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## Prime Minister speaks out on security

IN A SPECIAL statement issued today, the Prime Minister, Mr. Vorster, disclosed that the Security Police "are at the moment engaged in a comprehensive and serious investigation

which is connected with terrorism and sabotage."

"In the process" he said, persons have been detained for questioning in terms of legal powers vested in the police for this purpose by Par-

liament.

"It can be expected that more persons will be detained in the course of the investigations.

"It is the legal duty of the police to contain terrorism

and sabotage, and they will perform this task not withstanding any agitation by certain newspapers and people to ferment feelings against the police and to make their actions suspect.

"The pattern is known, and the abusive language has been the same over 10 years and often, as the police have had to act in this regard.

"There is a significant difference between the action of

certain newspapers and people when members of the police are killed or maimed by terrorists, and when people are detained under the law and some in isolated cases

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a.m. last Saturday and was well.

On Wednesday Mr. Essop's father received information from a newspaper reporter that his son was in a critical condition in a Pretoria hospital.

"The applicant then tells what  
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## Post mortem exam on Timol

AN INDEPENDENT consultant pathologist looked on as doctors conducted a post mortem today on the body of Mr. Ahmed Timol, the Security Police detainee who died in de-

tention on Wednesday.

But no statement on the findings on the cause of death would be issued. The report will be submitted to the Commissioner of Police.

Mr. Timol's body was positively identified by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Yusuf Timol, of Mare Street, Roodepoort, before the post mortem started.

They then left to prepare for their son's funeral which will be held at 3.30 pm today. Mr. Timol's body will be buried at the Roodepoort cemetery after a short service at the graveside.