

Cape Town, South Africa, January 16 (Infosplusgabon) - Polish immigrant Janusz Walus who nearly sparked a full-blown race war on the eve of South Africa's historic 1994 democratic elections, has approached the Gauteng High Court in an attempt to be placed on parole and deported to his homeland.

Walus, who fired the shots that killed South African Communist Party leader Chris Hani in April 1993, is urging Justice Minister Michael Masutha to reconsider his refusal to grant parole and that the court order his release, subject to his being deported to Poland.

He has brought the application on an urgent basis, but after spending 25 years languishing in a high-security prison in Pretoria, it's unlikely that he will be released any time soon.

This despite the fact that the High Court in Pretoria in 2016 ruled that Waluś should be released on parole. In May 2017, Masutha introduced an application to the Supreme Court of Appeal in Bloemfontein to overturn the parole. Three months later, then court overturned his parole.

Ironically, Walus' act of madness saw world statesman Nelson Mandela sweep into power months later on a ticket of racial reconciliation.

Hours after Hani's assassination, Mandela gave a televised address during which he reminded a shocked nation that while a white man had carried out the "dastardly deed" a white women who witnessed the tragedy notified the police leading to the arrest of Walus minutes later.

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