

Chris Hani killer Janusz Waluś is remorseless'

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This coming Sunday (26 January), eTV will screen Confessions of an Assassin: Why I Killed Chris Hani.

In it, award-winning journalist Annika Larsen sits down with convicted killer Janus Waluś in his native Poland.

The broadcaster promises that the programme will offer viewers 'an unprecedented glimpse into the motivations and conspiracies underlying one of South Africa's most infamous political crimes'.

Walus spent 29 years behind bars for the brutal murder of the SACP leader on Easter Sunday in 1993.

But Larsen's interview with Hani's killer is one of several he has conducted with the media since his release and deportation to Poland in December.



Dr Rafal Pankowski says that Walus appears unrepentant and even justifies his actions.

"He is having a hero's welcome among the worst racists, the far-right nationalist groups in Poland."

Pankowski says Walus has given three major interviews over the last few days, in which he appears impenitent.

"What he says shows definitely a lack of remorse, a lack of self-reflection, frequently glorification of the system of apartheid... and a kind of self-glorification of the violence of the murder he committed."

In one interview, Hani was asked by the interviewer whether he has remorse for his actions.

Below is a translation of his answer:

"It's simple. I spoke to my victim's daughter and there's regret that I killed her father and regret that I made her an orphan and made her two sisters orphans and her mother a widow. I regret that I killed a man. But don't regret that I killed a terrorist. A terrorist that was the cause and would cause the death of many people in the future. It's complicated. I'm not even sure."

Pankowski says Walus' responses show he has failed to understand why he is considered a villain and not a hero.

"He's obviously enjoying his moment of fame and the support he gets from far-right racist groups."

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