

# Mohapi Memorial Service

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**A member of the Federation of Black Women (W. Cape), her face marked with grief, placing a wreath. (Photo by A.Q. Sayed).**

More than 500 people attended a memorial service in the St. John's Church, Belgravia Road, Athlone, on Sunday. The service was held for Mr. Mapetla Mohapi, the detainee who was found hanging in a police cell.

Among the four speakers who addressed the gathering were the Rev. Moses Moletsane, an Anglican minister of Langa, Mr. Reuben Hare, Publications Director of SASO and former student at UWC, Mr. Mike Mulligan, BPC member and former student of UWC, and Mr. Mohammed Timol, a member of the Human Rights Committee.

Wreaths were laid by a representative of the students of the University of the Western Cape, and the Federation of Black Women (W. Cape), and a tribute issued by the Black Writers and Artists Congress (BLAC), on behalf of all committed Black writers of South Africa.

Mr. Timol, whose brother was reported to have jumped

through a window at John Voster Square, Johannesburg, while detained by the Security Police, said that this new generation will bring salvation to South Africa. That this new generation has marched the streets of South Africa.

"It is a march of freedom. We will face the most ruthless oppression before we achieve freedom."

The service was to have been held in the St. Mark's Church, Church Street, Athlone but was shifted to St. John's Church due to an error in timing.

A riot truck and police vehicles visited St. Mark's Church but by the time they arrived at St. John's Church the service had ended.

A report from Sterkspruit, where Mr. Mohapi was buried on Sunday, stated that more than 2000 people attended the burial service.

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