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## Political Staff

THE ANC has expressed concern about the prospect of conflict when the IFP holds a Shaka Day rally at Gama-lakhe near Port Shepstone on Sunday. : â\200\230

In a statement yesterday, the co-ordinator of violence committee of the ANC on the South Coast, Mr Vusi Mhlongo, said theyhad no objection to the celebration of Shakaâ\200\231s Day, but were concerned about the motivation for choosing Gamalakhe.

 $\hat{a}\200\234Gamalakhe$  is the last remaining stronghold of the ANC on the South Coast as a result of the violence over the past year. bigt! o

 $\hat{a}\200\234$ The township has been under constant attack from the neighbouring areas for the last four months. $\hat{a}\200\235$ 

Mr Mhlongo said people attending the rally would come armed with traditional weapons from all areas surround-

 $\hat{a}\200\234$ We anticipate large groups - of unescorted men walking through the township which could result in conflict with the residents. $\hat{a}\200\235$  3

The national chairman of the IFP, Dr Frank Mdlalose, said yesterday that, if the ANC were really concerned with violence prevention, they would have contacted the IFP structures as well as the police to express their concern.:

. In the climate of the peace accord signed only a week ago, he would have expected the ANC leadership on the South Coast to practise peace-seeking.

Dr Mangosuthu Buthelezi, president of the IFP, will ad- -  $a^2 = 10$ 

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- Speaking at the Johannesburg Press Club yesterday, Meduna confirmed his organisation  $200\231s$  committee to the  $200\230$  negotiation process and said the ANC need not wait for the -

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IN A particularly bloody start to the new year, more than six people have died every day in the troubled townships around Durban and Pietermaritzburg.

A wave of violence in Pietermaritzburg townships this week alone has killed at least 22 people and prompted calls for the army to return to Imbali to restore order.

Police unrest reports this week have listed eight people as being killed with  $a\200\234$ sharp instruments $a\200\235$  in Willowfontein, Imbali, near Pietermaritzburg, on Sunday while a further three men were killed by a mob in the township on Tuesday.

According to Mr Jon Aitcheson, director of the Centre for Adult Education at the University of Natal, the total number of people killed in township unrest last year was 672. His estimate of deaths from January, 1987, to Wednesday this week was 1 816.

Lieutenant Henry
Budhram, South African
Police liaison officer in
Pietermaritzburg, said a
further 11 people had
been killed in Zageka
and Jwabuzela, Sweetwaters, on Tuesday evening.

There are conflicting reports about the kill-ings, with various sources providing different details on the victims and the nature of the incidents.

Total township deaths are now more than 100 and there is no end in sight to one of the core problems that appears to be causing the violence: the ongoing feud between

Inkatha and the United Democratic Front.

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ments have given cause for more alarm. These include the proliferation of peopleâ\200\231s courts which mete out brutal justice and are said to be responsible for the Willowfontain mass killings. The massacre reportedly followed a mass death sentence pronounced by a â\200\234peopleâ\200\231s courtâ\200\235 which found the eight men guilty of killing a youth in the area.

The executions reported-

ly took place in broad

. daylight in full view of

residents.

Four other people were allegedly killed on Monday in retaliation for the kangaroo court slayings, but police could not confirm these revenge killings and only three deaths in Willowfontein were listed in the unrest report for the day.

The alleged revenge killings were also accompanied by incidents

~of arson and looting.

There have also been reprisals involving other mass killings at Sweet-

.waters and at Cotton-

lands and there appears to be easy access by township dwellers to firearms. Gunshots be-

. tween opposing factions

are now commonplace and police units are increasingly being fired on.

The violence intensified at Richmond Farm this week when UDF res-

idents from nearby Kwa- '

Mashu and Inkatha supporters clashed. Fighting was spread over several days and a strong police presence was necessary to quell the clashes.

Although the clash between the UDF and Inkatha is one of the major causes of unrest, there are many other factors that contribute to the ongoing violence.

The director of the Inkatha Institute, Mr

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Gavin Woods, believes the township violence is, to an overwhelming extent, instigated by people aged 14-25.

 $\hat{a}\200\234$ There is no doubt that on occasion, local UDF and Inkatha people of influence do mobilise the youth in their areas in an effort to purge that area of those to whom they are opposed.  $\hat{a}\200\235$ 

But" Mr Woods says that interviews have long revealed that the youth who predominate in a so-called political stuggle do not nearly comprehend the ideologies or even the general politics of the organsitions they purportedly fight for.

â\200\234Soon however, youth
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Taxi operators in the Sweetwaters area have

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unless a call for the return of the troops is heeded. Other members

 $\star$  of the community also

welcomed the presence of the SADF, which they strongly believed to be an efficient and neutral force in the maintenance of law and order.

The call for the return of the SADF is in direct contrast to Mass Democratic Movement  $a \ge 00 \ge 31$  call for the troops to be withdrawn from townships.

Commenting on the issue of the SADF in Imbali, Mr Radley Keys, re-

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Natal Inland Region of the Democratic Party, said the DP supported the return of the troops into the township as they had worked closely with the community and knew this was what the community wanted.

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Far less cohesive, sources say, was A "
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as violence flares

David Beresford

in Johannesburg OUTH AFRICA'S peace accord was looking increasingly shaky yesterday as fresh violence flared in Natal, and both the police and government appeared to be trying to isolate the African National Congress. : Police yesterday reported at least six people killed around the town of Richmond in Natal. In one incident gunmen ambushed a minibus apparently belonging to a local Inkatha leader, killing three and seriously wounding seven. Coming on the eve of  $a\200\234$ Shaka  $y\hat{a}\200\235$ ,  $\hat{a}\200\224$  when the Zulus comrmemorate the life of their ancestra ~mperor  $\hat{a}\200\224$  the flare-up raises ..ars that the province may be facing a bloody

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Public attention in South Africa has been focused on the past two days, however, not on political violence, but on  $a\geq 0$ 0 and  $a\geq 0$ 0 are also attentions.

In an apparent attempt to play down political violence, police announced that criminals had killed 22,000 people in South Africa in the 15 months up to February this year, while 3,000 died in political unrest during the same period.

The government was once again busy yesterday out-ma-noeuvring the ANC in the pro-

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paganda war over political violence. Their latest gambit is to

accuse the ANC of being in

breach of the peace agreement.

by failing to disband its military wing, Umkonto we Sizwe. The government is demanding its disbandment because of a clause in the peace agreement

declaring that  $\hat{a}$ 200\234no private ar- -

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Ten pcople were killed in clashes 1n Natal province, bringing to more than 20 the

number dead in political violence since Saturdayâ $\200\231s$  South African peace accord.

Gunmen killed seven sup-  $\mbox{i}\mbox{-}\mbox{201}\mbox{orters}$  of the Zulu-based In-

atha Freedom party in two ambushes on mini-vans, police said yesterday. Two men and a woman were stabbed to decath in Magoda township in southern Natal,  $\hat{a}\200\224$  Reuter