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# INKATHA LAWYERS!

## PLEA TO NAT MP

**F**URTHER investigation into the violence in the western Transvaal has uncovered the involvement of Military Intelligence (MI) in the training of para-military units aligned to the Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP).

It is believed that the nerve centre of the western Transvaal operation, the Hartbeesfontein Commando, houses members of the intelligence gathering unit and is used as a training centre. This is where army reservists - who have allegedly taken part in acts of violence in the Tigane township, were apparently trained. Members of the commando belong to "section D" of the South African Defence Force (SADF) - an intelligence unit.

### Intelligence

The unit is one of several in the western Transvaal area which started recruiting and training blacks in intelligence gathering in 1984.

Among its candidates were the Tigane township's present mayor and IFP chairperson in the western Transvaal region, Joshua Mojaki, as well as a school principal, Doctor Masie. The two were ranked cor-



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porals. MI sources told NEW NATION.

Mojaki claimed this week he had resigned from the unit when he joined the IFP. But NEW NATION's evidence suggests that he is still a member of the unit along with several other IFP members in the township.

Some of the IFP members arrested in the township after a hand grenade attack in May last year were trained by the intelligence unit. Those arrested included James Morwane, commonly known in the area as Duli, Ernest Mojaki, Andries Ngosi Khoza, Johannes Kid Mogapi and

Amos Leme.

Two residents were killed in the attack.

### Intervene

The SA Police public relations division in the western Transvaal confirmed that the 11 had been charged with public violence. It said they were out on bail and would appear in court on April 16 as their case awaited the decision of the Attorney-General.

In a related development, lawyers representing Mojaki are known to have requested the intervention of National Party minister of state expenditure Amie Venter in the arrest of the Tigane mayor.

In the letter, Mojaki's attorney, Jan de Kock, complains that a Lieutenant Vermaak of the Klerksdorp unrest unit had refused to entertain discussion around the arrest of the Tigane mayor and insisted that his job was to enforce law and order.

In what seems to be a plea for Venter to intervene and re-direct the performance of the police, De Kock asks the MP to create an opportunity where the attorneys would be able to discuss the matter with the minister of police (sic).

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The lawyers argue that the purpose of such a discussion would be to establish a basis on which strategic planning could be embarked upon to ensure "peace" in the area.

Venter's spokesperson, Frikkie Odendaal, said the attorney had asked the minister to intervene in his capacity as Klerksdorp MP. However, it is not clear from Odendaal's remarks, why Venter would be asked to intervene in the case of an IFP member.

It has also been alleged that money to pay the attackers involved in the May 9 incident came from MI via the IFP.

Mojaki has, however, denied that any money was given to the IFP to pay the operatives who had taken part in the attack.

The operatives were allegedly paid various amounts ranging from R100 to R1 500.

NEW NATION has also uncovered that certain IFP members were used as hit men to carry out assassinations in the taxi war. Rival taxi associations in the area had employed them.

A source said that three IFP members from Tigane took part in a taxi ambush, in early January this year, along the road between Klerksdorp and Ventersdorp, in which a driver and a passenger were killed.

It was also alleged that the operatives charged a group of taxi owners opposed to the Itireleng Long Distance Taxi Association and the so-called Maekana Group, R10 000 in order to carry out the raid. Names of the operatives as well as of the taxi men who allegedly hired them are known to NEW NATION.

In the meantime, sources in Tigane disclosed that arms which were alleged to have been stored in Morwane's property - as reported in last week's edition of NEW NATION - were removed in the early hours of Saturday following the expose.

It has been claimed that vehicles belonging to the Hartbeesfontein and Potchefstroom SADF Commandos were seen at the property loading the arms.

Some of the operatives, according to the same sources, were removed to a farm outside Tigane as a precaution against a possible police raid.

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