

Nine killed at hostel

■ CRIME STAFF

Nine people, including one woman, were killed and 13 others wounded when violence erupted at the Springvale Hostel outside Stilfontein yesterday morning.

Two Tuncon subcontractor employees were hacked to death by the hostel-dwellers after an alleged dispute over wages. A third employee managed to escape, police said.

Internal Stability Unit members rushed to the hostel, but were ambushed by a crowd of about 1 000 hostel-dwellers. Police returned fire and seven people, including one woman, were shot dead. Thirteen were wounded.

When police searched the hostel they found a handgun and several pangas which they confiscated. Another handgun was found on the body of one of the dead men.

A Tuncon vehicle was also gutted by the angry crowd.

'Own powers for regions'

■ BY ESTHER WAUGH
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Parties at the Negotiating Council unanimously agreed that regions should have exclusive powers immune to central government interference.

The concessions by the African National Congress and its allies have laid a basis for consensus on strong regional government.

Negotiators yesterday discussed the nitty-gritty issues of regional government. Sharp disagreement emerged over regional citizenship and the ability of regions to raise revenue.

The parties at the negotiating table agreed on 11 exclusive powers for the regions.

Referred

Clear indications exist that several groups want to transform concurrent powers, listed in the second draft of the Interim Constitution, to executive powers.

The executive powers eliciting disagreement have been referred to the 10-member planning committee which will establish a mechanism to consider them. The executive powers agreed to are:

- The appropriation of revenue for financing regional government and its services.
- Regional planning and development.

THE TALKS AND YOU

Yesterday at the
World Trade Centre

REGIONS The hot debate on the second draft of the interim constitution went on in the Negotiating Council yesterday with the focus on the principle of exclusive powers for regions. After almost four hours of discussion, the Council unanimously agreed that regions should have the right to legislate on certain matters.

EXCLUSIVE POWERS Negotiators also agreed on 11 of the 15 specific exclusive powers set out in the draft. There was disagreement regarding traffic, roads, public transport and regional public media - these have been referred to a new mechanism which the Planning Committee must set up. Several parties argued that some of the concurrent powers should be transferred to the list of exclusive powers. This was also sent to the Planning Committee.

TODAY The Negotiating Council discussed draft legislation on fundamental human rights. It is also expected that a decision will be taken on the future of Walvis Bay and the offshore islands. Some of the parties want the Council to rule on the matter, while others want to leave it to an interim Government of National Unity.

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- Town planning.
- Firefighting, ambulance services and other civil protection services.
- Official languages in the regions.
- Cultural affairs.
- Traditional authorities and indigenous law.
- Markets and pounds.

- Delivery of water, electricity and other essential services.
 - Tourism and recreation.
 - Casinos, racing and gambling.
- Debate on the continuation of TBVC governments prior to the establishment of regions was referred to an *ad hoc* committee.

Shady company lands peace contract

BY PETER WELLMAN

A former National Intelligence Service (NIS) operative landed a lucrative consulting contract under the National Peace Accord through a shady Johannesburg company.

He is Theo de Jager, vice-president of the Junior Reportryers, who still has links with NIS. He confirmed to The Star yesterday that he does presentations for National Intelligence on conflict studies. He is also a consultant for the Atomic Energy Corporation.

He and two other consultants were appointed as facilitators for the National Peace Committee's socio-economic reconstruction and development programme (Serd).

Fragile

This has caused ructions in national peace structures, although De Jager says he withdrew at an early stage.

The ANC alliance and Inkatha have joined forces in demanding that the consultancy contracts, which The Star understands involve a total of R3,5 million, be suspended until investigations are done into the background of the three men, and the possible impact on the fragile peace process.

They also want to investigate the company, Delta Consulting Services (Pty) Limited, which is not listed in the telephone directory.

The full-Serd committee is expected to decide on August 25 what action to take.

There has also been criticism of the way in which the

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Shady outfit is probed

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appointments were done. The ANC and IFP, for instance, did not know of De Jager's NIS connection.

De Jager said he worked for NIS for seven years, including two years in former President PW Botha's office, until the end of 1991.

