



## Press Release

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Degree: Your Questions answered by Vlok** **Tuesday 12 September at 8pm**

This man sanctioned police death squads. He personally pinned medals on the lapels of killers like Eugene de Kock. Adriaan Vlok – Minister of Law and Order under the repressive Nationalist Party government - a man who was without a doubt, one of the most evil men apartheid created. He was part of the State Security Council, which oversaw clandestine operations aimed at destroying liberation movements.

But people like Vlok were given the opportunity to take part in the healing initiatives such as the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Together with Johan van der Merwe, the former police commissioner, Vlok was among those granted amnesty in 1998 for their involvement in the August 1988 bombing of Khotso House, the headquarters of the South African Council of Churches headed up by the Reverend Frank Chikane.

In an extraordinary turnaround last month, the 68-year-old Vlok arrived at the Union Buildings to see the former activist, now director-general Chikane. A symbolic act followed. Adriaan Vlok knelt down and washed the feet of his former nemesis saying he sought forgiveness for the past.

This week Adriaan Vlok is live on an interactive 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree. Viewers get to ask him the questions and we ask should this man be forgiven? **3<sup>rd</sup> Degree** investigates Tuesday, 12 September at 8pm, only on **e**

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