

ANNEX C2**ALLEGATIONS OF TORTURE BY JVS DETAINEES**

- 1 Prof Firoz Cachalia testified that:¹
 - 1.1 he was interrogated on the 10th floor of JVS,
 - 1.2 he heard people screaming and shouting from
 - 1.3 other rooms assumedly from pain while under torture,
 - 1.4 he was instructed to write a statement, which was subsequently torn up and his interrogation then turned violent. This process repeated itself on three or four occasions,
 - 1.5 he was spoken to and shouted at in degrading and abusive language,
 - 1.6 he was frequently beaten and was slapped, punched, kicked, his testicles squeezed, and soles of his feet hit with a baton,
 - 1.7 the interrogation room would be filled with many SB officers to intimidate him and who would also insult and disparage him,
 - 1.8 he was repeatedly threatened with electrocution,
 - 1.9 he was forced to undress from the waist up.
 - 1.10 he was given the wet sack or wet bag treatment whereby a wet sack was placed over his head and held tightly to make breathing impossible, which process was repeated, even causing him to defecate in the room; and
 - 1.11 he would be concealed from the district surgeon or taken to the surgeon before assaults, in order to hide the fact that he had been assaulted.

- 2 Mr Naidoo testified that:²
 - 2.1 he was assaulted upon his arrival at JVS;
 - 2.2 he was threatened that the SB would rename JVS to 'Prema Naidoo Heights' from 'Timol heights' which he construed as the SB threatening to kill him by throwing him off the 10th floor of JVS just as they had done with the late Ahmed Timol;
 - 2.3 he was stripped, exposed in his naked state and the SB officers would hit his penis with elastic bands;

¹ G7 pp 4ff paras 15ff

² G8 pp 3ff paras 11ff

- 2.4 his wrist was handcuffed to his ankles and he was then beaten by SB officers while they continued to interrogate him;
 - 2.5 he was also tortured by sleep deprivation and solitary confinement;
 - 2.6 he would be instructed to write and re-write his statement only for the SB to tell him the statement was unsatisfactory, beat him and instruct him to start writing the statement again;
 - 2.7 he was hit on the side of the head so hard that his ear started buzzing and still buzzes to this day. When he wanted to lay a charge, a uniformed policeman came to see him in his cell at Vereeniging and threatened him causing him to drop the idea;
 - 2.8 he was interrogated on a rotational shift basis with interrogators being swapped out every eight hours;
 - 2.9 he was given a pink liquid to drink under the auspices that it was a Santogen tonic to calm his nerves only to discover it was truth serum;
 - 2.10 he was driven to the Vaal area by SB officers and told that they would drown him in the Vaal dam. The officers did not carry out the threat, but drove him to the Meyerton police station where he was handcuffed to a water-pipe outside the police offices;
 - 2.11 he was left in solitary confinement for approximately three months; and
 - 2.12 he was not allowed access to any books, in his cell or otherwise.
- 3 Mr Momoniat testified that:³
- 3.1 he was interrogated almost every day and at least on ten occasions from the time his interrogation commenced on 21 January 1982;
 - 3.2 the interrogation room was filled with ten SB officers whose presence was very threatening and intimidating;
 - 3.3 he was taunted, laughed at derisively, sworn at and called racist and derogatory names;
 - 3.4 he was surrounded and beaten, being hit and pushed from one SB officer to another;
 - 3.5 he was instructed to write a statement and after writing a few pages, the SB officers would express their dissatisfaction, tear up the statement and order him to start again;
 - 3.6 he was made to strip from the waist upwards, shouted at and slapped on the chest;

- 3.7 he was threatened with electrical shocks and his interrogator left the room as if to fetch the equipment to administer the shocks. Fortunately, the threat was not actually carried out;
 - 3.8 he was periodically smacked by SB officers as a sign of dissatisfaction with the progress of his statement;
 - 3.9 he would be taken for interrogation despite his poor state of health; and
 - 3.10 he was struck, lifted up and shaken, made to stand against a wall, threatened with electric shock treatment, made to strip and stand semi-naked for periods of time. He would also be lifted while seated on chair and shaken. Sgt Carr also took out a penknife blade and made a rapid 'throat-cutting gesture' across his throat when he refused to turn state witness.
- 4 Mr Njikelana testified that:⁴
- 4.1 his interrogation at JVS began roughly one week after his arrival on 21 December 1981 by Lt Booysen and Lt Steyn;
 - 4.2 he was instructed to write a statement about under the supervision of the SB officers who questioned him while he was writing. This process was repeated every day with only certain public holidays being skipped;
 - 4.3 Major Cronwright would join his interrogation from time to time and state that he was dissatisfied with the progress of his statement. Cronwright was aggressive and would shout at him, grab him by the chest and slap him across the face until he lost count of how many times he had been hit. Booysen and Steyn did not intervene and just observed while this took place;
 - 4.4 after completing his statement, he was told his statement was "*shit*" and was instructed to write the statement again from the beginning; and
 - 4.5 Steyn and Booysen placed leg irons on his ankles and handcuffed his wrists with the handcuff chain under the leg iron chain so he was forced to sit on the floor. Booysen then placed a canvass bag over his head and bound a cloth around his upper forearms near his bicep to which they attached electric terminals. He then began to feel electric shocks causing his body to shake and feel pain rippling across his entire body until he fell over sideways and passed out. Steyn and Booysen continued to electrocute him a number of times. When he washed later he observed that brownish scabs had formed on his arms where the terminals were connected.