He accepted that his NIS background might be a problem in "some circles", and "anyway" he preferred working with community structures, whereas in Serd a lot of work had to be with politicians.

Delta is owned by one of the trio of consultants, Dr Fritz Holscher. The third consultant is Keith Griffiths.

The three men were

hired in April and are paid R1 500 a day each by Warwick Barnes, executive director of Serd.

Asked what he knew about the trio, Barnes said he had not known about the NIS connection when he negotiated the contracts. He said Holscher would provide The Star with their CVs tomorrow.

The consultants are setting up a nationwide programme of capacity-building and empowerment of Serd local committees, which Barnes said was of critical importance.

He said they were hired on the recommendation of the Gencor Development Trust.

The men worked individually, he said, and not

as a company. But they were paid through Delta because it was more convenient for Serd to issue a single cheque each month.

Barnes would not disclose how much they had received, saying this was "privileged information to the individuals concerned".

But he said they did not get paid a monthly fee, and were not paid for days on which they did not work.

Barnes said De Jager had done only four days' work for Serd and there were now no formal ties with him.

Holscher told The Star he bought Delta several years ago as an "empty shell" and used it for his consulting work.

Second draft 'robs' local govt of power

■ BY JO-ANNE COLLINGE

Listing of particular constitutional powers for regions in the second draft of the Interim Constitution has raised hackles.

The architects of the draft constitution had "robbed" local government of powers which logically belonged to the third tier, and had handed these over to the regions, Ian Davidson, Johannesburg management committee chief and chairman of the

Major Cities Association, said yesterday.

Town planning, control of markets and ambulance services could be effectively planned and operated at local level only, he said.

If constitutional experts intended that regions should delegate many of their functions back to local level, one had to question what substance there was to regional power in the first place.

No peace, no vote warns FW

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central committee and the KwaZulu caucus.

The Cosag meeting was attended by Buthelezi, the IFP's Frank Mdlalose and KwaZulu's Dr Ben Ngubane, Ferdi Hartzenberg and Tom Langley of the Conservative Party, generals Constand Viljoen and Tienie Groenewald of the Afrikaner Volksfront, Andries Beyers of the Afrikaner Volksunie, Ciskei's Brigadier Oupa Gqozo, Bophuthatswana representatives and the Afrikanervreihdstigting's Professor Carel Boshoff.

The leaders announced a Cosag headquarters would be established.

Professor Boshoff said the loose Cosag alliance had been strengthened and he believed there was growing opportunity to "work on a better and alternative plan for South Africa than that being discussed".

Viljoen said there should be no doubt about the Afrikaner Volksfront's power base which, he claimed, represented 80 per cent of Afrikaners.

Earlier yesterday, while on a tour of East Rand townships, Buthelezi made a powerful call for an end to the violence.

He told IFP members to "find common cause" with their ANC counterparts, but also warned of possible civil war if negotiations continued on their present course.

■ Police have appealed to people in Katlehong and Tokoza to help identify 255 bodies at Germiston mortuary. They can phone the police at (011) 866-7050.

■ FW's hard line on violence

■ Buthelezi objects to interim govt

'No peace, no vote'

CONTINUING

violence is posing a threat to the April 27 election date, says De Klerk

■ BY CHRIS WHITFIELD
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President de Klerk has warned that an election would not take place unless the present levels of violence were drastically reduced.

Speaking to about 1,200 people in a rally at the Durban City Hall last night, he vowed to strengthen the hand of security forces in violence-racked areas, as he has done on the East Rand.

De Klerk also came out in favour of a regional constitution for KwaZulu-Natal — a demand of the Inkatha Freedom Party.

He hit out at the IFP's "sentimental about federalism, its weaknesses and its fumbling negotiations."

But he also moved to woo the party, saying it and the NP had a natural opponent in the ANC.

He rejected calls for the joint control of security forces before the elections and said the Government would only hand over much control to a legitimate government of national unity.

Dealing at length with violence in the country, he added: "We shall not hand you over to such a new South Africa."

"The levels of violence and intimidation will have to be drastically reduced before any general election takes place."

