

TIMOL INQUIRY: REPORT TO BE MADE PUBLIC

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THE REPORT of an inquiry by the Chief of the C.I.D. for South Africa, General C. A. Buys, into the death of detainee Ahmed Timol will be made public.

This assurance was given to me by General Buys yesterday.

Mr. Timol, 30, an Indian teacher, jumped to his death from the tenth floor of John Vorster Square, the police headquarters in Johannesburg, while under detention

by the Security Police. General Buys would not say how long his inquiry would last, but indicated that it would take a long time.

In any case where a person's death might be linked with the action of any policeman, a very thorough inquiry was held to establish the facts. General Buys explained: "No punches are pulled in an investigation of this kind. We are always determined to establish the true circumstances."

Not secret

"There is definitely no truth in reports that the inquiry is a secret one or that the report will not be made public. My entire report will be submitted at the inquest, which will be open to the public."

General Buys also denied that the report would be a one-sided one — as has been suggested by some newspapers. "If you think the report is likely to be one-sided, then speak to Mr. Timol."
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ol's father. I am sure he will tell you the inquiry is not one-sided."

Mr. Yusuf Timol, the dead detainee's father, made a statement to General Buys on Tuesday. At the time Mr. M. S. H. Cachalia, Mr. Timol's attorney, said that General Buys had asked for the statement.

General Buys told me it was impossible to say when the inquest on Mr. Timol would be held. This would depend on when he completed his report. He confirmed that a post-mortem had been carried out.

The post-mortem was performed last week and was conducted by Dr. N. J. Scheepers, head of the Department of Forensic Medicine at the University of the Witwatersrand and officer in charge of the Government Mortuary in Johannesburg. He was assisted by Dr. Jonathan Gluckman, a private pathologist, who represented the Timol family.

The post-mortem started at 7.30 in the morning and lasted three hours.

Dr. Gluckman was allowed to attend the post-mortem with the consent of the District Surgeon of Johannesburg and the Divisional C.I.D. officer for the Witwatersrand, Brigadier Alwyn Burger.

After the post-mortem, Dr. Gluckman declined to comment, saying it would take several weeks before his findings were completed.