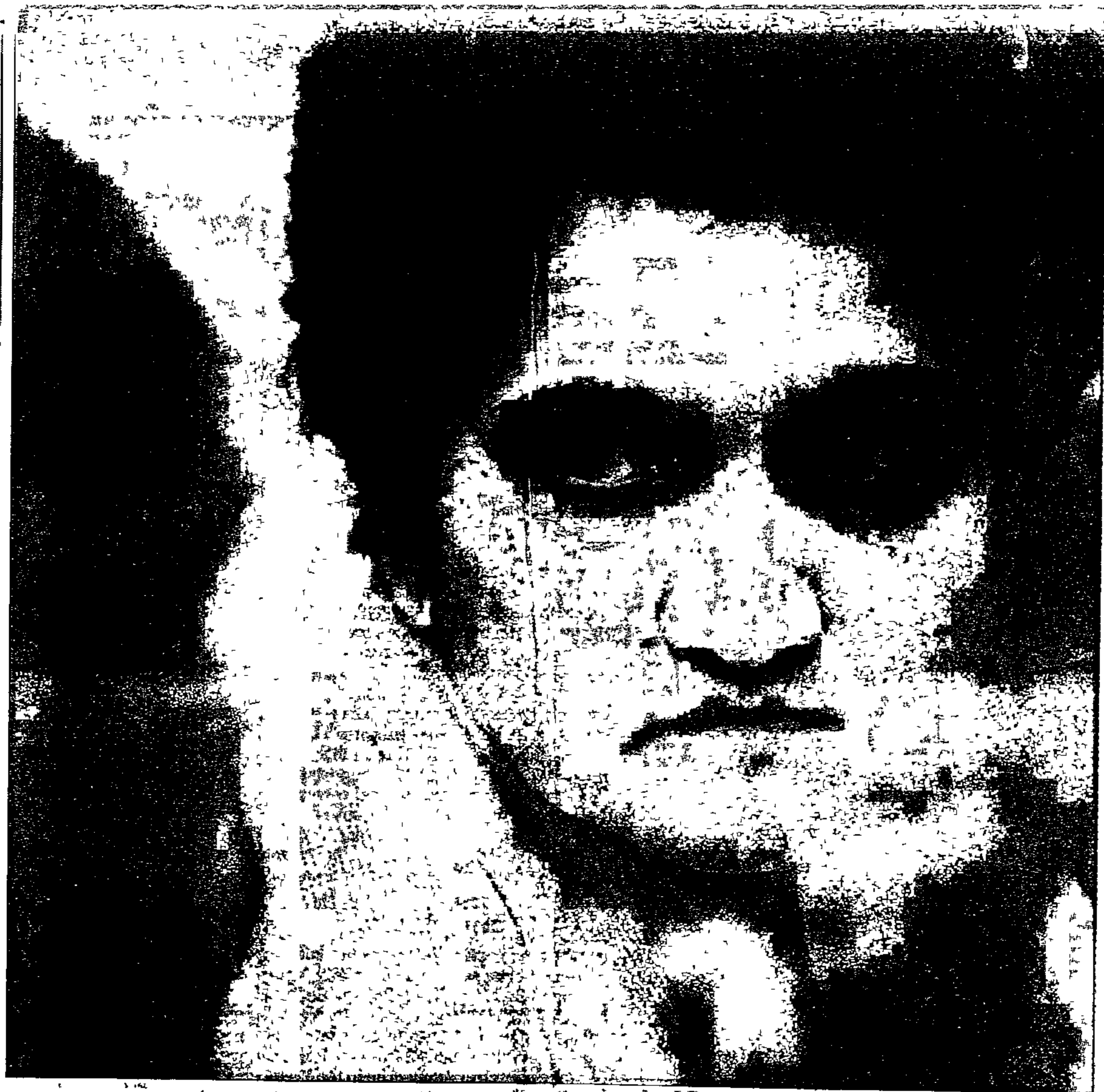
Duarte's spokesman Mr Mongezi Mnyani said yesterday Sons' retraction would be used to prove to the commission there was a conspiracy against Duarte and her department

He said Sons' pocketbook showed he was at work on the day of the accident and that he noted being involved in a crash

Mnyani said Sons had claimed overtime for working on a weekend and was paid

"The department views the retraction as confirmation of a conspiracy against it and we will be bringing this to the attention of the commission," Mnyani said

The state attorney wrote to Motshekga to say Burgers' suspension was unlawful. Motshekga's spokesman, Mr Makhosini Nkosi, said the premier met provincial director-general Mr Vincent Mntambo and Duarte on Tuesday and they agreed to lift the suspension - *Sapa*



Beleaguered ... Jessie Duarte at yesterday's hearing of a commission of inquiry into alleged mismanagement at her department?

I lied about driving Duarte's car, says bodyguard

By **CECILIA RUSSELL**
Political Staff

Gauteng Safety and Security MEC Jessie Duarte's bodyguard has admitted to lying in an accident report in which he said he was the driver of her state vehicle when it was involved in an accident in October.

On the second day of the official inquiry into allegations of mismanagement against Duarte, Edmund Wessels, acting for safety and security departmental head Theo Burgers, said the bodyguard, David Sons, had admitted in an affi-

davit that he had made a false declaration that he was the driver of the vehicle.

"On about February 4, I attended a meeting. Present were Mrs Duarte, Lerato Maruping, Mr (Mbulelo) Musi, Korenza Millard and myself.

"Before Lerato Maruping joined us, Mrs Duarte asked me why I made a false declaration.

"I again explained to her that it was in order to have the vehicle fixed.

"She asked me if she had put pressure on me to do so, and I confirmed that she had not put pressure on me."

Duarte claimed at a press

briefing this month that she was in the car, driven by Sons, when it was hit from behind by a taxi.

This statement from Sons was read into the commission record when Wessels was asked by the commission's chairman, advocate Marumo Moerane, why the archives in the safety and security department should be sealed.

Wessels argued that the sealing of records would ensure there were no further attempts at interference.

"As long as (deputy director-general Simon) Sibeko or Mr Musi are still allowed to roam

around on the premises of the safety and security department, you have no guarantee that there will be no interference."

Peter Leon, representing the Democratic Party, read from an affidavit of Maruping's saying that Duarte had threatened her Duarte had told Maruping that "if she didn't behave herself she would be fired", Leon said.

Sapa reports that Duarte's spokesman Mongezi Mnyani yesterday said Sons' retraction would be used to prove to the commission there was a conspiracy against Duarte and her department

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Stress and trauma among local officers are almost certainly more severe than in other forces elsewhere in the world. Now experts are trying to find ways to make our policemen's lot a better one, writes Ryan Cresswell

SA police battle with personal demons

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The South African Police Services today has a distinct problem with trauma and stress - so much so that recently the division of Public Safety and Criminal Justice at the Technikon South Africa in Johannesburg organised a conference called "Police officials as victims of trauma and crisis"

About 25 papers were presented and will be compiled into a book soon. The conference comprised workshops covering particular areas of concern and more of these have been planned for the future.

A workshop on the causes of trauma and crisis in the police officials' work illustrated that the country is caught in a cycle of violence. Desensitisation has permitted attitudes and values to develop that allow violence to be used as an immediate reaction to conflict.

"Our history of authoritarianism, racism and sexism continues to affect our attitude," said one paper. Another, on empowerment, said South Africa ranks first in the world in regard to murders, 46 per 100 000. The United States has 9,9 per 100 000. Facilitators said the transforma-

tion has a fundamental right to support from within the organisation. High stress levels, feelings of insecurity at work and at home, uncertainty about career opportunities, discrimination, low morale and exposure to traumatic incidents all had a negative influence on the psychological well-being of police.

Criticism from the media and public also played a part in lowering morale. The paper included research indicating that in the US there was an increase in suicides among officers during times of change.

Another paper found that employees felt anger, sadness, denial and fear during times of change.

"For many, the experience is like standing at the edge of a chasm and being challenged to jump to the other side - with nothing in between but fog."

The paper said that black entry-level managers were experiencing the change and the work situation much more negatively than their white or coloured counterparts.

In her paper, "The influence of stress and trauma on the social functioning of a member of the SAPS", Dr Erika Stutterheim said in 1996 it



THYS DULLAART

Officer took an AK-47 bullet in the face

"I have had 16 operations and after every one of them I became introverted again," said injured policeman Superintendent Nicky Meyer.

He was shot in the face by somebody wielding an AK-47 in Kaitshong in 1998 and, since then, nothing has been the same. The high calibre bullet blew him over backwards and the bottom of his bullet-proof vest damaged his spine as he went over. He has lost his hearing in one ear, his one eye wanders out of control, he has steel plates in his face, his face is partially paralysed and at one stage he could not walk.

But all this pain and discomfort was just the beginning of his torment. Meyer was 33 at the time and at first his young wife did what she could to help. But he became more and more introverted. His adopted sons also found it difficult to deal with the way their father acted and looked. Eventually his wife left him.

"It was difficult for me to talk to or trust people. I became silent and introverted. I have had 16 operations and after every one I became introverted again. I was back where I started," he said.

Quick counselling is a must for the injured men

CARD LICENCES

APPEARING IN THE STAR, PRETORIA NEWS, CAPE ARGUS AND THE DAILY NEWS

South Africa's new credit card format driver's licences will help the country's traffic authorities to bring down the high levels of vehicle theft and licence forgery while improving road safety and traffic control.

EDITORIAL: Alf James & Carl Lombard
ADVERTISING: Greg Stock

New licences add to black empowerment

The new CCF driving licence project will make a marked contribution to job creation by facilitating ownership and skills transfer to historically disadvantaged communities. This is the view of the Prodiaba's chairman, Shabir Shaikh, who is also the executive chairman of Nkobi Holdings, the black empowerment representative of KobTech

Both money and lives will be saved

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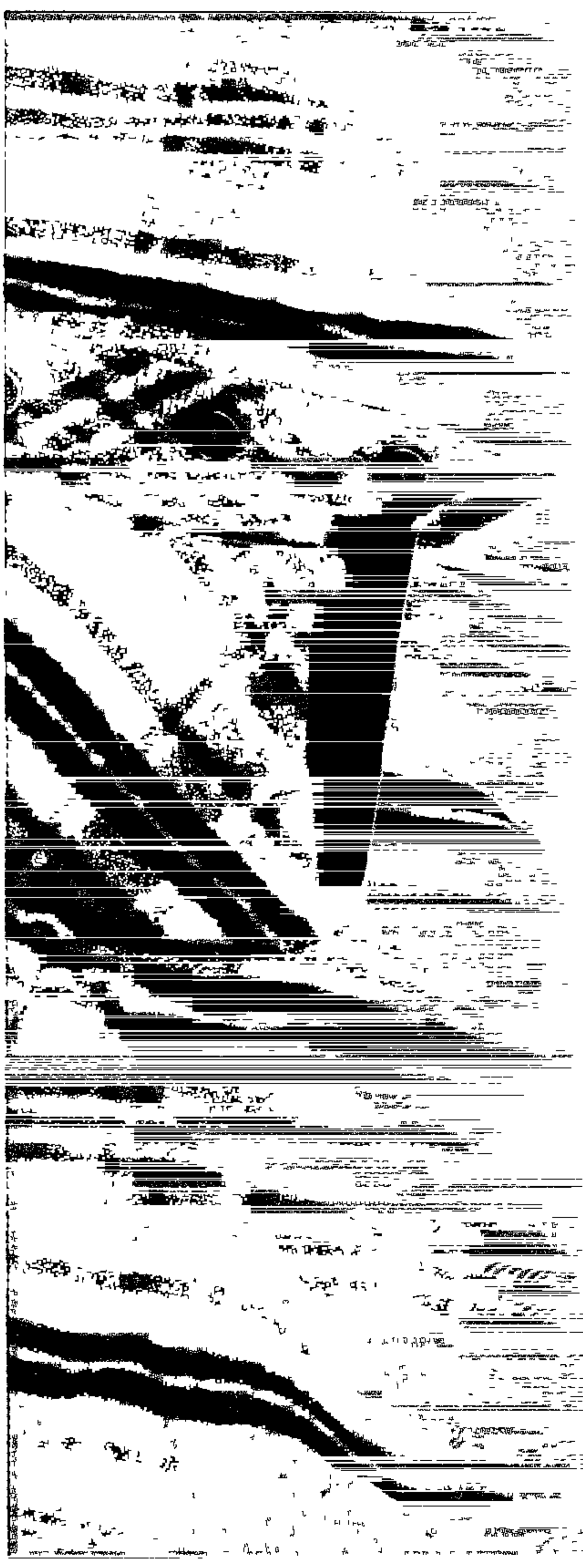
can also take on the responsibility in dealing with identified stressors. Stutterheim said the better the support system of the member internally as well as externally, the better it will help the employee to deal positively with stress and trauma.

Dr Richard Broome said transcendental meditation has been reliably shown to have a wide range of beneficial physiological effects which appear to oppose fight-or-flight responses to stressors. He

tal disorders. Van der Walt, Potgieter and Friedman see the way forward as three-pronged networking research and ongoing change in the SAPS. Stutterheim concludes that when dealing with the stress and trauma of members of the SAPS, it is very important that the ecosystemic approach be used.

The members form part of the environment and if any of the systems in which they function is disturbed and disrupted it will influence all the other systems. The community police forums

Traumatised ... Superintendent Nicky Meyer was shot just over four years ago.



Meyer, aided by an injured-duty grant, has attended many private counselling sessions. "Social counselling is very important, the sooner, and the more, the better. They helped start to talk to people, I could look them in the eyes."

He said two other policemen in the then stability unit, now the public order unit, were shot on the same night as him and received counselling very quickly because they were not so badly injured. "They went to social workers quickly and they came back strong." He said he also saw many things he did not like when he was with the old stability unit in the apartheid years. "But as a policeman, you do what you have to for the government of the day," he said.

added that the mediators have been found to display rapid stress recovery and lower state and trait anxiety levels. Other researchers found that self-help groups which offered peer support, facilitated communication, provided opportunities for socialisation, encouraged discussion, provided support and simulated external reality were a good idea.

These are just some of the possible ways to improve the situation. But possibly the central issue is that the future of South Africa depends to a large extent on the maintenance of law and order. Police officials, however, currently suffer unacceptable levels of physical and psychological trauma manifesting in high levels of stress and depression. Symptoms find expression in abnormal levels of alcohol consumption, poor personal and job satisfaction and impaired functionality.

The conference also dealt with a range of ways to help the situation. Some experts suggested two-day workshops where delegates are given the opportunity to identify communication blocks, stereotypical responses and to notice how they are thinking. The also suggested workshops where communication skills are enhanced and the relationship between experience and knowledge is explored.

Another expert said primary prevention strategies which target changes in lifestyle for those who are at high risk for a wide range of physical and mental disorders was vital. These strategies aim at orientating people towards the management of their own physical and mental disorders.

ing organisation to a service organisation has been difficult. In many ways the cornerstone of the new approach is communication, but in the past the militaristic approach to training did not even enable officers to develop an understanding of their own needs, feelings and experiences. In the present climate where victim support has become very important, the need to demonstrate empathy adds further demands for new understandings and skill. "The policeman has become the scapegoat for society, and having inadequate skills for understanding and responding to these expectations has resulted in soaring levels of stress. They see the stress and trauma as being imposed on them by a critical and punitive society." In addition police officials are overworked and an average of 450 per month left the SAPS last year. M J van der Walt, A H Potgieter and M Friedman in their paper 'Progress in the understanding of the prevention and treatment of post-traumatic stress in the SAPS in Gauteng' pointed out that it is generally accepted that post-traumatic stress refers to the development of symptoms after exposure to a single incident but police are continuously being exposed to trauma. They also said the morale of many members of the force was low and this had a negative effect on the way they handled stress. Henk de Jager and Schalk Oosthuizen in their paper said the police official

ment, dangerous work, inadequate communication, inadequate training, lack of discipline, lack of recognition, lack of trust in management, legislative restrictions, long work hours, low morale, a negative image, poor salaries, racial tension, resistance to change, insecurity and shortages were all stress factors. She said the response to a crisis or trauma depended on personality, physical health, ego strength and support systems. In 1997, the SAPS dealt with 9 552 substance dependency cases, 16 314 psycho-social cases, including stress, and 10 159 marital and other family problems. Stutterheim said these statistics proved that stress and trauma have a spiral influence on both members of the family and marriage.

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New licences add to black empowerment

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"In terms of an agreement reached by the shareholders of Prodhba, which also include Face Technologies (3,3%) and Thomson-CSF (3,3%), it is envisaged that the entire manufacturing process will be managed by KobiTech - a true reflection of reign technology infusion, skills transfer and meaningful empowerment," said Shaik.

Shank stresses that KobiTech's involvement has seen the benefits of the infusion of high technology "from overseas, particularly France and Belgium, being transferred to South Africa's historically disadvantaged.

KobiTech's role at Prodhba, besides a managerial one, also includes the provision of a manpower, both skilled and semi-skilled, in the production of the new driving licences.

According to Dame Bisschoff, Prodhba's managing director, 90% of the jobs created are being drawn from previously disadvantaged groups. Through on-the-job training, other forms of skills transfer and the invaluable experience gained working in such a high technology environment, these employees will be empowered to play a constructive role in the South African economy for years to come, said Bisschoff.

One of Prodhba's main strategic aims, said Shaik, is to expand its market into the South African Development Community (SADC) countries, including Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Botswana and Zambia.

South Africa's joining of the SADC introduced the country to the SADC driving licence project, said Transport Minister Mac Maharaj at the opening of Prodhba's production facility in Pretoria earlier this month.

In accordance with this project, said Maharaj, the transport ministers of the 12 SADC member states agreed to a single, SADC-compliant driving licence format.

The holder of such a licence will be allowed to drive a motor vehicle in any of the SADC member countries without the need for an international driving permit.

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"The introduction of the Credit Card Format (CCF) driving licence," said Minister of Transport Mac Maharaj at the opening of the card manufacturing facility in Pretoria this month, " heralds a new era in which driving licence fraud will be stamped out in the interest of the safety of all road users."

The new CCF licence incorporates a number of advanced security features which are so difficult and costly to copy, claimed Maharaj, that forgery should be eliminated entirely.

The first step in implementing the new system was to transfer all existing licence records on to the National Traffic Information System (NaTIS), a centralised repository which replaces the fragmented system created by the apartheid era's TBVC states and self-governing territories.

The different formats of licences issued under separate systems, plus the lack of an expiry date on the documents, made forgery a relatively simple task while law enforcement became ever more difficult.



Mac Maharaj, Minister of Transport

From March 1 this year any driving licence authorised through the successful testing of an applicant has to be captured on NaTIS. Once on NaTIS, the licence details are electronically transmitted to Prodhba, a high-security private sector company established in February last year to manufacture the CCF licences.

The CCF licence has to be renewed every five years, allowing for the addition of new security features based on the latest technology. Thus, said Maharaj, will make falsification of the card not only more difficult but also non-viable for would-be fraudsters.

"However, without the integrity and co-operation of every examiner of driving licences and every administrative staff member involved," Maharaj stressed, "the eradication of all fraudulent licences on our roads cannot be achieved. Officials who continue with fraudulent practices will be identified and brought to justice."

Werner Koekemoer, assistant director of NaTIS, said the new system is paving the way for more effective traffic policing and management, particularly in the recording of "demerits" for offending drivers. He says the Department of Transport has reached an advanced stage in the consultation process for the introduction of

a points demerit system. Dangerous driving offences on public roads will see points being allocated, with the possible suspension of the licence once a set number of points has been reached. However, the demerit system was not introduced on March 1, "but is likely to happen as soon as the department has seen how effectively the entire system is working," said Koekemoer.

NaTIS itself will go some way to monitoring corruption at the level of examiners and testing stations, said Maharaj. By capturing the results of each driving test on NaTIS, statistics are compiled on the tests conducted by individual examiners all over South Africa, who can then be checked for any irregularities in terms of the number of licences issued.

The CCF licence cost differs Gauteng, KwaZulu Natal, Mpumalanga and North West are charging R75, Free State R80, and Western Cape, Northern Cape, Eastern Cape and Northern Province all R100.

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All valid driver's licence holders can go to their nearest authorised driver's licence testing centres to apply for the CCF licence, irrespective of whether they have since moved to a new area or province.

The only exception will be anyone who obtained their licence or self-governing territories who have not had their data recorded on the South African Population register and consequently will not have their licence data on the National Traffic Information System (NaTIS) register either.

These licence holders must apply to the office where their original licence was issued. In the case of private drivers the conversion period from old ID-book licences to new CCF licences is five years. In the case of professional drivers the period is two years.

According to the DOT, for professional drivers the emphasis in the first year will be on drivers of all goods and passenger vehicles. In the second year, the emphasis will be on

South Africa's new credit card format driver's licences will help the country's traffic authorities to bring down the high levels of vehicle theft and licence forgery while improving road safety and traffic control.
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ensuing calendar months will be required to replace their licences in successive registration periods (see application period chart below).

Drivers may apply before their allocated period, but drivers will be charged R5 a month for every month they are late.

A licence holder must apply in person for the new format driving licence. Once at their local licence office drivers must produce their original ID-book licence and two passport-sized, colour or black-and-white photos, complete a couple of forms, and provide specimen signatures and two finger

prints. First-time licence applicants must supply four photographs. Existing licence holders will not be required to undergo any driving test, but all applicants will be obliged to undergo, and pass, an eye test.

The application will take about 30 days to process after which the applicant is required to pick up the new licence, which will be issued at a cost varying between R75 and R100, depending on the province in which the licence holder applies for the card.

The new licence system brings with it some modifications to the coding system, which have significant implications for all drivers, particularly first-time applicants. For example, under the new system, a successful first-time licence applicant will not automatically be licensed to tow a caravan, as was previously the case. However, all current code 08 licence holders will automatically be relicensed code EB which permits them to drive a car and to tow a caravan.

Birth Month	Start of application period	End of period
June	March 1998	June 1998
July	July 1998	November 1998
August	December 1998	August 1999
September	April 1999	December 1999
October	September 1999	May 2000
November	January 2000	September 2000
December	June 2000	February 2001
January	October 2000	June 2001
February	March 2001	November 2001
March	July 2001	March 2002
April	December 2001	August 2002
May	April 2002	

proposing the amount be doubled for the 1999 fiscal year.

In a report to committee chairman Ben Gilman, staff members said SA had "the willingness, the infrastructure and the institutional capacity to host an international academy on the Budapest model. No other nation in the sub-Saharan has these qualities."

They recommended that the academy be "run jointly" by SA and the American FBI and DEA, and suggested that \$1.2m be budgeted for first year start-up costs.

that of SA's 97 ports of entry, only 17 were fully covered by customs, immigration and police.

The state department also expressed "concern" that SA authorities were not taking sufficiently aggressive steps against money-laundering. Legislation had been passed to make criminal the laundering of drug money, but not the proceeds of other criminal enterprises. SA banks were not required to report large or suspicious transactions in currency and other monetary instruments.

Police 'not helped to cope with stress'

SA's police officers are not being helped to cope with high stress levels, contributing to a high suicide rate, delegates at a specialist conference heard last week.

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SA's police are battling high crime levels while trying to change from being a paramilitary force that enforced apartheid to an efficient crime prevention and investigation service.

An average 50 of people a day are murdered in SA, which also has rates of serious crimes several times higher than those in western Europe and the US.

Conference delegates stressed that police officers should be given the tools to deal with stress and trauma. — Reuter

Mugabe urged to keep privatisation agency separate

NYANGA — A conference reviewing Zimbabwe's privatisation programme has urged President Robert Mugabe to shield a proposed privatisation agency from political interference.

State Enterprises and Indigenisation Minister Cephas Mupfema told the conference at the weekend the agency would be established within weeks in the president's office.

However, MP Lavingstone Manhombu, from Mugabe's ruling Zanu (PF) party said "If the agency is going to be transparent and accountable to the general public then it must be placed under parliament." The majority of the 40 delegates to the two-day

conference, which opened on Friday, supported this view.

Participants said leaving the agency under the president's office would subject it to the same problems that stalled the country's privatisation programme announced in 1991. Only four state firms have since been privatised.

"We feel that by locating the agency under the president's office we will open it to problems of lack of transparency, slowness in decision-making and political interference," said Danny Meyer, president of the Zimbabwe National Chamber of Commerce.

At the end of the conference, an International Finance Corporation (IFC)

official said corruption hampered African privatisation programmes.

"International investors complain of corruption in many African countries and this needs to be addressed because many countries are privatising. It's now a buyer's market," IFC regional corporate finance services representative Brian Samuels said yesterday.

Meanwhile, Michael Harthack reports that the government demanded yesterday that workers ignore the Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions's call for a two day, stay-home strike, starting tomorrow, in protest against economic mismanagement.

ZCTU leaders Gibson Sibanda and Morgan Tsvangirai urged Zimbabweans to stock up with essentials and stay inside their homes to avoid being teargassed or shot.

Industry and Commerce Minister Nathan Shamuyarira said "The government will not allow people to continue disrupting services and the work process." He gave no hint that Mugabe might invoke his presidential powers to declare the stay-away illegal.

The War Veterans' Association warned of possible violent reprisals against ZCTU members and Zimbabwe's 70 000 whites, whom Lands Minister Kumaram Kanganai alleged were behind the unrest. — Reuter

Stephané Bothma

PRETORIA — A state witness in the case against former Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB) operative Ferdi Barnard on Friday admitted she was under the influence of crack cocaine while in the witness box in the high court.

Carol-Anne Human, a former prostitute and lover of Barnard, was reacting to an allegation by defence advocate Fanie Coetzee that her "entire life was a haze and she often lost her mind" while under the influence of drugs.

"I smoked cocaine this morning and I am not out of my mind," she responded, to the astonishment of the court, which immediately took a tea adjournment. After the tea break, no mention was made of Human's statement and her cross-examination continued. She was arrested in 1991 for possessing an unlicensed Uzi submachine

State witness 'in drug-induced haze

While testifying at Barnard trial'

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Barnard claimed belonged to a gun which she said she was recruited by Barnard as a military intelligence agent in 1991 and received regular payments. She said she believed Barnard could legally own a firearm.

Challenged by Coetzee that she was fabricating her testimony against Barnard and that because of her drug abuse, she could not remember clearly, Human responded: "I feel like a louse sitting here. I do not want to say these things about Ferdi."

Human was the first state witness during her testimony she made regular eye contact with Barnard and occasionally smiled at the man accused of

murdering former Wits University activist David Webster.

She told the court that she had seven years of hell after her arrest for possession of the Uzi.

Her husband, Christopher Human, was also called to testify against Barnard. Human also said he had been

recruited by Barnard to "penetrate" active African National Congress (ANC) members. "Barnard told me the ANC had a two-fold approach — the first to undermine the youth of the country by supplying drugs and secondly to use the money raised by drugs to purchase weapons," he testified.

Although he claimed to have received regular cash payments for Barnard, "most information supplied was false because I was more interested in the drugs", Human testified. The trial continues today.



Stressed-out police not being helped to cope

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The country's police officers, suffering high stress levels that contribute to a high suicide rate, are not being helped to cope, it has been disclosed at a specialist conference.

The conference of police officer, academics and psychologists was told that in the past two years 269 police officers had committed suicide.

A communique released after the conference, held on Thursday and Friday, said that as many as 10 000 officers out of a 160 000-strong force, were absent on any given day.

"The failure to respond adequately to the reality that police, too, are victims of crime and violence is leading to growing incidences of suicide, absenteeism, resignation, depression, alcohol abuse, violence and other problems within the SAPS," the communique said.

The SAPS is fighting high crime levels while at the same time trying to change from being a paramilitary force that helped enforce apartheid to a

crime prevention and investigation service. An average of 50 people a day are murdered in the country and the rates of serious crimes are several times higher than those in Western Europe and the United States.

Delegates stressed that policemen should be equipped with the resources they need to deal with the stress and trauma. There are only 90 police psychologists for the entire force and delegates were unanimous that police management should do more to ensure the mental well being of officers, the statement said.

Danny Titus, the head of Technikon South Africa's police training department, said there was a "strong need in the police service for members to speak out about their experiences and be heard".

He said the exposure to danger on a constant basis and the rapid transformation of the police service were raising stress levels and dropping morale. - Own Correspondent

Found out to murder



Suicides plague SAPS

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high stress levels

TWO hundred and sixty police officers committed suicide last year and as many as 10 000 are absent from work on any given day, a Technikon South Africa spokeswoman said at the weekend

The finding follows a two-day conference attended by police, academics, psychologists, social workers and international experts last week, Ms Louise Stimie said in a statement

Stimie said it emerged from the conference that not enough was being done to equip police officers to deal with the present situation and that most of them suffered from dangerously

Delegates decided to ask for increased psychological facilities for police officers to help them cope with stress

At present there are about 90 psychologists serving 160 000 officers. It was also stressed that preventive as well as reactive measures needed to be taken to give police the mental tools to cope with a crisis before it happens

Police Commissioner JN Manuel said "We need a secure mental and spiritual environment internally before we can establish a safe external environment" - Sapa

Ngubane calls for screening *seweta 2/3/98* of recruits

By Mbulelo Baloyi

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THE safety and security department had to ensure that the appointment and recruitment procedures of policemen made it impossible for any person with a dubious character to become a policeman or policewoman, Inkatha Freedom Party chairman Dr Ben Ngubane said yesterday.

Addressing an IFP rally at Lindelani, near KwaMashu outside Durban, Ngubane said the involvement of serving policemen in the recent heists was utter disloyalty on the part of these policemen.

He said two policemen were currently facing prosecution for their roles in some of these robberies.

"Once they are found guilty by a court of law they must be given the sack with immediate effect. The people of South Africa cannot tolerate being policed by criminals," said Ngubane.

Selection procedures

He said it had become necessary for psychologists to help design tighter police selection procedures.

Ngubane said the multimillion rand heists and ruthless car hijackings were to an extent the legacy of the armed struggle between various groupings inside and outside the country.

"Some of those who received military training are now using their military skills to harass the community in this way."

The IFP chairman said the party would coordinate the campaign to change the South African culture within the context of the revolution of Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

He said the revolution of goodwill encompassed the principles of *ubuntu*.

On the question of the forthcoming general elections next year, Ngubane said the IFP was working hard to retain its grip on the KwaZulu-Natal province with a bigger majority.

Official accused of wagging a vendetta

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AN IMAGINED sense of having been treated unjustly drove a Gauteng safety and security department official to wage a vendetta against MEC Jessie Duarte, the Moerane commission heard yesterday.

In his cross-examination of local transport control officer Lerato Maruping, advocate Reenen Potgieter concentrated on constant disagreements between Maruping and Duarte, starting with one over a cellphone taken from Maruping and given to someone else.

The commission was appointed by Gauteng premier Mathole Motshekga to probe allegations against Duarte of corruption and mismanagement.

In a line of questioning emphasising Maruping's aggrieved state, Potgieter put it to her that the perceived injustices included three internal inquiries she was subjected to last year and this year.

Summing up, Potgieter said "Ms Maruping, I will argue that you are given to blowing things out of proportion. I will argue that you are petty in your approach to administration . . . more concerned with form than substance."

He said he would argue that Maruping was wagging a vendetta against Duarte because, in her mind, she was the cause of the disciplinary hearings last year, one of

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which flowed from a double payment she made to a new recruit.

The second departmental inquiry, relating to charges of selling jobs for R300, acquitted Maruping of all charges. In the last inquiry, she was accused of having received a portion of someone else's salary.

Maruping testified that she felt she was a victim of unfair treatment — particularly when Duarte's spokesman, Mongezi Myambi, who had been ordered to pay up after a government vehicle was used on an unofficial trip to Umtata, became investigating officer in one of the hearings.

Andrew Lesheba, counsel for the department's head, Mkhabela Sibeko, and another Duarte spokesman, Mbulelo Musi, said Musi would deny a night visit to Maruping early this year was to get her signature on a false memorandum accepting that Duarte was not the driver of a government vehicle involved in an accident last year.

Musi, Lesheba told the commission, would testify that the visit was prompted by a remark she made that support services director Theo Burgers, who was under investigation at the time, had been blackmailing her for years.

In her response, Maruping said, "I would say that (Sibeko and Musi) are lying because I share offices with them. They should have gathered their information during the day."



Gauteng local transport control officer for the safety and security department, Lerato Maruping, testifying yesterday at the Marumo Moerane commission of inquiry into allegations of mismanagement and corruption against MEC Jessie Duarte and her department.

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Duarte object of vendetta — claim

CECILIA RUSSELL

JOHANNESBURG: Gauteng transport officer Ms Lerato Maruping exaggerated mismanagement in Ms Jessie Duarte's Safety and Security Department because she was waging a vendetta against the MEC, an inquiry into allegations of corruption and mismanagement heard yesterday

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Duarte's media officer, Mr Mbulelo Musi, used an official vehicle for a private trip to the Transkei last year. He later failed to give her a copy of his driver's licence which she asked for after his official car was broken into last year, Maruping said

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Maruping said she believed Duarte "hated me". She said Duarte had "screamed at me" because she did not like the curtains Maruping had arranged for her office. Maruping had also twice been suspended, once for making an overpayment for which she was found not guilty and once for allegedly taking payments from two of her subordinates to secure permanent positions in the department. She was also cleared of this charge, but was found guilty on a lesser charge of "indolence and neglect"

Duarte's advocate, Mr Reenen Potgieter, said Maruping had failed to point out serious mismanagement

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He alleged Maruping was confused about who drove Duarte's official vehicle when it was involved in an accident in October. Rather than signing a backdated letter on February 4 under duress, Maruping had signed the letter because she was "confused". The hearing continues today

By Cecelia Russell
Political Staff

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Under cross-examination, Maruping said she believed Duarte hated her.

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Officer in race row quits police force early

A senior police officer accused of making racist remarks in an interview with a newspaper reporter last year left the police force yesterday after National Police Commissioner George Fivaz granted his request for an early severance package.

Fivaz said he had approved the request by Assistant Commissioner Louis van der Westhuizen to leave the force early to break the legal and disciplinary impasse that had developed around the case.

Van der Westhuizen was accused of calling

police spokesman Director Azwinndini Nengovhela a "kaffir" during the interview.

The reporter's subsequent story in a Sunday newspaper stirred emotions and created controversy in the force.

Van der Westhuizen left the SAPS yesterday instead of at the end of this month, as previously planned.

"This decision is in the best interests of the SAPS and the community because the disciplinary process initiated by me against Commissioner Van der Westhuizen had been un-

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acceptably delayed by his going on lengthy sick leave based on the claim of stress.

"This would have retarded the disciplinary process to such an extent as to render it irrelevant," Fivaz said, adding that Van der Westhuizen's severance package had been approved at the time of the alleged racist incident.

In granting the early retirement, Fivaz said he had also taken into consideration the growing tension within the police force in Gauteng over the incident, as well as the command

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vacuum caused by Van der Westhuizen's absence due to illness.

Assistant Commissioner Johann Ackerman, who had been acting in Van der Westhuizen's position, had been appointed to the post permanently.

"Expediting Commissioner Van der Westhuizen's departure from the SAPS was, therefore, in the best interests of service delivery to the community, as well as sending a firm message that racism will not be tolerated from any SAPS member, irrespective of rank," Fivaz said. - Sapa

R50-m for police stations

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By Khangale Makhado

THE Gauteng safety and security department has set aside over R50 million rands for the building of five police stations and to improve police services in previously disadvantaged areas

Safety and security spokesman Mr Mbulelo Musi said construction had already started in Ivory Park and Orange Farm on the East Rand and Vaal respectively. The cost of the two structures is estimated at R17,8 million

Other areas where police stations will be built are Diepkloof in Soweto, Eldorado Park and Alexandra. According to Musi, sites have already been acquired

Construction in Diepkloof and Eldorado Park will start as soon as tenders had been granted and in Alexandra the tender is expected to be granted in April

"These projects will go a long way to ensuring that the police services are more accessible to communities and that

communities are given their rights to a safe and secure environment," Musi said

Residents in these areas depend on makeshift or satellite stations. Communities had to travel long distances to police stations. The Alexandra population relied on the Wynberg police station while those in Diepkloof had to depend on the Orlando police station

"These projects will not only enhance the combating of crime but will also generate employment"

Duarte - damning evidence

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By Russel Molefe

THE transport control officer at the Gauteng department of safety and security, Mrs Lerato Maruping, told the Moerane commission of inquiry yesterday that the department had made a number of improper payments to several companies. However, under cross-examination, Maruping said she was unable to provide details.

The commission is investigating allegations of corruption and mismanagement by MEC Mrs Jessie Duarte and her department.

Other allegations include that Duarte was involved in an accident while driving a state vehicle without a licence. She allegedly failed to report the accident to the police in the proper time and connived with some of her officials to cover it up.

Maruping said substantial amounts of money were paid to the Devonshire and Parktonian hotels in Johannesburg for planned meetings which were later cancelled at the last minute. "Had the meetings been cancelled earlier, it would not have cost the department."

Money was also spent on a meeting at Alpha Training Centre last year which she did not believe was work related because no memorandums were distributed to staffers as was the norm in the department.

Maruping told the commission that the department paid thousands of rands to the law firm Webber Wentzel on matters relating to her disciplinary inquiry in which she was accused of double paying a temporary worker.

"What made me unhappy was that the investigator into the matter was allocated a state vehicle which he used to go to Umtata for personal reasons. (He) spent about R9 000 on the trip paid by the department."

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Duarte legal team says she can no longer pay their fees

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LAWYERS for Gauteng safety and security MEC Jessie Duarte dropped a bombshell at the Moerane commission yesterday afternoon, announcing the termination of their brief as she could no longer afford legal fees.

The two-man commission of inquiry — headed by advocate Marumo Moerane — was appointed last month by Gauteng premier Mathole Motshekga to investigate allegations of corruption and mismanagement against Duarte.

Advocate Reenen Potgieter told the commission a meeting with the state attorney on legal fees failed to produce results acceptable to the team. Another meeting between the state attorney and legal teams also in need of the state attorney's assistance is scheduled for today.

In what other legal teams later described as a "premature and improper" remark, Potgieter lamented that Duarte could be forced to appear before the commission of inquiry without legal representation and listen to what he said was "lie after lie" told by witnesses.

He expressed strong views on the quality of evidence brought against Duarte, saying that to call it false would not do it justice.

"It has swerved from fiction to lies," Potgieter said. Counsel for the Democratic Party (DP), advocate Paul McNally, objected to the claim, saying it was an "improper and premature" submission.

Potgieter said the submission was a view adopted by his team from the onset.

"Mr Chairman, I have expressed those views, I won't take (the matter) further"

Chairman Moerane said he was reluctant to enter into a dispute relating to representation and fees. However, it would be "highly desirable" to have (Duarte) represented, particularly when the matter being investigated related to public duty.

Duarte and her lawyers indicated she would be willing to return to the commission if subpoenaed, but said a lack of legal representation would be prejudicial to the case she wanted to make.

The DP opposed the suggestion that the state attorney pay for Duarte, pointing out that, while in essence it was the complainant in the matter before the commission, the party had gone to the expense of paying its own legal fees.

Support services director Theo Burgers empathised with Duarte and her legal team.

His view was that funding should be provided by the state.

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Duarte quits commission

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ARGUS CORRESPONDENT

Johannesburg - Jessie Duarte today pulled out of the commission probing her department, saying she could no longer afford to pay her lawyers

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had cost her about R66 000 so far

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Licence (2/1) (2/1)

wrangle in Duarte probe

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JOHANNESBURG: Gauteng Safety and Security official Mr Mbulelo Musi was yesterday unable to produce the original of a driving licence he claimed he had obtained in KwaNdebele.

The commission of inquiry into allegations of mismanagement and corruption against Safety and Security MEC Jesse Duarte and her department heard that "licensing officials" had removed a copy of his licence from his ID book, saying he no longer needed it.

The commission had asked for the original licence on Monday after the Department's Transport control officer, Ms Lerato Maruping, said Musi obtained his licence in January.

She said she had asked all staff in the department to submit copies of their driving licences to her in December. When she asked Musi for his, he told her it was with departmental head Mr Mkhabela Sibeko. Sibeko told her he had left the licence at home, and Musi subsequently produced the licence issued on January 9.

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Leshila told the commission Musi would produce the original licence yesterday. Instead, he produced an old ID book from which his KwaNdebele licence had been removed. Commission chairman Mr Mairumo Moerane said the proper way to solve the matter was to wait for Musi to testify before the commission under oath.

Meanwhile, Duarte yesterday said she has withdrawn from the commission for financial reasons.

Her legal representative, Mr Reenen Potgieter, told the commission his brief had been terminated as Duarte could no longer afford his services. Potgieter and the state attorney's office could not come to a satisfactory arrangement about the extent of financial assistance to Duarte.

Duarte said she would continue to co-operate with the commission, but would only appear before the inquiry if subpoenaed. She said she could not appear without legal representation. — Sapa

Cash-strapped Duarte pulls out of inquiry

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Safety and Security MEC says she can't afford legal cost of being present at commission investigating her department

By **CECILIA RUSSELL**
Political Staff

Gauteng Safety and Security MEC Jessie Duarte yesterday pulled out of the commission probing her department, saying she could no longer afford to pay legal fees estimated at R66 000 so far.

