

# 'Timol

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BRUISES on both biceps of Mr Ahmed Essop Timol (30), the detainee who died while in security police custody, could have been caused by fingers, said Dr J. Gluckman an independent pathologist, today.

Dr Gluckman was continuing his evidence in the Johannesburg Regional Court at the inquest into the death of Mr Timol, a Rodepoort school teacher, who fell to his death from the 10th floor of John Vorster Square, Johannesburg.

The pathologist was questioned by the assessor, Professor I. W. Simson, on the possible age of bruises on the front of the right upper arm of the dead man.

Dr Gluckman said that the bruises on the right bicep were ante mortem — the injuries were sustained before the detainee fell to his death.

### FINGERS

Questioned further by the assessor, Dr Gluckman said that the bruises could have been finger marks. He was not able to offer a time relation between the bruises.

Professor Simson asked the pathologist if he could estimate the age of other bruises mentioned in an exhibit before court drawn up by Dr Gluckman. The exhibit referred to several lesions sustained by Mr Timol before he fell from the building.

Dr Gluckman said some bruises mentioned in the schedule looked fresher than those on the right bicep.

He added that there was an abrasion covered by a scab on Mr Timol's right shoulder-blade. Most of the bruises on the right bicep were four to five days old.

Professor Simson asked Dr Gluckman whether the bruises could have been 24 hours to seven days old.

Dr Gluckman replied that the bruises were anti-mortem but he was unable to say with

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certainly how old they were.

It was possible that the bruises could have been 24 hours to seven days old.

Mr S. A. Cilliers (for the South African Police) said if the pathologist saw blood cells alone in the tissue on the right arm what conclusion would he come to?

Dr Gluckman replied that this would not help him to assess the age of the lesion. His only conclusion would be that he could see blood cells there.

Asked further questions, Dr Gluckman said if no scabs were present on the wound it was difficult to estimate the age of the lesion.

Mr Cilliers put it to him that the seven-day maximum period for the lesion was itself an uncertain limit.

Dr Gluckman replied that any answer he gave to this question would be speculation.

In reply to further questions he added that it was possible for the bruises on the right bicep to be 24 hours to eight days old.

Dr Gluckman told the court that he did not assess the significance of the wounds on Mr Timol's body.

Dr N. J. Schepers, a Govern-

ment pathologist based in Johannesburg, conducted the post-mortem examination and Dr Gluckman made observations on specimens cut from the detainee's body.

Mr Cilliers asked him whether in hindsight he was satisfied that a thorough post-mortem had been carried out.

### NOT DONE

Dr Gluckman said that at the time he and Dr Schepers were satisfied that the examination was thorough. He added that there were many things which should have been done which were not done.

Dr Gluckman was then shown a photograph showing Mr Timol's biceps.

Dr Gluckman said there were three bruises on the right bicep and there was also a lower mark that was not in the bicep region.

Asked further questions by Mr Cilliers, Dr Gluckman said the bruises on Mr Timol's right bicep looked like finger marks. He could not take his observations further than that.

Mr Cilliers put it to him that the bruises formed a triangular pattern on the bicep. He asked the pathologist whether he thought Mr Timol had been gripped once.

# Essop papers listed by SAP

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Pretoria Bureau

CAPTAIN C. J. DIRKER of the Security Police at John Vorster Square, Johannesburg, resumed evidence in the terrorism trial in Pretoria's Old Synagogue today when he handed exhibits to the court.

He listed a number of reports in pencil and typed letters to "My dear Ahmed" from "Stephanie" handed to him at Newlands police station last October 23.

They were among documents allegedly found in a car carrying Mr Mohamed Salim Essop and the dead detainee, Mr Ahmed Timol, when they were stopped and arrested at a Police roadblock the previous night.

The State alleges the documents form part of a conspiracy by the four accused, Mr Mohamed Salim Essop (22), Mr Yousuf Hassan Essack (21), Mr Indhrasen Moodley (27) and Mrs Amina Desai (51), with Mr Timol to endanger the maintenance of law and order.

All four have pleaded not guilty to charges under the Terrorism Act and the Suppression of Communism Act. (See Page 11)