

SAAF jets blast ANC bases

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An ANC logistic headquarters and supply point in the light of several intelligence reports to remove the command, South Africa's air force, however, exercised self-control but neighbouring states such as Angola and Mozambique abused the situation by allowing their territories to be used as a base for ANC operations and also providing support.

Western diplomats in Maputo reportedly confirmed this morning's retaliatory attack.

They said witnesses had seen three jets fly overhead and a cloud of smoke in an area of Maputo known as "Liberdade".

The Mozambican news agency, AFP, said the raid occurred at 2.20 am from the south but provided no further details.

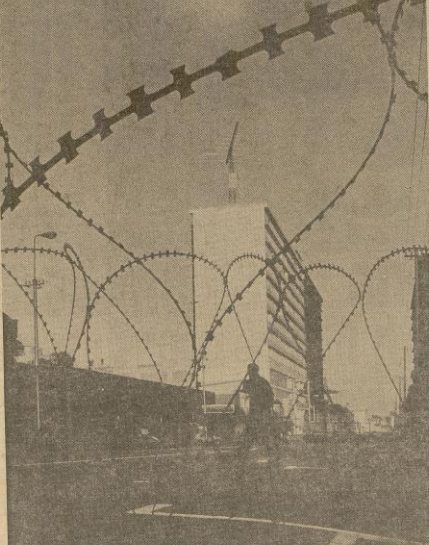
General Malan said: "Although the retaliatory attack could never be considered for the cowardly, barbaric attack in a busy central area of Pretoria, it will at least demonstrate to the world and South Africa's enemies that South Africa is ready to act where and when necessary."

He said the Church Street bombing was clear proof of the intention of international terrorism and especially the Palestine Liberation Organisation on the ANC.

He said these countries were aware that South Africa would retaliate and warnings had been conveyed on all levels — by the Prime Minister, through diplomatic channels and by means of security force liaison.

It was the second attack by security forces on Mozambique.

On January 20 1983 forces went to Mozambique to destroy several hideouts of the ANC which were reported to be the hideouts of the city. Three ANC bases were reported to have been destroyed.



Barbed wire barricades still blocked the area where the explosion happened on Friday. Workers were only allowed in if they were able to identify themselves.

GENERAL

127 taken to hospital by ambulance

Staff Reporter
A TOTAL of 127 victims of Friday's bomb explosion were taken to hospital in ambulances from the Pretoria and Verwoerdburg councils and military ambulances.

Pretoria's fire chief Mr Willem du Plessis said 28 Pretoria city council ambulances transported 53 patients from the scene to hospital.

He said he understood military ambulances had transported a further 72 victims and the Verwoerdburg ambulance the other two.

These represented the more seriously injured people. Many others were transported by private car or took themselves to hospital, he said.

An ambulance was involved in an accident on the corner of Schabert and Vreugde streets and while neither the driver or the patient were seriously injured as a result the ambulance was a "write-off", Mr du Plessis said.

He said the patient being transported was not a victim of the blast, but that the accident was probably a result of traffic chaos in the area.

A traffic car was also involved in a minor accident near the H. F. Verwoerdburg Hospital, a council spokesman said.

The traffic officer had just taken two seriously injured patients to the hospital when he had the accident.

Mr du Plessis praised his fire and ambulance staff and the police, especially Brigadier Wandrag who coordinated the rescue operation.

He also thanked members of the public who helped on the scene.

FOR YOUR INFO

WEATHER

FORECAST for today and tomorrow: Fine to partly cloudy and mild with fresh south westerly winds.

TEMPERATURES

Pretoria's min: 17.7

OTHER CENTRES

Amsterdam	18.4
Bloemfontein	12
Cape Town	17
Durban	21
East London	12
Johannesburg	12
Krugersdorp	13
Nelspruit	24
Pieterburg	23
Port Elizabeth	18
Rustenburg	18
Sixton	18
Wahlburg	18

AROUND THE WORLD

Amsterdam	18
Algeria	31
London	15
Paris	13
Tripoli	28

SUNSET: 1.56

SUNRISE: 6.42

RAIN (24 hours)

Brooklyn	10.5
Innes Park	15.3
CSIR	28.0
Constatia Park	9.5
Groenkloof	11.5
Harwood	10.5
Mountain View	12.7
Lynwood Glen	22.0
Mountain View	12.7
Oudtshoorn	15.0
Garfontein	21.5
Queenstown	16.7
Waterkloof	12.5
Air Station	18.4
Waverley	15.0
Wentworth	15.0
Westport	5.0
Willowpark	7.5
Woodstock	24.2

OTHER CENTRES

Irene	0.8
Cape Town	6.1
Durban	18.3
East London	0.8
Krugersdorp	1.0
Nelspruit	8.7
Pieterburg	1.5
Port Elizabeth	8.7
Wahlburg	6.4

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Three of these whose names have been withheld are reported to be in a critical condition in the H. F. Verwoerdburg Hospital's intensive care unit.