Neither Duarte nor her legal team was prepared to discuss costs yesterday. But legal experts told *The Star* the commission could have cost Duarte in the region of R66 000. This is calculated at seven days for an advocate at about R5 000 a day, and nine days for an attorney at about R3 500 a day.

Duarte's withdrawal was announced to the commission by her advocate Reenen Potgieter, who said "Mrs Duarte cannot afford to pay me, and under the circumstance we cannot fund ourselves."

"If you subpoena Mrs Duarte she will come to the commission but she does not have the luxury of sitting here listening to lie after lie while not in the company of her legal representatives."

And Duarte told the commission, "It was not willingly that we have taken this step but, honestly, it's a question of funding out of my own resources."

She was due to meet state attorneys today to negotiate funds for her legal battle.

Although the law on com-

missions in Gauteng does not commit the State to paying for any of the legal costs incurred, Duarte had already been offered some assistance by the Gauteng government.

The *Star* understands, however, that the state attorney's office which determines the extent of funds available, would be unlikely to offer more than about R4 000 for an advocate and R2 000 for a supporting attorney.

This means the amount offered will not be enough to

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pay her high-powered legal team, which consists of Potgieter and her attorney Richard Cassim.

Potgieter said Duarte had made representations to Gauteng Premier Mathole Motshega and it had been agreed that legal fees would be paid from Monday this week. But the state attorney's terms were not acceptable to Duarte's legal

team, Potgieter said.

The offer to pay was "an empty gesture", Potgieter said. And Cassim described the offer of assistance from the state attorney as "unacceptable".

Commission chairman Marumo Moerane said that, while he was personally reluctant to get into a dispute relating to fees and legal representations, he felt it was "highly desirable" to have legal representatives for the parties, especially as much of what was under the spotlight in the inquiry "happened during the course of their official duties".

In other developments yesterday, Sapa reports that Duarte's spokesman Mbulelo Musi was earlier unable to produce the original of a driving licence he said he obtained in KwaNdebele.

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Row brewing over cop's severance pay

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By Khangale Makhado

Decision is in best interest of SAPS, says Commissioner Fivaz

A STORM is brewing over Police Commissioner George Fivaz's decision this week to allow a senior police officer, accused of making racist remarks, to take a severance package before appearing before a disciplinary hearing

Assistant Commissioner Louis van der Westhuizen, former head of the detective services in Gauteng, stood accused of having made racist remarks in an interview with a newspaper reporter in October last year

Van der Westhuizen is alleged

to have called a black colleague, Director Azwinnini Nengovhela, a "kaffir" Nengovhela is the spokesman of Gauteng provincial Commissioner Sharma Maharaj

Fivaz said on Monday that the decision was in the best interests of the SAPS and the community because the disciplinary process had "been unacceptably delayed by his (Van der Westhuizen) going on lengthy sick leave because of stress"

Yesterday Nengovhela told *Sowetan* that the manner in which the whole matter had been handled appeared to indicate that "we still have a long way to go before eradicating racism in the South African Police Service and it appears that there are no strict rules governing the way in which racism should be dealt with"

"If we had such strict rules I believe the affected person would have been suspended immediately pending investiga-

tions To show that we are serious the disciplinary process should have been speeded up in a way that would have ensured the case was wrapped up before his departure," Nengovhela said

If Van der Westhuizen had appeared before a disciplinary committee, Nengovhela argued, he would have lost some of the benefits if found guilty He did not believe Fivaz's action sent a clear message that racism would not be tolerated

"It does not guarantee that those whose packages are currently approved are going to refrain from acting in a similar way," said Nengovhela

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Source: Star 4/3/98

Gauteng agrees to pay Duarte's legal fees

Bonite Ngqiyaza

THE Gauteng cabinet has agreed to foot the legal bill for safety and security MEC Jessie Duarte after her lawyers said on Tuesday that they were ending their services as she could not pay her legal fees.

Gauteng will also pay for other department officials appearing before the Moerane commission probing irregularities in Duarte's department. The lifeline, announced after a meeting of the provincial cabinet yesterday, will

be backdated to when the commission began sitting.

The move was criticised as a "blatant interference" in the discretion of the state attorney, with the Democratic Party (DP) suggesting it was illegal.

In a letter to the state attorney, Gauteng premier Mathole Motshekga said the cabinet believed all the state officials called to testify should be provided with counsel of their choice within the parameters of the regulations.

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The DP said neither the Gauteng government nor its executive had powers to direct the state attorney to provide legal assistance at state expense to officials appearing before the commission. It described the announced bail out as an "impertinence" — particularly after an invitation yesterday by the state attorney to interested parties to make representations to her about the matter.

Gauteng DP leader Peter Leon said unless the matter was resolved properly, the DP would be forced to call for the auditor-general's intervention.

The two-man commission of inquiry, headed by advocate Marumo Moerane, was appointed last month by Motshekga to investigate allegations

of corruption and mismanagement against Duarte and her department.

The commission yesterday heard evidence on whether Duarte had a driver with her on the day a government vehicle was involved in an accident last year.

A diary entry by SA Police Service member Suzette Gordon, who testified that a meeting between her and Duarte was to have taken place before the accident occurred, appears to contradict Duarte's entries indicating the meeting was for later that day.

Advocate Reenen Potgieter, for Duarte, emphasised the power tussle between the department's administrators and policy makers. He said support services director Theo Burgers and local transport control officer Lerato Maruping were running subdivisions from which most of the mismanagement and corruption ascribed to the department emanated.

Duarte back at probe after promise of help

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BY CECILIA RUSSELL

Safety and Security MEC Jessie Duarte returned to the Moerane Commission of Inquiry yesterday after Gauteng's executive council promised her state help for her legal expenses.

On Tuesday, Duarte claimed she could no longer afford to pay her legal team.

In a letter to the state attorney, which was read to the commission, Gauteng Premier Mathole Motshekga said the executive council also guaranteed state assistance to other government officials involved in the hearings.

The DP said it found the claim that the executive committee would guarantee that the state would pay legal expenses for Duarte and the officials "astonishing".

It also slated Duarte's interview with Radio 702, saying it seemed the interview anticipated the commission's findings.

Commission chairman Marumo Moerane called for transcripts and said "if (the interview) amounts to an offence, appropriate steps will be taken".

In other developments, safety and security department communications director

Mengezi Mnyani told the commission he had obtained the letter dated November 11 exonerating Duarte from involvement in an accident - in which the MEC's car was involved - from the file of the department's transport officer, Lerato Maruping.

Maruping on Tuesday told the commission that this letter, bearing her signature, was a forgery and that her colleagues Mkhabela Sibeko and Mbulelo Musi had paid her a late-night visit on February 4 to coerce her to sign a similar letter.

Mnyani said he had visited Maruping on February 4 and inquired about the letter; she wrote she said it had been confirmed to her that Duarte was driving her official vehicle when it was involved in an accident on October 18.

Mnyani asked for her accident file and found two similar copies of letters, both dated November 11, and the accident report. Just after 6pm he faxed the letter, the report and a press statement to The Star; he said

■ The ANC's Gauteng section has denied that a meeting held on Tuesday evening was to "discuss the future" or the ousting of Duarte.

Province to pay MEC's legal fees

DP 'astonished' at executive decision to pay Duarte's lawyers

THE Gauteng provincial executive agreed yesterday to pay the legal fees of MEC for safety and security Mrs Jessie Duarte and those of her officials involved in the commission of inquiry into allegations of mismanagement and corruption against her and the department

According to a letter sent to state attorney Ms Kalyani Pillay, the payments would be backdated to the start of the commission on February 16

Duarte and her legal team withdrew from the commission on Tuesday, saying she could no longer afford the fees

Her lawyers and the state attorney's office did not agree on how much help Duarte needed to be represented

But her legal team, Rischard Cassim and Reenen Potgieter, were back at the commission yesterday morning after Premier Mathole Motshekga wrote to Pillay about the executive's decision

Pillay yesterday instructed interested parties to make written representations to her, and said she would use her discretion to decide on the extent of the aid

Intervention

When the commission resumed, the Democratic Party's Mr Peter Leon objected to Motshekga's intervention. He said the Premier was using discretionary powers he did not have and it was up to Pillay to consider the matter

Leon said he wrote to the Premier, informing him that the DP found his actions astonishing and impertinent

He said if Motshekga went ahead with the allocation of funds the DP

would consider it unauthorised expenditure and would ask the Gauteng auditor-general to intervene

When the inquiry was about to resume yesterday, Leon asked that Duarte's conduct on a Radio 702 phone-in programme on Tuesday night be discussed

Duarte was on journalist Jon Qwelane's radio show and the commission has asked for the tapes of the programme, in which the public also participated.

Leon said it seemed from the programme that Duarte had anticipated the commission's findings and conveyed selectively her version of events as presented to the commission - Sapa

Duarte letters 'missing' from computer backup

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Information technology experts could find no trace of files in safety and security department, commission told

SAPA

Letters handed to the commission of inquiry into allegations of corruption and mismanagement against Gauteng safety and security MEC Jessie Duarte and her department were missing from the department's computer back-up files, the commission heard yesterday.

Commission facilitator Niel de Villiers said information technology experts brought in to assist the commission could find no trace of two letters officials testified about earlier.

The first letter, dated November 10, was given to transport control officer Lerato Maruping by department head Mkhabela Sibeko.

The letter stated that Duarte's driver, David Sons, was driving the MEC's vehicle when it was in an accident on October 18.

The letter was apparently a response to a letter drafted by Maruping on November 3, saying her information was that Duarte was driving the car.

One of the allegations is Duarte was driving the car without a driver's licence at the time of the accident.

Maruping testified earlier that Sibeko gave her the letter exonerating Duarte to sign on February 5 this year, but it was backdated to November 10.

She also said Sibeko and Duarte's spokesman, Mbululo Musi, had visited her at home the previous night and asked her to sign another letter, backdated to November 11, stating she was satisfied with the explanation Sons was the driver.

The November 11 letter was also missing from the computer, De Villiers said. There were also no copies of the November 10 letter among Sibeko's documents.

Safety and security spokesman Mongezi Mnyami earlier told the commission he had seen the November 11 letter in the accident file.

He had faxed a copy of the letter to The Star on February 4 with a statement saying Maruping had confirmed the November 3 letter, which implicated Duarte, was dictated to her by department director of support services Theo Burgers.

It was put to Mnyami by Burgers' counsel, Edmund Wessels, that he had drafted the statement Mnyami denied this, saying Musi had drafted it.

Mnyami's cross-examination yesterday was characterised by answers such as "I don't know" and "I can't remember".

■ The Star's Political Reporter Hopewell Radebe reports the Gauteng cabinet's decision to pay legal costs for Duarte foiled her intentions to resign from her post before the commission of inquiry could complete its function, according to sources.

Sources close to Duarte said yesterday she had planned to relinquish her post in a bid to save her political career.

Duarte lays into Motshekga

By SEKOLA SELLO

AS BELLEAGUERED Gauteng Safety and Security MEC Jesse Duarte battles for political survival, the question being did she choose to go on a radio talk show programme to attack Premier Mathole Motshekga and also question the integrity of the Moerane Commission?

It is generally agreed that she could not have been unaware of the implications of her attack on Motshekga, which indirectly challenged the integrity of the commission.

There is a school of thought which avers that her broadsides against Motshekga could be calculated to trigger another bloodletting between the two powerful ANC factions in the province and cloud the gravity of the problems she is facing.

Duarte's claims that unnamed people surrounding Motshekga were waging a vendetta against her could revive the differences between the "pro Motshekga and anti Motshekga" factions in the ANC Gauteng provincial administration.

Speaking on a radio talk show this week, Duarte said the government could have used other structures within the legislature instead of instituting a commission, which

she hunted was a waste of money.

The Democratic Party has accused Duarte of anticipating the findings of the commission and also of impugning the integrity of Motshekga and the commission by claiming that its institution was a waste of money.

Differences between the two ANC factions in Gauteng emerged last year after Tokyo Sexwale announced that he was stepping down as premier and ANC chairman.

Duarte aligned herself with those who opposed Motshekga. After several months of a debilitating power struggle, Motshekga brushed aside opposition from Amos Masondo and Frank Chikane.

Following his election as provincial Premier and ANC chairman, the party hurried to paper over the cracks in the provincial leadership. For two months there was a semblance of peace and unity - until this week when Duarte fired what could be the first salvoes in intra-party fighting.

Apart from claiming a vendetta against her, Duarte said the commission was not a

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Jesse Duarte
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proper mechanism to test the allegations levelled against her, which include driving a government vehicle without a valid driver's licence, mismanagement, the inappropriate employment of a consultant who was paid almost R300 000 and an unauthorised overseas trip for a friend.

A day after Duarte criticised her leader on the talk show, ANC spokesman in Gauteng Obed Bapela spoke to another talk show host in glowing terms about Duarte's role in the struggle days.

He cited her many spells in detention and general harassment by the State. It is open to conjecture whether this was

purely coincidence or if there is more to it than meets the eye.

While the ANC provincial leadership is not expected to distance itself from Duarte - after all nothing has yet been proven against her and she is still presumed innocent until proven otherwise - it might have been prudent for Bapela to have been neutral until the commission had run its course.

Two years ago when the storm broke around former Western Cape provincial chairman Allan Boesak, the ANC rallied around him and, just like Duarte today, his struggle credentials were bandied about. This was despite the fact that he was facing what should have been an embarrassing if not damning charge - allegedly taking money from overseas donors which was meant for the poor - to maintain an ostentatious lifestyle.

Given the seriousness of the allegations against her, it is doubtful whether Duarte will continue as an MEC. Her criticism of Motshekga may be the final straw that could force the Premier to axe her.

Duarte's bodyguard admits that he lied (251)

Bonile Ngqiyaza

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GAUTENG MEC Jessie Duarte's bodyguard David Sons admitted to the Moerane commission that he lied deliberately while under oath when he testified in his first appearance that he found his police pocketbook by chance in a police drawer.

Sons altered his evidence at the weekend, saying the original pocketbook from which he copied entries leading up to an accident involving a government vehicle on October 18, had been at home.

Commission chairman Marumo Moerane refused to comment on Sons' testimony, saying it would be dealt with at the close of the commission.

The weekend appearance, Sons' second before the commission, was for him to be cross-examined on government garage employee Dawn Hartzler's testimony last week that Sons had given the impression Duarte was the driver of a car involved in the accident last year.

Hartzler said she gave Sons a form and told him Duarte should complete it, as he had told her he was not the driver. But when Sons returned the form, she noticed he had completed the form. Asked the reasons, he said he did not want drama.

Sons has already testified that he had obtained illegally a second police pocketbook.

The two-man commission was appointed last month by Gauteng premier Mathole Motshekga to probe allegations of corruption and mismanagement against Duarte and her department.

Staff woes thwart crack fraud unit

All new cases put on hold

THABO MABASO
BUSINESS REPORTER

Staff shortages at the Office for Serious Economic Offences were likely to block the investigation of new cases until the end of the year, said head of the office Jan Swanepoel

He told the Cape Argus the moratorium imposed last May on the investigation of new cases probably would be lifted towards the end of the year

The Department of Justice had made funds available for the filling of 29 posts at Oseo offices. The unit has 48 people

working for it throughout the country

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"We are dealing with 35 cases at present, some of which are three years old. When the 29 vacancies have been filled, we will try to finish the cases with which we are busy with at the moment,

then remove the moratorium and start taking new cases".

The posts would probably be filled towards the end of June

More than 50% of the cases handled by Oseo are in the Gauteng region. The Western Cape is handling 14 cases and one preliminary investigation

The provincial head of the office in the Western Cape, Tommie Prins, said he had a staff complement of seven legally trained people and 13 police officers

"The workload is quite bad and we cannot even touch new cases until we get more people," he said

Contradictory evidence given at Duarte inquiry

By CECILIA RUSSELL

Gauteng MEC for Safety and Security Jessie Duarte's media officer Mbulelo Musi contradicted the testimony of his colleagues at the Moerane Commission of Inquiry yesterday.

Musi told the commission he found two letters dated November 11 bearing transport officer Lerato Maruping's signature on the desk of his colleague Mongezi Mnyani on the morning of February 5

Musi said he had instructed Mnyani to fax through a media statement, a report about a trip which Duarte took to Portugal,

and a letter allegedly signed by Maruping to The Star on the evening of February 4.

He said he instructed Mnyani to send the letter because he had had an urgent meeting at 4pm on February 4. Musi then visited the offices of The Star with the deputy director-general of the department, Mkhabelo Sibeko.

Because he was not going to return to the office, he had told Mnyani to fax the press release that was designed to clarify the issue of who was driving when Duarte's official car was involved in an accident on October 18 last year.

Last week, Mnyani testified

and confirmed under cross-examination he had noticed two similar letters in Maruping's accident file.

He had assumed they were identical and returned one of the letters to the file.

DP advocate Paul McNally accused Musi of lying because "Mnyani had left the other letter in the file".

Musi said he had been dealing with an avalanche of media inquiries after the DP had made the allegations known. He said he felt the media's handling of the allegations was one-sided and did not reflect the full picture, and he had decided to send the letter and other documentation to The Star.

Musi said he ridiculed allegations of forgery when asked to comment on claims that The Star was in possession of two documents from the office that were apparently not the same.

Musi denied having forced Maruping to sign a letter backdated to November 11 on the night of February 4. He said he and Sibeko had gone to Maruping's home to discuss charges against Theo Burgers, who had been suspended from work.

McNally also cross-examined Musi on questions put to Duarte's bodyguard David Sons at a meeting held on the morning of February 4.

Musi explained that Duarte had asked Sons whether she had instructed him to report the accident to the Government Garage; whether Sons was pressured to make a statement, and whether Sons ever told Maruping he was not driving the car.

Musi said Duarte had asked the questions because it was necessary to provide the media with a clear picture of what was going on.

McNally accused Musi of fabricating a letter absolving Duarte of driving the car when it was involved in an accident on October 18, and Musi denied the charge.

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Fivaz denounces prisoners' allegations

By Mpikeleni Duma

A REPORT on an investigation by the National Intelligence Agency (NIA) into allegations that national Police Commissioner George Fivaz was involved in cross-border raids has been completed, a Government spokesman said.

The NIA investigation was undertaken before the latest flurry of allegations against Fivaz, who has been accused of involvement in multiple murders that took place in the Free State and Lesotho.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) was also looking into the allegations by two long-term prisoners at Grootvlei Maximum Prison outside Bloemfontein.

They said they were used by Fivaz to track down dagga smugglers and supply information on exiles, who were later tracked down and killed.

Fivaz has denounced the allegations as "ridiculous" and "calculated to harm the credibility of the Commissioner of the South African Police Service".

He called for an "incisive and transparent" probe by the TRC and said he was confident he would be exonerated by the commission.

The findings of the NIA investiga-

tion have not been released.

However, the two prisoners who are accusing the commissioner - Andries Tamati Nchake (49) and Joseph Tota Mosia (47) - claimed in an interview with *Sowetan* that Fivaz was involved in a number of skirmishes in which people were killed and buried in secret graves.

Mosia and Nchake have been jailed for various crimes - car theft, possession of dagga and robbery. They have not applied for amnesty.

Mosia and Nchake alleged that activist Tota Letsie of Lesotho was shot dead by Fivaz and other policemen from Ladybrand and buried in a secret grave near the river between Maseru and Ladybrand.

Lured to the river

Letsie was killed after they (Mosia and Nchake) lured him to the river under the pretext that weapons were available.

"I stayed at Ha-Modise in Lesotho and I was instructed to monitor former Azanian Liberation Army commander Mr Letlapa Mphahlele and the late Mkhonto we Sizwe chief Chris Hani, to mention only a few," Nchake said.

"I use to transport exiles from the Maseru Airport and deliver them to their houses, which I marked for identifica-

tion. I then supplied the information to Fivaz."

According to the two, they were recruited two decades ago to infiltrate drug cartels and exiles and said the information they supplied to Fivaz and his group caused many deaths.

They said they were arrested and sentenced but Fivaz had them temporarily released for his missions.

"Together with Tamati we used to move in and out of prison and join police on killings and torture throughout the Free State," Mosia said.

They said they were ready to point out several secret graves in Bloemfontein, Hobhouse, Ladybrand and Lady Grey.

Tamati said he came to know Fivaz in 1972 after his mother, Miriam Nchake, was arrested for being in possession of dagga at the Park Road police station in Bloemfontein.

He said he told police that the dagga found in his mother's possession belonged to him.

"I was then recruited to work with the police and supply information on people who sold dagga in the Free State and Lesotho."

He claimed Fivaz was one of his handlers.

Jessie Duarte's tough image a key factor in inquiry

The picture painted of Gauteng safety and security MEC Jessie Duarte at the inquiry into mismanagement and corruption allegations against her is one of a tough and uncompromising woman, writes Bonile Ngqiyaza

IN MANY ways, Gauteng safety and security MEC Jessie Duarte calls to mind the teak-tough, uncompromising image embodied in, or at least cultivated by, another personality in SA politics — Winnie Madikizela-Mandela.

Duarte and Madikizela-Mandela have had a tempestuous, largely antagonistic, relationship with the media because of suspicions that it, on the whole, has not been fair to them personally or to their work.

Both have been forthright in their political views — including in matters affecting the ruling African National Congress (ANC) — to a point where they have publicly expressed views at variance with either the organisation or the popular will of its supporters.

What subsequently happened to Madikizela-Mandela is a matter of public record. In Duarte's case, speculation and rumour — which the Gauteng ANC has consistently rejected as false — abound that she is on her way out because she has finally fallen out of favour with powerful people in provincial structures and government.

Denials are not enough, however, as it is a fact that Duarte is facing a commission of inquiry into her department, very much alone and with few prominent people in leadership positions seen at the Karos Indaba Hotel in Fourways, Johannesburg.

Political allies attending the commission set up last month by Gauteng premier Mathole Motshekga to probe allegations of corruption and mismanagement into her department have been limited to a circle of close friends and colleagues.

And Business Day has it on good authority a public service commission report on her department that is critical of the actions of at least one protagonist in the tug-of-war between her and some of her officials was disallowed before a provincial cabinet meeting this week.

During the past week, the Moerane commission probing allegations of corruption and mismanagement in Duarte's department has heard from at least two witnesses how they had been on the receiving end of her volatile temper.

The perception of her as a person who witnesses say engenders fear is

one her legal team does not seem to want to counter. In fact, it seems part of the team's strategy to show that quite a number of the witnesses against her are motivated by feelings of resentment, and a largely imagined perception of one injustice or another at Duarte's hands.

The only counterpoint to this, thus far, has been Duarte's personal friend Kerensa Millard. In testimony this week she said she had admiration and respect for Duarte, describing her as a direct, straightforward person who "if she does not like something, she tells you".

This differed vastly from departmental local transport officer Lerato Maruping's own evidence; that she was apprehensive of Duarte after a clash over a memorandum she wrote questioning a report that Duarte had not been driving a government vehicle involved in an accident last year.

At least three other witnesses — bodyguard David Sona, Gauteng internal auditor Ntombizodwa Lekubu and government garage employee Dawn Hartzler — all at some stage had head-on clashes

with Duarte

Questions directed at safety and security officials by the DP's legal representative, advocate Paul McNally, and by those representing support services director Theo Burgers have, in the main, sought clarification on who authored a letter — which the commission has been told is a forgery — purporting to be from Maruping, accepting that Duarte had not been driving the vehicle involved in an accident.

Among other issues that Burgers' lawyer, advocate Edmund Wesels, has seemed eager to counter, are allegations he said were by department officials and contained in a public service commission report and in the media last month, stating that Burgers admitted leaking information outside the department.

The public service commission report recorded that Burgers vowed to continue the practice with the intention of undermining public confidence in the department. The department, in one of the first briefings on the issue on February 2, described his conduct as blackmail. Advocates Reenen Potgieter, who

leads the team representing Duarte, and Fezile Mernani, for department spokesman Mbulelo Musi and head of department Mkhabela Sibeko, have concentrated on questions that emphasise the conflict between two opposing factions — the policymaking sub-division and the administrative section.

The line of questioning emphasises that financial mismanagement, corruption and incompetence emanated from the administrative sub-division. The witnesses from the policymaking section called before the commission so far have stressed their inexperience, at the time most of the staff was hired permanently in 1996.

All the legal teams appear to be aware of the political dynamic the presence of the DP lends. Whatever the findings of the commission, these could well be used by both the DP and the ANC in their electioneering next year to paint themselves as intolerant of government corruption.

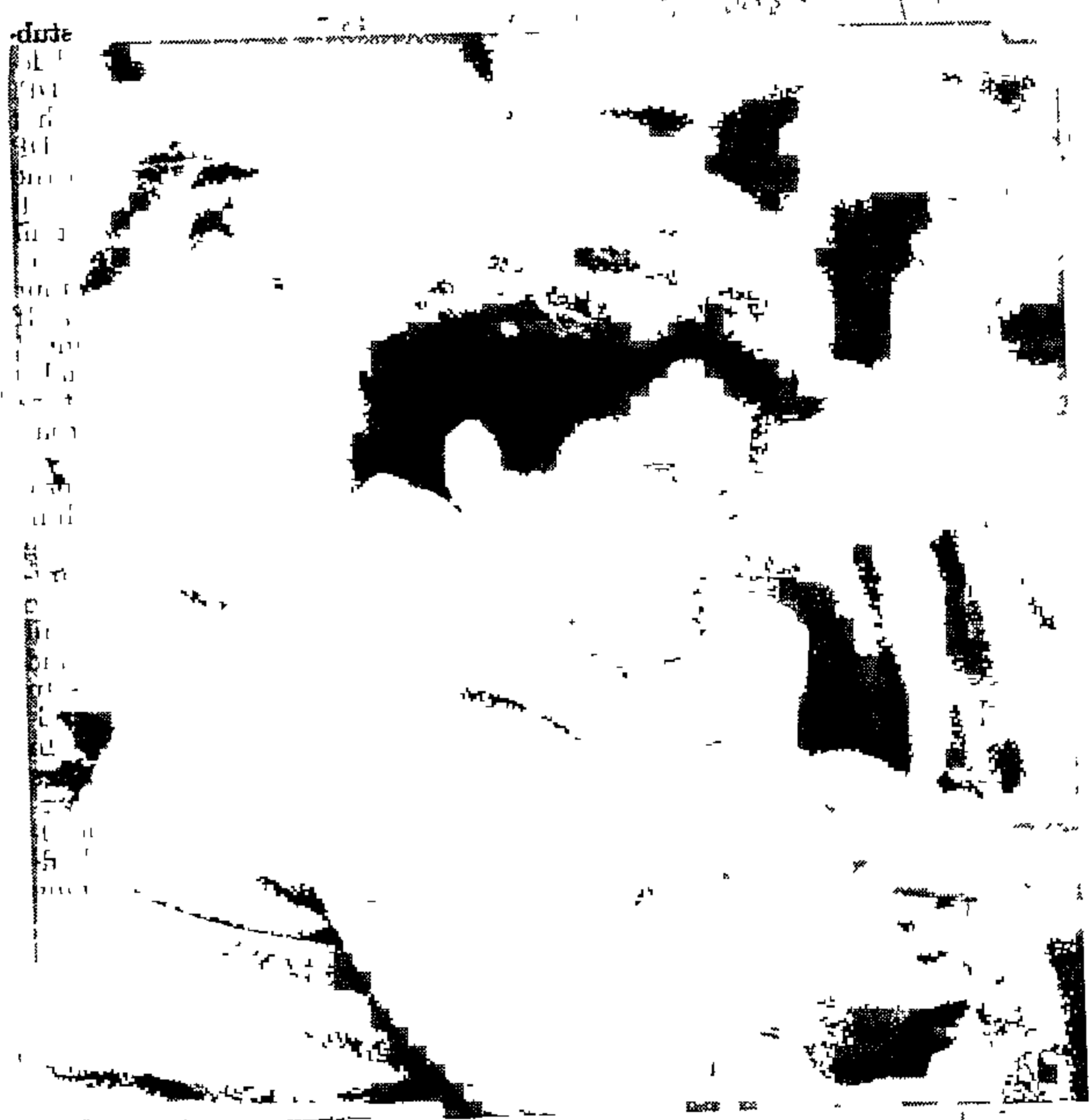
As if he had this in mind, commission chairman Moerane told McNally this week that he would allow questions related to Duarte's personal relationships, but would do so only reluctantly.

"People's reputations have to be safeguarded here," he said.

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Jessie Duarte and her department have been shrouded recently in allegations of corruption and mismanagement

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Criminal ~~(251)~~ justice gets ~~(251)~~ lion's share of real spending

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Wyndham Hartley

CAPE TOWN — Real spending on the departments administering the criminal-justice system will increase almost 2% following the 7,8% increase in funding for the safety and security, justice and correctional services departments in the budget yesterday.

The criminal-justice departments are among few in the national government that will get increased allocations from the treasury for the 1998/99 financial year and receive a sizeable chunk of available funds in a tight budget.

The increases budgeted yesterday are particularly significant when seen against the substantial increase of almost 15% across all three departments last year. S

Particularly noteworthy is correctional services which, on top of an increase in last year's budget of more than 20%, gets an increased allocation again of 26%. This is the largest increase for any department in the budget.

A marked increase in spending and the building of two new prisons is one reason for the large increase and for subsequent increases to the end of the medium-term expenditure framework (MTEF) in the 2000/2001 budget year.

The spending is also designed to cope with an expected increase in offenders from 156 000 in the 1998/99 financial year to 200 000 in 2000/01. The cost of caring for the prisoner population of 156 000 is R19 685 each for the 98/99 financial year, a total of R3,070bn.

Police services gets an extra 7%, which is also an increase in real terms, while justice gets a nominal increase of just under 1%, meaning that it effectively gets less money in real terms. Justice will get R18,835m more than last year, with a total budgeted amount of R2,173bn compared to actual spending in 1997/98 of R2,154bn.

In his address to the National Assembly, Finance Minister Trevor Manuel said spending on departments administering the criminal justice system would be kept at 7,8% over the remainder of the medium-term expenditure period.

The budget review said the increase in spending on justice was made necessary by increased allocations to the Human Rights Commission, the Gender Equity Commission and the special investigation unit. There had also been a substantial increase in demand for legal aid.

The justice budget also provides R100m for truth commission reparations in 1998/99 and increasing to R200m in 1999/2000 and R300m in the final year of the MTEF.

Duarte driver's story backed by her media officer

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By **CECILIA RUSSELL**

Safety and Security MEC Jessie Duarte's media officer said yesterday that Duarte's driver's statement, about a meeting held in February, was true

Mbulelo Musi agreed with a statement by Duarte's driver, David Sons, that during a meeting on February 4, Duarte had asked Sons why he had made a "false statement" reporting that it was he and not Duarte who was driving her official vehicle when it was in an acci-

dent in October

Musi agreed that Sons said he made the statement in order to have "the car repaired"

Sons testified earlier that Duarte had asked him if she had pressurised him to make the statement and he had replied that he felt no pressure. Musi agreed that this was his understanding of the meeting

Musi later denied aspects of The Star journalist Hopewell Radebe's version of his visit to The Star on February 4

He disputed the story that

he and Mkhabela Sibeko came to The Star offices between 5 30 and 5 45pm and that he had been shown a letter by Radebe, written by transport officer Lerato Maruping on November 3, which stated it had been "confirmed" that Duarte and not Sons was driving her vehicle when it was involved in an accident

Earlier in the proceedings Musi's advocate Sezile Memani tried to ban the media from the proceedings

He objected to reports on Ra-

dio 702 and Sowetan which, he said, stated his client was not at the proceedings on Tuesday

He also objected to a report in The Star which focused on the contradictions between Musi and his colleague Mongezi Mnyani's evidence. He said the report "puts my client in a bad light, as though he was not co-operating"

He felt the media should focus on both sides of the story and The Star had failed to report on some successes of the safety and security department.

Police and justice will still feel the pressure

BY CATHY POWERS AND GILL
GIFFORD

Budgets for crime, justice and correctional services will increase slightly over the next three years, but in real terms crime and justice saw decreases in their income and expenditure allocations for the current financial year

According to Dr Andre Roux, director of the Institute for Futures Research at the University of Stellenbosch, the police, justice and correctional services as a group will experience roughly a 2% increase in real terms over the next three years

But the Department of Justice's budget of R2,173-billion for this financial year - R19-million more than 1997/1998 - is a decrease in real terms, according to Henry Isaacs, the department's director of budgets

Additional expenses not budgeted for were included in the allocation - like the TRC's reparation programme, which received R100-million

"We envisage effectively less over the years, so we need smarter ways of operating," Isaacs said

The police budget of R13,709-billion, 6,6% up on last year, is also a decrease in real terms, according to Roux. The bulk of the police budget - R7,339-billion (up from R6,965-billion last year) - goes to crime prevention

Detective services will receive R2,458-billion, while administration costs will amount to R3,4-billion. Personnel expenditure, at R2,3-billion, makes up the bulk of administrative spending

Police Forum head Paul O'Sullivan said the SAPS was winning the war against crime. "An

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analysis of statistics up to last week shows that there is a general downward trend," O'Sullivan said

The bulk of the justice budget, R1,3-billion, will be spent on administration. This is expected to go some way towards making courts more efficient, reducing work loads and the backlog in courts. Other key areas were legal aid, the Human Rights Commission, Gender Equality Commission and the establishment of the Special Investigation Unit and Special Tribunal.

Spokesman for the National Union of State Prosecutors of SA, Vleis van Zyl, said the increases in the education, welfare, health and poverty sectors would address some basic causes of crime.

But prosecutors plagued by low salaries and bad working conditions are unlikely to benefit

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action cop-out?**

Fivaz, union collide on appointments

Police management and leaders of the Police & Prisons Civil Rights Union (Popcru) differ on affirmative action in the SA Police Service, but the facts favour the union

Official statistics show that in KwaZulu-Natal, senior positions are dominated by Indians and whites, who outnumber their African counterparts by almost four to one

Figures from provincial police representative Bala Naidoo show that 783 white, 679 Indian, 378 African, and 22 coloured commissioned officers were promoted through a programme called "en masse" Police Commissioner George Fivaz introduced this programme with the stated purpose of allocating human resources efficiently and breaking up apartheid-era cliques Every commissioned officer — from captain to superintendent — had to reapply for his or her post

Management sees "en masse" as the way forward, but Popcru regards it as an obstacle to affirmative action and wants it scrapped Fivaz has refused, but has agreed to its suspension in KwaZulu-Natal

"We want affirmative action first Then if there are still vacancies we can start talking 'en masse' The two cannot coexist because 'en masse' removes opportunities for affirmative appointments," says Popcru spokesman Siza Doncabe

Management has compounded the problem Vanessa Gouden of the police National Equity Component points out that in the last round of KwaZulu-Natal appointments, 62% of promotions to senior positions went to white men

Failure to agree on an acceptable affirmative action programme has sparked tension at police stations This frequently translates into open hostility

In one such case, a newly appointed Indian superintendent of Umbumbulu police station, south of Durban, got a hostile reception from subordinates demanding that he "go home to India"

Other stations in the province have encountered similar difficulties, including Thornville outside Maritzburg, Umgababa, and Umlazi and KwaMashu in Durban

Gouden stresses that though the problem of racial tension in the police is acute in KwaZulu-Natal, it is not unique to the province

Herb Payne

Top police officers band together to eliminate SAPS racism

BEAUREGARD TROMP
STAFF REPORTER

Senior black police officers met at the weekend to examine ways to get rid of what they claim is "white baasskap" in the service.

Many high-ranking and prominent officers from around the Peninsula attended the meeting at the

police training college in Bishop Lavis to discuss transformation

Most of the top posts in the police force are held by white personnel, who have been criticised for not dealing adequately with priority issues such as gangsterism

Interim national convener Mpho Mmuthi said expected changes in the force had not taken place in terms of

improving policing in townships like those on the Cape Flats. He said the mistake had been that many of the old regime had stayed behind, occupying fundamental positions in the service.

"We already have black officers in management positions who understand the situations in the townships better than their white counterparts," he said

In a report distributed before the meeting, Director Mmuthi criticised high-ranking black officers who had made no significant changes and risen through the ranks "on the blood of their own people"

The Black Officers Forum was looking at ways of transforming the service by bringing together black officers in management positions. This

would include eradicating racism and encouraging black management to take part in decision making, he said.

Many officers said they were disgruntled at the leadership.

"Top structures are still ignoring gangsterism as the number one priority in the Western Cape, leaving us to manage crime and not deal with it," said Kishor Harri of the gang unit.

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TRANSFORMATION 'TOO SLOW'

Black officers voice

concern over crime ⁽²⁵¹⁾

SENIOR BLACK POLICE OFFICERS are taking a stand against the lack of transformation. Special Assignments team **ROGER FRIEDMAN** and **BENNY GOOL** report.

MORE than 100 top black police officers in the Western Cape, concerned at escalating violent crime in the province and senior police management's "inability or unwillingness to reverse the situation", met in Bishop Lavis at the weekend to establish a regional Black Officer's Forum

The structure cuts across union lines, includes officers who served under the old regime and former MK operatives, and draws its membership from the East Metropole, West Metropole, Boland, Southern Cape, detective services, safety services, the provincial commissioner's office, specialised units and training components

According to its interim constitution, membership is open to all senior officers and members of the Department of Safety and Security, including "any officer whose philosophical understanding of the cause for this forum would further the aims of creating a truly transformed police service"

At national level, the forum's stated mission is the eradication of lingering effects of apartheid from the police service, and it aims to ensure the implementation of transformation policies, facilitate the removal of obstacles hampering the development of black managers, build a solid black leadership core for the betterment of the service, and create an understanding of and encourage representivity

Similar structures have been launched in all eight other provinces, with a national launch scheduled for Cape Town in May

Specific Western Cape concerns raised include

- Violent crime against women and children
- Escalating violent crime to the extent that the province is viewed as the crime capital
- The inability or unwillingness of senior police management to tackle and reverse the wave of violent crime, with specific reference to the poor quality of investigations into the gangster/druglord/Pagad phenomenon
- The inability of senior management to address corruption in police ranks

Additional concerns raised by the forum's interim committee members during an interview with the *Cape Times* yesterday included:

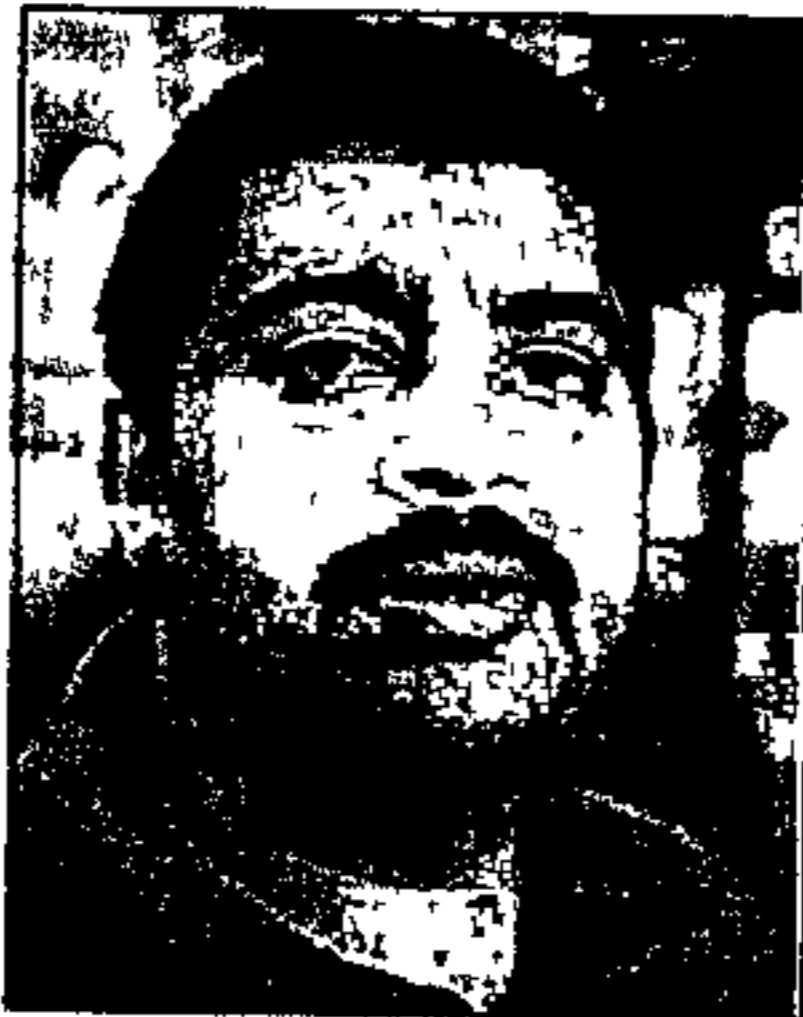
- Job reservation for senior white officers — an example of which was the reservation of a post as a deputy area commissioner for Director Eugene van Vuuren, with-



HAMPERED: Superintendent Peter Jacobs



BLOCKAGE: Senior Superintendent Jenny du Plooy



ON RECEIVING END: Captain Kishor Harri

out the post being advertised

- "Entrenched racist attitudes within the service" — an example of which was a Worcester policeman insisting that a coloured child be removed from the pre-school his child was attending

Those interviewed were also scathing of Commissioner Leon Wessels' reported statements recently that Elsie's River had become unpolicable, saying the

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 police needed to start tackling rather than managing crime

Senior Superintendent Jenny du Plooy, provincial head of the police's equity component, said "We are responsible for the transformation of the service, but we experience blockages all the time. The only time black officers get access to senior management is when they are called on to the carpet to be disciplined after making public statements concerning the transformation of the service. A case in point is Harri after being quoted in the *Cape Times*"

Detective, Superintendent Mzwandile Petros, said "When I joined the police three years ago, I thought I was an agent for change, but unfortunately no platform to manage transformation was ever created. Black non-commissioned officers in the province have high expectations, but unfortunately I am not in a position to help them because although I have certain powers, I don't have a platform. People look to me to drive transformation but unfortunately I cannot. I don't see myself as only being accountable to officers under me, I should also be a black role-model"

Captain Kishor Harri of the gang unit said: "Our people are on the receiving end and we are trying to take responsibility for our and their futures. With regard to gangsterism, the people who make management and policy decisions have no experience of ever having worked with gangs"

Superintendent Peter Jacobs of National Safety Services, border police, said "It's embarrassing because we are not addressing the violence in our areas, because we are not allowed to. We are being marginalised from our own areas. The Black Officer's Forum comprises people from different backgrounds coming together under a common concern that crime is not being addressed."