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- 5 Mr Ngwenya testified that:⁵
- 5.1 he was detained approximately 15 times for his political activities and was detained at JVS at the same time as Dr Aggett during 1982;
 - 5.2 after his arrest a balaclava was placed over his head and eyes and he was taken to Protea police station and was then slapped across the face, assaulted, kicked and choked to the point where he urinated in his pants;
 - 5.3 he was taken to JVS on 12 January 1982 where he was taken to Maj Cronwright's office, threatened with death, insulted and sworn at; and
 - 5.4 he was taken to Deetlefs during the process of writing his statement who threatened to kill him and continued to interrogate him about Cedric Mason and his ANC activities.
- 6 Mr Coleman testified that:⁶
- 6.1 he was called derogatory names by his interrogators;
 - 6.2 he would be interrogated by multiple officers at a time who would scream at him and intimidate him;
 - 6.3 he would have to write a statement, only for the statement to be torn up and his interrogators to instruct him to start afresh;
 - 6.4 Struwig lifted the chair that he was sitting in and dropped him, the force of hitting the ground was unbelievable, but he was not hurt;
 - 6.5 there appeared to be an unspoken rule that prevented the SB officers from getting too physical with him. He attributes this to the SB prioritizing van Heerden as the leader of his group and the warning his parents had given to Cpt Struwig about the consequences of mistreating him;
 - 6.6 he personally observed detainees being dragged down the corridor by SB officers because they could not walk back to their cells on their own after a session of severe torture; and
 - 6.7 he personally observed several detainees with bruises and in severe pain, and detainees complained that their ribs were broken in an assault.
- 7 Dr Floyd testified how she was interrogated on the tenth floor of JVS on 4 February 1982 and heard a man scream, leading her to conclude someone was being tortured possibly by electric shocks.⁷ She also heard a woman crying.⁸ Her interrogation continued until 17h00 or 18h00 upon which she was returned to

⁵ G23 p 3ff para 7ff

⁶ G27 p 10ff para 30ff

⁷ Floyd testimony first inquest – Exhibit A4.3 p 1325, Floyd testimony second inquest record pp 243,

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⁸ Floyd testimony 2020 consolidated transcript p 257

Hillbrow police station.⁹ Dr Floyd also testified that she was instructed to stand and threatened that she would have to do so from Thursday to Saturday.¹⁰

- 8 Rev Chikane was also tortured multiple times. He testified that over a six week period he was assaulted, chained in difficult body positions, hung by a broom with his head facing down, made to continuously stand for 48 to 50 hours on a set of bricks.¹¹ Rev Chikane was taken to a doctor who acknowledged that his feet were swollen but he was returned to his cell without treatment.¹² Even after his release from detention, Rev Chikane could not sleep in one place for two nights for fear that he would be re-detained and further tortured.¹³
- 9 Rev Chikane also testified that he was assaulted in the presence of Deetlefs who did not object or attempt to stop the assault.¹⁴ He was insulted with racial slurs¹⁵ and beaten even while chained up.¹⁶ He was told that he would be thrown out of the tenth floor like Timol.¹⁷ Rev Chikane also personally witnessed SB officers torturing children using electric shock treatment.¹⁸
- 10 Ms Hogan testified that Deetlefs, Prins, van der Merwe, Cronwright and Struwig were responsible for her interrogation.¹⁹ Her interrogation was highly aggressive, with shouting, stomping and handcuffing her to various objects.²⁰ She was made to continuously re-write a statement which would be torn up if it was not good enough.²¹ She was assaulted on 22 October 1981 by Prins and Deetlefs, who handcuffed her to a chair and started hitting her on her back and across her face repeatedly causing her to bleed internally.²² Deetlefs also threatened Ms Hogan with electrocution and brought a wet towel and kettle chord to her for this purpose.²³ Ms Hogan testified that when she was taken to the doctor the following day, Deetlefs told her that if she said anything he would kill her and make her disappear so that no-one would know what happened.²⁴ She was later assaulted again by Captain Struwig who hit her across the face and on the hip with a piece of wood.²⁵

⁹ Floyd testimony 2020 consolidated transcript p 249

¹⁰ Floyd testimony 2020 consolidated transcript p 244

¹¹ Chikane testimony 2020 consolidated transcript pp 749-750, G14 p 4 para 12

¹² Chikane testimony 2020 consolidated transcript p 751

¹³ Chikane testimony 2020 consolidated transcript p 756

¹⁴ Chikane testimony 2020 consolidated transcript pp 767-769, p 775, G14 p 7 para 21

¹⁵ Chikane testimony 2020 consolidated transcript p 770

¹⁶ Chikane testimony 2020 consolidated transcript p 771

¹⁷ Chikane testimony 2020 consolidated transcript p 772

¹⁸ Chikane testimony 2020 consolidated transcript p 746

¹⁹ Hogan testimony 2020 consolidated transcript p 634

²⁰ Hogan testimony 2020 consolidated transcript p 634

²¹ Hogan testimony 2020 consolidated transcript p 635

²² Hogan testimony 2020 consolidated transcript pp 636-637

²³ Hogan testimony 2020 consolidated transcript p 637

²⁴ Hogan testimony 2020 consolidated transcript p 643

²⁵ Hogan testimony 2020 consolidated transcript p 655