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20 Pacember 1958
32 years

257 Jabulani, Soweto

Vundaba High School (1977/78)

Ikhethelo High School (1975/76)
Fort Hare {1980/83}
university of the Witwatererand
(1984/88)

Qualifications: 3A; LLB

Present professional

position: Candidate Attorney, Cheadle Thompson &
Haysom

Political detail s.

Executive of COSAS - 1978/7?

Executive of AZASO/SANSCO - 1580/81

National Political Education Officerf SANSCO - 1984/88

Regional Chairperson of SANSCO - 1985/88

BSS, wits Exco - I9B4/85

Soweto Civic Association - 1985 to present

Sducation Officer/ SCA - 1987 to present

Branch Chair of Jabulani Branch, ANC - 1990 to present

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1983 - 3, uivjuL.aÂ» <)

1986/87 - 1 year (State of Emergency, RSA)

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â€¢ Leaves his parents, 3 brothers and 1 sister.

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STATEMENT ON THE ASSASSINATION OF BHEKI MLANGENI (CHEADLE THOMPSON & HAYSOM ATTORNEYS)

Bheki Mlangeni was killed by a high technology assassination device implanted in the earphone# of s. Walkman at about \$. iQpjn last night.

Bhexi Mlangeni was a candidate attorney at cheadle Thompson & Haysora. A& such he had been predominantly involved in investigating the &otivitiÂ«a of hit squad*, the CCB and the clandestine operations at Vlakplaas. Hg a member of the

legal teaÂ® representing the Independent 3oard of Inquiry into Informal Repression at the Harms Commission both in London and Pretoria. During the Commission he received a death threat arising out of his work.

Sfceki Mlangeni had been a candidate attorney for two years, and was about to write his attorney's admission exams this month.

He was highly regarded by his colleagues both ae a professional lawyer and as a colleague. He had recently been invited to join our permanent professional staff. He wac enormously i;pular amongst coileagues, clients and staff, generous with hie time, courageous in his political and professional life, courteous and

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understandi\$ to all who sought his assistance, gentle and strong, he possessed both humour and compassion.

Bhaki was, notwithstanding his youth, regarded as a community leader of the highest calibre. He was the AMC Jabulani Branch Chairman. He was a forerunning leader at Fort Karo and wits Univex cities. At an activist he had been detained for lengthy period on three occasions. He was deeply involved in civic issues as education officer for the Soweto Civic Association.

He was married to Japeti and leave a son, Mandla, aged two. He supported his three brothers, a sister and his parents, Bheki came from a poor and honest working-class background, When asked if his father was proud of his professional achievement Bhaki would reply simply and sincerely 'Yes, but not as proud as I am of my father'.

Bhaki's death is a true loss to the New South Africa. He uniquely embodied the new non-racial future not only by virtue, of the work he performed daily but also in his ordinary every day dealings with the people around him, old and young, black and white, rich and poor.

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Bhaki Mageri was a lawyer involved in the exposure of assassination squads. To kill lawyers is to attack the legal system. To kill lawyers who pursue justice is to destroy achievement of justice itself. Bhaki's death only underlines the importance of continuing with the work in which he was involved.

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8 Bhaki Mlangeni collected the parcel from his pigeon hole at Cheadle Thompson & H&ysom and took the parcel home leaving the wrapping at the office, His wife states that he took the Walkman and its tape into his room and shortly thereafter there was an explosion. Family members rushed to the scene and found him dead with severe injuries to the head.

The Board believes that this is the work of an extremely sophisticated assassin. The fact that the parcel was posted in South Africa and intended for Dirk Coetzee suggests that Coetzee was the intended target, For some reason it never reached him and was eventually returned to the address marked on the parcel. Bhaki Mlangeni was, during the Harms Commission, in regular contact with Coetzee. persons monitoring Mlangeni and Coetzee's conversations would have been aware of Mlangeni's first name but not necessarily his surname, in fact, in early April 1990 Bhaki Mlangeni received an anonymous telephone call stating that a "hit squad" had been despatched to kill Dirk Coetzee in Zambia. It appears therefore that one month before the parcel was sent to Coetzee unknown persons were aware that Bhaki Mlangeni was in contact with Coetzee. This was confirmed in writing in a letter dated 9 April 1990 to the Secretary of the commission. A copy of that letter is attached. Obviously Bhaki Mlangeni who was liaising with Coetzee would never have bent a finger to kill Coetzee. But the assassin clearly took advantage of the working relationship between Bhaki Mlangeni and

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Dirk Coetzee and used his name in order to allay Coetzee possible suspicions about the parcel.

The Board confirms that it will do all in its power, now and in

the future, to bring the murderers of Bheki Mlangeni to justice.

the independent board of inquiry into informal repression

llh30, Saturday, 16 February 1991