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# WE'LL SLEEP IN THE CITY

# STREETS

WHITE NEIGHBOURS BACK  
FAMILIES FACING  
GROUP AREAS EVICTIONS

Peter Leydes, a litter

and Turner who moved from Wentworth, is having sleepless nights over the uncertainty and has told of how he fears being handed an eviction notice when he returns home from work.

He cannot work out why he should be evicted when he enjoys a good relationship with his white neighbours.

The Durban Central Residents Association, which has planned a meeting for today at Ecumenical Centre, St Andrew's Street, to protest against the action, said the issuing of eviction notices was disturbing.

Its chairman, Sayed Iqbal Mohamed, said his group had asked legal experts to defend families served with notices.

The action against the 200 families caused angry outbursts in the House of Delegates this week.

Chairman of the Ministers' Council Amichand Rajbanshi said people served with notices should apply for permits. They have three months in which to move out from the time the notices are served. We will motivate their case if they apply for permits."

Opposition members Somaroo Pachai and Yunus Moola called for the scrapping of the law. Mr Pachai warned that the Government could be heading for confrontation if it continued taking action under the Group Areas Act.

The Durban Indian Child and Family Welfare Society, which works among the homeless, described the application of the Group Areas Act as "immoral".

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DURBAN families facing eviction under the Group Areas Act have vowed to sleep in the streets of the city centre if they are thrown out.

As anger mounted yesterday over the threat facing 200 families in the Albert Park area, whites joined in the row, pledging to petition President Botha to stop the action against their neighbours.

At a block of flats in St George's Street where most of the 34 tenants have been warned by a letting agent they would have to move out, whites came out in support of the affected families.

A spokesman for the white tenants, Liz Skinner said, "I am not a person who doesn't deserve to be kicked out." Miss Skinner said.

Bolemaaker Issac Heyes, who has been living in the block for five months, said he and the others would sleep on the streets of Durban if they were forced out of their homes.

## GET OUT

"I have been pushed from pillar to post all my life, and now that I have found a place where I can live in peace I'm told I have to get out. This could turn me into a criminal."