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In the wake of Pretoria's Bloody Friday...

SAAF BLASTS ANC

Staff Reporters and Pretoria News Foreign Service AT least five people were killed and 20 injured when South African Air Force Impala III jet planes, rocketed and machine-gunned five African National Congress bases near Maputo early today. They also hit a Mozambique armed forces missile base protecting the ANC sites.

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'Strike was aimed at terrorism'

Political Correspondent SOUTH AFRICA'S retaliatory attack against targets in Mozambique today was aimed against terrorism and not innocent lives, the Minister of Defence, General Magnus Malan, said Parliament this afternoon.

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Among the terrorist bases were: • A place known as "Gubina's house" where urban warfare in the Transvaal was claimed.

• Two logistical headquarters responsible for the production and explosives to the terrorists.

• An ANC command headquarters where final briefing took place for terrorists infiltrating South Africa.

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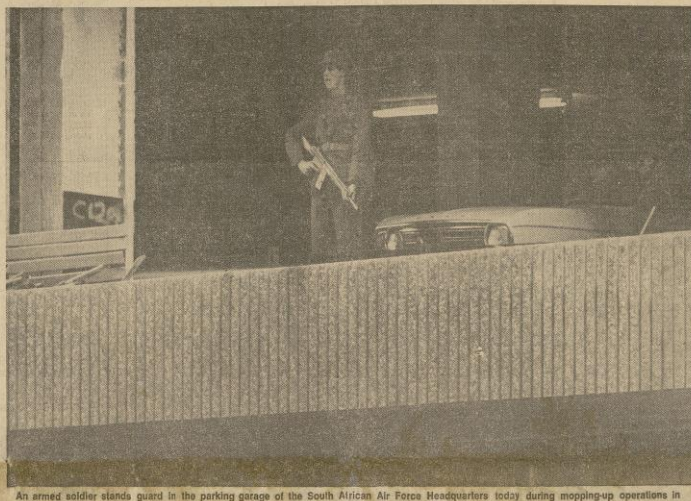
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An armed soldier stands guard in the parking garage of the South African Air Force Headquarters today during mopping-up operations in Church Street.

THE Pretoria News team who covered the aftermath of Pretoria's Bloody Friday were: Roy Colayne, Arnold Kirkby, Cor Uys, Robyn Green, Ryan Hamilton, Velele Mashumi, Patrick Hlahla and Lucas Banda. Pictures by Corrie Hansen, Martin Abendroth, Neville Langley, Morris Legebe, Paul van Eeden and Arnold Kirkby. See pages 3, 5, 6, 7 and 19.

Man shot dead after ignoring roadblock

Staff Reporter A 35-YEAR-OLD man, Mr Jackson Mutluli, was shot dead when he ignored police warnings to stop at a roadblock in East Kruger Street.

Bank open for business again today

Staff Reporter It will be business as usual today for the Church Street West National branch which was damaged in Friday's bomb explosion.

30 ANC men were killed in Lesotho

Own Correspondent JOHANNESBURG. — On December 9 1982, South African commandos attacked several houses occupied by African National Congress members in the Lesotho capital of Maseru. More than 30 recruits were killed, Pretoria said. Lesotho claimed the death toll was 41, and that many were civilians. It also denied that the ANC members were using their country to launch attacks into South Africa.

44 injured still in hospital

Staff Reporters FORTYFOUR bomb blast victims, injured in critical conditions, are still being treated in Pretoria hospitals. Twenty-two of the victims are being treated in Pretoria Hospital, 11 in the Balofang Hospital and 11 in 3 Military Hospital at Verwoerdburg.

Most of the dead are identified

Staff Reporter THE names of 11 of the 17 people killed in Friday's horror bomb blast have been released. They are: Corporal Anton Nel, Mr Stephen John Page, Commandant Johan de Villiers, Mrs "Stienie" Meyer.

Advertisement for heaters featuring a cartoon character and the text 'Mr Hot, our Winter Wizard, who turns winter chills to warmth and cheer with the flick of a switch or the turn of a knob.' Includes 'Brrr!' sound effect.

Heaviest May rainfall in six years

Staff Reporter THE rain which soaked Pretoria at the weekend was the heaviest May rainfall in the past six years, said a spokesman for the Weather Bureau.

SA likely to see PAU Cup replay live

SOUTH AFRICAN television viewers are likely to see the replay of the PAU Cup final, which is to be replayed on Thursday at 8:30 pm.

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