

## TABLES OF DEATHS IN DETENTION DURING APARTHEID ERA

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### 1. List of people who died in detention (reconciled list)

year	name	Age	Days held	Date of death	Place detained/ died	Official/ alleged cause
1. 1963	Ngudle, Solwandle	41	17	05/09	Kompol, Pretoria	Suicide by Hanging
2. 1963	Mampe, Bellington	?	140	?/09	Worcester	Undisclosed
3. 1964	Tyita, James	?	?	24/01	Port Elizabeth	Suicide by hanging
4. 1964	Saloojee, Suliman	28	65	09/09	Johannesburg	Jumped/ fell from 7 <sup>th</sup> floor window
5. 1965	Gaga, Nengeni	19	<1	09/05	Transkei	Natural Causes
6. 1965	Hoye, Pongolasha	?	<1	09/05	Transkei	Natural causes
7. 1966	Hamakwayo, James	?	13	09/10	Pretoria Prison	Suicide by Hanging
8. 1966	Shonyeka, Hangula	?	40	09/10	Pretoria Prison	Suicide
9. 1966	Yun Pin, Leong	?	1	19/11	Leeuwkop Prison , Pretoria	Suicide by Hanging
10. 1967	Yan ,Ah	63	37	05/01	Silverton Police Station, Pretoria	Suicide by hanging
11. 1967	Madiba, Alpheus	?	1	09/09	Naminia	Suicide by hanging
12. 1968	Tubukwa, Jundea B	?	1	11/09	Pretoria Prison	Suicide by hanging
13. 1969	Kgoathe, Nicodemus	?	85	04/02	Detained at Silverton Police station, Pretoria. Death occurred at HF Voerwoerd Hospital	Bronchial Pneumonia, following head injuries sustained after a fall in

						the shower
14. 1969	Modipane , Solomon	?	3	28/02	Detained at Silverton Police Station. Death Occurred at HF Verwoerd Hospital Pretoria	Natural Causes after slipping on a piece of soap fatal injury.
15. 1969	Lenkoe, James	?	5	10/03	Pretoria Prison	Suicide by hanging
16. 1969	Mayekiso, Caleb	?	18	01/06	Port Elizabeth Police cells	Natural causes not specified
17. 1969	Shivute, Michael	?	<1	16/06	Ondangwa Police Cells	Suicide
18. 1969	Monakgotla, Jacob	?	222	10/09	Pretoria prison	Natural causes/ Thrombosis
19. 1969	Haroon , Abdullah	45	122	27/09	Maitland police station, Cape Town	Natural Causes/ heart trouble caused by fall down stairs
20. 1971	Cuthsela, Mthayeni	?	40	21/01	Detained at Pondiland. Death Occurred Transkei Hospital	Natural Causes / brain haemorrhage
21. 1971	Timol, Ahmed	30	5	27/10	John Vorster Square	Suicide- jumped out of a 10 <sup>th</sup> floor window
22. 1976	Mdluli, Joseph	50	<1	19/03	Security HQ, Durban	Injury to neck after application of force or falling against chair.
23. 1976	Tshwane, William	?	<1	25/07	Modderbee Prison, East Rand	Gunshot wounds sustained while trying to escape justifiable homicide
24. 1976	Mohapi, Mapetla	25	22	05/08	Kei Road Jail, East London	Suicide by hanging
25. 1976	Mazwebe, Luke	32	<1	02/09	Caledon Square Police Station, Cape Town.	Suicide by hanging
26. 1976	Mbatha, Dumisani	16	9	25/09	Modder B Prison, Johannesburg	Natural Causes/ heart related