Captain Paul Nel, a training officer at police college, said "The Adult Basic and Education Training programme is a national priority in all government departments, but I find that white station commissioners are not interested in sending their people on the programme. The commissioner at a major township police station told me he was not interested because he didn't know where he would be able to catch such people. He spoke of them as if they were animals"

The Black Officer's Forum (Western Cape) has the support of a number of NGOs including the Western Cape Anti-Crime Forum. At national level it is supported by the Black Management Forum

About 85% of police managers in the Western Cape are white

Boundaries of police areas, local authorities should coincide – expert

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By RODNEY VICTOR

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Police and local authorities could share information and measure the effects of crime-prevention strategies more easily if police boundaries were “harmonised” with those of local authorities, according to Janine Rauch of the Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation.

Rauch recently presented a study on the views of station commanders at police stations on crime and crime prevention in Greater Johannesburg.

Her first hurdle was to identify which stations fell within the metropolitan area, a task that was complicated by the fact that there are five police areas – Johannesburg, Soweto, West Rand, Vaal and Pretoria – serving different parts of Greater Johannesburg.

No one in the police service could tell her which stations fell within Greater Johannesburg, and neither could anyone in metropolitan or provincial government.

“We began scanning telephone directories and maps,” Rauch said.

She identified 38 police stations but said “there may be a couple more police stations which do fall into Greater Johannesburg but which we did not find”.

The police were not alone in having boundaries that differed from those of local authorities, Rauch says. “In discussion with the (Gauteng) department of development planning we discovered that virtually every government department works with different boundaries.”

Rauch suggested that police boundaries be changed to make them harmonise with those of local authorities.

SAPS members criticised for conduct in conflict

Farouk Chothia

ULUNDI — Members of the SA Police Service practised racism, used excessive force and displayed poor human-resource management skills when dealing with conflict at three police stations in KwaZulu-Natal earlier this year, an investigation by the provincial legislature has found.

National Party MP Gordon Haygarth said in a report to a joint meeting of the provincial and national safety and security commit-

tees that policemen had been transferred to senior posts at the Thornville, Inanda and Umbumbulu police stations, but on arrival found they were not expected.

The situation was aggravated by the fact that Indians came to take posts occupied by blacks in predominantly black areas.

In what police described as an incident unrelated to the transfers, an Indian policeman shot dead a black policeman in Inanda. Sixteen Indian policemen then "deserted" Inanda for stations in

predominantly Indian areas.

Haygarth said that in Thornville, armed police broke up a protest against the transfer of an Indian officer by using disproportionate force, charging black policemen, including those who were innocent, with sedition.

KwaZulu-Natal police commissioner Chris Serfontein said a moratorium had been imposed on transfers and aggrieved policemen had been given until Monday to lodge complaints with national commissioner George Fivaz.

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McBride's Maputo sting

Wally Mbhele

The arrest of Robert McBride on charges of gun running in Mozambique seems to have been a well-coordinated police trap, planned with the man he was captured with, Vusi Mbatha, Mozambican gun runner Alex Mamba, and the South African security forces.

There is concern that old guard elements of the South African military and police assisted the Mozambicans in setting up McBride because his investigations into arms smuggling to criminal syndicates in South Africa, including the highway heist gangs, had unearthed links to the security forces.

It has now emerged that Mbatha himself has a long history of working with the former South African military intelligence (MI) as well as being a police informer, while Mamba is also a police agent. The *Mail & Guardian* has the name of Mbatha's MI handler.

Mbatha, who it is believed may emerge as the chief witness against McBride, is actually not a South African as widely reported, but a Mozambican holding a South African identity document. The other potential witness is Mamba who, the police allege, has since escaped. But they have not explained how were they able to set a trap inside his house with out his knowledge.

A former official of Lawyers for Human Rights, Aubrey Lekwane, who has been working with McBride since they first met Mbatha — alias Madida — in 1993, spoke out publicly this week against what he sees as a plot against McBride. In an exclusive interview with the *M&G*, Lekwane said he is prepared to become McBride's witness against Mbatha's allegations and that he has conveyed his concerns to Minister of Safety and Security Sydney Mufamadi.

Lekwane revealed that Mbatha has made conflicting statements about the Third Force since 1993 to, among others, Lawyers for Human Rights, human rights lawyer Steven Goldblatt and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. In all instances he was found to be an untruthful witness.

The reason why McBride took him to the truth commission last year, according to Lekwane, was to tell the commission during the "Winnie hearing" how he was used to infiltrate Winnie Madikizela Mandela's household with the purpose of conducting a smear and disinformation campaign against her.

It was during a meeting with one of the commission's international investigators that Mbatha began making fresh allegations that gun running was continuing — and even went fur-

ther to claim that the Mozambican gun-runners were now supplying South African criminal syndicates. The commission confirmed this week that they had taken a statement from him.

Lekwane, who worked for Lawyers for Human Rights for eight years, says when he heard of McBride's arrest, he was almost certain that "he had been arrested while making a follow-up on Vusi's claims. I contacted [Mpumalanga Premier] Mathews Phosa immediately and informed him that I believed that I had information which would be useful in this matter."

Although the exact status of the structure within which McBride was operating has not been established, the former Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK) guerrilla was not on a personal mission. It has been established that he made an official requisition for money (in the form of \$11 000) before he left.

The *M&G* has established he was working with a "special operations unit", understood to have been established late last year after word filtered out that organised gangs with apartheid links were planning to destabilise the government through crime.

The unit was allegedly created to feed data to the National Intelligence Agency on destabilisation forces and is under the management of a former MK commander. The reason why both the ANC and the government are unable to come into the open about this unit, sources said, is because it is too embarrassing for the government to be seen to be running parallel intelligence structures.

The initiative flows out of the failure of conventional intelligence units to provide the high grade information that the government needs. The unit has also probed the movement of South African arms with the alleged connivance of security force operatives to Zambian bases of the Angolan rebel movement Unita and to other countries in the region such as the Democratic Republic of Congo. A report on this was being prepared for the upcoming Southern African Development Community conference.

The reason why McBride is unwilling to speak about this structure, said a source, is because he does not want to betray anyone. However, a senior government source indicated this week that McBride's arrest was being dealt with at two levels. At the official level, they are denying the operation was authorised but the source said "some of our guys" — intelligence operatives — had gone to Maputo to deal with the issue through the back door.

Meanwhile, the government this week began a shift in its approach to the saga. After a week of silence in the face of growing criticism, Mufamadi told Parliament this week that



Undercover Robert McBride was apparently on a mission. PHOTO COURTESY THE STAR

there was a clear "disinformation" campaign against McBride by elements within the security forces.

This followed a series of statements issued by assistant police commissioner "Suiker" Britz, who implied that McBride was guilty of gunrunning. Having been linked to among others, the Irish Republican Army, Britz went further by revealing that MI has information that McBride was involved in a plot to destabilise the government.

A senior government official working closely on the McBride matter said this week although the government did not want to be seen to be disturbing the Mozambican probe, he suspected that "Britz has naughty motives. With an old mindset, he has seen an opportunity to sow confusion as if his views reflect those of the government."

Britz rushed to Mozambique once McBride was arrested. On his arrival in Mozambique, he was not interested in speaking to McBride, and demanded to see Mbatha.

A South African police officer who was asked to identify McBride in a Mozambican jail described him as "a very dangerous man".

"For a government employee to describe a senior government official in that manner is most telling about their attitude to McBride," McBride's wife, Paula, said this week.

She also questioned some of the dates for when police say her husband was in Mozambique. She said the first time McBride went to

Mozambique was in January this year.

The second time was on March 11 when he was arrested. According to Paula McBride, he was on a "follow up investigation", unaware that a trap had already been set for him. She described reports that McBride has been in Mozambique in 1993 as a "lie", arguing that the police have even attempted to suggest that he was in Mozambique during the ANC's conference in Mafikeng last year in December.

In some of his confessions to human rights institutions, Mbatha claimed to have participated in alleged Inkatha Freedom Party attacks on the ANC, have fought for Frelimo and joined the ANC mission in Angola, said Lekwane. Lekwane said he first met Mbatha after he mysteriously infiltrated ANC structures on the East Rand. Mbatha has on numerous occasions taken him and Robert McBride on a "wild goose" chase to the scenes of alleged massacres.

Lekwane is making a sworn affidavit for Mufamadi. He has handed the *M&G* his preliminary unsigned affidavit.

Police representative Reg Crewe said he did not know whether Mbatha was a spy. "It's not our policy to reveal the names of informers. Whether it was a joint set up between Mozambique and the SAPS [South African Police Service], I can't comment as the investigation is in the hands of the Mozambicans."

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When cops can't face life

Both black and white policemen, for different reasons, struggle to adapt to their new role of crime fighters

By TINA SUSMAN

After 18 years as a cop, Lota Simon Mathare had received just two pay raises, seen his house firebombed and shot at, and lost his best friend, another policeman, to suicide.

Struggling financially and frustrated at work, he too became suicidal, but he didn't want to leave his wife and two young daughters.

"I thought the best thing was to kill my kids and their mother, and then myself," Mathare said matter-of-factly as his wife Lilian sat nearby. "I had it all worked out in my head."

About the only remarkable part of Mathare's story is that he didn't go through with his plan. Nearly 1,000 South African police have killed themselves — sometimes also murdering their families — since 1991, after the end of apartheid reined in the once-omnipotent police force and forced its members, both black and white, to adjust.

Suddenly, being white was no guarantee of promotion or pay rises. Being black was certain to incite bitterness among white colleagues who felt victimised by affirmative action.

Beating confessions out of people was no longer acceptable, and police who for decades had been used primarily as enforcers of a political ideology were being expected to fight crime.

The upheaval, combined with the grueling job of policing one of the world's most violent countries while being disdained by a public that still resents the police for their past actions, has created a stressed-out force with a suicide rate a dozen times higher than the national average, according to the SA Police Service.

Most suicides involve black officers such as Mathare (42), in part because they dominate the 161,000-member force and tend to be in the poorly paid lower ranks. But white police suicides have increased since 1994, and both races appear equally prone to the anxieties and frustrations of working in a generally low-paid, high-risk job that commands little respect.

"In the past it was easy to label police as racist and oppressors or, in the case of black officers, collaborators with the apartheid government.

"To a large extent they were, but now that we're moving towards a new system, it's incumbent on society to recognise that police are not made of concrete, that they have emotions and feelings as well," said Danny Tibus, director of police training at Technikon SA, which trains thousands of police officers each year and will soon introduce stress-management courses.

There are only 90 psychologists for the entire force, and the fear of being labelled weak deters many members from seeking psychological help.

Worse then war

Constable James Mostert, a towering 23-year-old whose father was a cop and who has been a policeman for five years, is a good example. Mostert is part of Johannesburg's flying squad.

Four nights a week he straps on a bulletproof vest, arms himself with an automatic pistol and machinegun, and patrols from sunset to sunrise some of the city's deadliest neighbourhoods.

"I've seen more in my life than most people see in a war,"

Mostert said one Friday midway through his 12-hour shift. "In the last six months of 1994 I lost four friends on the squad to murder. I wanted to get counselling but I knew it would go on my record and make it harder to get promoted, so I didn't."

As the relatively quiet night — only one murder and one assault — dragged towards dawn, Mostert described a recurring dream that haunts him: he fires at an assailant who won't drop dead.

In real life, Mostert recalls drawing his gun in 1995 to fire at the legs of a fleeing robbery suspect, a practice that was widely used and accepted under apartheid.

"I'm chasing this guy and I'm about to fire, and this lady watching the whole thing started chasing me and hitting me with her bag, telling me I can't do that," Mostert said. "You can't win."

He and his partner are white Afrikaans-speakers who are bitter over what they say is favouritism towards blacks in the police service, but they say they can't quit.

"Today in South Africa, if you're white you don't get work," Mostert said.

Like most black cops, Mathare joined the force because it was one of the few jobs with a steady income. A black man with little education could get during apartheid. In his township of Soshanguve, north of Pretoria, some blacks viewed him as a supporter of apartheid.

One night they fired bullets into his bedroom window. Another night he found his house in flames, firebombed. These incidents were before the end of apartheid, but he says the attitudes haven't changed.

Mathare said the white police psychologist he spoke to couldn't empathise with a black man who lives in a down-trodden township and struggles to care for his family on a salary of R1,200 a month, and who encounters racism from white colleagues and resentment from black neighbours.

Instead, he got help from his personal physician, who diagnosed post-traumatic stress syndrome, put him on antidepressants, and persuaded him to quit the force three months ago. Otherwise, he says, he probably would have carried out his murder-suicide plan — Washington Post News Service.

Meiring denies conflict between black and white cops

BY DAN DHIAMINI

RELATIONS BETWEEN members of the SAPS in Vryburg plunged to a low ebb after this week's teargassing of black cops by their white colleagues.

According to Sergeant Freddy Isaacs, the acting station Commissioner at Huhudi, when the Public Order Unit members of the SAPS, who are mainly white, fired teargas into the crowd in the township, the fumes also drifted into the charge office and affected him and his men.

"We went to Superintendent Calitz and requested him to stop his members from shooting teargas in the direction of the police station because we did not have gas masks. To our dismay he arrogantly told us that he would not discuss anything with us and instead ordered us to go back to work.

"We could not work under such circumstances. We then spoke to a number of local youths not to vandalise the police station because it is theirs.

"I locked the charge office and we went to the police station in town. Nothing had happened, but it became we

spoke to our people

"Calitz's attitude towards black policemen leaves much to be desired. It is this type of attitude that makes members of the public disrespect black policemen because they think we are being used by our white counterparts," said Isaacs, also a Popernu member.

In another development, tempers flared on Wednesday as black and white cops clashed openly in Vryburg following the arrest of about 130 black pupils at Vryburg High School.

The pupils had gathered outside the trouble-torn school which had been cordoned off with razor-wire. Black pupils were protesting and demanding that the headmaster Theo Scholtz should resign and that his hilly-white school governing body also disband.

Pupils claimed that Scholtz sided with white pupils who provoked them, and that he did not want to implement transformation at the school.

The deputy chairman of Popernu in Vryburg, Sergeant Anthony Selebogo, told City Press that on the day of the incident senior officers, who have put up a temporary police station in the premises of Vryburg High School, ordered black policemen to go and patrol the streets in town. Selebogo said the black policemen suspected that their white colleagues were up to some mischief.

He said white policemen who had remained at the Vryburg High school arrested a group of black children.

"But it was the rough manner in which they handled the children that made us as Popernu members object," he said, adding that the white policemen who took part in the arrest had removed their name tags to avoid being identified, and had not taken responsibility for charging the suspects.

North West police spokesman Senior Superintendent Pieter du Plessis said Superintendent Calitz denied having said he was not prepared to talk with the Huhudi policemen.

Du Plessis said Calitz's response to the request not to use teargas could not be acted on, due to the danger his men were faced with.

He said Calitz added that if the same circumstances occurred again he would act in the same manner.

Regarding the clashes between white and black cops, Provincial Commissioner AT Meiring said the so-called discord between members of the police in Vryburg was devoid of all truth.

"With reference to the media reports, I want to express my dismay at the manner in which the media are exaggerating a minor incident.

"The report is based on one-sided information and does not reflect the truth. The discord was a quarrel about an administrative difference and is being regarded as a minor incident which can happen at any workplace. The matter has been dealt with correctly by the commander on the spot and I regard it as finalised," said Meiring.

He said he could not however deny that there could have been personal differences between some officers, but to say police were divided into two camps was untrue.

He called on all parties to refrain from provoking the already tense situation in Vryburg.

Intrigues surround McBride

The McBride issue has thrown up all kinds of doubts about the intelligence agencies

By CHIARA CARTER

JUST WHAT is going on in the country's security establishment is a question likely to linger long after Robert McBride has been charged or released.

This week's briefing of Parliament on the McBride saga by Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi amounted to little more than a valiant attempt to close the stable door after several horses had bolted.

Despite the shuffling of officials to Maputo since McBride's arrest, Mufamadi said little of substance - aside from dire references to "elements" within the state who were feeding rumours with an intention of destabilisation.

He told Parliament there was an "ill-intentioned frenzy and offensive which sought to construct a sensational story and arrive at bizarre conclusions".

Extraordinary they certainly have been, with organisations mentioned including the ANC, the IFP, Sinn Fein and the IRA, Fretilin of East Timor and a left wing group said to be planning a coup.

Equally extraordinary is that many of these rumours, encouraged by the government's silence, originate from state officials.

So far, the prime culprit singled out has been the very policeman tasked with investigating the matter, Assistant Police Commissioner Suiker Britz.

Given his track record on failing to solve cases like the Motherwell bombing, Britz seems an unlikely choice to deal with so sensitive a matter.

Stung by Britz's as yet unsubstantiated utterances, Mufamadi sent a strongly-worded letter of complaint to Commissioner George Fivaz, and the detective has been told to shut up.

But that is not the end of the problems in safety and security.

Alex Mamba, the arms dealer who set up McBride, was a long time informant for the South African and Mozambican police and is said to have told the SAPS about the impending meeting with McBride a week before McBride walked into the trap.

If this is indeed the case, the SAPS need to explain what was done about the tip-off.

Meanwhile over at the ministry of intelligence, Deputy Minister Joe Nhlanhla has a headache or two of his own.

His spooks have been hard at work checking out the multitude of new claims, for example that McBride was acting for a shadowy unit which fed information to the National Intelligence Agency (NIA).

Nhlanhla has repeatedly placed his neck on the line by saying not only did McBride not work for NIA or the SA Secret Service, but he also was not passing on information to either organisation.

As a former ANC intelligence chief presumably, Nhlanhla would know if McBride was acting for a group which had its genesis in the formally disbanded ANC's intelligence structure - one theory which has been doing the rounds.

If McBride was working for a parallel intelligence structure with of-

ficial sanction, not only would such a structure be unconstitutional, it would also turn out to have been a dismal failure - nobody with any sense would use such a high-profile figure as McBride for so sensitive an operation.

On the other hand, if there was any doubt about weaknesses in the information-gathering capacity of NIA and SASS, their seeming lack of any foreknowledge about the looming debacle is an indictment.

Then there is the military. National Intelligence Coordinating Committee (NICOC) head Linda Mti has said he knows nothing about a military intelligence investigation into allegations that left wing generals were planning a coup. The inquiry is said to have included a two-year-long surveillance of McBride.

MI, like all intelligence agencies, is not supposed to set its own agenda; instead it has to carry out tasks assigned to it. If this report does in fact exist it begs questions: who authorised the investigation and for what purpose? Was the report provided to the SAPS without the knowledge of the country's intelligence co-ordinating structure?

Both the gun-running Mamba and McBride's companion Vusi Mbatha have long histories of being police informers. Mbatha also had linkages with the old military intelligence establishment.

Not only does all of this lend credence to the theory that McBride was set up but also to the view that there are forces at work within state structures to destabilise the government.

Cops 'tipped off' about McBride

By CHIARA CARTER

SOUTH AFRICAN police were allegedly tipped off about Robert McBride's assignment with a Mozambican arms smuggler about a week before the Foreign Affairs official headed for Maputo.

It is understood the tip-off came from arms dealer Alex Mamba, a long-time informant for both the South African and Mozambican police, who disappeared after McBride's arrest.

This claim by a top police source is but one of several puzzling aspects to the McBride saga which raises questions about the role of members of South Africa's security structures in the McBride saga.

The government has denied that

McBride was acting in an official capacity when he entered Mozambique while on leave.

Deputy Minister of Intelligence Joe Nhlanhla has refuted claims that McBride was performing a task for a shadow investigative unit feeding information to the National Intelligence Agency (NIA) saying McBride had never been either an agent or a source for NIA or the SA Secret Service.

Should there turn out to be such an intelligence gathering structure with official sanction it would be a major embarrassment for the government as it is unconstitutional.

A theory gaining ground is that McBride was led to believe he would be supplying information on the arms trade to government intel-

ligence structures.

If this is so, just who set up McBride and where did he get the money allegedly intended for the purchase of arms?

Last year McBride introduced Vusi Mbatha, the man arrested with him, to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission as a potential witness for the Winnie Madikizela-Mandela hearing.

Mbatha, who is alleged to have been not only a police informer but also an MI informant, told a TRC investigator that he had been a police informant in Madikizela-Mandela's house and made allegations about gun smuggling from Mozambique.

The TRC took a statement but apparently viewed him as a discredited witness.

Top W Cape police deny racism claims

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A police union and a traders' association have accused top Western Cape police of racism, saying they give priority to white murders and limited attention to the killing of those of other races.

The Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union and the Western Cape Traders' Association said they noted that Western Cape Commissioner Leon Wessels, violent crimes unit

head Leonard Knipe, West Metropole commissioner Ganief Daniels and several other top detectives had visited a double murder scene in Constantia last week

Two elderly women were knifed to death at the Constantia Place retirement complex

Popcru spokesman Mack Manuel and traders' association chairman Dawood Khan said the officers had not cared enough to visit the scenes of the murders of Claremont sisters Mabel and Joyce Marshall and Katy-

Ann Arendse and Faried Davids in Heideveld

In response, Commissioner Wessels said it was not the first time he had visited a crime scene as provincial commissioner

In response to the race allegations, he said that "it serves to mention that the victims of Thursday's double murder were not both of the same race"

He would like to reassure Mr Khan that race played no part in the criteria of prioritising investigations

Jessie Duarte quits as minister

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Not all 'men in blue' are from the service

'Police-style' uniforms proliferate

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Durban - Security companies are mushrooming and more and more of them are issuing their guards with uniforms similar to those used by the South African Police Services.

Captain Dirk Swarts from the local Zero Tolerance Unit said this should be addressed urgently, as people were confusing security guards with police

Captain Swarts said while the police were seen as the "men in blue" there were other men in blue patrolling the streets - and the public expected service from these perceived policemen

Senior Superintendent Andrew Lesch from the office of the national commissioner said the SAPS uniform was not registered at the heraldry office and there were no laws preventing people from wearing it

However, police insignia were registered and any person wearing the uniform in a "deceptive" way, displaying insignia closely resembling that of the police, could be charged. It was important for officers always to wear the insignia, including their name badges, to prevent confusion

Captain Swarts said many security uniforms had badges or emblems resembling those of the SAPS. "I have even saluted a few security guards," he said

Some security companies also had specialised units, including dog units with similar badges. Captain Swarts said in one instance a woman phoned to complain about the behaviour of a "policeman" after she was mugged and he said he couldn't help her as he was working

When police went to investigate they discovered the man was a security guard wearing a uniform resembling that of the SAPS

Captain Swarts said the only difference between some of the guards' uniforms and those of the



JANI MEYER

Double take: South African Police Services Sergeant Nicky Rajendra and security guard David Murugan have similar uniforms

police were the "pips"

He said although it was not illegal, it was a major cause for concern. "Guards are often confused with policemen and if they (the guards) are behaving in an inappropriate way, people may assume they are policemen"

Don Masterson of the SA National Security Association said

the industry did not have guidelines or restrictions about the type of uniforms security companies issued. Only the use of camouflage uniforms was restricted by law. Mr Masterson added that the increase in the use of blue uniforms might be due to availability

"Blue uniforms are readily available, reducing costs," he said

Political reporters **Cecilia Russell** and **Hopewell Radebe** discuss the life, work and departure of Gauteng's safety and security MEC, who resigned yesterday



Comforter. a shoulder to cry on



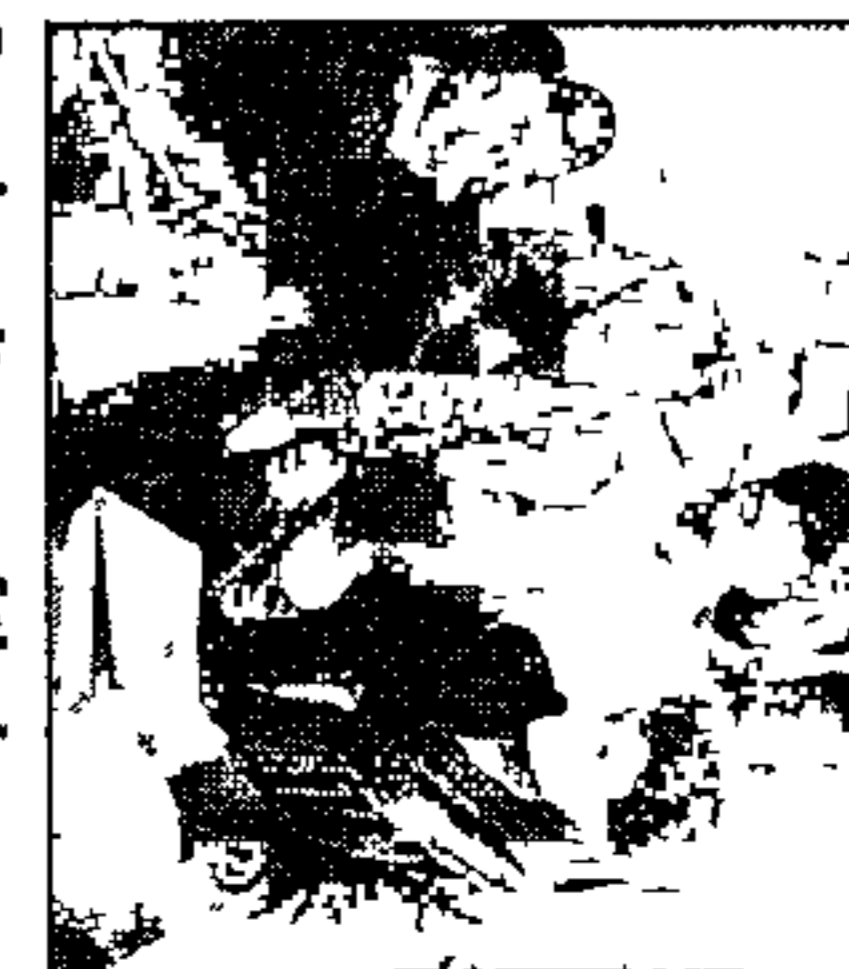
Feminist working with women.



The president's team: with Nelson Mandela and Tokyo Sexwale.



Making peace: keeping taxi drivers apart.



Roughing it: one of the boys.

The rise and

fall of

Jessie Duarte

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Backstreet fighter who went with a whimper

Jessie Duarte, streetfighter-turned-freedom fighter and politician, stunned friends and opponents yesterday when she meekly relinquished her post in the provincial government

Was this a ploy designed to position herself for a new career or had Duarte merely succumbed to unrelenting pressure and stepped down? As recently as last month, Duarte was telling interviewers: "If I am guilty, I am prepared to pay. But I am not going to resign."

In 1994 Duarte took on one of the toughest portfolios in Gauteng, that of heading the province's police force and crime-fighting efforts.

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After Nelson Mandela's inauguration, Duarte punched herself into the defence of her leadership. During her first year in of

visit to Portugal in April last year which the department paid for even though Bulunga does not work for the government. And there were allegations of irregularities in the appointment and remuneration of a consultant, Joseph Banda.

Several conflicting images of Duarte and her department have been painted during the grueling two weeks of public hearings.

One painted by her legal team is of Duarte as a "workaholic" politician who left the management of her department to the "technocrats".

Her advocate, Reenen Potgieter said many of the allegations had arisen due to her anxiety to perform.

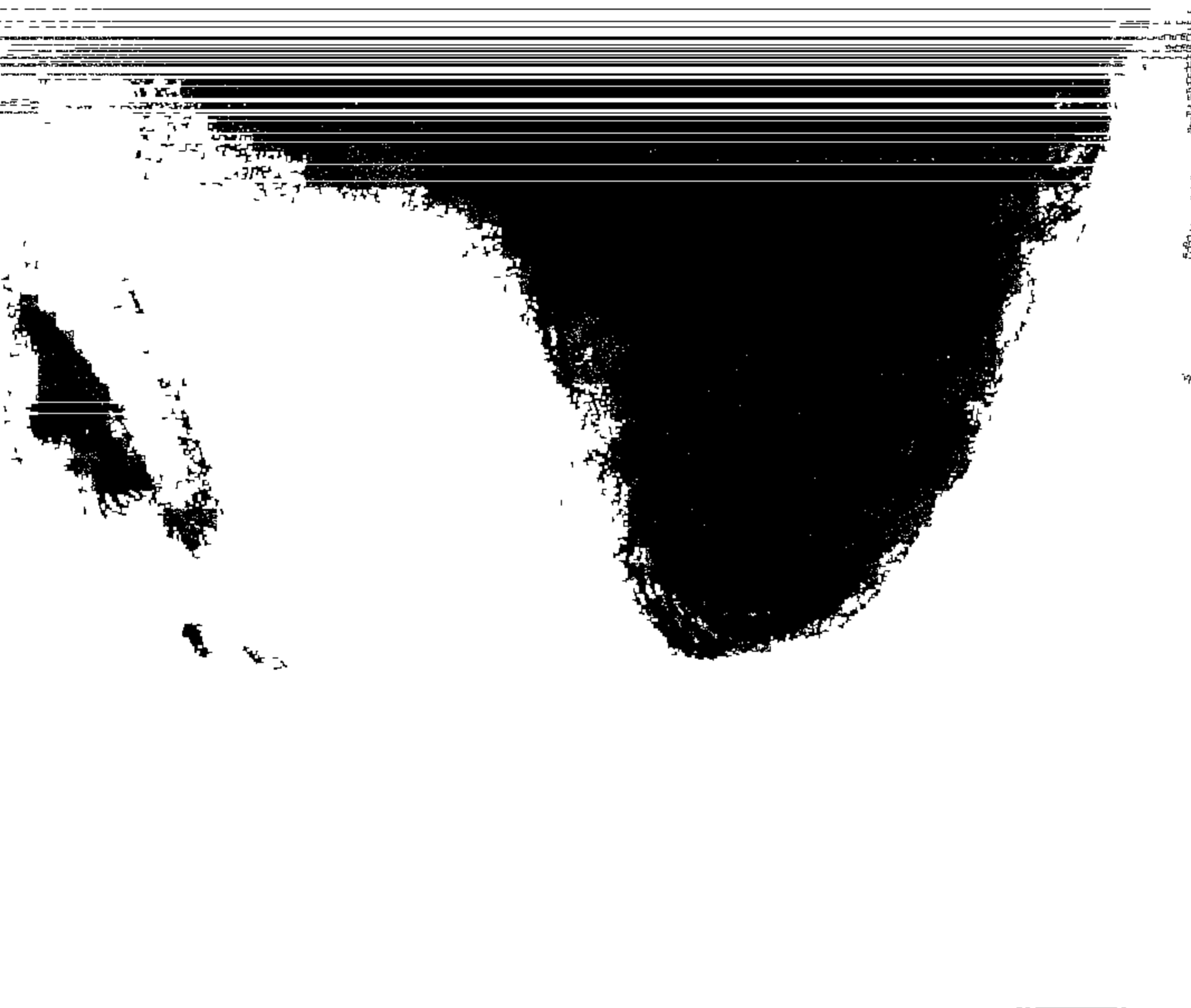
"Overzealousness to get things done in time can never be dishonest and is not evidence of corruption," he argued. "Contrary to this is a perception that she is a person who is not interested in the work of the department."

Jessie Duarte may have fobbed off the allegations against her as "a storm in a teacup", but it has proved to be the storm that took the wind out of her sails.

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The allegations against Duarte are well documented, although not yet conclusively proven.

Her problems appear to have begun in October last year, when her official car was involved in an accident.

It is alleged that Duarte, Gauteng crime-fighter number one, had broken a traffic law because she did not have a licence.

Questions were also asked when she took a "trend", Babelazi Bulunga, on an official

rent. Ann, the wife of Duarte, included the dirtiest mudslinging and vilification of candidates nominated for that position in the history of the organisation.

Even though it was firmly denied both by Duarte and Motshega, the provincial discussion document of the ANC acknowledged the damage that the election process did to the image and political unity of the organisation, and advises that the conference due at the weekend should deal only with issues.

But Motshega yesterday denied that any tensions still exist. "After I took over (the chair of the province) I never heard of any tension," he said.

Any criticisms that may have been voiced about Duarte in the organisation have been exploited by a vociferous opposition.

Because of DP member Peter Lebon's complaint about inefficiencies in Duarte's department in November last year, the Gauteng Public Service Commission investigation was launched.

This probe seemed to find a handy scapegoat for the department's problems, and departmental head Theo Burgers was suspended after its findings were made known.

In various interviews, Duarte admitted there were minor irregularities in her department, but opposition parties were not going to back off. They demanded her suspension or resignation.

transformed "from a force to a service". "This has led to healthier relations between the police and the community. Consequently, the legitimacy of the SAPS has grown immensely."

The report states that the "facilitation subdirectorates" has tackled conflict resolution in various spheres, including

that of taxi violence, hostel violence, and violence in KwaThema and informal settlements. "These (efforts) are bearing fruit, particularly in KwaThema, where peace and stability have been brought in."

The groundwork for the "safety lung" project in Johannesburg and Pretoria was laid

in 1997, with the installation of closed-circuit television in Johannesburg's city centre expected this year.

The department contributed R1-million to the training of 1 800 police officials in the handling of rape, and in cases of child and domestic violence.

The report states that the department has tackled a number of projects aimed at dissuading youths from gangsterism and organised crime in Soweto, Kathorus, Westbury and the Vaal.

A draft policy document on the decriminalisation of sex work was developed and forwarded to the Government for

consideration, as has a concept document on metropolitan policing.

A total of R55-million was allocated for the building of five police stations in the province.

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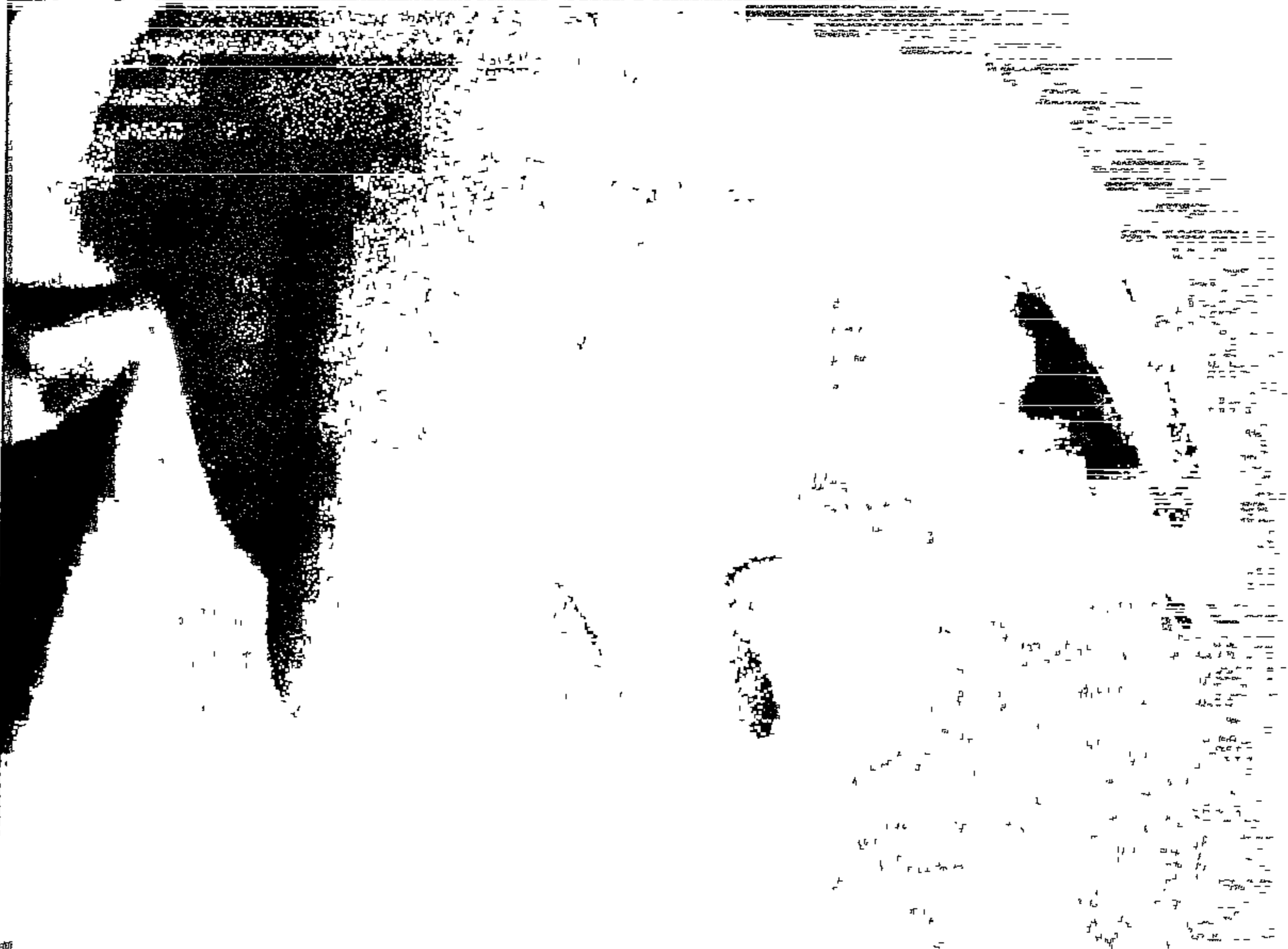
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After Nelson Mandela's release from prison, Duarte became his personal assistant and was one of a team of women for whom he had high praise: "These women play a crucial role in the (ANC) president's office. They are a competent collection of women and comrades who put this office at the level of efficiency at which it operates.

"They are strong personalities... They don't hesitate to correct me if I'm wrong. That is the strength of an office that attaches importance to collective thinking," Mandela said.

Duarte grew up in Newclare, a tough neighbourhood, and this probably gave her the

to tackle huge problems - not least of which was her relationship with the macho-dominated world of the police.

The first sign of tension between her and the police hit the headlines when police opened a docket on her for allegedly obstructing the administration of justice.

Apparently she had intervened to have a bodyguard of former minister without portfolio Jay Naidoo released on his own recognisances after he had apparently been arrested for a traffic offence. Duarte was not prosecuted and the action prompted Mandela to come to the defence of her leadership.

During her first year in office Duarte plunged herself into work dealing with the many problems which beset the province.

Newspapers reported on her first "bold plan for peace" two months after she came to office. The plan included the development of strong community policing forums.

Duarte demanded a commission of inquiry into allegations of police torture at the Vanderbijlpark Murder and Robbery Unit after a torture device had been found at the station.

She never shied from controversy, and last year, ahead of any initiative taken nationally, she announced moves to decriminalise prostitution.

Annual report tells of tough beginnings, and then strides of progress

Jessie Duarte's annual report for 1997, released to the media last week, starts on an optimistic note.

Her secretariat, which was started in 1994 in a small office with a broken telephone, had completed filling vacancies in the department, the report says. Relationship with "all lev-

els of police management at station, area and provincial level were deepened." According to the report, "co-operation and accountability is being maintained".

It says regular meetings with the police have resulted in communications channels being opened and the police being

transformed "from a force to a service". "This has led to healthier relations between the police and the community. Consequently, the legitimacy of the SAPS has grown immensely."

The report states that the "facilitation subdirectorates" has tackled conflict resolution in various spheres, including

that of taxi violence, hostel violence, and violence in KwaThema and informal settlements. "These (efforts) are bearing fruit, particularly in KwaThema, where peace and stability have been brought in."

The groundwork for the "safety lung" project in Johannesburg and Pretoria was laid

in 1997, with the installation of closed-circuit television in Johannesburg's city centre expected this year.

