

## Some stories from a reliable website:

message sent by JAN (ex-Cape Town, now USA), February 1, 2007

21,000 people were murdered in South Africa last year, and the rest of the world turns a blind eye! An 8-month-old baby girl was raped to death by 5 men in Cape Town as they thought it would "cure their AIDS". A 24-year-old pregnant woman was repeatedly raped in her home in Birch Acres, Kempton Park on January 8th. A five-month pregnant woman, her husband and their five-year-old daughter were relaxing at home when four unknown men entered the house. The husband (32) was tied up and held at gunpoint while the suspects raped his wife and child in the dining room. The suspects then ransacked the house and took electrical appliances, household goods and clothing valued at about R20,000.

- AfricanCrisis, November 23, 2006

A 34-year-old attorney died in Natalspruit Hospital after being shot by three armed hijackers at Thokoza, in full view of his wife and baby daughter. Eddie Barnard died a few minutes after being admitted to hospital on Saturday night with bullet wounds in his chest, stomach and back. Barnard, his wife, Rena, and their nine-month-old daughter, Carli, were overpowered by three armed men in front of their house in Vanderbijlpark about 20:45 on Saturday night. They were forced into the rear section of their 4x4 Toyota and covered with blankets. The hijackers headed for Thokoza on the East Rand. Rena told friends afterwards that the men had stopped, thrown her husband out of the vehicle and immediately fired two shots. They then threw the baby out and, after a lot of noise, eventually fired another shot. A shocked Henk Scheepers, chairperson of the Vanderbijlpark Chamber of Commerce, who was a friend and colleague of Eddie said "Rena thought the men had first killed Eddie and then their daughter." A very traumatised Rena told Scheepers at the hospital that she had sat under the blankets the whole time, and heard three shots. She thought the men had killed her husband and daughter. The robbers then threw her out of the vehicle and drove off at high speed. When she finally looked she discovered that her husband had been shot and her baby daughter raped. At the hospital there was "chaos" because of a shortage of staff and the doctor on duty asked Scheepers and a friend to help him in theatre to wash the blood from Barnard's body. Scheepers said it was terrible to have to hold his friend's body while the blood was being washed off. Scheepers said: "The crime in our land is repugnant and unacceptable." There have been no arrests yet.