27. 1976	Mogatusi, Fenuel	22	70	28/09	Johannesburg Fort	Natural Cause/ Suffocation during epileptic fit
28. 1976	Mashabane, Jacob	22	4	05/10	Johannesburg Fort	Suicide by hanging
29. 1976	Mzolo, Edward	40	8	09/10	Johannesburg Fort	Causes undisclosed
30. 1976	Mamashila, Ernest	35	3	19/11	Balfour/ Transvaal	Suicide by hanging
31. 1976	Mosala, Thabo	60	87	26/11	Butterworth Prison, Transkei	Natural causes-internal bleeding from ulcer
32. 1976	Tshazibane, Wellington	30	2	11/12	John Vorster Square, Johannesburg	Suicide by hanging
33. 1976	Botha, George	30	5	15/12	Sanlam Bldg, Port Elizabeth	Suicide-jumped /fell 6 floors down the stairwell
34. 1977	Ndzanga, Lawrence	53	51	08/01	Johannesburg Fort	Natural causes-heart attack
35. 1977	Ntshuntsha, Nanaotha	43	26	09/01	Leslie Police cells	Suicide by hanging
36. 1977	Malele, Elmon	52	13	20/01	Detained at John Vorster square. Death occurred at Princess Nursing home	Natural causes-cerebral haemorrhage after hitting head against desk during interrogation.
37. 1977	Mabelane, Mathews	23	25	15/02	John Vorster Square	Fell out of the 10 <sup>th</sup> floor window
38. 1977	Joyi, Twasifeni	?	?	15/02	Idutywa, Transkei	
39. 1977	Malinga, Samuel	45	22	22/02	Detained at Pietermaritzber. Death occurred at Edendale Hospital	Natural Causes-pulmonary embolism
40. 1977	Khoza, Aaron	35	106	26/03	Pietermaritzberg Prison	Suicide by hanging
41. 1977	Mabija, Phakamile	27	10	07/07	Transvaal Road Police Station , Kimberly	Suicide – jumped from the 6 <sup>th</sup> floor window
42. 1977	Loza, Elijah	59	65	01/08	Detained at Verster Prison. Death occurred at Tygerberg	

					hospital cape town	
43. 1977	Haffejee, Hoosen	26	1	03/08	Brighton Beach Police Station, Durban	Suicide by hanging
44. 1977	Mzizi, Bayempin	62	35	13/08	Brighton Beach Police Station, Durban	Suicide by hanging
45. 1977	Biko, Steve	31	24	12/09	Detained at Port Elizabeth. Death occurred at Pretoria	Brain injury sustained during torture
46. 1977	Nobhadula, Mzukisi			20/12	North End Prison, Port Elizabeth	Undisclosed-natural causes
47. 1977	Malaza, Siphoh	18	138	16/11	Krugersdorp Police Cells	Suicide by hanging
48. 1978	Tabalza, Lungile	19	<1	10/07	Sanlam Building, Port Elizabeth	Suicide jumped from the 5 <sup>th</sup> floor window
49. 1980	Ndzuma, Saul	58	9	10/09	Umtata, Transkei	Natural causes/ heart trouble, diabetes, blood pressure.
50. 1981	Mgqweto, Manana	60	?	17/09	Engcobo, Transkei	Undisclosed
51. 1981	Muofhe, Tshifhiwa	28	2	12/11	Venda	
52. 1982	Aggett, Neil	28	70	05/02	John Vorster Square, Johannesburg	Suicide by hanging
53. 1982	Dipale, Ernest	21	3	08/08	John Vorster Square, Johannesburg	Suicide by hanging
54. 1983	Mndawe, Simon	23	14	08/03	Nelspruit Prison	Suicide by hanging
55. 1983	Malatji, Paris	23	<1	05/07	Protea Police Station, Soweto	Shot in forehead at point-blank range.
56. 1984	Tshikudo, Samuels	50	77	20/01	Detained at Venda. Death occurred Tshizidzi Hospital	
57. 1984	Ngwenya, Abel	31		22/11	Daveyton	Natural causes-epileptic fit, but pathologist indicated violence

58. 1984	Sipele, Mxolisi	?	150	??/06	Death occurred at Sulenkama Hospital, Transkei	
59. 1984	Ngalo, Johannes	26		15/07	Parys	Serious internal injuries
60. 1984	Mthethwa, Ephraim	22	165	25/08	Durban Central Prison	Suicide by hanging
61. 1984	Maseko, Samson	19		11/11	Katlehong	undisclosed
62. 1984	Korotsoane, Tatlheho	28		?	Vereeniging	Undisclosed
63. 1985	Raditsela, Andries	29	2	06/05	Tsakane	Head injuries sustained while in custody
64. 1985	Mogale, Meshack	16		17/11	Mamelodi east	Allegedly kicked and sjambokked by police after arrest at a night vigil for unrest victim
65. 1985	Mokoena, Sonnyboy	24		16/08	Pilgrim's Rest	Found hanging in his cell
66. 1985	Mbotya, Mbuyiselo	35		21/09	Kingwilliam's Town	Head injuries while in custody
67. 1985	Mutsi, Siphon	20		05/05	Odendaalsrus	Head injuries sustained while in custody.
68. 1985	Spogter, Johannes	13		05/07	Steytlerville	Head injuries
69. 1985	Mvulane, Bheki	18		29/03	Katlehong	Brain injuries sustained during torture.
70. 1985	Ramalepe, Andries			18/10	Kgapane, Lebowa	Assaulted by police at station and later dumped along a road
71. 1985	Ndzandze, Loyiso	20		19/18	Kingwilliam's Town	Wounds sustained during torture.
72. 1986	Kutumela, Makompe	25	1	05/04	Mahwelereng, Lebowa	Found dead in police cell with more than 40