The department contributed R1-million to the training of 1 800 police officials in the handling of rape, and in cases of child and domestic violence.

The report states that the department has tackled a number of projects aimed at dissuading youths from gangsterism and organised crime in Soweto, Kathorus, Westbury and the Vaal.

A draft policy document on the decriminalisation of sex work was developed and forwarded to the Government for

consideration, as has a concept document on metropolitan policing.

A total of R55-million was allocated for the building of five police stations in the province.

Work on the construction of the stations at Alexandra, Eldorado Park, Diepkloof, Ivory

Park and Orange Farm began late last year and the projects are due to be completed sometime late in 1998.

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Race slur leads to police showdown

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Allegations that a Somerset West police officer made a racist remark to colleagues have led to a confrontation between police management and the Helderberg Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union.

It is alleged the sergeant told staff at the police station "All kaffirs and hotnots must be chased into the sea"

A third meeting on the issue between the union and station management ended in deadlock yesterday

Popcru is demanding an internal inves-

tigation and the sergeant's suspension

The sergeant's alleged outburst led to a Popcru investigation, which led in turn to the discovery that there were no non-white or Xhosa-speaking detectives at the police station

The Somerset West area includes several informal settlements where Afrikaans and Xhosa are the predominant languages

Popcru spokesman Danie Julies said the union had also established that no white policemen were stationed at the Sir Lowry's Pass satellite police station

Mr Julies said the union was demanding more representative police stations in

the Helderberg Basin

Popcru is to approach provincial police management with its demands

Mr Julies said a union delegation was flying to Johannesburg on Saturday to meet national police management

Western Cape police spokeswoman Ciska Swanepoel said the allegations about racism were being investigated in terms of police disciplinary regulations

Superintendent Swanepoel said personnel were distributed according to needs, not colour

Imbalances were being addressed by the equity component of the police, Superintendent Swanepoel said

Duarte's rise and fall

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SHE IS short, black and, at 45, in her prime Jessie Duarte took on the might of white male chauvinism in the police force and would have got away with it – had it not been for a lousy car accident one Sunday morning

Her resignation on Tuesday as Gauteng MEC for safety and security followed anxious weeks before the Moerane Commission investigating allegations of mismanagement and nepotism against her

For four years Duarte executed her duties with the precision of a trained military cadre

Of course she had the experience drawn from a life of political activism and the support of the likes of President Nelson Mandela and others in the African National Congress

No doubt Duarte and her colleagues had taken on a daunting task assuming the political leadership of a police force with a horrible past. From the beginning she faced opposition and at times ridicule from her subordinates, who dismissed her as a civilian in a male-dominated force

Former premier Tokyo Sexwale used to joke that when he introduced Duarte to the police generals they skipped her, "thinking she was my secretary and instead shook hands with other men in the room"

"I had to bring them to the reality of the new South Africa that the short woman in the house is your boss," Sexwale said

In time Duarte found herself having to complain bitterly about the continued racist and sexist behaviour of some of her subordinates. She remained in charge despite pressure from opposition leaders in the Gauteng Legislature, like the Democratic Party's Peter Leon who seemed to thrive on making Duarte's life miserable. But she continued to excel in her job

First Duarte had to physically take to the East Rand to wipe out political violence which was tearing communities apart. The ANC-aligned self-defence units and the self-protection units under the the Inkatha Freedom Party were still at war

Personal intervention

Duarte must be credited for her personal intervention in brokering peace on the East Rand and in other parts of Gauteng. She earned the respect of the ever critical media

At the same time she vigorously took on the implementation of the Government's proposals for community policing forums (CPF's) with a passion. She knew the process would not receive overwhelming support from the old guard

At times she found herself fighting to smooth over the divisions within the structures – mainly arising from accusations that she favoured ANC people for top CPF positions

But the challenges in the forums could not

What is it that led to the former Gauteng MEC for safety and security being forced to resign? **Pamela Dube** considers how the deck was stacked against her...



Jessie Duarte, outgoing Gauteng MEC for safety and security.

have prepared Duarte for the task of ending gang wars. She found herself facing gangster wars in the so-called coloured townships of Westbury, Newclare and Eldorado Park – where rival gangs were killing indiscriminately. And Duarte was drafted into the firing line, with accusations and counter-accusations from different gangs, community leaders and politicians

Duarte waved a finger, roped in some respected community leaders and soon relative peace returned to the streets of gangland

The taxi violence also became a sore point in Gauteng from 1994. Time and again Duarte and Sexwale would be seen and heard talking peace to the taxi warlords. Through the strength born from a tough upbringing in Newclare, she at times refused to be the diplomatic negotiator and faced the taxi operators head-on

To some extent it can be said that her determination to uproot criminality in the taxi business is paying off. There is relative peace in the

industry

And then there was the violent crime wave. It was reported that foreign investors were returning home because of the murders, rapes and hijackings

With scarce resources, little power over her subordinates and the ever absent police, Duarte had to convince the whole world that South Africa – and violent Gauteng in particular – could rid itself of this monster

Maybe that is why on many trips overseas, Duarte took along a "friend". Last April she took Babalazi Bulunga (a non-government employee) to Portugal. Duarte maintains her motives were innocent as Bulunga helped the department in its fight against crime. For now the nation might as well buy the story, as indeed it seems to be more of a personal matter – except that the taxpayer had to pay for his trip

While many people agree that Duarte took on the responsibility and managed within her limits, her foes still think her arrogant and angry

Yet, some argue it was Duarte's belief in her self-importance and power that destroyed her

While the Moerane Commission still has to tell the nation of her dealings, those who have worked with her over the years do not easily buy the media reports of corruption against her

They talk, however, of someone who over time saw herself as all-important above her staff

Maintaining a lie

And if evidence presented before the commission is true, Duarte's downfall does not stem from the Bulunga affair – or the old guard in the police service – and least of all her political opponents inside and outside the ANC. It seems more to be the result of her insistence on maintaining a lie over an accident last October

Her claim that her bodyguard was driving the car at the time could not be sustained. Instead the driver said he was coerced into lying to earn himself overtime pay

Maybe Duarte was naive in believing her employees would stick with her all the way, forgetting that some of them have a past with the same force she fought so hard to change

Police shake-up in Western Cape

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The ill-fated crack police team set up to investigate People against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad) is expected to disband as part of a shake-up of the police units ranged against gangsters and vigilantes on the Cape Flats

The special task group, set up nearly two years ago after Pagad sprang into the public eye, has been under pressure for months over its failure to secure convictions

Director Leonard Knipe, the serious violent crime division chief who commands the Pagad unit, this week labelled the operation a failure

The unit's fate is to be finalised in the next few days in a reorganisa-

sation of police investigative units ordered by Provincial Commissioner Leon Wessels

The unit this week declined to comment ahead of Wessels's official announcement, saying a number of options are being considered. But its own officers have privately suggested the unit should be merged into the more successful gang investigating unit

The Pagad unit was established in August 1996, after Pagad members shot and burnt to death gang leader Rashaad Staggle. It started out with more than 20 officers, but has lost several who returned to their own units, and now has only 16 staff members

One of the unit's major problems has been that the cases it took on, particularly in the past year, have



Who's chasing who? Pagad members may have run from police firing tear gas at a march in Athlone, Cape Town, this week, but a police team set up to investigate the organisation has had little success.

PHOTOGRAPH: ROGER BOSCH

rarely been clear-cut Pagad-related incidents. It has also struggled, like other police units investigating the violence, to find witnesses who will talk

The unit has opened more than 315 cases since its formation, and arrested nearly 160 people. Its conviction rate, however, has been minimal. Previous reports in the local

press suggest the unit has secured just one conviction — for possession of a stolen firearm

Between last October and January it opened 65 cases, including some of the more high-profile drive-by murders earlier this year. It made just five arrests over that period

Wessels's restructuring plan is just one of a string of initiatives on the table, some of them little more than a knee-jerk reaction to the latest gang-related outrages

Recent ideas include a call by the Western Cape Anti-Crime Forum that Minister of Justice Dullah Omar appoint a commission of inquiry to find out why the police and courts manage to foul up cases. Omar is apparently sympathetic

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Minister of Safety and Security Sydney Mufamadi has called on the Western Cape police to draft proposals which would form the basis of new legislation to outlaw gang membership. Cape Town mayor Theresa Solomon wants the army deployed on the Cape Flats, permanently

One plan that might have legs is the proposal unveiled last week by Western Cape Attorney General Frank Kahn. He wants a new investigative unit created by statute, independent from the police and reporting directly to the minister of justice

Functioning similarly to the Office for Serious Economic Offences, the unit would have greater search, subpoena and interrogative powers, and would focus on the 10 main gang leaders presiding over the Cape Flats

It would be staffed by 15 police officers, hand-picked by the justice minister and possibly from outside the province, 10 specialist prosecutors, and officials from the Reserve Bank and the South African Revenue Service

The unit could even fund itself from the proceeds of the ill-gotten loot it recovers

"It would focus on the sophisticated criminal," Kahn says. "This would be a sophisticated operation against a sophisticated enemy."

Kahn adds that the current law-and-order mechanism cannot combat gangsterism and lacks the confidence of the public

Kahn will expand on the idea in his annual report, due to be presented to Parliament in May

Omar is believed to like Kahn's task unit proposal, and the idea has some cautious support from Western Cape police. Knipe says the idea "has a lot of merit"

Mufamadi's office says he would also be keen, but would rather personally discuss the plan with Kahn first.

Bid to root out W Cape cop graft

New call by Parliament

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A parliamentary committee investigating Western Cape gang violence has called for a special tribunal on police corruption and a probe into the role of "foreign elements" in Pagad.

The report, being finalised by the National Council of Provinces committee on security and justice, also calls for better co-ordination between ministries

The committee's investigation included evidence from Justice Minister Dullah Omar, Western Cape Attorney-General Frank Kahn, police and defence officers, the Western Cape Anti-Crime Forum, the Western Cape Council of Churches and the Muslim Judicial Council

The report said it was clear that the strategies of various government agencies in attempting to deal with the violence were

"not very successful"

It said ministers in charge of departments involved in the criminal justice system should ensure greater co-ordination

The office of the attorney-general should develop an "effective and comprehensive" strategy against gangsterism

An effective strategy needed to be drawn up to determine whether the assets of known gang leaders were obtained legally

The report urges that the process of developing legislation to combat gangsterism should be speeded up

There should be an investigation into the role being played by foreign elements in Pagad, it says.

An assessment was needed of the impact of the Community Outreach Forum (Core) - which consists of gangsters claiming to be reformed - on gang violence, to determine

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whether the Government should negotiate with Core or not

Communities should be encouraged to play a more prominent role in community-police forums, says the committee

The police disciplinary code should be reviewed to address the serious problem of police who were unwilling to testify against colleagues in corruption and other cases

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More emphasis should be put on policing of shebeens and stronger measures should be taken against shebeens which were known by the community to be gang hide-outs

The draft report also calls for an investigation into the use of informers, "because many times this system is misused by police members to cover their own involvement in criminal activities and to make out false payments"

Consideration should be given to

setting up a tribunal to investigate the extent of corruption among police officers and their connections with gangs

The draft report, once it has been approved by the committee, will be passed to the full NCOP for its consideration

It is expected that eventually the recommendations of the report will be referred to the three ministries involved in the criminal justice system for action

Major MI shake-up on the cards

JOVIAL RANTAO

THE judicial commission appointed to probe a report that left-wing army officers and ANC officials planned a coup-d'etat is expected to recommend an inquiry and a major shake-up of military intelligence (MI) which is believed to be the source of the report probed by the commission.

The commission — Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeal Mr Justice Ismail Mahomed and Constitutional Court judges Mr Justice Pius Langa and Mr Justice Richard Goldstone — completed its work yesterday after interviewing, among others, SA National Defence Force head General Georg Meiring, Deputy Intelligence Minister Joe Nhlanhla, who is chairperson of the National Intelligence Co-ordinating Committee (NICOC).

A report is expected to be handed to President Nelson Mandela today. The commission completed its work in three days.

Government sources said that, depending on the answers given by Meiring and others interviewed by the commission, Mandela might have to take tough action and sack Meiring and other high ranking securocrats associated with the report.

It is understood that two months ago the cabinet approved a review of the MI's operational methods, its structures, its sources and its conduct. The approval was given at about the same time that Mandela would have been handed the report.

Intelligence sources have



QUESTIONED: Georg Meiring

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described MI as the most untransformed intelligence unit, which violates "every rule in the book"

"After the 1994 elections, a decision was taken that no intelligence unit, MI included, would assign itself to undertake investigations," one source, who would not be named, said.

"A rule was established that the units would execute assignments from bona-fide government clients. In this case, there was no client, the ministers responsible for intelligence and NICOC had no idea of the investigation and the report, and yet an ordinary policeman seems to have seen the contents of the report. There are too many irregularities."

Apart from the transformation of MI, the commission is expected to unveil the identity of the author of the report — the man trusted by Meiring so much that he took his report direct to the President, without much corroboration of the

Shadowy figure behind report about 'coup plot'

RYAN CRESSWELL

VUSI Mbatha, the man who was allegedly the main source for a military report about a coup plot recently handed to President Nelson Mandela, is a shadowy figure with a history of providing questionable information.

Mbatha, also known as Vusi Madida, was held in connection with alleged gun-running with senior Foreign Affairs official Mr Robert McBride in Mozambique about three weeks ago.

At the time, Mbatha claimed to be policeman, but investigators sent to Mozambique to look into the arrests said he was actually a convicted criminal.

Before his arrest he apparently gave military investigators information about a left-wing

coup involving army generals and others.

Mbatha first came to the fore in 1993 when he approached Lawyers for Human Rights with allegations about gun-running for the Inkatha Freedom Party.

He also gave evidence to the Goldstone Commission and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission but was not considered a good witness on either occasion.

A TRC investigator said he was "an unreliable witness".

TRC spokesperson John Allen said Mbatha's statement had been read into proceedings concerning the hearings on the alleged violent activities of Winnie Mandela's "football club", but that he had never been asked to take the stand.

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Intelligence sources said the fact that Meiring took the report to the President four months before his retirement was an indication of how much confidence he had in the source.

Questions have been asked about why government ministers did not know about the report, although a senior policeman, who first made allegations about a left-wing coup plot, knew its

contents

Meiring, along with Police Commissioner George Fivaz and the policeman in question, are expected to be called upon to provide some answers.

Members of the intelligence community believe that investigations should be extended to determine whether there were operatives responsible for dirty tricks in the apartheid era who were illegally continuing with their work.

SAPS loses over 1 800 firearms

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Some 15 000 complaints made against officers in 1997, says Mufamadi

By CLIVE SAWYER
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Police last year lost 1 802 guns, mostly through robbery or housebreaking. This was disclosed in the National Council of Provinces yesterday by Minister of Safety and Security Sydney Mufamadi.

A total of 932 firearms were robbed from members, 321 were lost because of housebreaking into private and official quarters, 40 were stolen from state vehicles, 44 were stolen from private vehicles, and 35 were stolen after vehicle collisions in which police were killed or injured.

Replying to questions by Gerhard Koornhof of the National Party, Mufamadi said 89 firearms were lost by police while on guard duty, during

visits to discos or shebeens, or while drunk.

Twenty-nine were left in bathrooms and toilets.

A total of 142 firearms were lost from charge offices during the handing-over of duties.

Mufamadi said 146 firearms had been recovered.

Charges of negligent loss of a firearm, or departmental disciplinary charges for negligence, were laid against 143 police, he said.

At the same time, Mufamadi disclosed in the National Assembly that 17 526 complaints and 9 035 criminal charges were laid against members of the police last year.

Replying to questions by Nyambeni Ramaremsa (NP), he said these complaints and charges had resulted in 1 355 convictions and 4 298 disci-

plinary procedures.

Complaints included 256 of murder, 115 of rape, 1 201 of theft, 3 817 of assault, 1 572 of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, 301 of assisting a prisoner to escape, 679 of attempted murder, 246 of corruption, 594 of crimen injuria, 165 of culpable homicide, 388 of drunk driving, 125 of handling a firearm while drunk and 494 of malicious damage to property.

Replying to questions by Johan Marais (NP), Mufamadi told the National Assembly that 79,8% of police stations in the country were linked to a centralised computer system.

Linking the rest of the stations to the network was dependent on the availability of funds and, in some areas, on Telkom setting up a telecommunications infrastructure.

A "limited number" of new police stations would be linked in the 1998/99 financial year as a follow-up to projects started in the past financial year.

But no funds would be available in the next two financial years to link any more stations.

All available funds were having to be used to address the "millennium bug" problem, Mufamadi said.

Replying to questions by Tony Leon of the Democratic Party, Mufamadi said 194 police died in the line of duty last year.

Eighty-eight were murdered while on duty and 83 died in vehicle accidents while on duty.

He said seven died of natural causes, six died in firearm accidents and 10 in other types of accidents.

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No Safety shake-up, Mashatile vows, while Leon says more heads will roll

By CLAUDIA MPETA

Gauteng's new Safety and Security MEC, Paul Mashatile, says he does not plan to make any major changes to the department and will implement the programmes started by his controversial predecessor, Jessie Duarte.

Mashatile moves on April 16 from the transport portfolio to safety and security in a provincial executive shake-up by Premier Mathole Motshekga after the resignations of Duarte and Health MEC Amos Masondo.

Duarte stepped down amid an official inquiry into allegations of mismanagement in her department. From April 15 she becomes

an ordinary member of the legislature, where she plans to focus on the empowerment of women and children.

It is believed that Duarte deems Mashatile a worthy successor. Masondo has been re-deployed for a year to the ANC's election task team.

New Transport MEC, Joyce Kgoali (a relatively unknown public figure), is chairperson for the National Council of Provinces committee on transport, public works and housing. She was a member of the SA Clothing and Textile Workers' Union in the 80s, later becoming a shop steward.

In the early 90s she was elected secretary

of the Johannesburg local Cosatu committee and as chairperson of the Women's Forum.

The appointment of Mondli Gungubele, chairman of the health committee, as Health MEC is no surprise. Gungubele, also a former trade unionist, has served on the National Union of Mineworkers and the National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union.

National Party leader in the legislature, Johan Kiliian, said: "I think Paul Mashatile will do a good job. He thinks things through before he acts. Mondli knows what he's doing. He's very enthusiastic."

Democratic Party leader Peter Leon said: "Mashatile will bring pragmatism and level-

headedness. Kgoali has a prickly personality and is likely to attempt to fix matters which do not need fixing. Her appointment can only be ascribed to maintaining some gender balance."

Leon said Gungubele's appointment was a reward for being "a steadfast Motshekga comrade" throughout the leadership struggle. Gungubele had an appreciation of multi-party democracy and should prove to be "more energetic than his predecessor".

Leon repeated his prediction of more cabinet changes, saying the heads of Housing MEC Dan Mofokeng and Finance MEC Jabu Moleketi would be the next to roll.



APPROVAL: Jessie Duarte gives successor Mashatile the nod

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Commissioner probes 'apartheid' cop station

'There's been bad vibes for a while, and there are problems'

WETTE VAN BREDA

over everything". He pointed out that of the 29 stations in the West Metropole, 25 had white commanders.

At all the stations from Mowbray to Simon's Town there is only one non-white commander and that's at Ocean View.

Commissioner Daniels said he would interview staff about the allegations and call for an official investigation if necessary.

The latest complaints followed dissatisfaction by coloured police staff over the allocation of a vehicle which had been privately donated to the station.

Staff members told Cape Metro that for several months there had been incidents of racism "where we feel we always come off second best, get nothing and find out everything last".

"We always feel like there's a buddy system among the whites and there's favouritism all the

time," said Inspector Ezra October.

Racial incidents allegedly included unfair appointments, the apparent dictatorial attitude of the station commander, private breakfasts for white staff on the premises and shabby treatment of blacks in the police station bar.

October, a member of the Crime Prevention Unit, said that since the commander of their unit had been replaced by a coloured "things have gone down".

It was no longer easy to get their problems sorted out and they were told to put their grievances in writing.

Staff claimed that the new vehicle had been promised to the mainly coloured Crime Prevention Unit, but last week, the station commander, Superintendent Martin Swanepoel,

allocated it to the two-man, all-white, Crime Intelligence Unit.

The complaints were described as "over-reaction" by Swanepoel, who explained that some of the white staff had decided to have occasional small breakfasts and a few held a private braai on Wednesday. As they were not official he did not see anything "sinister" about the two separate braais.

"And I challenge anyone to say that they are left out of organised social events at the station."

Swanepoel said he was deeply aggrieved by his staff's complaints, but insisted that management at the station was well balanced racially and that resources and equipment were evenly distributed.

"It really irritates me when they talk about colour. There is no racism at my station. Never!" he said.



TENSE TIMES. Wynberg police staff (from left) Inspector Ezra October, Jackie, Silvino Davids, Errol Siljeur and Inspector Ashley Petersen are unhappy about favouritism and racial tension at the station.

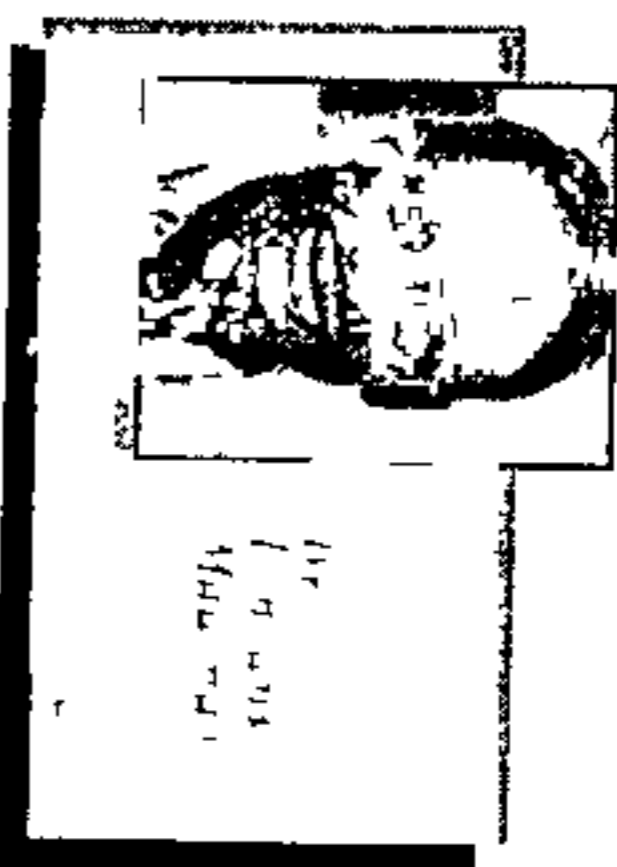
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Racism is alive in SAPS, says captain

ACISM is well and alive in the police force and it's inevitable that this must change. This is the observation of Captain Johnnie Smith, a detective with Soweto's Specialised Commercial Fraud Unit.

"National Commissioner George Fiyaz must resign as he has shown an inability to combat racism or arrest the continued elevation and golden handshakes given to white officers," Smith told City Press in a frank interview.

He lamented the disregard of affirmative action by high ranking white officers. Smith, who described himself as co-founder of the Black Management Forum within the force, said every time a senior job is advertised the hearts of many black officers just sink because "they know they



have nothing to gain out of it. "I have already responded to advertised senior posts more than three times, meeting all that's needed but obviously I have been fooling myself there's just no way forward for a

Detective laments the disregard of affirmative action by white officers

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majority of qualified blacks," he said. Smith accused the SA Police Services of being patronising, appointing token blacks whom they will control.

He said he was victimised for challenging a former commissioner, Louis van der Westhuizen, who allegedly made a racial remark in his presence and later made headlines as the white officer who made a racial remark to a senior black officer, Gauteng police spokesman Captain Azwimndini Nenghovele.

"Since that incident I have been branded a 'troublemaker' "Guess who replaced the

disgraced Van Der Westhuizen? Another white officer? Why? Because he was groomed to be the next in line.

"Commissioner Fiyaz must resign and a capable black officer must take over and sort out the mess."

Commissioner Fiyaz' spokesman, Director Joseph Ngobeni, told City Press individual cases should be dealt with through proper channels.

Ngobeni said "racism is outlawed and is being rooted out, even within the police force."

Another spokesman, Strim Govenor, said promotion candidates had to satisfy criteria such as experience, discipline and education.

Captain Smith's response "I fit all these requirements."

"Deputy President Thabo Mbeki was right that the police force is 'absolutely corrupt', primarily because nothing has seriously changed," Smith said.



SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT
Captain Johnnie Smith holding letters of applications. He has charged the police service with racism and of disregarding the affirmative action policy.

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Ex-spies face big squeeze

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By ESTELLE RANDALL
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

The Law Commission is to review all existing security legislation and make recommendations to regulate the conduct of private security operations and the activities of retired or former members of the state's intelligence and security establishment.

The review is part of the Government's plans to overhaul the elaborate network of spooks and spies that bolstered apartheid rule.

The ministerial commission of inquiry into the activities of Military Intelligence, announced this week, is only one of several measures to rein in state and private intelligence and security bodies.

In the pipeline is improved regulation and control of the activities of intelligence and security members who leave government structures as well as the mushrooming private security company industry. Regulations likely to come up include a prohibition on former state-security and intelligence members' involvement in private security or intelligence activities.

The Law Commission's work will complement that of the commission to review the operations of Military Intelligence, which was announced this week.

The Government says the Cabinet approved establishment of the MI review commission earlier this year, before South African National Defence Force chief General Georg Meiring handed the discredited MI report to President Nelson Mandela. The idea of conducting a thorough review of MI took firm root about two years ago, when the Cabinet instructed the ministers of defence and intelligence to make recommendations to it on the issue.

Meiring announced his resignation as SANDF chief

this week after the report he handed to Mandela - which claimed a number of prominent military and political leaders were involved in a plot to overthrow the Government - was found to be inaccurate.

The judicial commission, headed by Chief Justice Ismail Mahomed, which investigated how the report was compiled, checked and finally delivered to Mandela, found the process was flawed and called for further in-depth investigation into the compilation and verification of intelligence reports.

"I'm clear in my mind that we need to insist on urgent and radical transformation of MI," said Tony Yengoni, chairman of Parliament's standing committee on defence and a member of the MI review commission.

The commission will conduct an independent investigation into the past and present activities of MI, including scrutiny of its personnel, assets, covert and overt structures, operational procedures and structure. There will be special emphasis on covert operations, and former members of MI are also likely to be grilled.

The eight-member commission, headed by advocate Marumc Moerane, includes members of the departments of defence and justice, the defence secretariat, Parliament's joint standing committees on intelligence

and defence, and the National Intelligence Co-ordinating Committee.

Nicoc was established to co-ordinate intelligence activities and is accountable to the Cabinet. This was the body which should have approved the intelligence-gathering conducted by MI in its compilation of the discredited Meiring report and through which the report should have passed before it reached Mandela. Because Nicoc has no powers of arrest, intelligence gathered is handed to relevant departments to deal with.

Nicoc also established the National Intelligence Estimates Board to carry out intelligence-gathering and monitoring on a day-to-day basis. Those on the NIEB are nominated by their directors-general. Robert McBride, the Foreign Affairs Department official who is in custody in Mozambique on allegations of gun-running, was an NIEB member.

The MI review commission will report directly to Defence Minister Joe Modise and his deputy, Ronnie Kasrils, but will also meet regularly with Deputy Minister of Intelligence Joe Nhlanhla to brief him on developments. A final report and recommendations will go to Modise and Mandela.

The need for tighter legislation was one of the directives from the ministerial commission of inquiry into the transformation of

civilian intelligence - the National Intelligence Agency (NIA) and the South African Secret Service (SASS). The commission, established in July 1998, was headed by advocate Vusi Pikoli, a deputy director-general of human resources in the Department of Justice, now deputy chairman of the review commission on defence intelligence.

The "Pikoli commission" recommended that

- The NIA and SASS continue to function as two distinct and independent services, with the NIA continuing to function as a domestic intelligence service and the SASS as South Africa's foreign intelligence service.

- The NIA and SASS intensify their crime collection efforts to support the police's crime intelligence tasks.

- Intelligence priorities be subject to Cabinet approval and annual reports of intelligence activities, containing assessments of performance, be submitted to the Cabinet.

- Regulations and directives be reviewed.
- Legislation be considered to regulate the conduct of private intelligence and security companies and to regulate or control activities of former or retired members of state intelligence and security services.

This month Parliament also approved amendments to the Regulation of Foreign Military Assistance Bill. The amended bill, still to be adopted by the National Assembly, aims at preventing SA involvement in mercenary activities. It contains stiff penalties, including imprisonment, for soldiers of fortune based here and enables SA authorities to track down South African-based mercenaries wherever they are in the world.

Nhlanhla and Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi are yet to announce when an examination of police intelligence will occur.



MINISTER JOE MODISE:
Will receive the reports

Police stations on brink of war

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**Cops turn against cops in struggle that
could plunge East Rand into new conflict**

By PETA KROST

East Rand townships are on the brink of another war. But this time it will be policeman against policeman.

Permanent police in the Kathorus (Katlhong, Thokoza and Vosloorus) areas and their community-constable colleagues are engaged in a war of nerves which could erupt into a full-scale battle if certain demands are not met.

Members of a specialist police unit have been sent to the area's township police stations to protect permanent police from their community-constable colleagues, who have threatened lives and who are holding police stations to ransom.

In the past 10 days, permanent police members have had to spend most of their time guarding their own stations, which have deteriorated into sites of vandalism and intimidation, instead of concentrating on fighting crime.

Community constables have gone on the rampage, firing their official weapons, tearing up dockets, flooding the premises, vandalising state property, toyi-toying on charge office counters, and threatening and intimidating police management and staff.

Public Order Police units (the former riot squad) from three different regions have been brought to Kathorus to protect the policemen from their colleagues as well as to help in crime prevention.

The community constables – once violent teenage political activists – are demanding that they all be integrated into the police service, and are demanding a response from Minister of Safety and Security Sydney Mufamadi by April 21.

There are about 840 demanding integration. So far only 11 of them fulfil police employment criteria – which include a matric certificate, a valid driving licence and no criminal record.

Before their temporary employment, community constables were members of ANC-aligned self-defence units and IFP-aligned self-protection units. These two enemies terrorised the Kathorus communities. And while they fought each other, their common enemy was the police force.

In 1994 President Nelson Mandela set up a special task force to find a solution to the Kathorus mayhem. Around 900 of these "teenage soldiers" were absorbed into the police as community constables. They were given temporary jobs at police stations, which helped to stop the violence. They soon made up 60% of Kathorus police personnel but were never given any of the benefits of being policemen.

Last month the community constables were told that those who did not fulfil the criteria for police recruitment would have to leave the SAPS.

On March 30 the community constables marched, armed and in police uniforms, through the township to deliver a petition to Mufamadi with their ultimatum. Since then, they have embarked on their destructive activities, which they call a go-slow.

"Services have been completely disrupted and the charge office has been totally besieged, counters broken and permanent members intimidated," said Katlhong's acting station commissioner Senior Superintendent Simon Makhale.

He said that after a meeting in which community constables told the station commissioner Director A C Ehlers that he "should be removed from society", he was temporarily transferred to the East Rand area office.

The four remaining white employees – a typist and three officers – have taken leave until the situation is under control.

Cop conflict

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"One of them told me he accepted the danger of working in the township, and possibly being killed while fighting crime, but he was not prepared to be killed by a colleague," Makhale said.

"They will not listen to anyone - even their own representatives have lost control over them," said one station commissioner who asked not to be named out of fear for his life.

"What they don't seem to understand is that we have no say in this - it is a political issue."

The permanent policemen, many of whom fought the SDUs and SPUs in the past, are aware of how close they are to a war, and station commissioners admit that many have taken sick leave or time off. Many are considering retaliating against their tormentors.

Crime has escalated in Kathorus. The permanent police members are spending much of their time dealing with the constables, rather than their jobs, and the constables are reporting for duty in the morning and doing little else.

The commissioners said that although each station had laid charges against the community constables for intimidation, malicious damage to property and assault, most cases were not being reported because policemen were afraid to incite more violence.

"We are all afraid - from the management to the cleaners," said one of the station commissioners. "We are all on the verge of withdrawing and not coming back unless something is done soon."

He admitted that they were booking the constables "on duty" just to keep the peace. "I know this constitutes fraud on our part, but we are doing it out of compulsion," he said.

"We are sitting on a time-bomb, and the chances are that April 21 will bring sheer chaos to these stations," said another station commissioner.

Kick doors

"I cannot work under these conditions... How is one supposed to concentrate on work when these constables kick our doors open all the time?"

Another said. "If this is not addressed soon, permanent members will retaliate - they are already calling us lame ducks. I can't stop them because I can't control their emotions."

Of the three areas, the worst hit have been Katilehong and Thokoza.

East Rand Area Commissioner Len van Tonder said the problem was a "huge headache" and that the community and crime fighting were losing out. He was afraid that permanent staff would "defend themselves" and had specifically ordered them to restrain themselves.

Van Tonder said it was clear the constables' leadership could not control them, but the police would not give in to intimidation. Azhar Cachalia, head of the police secretariat, said several government departments were in the process of drawing up a business plan for the future of community constables.

"We are approaching this from a point of view that is sensitive to their needs and appreciative of the role they played in stabilising the area," he said. "The Government feels indebted to them."

Cachalia said the business plan would not necessarily offer these people jobs but "it is looking into a range of different options - everything possible will be done to assist them."

He added that the chaos the constables had been causing would only weaken their position. He said the minister would hold talks with them next week. Cachalia said he felt sure they would be satisfied with what the Government offered them.

Sally Sealey, who has been helping community constables to deal with their plight, believes that they have been deceived. She said they had been told by the authorities in the past that if they were patient they would be absorbed into the SAPS.

"While I cannot condone what they are doing, I can understand their frustration."

She feels that the Government could deal with the matter differently. "Give some of them a few years to complete their matric, or put them in the police college and see how they fare, and then decide."

Whatever the outcome, the constables have been assured that they will be paid for at least another year.

Special police hijack unit in 'utter chaos'

BRETT ADKINS

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A POLICE unit set up to investigate hijackings is falling apart, according to a confidential report leaked to the Sunday Times this week.

It says the unit, based in Johannesburg, does not have enough staff and many of its members are inadequately trained and inexperienced.

It described investigations in Johannesburg as "superficial to an embarrassing degree".

Problems included

- The slapdash way the unit was formed,

- A backlog of some 2 500 cases,

- Low morale and a high rate of absenteeism,

- 702 case dockets had gone astray, and

- A lack of equipment

The report laid much of the blame on a former commander of the unit, Superintendent Johan Hattingh, who accepted a voluntary severance package last year.

Johannesburg area commissioner Isak Pretorius said there had been major improvements since then, with the number of convictions increasing.

However, the leader of the Democratic Party in Gauteng, Peter Leon, said he was confronted by "utter chaos" when he visited the unit this week.

New safety and security MEC poised to act

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Duarte's replacement says he will not hesitate to bring in fresh talent or even restructure the department

8:40 PM 15/4/98

By Cecilia Russell
Political Staff

Gauteng's incoming Safety and Security MEC Paul Mashatile has said he would not hesitate to bring in new blood, or restructure the department, to resolve the management crisis which has hampered its running.

Mashatile officially takes over the beleaguered department from Jessie Duarte tomorrow.

Duarte, who resigned last month, has said the Moerane commission of inquiry into allegations of mismanagement

had hampered the running of the department.

Mashatile said yesterday that he had lined up a meeting with members of the Gauteng Public Service Commission to discuss recommendations the commission made in January after an investigation.

He was also to have a meeting with Duarte and the members of the department on her last day in office.

In January a report by the Public Service Commission hinted that managerial and structural problems in the department were hampering its effective running.

The commission commented that one of the department's directors, Theo Burgers, acted in a "bizarre and eccentric manner" and recommended that he be suspended and disciplinary steps be taken against him because his behaviour "borders on blackmail of our government, is defiant and disrespectful of legal processes".



Paul Mashatile ... takes office tomorrow

public complaints should be clarified. The report further sug-

Burgers apparently admitted to the commissioner that he had leaked information and would continue to leak documents in order to undermine public confidence in the department.

The commission also recommended that the role of the unit which dealt with public complaints should be clarified.

Mashatile said that evidence pointed for a crisis at leadership level in the department and it was necessary for him to act speedily to address this in the interests of good governance.

He said he would not be waiting for the Moerane commission to make its findings before he started restructuring the department.

Mashatile said he was not necessarily considering the retrenchment of staff but

would consider moving senior personnel if they did not fit in with the department.

Meanwhile, chairman of the commission Patrick Fitzgerald said on Monday the safety and security standing committee stood by the recommendation that Burgers be suspended.

Burgers was reinstated by Director-General Vincent Mntambo in February after his suspension was found to be illegal.

"We don't believe that it is the role of a public servant to collect information to be used by one political party against another political party," Fitzgerald said.

Corruption claims to be probed

By Khangale Makhado

THE South African Police Service in Gauteng has launched an investigation following allegations of corruption against certain members of the force on the West Rand

The allegations, ranging from the use of state vehicles by senior white members for private use, claiming stand-by allowances while members are on leave to performing private duties during working hours, were leaked to *Sowetan*.

According to our source a senior officer, who it is alleged uses a state vehicle to and from work on a daily basis, had the car in her possession for nine days while she was not on duty

An official employed in the legal department is allegedly conducting his own private business during working hours when he is supposed to be on SAPS business

It is alleged that a hi-tech minibus equipped with computers a fax

machine and other equipment and intended to be used as a mobile office at crime scenes, is instead being used as transport to and from home by an SAPS member

It is hardly used for the intended purpose, our source said

The equipment in the vehicle, worth about R250 000, is supposed to enable media liaison officers to communicate and issue media statements from crime scenes

According to our source, the member also uses the vehicle for private errands, which include transporting children to school

Gauteng commissioner's spokesman Captain Siphon Ngubane said the West Rand area commissioner had ordered a probe into all allegations

He said that based on the information at hand, a preliminary investigation would be carried out "to look into the veracity of these claims and to collect evidence which may be sufficient to warrant the opening of a case docket"

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Police reservists march to demand permanent jobs

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ABOUT 80 Western Cape police reservists yesterday marched on the Western Cape Provincial Headquarters in Wale Street to deliver a memorandum to Community Safety MEC Gerald Morkel, demanding permanent employment.

The reservists, who are unpaid volunteers, said that if their demands were not addressed within four days, they would be forced to take "harsh action" which could include "sit-ins and other means"

They said that when they volunteered they thought they would be given priority when there was a new police intake. Instead there were criteria which made it difficult for them to qualify, they claimed

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One of the criteria was for them to be in possession of a driving licence

Spokesperson for Morkel Mr David Frost, who received the memorandum on behalf of the MEC, said that to his knowledge there was never any promise or guarantee that the reservists would be the first priority when there was a new intake.

He said he would give the memorandum to Morkel but conditions of employment were set up by national government

The reservists said they felt they were being used by the government as they were doing the same duties as permanent members of the police

They go through the same training, perform court duties and go on raids and patrols in the most dangerous areas

Bill gives minister greater control over intelligence

Wyndham Hartley

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CAPE TOWN — Changes to the legislation governing the management of SA's intelligence services, which will allow greater political control to be placed in the hands of a cabinet minister, were tabled in Parliament yesterday.

The National Strategic Intelligence Amendment Bill seeks to alter the provisions of the act as they apply at present. These provisions now specify that an intelligence co-ordinator report to cabinet.

The amendment places this power and responsibility in the hands of the cabinet minister in charge of intelligence matters.

The explanatory memorandum to the bill says that in the current situation the "designated minister is largely excluded from access to information and the exercise of any substantive powers of direction, particularly as regards the co-ordination of intelligence activities".

SA 'is indebted to Cape'

Kevin O'Grady

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BUDGET allocations to the Eastern Cape in terms of formulas and head counts do not provide for the large numbers of people who return to the region after being retrenched in other provinces, says premier Makhakenesi Stoffie.

This, and the fact that "pitched battles for freedom saw a lot of jobs lost" in the Eastern Cape, meant "SA owes the province a lot in terms of job creation", he said.

The cash-strapped Eastern Cape provided more employees to the mining industry than any other province and "every time there are mine retrenchments, most of them come back here".

They had not been counted and their money was in North West and Gauteng, Stoffie said. "We are owed something because we haven't budgeted for (them)."

The Eastern Cape regarded job creation as "a very serious issue". This was complicated by the fact that the province had "inherited the unfortunate situation that previous governments in the region have been job creators" and left the new province with 18 000 supernumerary employees.

To resolve the situation, local and foreign businesses "will have to be persuaded to invest here. We need a special effort ... to attract investors."

Stoffie said the province had

thus far been unable to cut its high salary bill because there was no provision for provinces to retrench employees. However, he had "been promised that by June or July there would be a retrenchment tool in place for all the provinces".

On corruption and fraud that were among the reasons for the Eastern Cape's financial problems in fiscal 1997/98, Stoffie said that despite its efforts, the province had still not been able to eradicate the problem.