He charged that the country was dealing with "a new and dangerous threat of dictator-



Devastated ... a Tokora resident arrives home to find her house on fire yesterday.

ship in our midst, with people and organisations that wish to seize power."

He called on leaders whose supporters were responsible for violence to "stop blaming

the security forces and get their own houses in order."

In Pretoria, where leaders of the Congress South Africans Group (CSAG) met yesterday, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi

said the IFP would fight an election, but it objected to the election of an interim government.

Sapa reports Buthelezi said at a press conference that the

IFP was not against elections as such, but not on the basis that an interim government could be elected to write a constitution which could subsequently be torn up by a power

sharing government. On the issue of IFP/ANC talks, he said a decision would have to be taken by the IFP.

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PHOTO: XEN OOSTERBROEK

'Policemen beat me'

Maritzburg — Accused Sibusiso Zulu (19), who is charged with the killing of six schoolchildren at Table Mountain in March this year, told a Supreme Court judge yesterday he was assaulted by policemen and forced to make a statement to a magistrate.

The alleged assaults included being kicked and hit.

At one stage he allegedly that he had had to undress and climb into a stack of tyres, after which a gun was pointed at him. — Own Correspondent.

Step forward

NEGOTIATORS can be forgiven for feeling bemused. After months of being told they were moving too slowly, they now face a chorus of calls for a more deliberate pace. But those firing shots at the draft Interim Constitution have by and large been aiming at holes still to be filled by the technical committee on constitutional matters, a body constrained by its mandate from the Negotiating Council. And a draft is, after all, nothing more than a draft.

In this light, the second draft tabled this week is to be welcomed. The provisions for "exclusive" and "concurrent" regional powers go some way towards meeting federalist demands, and favourable responses have come from the South African and Bophuthatswana governments. The Inkatha Freedom Party remains unlikely to be appeased.

There are still areas of serious concern, not least a deadlock-breaking mechanism that heavily favours any party with a majority in the body that will write the final constitution. But we concur with Bophuthatswana's Rowan Cronje, who called the second draft "a step forward".

IFP accuses police personnel of tampering with the body of 'Vaal Monster'

State post-mortem challenged

■ BY CHARMEELA BHAGOWAT

Two conflicting post-mortem reports have fuelled the controversy surrounding "Vaal Monster" Victor Kheswa's death, with the Inkatha Freedom Party claiming the police tampered with his body after he died in custody last month.

Kheswa, an IFP member implicated in several massacres in

the Vaal Triangle, was arrested at his attorney's office last month.

A State post-mortem found Kheswa, who had a virus which could have caused sudden heart failure, died of natural causes.

An independent post-mortem conducted by Dr Gert Saayman found that Kheswa died of unnatural causes, possibly from "acute suffocation, electrocution

and hypothermia, as well as occult toxic substances".

The differing reports prompted the IFP, which commissioned the private post-mortem with Kheswa's family, to accuse the police of tampering with the body and of defeating the ends of justice.

IFP spokesman Ed Tillett said Kheswa's corpse had been cut into so many pieces it was im-

possible to determine cause of death.

State pathologist Dr Leon Wagner this week defended his findings, saying he conducted the post-mortem "within the confines of the Inquest Act" and in the presence of academics and about 15 senior police officers.

He said it was necessary during post-mortems to cut up and examine every part of the body,

especially when there were few external signs of injury.

It was common practice to remove all internal organs and to take tissue samples from them for microscopic examination, which showed Kheswa suffered from viral myocarditis, an inflammation of the heart muscle.

Police denied claims they tampered with the body, saying the IFP should present its evidence.

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Bhambayi: When 'things began to get hot'

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Red faction's leader looks back

By Greg Knowler

THE Red and Green rival factions in Bhambayi township outside Durban were so called because of the colours they attached to their clothing for identification.

Both groups were ANC-supporting, and UDF-aligned, and the majority of residents in the troubled shack settlement came to the area from the Transkei in the early 1980s to find work.

In an interview Mr Lenford Mdibi, the Red leader and SACP branch secretary in Bhambayi, told the Mercury that "things really began to get hot" in December last year.

