VIOLENT CRIME CONTINUES TO PLAGUE GOVERNMENT

The Martin Labor Government has failed, yet again to provide anything new or innovative in the fight against crime in the Northern Territory, CLP Leader Terry Mills said today.

“The launch today of Minister Toyne's Building Safer Communities framework is nothing more than a political stunt to grab the media's attention. The framework is one of many we've seen generated from a Government that is yet to actually deliver any real solutions to the problem of crime.

“You only have to look through the local paper over the past few days to realise that the incidence of violent crime continues to dominate the headlines, which goes a long way to exposing this Government's failure to curb the rising problem of violent crime in the Northern Territory,” Mr Mills said.

• The body of a 39 year old fisherman was found on a trawler moored in Darwin Harbour. The man had been violently bashed to death using a blunt instrument, the attacker reported to have left the scene covered in his victim's blood.

• Police report a 26 year old man missing since July was most probably murdered by members of a local bikie gang. The man was violently bashed to death whilst he slept in his girlfriend's bed.

• A 21 year old woman escaped more serious injury after a car load of soldiers stopped to help her whilst she was being attacked by a gang of men in Palmerston on Saturday morning.

• Meanwhile Police are still investigating the execution style killing of a man as he slept on the couch in the lounge room of his Coconut Grove apartment last month.

• A 21 year old man is yet to face court after he attacked a 78 year old woman as she walked near her unit in Coconut Grove last week.

“The fact is sexual assault across the Northern Territory over the past 12 months to the end of June 2004 totalled 384 up 19% or a staggering 62 more than during the previous 12 months.
“In Darwin and over the same period and a total of 129 sexual assaults took place, up 8% on the previous year. Tennant Creek 99 assaults were recorded an increase of 17% from the previous year.

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