						sjambok weals.
73. 1986	Stuurman, Mlungise	18		26/07	Cradock	Interrogated and then killed by 2 'unrest unit' members who were later sentenced to death for his murder
74. 1986	Mashego, Johannes			19/04	Parys	Collapsed during interrogation
75. 1986	Ngomane, Eric	22		12/04	KaNgwane	Shot while trying to escape
76. 1986	Nchabaleng, Peter	59	1	11/04	Schoonoord, Lebowa	Tortured by police
77. 1986	Jacobs, Xoliso	20	129	22/10	Upington	Suicide by hanging
78. 1986	Marule, Simon	20	183	23/12	Detained at Modder B Prison. death occurred at Boksberg/ Benoni Hospital	Kidney Failure.
79. 1986	Phoshoko, Joel	28		01/04	Pretoria	Assaulted by police during an interrogation.
80. 1986	Olifant, Benji	25		15/12	Klerksdorp	Shot while trying to escape
81. 1987	Mashoke, Benedict	20	215	26/03	Burgersfort Police Station	Suicide by hanging
82. 1987	Mntonga, Eric	35	1	24/07	Mdantsane Cells, Ciskei	Killed by 6 Ciskei security officers at police cells
83. 1987	Bani, Nobandla	56	333	29/07	North End Cells, Port Elizabeth	Natural Causes- a Stroke
84. 1988	Zokwe, Sithembele	36	1	12/01	Butterworth , Transkei	Shot by police
85. 1988	Makaleng, Alfred	27	804	26/08	Detained at Nylstroom . Death occurred at Johannesburg Hospital	Natural causes- Fluid on the brain
86. 1989	Mbetheni, Dinana	21		21/04	Alice	Found in cell hanging from an electric

						wire tied to the bar
87. 1990	Sitole, Clayton Sizwe	20	4	30/01	John Vorster Square, Johannesburg	Suicide by hanging
88. 1990	Tlhotlhomisang, Lucas	37	7	26/03	Klerksdorp	Meningitis
89. 1990	Madisha, Donald Thabela	30	130	01/06	Potgietersrus Police Station	Suicide by hanging

## 2. Deaths in John Vorster Square, Johannesburg

year	name	Date of death	age	Official/ alleged cause of death
1971	Timol, Ahmed	27/10	30	Suicide
1976	Tshazibane, Wellington	11/12	30	Suicide by hanging
1977	Malele, Elmon	20/01	61	Hit his head on a desk during interrogation.
1977	Mabelane, Mathews	15/02	23	Accidental death. Fell out of 10 <sup>th</sup> floor window.
1982	Aggett, Neil	05/02	28	Suicide
1982	Dipale, Ernest	08/08	21	Suicide by hanging
1988	Bopape, Maisha Stanza	12/06	27	Heart attack from electrocution (found in TRC hearing)
1990	Sitole, Clayton Sizwe	30/01	20	Suicide by hanging