"We are arresting as many as we can but we are not getting as many convictions as we would like. This is not just the fault of the justice system but of a police force that is not properly trained."

Police reservists in demo over jobs deal

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memorandum within four days

Hundreds of police reservists toyi-toyied through the streets of Cape Town, protesting against being denied permanent employment in the South African Police Service.

The protest yesterday proceeded peacefully to the provincial legislature building in Wale Street. A memorandum addressed to Community Safety Minister Gerald Morkel was handed to officials of his department.

Protestors accused the department of not sticking to a promise of permanent employment while they were putting their lives on the line.

They said they would take further action if there was no response to their

The protestors said they were promised that once posts became available they would get priority but were worried because things had changed.

The department wanted people with university degrees while they spent their time serving communities and putting their lives in danger, they said.

A spokesman for community safety, David Frost, condemned the protest action.

Mr Frost said it was unacceptable for police reservists to resort to public protest when there were channels they could use to air grievances.

Mr Frost said the matter would be taken up with the provincial police commissioner, who determined conditions of employment.

PW 'was given NIS security force report'

JOHN YELD
ON THE TRUTH COMMISSION

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George - Former state president PW Botha was given a 1982 National Intelligence Service (NIS) report which stated that his security forces used methods which did not comply with the laws, values, norms and morality of the South African state.

This was evidence in the magistrate's court here today during Mr Botha's trial for refusing to obey a subpoena to appear at a Truth Commission hearing in December last year. Mr Botha has pleaded not guilty.

Truth Commission executive secretary Paul Van Zyl, the first witness to be called for the prosecution, continued his testimony today.

Referring to the NIS report, compiled by apartheid-era spy and security policeman Craig Williamson, he told the court Williamson had referred to this section during his testimony to the commission's

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Botha 'was given security forces report'

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armed forces hearing last year. Major Williamson had told the hearing he had found "no difference of opinion" about the views he had expressed among his colleagues in the security forces

Although the report had been circulated to an elite list of politicians and securocrats in Mr Botha's government - including Mr Botha him-

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self - he had not been challenged by anyone.

Mr Van Zyl said this document was one of many about which the commission had wanted to question Mr Botha personally, because they could have contributed to situations in which gross human rights violations had occurred. "We wanted to ask whether Mr Botha received this; if he had, what his views were; and if a group of people of this nature and

this rank are circulating this (report), what action was taken to endorse this view or to indicate what action was taken to repudiate these views," said Mr Van Zyl.

The case is continuing, but is expected to be postponed later today after Mr Van Zyl's evidence-in-chief has been completed.

It may only resume after a delay of several months because of lawyers' commitments.

MEC promises to sweep SAPS clean

By Noxolo Nxusani (251)

NEWLY appointed Gauteng MEC for safety and security Mr Paul Mashatile promised yesterday to flush out corrupt and bad elements within his department

This was after corruption within the South African Police Service came under the spotlight at a meeting at the office of the Soweto mayor, Mrs Nandi Mayathula-Khoza, in Jabulani yesterday

Addressing the meeting, Mashatile said his department was aware of corrupt policemen and would do everything to fight them

"Together with the Independent Complaints Directorate (ICD) we will continue eliminating those bad elements among our members," Mashatile said

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The ICD would make sure that SAPS members found it difficult to be involved in criminal activities

The meeting was organised to combat escalating crime in the townships after the recent killing of pharmacist Jabulani Khoza in his chemist shop at White City Jabavu

Speakers also mentioned that the high rate of unemployment had contributed to the escalating crime rate

Mashatile appealed to members of the Community Police Forums to visit police stations in their townships to monitor police duties

Anyone with a complaint about policemen can contact the ICD at (011) 838-2875 or visit them at 8th floor, Customs House, corner Market and Fraser streets, Johannesburg

Policemen angry and demoralised

JERMAINE CRAIG
STAFF REPORTER

Khayelitsha police want Lingelethu West police station closed because they fear a repeat of the attack this week in which a colleague was shot and another robbed of his gun

Police fear they are sitting ducks at the satellite station

Speaking to policemen in Khayelitsha, it is clear no one wants to work at Lingelethu West and they feel it should be closed as it is unsafe and of no use to the community

Early on Wednesday, three balaclava-clad men, armed with an AK-47 rifle, an R5 and a pistol, burst in and ordered the four duty policemen to lie face-down on the floor

They searched them, took David Mokalakala's 9mm service pistol and fired shots, hitting one of the other policemen in the back

"This police station is useless," said a sergeant working a 12-hour night shift "There are only two policemen on duty here, no cars, no computers and no dockets" He said police were "targets" for their guns

During a 12-hour shift at Lingelethu

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West, the Cape Argus found that only two of 12 vehicles in Khayelitsha were operational

These were used for patrolling the whole of Khayelitsha, as well as transporting staff between their homes and the main station in Site B, satellite stations at Harare and Lingelethu West and Site C's mobile station

Mandla Kakaza, who was in the bathroom when the gang struck this week, said he felt the station should be open only during office hours and resources pooled at one station to serve the whole of Khayelitsha

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Thin blue line rocked by racial strife

YVETTE VAN BREDA

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ST 19/4/98

ALLEGATIONS of racial strife between colleagues have rocked the police in the Western Cape. Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (Popcru) intends to see regional police minister Gerald Morkel about at least five incidents.

The provincial head of the police equity component, Senior Superintendent Jenny Du Plooy, this week slammed the racist incidents, which included a white

officer allegedly beating a coloured colleague at Oudtshoorn and calling him a "hotnot".

Superintendent Greg Goss, Western Cape head of Popcru, said a white policeman at Somerset West had told a colleague "all kaffirs should be chased into the sea".

Members of the recently formed Black Officers Forum had apparently been intimidated by an area commissioner who called his officers into his office and "hauled them over the coals" for belonging to the group, Goss said.

In another incident, a white officer at the Radio Control headquarters in Pinelands allegedly said "Once a kaffir gets on the radio, you can't get him off".

Du Plooy also confirmed that they were investigating allegations of racial favouritism at Wynberg police station.

Acknowledging that Western Cape police stations had been plagued by a spate of racism complaints, Du Plooy said "That's partly because people are now starting to realise their constitutional rights and are standing up for themselves".

"Racism has been in existence all the time. People are simply speaking out about it now."

She said the present police management structure had not been properly adapted to manage diverse groups of people. What was disturbing was that there had been no formal training in "diversity management".

Goss said "There is an 'old guard' in the service, entrenched in a comfort zone. And they are not as committed to defending the current constitution as they were to defending the old apartheid government."

Private sector buys police stations

Greta Steyn

PROPERTY Asset Managers' and Theta Securities' plan for private sector management of police stations and magistrate's courts is taking place with the purchase of the first building

Cape-based Property Asset Managers MD Royden du Plooy said yesterday the first police station had been bought and plans for the building of the first big regional police station were advanced. These would be let to the state, with government retaining the option to buy back the properties.

Finance for these deals had been obtained by issuing R56m of bonds in the name of Safety, Security & Justice Property Holdings. The bonds were listed on the bond exchange last month. "We have received indications from financial institutions that they are prepared to commit about R200m. But we will have to go back to them when there are new deals on the table."

The property company bought a po-

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lice station and magistrate's court complex outside Rustenburg for about R15m from the Public Investment Commissioners (responsible for managing state pension funds). Plans were also advanced to build a big regional police station in Philippi in the Cape.

Du Plooy said the Commonwealth Development Corporation had also provided debt and equity financing.

The company was dealing with government at local level to determine area policing needs and at national level with the public works and finance departments on broadening the ownership base of state properties.

The bonds were rated AA and listed at 100 points above government's R157 bond. Analysts said there was little trade as institutions were holding on to them to pick up the yield while other rates were falling. Institutions liked the investment as its yield pickup was high and it showed government's willingness to make socially responsible investments.

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Detectives stage sit-in over racism allegations

By Charity Bhengu

KLIPTOWN police detectives staged a sit-in at their offices to highlight allegations of racism by a station commander in Soweto yesterday

The sit-in by 40 members of the South African Prisoners Organisation for Human Rights (Sapohr) and Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (Popcru) started at 9am

It was followed by an intense meeting between them and director of South African Police Service in Soweto

To emphasise their point on racism, Sapohr and Popcru members led *Sowetan* to Superintendent LE Roos's office where old South African flags are still displayed

Sapohr provincial organiser Mr Tinus Ntımane said "The members

are intimidated and insulted by the fact that Superintendent Roos still displayed these flags in the government's public office"

He said old flags and emblems belonged in the past, as well as Roos's apartheid mentality

Ntımane then showed *Sowetan* a toilet that was allegedly used by white officials only He said they kept the toilet locked at all times

A sticker that read "Whites Only" hung on the door the morning before, he said

The union members had earlier vented their anger by breaking down the door of the toilet "Roos then removed the sticker," Ntımane said

At the afternoon meeting, a row ensued when a white official tried to excuse some of Roos's hanging of the old flags by saying that that was

"his own private office"

The members then reminded the official that this was the new South Africa and such utterances would not be tolerated

After Ntımane had levelled more racism allegations against Roos, the SAPS said it would investigate the matter and report back to the union

● Police Commissioner George Fivaz yesterday announced the appointment of 56 security officers to the SAPS

The first group of 42 male and 14 female officers, who joined earlier this year after vacancies were advertised, successfully completed their training at the Pretoria Police Training College last week "The training has equipped them to provide an effective service at police premises," Fivaz said

Another top cop

Off McBride case

By Ido Lekota

ANOTHER member of the security forces assigned to investigate suspended director of Foreign Affairs Mr Robert McBride's alleged involvement in gun-running activities has been removed from the investigation

Safety and Security Minister Mr Sydney Mufamadi yesterday announced that Superintendent Lappies Labuschagne - who was part of the team assisting Mozambican police investigate the McBride case - was removed from the team after serious allegations had been made against him

According to Mufamadi, the move followed the receipt of a report which was based on a National Intelligence Agency debriefing of a source

Mufamadi said the matter could best be investigated by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's investigative unit, and he had accordingly given a copy of the report to unit head Dumisa Ntsebenza and asked him to investigate

The first victim of the McBride saga was Assistant Police Commissioner Suiker Britz, who was removed from the investigation after he had made controversial utterances about McBride's guilt

Mufamadi said he had also discussed the matter with National Police Commissioner George Fivaz



George Fivaz

and they had both agreed that it was in the best interests of Labuschagne, the police and all concerned, for Labuschagne to be removed from the McBride team while the TRC probed the allegations

Stepped down

Fivaz said in a separate statement yesterday that the decision to remove Labuschagne from the McBride investigation should in no way be construed as reflecting negatively on his professional expertise or standing



Sydney Mufamadi

"Indeed, this decision was taken only after a meeting between myself and Superintendent Labuschagne in which he himself proposed that it would be in the best interests of the investigation that he step down voluntarily

"Superintendent Labuschagne was of the opinion that he could not credibly continue his role in the investigation while certain allegations against him are being probed by the TRC"

Another recent victim of the McBride affair is South African



Robert McBride

National Defence Force head General Georg Merring, who retired early following a report falsely linking McBride to a plot to overthrow the Government

The report was discredited by a commission appointed by President Nelson Mandela, which was headed by Chief Justice Ismail Mohamed

The apparent marginalisation of Britz, Labuschagne and Merring comes in the wake of media reports that McBride was set up by old-guard members within the security

forces

McBride, who is being held in a Maputo prison, has recently been officially charged with gun-running and is expected to appear in a Mozambican court soon

Although Mufamadi did not reveal the allegations against Labuschagne, these are believed to be in connection with his alleged involvement in the assassination of a senior ANC member, Cassius Maake, and former Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK) member Paul Dikeledi in Swaziland in 1987

Alleged assassination

The two were allegedly assassinated near the Swaziland parliament

In his trial, former Vlakplaas commander Eugene de Kock also implicated Labuschagne in operations in Swaziland in which MK cadres were killed

In another incident, according to de Kock, Labuschagne - who was then a warrant officer based in Middleburg - and Captain Johan Botha shot at a passing car in Swaziland, killing an MK cadre known only as Vva, as well as three other occupants of the vehicle.

Botha has applied for amnesty in connection with the attacks but Labuschagne has not

Yesterday Senior Superintendent Sally de Beer of the office of the national police commissioner said Labuschagne was prepared to cooperate fully with the TRC

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Account-reviewing method 'must change'

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Linda Ensor

CAPE TOWN — A more acceptable way of reviewing secret accounts of the SA Police Service, National Intelligence Agency and SA Secret Services was necessary, Parliament's standing committee on public accounts said yesterday.

It felt the existing method was inadequate as the committee was denied access to much information relating to the accounts for security reasons. Consultations with

the standing committee on intelligence were underway.

The committee requested that the accounting officer of the SAPS report by end-June on the possible recovery of money spent irregularly and fraudulently by the former commanding officer of Vlakplaas, Eugene de Kock, who was found guilty and sentenced to 38 years' imprisonment. The department had obtained a legal opinion on this matter which was being considered by the accounting officer.

The committee recommended that R1,4m in unauthorised expenditure by the Bophuthatswana Police be authorised by Parliament, though it expressed concern over the "poor financial controls" exercised by the SAPS.

The outstanding obligation of government's closed pension fund as at end-January was R340,7m, which would require a capital instalment of R68m this year, fund officials informed the standing committee on public accounts.

DP fumes over thousands of police vacancies

BY CLIVE SAWYER

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Gibson said the DP would make further proposals to revolutionise policing in a policy document to be released next week.

Getting police into line

Rooting out corruption and improving discipline in the SAPS are part of Kahn's plan

BY ESTELLE RANDALL
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

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Wrath of Kahn hits corrupt cops

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A third area of the drive to transform the attitudes and behaviour of SAPS's 140 000 members was the development of a code of conduct.

"The code of conduct is important," said Mr Kahn, "because for the first time we have determined the rules of the game about what we expect from SAPS members."

In essence, the code commits SAPS members to care for their country, their community, their assets, their colleagues and their reputations.

"In practice, it means that racism, drinking on duty and corruption are seen as grievous violations of what the SAPS is meant to do," said Mr Kahn.

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Shrinking police force alarms DP

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The DP called for the immediate decentralisation of the management functions to station level, giving station commanders the power to hire, fire, promote, train and reward their officers

Mr Gibson said the DP would make proposals to "revolutionise" policing in a policy document to be released next week.

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Black Vaal cops continue protest

By Justice Mohale

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BLACK policemen at Vanderbijlpark in the Vaal Triangle yesterday entered the second week of a go-slow strike in protest against alleged assaults by their white colleagues

Since they started their action, the black policemen have not reported to their posts

Police, Prisons and Civil Rights Union (Popcru) shopsteward Sergeant Tshokolo Kabai said yesterday "We will carry out our duties at one police station because we are scared of being assaulted if we are divided. The police management has failed to protect us because they dismiss our complaints"

He said if black policemen opened cases of assault, no investigations were carried out. He cited the case of a Sergeant Shadrack Mphahla who opened a case against Inspector Eugene Kleynhans for allegedly assaulting him in front of his colleagues

Kabai said the problem started when Kleynhans threw the cell registers in Mphahla's face after he found an error

The mistake was not committed by Mphahla but by another policeman who was on duty before him, Kabai said

Another case was that of Inspector Samuel

Sibeko who was told yesterday that the charge of assault he had laid in November last year against his senior had been dismissed. Kabai said Sibeko had been under the impression investigations were continuing

Kabai said Sergeant Stephen Ngubo's assault case was also dropped because of lack of evidence. He had opened a case against a constable who had allegedly pointed a gun at him in November last year. He was also told his case had been dropped

Vaal Triangle police spokesman Superintendent Piet van Deventer confirmed yesterday that a case of assault reported by Mphahla against his senior was being investigated

However, he would not give the name of the senior officer

Van Deventer said after investigations were completed the matter would be referred to the attorney-general for his decision

He said that those policemen who were refusing to carry out their duties would be suspended

● Three policemen and their two accomplices were arrested at the weekend when police found 200kg of unrefined gold in one of their vehicles, reports Sapa

Welkom's gold and diamond unit searched a car on Saturday and found gold alleged to have been taken from Western Holdings gold mine

Deventer as 11/98

Police service received 600 000 applications

Wyndham Hartley

CAPE TOWN — More than 600 000 applications for 1 200 vacant police officers' posts had placed a huge administrative burden on the SA Police Service, and the process of filling the posts would only be completed in June, Safety and Security Minister Sydney

Mufamadi said.

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In reply to a parliamentary question by Democratic Party MP Douglas Gibson, Mufamadi also said that between March last year and March this year there had been a net loss of 5 707 police officers, following the departure of 5 828 members and the appointment of only 120.

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Further to the cautionary announcement dated 8 April 1998, shareholders are advised that negotiations are continuing regarding the possible merger of the coal interests of GF Coal and Kangra Group (Proprietary) Limited.

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Bushie's future on knife-edge

Director Engelbrecht's investigative skills questioned after his handling of Nkabinde case

By XOLISA VAPI

The future of one of South Africa's top policemen, Director Bushie Engelbrecht, hangs by a thread following the acquittal of former ANC Richmond leader Sifiso Nkabinde of 16 murder charges and two of incitement to murder in the Pietermaritzburg High Court on Thursday.

Engelbrecht was appointed by President Nelson Mandela last year to head an investigative unit to conduct a probe into the South Coast after the 1995 Christmas Day massacre at Shobashobane, during which nine residents, belonging to the ANC, were ambushed.

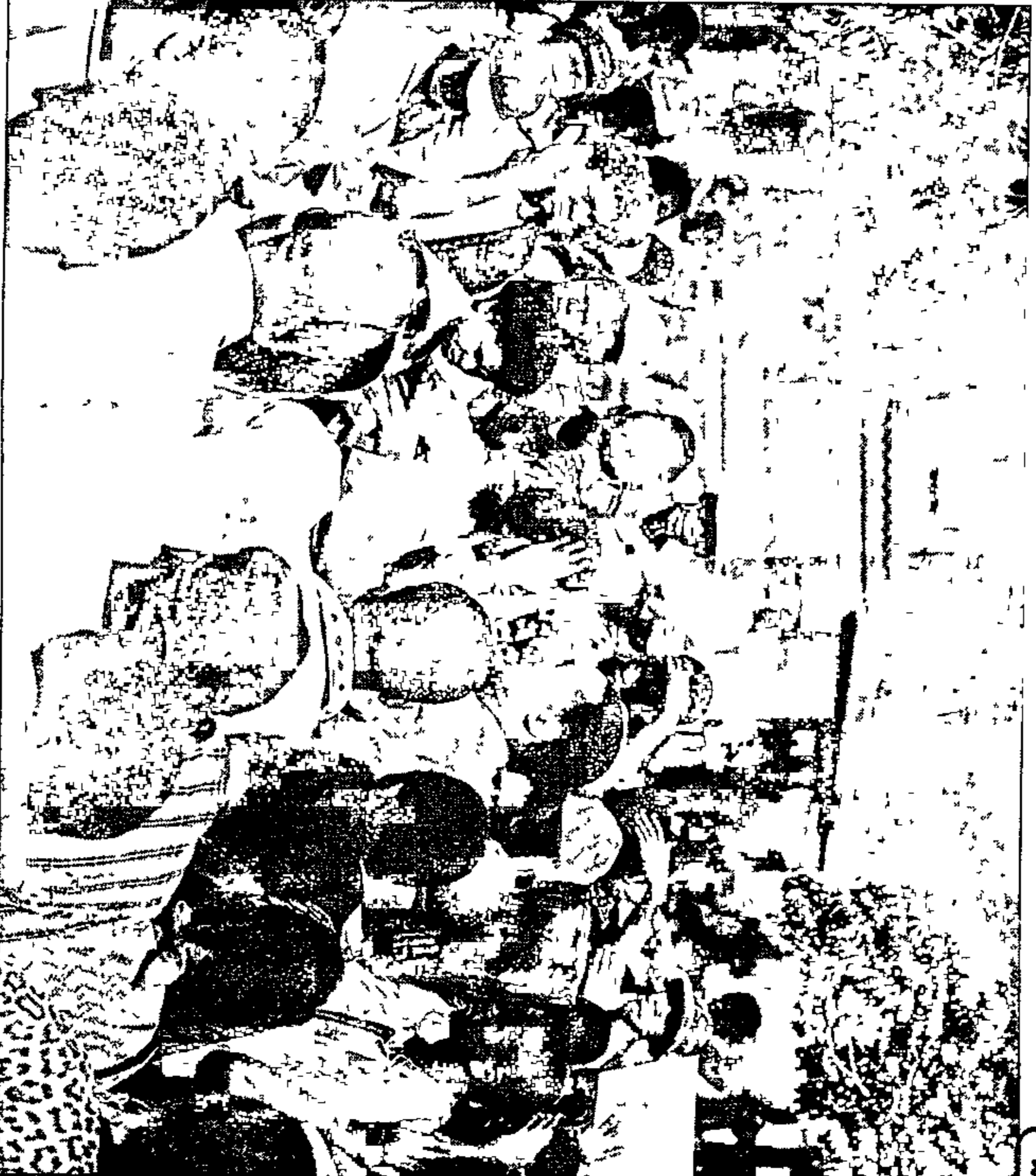
Top KwaZulu Natal detectives have been extremely unhappy with the presence of Engelbrecht in the province and the reputation he got for cracking politically motivated violent crimes.

These detectives believe Engelbrecht rose to fame at the expense of his investigators, who spent sleepless nights tracking down those behind the killings on the South Coast. A source said that when national commissioner George Fivaz advised Mandela to appoint Engelbrecht for the job, a team of "credible black detectives", who were widely expected to conduct the investigations, were sidelined.

Even experienced detectives who served on the Goldstone Commission and the Investigative Task Unit, which handled the Magnus Malan trial, were not included in Engelbrecht's squad.

The source said that when Engelbrecht went to Richmond he was given ample resources, including bodyguards.

"These resources are incomparable when you contrast them with those given to Captain Mandla Vlakazi, the head of the North Coast Investigative Unit, who operates under serious death threats, yet has a good conviction record in



SURROUNDED BY SUPPORTERS. Sifiso Nkabinde walks out of the Pietermaritzburg High Court on Thursday after being acquitted of charges of murder and incitement to murder

the High Court," the source said. Another accusation is that Engelbrecht has arrested many people during his investigations without sufficient evidence.

It is also alleged that some unit members claimed there was insufficient evidence to arrest Nkabinde. To their surprise, Engelbrecht went out of his way and apprehended Nkabinde, presumably and

sure from his political rivals who had once accused him of spying for the apartheid government.

The word is that Engelbrecht never uncovered "the whole thing" in his probe into the Shobashobane massacre, except to arrest people who were at the scene.

As a result there was a feeling among some investigators and lawyers that there would not be any

convictions because the case was not strong.

While a few individuals were prosecuted for the massacre, the case could have been made stronger if Engelbrecht had gone further to expose both the planners and the executors of the attack.

It is also believed that more people could have been prosecuted if Engelbrecht had not taken with him all

the dockets of the most notorious South Coast warlords, who were linked to one massacre after another. One of the dockets was that of one of the biggest alleged troublemakers on the South Coast, Sgoloza Xolo, who had a close relationship with the local police, but disappeared when Engelbrecht came to the area.

When Xolo was traced to Eshowe and subsequently arrested, Engelbrecht paid a R100,000 reward. However, several murder charges against Xolo were later withdrawn, leaving troubling questions as to whether Engelbrecht was a competent detective.

Another discrepancy in Engelbrecht's probe was his appointment of Superintendent H.T. Moodley, a former security branch officer, as senior investigator in the unit, despite his alleged fraud conviction and failing of a lie-detector test.

Moodley, known for his sinister background and secret investigation in the Griffiths Mkenge murder case in the 1980s, is known for his wild allegations that former Vlakplans commander Captain Dirk Coetzee was exesdropping on some police officers. These allegations were found to be without substance.

Meanwhile, presidential spokesman Paris Mankahlana has shrugged off calls for Engelbrecht's dismissal, saying that in most modern democracies, people were either acquitted or convicted.

"If we punished every police officer involved in an investigation, they would not have any police left in this country."

"Of course the number of convictions depends on the quality of the investigation, but you can't just dismiss investigators because people are acquitted," Mankahlana said.

He also urged opposition parties not to lose sight of the increased number of convictions in the Richmond area.

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High-ranking operative on the run in the US, another is in jail

How

Smuggled

How SA's spies smuggled dope

AT PLAY WITH THE WORLD'S BEST



Following the drug line

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Charges were not pressed against Simelane

An NIA source said "other security structures are looking closely at Simelane's many and various activities"

Schlenter said "Nobody is above the law, no matter who they work for"

A spokesman for the National Investigation Service of Britain's customs and excise department warned that SA's image had been tarnished by the Simelane debacle and that European customs agencies now regarded SA as a major drug-trafficking conduit

Soccer super luck, poverty.

Dagga, worth R30-million a ton in Britain, fetches R500 000 a ton in SA, making dagga smuggling a very lucrative crime

Schlenter, meanwhile, has denied that Motshati ever worked for a South African intelligence agency

But a source at the Transvaal attorney-general's office said "Whatever the situation with regards that suspect, he was sufficiently convincing for the US state department to issue a statement to the effect that the man they hold in custody was a government agent and high-ranking member of the ANC who had spent years in exile in the Netherlands"

BY PAUL KIRK

A South African Secret Service (Sass) agent has allegedly embezzled hundreds of thousands of rands in taxpayers' money to pay for massive consignments of dagga being fed into the drug underworld in Europe.

And Somi Simelane, once a high-ranking South African spy, is on the run after being fingered as the alleged mastermind in a vast international crime syndicate which has been trafficking drugs from South America, via South Africa, to Europe.

In a bizarre twist to the saga, Simelane's case has revealed that Sass (which is tasked with gathering foreign intelligence) has a significant contingent of operatives working out of offices in a small town in Colombia, heart of the South American drug industry

Intelligence officials refuse to reveal the nature of the operation.

Simelane resigned from his post as a director in Sass when his alleged involvement in illegal deals in gold and uncut diamonds came to light. He is believed to be in hiding in the United States.

The hunt for Simelane comes in the wake of the conviction in the US of South African citizen Khaohelo Motshati - who claimed to be a National Intelligence Agency agent - for trafficking in cocaine.

Motshati is languishing in a maximum-security jail in Miami, Florida, for attempting to smuggle 900g of pure cocaine into Miami. He was sentenced to 20 years' jail after failing to convince the court he was on official NIA business.

A Saturday Star investigation can reveal that police on three continents have been working on uncovering the crime ring (which could involve other top intelligence agents) for about a year.

The international police probe was sparked when Durban police thwarted an attempt to smuggle 40 tons of dagga,

with a street value in Europe of more than R1-billion, into the Netherlands via Durban harbour in April 1997.

Simelane was in South America on official business for Sass at the time police uncovered the dagga consignment. The seized dagga originated from Buenaventura, a town in Colombia Simelane was stationed there, on official Sass business, for a while.

It is reliably understood that funds misappropriated from Sass were used to pay the shipping charges on the containers

The dagga was supposed to be shipped from Colombia to Europe, stopping off overnight in Durban. However, sloppy paperwork made customs officials suspicious, and the containers were opened to reveal SA's biggest dagga haul.

Two Peruvian-born Dutch nationals were arrested in Rotterdam late last year in connection with this. They named Simelane and top Durban Portnet official Billy Phuku as the masterminds

Phuku, previously charged with Mandrax smuggling, has a niece who is romantically linked to Simelane. European police agencies believe that it is through this romantic link that the two became partners in the dagga operation.

A docket has been sent to Durban's senior public prosecutor. Local police are waiting for court papers from the Netherlands before deciding to apply for Simelane's extradition in connection with the dagga haul.

Approached by the Saturday Star for comment, NIA spokesman Helmut Schlenter confirmed that Simelane was a senior employee of Sass who had resigned recently.

This followed his suspension from duty late last year after he was allegedly found in possession of a large quantity of gold and uncut diamonds he had allegedly tried to sell to undercover commercial crime unit detectives.

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City police forces are 'on the way' for SA

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Long-awaited legislation enabling the establishment of municipal police forces was tabled in Parliament today.

This follows an investigation by a national task group drawn from national departments and local governments.

Functions of municipal police will include traffic policing, policing of municipal by-laws and regulations and crime prevention.

The bill sets out procedures to be used by municipal councils when applying to establish a police service

Councils will have to apply to provincial ministers of police to set

up the service and must prove

■ The municipality has the resources at its disposal to provide a municipal police service "which complies with national standards on a 24-hour basis"

■ Traffic policing will not be negatively affected by setting up a police service

■ The municipality has made proper provision for civilian control of its police service

■ The service will improve effective policing in that part of the province

The national minister of safety and security will be entitled to confer powers exercised by a member of the SA Police Service on members of municipal police services

Police say they aren't getting big-enough budgets to fight country's crime effectively

Authorities are working in the dark because they don't have specific figures

By Clive Sawyer
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Police are R600-million short of the money they say they need to keep basic policing going this year, while plans for municipal police services could remain just a pipe-dream unless new sources of funds are found.

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In an ironic spinoff, the amounts to be allocated to provinces for policing cannot be finalised until these talks are complete, meaning that members of the National Council of Provinces (NCOP) must debate the safety and security budget

without knowing how much their provinces are getting

Yesterday the departments of safety and security, justice and correctional services all gave evidence on their budgets to the NCOP committee on security and justice, each department detailing their difficulties in making ends meet.

The Department of Safety and Security said its calculations were that R13,8-billion was needed to continue the most essential services of policing.

In this year's main Budget, the department received R13,2-billion, of which R3,4-billion was to be used for administration, R7,3-billion for crime prevention and response, and R2,4-billion for detective services.

This left a shortfall of R615-million. Phillip Powell, IFP delegate

from Kwa Zulu Natal, described it as ironic that for the second year running, the council would have to debate the budget without knowing the details.

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Municipal police plan hits snags

able to have only a general discussion.

He was also disappointed that resolutions approved at provincial anti-crime summits were not yet carried through into budgets.

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the R2,1-billion allocated to it.

The medium-term expenditure framework used for budgeting and setting priorities in all government departments states that the department will get about R2,4-billion.

Estimates were that the department would get R2,6-billion in the 2000/01 financial year.

Justice deputy director-general Hassan Ebrahim said that if one took away judges' salaries and various commissions, including the Truth Commission, about R1,6-billion was left of the budget for the department's core functions.

Ebrahim said he was happy to report that core functions had been given about 70% of the justice budget.

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reallocating existing funds

Mike Marsden, executive director of municipal services for the City of Cape Town, said the municipality's concerns were that the system would put a financial burden on the city it could not afford

He said that the legislation was being put forward before the restructuring of local government was finalised

However, there was a need for councils to move quickly to rationalise law enforcement agencies, standardise equipment, procedures and communications and improve co-ordination with the police service

Cops R600-m short of cash to do job

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Secret service denies scam, rebukes media

Stephen Laufer

THE SA Secret Service yesterday denied that one of its former senior officials had been involved in a drug-running ring financed with intelligence agency funds

The man allegedly involved in the scam, Solly Simelane — wrongfully referred to in the initial report by weekend newspapers as Som Simelane — had been suspended from duty almost two years before the discovery of a dagga shipment in Durban harbour, deputy director-general Barry Gilder said

Simelane had retired by the time of the alleged case. While under suspension, he had no access to secret service premises, documents or funds

The reports claimed Simelane was the mastermind behind an international drug-smuggling ring. They said he had used intelligence service funds to pay for large shipments of dagga destined for European markets

The categorical rejection of any secret service involvement in the alleged scam came during a highly unusual press conference by the intelligence ministry

The decision to go public appeared to reflect growing concern that the media was being used to tarnish the image of the intelligence services

Gilder said the secret service believed it had "an awesome responsibility" to keep government informed on issues relating to national security, and hoped it "could expect the same integrity" from the media, "especially at this time of profound and delicate transformation"

Gilder said Simelane had been linked by Saturday newspapers to a dagga consignment from South America intercepted in Durban harbour in April 1997. Simelane had by then retired from the secret service, having been suspended from duty almost two years earlier in connection with charges of dealing in unwrought gold

The service had acted with complete pro-

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priety by suspending Simelane after his initial arrest in 1995. It prided itself on its clean management

Allegations that Simelane had been one of a number of operatives stationed in Columbia were fanciful as he "was never assigned any tasks in or related to Columbia or the Americas"

He had also never travelled officially or privately to the Americas

The secret service had never had operatives or offices in Columbia

Gilder said a second person referred to in the Saturday reports as a National Intelligence Agency official allegedly convicted of cocaine smuggling in the US was in fact a Nigerian. The SA service had co-operated with US agencies in identifying the man, who had been using a false SA passport

The "totally inadequately researched articles" were a "source of grave concern", Gilder said. The secret service was considering its options, including taking the newspapers involved to the media council

Jo'burg's drive for its own police force gets a boost

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Tabling of legislation in Parliament seen as a step forward

By GILL GIFFORD
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New legislation, allowing municipalities to form their own police forces, has given Johannesburg's drive to set up its own metro police force a boost

Plans to set up a police force in Johannesburg have been under discussion since 1994, but they got a boost recently as legislation was tabled in Parliament on Monday

And, while the issue still has to be debated and the Greater Johannesburg Metro Council needs to apply for the go-ahead from council and Gauteng MEC for safety and security Paul Mashatile, authorities see the tabled legislation as a green light.

The committee investigating the establishment of Johannesburg's police force has now almost completed its work

Municipal police services will be responsible for traffic, municipal bylaws and crime prevention. And in terms of the South African Police Service Amendment Bill, municipalities will have to bear the costs involved.

Mark Shaw of the Institute for Security Studies, involved in writing the Gauteng Safety and Security's policy document on municipal policing, said provi-

sions of the bill differed little from the issues debated for years.

"Councils will argue that they don't have money to set up municipal policing. But it's simply a question of them converting current traffic and security budgets into a local police service budget," Shaw said

He said some local governments had been working on developing municipal police, and the newly tabled bill was "legislation for a current reality in

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some cases".

Elwyn Pelser, co-ordinator of the steering committee appointed to set up Johannesburg's municipal police force, said (although planning was on track) it was impossible to put a time frame on when municipal policing was likely to become a reality

The Johannesburg Metro Council's executive committee originally took a principle to establish a municipal police

force on July 2 1996

A task team was appointed to conduct internal and external investigations into the creation of the force.

On February 16 this year the council's public safety and emergency services section 60 committee approved the establishment of a steering committee to drive the metro policing project

"The committee is in the process of setting up designated teams and bringing together organised labour, management, traffic and security officers," Pelser said.

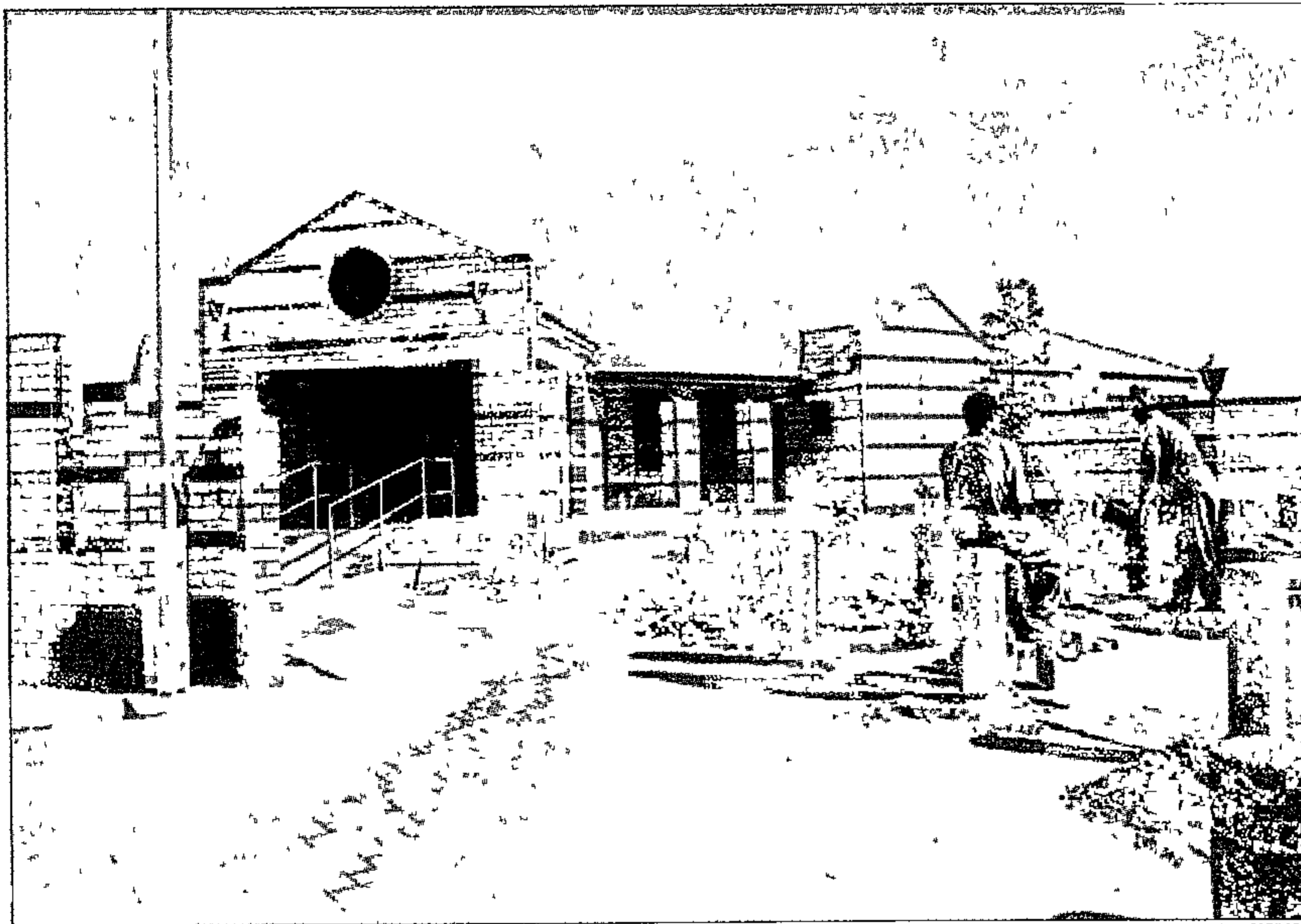
He said budget constraints were the major factor, but the committee was working on a number of funding options

"We have traffic and security departments, each with a budget. But a detailed analysis of the extent of financial supplementation needed is under way," said Pelser.

According to Shaw, the Gauteng bill was partly modelled on the Durban City Police, the only existing South African municipal police unit

It will be allowed to continue as a transitional measure until October 1 1999 before being required to apply for municipal police service status in terms of the bill.

DELFT



JACK LESTRADE

Just a dream: workers on site at the newly-built police station at Delft which has just one staff member – the commanding officer

The police station without cops

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Delft has a spanking new police station – but its commander has no police.

Since the beginning of the year police from Belhar and Bellville South have been running the Delft station, under command of Angela Frans.

The provincial police secretariat sent an application to headquarters in Pretoria asking for the new station and at the same time for staff to run it

Because of an interdepartmental mix-up, permission for the station was granted but the application for staff was turned down

Although the new Delft police station is in operation, it cannot be officially opened because it has no manpower and only one staff member – station commander Angela Frans

The large building in Main Road, which was completed early in January, was a Reconstruction and Devel-

opment Programme project for the 200 000-strong community

About 100 unemployed Delft residents built the complex over several months and completed the project in December last year

Superintendent Jan Solomons, area commissioner for Bellville South, Belhar and Delft said two officers were doing duty in the charge office and two on patrol in the huge area

Delft is comprised of smaller suburbs including as The Hague, Rosendal, Voorbrug, Eindhoven, Delft South and Suburban Bliss

Superintendent Solomons said an application was made recently to the provincial management for police members at the new station and that "the matter is receiving attention"

He said the station could not be opened officially because there were no police to fill the new posts

Formerly at Bellville South, Captain Frans was recently appointed commander – and lone staff member

Three years ago the provincial police sent two requests to the national SAP office in Pretoria: one for the actual building in Delft and one for the expansion of staff. One department in Pretoria gave the green light for the building, another responded with a firm no to the staff request

But David Frost, spokesman for outgoing provincial community safety MEC (and new Western Cape Premier) Gerald Morkel, says 31 posts at the station will be advertised

Captain Frans said "The people in Delft need this station. They don't have the money to travel all the way to the station in Bellville South."

The Delft station is well-equipped. There are three cells, one for females, one for males and one for juveniles, a large room for visitors and complainants and two separate booths for people who want to report sexual offences. With the full staff complement, 117, the station would have sufficient resources to implement community policing, several police said

War-weary detectives queueing up to quit Manenberg gangland

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'We've had enough'

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Nearly half the police detectives based in crime-plagued Manenberg, stronghold of two notorious gangs, are fed up with their working conditions and want to leave

And police acknowledge "hundreds" more are queueing for packages in the west metropole

Eight of the 20 detectives working in Manenberg have applied for severance packages. With levels of experience ranging between 10 and 25 years, they cite unbearable working conditions and poor management practices as reasons for wanting to go

But the Department of Safety and Security has refused to grant them packages. The policemen have been told that their departure is not in the "interests of the department"

The detectives told the Cape Argus that their continued employment in the police force was detrimental to their health and was affecting the work of their colleagues.

