

Second death —denial

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the Rev Bernard Wrankmore ended a 64 day protest fast over the death of the Imam Haron, during which the priest called for a judicial inquiry into alleged maltreatment of detainees.

SHOCK

At his private retreat in Cape Town where he is building up his strength again Mr Wrankmore expressed his shock today at the death of Mr Timol.

The Anglican priest said: "I am deeply shocked that another life should have been lost and naturally hope that the matter will be thoroughly investigated. But there is nothing more that I can do actively anymore as God has removed me from the scene and has now taken over . . . it is now up to the public, the newspapers, the churches and all the people who asked that I come off the hill and they should do something themselves to show their mettle."

Meanwhile Mr Michael Mitchell, shadow Minister of Justice, has called on the Prime Minister to take immediate action to dispel growing public alarm following the death of Mr Timol yesterday.

"South Africa's stocks are at rock bottom today," was Mrs Helen Suzman's comment on the death.

"We can write off the 'outward policy' as long as such things happen," the Progressive Party's member of Parliament for Houghton said.

"The very least that can be expected is a most thorough investigation into the reason for the suicide of Mr Timol.

"By this I do not mean an inter-departmental investigation. We don't want another shelved dossier as in the case of the Imam Afdullah Haron and others." Detention without trial

laws should be repealed. Mrs Suzman said.

A weeping Mrs Hava Timol, the mother of Ahmed Timol, said the Security Police had refused her permission to see her son on Tuesday.

When she begged permission to see him at John Vorster Square he was given an outright refusal.

In broken Afrikaans, Mrs Timol said her son was a "very conscientious teacher" and she knew of no reason why he had been detained in the first place.

"He was the breadwinner of the family. I don't know what we will do now."

The Timol family had just finished a month-long fast when three security policemen arrived to tell of the tragic death.

Mrs Timol collapsed when told the news. She begged the three men to wait until her husband returned from the nearby mosque, but they refused saying they were in a hurry.

Mr Timol was her eldest son. On Monday her third son Mohammed (22) was detained by Security Police in Durban.

Although Ahmed had already been in detention for three days, the Durban Security Police questioned Mohammed on the whereabouts of his brother, said Mrs Timol.

According to Mrs Timol the Security Police had raided the flat seven times since Ahmed's detention on Friday night. They had come at all hours of day and night, once at 3.

CLERICS

Leading churchmen in Johannesburg today reiterated their call for a judicial inquiry into deaths of police detainees.

The Anglican Suffragan Bishop of Johannesburg, The Rt Rev John Carter, said today that "this death simply reinforces the growing public demand for a judicial inquiry into the methods of the Security Police.

"I am so shocked and amazed by this that I find it difficult to say anything; comments sound trivial in comparison with what has happened."

The death of Mr Timol was not carried as a news item by the SABC either late last night or early this morning.

Mr Van Zyl head of the news department said today: "We got the story from Sapa just after 1.00 am but it was missed."

Mr Van Zyl said that the story would be used with the news "from now on."

The Natal Indian congress in Durban today called on South Africa's non-White leaders to re-assess their attitude to the Government following the detainee's death.

The congress executive expressed shock and abhorrence at the death and said: "This is yet another example of the callous and brutal violence that the majority of people in South Africa are subjected to."