

SOUTH AFRICAN WHITE ARRESTED IN BLASTS

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The South African police said today that they had arrested a white woman as part of an investigation into a series of recent bomb explosions, one of them at a police station in Johannesburg.

A police spokesman refused to reveal details of the arrest or identify the woman, but said three mines similar to those that caused the blasts had been seized when the woman was detained.

Two days after South Africa lifted a seven-month emergency decree, meanwhile, the police reported widespread violence in 15 segregated black townships, and said four people had been killed, two of them by the police.

In another development, the South African military disclosed that it had developed its first combat helicopter in a further response to the embargo on arms sales to this nation, which has resulted in the growth of a substantial domestic arms industry since the ban was imposed by the United Nations Security Council in 1977.