A representative for the policemen Andries Freeman, said they had written a series of letters to police headquarters pleading to be demobilised. "We do not want to be on the force any more"

He said they were giving too much for the community and the police service was giving nothing in return

There are people with sufficient experience who could fill our jobs if we left, so they should just give us our packages," Mr Freeman said.

The detectives complain of inadequate facilities at the station

For instance, of the eight cars that were supposed to serve the Manenberg detective unit, only three were operational, and barely so. They have one telephone for four offices staffed by 15 people; an outdated computer that is often out of order and clothing allowances of only R550 a year.

"The allowances are a disgrace. For instance, my son recently bought himself a pair of tackies that cost just over R600. Now if tackies are so expensive, what am I going to do with R550?" Mr Freeman said

The case-load is also taking its toll. The detectives get about 20 new cases every day and the number doubles every weekend

"I do not want to be a policeman any more. I have had it and I want to leave. There is a brighter future in the private sector for me," Mr Freeman said

"There is nothing as frustrating as waking up in the middle of the night to go to a crime scene and then finding when you arrive there is no proper equipment to collect evidence."

He said the problems were not confined to Manenberg but were widespread in the police service.

Ganief Daniels, area commissioner for the west metropole, which encompasses Manenberg, acknowledged there had been a rush for severance packages by hundreds of police

He said packages could not be given to everyone who applied

"We have a responsibility to the community. We can't just give packages to everyone who applies because we won't have police to safeguard communities," he said

"Some of these people have years of experience and it would be difficult to replace them." There were budget constraints on resources

A member of the Provincial Commission on Gang Violence, Mario Wanza, said the applications by the detectives would send a negative message to residents of Manenberg

"What has happened tells the people of Manenberg that gangsters can do what they want because there will be no one to investigate the cases"

Manenberg has been the focal point of bloody strife between Rashied Staggie's Hard Livings and the Clever Kids gangs



Solitary phone: Manenberg detectives at work in their office where 15 people share one telephone

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Top black police officers want Knipe evaluated

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SENIOR black police officers, stung by the dismal failure of police to curb the spiralling violence on the Cape Flats, have called for a "performance evaluation" of the head of the police's violent crimes division

A delegation from the Black Officers Forum met Provincial Police Commissioner Leon Wessels yesterday to express its concern at the "escalating violence"

Led by Superintendent Peter Jacobs, the forum urged Wessels to impose a system of performance evaluation on Director Leonard Knipe, head of violent investigations in the Western Cape

Jacobs said the forum did not want to point fingers, but there had been a "dismal failure on Knipe's part to solve the violence"

"Cape Town has been rocked by a spate of gangland killings in the past week, which police have labelled as having "all the hall-

marks of professional hits"

Mr Michael Samuels, 23, was shot dead and his friends, Mr Ulrich Burgess and Mr Wayne Jackson, were wounded when gunmen opened fire on them at a Mitchells Plain café

The killing followed Sunday night's massacre in which six people, including two teenage girls, were gunned down at the home of a Woodstock drug dealer

The delegation called on Wessels to "re-commit himself and all his senior staff, us as well, to reverse this wave of crime"

The forum also lashed out at Knipe for his outburst after Sunday's massacre, in which he slated the initial police investigations

The forum pointed to the poor success rate of Knipe's violent crime unit

In the last two years the unit, under Knipe's command, have investigated about 200 cases of violent crime, but have managed only one conviction, it said



TALKS FRUITFUL: Leon Wessels, who met the police officers.

Jacobs denied the forum was "backbiting" at other police officers, saying it wanted to bring senior officers and their units together

"We must pool our resources so that we can solve this violence"

Wessels declined to comment on yesterday's meeting, except to say that "it has been fruitful"

Keeping an eye on the 'bad cops'

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By Sharon Chetty

IN the Hollywood movie *Internal Affairs* the 'good cop versus bad cop' theme is used to illustrate the murky world of police corruption in the United States

By dramatising the work of the internal affairs department of America's police service, the movie shows up the contradictions of police who go bad and the pressures endured by their colleagues when trying to root them out

While South Africa's version of an internal affairs department, the National Anti-Corruption Unit, may not be the stuff of Hollywood movies, they often find themselves in situations not unlike that of thrillers

"We are not very popular," says Director Stef Grobbelaar, "and, yes, it is very hard to keep tabs of a crooked member and to get his mates to cooperate - there is a lot of intimidation"

With several arrests and exposure of police involvement in a range of crimes, including armed heists and theft syndicates, there is a perception that the South African Police Service (SAPS) is wholly corrupt and coming apart at the seams

But, says Grobbelaar, the 2 000 officers currently under investigation comprise a mere half a percent of the service which has a staff of close to 140 000. There are another 538 awaiting trial

Biggest obstacle

However, he does admit that the full extent of corruption in the SAPS is still not known. "Even one corrupt officer is one too many," he says, and adds that "there is a lot more corruption happening and not enough reported"

A veteran officer - he started with the service in 1964 and has extensive experience in commercial crime investigation - Grobbelaar says the biggest obstacle to his unit's work is a "clan mentality" and the loyalty of policemen to each other

The "subculture" came about when policemen were made to uphold apartheid laws and were not respected

by the public, he says

Since then they have seen themselves as separate from a hostile public and defend themselves at any cost without questioning their role as public servants

"So even now, if they are accused of anything they still see it as 'us against them' and stick together," says Grobbelaar

His unit works from separate premises and has to maintain its distance but investigators are often shunned because of their work and anyone known to inform on a corrupt colleague is given a "hard time"

"There is a lot of subtle intimidation - in many cases the policemen may be suspended but they still have access to everything else - the SAPS telephone, car and gun - and can still do a lot of damage"

Intimidation machinery

Often, Grobbelaar says, an officer under investigation does not have to do anything himself to discourage witnesses, his loyal friends are quick to put the intimidation machinery in motion

While there have been cases of policemen "blowing the whistle" on colleagues, these are few as the complainant is, more often than not, victimised and soon becomes an outcast

Grobbelaar says that while most of their investigations stem from complaints from the public, there is still much distrust of the SAPS and therefore not enough people report policemen who abuse their powers

The 190-member unit deals specifically with cases of officers who misuse their power for personal gain and the aim is to have them prosecuted

Cases of petty theft, drunken driving or assault will therefore not necessarily be taken up as these can be dealt with as disciplinary offences

"Policemen have a position of trust and should be above many things," he says

Investigations are wide-ranging and while there have been several into armed robberies (where policemen used their service weapons and even identification cards in the crime), there



Director Stef Grobbelaar ... the public does not report most cases of police corruption. PIC SHARON CHETTY

are also "simple" cases where a crack-down is imperative

"If someone in the criminal records centre destroys a file for payment or maybe alters or divulges information, then it is very serious," says Grobbelaar

"Similarly, when a car is in the police pound and an officer strips it down to sell the parts - or when a stolen car is allowed to go through a border - these are grave abuses of power"

There are also policemen who hire out their guns and uniforms to "hit squads" who pounce on their victims by pretending to be policemen

And sometimes victims are stopped by criminals using blue police-issue flashing lights and sirens which they could only get from a police officer

Members of the drug squad have also been found to work as bouncers at brothels in return for sexual favours. Often the full quantity of drugs confis-

cated in a raid is not handed in but instead sold again by the policemen involved in the bust

There have been cases as well in which cops working with car heist syndicates have been known to drive the stolen vehicles through roadblocks by simply showing their police ID cards

Grobbelaar says that no gift or amount of money is considered too small to be extortion

"No member of the public should pay for a police service - so anyone accepting a bottle of whisky, a hunting trip or spares for his car is not just getting a gift," he says

While he says that a small part of the problem is the low pay of police and the temptation is to earn money on the side, most corruption is due to "GAG the greed and avarice of policemen and the gullibility of the public"

"When policemen extort money, or

blackmail someone or take cash for forging legal documents, they see it as a victimless crime - no one was shot or killed so it is easy to continue doing it"

Another dilemma is that in most cases the policemen and the members of the public they are in cahoots with are equally guilty of a crime

"If a policeman gets paid by a car dealer to alter the records of stolen cars, both are liable. Then we have the problem of finding a credible witness to testify against them in court"

The unit also works closely with similar units in other countries and is "trying to keep up with international norms"

At home there is also cooperation with the intelligence services and defence force

● The National Anti-Corruption Unit can be contacted through Crime Stop at 0800-11-12-13.

Duarte: Premier's inquiry was 'a waste of money'

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Sechaba ka'Nkosi

Former Gauteng MEC for safety and security Jessie Duarte this week fired her first public salvo at Premier Mathole Motshkega — denouncing a commission he appointed to investigate allegations of mismanagement and corruption in her department. She said it was wasteful and unnecessary, and accused Motshkega of acting on impulse without adequate information on the allegations. She added that the appointment of the commission was short-sighted and wasted taxpayers' money.

In her evidence to the commission this week, Duarte also flatly refused to apologise for driving an official government vehicle without a valid driver's licence, taking a personal friend on a state visit to Portugal at the taxpayers' expense and hiring an under-qualified consultant at nearly R300 000 a year. Although she admitted driving government vehicles without a valid driver's licence, she said it was not an issue because it was an open secret in the department that she did not have a licence. But she contended that she had good driver's skills which she developed as an activist in the 1980s.

"During those years activists like myself did not expose ourselves to the authorities by obtaining driver's licences in the normal course. This would have led to detection and detention. A simple inquiry at the Department of

Internal Affairs [sic] will reveal that there is no record of me having a South African driver's licence. It is utterly unnecessary to have a public inquiry into whether I possess a driver's licence or not. This is a wasteful expenditure of state money."

The two-person commission, headed by advocate Marumo Moerane, was appointed by Motshkega in February.

Duarte refused to answer questions relating to some of the key allegations against her. She argued that since she has relinquished her position as the political head of the department, an inquiry into her role at the time is irrelevant.

Producing internal correspondence, Duarte accused her former head of department, Mkhabela Sibeko, of failing to act on improprieties because he also accounted directly to former Gauteng director general Vincent Mtshambo.

She also reprimanded Sibeko's immediate subordinates, Ian Robertson and Theo Burgers, who directed policy and support services respectively. Duarte argued that the four should take full responsibility for allegations of corruption and mismanagement in her department.

In a 48-page submission to the commission, Duarte insisted it had deliberately ignored achievements that had been made by her department since it was established in 1994,

and instead focused on unfounded allegations. Throughout her submission, a defiant Duarte told Moerane that most of the allegations under scrutiny had been investigated by the provincial services commission, with the full knowledge of former Gauteng premier Tokyo Sexwale. The recommendations had in most instances been implemented.

"To that extent this commission seems to be a wasteful and unnecessary duplication. The premier [Motshkega] was obviously not adequately informed."

However, the *Mail & Guardian* has been told that Duarte was party to the decision to appoint Moerane. In February, Motshkega led an African National Congress provincial executive committee delegation to visit Duarte in hospital during a short illness.

The delegation, which included Duarte's successor, Paul Mashatile, and party heavyweight Obed Bapela, told her that

the executive committee believed the allegations against her were strong, and Motshkega had been advised to consider an investigation to avoid public humiliation of the ANC by opposition parties in the legislature.

Among options given to Duarte was an investigation by the auditor general or the public prosecutor and a commission that would report back directly to the premier.

To avoid further damage to Duarte's political career, the commission was considered a viable option as it would not take its findings to the attorney general for prosecution. Instead, it would report to Motshkega, who would seek a political interpretation of its findings.

Yet only a few days after the commission was appointed, Duarte denounced it on a radio talk-show.



Salvo: Jessie Duarte

Poorly funded police may slide further into disarray

Vuyo Mvoko

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CAPE TOWN — Information revealed in Parliament last week by the justice and safety and security departments ahead of next month's release of crime levels for the first quarter of this year, suggested that policing could slide further into disarray while crime levels continued to soar.

Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi said his department "will have difficulties in rendering some services to the community" due to insufficient budget allocations forcing the SA Police Service (SAPS) to undergo "a full reprioritisation assessment of all implications on basic policing".

Justice Minister Dullah Omar reported that 1 043 people under the age of 12, and 822 aged between 12 and 17, were murdered last year. He said there were 1 595 attempted murders of people under 12, and 1 131 attempts on persons between 12 and 17.

There had been 21 404 cases of rape and attempted rape of people up to the age of 17 and 1 484 sodomy cases of all ages. There were 573 cases of intercourse with underage girls.

There had been 1 690 cases of kidnapping of children under the age of 17; 4 407 common assaults of persons

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under 12 and 12 827 on those between 12 and 17, about 3 755 assaults with intention to do grievous bodily harm under the age of 12 and 11 087 on those between 12 and 17.

Police chiefs, addressing a joint sitting of the parliamentary safety and security portfolio committee and the National Council of Provinces' select committee on security and justice on Friday, said there was a 30% to 40% under-reporting on crime in SA.

Mufamadi disclosed that 497 bank robberies occurred in all SA provinces last year. Of those, 199 took place in Gauteng, 85 in North West, 66 in KwaZulu-Natal, 34 in the Free State, 31 in the Western Cape, 28 each in the Eastern Cape and Mpumalanga, 20 in the Northern Province and 6 in the Northern Cape.

He said bank notes with a face value of more than R103m were seized and 381 people arrested.

Mufamadi said that the SAPS would have to reduce its spending on fuel and oil from R400m to R283m, spend R116m instead of R150m on the repair and maintenance of vehicles, R81m instead of R130m on vehicle parts and accessories, budget R34m instead of R55m for informers, and take other steps.

Police funds drained by pay packages

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Kahn envisages a smaller, more visible and cheaper force - and asks for more money

By JOVIAL RANTAO
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The South African Police Service has under-equipped and under-resourced itself by R2-billion in the past three to five years by using resourcing funds to pay salaries, it was revealed in Parliament yesterday.

It also emerged that money that could have paid an extra 7 000 policemen and women had been spent on overtime pay, promotions and severance packages.

The police have now approached Finance Minister Trevor Manuel for additional funding of R300-million, and Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi for a further R250-million.

The money would come close to covering the R615-million "bare minimum" required for basic policing duties.

SAPS chief executive officer Meyer Kahn told Parliament's safety and security committee that he was optimistic Manuel would be sympathetic to the request for more funds.

The police have proposed that the R300-million be paid from National Policy Reserve funds, and the other R250-million from National Crime Prevention Strategy funds.

Kahn believed that police management would be able to produce savings to cover the R65-million that would not be covered by these expected grants from the Government.

The R615-million would be spent on fuel and oil, tyres, vehicles, the upkeep of detainees, informers, post- and telecommunications, medical costs and radio equipment, Kahn said.

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Of the millions spent on salaries rather than equipment, both Kahn and Police Commissioner George Fwaz explained that they had inherited 11 police agencies from the former homelands and self-governing territories that had

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Kahn told the committee there were plans to reduce the 135 000-strong police force to 120 000, reduce the rate of absenteeism from 30 to 10% - which would provide an additional 6 000 policemen on the beat - and move police from

administrative duties to effective police work.

"Hopefully, by so doing we will be able to pay for 120 000 people and have more police on duty than we have now," Kahn said.

"The savings will be used to re-equip the SAPS. We will have fewer people - better trained, better equipped, better resourced and better motivated," he added.

He told the committee that, while the current financial year's budget of R13,3-billion provided for ordinary policing during the 1999 elections, it would not provide for flare-ups during the elections.

Fwaz said strong financial controls had been put in place to protect the Government against abuse.

He added that members of the police management team

were not entitled to claim overtime.

In a report submitted to the committee, the department said the budgets for serious and violent crimes, organised crime, crime information analysis and the criminal record centre had increased.

Budgets for the commercial crime, crime intelligence and internal security units were, however, cut.

The reduced number of personnel of the commercial crime unit was attributed to the loss of qualified and experienced personnel to the private sector.

The budget cuts for crime intelligence and internal security were due largely to a loss of personnel in this sphere, and an overestimation during last year's budget, police management told Parliament.

SAPS wants R550 million more

By Ido Lekota

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THE South African Police Service has indicated that the R13,2 billion allocated to it for the 1998-99 financial year was not enough and has asked for an additional R550 million from the Government

Briefing the portfolio committee on safety and security yesterday, SAPS Chief Executive Officer Mr Meyer Khan said at least R13,8 billion was needed to provide an efficient policing service to

the public - which means at least R600 million more than what was allocated

He indicated, however, that his department had asked the Ministry of Safety and Security for an extra R250 million - to be taken from the National Crime Prevention Strategy fund - and R300 million, to be taken from the National Police Reserve

The balance would come from cost saving through rationalisation, skills improvement and improved productivity within the service, said Khan

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Police misspend R2bn

REQUEST FOR MORE FUNDS

IT HAS emerged that money that could have paid 7 000 extra police has been spent on overtime, promotions and severance packages **JOVIAL RANTAO** reports

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SA Police Service chief executive officer Mr Meyer Kahn told Parliament's safety and security committee that he was optimistic that Manuel would be sympathetic to the police request

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On the millions spent on salaries instead of equipment, both Kahn and Police Commissioner George Fivaz explained that they had inherited 11 police agencies from the former homelands and self-governing territories who had to be paid salaries

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absenteeism from 30% to 10% — a move that would provide an additional 6 000 police on the beat — and move police from doing administrative duties to more effective police work

"Hopefully, by so doing we will be able to pay for 120 000 and we will have more police on duty than we have now. The savings for these present costs will be used to re-equip the SAPS. We will have fewer people, better trained, better equipped, better resourced and motivated," Kahn said

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Police management said the cut for the crime intelligence and internal security unit was largely because of a loss of personnel and an over-estimate in last year's budget

Meanwhile, our Pretoria Correspondent reports that the army

and air force, faced with budget cuts, have pulled out more than 1 000 troops used in crime prevention and have cut back on equipment being used to fight crime

The SA National Defence Force (SANDF) said yesterday that although it had achieved significant results in the first three months of this year in the fight against crime, "there is a clear indication that this will probably not be the case for the period April to June"

"As a result of budget cuts, fewer troops were deployed in April. Instead of deploying 40 companies throughout the country, as was the case in March, the SANDF could only afford to deploy 25 companies

"Any further budget cuts will compel the SANDF to reduce the number of companies even further and to re-evaluate the role of supporting the SAPS in the execution

of the national crime prevention strategy"

About 3 600 soldiers had been deployed daily in the first three months of the year, successfully recovering 853 illegal weapons of various types and apprehending 21 425 illegal

immigrants on the Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Swaziland borders

The South African Air Force flew 1 571 hours at a cost of R42m in support of crime prevention during the same period

The defence budget has been severely pruned for the ninth successive year. Its funding has been re-allocated to assist with housing, health, social welfare and education requirements. This has resulted in many projects being cancelled or mothballed, and thousands of defence jobs being lost. Funding has in real terms been slashed by more than 58% since 1989

The Defence Force could afford to deploy only 25 companies in April, compared with 40 in March.

SA's spies commended by US intelligence agency

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Simon Barber

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WASHINGTON — SA's clandestine services received the Golden Candle award yesterday — a sort of Oscar for spies who make good use of public information and otherwise demonstrate literal intelligence — at an international convention in Washington of secret agents, military analysts, code-crackers and policemen

National intelligence coordinator Linda Mti travelled to Washington to accept the prize, and will address the convention, Global Intelligence 98, today on "open source intelligence, the African renaissance and sustainable development"

The honour was shared by the "foreign, clandestine, military and domestic" branches of the SA intelligence community in recognition of "their extraordinary accomplishments during the period of reconciliation", and notwithstanding such recent controversies as the McBride affair

"This community has simultaneously become fully integrated, embarked on an ambitious programme of revitalisation and contributed significantly to new ideas in support of the African renaissance," the citation read

The award is the creation of convention organiser OSS, which takes its initials from the

US Office of Strategic Services, precursor of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)

OSS in fact stands for Open Source Solutions. The company was founded by retired CIA agent Robert Steele as a consulting firm that helps governments and companies make better use of "legally and ethically available information" instead of relying on spy satellites and subterfuge

Steele has described his annual convention as "the only place where spies come in from the cold in public"

The convention is expected to draw about 600 participants from 40 countries this year

Steele was invited by government to share his ideas with the SA security services last year

Open Source Solutions spokesman William Horn said Steele had "found that they were sincerely trying to meet their intelligence needs through open sources". Previous recipients include the US Defence Intelligence Agency, London's metropolitan police and the Dutch ministry of the interior

Steele's methods received a boost from the recent failure of US intelligence to obtain advance warning of India's nuclear tests, even though they were predicted in press accounts and public statements by the new Indian government

SAPS funding crisis looming, warns Kahn

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Wyndham Hartley

CAPE TOWN — The opportunity to build a viable police force will become "unaffordable" and be lost within three to four years if the existing R2bn backlog in spending on police equipment is allowed to go unchecked, police CEO Meyer Kahn warned yesterday.

He also said that to avoid exacerbating the situation through a shortage in the current budget, the national crime prevention strategy budget could be slashed almost in half and the money spent on basic policing.

Addressing the national assembly's safety and security committee, Kahn said that over the past four years spending on equipment had been ignored and most of the money allocated to the department was spent on salaries. The salary bill was a fixed cost and so any savings had to come from the operational costs of the SA Police Service (SAPS). This had resulted in an underspending of R2bn on equipment and "I put you on notice that this will grow to R5bn to R6bn in three to four years and then we might as well throw in the towel".

Kahn said the SAPS had designed what it considered was the basic minimum for policing and the current budget was R615m short of the minimum. If the money was not found then spending on operational matters and the re-equipping of the police service would suffer further. Part of the reason for the shortfall was that the cost of the national crime prevention strategy also came out of the SAPS budget. He said the strategy, which would cost R516m this year, had effectively be-

come an additional department for the SAPS. It was within the authority of Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi to reallocate R250m of its funds to strengthen basic policing, but this could happen only after he discussed the matter with the other ministers in the criminal justice cluster — Dullah Omar at justice and Siso Mzimela at correctional services.

Kahn said the budget increase for the criminal justice cluster announced in the budget was 7,8%, but the effective increase for the SAPS was 3,7% if the strategy's funding was subtracted. If the R250m was taken away from the strategy the increase would be 5,7%.

There had been positive discussions with Finance Minister Trevor Manuel on an extra R300m for the SAPS to come from the special policy reserve which was created in the main budget for deserving applications from departments. If Manuel approved the money, it would bring the increase in SAPS funding to the announced 8%.

Kahn was confident the remaining R65m shortfall from the estimated cost of basic policing could be saved through increased management efficiency. The extra R550m which could be accessed through the crime prevention strategy and the special policy reserve "will go a long way towards meeting minimum standards".

National commissioner George Fivaz said the balance between personnel and logistical spending was changed overnight when the 11 agencies that existed before the 1994 election were amalgamated to form the SAPS. He was confident a cost-effective service could be achieved.

Cops seek cash lift to head off budget crisis

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Reshuffling of money by Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi and Finance Minister Trevor Manuel could head off a R600-million shortfall in the budget for basic policing.

Police have told Parliament they are waiting for a reply from Mr Manuel to their request for R300-million from the national policy reserve to help make up the shortfall.

A spokesman for the Finance Ministry said Mr Manuel had asked the Department of State Expenditure to assess the feasibility of reallocating funds, and a report by the department was expected soon.

Mr Mufamadi is considering moving R250-million from the police budget's contribution to the National Crime Prevention Strategy budget to the basic policing one.

But he will do this only with the consent of his fellow ministers in the Cabinet's criminal justice cluster, including the ministers of justice, correctional services and welfare.

Parliament's safety and security portfolio committee was briefed yesterday by police chief executive Meyer Kahn, Commissioner George Fivaz and other top officers.

Mr Kahn said operating costs and equipment had been underfunded by R2-billion in the past five years because of the burden put on the police budget by the amalgamation process, which had pushed up personnel costs from 75% to 82% of the police budget. He was confident this percentage could be "managed down" in the next few years.

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Close call: Abdus-Salaam Ebrahim arrives at Cape Town Magistrate's Court today

senior policemen, together with Pagad member Ozeer Booley, entered the building. At least three Casspirs and other vehicles were parked along the side streets near the court.

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Call for 'better control' of spooks

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Parliament's powerful multi-party public accounts committee says the system which allows it limited scrutiny of intelligence services and police secret accounts is inadequate.

A more acceptable method of reviewing these accounts, without jeopardising state security, was essential.

The committee made the comment in a report on secret services accounts and police secret funds for the 1995/96 financial year, tabled in Parliament today.

The committee was consulting the joint standing committee on intelligence on the issue of auditing of secret funds

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It said Auditor-General Henri Kluever had reported the level of "audit assurance" - the firmness of conclusions about the state of accounts - was lower than usual with ordinary accounts

The committee also sharply criticised failure by the police to finalise the recovery of money defrauded by former Vlakplaas commanding officer Eugene de Kock, who has been jailed for 38 years on charges including fraud, involving irregularities in payments to sources

The committee set a deadline of June 30 for police commissioner George Fivaz to report to it on the action being taken, noting that the matter had been detected by the Auditor-General in the 1993/94 financial year.

It also expressed concern about

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poor financial control by police which had enabled a former Bophuthatswana official to use more than R1,3million funds available in the Bophuthatswana police special account in 1995, in spite of the budget not having been authorised

"The official had not been informed by his superiors that he could not continue using the account as the Bophuthatswana government had ceased to exist immediately after the 1994 election"

The committee said it was disturbed by the police's poor financial control and the fact no-one was aware the funds were being spent

"Accounting officers should at all times regard their stewardship over public monies as an absolute priority, especially during periods of change," the committee said

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'Partnerships will break crime'

By Justice Mohale

LACK of financial resources in previously disadvantaged communities is a stumbling block in developing partnership policing to ensure effective crime prevention

This was said by National Police Commissioner George Fivaz at the official launch of the *Guide to Local Partnership Policing* in Johannesburg yesterday

"To ensure that partnership projects function effectively, the South African Police Service would fully involve members of the community and busi-

nesses in order to contain the wave of crime" said Fivaz

He said the police would urge ordinary citizens to join forces with them in an effort to combat crime because the police alone could not prevent the scourge

Viable strategy

He cited projects such as the Community Policing Forums (CPFs) as a successful and viable strategy in reducing the crime wave in South Africa

Partnerships between the police, community, local businesses and local

governments was a cooperative measure to solve the crime problem

Fivaz condemned the killing of farmers as "an abhorrent action in a culturally diverse society such as South Africa"

He said the SAPS had extended its partnership with the South African National Defence Force and the local farmers association in Bloemfontein

Since 1997 this relationship had reduced attacks on farmers, he said

"We have to try our utmost to protect farmers

"If we fail we will experience food shortages," he said

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New way sought to review police audits

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THE influential Public Accounts Committee of Parliament has called for a new method of reviewing the audit reports of the South African Police Service, the National Intelligence Agency and the SA Secret Service as the current method was not conducive to the committee's oversight role

In a report tabled in Parliament yesterday, the committee, chaired by Mr Ken Andrew (DP), called for the establishment of a more acceptable method to review the

secret service accounts without jeopardising state security

It was impossible for the committee, because of lack of information, to audit a full spectrum of activities relating to secret projects annually. The committee was also unable to make informed recommendations on secret service accounts

The committee was consulting with the Joint Standing Committee on Intelligence to address the issue

In its report on the secret funds of the SA Police Service, the committee said it was concerned about the poor financial control exercised by the police. The committee said accounting officers should at all times regard their stewardship over public moneys as an absolute

priority, especially during periods of change

The committee has ordered the police accounting officer until June 30 to report to it on the recovery of unspecified amounts which were spent fraudulently by a policeman

"An officer was found guilty of fraud and sentenced to 38 years imprisonment. The department has obtained a legal opinion on possible recovery of the money from the officer in terms of the agreement between the officer and the police. This matter is being considered by the accounting officer for further action. The committee

An officer was found guilty of fraud and sentenced to 38 years

wishes to express its concern over the delay in finalising this long outstanding matter, which was first reported by the auditor-general in the accounts of the national government in the 1993-95 financial years," the committee said.

In a separate matter, the committee has recommended that R1,4 million spent on secret projects by an official of the Bophuthatswana government after the homeland had ceased to exist, should be authorised

The committee found that the officer had not been informed by his superiors that he could not continue using the account. It found that the money should be authorised as it could have been justifiably financed from the secret services account of the SAPS

Probe unit has few resources

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THE statutory body established to investigate complaints against the police has itself complained of lack of investigative equipment, motor vehicles and other resources

The Independent Complaints Directorate (ICD) also complained at a lack of co-operation from the police and expressed frustration at the lack of statutory powers to enable them to act effectively and efficiently

In a submission to Parliament's Safety and Security Committee, ICD executive director Mr Neville Melville, an advocate, said the government should move the ICD from being in the same ministry as the South African Police Service

Melville said the ICD was consulting Minister of Safety and Security Sydney Mufamadi about alleviating the problem

He said that when ICD investigators took office they lacked investigative equipment and motor vehicles because of the limited budget. The problem persisted

Forty-five investigators had to cover the whole country. The ratio was disproportionate, considering that the SAPS personnel was about 140 000

If the directorate were to investigate all allegations of police misconduct, which totalled about 30 000 a year, it would need 350 investigators alone

Control of 'secret funds' is poor, police warned

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BY JOVIAL RANTAO
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The committee was engaged in consultation with the joint standing committee on intelligence to address this concern.

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The committee warned that accounting officers should at all times regard their stewardship over public money as an absolute priority, especially

during periods of change.

The committee has ordered the police accounting officer to report on the recovery of unspecified amounts which were spent fraudulently by a police officer since sentenced to 38 years' jail.

Legal opinion had been obtained on possible recovery of the money from the officer in question in terms of an agreement entered into between the officer and the SAPS, the report said.

The matter is being considered by the accounting officer for further action.

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In a separate matter, the committee has recommended that R1,4-million spent on secret projects by an official of the Bophuthatswana government - after the homeland stopped to exist - should be authorised.

The officer in question had not been informed by his superiors that he could not continue using the account, as Bophuthatswana had already ceased to exist as an independent government, the committee said.

Police chiefs to lose political control

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Stephané Bothma

PRETORIA — Overall responsibility for safety and security is to be placed in civilian hands, removing political control for policing from police chiefs.

Proposals in a white paper by Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi will leave the national police commissioner with responsibility for executive command and control and for operational accounting functions of the SA Police Service (SAPS).

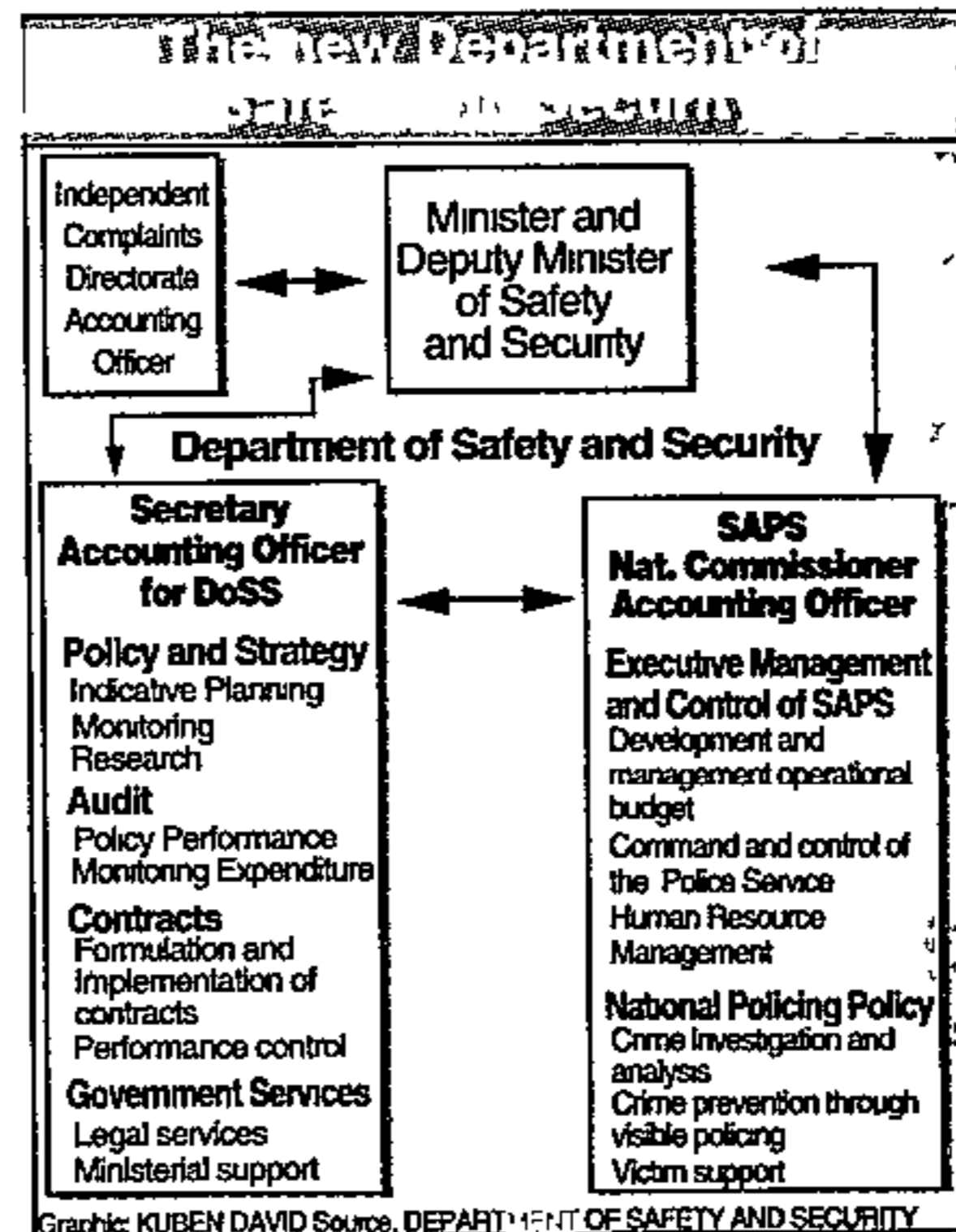
The civilian secretary for safety and security will be responsible for departmental policy, strategy, monitoring and auditing and will be both department head and accounting officer.

The commissioner will have the task of ensuring efficient policing by achieving set goals within a budget negotiated with the secretariat. The paper proposes that budget allocations to the SAPS be for defined and specific tasks spelled out by the commissioner.

It says effective law enforcement and crime prevention should be key priorities of the police. It provides a policy direction for the SAPS over the next five years, focusing on the core business of policing. The document also provides for greater accountability in terms of service delivery.

Mufamadi said he had already spoken to Finance Minister Trevor Manuel who shared his concern about the shortage in the current police budget. "I am positive that we will find the resources to meet all our new policy objectives," he said.

The paper places priority on law enforcement that constitutes effective and efficient criminal investigations, targets visible policing and meets the needs of victims through adequate service delivery. It suggests increasing the number, and upgrading the skills,



Graphic: KUBEN DAVID SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND SECURITY

of detectives in the service.

Visible policing will take the form of preventative patrol, where a constant police presence is maintained, directed patrol where a specific location is targeted for a limited period, and sector policing and high density policing to stabilise high crime areas.

Improving the collection, analysis and management of crime information, establishing specialised investigative units and widening institutional responsibilities will also make for better detective work, it says.

It proposes the establishment of a crime prevention unit situated within the safety and security department. The unit will carry out the mandate of the national crime prevention strategy by initiating, co-ordinating and facilitating crime-prevention programmes.

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Call for change in secret account audit

Linda Ensor

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CAPE TOWN — The audit review process for the secret accounts of the SA Police Service (SAPS), the National Intelligence Agency and the SA Secret Services should be reconsidered, Parliament's standing committee on public accounts has recommended

It said in a report to the national assembly that the secrecy surrounding these accounts meant it was deprived of vital information. It be-

lieved a "more acceptable method for reviewing these accounts without jeopardising state security, was essential"

Mutual consultation with the joint standing committee on intelligence on the issue was taking place

It noted the comment of auditor-general Henri Kluever that the level of audit assurance for the fund was lower than with ordinary audits "because of the nature of the income and expenditure and the circumstances in

which they are incurred and recorded".

The committee also expressed its concern about the delay in finalising the long outstanding matter of the fraud and irregularities committed by former Vlakplaas commanding officer Eugene de Kock

There was also concern about the poor financial control exercised by the SAPS over the expenditure of unauthorised funds in the Bophuthatswana Police Special Account

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Strategy to help police get on with job

The draft safety and security white paper combines greater managerial autonomy for the police with more accountability to government, writes **Stephen Lauffer**

BEFORE a moaning and groaning engulfs the land at the advent of yet another government white paper, there are two reasons for pause. Four years have passed since the advent of democratic policing in SA, and a thorough assessment of what has been achieved, and where things are still snagged, makes sense.

The police have battled with alternative action, been buffered by ruthless commission revelations, and struggled with the consequences of morale of skills losses and rising crime. As Deputy Safety and Security Minister Joe Matthews says, it was like teaching a bunch of rugby players to play — and love — soccer.

Secondly, and infinitely more importantly, this white paper is less a statement of lofty policy ideals than a management framework for safety and security in SA in the next five years.

Without negating them, it seeks to go beyond the moves made in the past four years to integrate community policing and a human rights culture into police practice, and to make the police service more representative of the population it serves.

It gives the police greater managerial autonomy while making them more accountable to the elected government of the day, via performance contracts.

If it works, it could have a significant impact on crime in SA. That, after all, is what the police and the safety and security ministry are there for.

The white paper builds heavily on the analysis of strengths and weaknesses in crime fighting in SA in the past four years, and on management practices in several democratic countries. It seeks to create structures capable of making policing more efficient and reducing opportunities and motivation for crime.

The draft released yesterday has been adopted by the cabinet for public discussion after intense internal consultation and significant revision by the security ministers. It will be debated broadly before its final adoption.

Those who were invited to familiarise themselves with and comment on the document at a series of workshops, which were held in every province, include the police at national level, provincial

police and safety and security officials, community policing forums, nongovernmental organisations and trade unions.

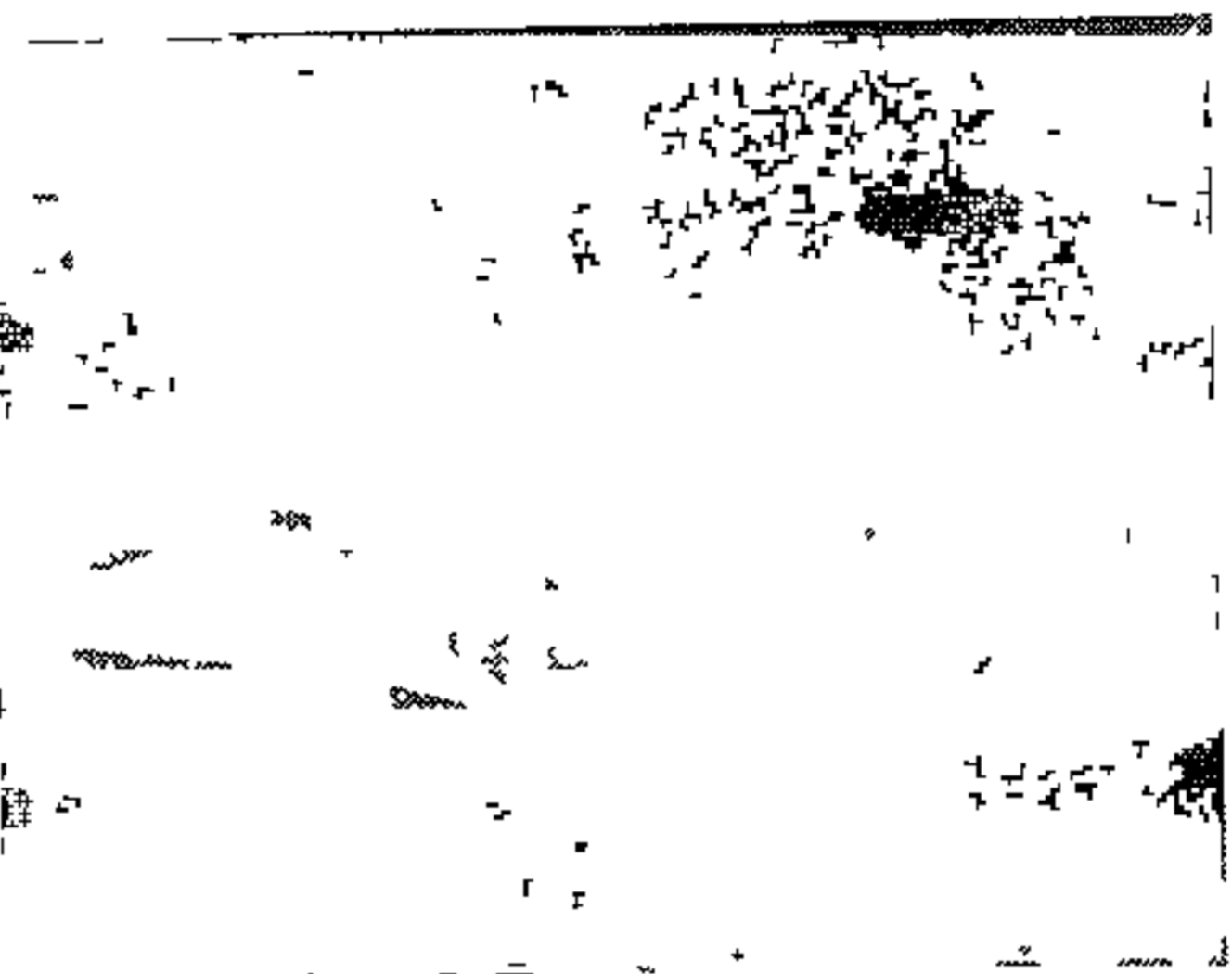
The final stage in the adoption process will be a national conference, expected in September.