### 3. Suicides in detention (all prisons and police stations)

	Year	Name	Age	Date of death	Place detained/died	Official /Alleged cause
1.	1964	Tyita, James	?	24/01	Port Elizabeth	Suicide by Hanging
2.	1966	Shonyeka, Hangula	?	9/10	Pretoria Prison	Suicide
3.	1966	Yun Pin, Leong	?	19/11	Pretoria, Leeuqkop Prison	Suicide by hanging
4.	1966	Hamakwayo, James	?	08	Pretoria Prison	Suicide by hanging
5.	1967	Yan, Ah	63	5/1	Pretoria, Silverton Police Station	Suicide by hanging
6.	1967	Madiba/ Maliba, Alpheus	?	09/09	Namibia	Suicide by hanging
7.	1968	Tubakwa/ Tubakwe , JB	?	11/09	Pretoria Prison	Suicide by hanging.
8.	1969	Shivute, Michael	?	17/06	Ondangwa police cells	Suicide
9.	1969	Lenkoe, James	?	10/03	Pretoria	Suicide by hanging
10.	1971	Timol, Ahmed	30	27/10	John Vorster Square	Suicide – jumped from the 10 <sup>th</sup> floor
11.	1976	Botha, George	30	15/12	Port Elizabeth, Sanlam Bldg	Suicide – jumped six floors
12.	1976	Tshazibane, Wellington Mlungisi	30	11/12	John Vorster Square	Suicide by hanging
13.	1976	Mamashila/ mamsila, Ernest	35	19/11	Balfour , Natal/Transvaal	Suicide by hanging
14.	1976	Mashabane , Zungwane Jacob	22	5/10	Johannesburg Fort	Suicide by hanging
15.	1976	Maszwebe, Luke	32	02/09	Caledon Square Police Station , Cape Town	Suicide by hanging
16.	1976	Mohapi, Mapetla	25	15/07	Kei Road Jail, East London	Suicide by hanging
17.	1977	Haffejee, Hoosen Mia	26	03/08	Brighton Beach Police station, Durban	Suicide by hanging



18.	1977	Khoza, Aaron	35	26/03	Pietermaritzberg	Suicide by hanging
19.	1977	Mabelane, Matthews	23	15/02	John Vorster Square	Suicide- fell from the 10 <sup>th</sup> floor window
20.	1977	Mabija, Phakamile Harry	27	07/07	Transvaal Road police Station, Kimberly	Suicide – jumped from 6 <sup>th</sup> floor
21.	1977	Mzizi, Bayempin	62	13/08	Brighton Beach Police Station	Suicide by hanging
22.	1977	Ntshuntsha, Naboath	43	09/08	Leslie Police Cells	Suicide by hanging
23.	1977	Malaz, Bonaventura Siphon	18	16/11	Krugersdorp Police Cells	Suicide by hanging
24.	1978	Tabalaza, Lungile	19	10/07	Sanlam Bldg, Port Elizabeth	Suicide- jumped from 5 <sup>th</sup> floor
25.	1980	Matalasi, Sifdundile	27	20/12	Umtata, Transkei	Suicide by strangulation
26.	1982	Aggett, Neil Hudson	28	5/02	John Vorster Square	Suicide by hanging
27.	1982	Dipale, Ernest Moabi	21	08/08	John Vorster Square	Suicide by hanging
28.	1983	Mndawe, Tembuyise Simon	?	08/05	Nelspruit Prison	Suicide by hanging
29.	1984	Mthethwa, Ephraim Thamsanqa	22	25/08	Durban Central Prison	Suicide by hanging
30.	1986	Jacobs, Xoliso	20	22/10	Upington	Suicide by hanging
31.	1987	Mashoke, Benedict	20	26/03	Burgersfort Police Station	Suicide by hanging
32.	1990	Sithole, Clayton Sizwe	20	30/01	John Vorster Square	Suicide by hanging
33.	1990	Madisha, Donald Thabela	30	01/06	Potietersrus Police Station	Suicide by hanging

#### 4. Deaths from falls

	Year	Name	Age	Date Of Death	Place detained/died	Official /Alleged cause
1.	1964	Saloojee, Suliman	28	09/09	Johannesburg	Fell from the 7 <sup>th</sup> floor
2.	1969	Haron, Imam Abdullah	45	27/09	Maitland Police Station, Cape Town	Natural causes/ heart trouble caused by fall down stairs
3.	1971	Timol, Ahmed	30	27/10	John Vorster Square	Suicide- jumped from the 10 <sup>th</sup> floor
4.	1977	Mabelane, Matthews	23	15/02	John Vorster Square	Fell out of 10 <sup>th</sup> floor window
5.	1978	Tabalaza, Lungile	19	10/07	Sanlam Bldg, Port Elizabeth	Suicide- fell from the 5 <sup>th</sup> floor
6.	1988	Khoza, Amos	18	01/12	Johannesburg	Fell seven storeys from a flat where he was allegedly escorting police to identify the place where he made contact with an ANC member