Since then more than 200 people have been killed in spiralling violence which has left many homeless and created a serious refugee problem.

The latest bout of fighting saw eight people killed on Sunday after the IFP launched a branch in the township.

According to Mr Mdibi, in December a group of Greens attacked the home of a Michael Mkhize and burnt down his house after accusing him of being an IFP member.

"We (the Reds) investigated the incident but the Greens who attacked Michael ran away to the Transkei. We told

their leaders to get them back but they refused," he said.

Fighting continued after that, and the Reds and landowners in Bhambayi tried to resolve the conflict, holding meetings at the Vela police station.

"But we found that the IFP was holding meetings with the Greens."

Mr Mdibi said one of the best ways to address the violence was to withdraw the internal stability unit from the township.

"The ISU is not trusted here, and we want them to be replaced with the SADF and normal uniformed policemen."

UHadebe noNdebele abachaze

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ukuthi banhloboni yamaZulu

MHLELI, - Ngicela kulababaholi abangoJeff Hadebe noS'bu Ndebele ukuba baphumele eshashalazini kebasichazele thina nje ngamaZulu ukuthi banhloboni yamaZulu njengoba thina esingamaZulu sikholwa wukuthi ubuZulu bunomlando ongenakushabalaliswa, ngoba konke okwezizwe okwenzeka lapha eSouth Africa kuxhumene naKwaZulu.

AmaZulu aziwa ngokuthi yinsimbi edla ezinye. Kukhona abangamaZulu okuzalwa bese kubakhona lawo aye-bangumthelela ngokuvolontiya noma ngokunqotshwa empini. Kepha-ke sonke singabeNguni. Make nichaze-ke nina ukuthi ninhloboni. Ngingethuke-ke uma nithi naba niyimithelala ngemuva kwezimpi, lokho okuwuthi naphoqwa yisimo ukubangamaZulu.

Konke lokhu ngikubuziswa wukuthi selokhu ngaqala ukunizwa uma nikhuluma ngombangazwe noma ipolitiki, anikhohlwa ukusina nizibethele ebukhosini baKwaZulu. Ipolitiki nobukhosi baKwaZulu yizinto ezimbili ezehlukene. Ubukhosi baKwaZulu bungaphezulu kwepolitiki nomlando wabantu abakhele iSouth Africa, kangangoba nawo amaBhunu uqobo akanazwi ngokuphelele ezweni laKwaZulu.

Uma ngabe isinehlulile ipolitiki yokulwa ne-IFP anophosa ithawula nithule, ningaphoqi isimo ngoba lokho kuzoniveza ubuze benu bese niphindela ehlathini, senithi bungavela buchitheke sebugayiwe.

IKwaZulu ihluke kakhu-lu kwamanye amabantustan njengoba nina nisho. Akusilona izwe elabakhona ngokuthanda kwanoma yimuphi umuntu ongesiyena umZulu. Lelizwe salishiyelwa ngokhokho bethu abakufela ukuba sibe-

nalo. Ningasivuseli amanxeba asaphola.

Nani njengoba nizabala-za nithi nibuyisa izwe namalungelo obuntu (human rights), kusho ukuthi ukubanezwe kuyigugu kunoma yimuphi umuntu ophilayo. Ningazami-ke ukusephuca igugu esalishiyelwa ngokhokho bethu. Noma-ke kumele nichaze ukuthi nilwela liphi izwe.

Asidingi phasiphothi kumuntu ofuna ukuza KwaZulu. Kodwa-ke uma nize lapha ngo-

kuzoketula izwe lethu eliyigugu, sinibhekile. Ngisho nobaba uHarry Gwala noJacob Zulu bayakhuluma ngepolitiki kodwa hhayi ngokubangisa ubukhosi baKwaZulu. Niboncela kubo umlando waKwaZulu, bazonitshela.

Anofunda ukuzehlisa khona niyokuphakaniswa. Phansi nobuZulu-mbumbulu. Vukani maZulu, sekusile! - N B Shinga,

UMHLALI.

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