Besides the safety and security community, it will be attended by representatives of the department that are involved in crime prevention strategies — justice, correctional services, health, welfare, and education. Key elements expected to emerge from the discussion process are the milestones, time frames, and costings making up the strategic plan which becomes the last chapter of the final document.

More clearly than ever before, the white paper defines the dividing line between the civilian policy and operational police functions. It puts the responsibility for the overall budget parameters — the method whereby policy implementation is guided and monitored — where it belongs with the minister, who should take political responsibility for his department's successes and failures.

The national commissioner will in future be responsible for achieving set goals within the budget he has negotiated with the secretary. Unlike the situation at present, where lump sums are transferred for the police to use as they deem necessary, money will be made available for clearly defined tasks, such as the training and deployment of a specified number of detectives each year.

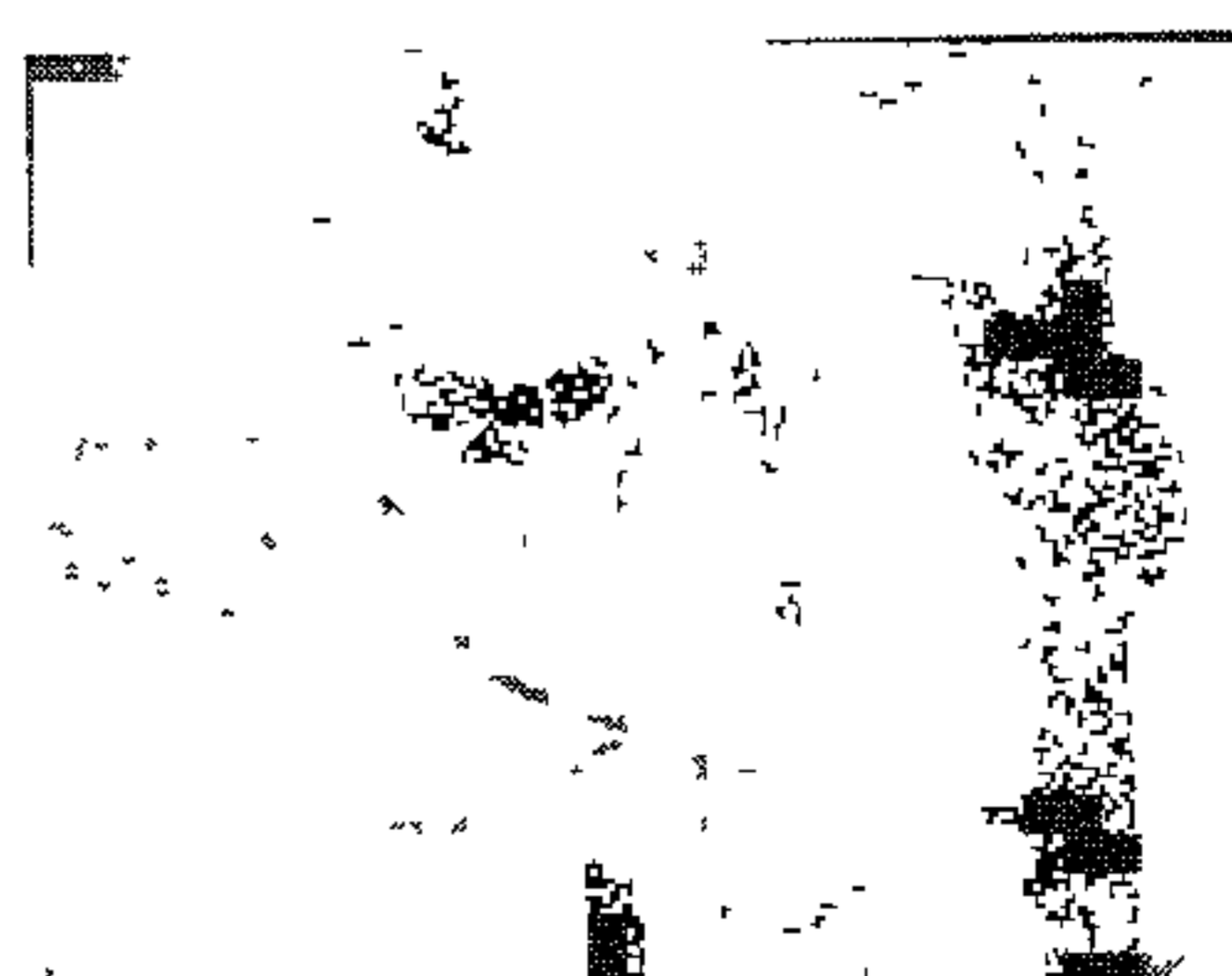
In the process, the department of safety and security becomes a trailblazer on public service reform. It is arguably the first government department to draw a crystal-clear distinction between the administration responsible for implementation on the one hand — headed by a director-general or, in this case, the national commissioner — and the minister, his advisers, planners, and accounting officers, who are responsible for policy formulation and the ultimate control of the purse strings.



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If all sides to the safety and security equation — police, secretary, and the political level — accept and implement the structure the document is proposing, the duplication, turf battles and meddling which have obstructed functionality on all sides could be a thing of the past. By separating policy planning and operations, the present situation, whereby both are compromised by being in the same place, is avoided.

A more structured relationship will ensure the police become more professional at what, in management-speak, is their core competence — detecting and catching criminals — while the political side concentrates on policy, rather than trying to second-guess and co-manage the police.

Gone will be the days when police officers formulated policy, then carried it out before assessing their own performances. Better cause performance criteria will be set externally by the secretary after policing goals have been negotiated with the commissioner, they will allow the minister to hold the police chief to promised levels of effectiveness. However, to get there, ingrained habits, established power relations and individual fiefdoms

will have to be relinquished.

Coming from a background of virtual political and financial autonomy, the leadership of the SA Police Service (SAPS) will probably have to give up the most. But the civilian management and political levels will also have to shift functional levels on all sides could be a thing of the past. By separating policy planning and operations, the present situation, whereby both are compromised by being in the same place, is avoided.

The structure outlined in the white paper makes all of this possible. It was discussed yesterday in the minister's committee, the senior management forum of Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi, Matthews, department secretary Azhar Cachalia, police commissioner George Fivaz and police CE Meyer Kahn.

Whether all sides will cooperate in making it a reality remains to be seen. Fivaz and Kahn are understood to have argued against the transfer of the accounting officer's function from the commissioner to the secretary for safety and security.

The chief executive officer in any company, Kahn is understood to have argued, has ultimate control of the budget. That is the point, the commissioner will no

longer be the CEO of safety and security — the minister will.

Kahn's call to Parliament's safety and security committee on Monday to reassign portions of the national crime prevention strategy budget to operational policing could be a signal that police management intends opposing some of the approach underlying the white paper.

Whatever the merits of his argument that the SAPS is underfunded — and given his record at SA Breweries, it can be assumed that he has done his sums properly — syphoning cash away from crime prevention efforts cannot be the solution.

To do so would be to run entirely counter to the dual strategy spelled out in the white paper. The two pillars on which safety and security should rest in the future, the document says, are law enforcement and crime prevention.

Without preventative measures which extend into schools, youth initiatives, health, education, and communities, young people who might otherwise have escaped will get sucked into the criminal spiral, and the police will be left without the support of local residents.

Three examples illustrate why

crime prevention is integral to successful policing.

In Chicago, a decision to extend school opening times by two hours daily brought petty crime down by 50%. Keeping young people usefully occupied for longer each day kept them out of the court and prison mill which creates hardened criminals. It also benefited the shopkeepers, little old ladies, and vehicle owners who were the usual targets of youthful muggers, shoplifters, and car radio thieves.

In the Johannesburg suburbs of Hillbrow and Berea, most drug raids are yielding not the major dealers, but young users from the northern suburbs.

Arrest puts them into the criminal justice system at great expense to the taxpayer and anguish to their families.

Preventative measures could keep them away altogether.

The situation in the Northern Cape gives perhaps the greatest cause to recognise the value of crime prevention efforts.

The province has the highest per capita murder rate in the country. It also has the largest number of policemen, relative to the population.

Most murders and other crimes of violence in the and province are related to alcohol abuse.

Under the white paper model placing increased emphasis on crime prevention, efforts — and resources — would go into education, health, welfare, and other measures aimed at changing the way the province's citizens view and use alcohol.

Improvements can often be achieved by simple measures, such as closing shebeens within a certain radius of schools.

That way, argue the proponents of crime prevention measures, the number of rapes of young girls by perpetrators who are under the influence of alcohol can be cut significantly.

In the end, the management model advanced in the white paper will stand or fall on its ability to enhance accountability and to exactly delineate responsibilities at all levels. Whether they like it or not, the police will never again have the autonomy they achieved under National Party rule. But they can look forward to a rise in status for their profession as they get on with the job of catching criminals

534 deaths in police custody last year

By GILL GIFFORD
Crime Reporter

About 60 people die every month either in the custody of the police or as a result of police action, according to the Independent Complaints Directorate, which investigates complaints against the police.

While the deaths are recorded under a single category, about one-third occur in police custody, with the remaining two-thirds being as a result of police action while apprehending criminals

The Police Act, passed in 1995, made it mandatory for the directorate to be notified of all deaths in police custody or as a result of police action.

The directorate began its operations in April 1997, and between April and December last year recorded 534 deaths in custody or as a result of police action

According to David Bruce, a researcher at the Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation, it is difficult to compare the figure with other countries.

"If we look at them in terms of police shootings in Brazil,

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the figures are not high. Compared with deaths in Britain, where their police don't carry firearms, our statistics are high," Bruce said.

And comparing current figures with earlier ones was also not possible because, before 1994, only politically related deaths in custody or as a result of police action were recorded

"But still the rate is disturbing and cries for more urgent attention by the Government

Difficult to compare SA with others

and SAPS. It raises questions about the issue of brutality and the use of excessive force by policemen," said Bruce

He said possible excessive reliance on firearms by police was indicated in an overview of 100 shooting incidents between police and civilians in which there appeared to be an imbalance in casualties

"In only five of the cases was a policeman hurt, and in one case a policeman was

killed," Bruce said.

He said a report identifying problem issues and recommendations around developing preventive measures to curb deaths in custody or as a result of police action would be finalised by the end of next week. A draft report was presented to the department last week

Director Joseph Ngobeni, spokesman for national police commissioner George Fivaz, said: "It cannot be said whether these figures are high. But they are an indication of increased confidence in reporting and of transparency and accountability on the part of the police"

Ngobeni said deaths in police custody or as a result of police action were addressed in the new police code of conduct. He said police management was also committed to informing members of the Bill of Rights.

Advocate Neville Melville, executive director of the Independent Complaints Directorate, told the parliamentary committee there were only 45 investigators to cover the entire country

New image for improved Reaction Units

VUYO MNTUYEDWA

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THE country's 89 Reaction Units are to be renamed Emergency Support Teams, and to be restructured and retrained from the beginning of July until October, Deputy Director of Security, Hendrick Steyn, said at a meeting of the Portfolio Committee on Correctional Services yesterday.

Steyn said he was aware that some members of the units had in the past not complied with standards which led to deficiencies in their performances. Retraining would play a major role in changing that.

The units, he said, would deal with crisis situations such as riots and hostage-taking and to "stabilise situations".

There would be no women on the teams. (251)

"Two representatives from each reaction unit will be trained as trainers. They will then retrain their own units during September/October 1998," he said.

The units are distributed as follows: Eastern Cape 19; Mpumalanga 14; Western Cape 13; Gauteng 11; KwaZulu-Natal 10; North West seven; Free State six; Northern Cape six, and Northern Province three

Trade training for inmates

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PRISONERS are to be trained in trades to combat gangsterism and to benefit the department of Correctional Services and the community.


Frkkie Venter, the director of prison services, said this at the Correctional Services portfolio committee yesterday.

He said the objectives of prison labour were aimed at re-integrating inmates into the community, to combat idleness and to strive for self-sufficiency among the inmates.


Venter said that during the 1997/1998 financial year, the department generated R3 million by hiring out prison labour; R2m from prison workshops such as carpentry, welding and motor mechanics, and R1m from agricultural farms owned by the department.

He said improvements in prison labour would include hand-craft skills development and involving of communities for more job opportunities — Parliamentary Bureau

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by TERRY PORTER

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ANMC special unit baffles police

Some members prosecuted, claims Mufamadi

PARLIAMENTARY BUREAU

Police are trying to identify the African National Congress select unit involved in "unofficial intelligence-gathering", and in guarding some members of the KwaZulu-Natal legislature

Minister of Safety and Security Sydney Mufamadi said in reply to a ques-

tion from the Democratic Party that police were unable to identify those in the unit because there were no witnesses willing to make statements, testify in court or describe the unit, or its structure

But, he said, police had taken action against individuals in the unit after allegations that they were involved in crime

"In the instances where sufficient evidence could be found, they were subsequently arrested and prosecuted

"In some cases these individuals paid the highest price by being fatally wounded while they were taking part in crimes such as armed robberies," Mr. Mufamadi told Parliament

DP leader Tony Leon said the minister was "less than frank with his

answer".

He said Mr. Mufamadi had admitted that individuals from the group were arrested for crimes, and some killed, but on the other hand he said police could not identify them

"One wants a full and frank disclosure. His answer contains a contradiction. There is more to it than meets the eye," Mr. Leon said

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Paper fined for tobacco ad

CLIVE SAWYER
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

Only one complaint laid against a company for allegedly failing to conform to regulations on tobacco advertising has resulted in a conviction.

This was disclosed in the National Assembly by Health Minister Nkosazana Zuma in reply to questions by Ken Andrew of the Democratic Party.

Four individuals had laid complaints, Dr Zuma said.

However, the Department of Health had taken no action for alleged failure of companies to conform to the regulations. The only successful charge was against a newspaper,

which was fined R500.

Outstanding complaints included an alleged violation by the owner of a building in Main Road, Rondebosch, which displays two large neon advertisements for a brand of cigarettes.

In a separate question, Ruth Rabinowitz of the Inkatha Freedom Party asked whether Dr Zuma would consider allowing brief courses of the medicine AZT for HIV positive mothers before the birth of their babies.

Recent research had shown that a brief course of AZT contributed significantly to the prevention of HIV being transferred from mother to baby during the birth.

Dr Zuma said the matter was under discussion.

Speed wobble for new law on municipal police forces

CLIVE SAWYER
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

Legislation allowing municipalities to set up police agencies, which has come under fire because councils doubt they have the money to implement it, is to be delayed.

Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi initially asked Parliament to ensure the legislation was approved by the end of next month.

But the bill is now expected to go through Parliament only by August.

The urgency of approving the bill by the end of June was to allow municipalities to take account of the legislation when drafting budgets for their new financial year, which starts in July.

The bill provides for municipal police services to be in charge of traffic policing, by-laws and crime prevention

In spite of the delay, councils have been told to go ahead with planning for spending on municipal services, provided they believe they have the money and other resources to do so.

"We guarantee there will be a bill empowering them to do so by about August, at the latest September," said Mohseen Moosa, chairman of the National Council of Provinces committee on security and justice.

The bill was discussed at a joint meeting of the NCOP and National Assembly committees on safety and security yesterday.

The SA Local Government Association told the NCOP meeting that it supported the principles of the bill. National Assembly safety and security head Rapu Molekane said there would have to be clarity about the allegiance of municipal police to the Government.

Alberton traffic police protest ticketing system with go-slow

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By MATTHEW BURBIDGE

Bitter Alberton traffic officers, who say their productivity is measured by how many summonses they issue daily, have embarked on a ticketing go-slow in protest, The Star was told yesterday

The 39 officers are expected to fine at least 10 people every day, and are threatened with punitive action if they do not

Morale at the station has hit "rock bottom" and the officers said they had decided to stop

writing out tickets in protest

An officer said the number of summonses issued over a weekend had dropped from about 300 to five or six

The officers spoke on condition of anonymity

While all the officers who spoke to The Star said they would not hesitate to fine motorists for dangerous driving, they resented being forced into a quota system

The officers have on occasion been told to leave an accident scene and "get back to

writing summonses"

"They threaten to take our overtime away and they know if they do that we won't be able to support our families," said one officer, who earns just over R3 000 a month

"The only training we're given is how to fill out a summons," another said

The men say they have never received training in how to use their firearms and were expected to respond to burglaries in progress and make arrests

The officers have to make do

with old vehicles, some of which have to be push-started, and a control room with outdated equipment which, they are told, are because of the need to cut costs

Alberton traffic chief Blackie Swart said yesterday that the officers' claims were nonsense and that he was not willing to talk about it

"If they (the officers) say that, they can carry on. You can come here and speak to them in front of me," he said before slamming down the telephone

Mufamadi spells out SAPS plans

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By Joe Mdhlela

WHILE the new police service will not hesitate to enforce the law for the benefit of the country's law-abiding citizens, it will never again flagrantly engage in human rights abuses as the apartheid police did

This is the assurance Safety and Security Minister Mr Sydney Mufamadi gave to South Africans when he unveiled the draft white paper on safety and security in Pretoria this week

The white paper will serve as a public discussion document as the South African Police Service (SAPS) seeks ways and means of beefing up safety and security measures in the country

Mufamadi emphasised that the document was not a meaningless public relations exercise but a Government policy document of the highest importance – 'the minister's vehicle to articulate what needs to be achieved and how (police) delivery will be measured'

"The green paper (of 1994), which was the first discussion paper, came at a particular point of our history and focused on specific priorities," said Mufamadi

"These were democratic accountability, civilian oversight, policing within a human rights framework and community participation

"These principles continue to underpin the policy objectives outlined in the white paper"

The proposed measures will come as welcome news in areas such as the Cape Flats and some parts of KwaZulu-Natal where law and order has broken down

Also, the document will send a clear message to perpetrators of violence in the taxi industry that the police are determined to use all measures to protect innocent people against taxi violence

Mufamadi called on all South Africans, irrespective of the role they played in the conflicts of the past, to work positively towards a process of change that will make it possible for "all our people to participate in the provision of safety and security"

In other words, even political opponents who were once locked in a battle for political hegemony must now work together for the sake of a safe and secure South Africa

Mufamadi also said that effective policing must take place in a climate of trust and respect. It is therefore imperative that the police's negative image – created during the apartheid era by relying on paramilitary methods and authoritarian force – be changed

Instead people should see the police as providing a credible service in combating and preventing crime in their neighbourhoods

Accordingly, innovative measures will be introduced to demilitarise the police

"While these (old) characteristics ensured that the police were effective under apartheid in controlling political opponents of the government, it meant that they were poorly equipped for crime control and prevention in the new democracy," said Mufamadi

"Under apartheid rule the police lacked legitimacy and functioned as an instrument of control rather than as a police service dedicated to ensuring the safety of all citizens"

The white paper suggests that because of the inherent deficiencies of the old system, it is not surprising that there is very little interest in responding to crimes in African areas

"In 1994 about 74 percent of the country's police stations were situated in white suburbs or business districts," said Mufamadi

The new democratic police service is seeking to change this by ensuring that all citizens get equal protection from an effective police service

Additional interventions

Not only must the police provide a service to all the people of the country, he said, but the SAPS must also behave in a manner consistent with the provisions of the South African Constitution

A new structure – the Independent Complaints Directorate (ICD) – has been created to ensure that police do not abuse their power

Situated outside the SAPS ranks, but reporting to the minister, the ICD ensures that incidents of human rights abuses are dealt with and brought to the attention of the top police structures

"These aspects continue to be the key component of the police agenda. While much progress has been made, additional interventions are still required to ensure South Africa follows international practices in the

area of civilian oversight and accountability," he said

To this end elected local government agencies are being given a greater say in the objectives of policing "to ensure that the needs of citizens in different localities are met"

However, it is nevertheless clearly understood that policing remains the function of the SAPS

The draft white paper focuses on the following areas to ensure effective policing

- Confronting crime in South Africa means highly trained and specialised policing that will ensure that communities receive high-quality service delivery

- Crime-prevention interventions must ensure that not all crimes require policing. Crime in poor communities can often be traced to socio-economic circumstances, which cannot be addressed by police actions alone

- The effectiveness and efficiency of criminal investigations will be improved by increasing the number of detectives and enhancing their training management

- Active visible policing – through preventive patrols and maintaining a constant uniformed police presence – will address specific crimes

- Victim empowerment aims to improve the quality of service delivery to crime victims, which is a vital element in improving police investigations and enhancing public confidence

- Provincial governments will be responsible for monitoring the effectiveness and efficiency of police service delivery within a single line of command, control and communication

- Local government is uniquely placed to actively participate in crime-prevention initiatives and to develop projects aimed at potential victims and offenders. Many local government areas are also considering establishing local police services to enforce road traffic and related laws

- The relationship between the Community Police Forums and local government should be strengthened

Mufamadi said these initiatives by the SAPS were becoming increasingly important in the light of the fact that "the work of fighting crime is becoming more complex" as criminals became more organised and sophisticated

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Cops come tops in crime

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Tangeni Amupadhi

Police are three times more likely to commit crime than ordinary members of the public, and that's official

In its forthcoming monthly report, the Human Rights Committee says statistics provided by Minister of Safety and Security Sydney Mufamadi show the shocking extent of police involvement in criminal activities.

Mufamadi told the National Assembly last month that 17 500 complaints were investigated against the police

According to the statistics, the complaints and charges have resulted in 1 355 convictions and nearly 4 300 disciplinary procedures. Complaints include murder, rape, theft, assault, assisting a prisoner to escape, attempted murder, corruption, culpable homicide, drunk driving and malicious damage to property

"However, the investigation and subsequent prosecution led to only 1 207 convictions which means that in 94% of the cases against police officials, the authorities failed to prove criminal actions," said Venitia Govender, who compiled the report.

Report slams police over gang violence

Meeting to call for 'drastic measures' to jack up detective work

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A report on police investigations into gang violence handed to Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi has said "something drastic" must be done to improve detective work.

Mr Mufamadi's spokesman, André Martin, said "He is not releasing the report today but initial reading of it has confirmed that something drastic needs to be done to improve investigations."

Mr Mufamadi was to meet Justice Minister Dullah Omar, Deputy Minister of Intelligence Joe Ntshahla and Western Cape authorities, including Attorney-General Frank Kahn, to discuss measures to improve detective work, Mr Martin said.

He could not say what form the measures would take.

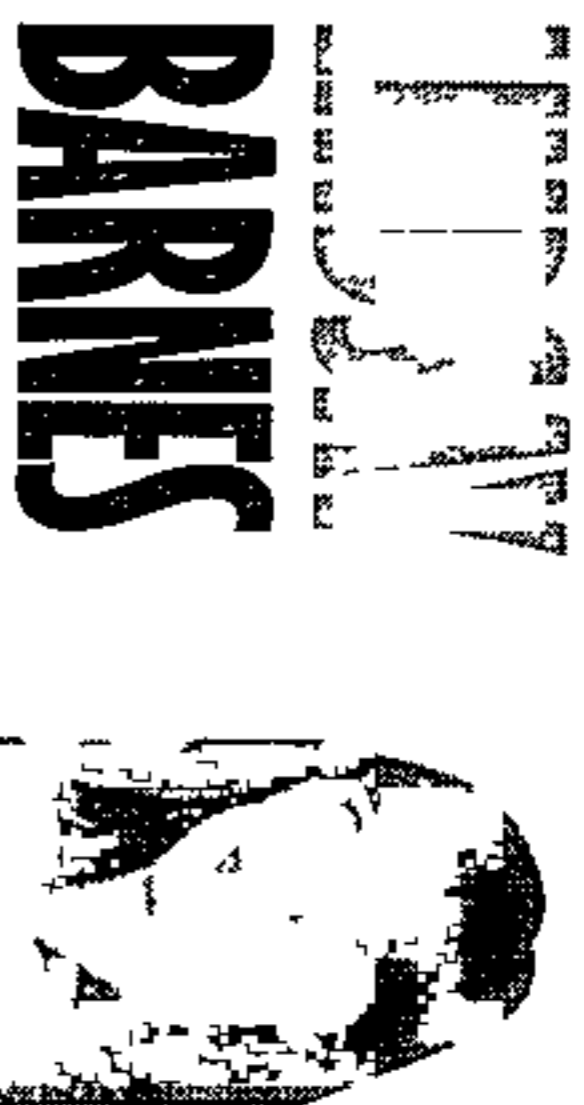
Earlier this month top policeman Leonard Knipe, head of the violent crimes investigations, criticised the initial police investigation into the slaying of six people at an alleged drug dealer's house in Francus Street, Woodstock.

Director Knipe said he had been 'extremely dissatisfied' with early investigations.

He was to make a full report on the apparently shoddy investigation to police heads but declined today to state its progress.

Last month Mr Mufamadi expressed concern at the number of gang-related prosecutions that had been dropped after the withdrawal of murder charges against Pagad member Ebrahim Jeneker.

He requested the report on investigations by detectives from national police commissioner George Fivaz and was handed the final version



BARNES

SPECIAL REPORT

yesterday

Meanwhile, the Inter-Religious Commission on Crime and Violence in the Western Cape says the perpetrators of crime and violence must rethink their role in society.

The commission called on President Mandela to use the "strongest possible measures" to curb crime and violence.

Religious communities in the province had watched with horror at the manner in which people had been killed "with no regard for the sanctity of life," the commission said.

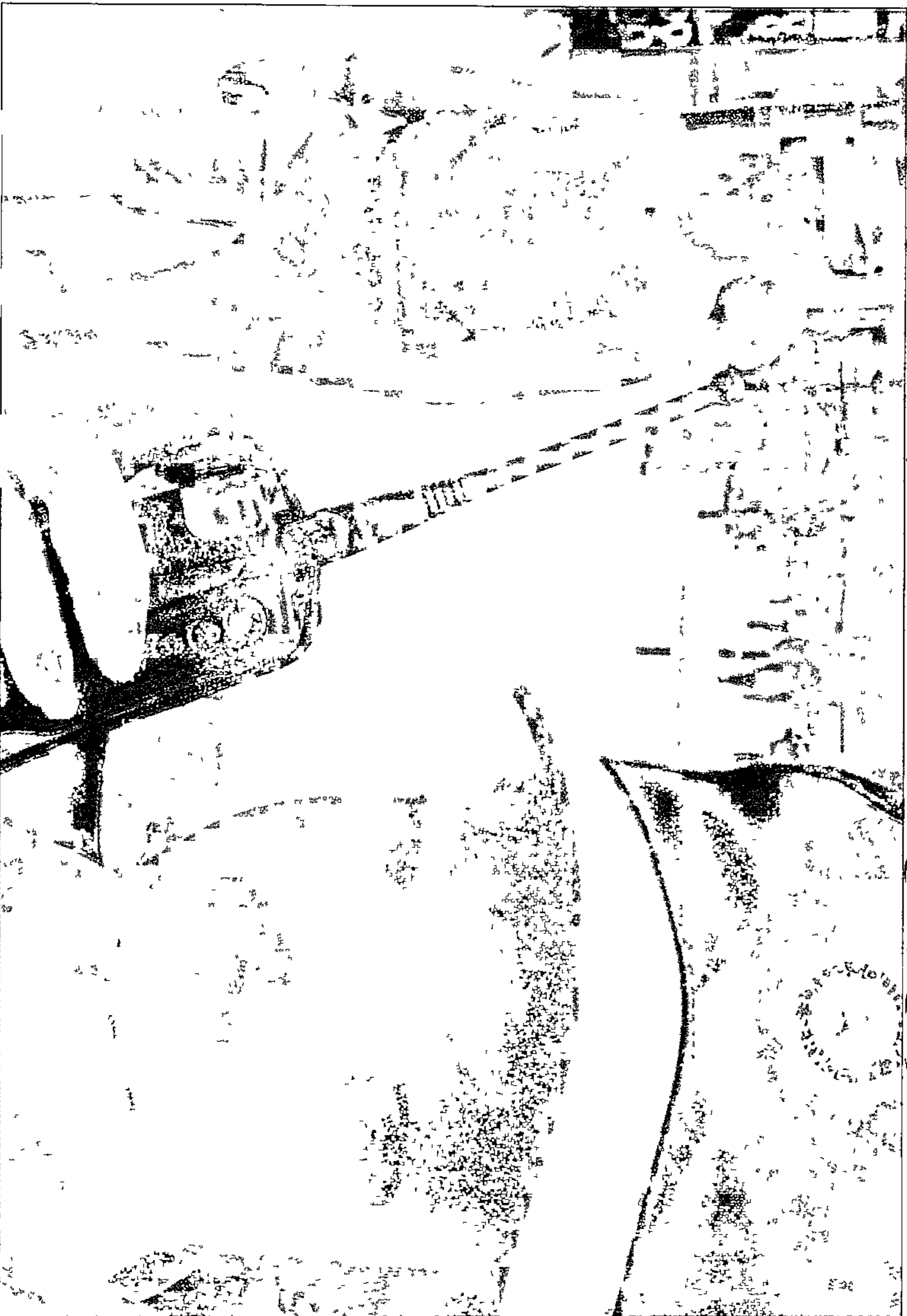
It was a tragic day when people attending a prayer meeting in remembrance of someone killed in a crime were callously shot.

"We deplore these cowardly actions of violence in the strongest possible terms," the commission added.

"We call on the perpetrators of these actions to stop causing so much pain and suffering.

"We feel deep pain for all our people who have suffered the cruelty of crime, violence and gangsterism.

"We particularly offer our prayers for the succour of the families bereaved of their loved ones," the commission said.



Brighter future: rent-a-cops Luzuka Sawula and Yolanda Mckrelling in the city centre. Day-to-day policing will now be the sole responsibility of 55 rent-a-cops

ANDREW INGRAM

Police to quit city streets

Rent-a-cops will take on CBD foot patrols

Woman mugged in CBD

A woman was mugged in Burg Street about 10.30am today.
CBD Carwatch employee William Hendicks said he heard a commotion and saw a youth, aged about 18, run past him with two men and a woman pursuing him.
"There wasn't a policeman in sight," he said. — Crime Staff

LINDSAY BARNES
STAFF REPORTER

The last 25 bobbies on the beat in central Cape Town are to be withdrawn from the streets because they are needed elsewhere.

Day-to-day policing will now be the sole responsibility of 55 rent-a-cops, who will work shifts to patrol the crime-hit CBD on foot.
The decision to withdraw regular police

has been prompted by a shortage of manpower at the central police station.
The controversial rent-a-cop project was on the verge of being abolished by national Commissioner George Fivaz last year.

Central police commissioner Raymond Dowd said he could no longer spare police for foot patrols because of the resignation of several detectives and police on shift work at Caledon Square police station.

The 25 police withdrawn from the CBD would be used to plug gaps in the detective

service and on shifts, leaving the task of visible policing in the city centre to community patrol officers, or rent-a-cops, Director Dowd said.

Cape Town's rent-a-cops, trained police reservists, are funded mostly by city businesses and in part by the municipality, which has given R75 000 over the past year. They are paid about R1 700 a month. Uniforms and weaponry are provided by police.

Long-awaited legislation which will allow municipalities to set up their own

police agencies has been delayed.

Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi at first asked Parliament to ensure the legislation was approved by the end of June, but the bill is now expected to go through Parliament by August.

The bill provides for municipal police to take charge of traffic policing, by-laws and crime prevention.
For financial reasons, the Cape Town

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municipality believed the nearest it would get to a municipal police force was the rent-a-cop corps, councillor Chris Joubert said.

And he believed that if Cape Town was to prevent its centre from becoming a near-ghetto, like Johannesburg's central business district, more businesses would have to take responsibility for funding the project.
"We are issuing a challenge to businesses to come in on this and help protect our central business districts. We still have time to put the lid on the crime rate here, compared with Johannesburg," he said.

But the official go-ahead for rent-a-cops has yet to be given. Last year Commissioner Fivaz pulled the plug on the scheme nationally because of legal difficulties and the problem of accountability.

The state queried the legality of paying rent-a-cops through a Section 21 company.

A provincial ministerial task team — comprising Community Safety Minister Mark Wiley, Trade, Industry and Tourism Minister Hennie Bester, Education Minister Nic Koornhof, Health Minister Peter Marais, Local Government Minister Patrick McKenzie and top police officials — is due to see Mr Mufamadi soon to seek the green light.

Mr Wiley supported the scheme, said his spokesman, David Frost.

"Certain amendments will have to be made to police legislation. The ministerial task team is working on getting it completely formalised.

"Whatever it takes, they (the rent-a-cops) must be formalised so that the scheme can be carried over to Mitchell's Plain, Athlone and Guguletu."

Meanwhile big business has indicated it is prepared to boost sponsorship to extend the rent-a-cop scheme into other business centres in Cape Town, in an effort to reclaim commercial areas from petty thieves and muggers, according to the City Community Patrol Board.

The board runs the rent-a-cop scheme as a non-profit section 21 company from offices owned by the Cape Town municipality. The rent-a-cop scheme was introduced as a pilot project in Sea Point in 1995 to take some of the burden off police.

The project expanded to the city centre and on to Metrorail. Rent-a-cops have been sponsored to the tune of more than R12-million in the past 30 months.

The board had been pledged R417 000 a month for the project, Mr Joubert said.

The scheme had put 55 qualified police reservists on the beat and crime had plunged 20% in the areas they patrolled, Director Dowd said.



Gauteng commission overtaken by events

Gauteng legislature reporter **Bonile Ngqiyaza** looks back at former MEC **Jessie Duarte's** appearance before the Moerane commission

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THE Moerane commission of inquiry into the Gauteng safety and security department and its former political head **Jessie Duarte** has finally concluded the fact-finding part of its business, but already it seems to have been overtaken by events

The conflict in the department, which has been described as, in essence, tension between the old guard and civil servants loyal to the African National Congress (ANC) government will have dissipated in a few months time when the commission releases its findings and recommendations

Many drastic changes have taken place in the department between the commission's appointment in February this year and last weekend when the last witness, head of department **Mkhabela Sibeko**, was called to testify

The department, which has seen ANC provincial executive committee member **Paul Mashatile** replace **Duarte**, cannot but move at a quickened pace in its efforts to redeem itself in the public's eyes

Already, many of the officials in management and administration have expressed a wish to opt out and "pursue other interests"

The affair, which was about maladministration, corruption and nepotism — in short everything public personalities and politicians should not be involved in — threatened to be a prolonged face-off match between **Duarte** and departmental officials

She also made it clear that she would not assent to the allegations against her without a good fight

However, the conclusion to this affair was far different at the weekend, primarily because, as the principal protagonist, **Duarte** had long left government, much of the commission's focus shifted to **Sibeko's** effectiveness as the department's accounting officer

Her appearance before the Moerane commission in Johannesburg last week was characterised more by candour and insightful observations than the expected rancour and recriminations

While the main protagonists **Duarte** and support services director **Theo Burgers** were frank about feelings of animosity towards each other, and the acrimonious nature of their relationship both were graceful enough to concede that the other had made vital contributions to the establishment of the department

The shift in focus meant that **Sibeko**

together with his lieutenants — **Burgers** and policy director **Ian Robertson** now moved into the spotlight

Insofar as **Duarte** was concerned, the commission had lost its sting with her departure from the provincial cabinet. The commission and those taking part in it were to be reminded constantly of this — directly by her legal counsel and by her refusal to respond to some of the questions put to her

Duarte's legal team argued before the commission that as she was no longer in the Gauteng executive she could not respond to questions of a personal nature as these were "irrelevant and not of public interest"

Also, the Democratic Party — the other protagonist in the affair — having achieved its stated aim of unseating **Duarte**, pulled out of the deliberations citing the restrictive cost.

As a result of the change in focus, issues such as the nature of the relationship between her and human resources specialist **Babalazi Bulunga**, details, other than the payment of air tickets, of the trip to Portugal, the driver's licence issue and whether she had used a government vehicle for private purposes, no longer applied

In the end, this strategy adopted by her legal team, seemed calculated to justify her initial contention that some of the areas it was tasked to probe, were a waste of taxpayers' money as they had been fully canvassed elsewhere

Indeed, in her written submission to the commission, **Duarte** stated as much and went further to say audits and investigations, some of which were initiated at her request, had already covered some of the ground

In the submission, **Duarte** asserted that the reports were available and many of the recommendations had already been implemented. "To that extent this commission seems to be a wasteful and unnecessary duplication. The premier (**Mathole Motshekga**) was obviously not adequately informed"

It would seem that the provincial government instituted a commission of inquiry into the department and midway through that process, acted in a manner which itself pre-empted the commission's investigation

It is clear that if the commission is to make adverse findings against any of the key people in the department, it might find any recommendations it made may end up being null and void

Security chief's death was not suicide, says NIA

A National Intelligence Agency official yesterday criticised police handling of the investigation into the death of NIA security chief Muziwendoda Mdluli, saying the processes "left much to be desired"

The inquest into Mdluli's death - he allegedly committed suicide in October 1995 - drew to a close in the Pretoria Magistrate's Court yesterday

At an informal briefing at the court, a senior NIA official, Sizwe Mtembu, said that while he did not want to make a blank statement on a coverup, the NIA did not agree with police findings that Mdluli's death was suicide.

"We suspect foul play in his death," Mtembu said

Mdluli, a former Azanian People's Liberation Army member, joined the NIA in 1995. He was found behind the wheel of his red BMW with a gunshot wound to his forehead. At the time of his death he was allegedly involved in sensitive investigations into third-force activities

Mtembu said evidence, which could have provided a clue as to who was responsible for Mdluli's death, was wiped out through police handling of the investigation. "If the whole scene had not been interfered with, it could have resulted in a dif-

ferent investigation," he said

Earlier testimony at the inquest disclosed that police did not take fingerprints at the scene of Mdluli's death, and fingerprints on the car were taken only the next day, after it had already been taken to a private panelbeater for safekeeping.

Mtembu said there were "startling resemblances" between the death of Mdluli and that of police internal security chief Assistant Commissioner Leonard Radu

Radu died in a vehicle accident on his way to Johannesburg International Airport early last year

The ruling, by Magistrate Adriaan Bakker, is expected on July 17 - Sapa

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'PUBLIC HOLIDAYS ARE A NIGHTMARE'

Pranksters tie up emergency lines

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AT THEIR wits' end as to how to stop prank calls, the SAPS is considering introducing a charge for calls to the national emergency number, 10111. **BETH BURKSTRAND** reports.

PRANK calls are disrupting the swamped 10111 system to such an extent that authorities are considering charging a fee for the toll-free service.

This would mean charging for calls made from private and public telephones, which would exacerbate the plight of needy consumers in time of emergencies.

Although this action is directly in contrast with the SAPS policy of reaching out to the community and is not considered lightly, it may be the only way of ensuring an effective and efficient service delivery, according to a police statement.

Nationwide, prank calls are leading to longer response times for real emergency calls, low employee moral and communication problems between operators and emergency service providers, police said.

Western Cape Radio Control, which serves 3,5 million people in the Cape Town area, is no exception.

About 60% of the 7 000 to 10 000 calls the centre receives daily are pranks, says Inspector Philip Cliff, a term he applies to all non-emergency property crime reports, false reports of violent crime, hang-ups or vulgar calls.

"The vast majority of those are from call box phones. You can hear them, they are from kids," Cliff said.

Similar to the situation around the country, most prank calls to the Western Cape centre are received when school-aged children are not in class.

"Public holidays are a nightmare," said Cliff. "I've heard things about my mother and my granny that I don't even want to repeat."

The day police announced that they were considering charging for

emergency calls, Cliff asked the operators in his centre to raise their hands next time they received such a call. Hands shot up across the room.

Operator Elliot Maphuthi says he is disturbed by the vulgar calls he has received during his one month on the job. But he still thinks charging for the service is a bad idea. "Some people just don't have the money but they still need help."

There are procedures in place to punish prank callers, but they are time consuming and their effectiveness is questionable.

Prank calls can be traced if they are placed from a residential telephone with listed phone number and address. More than 90% of such calls, however, are made from pay phones.

Operators can send disciplinary letters to the home, but they have stopped doing so, Cliff said, because the pranks don't stop even when the letters are sent.

