

# Landlords turn away Albert Park flat-hunters

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WHITE landlords in Durban's Albert Park area are now clamping down on Indian, coloured and mixed families wanting accommodation, according to the chairman of the Durban Central Residents Association, Mr Sayed Iqbal Mohamed.

He said that a number of families had approached landlords to rent flats and had been refused, even though many of the flats were empty.

"This is the first time that this has happened. Until recently, white landlords were willing to let their premises to Indians, coloureds and mixed couples, but no longer," said Mr Mohamed.

He said that this was because pressure had been brought on them by Government departments.

Mr Mohamed returned from Johannesburg at the weekend where he met a number of civil rights groups, including Actstop which has offered him the services of 80 lawyers in the Transvaal to help residents.

"They have come out in support of residents in Durban and we have an arrangement with Actstop which could lead to a co-ordinated movement nationwide to rectify the accommodation shortage," said Mr

Mohamed.

Meanwhile Indian, coloured and mixed families who already live in the Albert Park area are sitting tight, but tension is rising as the due date for them to leave — July 31 — draws nearer.

"None of the residents will leave and we are waiting for notices to be given which we will tackle in the Supreme Court," said Mr Mohamed.