

TIMOL — TEARS AT FINDING OF SUICIDE

Staff Reporter

THE TIMOL family's attorney, Mr. M. S. H. Cachalia, said yesterday he did not intend to bring review proceedings at this stage on the inquest findings.

At the end of the marathon inquest the Magistrate Mr. J. J. L. de Villiers, found that Mr. Ahmed Essop Timol, 30, had died last October 27 from serious brain injuries and loss of blood after he committed suicide by jumping from a window on the 10th floor of John Vorster Square.

Nobody was to blame. The magistrate said he was satisfied that the police witnesses had been honest, and that Mr. Timol had been decently treated in detention, and not assaulted. And Mr. De Villiers recommended that in future people detained under the Terrorism Act should be examined as soon as possible by a district surgeon to establish any signs of assault.

This procedure could obviate long inquiries and "save the Police unnecessary embarrassment."

EMOTION

The air was charged with emotion when the court finally rose well after 1 pm.

Mr. Ahmed Timol's 65-year-old father, Mr. Yusuf Timol and his wife Hawa, 54, had sat stochically through the hearing, which stretched over a period of nearly seven months.

Mr. Timol left the court sobbing, shaking his bowed head.

"I can't believe it, I can't believe it," he muttered.

Mrs. Hawa Timol did not attempt to hide the tears. She was supported by one of her three remaining sons, Mohammed.

"We cannot believe our son committed suicide," the parents said.

ORDEAL

Later, Mr. Timol said:

"We are all very sad. But can only turn to Allah — he knows better than anybody else who is right and who is wrong.

Mr. Timol said he wanted to thank all those, White and Non-White, who had stood by him.

He also wanted to thank the relatives who had assisted him with the huge financial burden of the inquest.

The family, and their legal representatives were unwilling to disclose the cost to the family, but it is understood that it amounts to approximately R14 000.

'No one is to blame' —

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LETTERS
TO THE
EDITOR

Timol parents thank Star readers

THE loss of our son, Ahmed, has left as you can well imagine, a very great gap in our hearts. His unfortunate and sudden passing away has only magnified our grief.

We have found the thought and wishes of your readers a great source of comfort. It has helped us beyond description to know that our grief has been felt by many people of all races and denominations.

The fact that so many of your readers took the trouble not only to attend our son's funeral, but also attended prayer meetings, has stirred and encouraged our hearts immensely.

We would sincerely have preferred to meet each one of your readers personally and tell them how very much we appreciate their thoughts and feelings for us.

Naturally, we regret we cannot do this, and hope your readers will not take offence by our thanking them most warmly through your news-
newspaper.

Mr Hailee Yusuf Timol
and Mrs Hawa Timol
Roodepoort.