Prosecuting pranksters, says Cliff, rarely happens and "takes a hell of a lot of time."

Let ratepayers set policing standards

THE South African Police Service Amendment Bill, tabled in Parliament last week, provides for the establishment of municipal police services. There is a dire need for municipal policing in SA.

Overregulation of proposed municipal police forces by government could render them unworkable and ineffective, writes Martin Schonteich

With 130 000 members, the SAPS is one of the largest centralised police forces in the world, and has become too large and inflexible to respond effectively to rapidly changing crime patterns. However, careful analysis of the proposed legislation reveals that municipal police services will be tightly regulated, and subject to exacting conditions. There is a danger this overregulatory approach will hamper poorer, less developed municipalities from providing such services.

In their areas of jurisdiction, they may receive additional powers only at the discretion of the safety and security minister. The bill proposes that municipal police services (including the existing Durban City Police) be regulated and controlled to a considerable degree by national and provincial government.

In SA, the only operational city police service — the Durban City Police — has shown that it is able to respond effectively to changing local conditions and needs. In the early 1990s crime levels rose on the Durban beach front, which tainted the city's image as a tourist destination. In response, the city police increased foot patrols, and installed a surveillance camera system in the beach front area.

Municipalities will have to fulfil various requirements in order to be granted permission to establish their own police service. In terms of the bill a municipality must apply to the relevant member of the provincial executive council to establish a municipal police service.

Crime levels in the area have subsequently dropped. In addition to being more responsive to local conditions, a municipal police service has the advantage of being directly accountable to the people it serves. The Durban Metropolitan Council could fire the head of its city police service if it had good reasons to do so. In the case of the SAPS, only police headquarters can decide such an issue.

The executive council may, subject to such conditions as it may determine, approve an application for the establishment of a municipal police service, only if it is satisfied that, inter alia, the municipality concerned has "the resources at its disposal to provide for a municipal police service which complies with national standards on a 24-hour basis within its area of jurisdiction".

Accountability with the SAPS does not lie with the local community but with Pretoria. In terms of the constitution, national legislation must provide a framework for the establishment, powers, functions and control of municipal police services. The bill provides for this, but devolves only limited powers to municipal police services. They will, for example, be responsible for traffic policing, the policing of municipal by-laws, and the prevention of crime, but not the investigation of crime.

National standards regarding the training of members of municipal police services — are to be determined by the national commissioner of the SAPS. Failure to comply with the conditions set by the executive council can result in the appointment of a provincial government official as administrator of the municipal police service concerned. All expenses incurred from such an intervention shall be borne by the municipality.

Moreover, the minister for safety and security may appoint an administrator if the executive council fails to do so at his request. The bill is quite clear that the cost involved in the establishment, maintenance and functioning of a municipal police service will have to be borne by the municipality concerned.

Thus, while the government's regulation of municipal police services will increase their opera-

tion, the ratepayers who will pay for municipal police services, should be able to determine the standards of policing in their town or city. Municipal police services should be directly accountable to the municipality concerned.

While government has for some time spoken of the need to decentralise the SAPS, in practice the opposite has occurred. The staff complement at police headquarters in Pretoria has more than doubled since 1994. Staffing levels of the SAPS as a whole have declined over the same period due to a hiring moratorium, lifted only recently.

Over the past few years the SAPS has managed to apprehend only 23% of all known offenders, while crime rates for most offences have only recently begun to stabilise. But the overall crime rate is still on the increase in 1997 about 2.73-million crimes were reported, up from 2.68-million in 1996. This is in sharp contrast to the successes of well-run municipal police forces in other parts of the world. In New York, former commissioner of police William Bratton halved the murder rate, and the residential burglary rate is now a quarter of what it was in 1980.

While municipal policing would place an added burden on municipalities' funds, there are a number of ways to minimise expenses. In Durban, revenues for the city police do not come only from council funds. A quarter to a third of the city police's expenses are covered by income raised through the issuing of taxi permits, and the payment of administrative fines by persons who contravene city by-laws.

Many municipalities already have the core infrastructure necessary for a municipal police service. Municipalities run "protection services" that have vehicles, personnel, communication equipment and buildings which can be converted, at relatively low cost, for the use of a police service.

It would be unfortunate if legislation hampered municipalities in fulfilling their constitutional duty, "to promote a safe and healthy environment" for their communities.

Schonteich is parliamentary affairs manager for the SA Institute of Race Relations



The SAPS is seen as too large to respond effectively

tional cost, it will be the ratepayer who will have to foot the bill for this over-regulatory approach.

National government should place enough faith in municipal police services — and the people who vote for them — to allow them greater latitude in regulating their local police service. Such a service should not be subjected to tough stan-

dards which only a few of the larger and wealthier cities can meet. Is it really necessary for a municipal police service in a small town or city to provide a 24-hour service? Municipal policing services are not intended to replace the SAPS. They are meant to complement the work of the SAPS, and focus on local crime issues us-

ing the concentrated resources and expertise at their disposal. There are many SAPS charge offices which in practice are not capable of delivering a 24-hour service. In fact, some do not even have electricity or telephones to link them to the outside world at any time of day. Municipalities and, by impli-

ation, hampered municipalities in fulfilling their constitutional duty, "to promote a safe and healthy environment" for their communities.

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DP urges voluntary service in police to fight crime

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TO combat spiralling crime, young people should be allowed to do voluntary service in the police force for monthly stipends or for state support as part of their tertiary education, DP safety and security spokesperson Douglas Gibson has recommended

Revealing his party's novel proposals to fight crime, Gibson said police stations should be built, owned and managed by private concerns to combat crime cost effectively. He also proposed that non-core activities of the police force, such as administrative and maintenance duties, should be done by private companies.

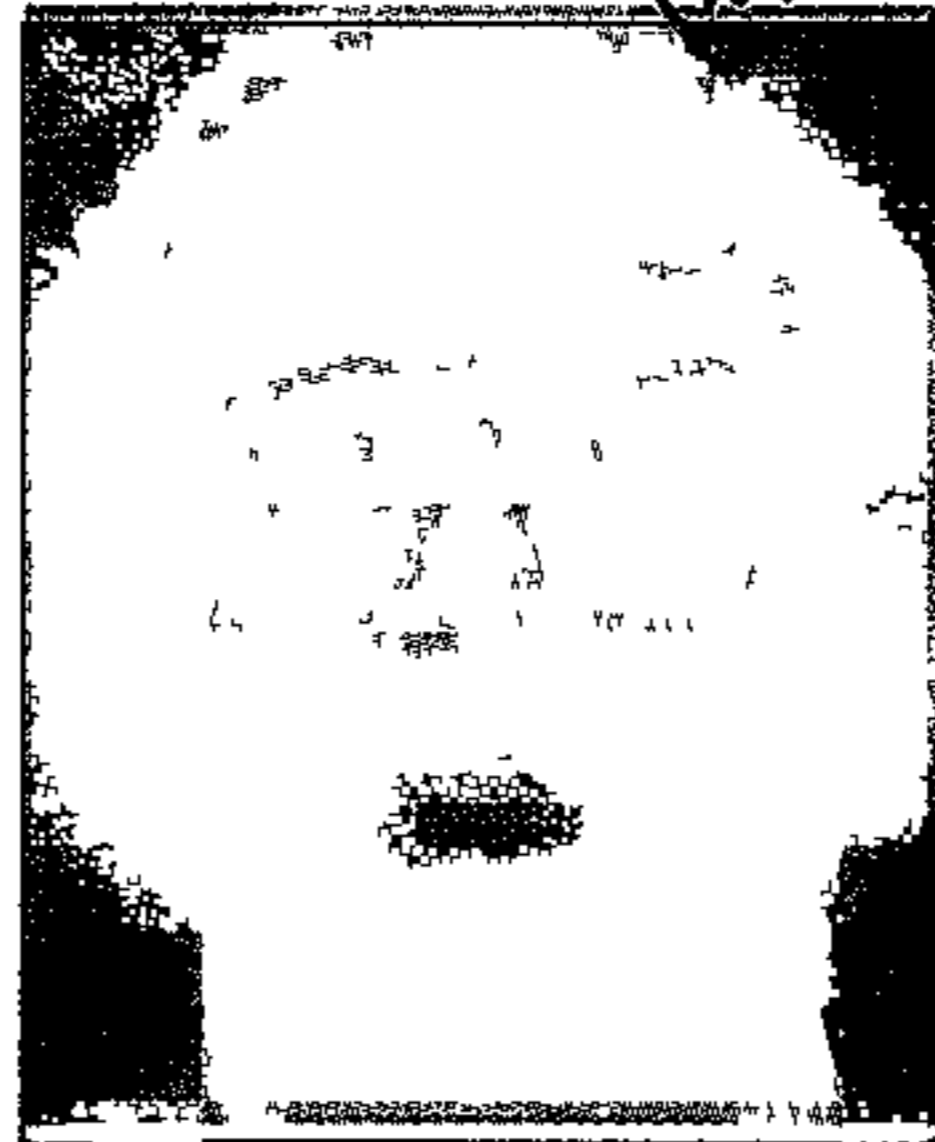
Given South Africa's high tax rates, there was limited scope for extra spending on policing. The real problem was that taxpayers were getting poor value for money from the police, Gibson said.

He said police stations should be privately owned. A group of finance and property management companies had made an innovative proposal to build and acquire police stations, and rent them back to the government.

"This proposal has considerable merit. It would relieve the police of the administrative burden of building and maintaining police stations, which professional companies would be able to do more cheaply and efficiently," he said.

The privatisation of police stations would also raise an initial lump sum for the government, which could be invested in much-needed equipment. Other police property, such as hostels and recreational facilities, could be privatised in a similar manner.

Gibson said that more than 20% of officers in the police force



PRIVATISE: Douglas Gibson

performed administrative, maintenance and back-up duties.

"The bulk of these responsibilities should be outsourced to private companies through competitive tenders.

"Private firms will be able to perform these functions better and more cheaply than the police can and will allow the police to focus single-mindedly on fighting crime."

Functions which could be outsourced include charge office reception, secretarial services, guarding of police stations, vehicle maintenance and forensics.

Gibson proposed a voluntary national service in SA Police Service in which a number of young people would be recruited into the police each year, to serve one-year contracts for small monthly allowances, or in return for state subsidisation of part of their tertiary education.

To qualify for admission to the programme, people would be required to have passed matric and to undergo basic physical, academic and ethical tests. People with criminal records would be ineligible.

"The servicemen and women

would perform basic policing tasks and would receive on-the-job training from officers. At the end of the year's service, tests and performance assessments would be conducted, and the top 10% of the intake would be offered posts in the force," Gibson said.

The voluntary national service scheme would provide the SAPS with a large intake of dedicated volunteers each year, and would ensure that the force's new recruits were thoroughly tested in the field.

Those volunteers who did not qualify for recruitment into the force would nevertheless gain valuable skills and experience, and many would be likely to continue to contribute to the fight against crime.

Gibson also proposed bringing "new blood" into the police force, saying that there was a large pool of talent available since 600 000 people had applied for 1 200 posts when the government lifted the moratorium on police recruitment last year. He urged the selection of a "crack force of recruits" from this pool.

● Meanwhile, NP safety and security spokesperson Piet Matthee said his party rejected plans to reduce the police force by 8 000 members.

It had been proven worldwide that visible policing leads to a decrease in crime.

"The real problem is that the police are hopelessly underfunded and that there is a shortage of equipment and vehicles to the value of approximately R2 billion."

If this shortage was not addressed urgently, it will grow to between R5bn or R6bn over the next three to four years and it would then be impossible to transform the police service to an efficient law enforcement service, Matthee said.

Return of the colonels may be nigh

POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

The police service's thousands of colonels, "dethroned" four years ago to the rank of superintendent, may once again become colonels. Talks on the change of title are being held between police top management and Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi.

This was disclosed by SA Police Service human resources chief Neels Steenkamp, who told Parliament's portfolio committee on safety and security that reasons for the possible change were "purely practical".

Although the rank of superintendent was used all over the world, it was a "very long" name It was being abbreviated in a number of ways, including the unacceptable "Supey". The name did not sit well on people's tongues, he said.

R1-bn overtime bill faces cops Budget shortfall will hamstring SAPS, says union

POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

The overstretched police budget faces a huge new demand next year when the Basic Conditions of Employment Act comes into force for the police service, slapping paymasters with a bill estimated to be about R1-billion a year. The police personnel budget is about R10-billion.

The hefty bill for overtime is only one of a set of new expenses. When the act comes into effect in November 1999, employees will have to be paid for unused vacation leave on termination of service, according to the SA Police Union.

The union warned that the three-year medium-term expenditure framework had not taken account of the R1-billion it would cost if police were compelled to pay out overtime. SAPU spokesman Andy Miller told Parliament's portfolio committee on safety and security that policing the 1999 elections had also not been properly budgeted for. He said it was "inconceivable"

that in real terms the police budget was down by 6%, with no prospect of a realistic increase in the three-year budget planning cycle.

"It is furthermore inconceivable that the police be forced to try to come out on an operational budget which is short by no less than R600-million."

He urged the committee to press for a change to treasury rules to allow the SAPS to keep income it generated, and to allow it to roll over savings to the next financial year.

The Government should copy the example set when Justice Minister Dullah Omar removed prosecutors from the public service, by allowing a similar change for police.

An adequate improvement in pay would help cut back absenteeism in the police. A possible contributor to absenteeism was the low sense of worth among police, because they were regarded officially as nothing other than public service clerks.

"I don't see clerks shot on the front

GIVE SAWYER



POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

pages of newspapers every day," Mr Miller said.

He lashed out at budget cuts on items like fuel and tyres for police vehicles.

"All this budget tells you is the poor public must be scared, because by the end of the year vehicles are not going to be riding around."

"We are further going to demoralise our staff by telling them to bring their own toilet paper and throw their own petrol in."

He claimed that some SAPS top managers were demotivated because they had applied successfully for voluntary severance packages and were

simply biding their time waiting to leave.

Replying to questions by Pret Mathee of the National Party, Mr Miller said a study was needed to show whether the money provided would cover the cost of body armour.

"If it did not, union members might refuse to venture out of their charge offices, because the Government had not supplied protective clothing in terms of the Occupational Health and Safety Act."

"If management does not supply the tools, we're not going to do the work."

Mr Miller said more police should be set free to carry out basic policing, by withdrawing trained police from guarding Parliament, courts and other government buildings and replacing them with security guards.

SAPS finance head Pat Bosman told the committee that when the current police budget was drawn up, the potential impact of the overtime pay provisions in the Basic Conditions of

Employment Act had not been not known.

The department was due to present its Budget estimates for the three-year cycle up to 2002 to the Department of State Expenditure in the first week of June, and in this presentation the implications of the act would be fully addressed, Commissioner Bosman said.

Police would also address the issue of policing the 1999 elections in their presentation to the Department of State Expenditure. No complaints had been made of a shortage of body armour, he said.

Discussions were being held on redeploying police from courts and government buildings. Staffing of mortuaries was to be addressed soon.

Police human resources chief Neels Steenkamp dismissed as a "gross generalisation" the claim that top police who were awaiting their departure with voluntary severance packages were merely biding their time.

Police commissioner under fire

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MARITZBURG — KwaZulu-Natal safety and security MEC Bhekı Cele of the African National Congress yesterday called for the resignation of provincial police commissioner Chris Serfontein, following claims Serfontein made to the safety and security and environmental affairs multiparty committee that community service delivery was being constrained by "the dictates of politicians"

The multiparty committee was established to resolve developmental problems in northern KwaZulu-Natal

Presenting his budget vote yesterday, Cele quoted Serfontein as saying the provincial police commission had been "quite willing to co-operate and were still willing to do so, but not on totally unreasonable terms"

Cele said Serfontein further told the committee that he could not allow "the dictates of politicians whose vacillating motives were anything but clear to determine when, where and how the commission should provide a better policing service"

"That is why one calls on this politician-in-the-making to leave the office

of the provincial commissioner and join any political party of his choice. However, by the look of things, he will be more suited to lead a party he will form, after he excelled in attacking politicians, rather than attacking crime — which is the job he is paid for," Cele said.

He also said Serfontein should provide answers to the provincial parliament on the lack of training to disadvantaged security members as well as tackle the issues of corruption and racism within the organisation

However, Cele acknowledged that KwaZulu-Natal faced "a grave situation" in terms of its policing. The safety and security portfolio committee had not reached its maximum potential when dealing with emergency and security-threatening matters, while his own meetings with the committee had been "irregular"

Cele believed the resumed recruitment drive would be beneficial and said the visit by the national safety and security portfolio committee to KwaZulu-Natal had provided the province with a better understanding of policing and an improved working relationship with national government

Police union head hits out at 'crippling cuts in the force'

Vuyo Mvoko

CAPE TOWN — "Unmotivated" SA Police Service (SAPS) top management — and the government — were battered in Parliament yesterday following statements that about 10 000 police jobs could be shed in terms of police CEO Meyer Kahn's new strategic plan

SA Police Union (Sapu) representative, Andy Miller, in an uncompromising submission to the safety and security portfolio committee in the presence of police chiefs, said management's decision to get rid of jobs at a time they were needed most would cripple the service, which was already suffering severely from low morale and widespread absenteeism.

"It is interesting to note the disparity between the white paper produced by Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi which indicates that the SAPS must be increased and the comments attributed to Kahn that SAPS must be reduced," Miller said

He questioned whether the top brass were themselves motivated when many of them had been granted severance packages which came into effect between now and 2000

"These persons should, regardless of financial constraints, be told to leave immediately," Miller said, lambasting them further for their "lack of direction" by shifting the goalposts when unions tried to engage them on issues

Miller alluded to management's unilateral decision making and "antagonism" towards unions and a lack of commitment to affirmative action.

"The SAPS has yet to accept the principle of co-determination, it has yet to train its managers in labour relations," he said

A "harmonious" working relationship would enable the unions to motivate their members to render an effective service and put absentees back on the beat. Miller accused government of lacking "the political will to demand that the police focus on their core business"

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An estimated 10 000 trained police were opening gates in parliamentary and justice department buildings, cutting corpses in mortuaries and doing administrative work instead of police work. Government should "comply with its lip service to the public" and grant the SAPS a budget increase "that in real terms makes for the supplying of a professional police", he said

Police were "paid like clerks" and in real terms, the SAPS budget was down 6% with no prospects of a realistic increase in the three years of the Medium Term Expenditure Framework

Polmed, the police medical aid, was underfunded by about R2m during 1997/98 and it was estimated the same would happen this year

"Adequately paid police who have acceptable logistics to perform their duties will be more motivated and will not go off sick for a cough or a cold," Miller said. He denied that police were using absenteeism to the detriment of

the public and as a tool to force management to act

Miller said the SAPS was not in line with the framework and there had been no provision for next year's elections, which would put a strain on their resources

Divisional Commissioner Neels Steenkamp said Kahn's statement had been misunderstood. It had to do with "natural attrition" and would take place over five years

Releasing people from so-called soft jobs could not be done "overnight". However, the cabinet had decided and a working committee would meet again next month to work out the details, Steenkamp said

Absenteeism was not as bad as had been portrayed and management was beginning to root out the problem, Steenkamp said. There were indications that a moratorium would be lifted on the filling of certain posts for affirmative action

Assistant Commissioner Pat Bosman said a meeting had been scheduled with state expenditure next month to address the framework and elections issues

Fivaz told to probe racism in the SAPS

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SAFETY and Security Minister Mr Sydney Mufamadi instructed National Police Commissioner George Fivaz yesterday to probe charges of racism in the force

Mufamadi said he had noted recent media reports in which KwaZulu-Natal deputy provincial commissioner Moses Khanyile alleged he was being hampered by white officers in his efforts to make police management representative of the demographic composition of the province

"This is the first time that an officer of his seniority has made such grave allegations," Mufamadi said

Fivaz had been told to ask Khanyile for a full report, said Mufamadi

Mufamadi said he had also taken into account persistent allegations of racial discrimination in the police force

Although he had previously asked the Independent Complaints Directorate to investigate some of these allegations, he now felt that there was a need for a special mechanism to

be established to investigate all allegations of racial discrimination in the force

Mufamadi's statement also comes after continuous reports from the Northern Province where in one police station in Warmbaths, a feud has been going on for over a year over the use of a toilet by black police-women

This week, *Sowetan* published a front page story in which a group of six white policemen allegedly shot and killed a 20-year-old black youth accused of raping a white woman outside Pietersburg

The same group of policemen had earlier allegedly abducted the mother of the youth, and her brother. The two were allegedly assaulted, tortured and threatened with death

They were also told the youth would be killed on sight. Masilo Letsoalo was shot dead a few days later by the same group, allegedly while they were trying to arrest him - *Sapa*

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Strike won't
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BY LEE-ANN ALFREDS

More than 40 000 municipal workers around Gauteng are to strike tomorrow for better wages, but essential services such as garbage collection, crisis centres and clinics will not be affected.

The strike has been called by the SA Municipal Workers Union (Samwu) which, together with the Independent Municipal and Allied Trade Unions, is demanding an 8% or R300 annual wage increase. The Government has offered 3% or R120.

Tomorrow's protest comes before a three-day strike by more than 20 000 of Greater Johannesburg's municipal workers planned for June 9, 10 and 11. The strike, which has also been called by Samwu, is to protest against Johannesburg's plans to out-source and privatise certain council functions.

Samwu spokesman Themba Nxumalo said more than 40 000 workers were expected to gather at the Library Gardens in Johannesburg to march on the Metro Centre in Braamfontein to express their dissatisfaction with the Government's offer.

179 quit the service as stress takes its toll on SA police

POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

(2/51)

Stress continues to take its toll on police, with 179 having been boarded so far this year for stress-related illnesses.

Now psychologists are being used to test whether candidate police are mentally tough enough to stand the pace and pressure

This year's departures bring to 2 437 the number of police who have quit because of stress in the past five years

A total of 4 091 have been treated for stress-related symptoms in this period

Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi said studies by police psychologists showed stress levels

among police were higher than average, irrespective of race, culture or gender

Contributing factors included work overload, as well as the danger of their work, relationships with colleagues, superiors and the community, and uncertainty about their careers

Mr Mufamadi said various steps

were being taken to solve the problem. Most important among these was strict screening of candidates for the police by psychologists

"The applicant must have the mental and personality make-up to withstand (the job's) demands and adapt as quickly as possible"

Mr Mufamadi said a stress-debriefing programme involved the

training of 503 employees

Last year 5 326 police had been debriefed after traumatic incidents, a 35% increase since 1992, when stress debriefing was introduced

There was also a comprehensive suicide prevention programme. Other measures were a 24-hour crisis line service and stress management and life skills programmes

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Forces under strain: Sydney Mufamadi

Mbuli: Cops probe 'set-up'

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Tangeni Amupadhi

The official police watchdog, the Independent Complaints Directorate (ICD), has embarked on a wide-ranging investigation into allegations that the jailed People's Poet, Mzwakhe Mbuli, was framed for robberies

This follows a plea by Jessie Duarte, former Gauteng MEC for safety and security, for the watchdog to examine the highly suspicious circumstances surrounding the case that has left Mbuli languishing in jail since last October

Evidence that some witnesses were pressured into making statements implicating Mbuli in the robberies, that others were forced to falsely point him out at an identification parade, and that others were coached to make false statements has led the ICD to step up its probe into police handling of the case

Julian Snitcher, the ICD's deputy director for special investigations, confirms that the directorate is investigating various allegations of police malpractices in the case

Duarte asked the directorate to investigate after complaints from Mbuli's British promoters, Arts Admin

Gill Lloyd, of Arts Admin, says it was strange that the bank Mbuli is alleged to have robbed last October did not switch on its surveillance camera that day. She also claims that a Soweto man has admitted he was recruited by police to implicate Mbuli in one of the robberies

Lloyd says an affidavit has been obtained from another person who is alleged to have heard police giving Mbuli's description to the owner of a liquor store which police say was also robbed by Mbuli. The liquor store owner later pointed the poet out at an identity parade, though none of his staff were able to do so

Snitcher says "We are not investigating whether Mr Mbuli was involved in the crime. What we are looking at is whether the police investigation was properly conducted." All aspects of the police's conduct will be probed, including issues which may show that the police framed South Africa's popular poet

The directorate's investigators this week spoke to Mbuli after several prior attempts, but Snitcher would not comment further about the case, other than to say it is sensitive, spans three provinces, that many interviews have been conducted and more documentary evidence is being sought

Mbuli maintains he was the target of a smear by the police. Police claim they arrested him shortly after a robbery in Waverley outside Pretoria last October. They allegedly recovered R15 000 and firearms, one licensed to him. He concedes he was carrying his licensed

pistol, but denies knowledge about the other weapons, including a hand grenade, which he says were found only after he had been placed in the police van

Mbuli says the whole thing was a set-up. According to him, he drove to Pretoria to meet a stranger who claimed he had information about an attempt on his life a year earlier. Mbuli allegedly pulled into the bank's shopping complex, met a man who gave him an envelope and told him to drive away quickly

Shortly afterwards police pulled him over, saying they had been tipped off that his blue BMW was involved in the robbery. The envelope was full of money

Police say they have since linked Mbuli to a string of other robberies, including the hold-

up of a liquor store in the Northern Province, where R900 was taken

"These guys are desperate," Mbuli has said. "They still have my car. I won't be surprised if next they say they have found an AK-47 in it."

Mbuli has described his arrest as an attempt to divert attention from the "truth about the attempts on my life"

Shortly before his arrest, says Mbuli, he met Duarte to demand that police conclude their investigation into attempts to assassinate him. He says he passed on information to the police proving he was caught in the middle of a drug conspiracy

After Mbuli's arrest, Duarte released a statement commending the police for their "quick response" and for the recovery of a hand

grenade and hand guns. "We have been made aware of the fact that Mzwakhe Mbuli is one of the three suspects and we believe that the law must take its course," she said at the time.

Mongezi Mnyani, deputy director of communications in the Gauteng Department of Safety and Security, says Arts Admin's complaint was passed on to the ICD as the police watchdog has the expertise to deal with the matter

Snitcher says the directorate will take two more weeks to conclude its investigation.

Police have successfully opposed Mbuli's bail application three times, saying the well-known towering figure is a flight risk. His case has been set for trial from June 22 to 26. Mbuli has asked for a black judge as he believes a white judge will deny him justice

Mbuli is no stranger to injustice. He was arrested eight times during the apartheid era, spending six months in solitary confinement, and his recordings were banned. He honed his unique revolutionary lyrics at Soweto funerals in the 1980s, denouncing the state in the face of police cameras

Spiral of crime 'now winding down' 'We need better, not more police'

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POLICE Minister Sydney Mufamadi said there had been a steady downward spiral of crime in South Africa, despite perceptions to the contrary, and this was confirmed by independent and audited statistics.

In a study, the SA Institute of Race Relations had compared crime between 1992 and 1994 with the period from 1994 to this year and had found a "downward spiral", Mufamadi said.

In the earlier period, before the democratic elections, the murder rate had increased by 100%, robbery by 109%, housebreaking by 71%, car theft by 64% and rape by 62%.

Mufamadi said he was not quoting past statistics to "sanitise" the country's present image but to emphasise that crime had decreased since then, although there was still no cause for celebration.

In his budget vote in the National Assembly yesterday Mufamadi said the Crime Information Management Centre, in its 1997 annual report, had shown that levels of serious crime were either "stabilising or declining".

Mufamadi said he had appointed a committee of inquiry headed by Mark Orkin (head of Central Statistical Services) partly to address the credibility problems of police crime statistics.

"Crime statistics are often questioned by the media and the public, with reported increases and decreases in crime routinely being subject to scepticism and mistrust

"You will be pleased to know the committee does not share the general scepticism and mistrust toward the SAPS' crime statistics. The international experts who assisted the committee share the same view."

Mufamadi said an operation targeting the illegal importation of goods — such as vehicles, cigarettes, tyres and sunflower oil blocks — had been launched successfully.

In a four-month period, goods valued at R26 million had been seized and 18 cases had been registered. One accused had had to pay a R300 000 fine, and 10 vehicles, worth R350 000 each, had been forfeited to the state.

In another operation between May and December last year, contraband valued at R25m had been seized. In the same period 700 stolen vehicles had been traced at ports of entry.

Mufamadi said these operations were "an important prelude to more sustainable progress in our quest to weaken, disrupt and dismantle criminal organisations, by prosecuting and convicting their members and tracing and confiscating the assets accumulated through illicit activities" — Parliamentary Bureau

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POLICE had to be equipped with specialist skills to combat increasingly sophisticated international crime syndicates targeting South Africa, said Safety and Security Minister Sydney Mufamadi.

Speaking in his budget vote, Mufamadi said South Africa was fertile ground for international organised crime, since it had a relatively advanced industrial base, communication network and banking sector.

Preventative strategies to protect the banking sector and the economy from the illicit activities of sophisticated criminals were antiquated.

In a pre-budget briefing, Mufamadi said organised crime was the biggest threat to the world since the end of the Cold War. While organised crime in SA was still in its infancy, reintegration of South Africa into the



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"global village" had, "accentuated the prospect of local criminals linking up with elements who had been at the centre of transnational organised crime for a long time".

Mufamadi said lack of integration and coordination in the criminal justice system had limited the ability to control organised crime. "It is necessary for us to prepare our personnel and institutions in such a way that in terms of skill, efficiency and dedication to the interests of our country and our people, they stand up to the best in the private sector."

Mufamadi said that "factors of our legal system that facilitate the activities of organised crime groups" should be targeted.

To meet its budget the SAPS was working on a strategy of diverting expenditure on personnel into better training and development, equipment and material resources.

To the "experts" who had put out calls such as "more police, less crime", the plan was a statistician's anomaly that "brings into question our commitment to fight crime".

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that what our democratic state requires is better policing, and better policemen and police-women.

"The issue, therefore, does not turn merely on numbers. It also bears on skills levels, competitive earnings and motivation.

Mufamadi said the police force was "generally untrained, ill-equipped and under-resourced".

"The strategy of reducing headcount over the next five years and applying fully trained and experienced members into basic core policing functions" would result in more police on the ground fighting crime.

Mufamadi said funds saved could also be diverted for better equipment and resources, allowing SAPS to bring crime down to internationally acceptable levels.

Reducing police numbers by 6 000 since last year had resulted in an annualised saving of R420 million.

Mufamadi announced a new training programme for police, intelligence officers and prosecutors to give them specialist management skills and cutting edge investigative techniques for dealing with complex criminal investigations.

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W Cape gets tough on R148-m debt

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The cash-strapped provincial Finance Department may take legal action against other provinces which owe it more than R148-million, says Western Cape Finance Minister Lamibe Fick.

At a press conference yesterday, Mr Fick said: "We have a

programme to get the money owed to us. If no agreements can be reached with the provinces soon, court action will be taken within the next month."

He said other provinces owed more than R148-million and state departments R90-million

Money owed by national departments was "not really a problem because we are hopeful they'll pay".

Interest on the money owed by provinces, for rendering specialised health and education services, was running to R22-million a year.

These funds could have been used to employ about 600 nurses and 220 teachers, he said.

Provincial Health Minister Peter Marais, said at the conference that he envisaged saving millions of rands through

rationalisation and retrenchments

"If we can't get people to leave the public service voluntarily, the Government will have to give us a retrenchment tool."

Mr Fick said the provincial budget council had decided to ask the other provinces to pay up and to formulate a business plan aimed at saving costs in the various departments.

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Top leaders acted as unwitting sources

TOP ANC SACP and IFP leaders were among those who were duped into becoming unwitting sources by a NIS agent who continued his activities for more than two years after the 1994 elections

Johan Hattingh, an Afrikaans businessman from Gauteng, was the spy master who ran a list of apparently as many as 100 "informants", ranging from agents in "deep cover" to innocent sources unaware that they were in fact being paid by the NIS

Hattingh's activities are the subject of an ongoing intelligence probe because, astonishingly, they continued in defiance of a directive to close them down after the new National Intelligence Agency conducted a review of all sources and undercover schemes

One of Hattingh's sources, former youth activist turned Idasa researcher Geoffrey Brown, apparently remained on Hattingh's payroll even though Brown had been recruited to work for Military Intelligence around 1994

Brown, who last year was questioned in a raid by the TRC in connection with the deaths of two ANC cadres, has now been suspended from MI while Hattingh resigns after being suspended and the subject of a comprehensive NIA probe

Prior to his suspension Brown had joined the board of mercenary outfit Executive Outcomes

Hattingh - described by intelligence sources as one of the "best NIS operators" - was on the trust of a wide range of activists His undercover projects included involvement in the Cape Town-based progressive development thinktank, the Foundation for Contemporary Research (FCR), where he raised funds and served as a member of the board for about nine years

Several prominent politicians as well as journalists and community activists, who at one time or another were linked to FCR, are understood to have been listed by Hattingh as sources



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This was apparently done on the basis that money they received for work such as research and briefings was, unbeknown to them, coming from the coffers of the NIS They apparently included FCR founder members Dr Richard Stevens - now a Transnet executive - and UDF leader Johnny Issel, who is now a member of the provincial legislature for the ANC

Also apparently listed as a paid source was SACP Central Committee member Gerrit Strachan who worked for FCR

'Spymaster' NIS agent had maybe 100 informants

from 1995 and whose salary was funded by Hattingh No one realised that they were in fact being funded by an NIS agent

Hattingh was introduced by Brown to IFP member of the Gauteng legislature Themba Khoza about three years ago and Khoza this week said Hattingh had phoned him regularly to discuss the IFP

Khoza said he had no idea Hattingh and Brown were operatives and was outraged at claims that he was listed as a source

Another IFP leader allegedly on Hattingh's source list, former senator Phillip Powell, said he did not know Hattingh but had met Brown who was working for Idasa on defence matters at the time. He had never received payment from either man

FCR board chairperson and ANC leader in the Western Cape Ebrahim Rasool said the discovery that Hattingh and Brown were intelligence operatives was a "shock" and had outraged those who knew them

"Apartheid intelligence services set out to deceive people, to win their trust and to use them One can feel naive - as I do now - but certainly not guilty about being deceived," Rasool said

He added that FCR's standing in the community and its high calibre of employees and members made it understandable, but not acceptable, for Hattingh to have used the organisation as a source of credibility and a point of access to the Western Cape in line with the apartheid state's attempt to infiltrate NGOs

In response to rumours about who was on Hattingh's source list, Rasool said these were "smear attempts" by Hattingh and Brown to "protect themselves". They fell in line with attempts to say that half

the cabinet were spies and were designed to "stir suspicion and create mistrust and conflict", maligning people who had made great sacrifices

"There is something immoral about the fact that Mr Brown, who we know has appeared in camera in front of the TRC and whose role in the killings of Robert Waterwitch and Colne Williams is being investigated, is allowed to continue causing mayhem and conflict," Rasool said

Acting Director of FCR Edgar Pieterse said he hoped the matter would be quickly investigated and that post-94 destabilisation activities revealed

Pieterse said Hattingh had been a diligent board member until his membership lapsed in 1996 when he failed to attend meetings

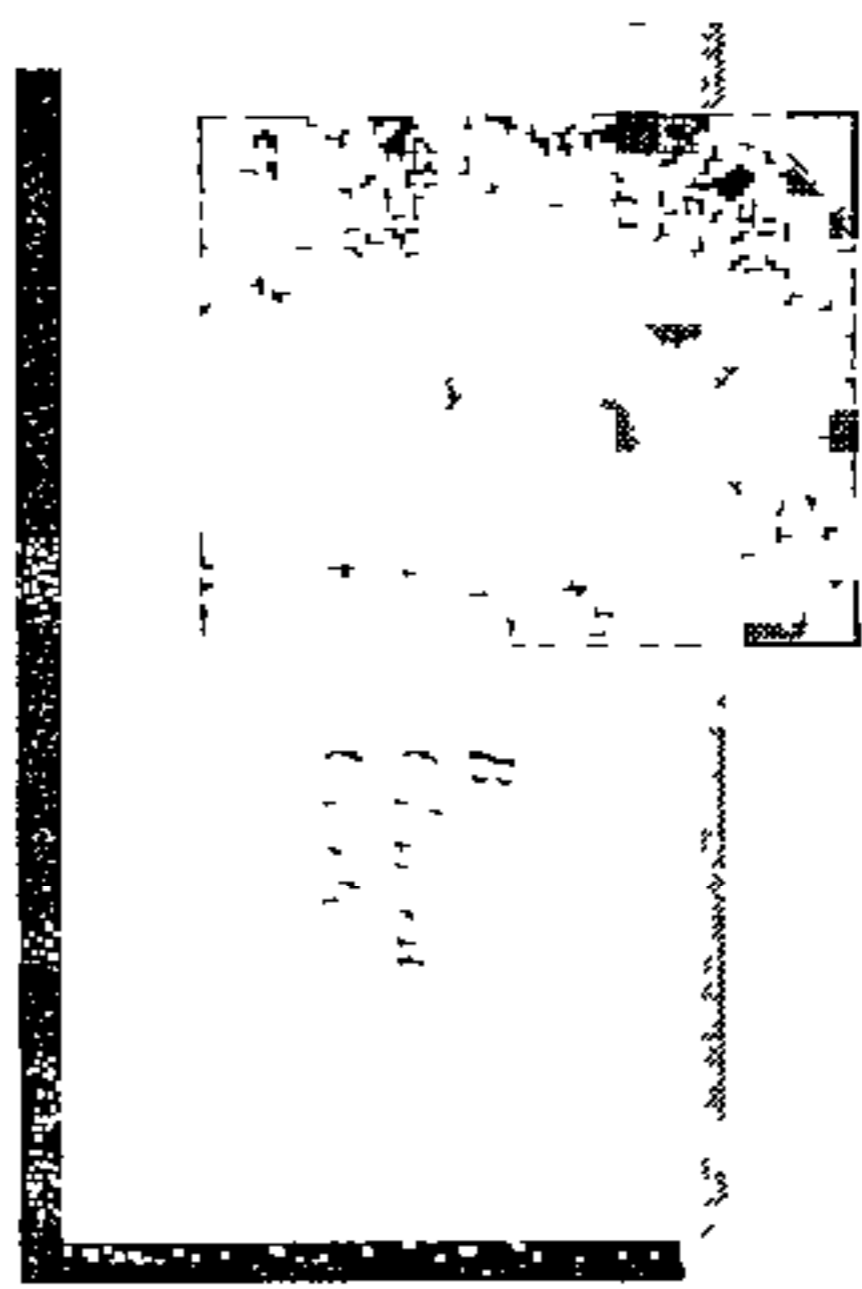
Nobody had guessed he was connected to the Intelligence Services and it was a "severe shock" not least since FCR board members and staffers knew his family and had visited his businesses and home

All that could be deduced to be of significance to the Intelligence Services was that FCR had been used to provide Hattingh with "credibility and contacts"

Brown, who introduced Hattingh to many of his "contacts", was last year questioned by the TRC about the deaths of ANC cadres Colne Williams and Robbie Waterwitch in an explosion prior to the 1989 municipal elections in Cape Town - deaths which the pair's families believe were set up by the security forces

Brown has told City Press that he denied any involvement in the incident and that he had never provided any information to anybody which had led to gross human rights abuses

He had not been a member of the cell



but after the explosion had been asked by Waterwitch and Williams's operational commander to go to Waterwitch's home and check there was no incriminating material

Brown refused to comment on his relationship with Hattingh and his career in MI

In the early 1990s, ANC intelligence investigators probed Brown's involvement in the 1989 operation and his background. A dossier of information which they collected subsequently "disappeared", and Brown left Cape Town to work for the ANC Youth League in Johannesburg

Intelligence sources say there is now a probe into whether Brown was running "false flag" operations. Though Brown has claimed to have on occasion run underground propaganda operations, the ANC says he was not a member of their underground operations

This weekend, Strachan denied claims that Brown had been an underground operative under his command in the 1980s. Strachan said Brown visited Zimbabwe in the late 1980s and made contact with the ANC Strachan and other officials had

met Brown but had not recruited him

"On the contrary, it was an open secret that he was suspected of working for the security police," Strachan said

He had previously had no idea that Hattingh had been an intelligence agent

Strachan said Hattingh's gathering of information after 1994 posed the question for what purpose and for whom?

Idasa executive officer Paul Graham confirmed that his organisation had been told that Brown, who worked for Idasa from 1993 until late 1996, had at the same time been working for MI

Brown, who previously worked for the ANC Youth League, had first worked in voter education programmes and had subsequently co-ordinated defence policy research. The group included members of the armed forces and Idasa was mystified why any intelligence service would need to keep an eye on the programme through covert means

After Brown left by mutual agreement, apparently to join an arms industry consortium, Idasa had heard claims that contacts Brown made while working there had been recruited as "unwitting sources"

According to intelligence sources, after leaving Idasa Brown penetrated mercenary outfit Executive Outcomes and became a member of the board before the mercenaries were tipped off that he was in fact an MI operative

The Intelligence ministry declined to comment on the matter. In response to a series of questions, the spokesperson for Deputy Intelligence Minister Joe Nkomo, Helmut Schentzler, said the ministry could "neither confirm nor deny" the matter