

Timol death —inquest on Friday, November 27, 1971 Wednesday

STAFF REPORTER

THE INQUEST into the death of Mr. Ahmed Timol, who fell to his death while in Security Police detention last month, will be held in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court on Wednesday.

According to Brig. P. Kruger of Security Police headquarters in Pretoria, Mr. Timol, 30, died at 4 pm on October 26 after falling from the 10th floor of John Vorster Square, police headquarters in Johannesburg.

Police and medical evidence will be given at the inquest hearing. Police evidence will include a report on Mr. Timol's death by Major-Gen. C.A. Buys, chief of the CID.

The post-mortem findings

ESSOP WELL, SAYS MULLER

Political Reporter

THE Minister of Police, Mr. Lourens Muller, has given an assurance that the young Indian detainee, Mr. Mohammed Essop, is out of hospital and in good health.

This was learnt yesterday by Mrs. Helen Suzman, Progressive MP for Houghton, who had an hour-long discussion with Mr. Muller in his Pretoria office.

Mrs. Suzman told the Minister there was considerable public unease about the recent wave of detentions and called on him to issue reassurances on the health and welfare of the detainees from time to time.

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Mr. Muller declined to do this. But he gave her the assurance that all detainees were in good health, including Mr. Essop, who was taken to Pretoria's H. F. Verwoerd Hospital soon after being detained.

will also be included.

There will be a report by Dr. N. J. Scheepers, head of the department of forensic medicine at the University of the Witwatersrand and head of the Government's legal medical laboratories in Johannesburg. He conducted the post-mortem on the morning of October 28.

Meanwhile an industrial chemistry student at the University of the Witwatersrand, Mr. Aegis Avtloglou, 20, was detained by the Security Police yesterday and is believed to be held under the Terrorism Act. Mr. Andrew Avtloglou, brother of the detained man, said Security Police searched their Berea, Johannesburg, flat for an hour yesterday before detaining him.

He said the flat had also been searched by the Security Police on October 25. Two friends arrived as Mr. Aegis Avtloglou was being led from the flat. The police refused to answer their questions.

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Mr. Andrew Avtloglou said his mother, who was ill in a room at the flat at the time of the arrest was not told of her son's detention.

"My brother was told to leave her a note. All it said was that he was being taken to John Vorster Square for questioning."

He said he went to John Vorster Square to make inquiries about his brother, but was told to leave the premises and that his brother was not there.

Thirty-six people are known to be held in terms of the Terrorism Act.

They include seven students and a lecturer at Wits, and a student and a lecturer of the Indian University, Durban.

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Mr. Muller also refused to give her assurances that detainees would be allowed reading material.

"I got the impression, however, that he would do something about my request that, wherever possible, relatives of detainees would be informed of where their kin were being held instead of having to make frantic inquiries," she added.

The Minister also turned down a request from Mrs. Suzman to be allowed to visit women detainees. But he gave her the impression that she may be allowed to visit one woman who has no relatives in Johannesburg, she said.