Others on the critical list are a 23-year-old national serviceman who had an amputation of the lower leg and is suffering from burns and leg fractures, and a 35-year-old member of the Defence Force with head injuries, arm and leg fractures and third-degree burns.

The fourth person on the critical list has been identified as Miss P. Francke (21) of the SADF, who suffered multiple injuries and arm and leg fractures.

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Injuries: 29 names

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Blast: 'Good clues found'

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Police investigations into Friday's bomb blast were making "good progress," Law and Order Minister Mr Louis le Grange said today.

"Excellent work" had been done over the weekend, he added.

"Interesting and important clues had already been discovered."

Mr le Grange repeated his belief that this was the work of the African National Congress and he warned that similar attacks could be expected in the course of this year.

He was convinced the police would track down the guilty and said teams of investigators were working around the clock on what was essentially a slow business.

Mr le Grange offered no comment on reports that two "whites" who had come from Botswana were possibly responsible for the explosion or that the bomb — apparently weighing 60 kg — had been detonated by a radio signal.



Police in camouflage were on standby as members of the public were excluded from the blast area yesterday.

Close links

Mr le Grange said, however, he had no doubt there were close links between the ANC and the Fractional Liberation Organisation and the Irish Republican Army.

Pretoria's explosion followed the pattern of the FEO and the IIRA. The barbed wire barrier thrown around the disaster area immediately after the blast on Friday had struck today in a coalition of Church Street West between Roman Road and the main road.

Police said the restrictions would be in place in this area until investigations had progressed "satisfactorily".

However, workers were allowed into the area at noon yesterday to start repairing damage, and shop-

Corporal dies on border

EAST LONDON — A 23-year-old national serviceman, Lance Corporal Colin Vandenberg, has been killed in a shooting incident in the operational area.

He was the son of Mr and Mrs C. R. Kinross of King William's Town.

Lance Corporal Vandenberg was stationed at Dale College.

A South African Defence Force spokesman said that the incident happened on Thursday. No other details were available.

— Sapa.

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R30 000 armed grab at bank in Laudium

Staff Reporter
A LAUDIUM bank customer was held to his car and forced to hand over R30 000 in cash and a cheque for R11 000 from the Standard Bank.

Lieutenant-Colonel Fred King, head of the Pretoria Murder and Robbery Squad, said the men entered the bank armed with automatic weapons at about 10 am today.

They held up a cashier, Mrs Kalka Abba (28) and three other employees.

While they were doing this, Mr Bobby Smit (40), of Bergel R100 in cash and a cheque for R11 000 and in which a man was waiting to speed away.

Mrs Matreus Smit said her shocked husband told her shortly after the incident one of the men said to him, "they, you bastard, he shoot you."

Colonel King said R30 000 had been taken from the bank and R100 from Mr Smit. The men made their getaway in a blue car, in which a man was waiting to speed away.

Nine die in avalanche

REGGIO (Italy) — A giant avalanche roared down on Reggio in Northern Italy at the weekend, killing nine people and injuring at least 30 officials said.

Rescue squads searched for at least four others who had disappeared under tons of snow and mud. There was little chance they had survived the avalanche, officials in the neighbouring town of Treviso said. — Sapa-AP.

'Bomb, raid turning points in conflict'

JOHANNESBURG — Events of the past few days — the Pretoria bomb attack on Friday and the air raid on Maputo this morning — represent an important turning point in terms of the escalating conflict in southern Africa.

This is the view of Dr Peter Vale of the Institute of International Affairs at Jan Smuts House, Johannesburg.

"There is now no longer any reason not to believe that the conflict situation will not deepen," he said today of the SA Defence Force air raid on targets in Maputo.

Academics approached — others were Professor Mike Hough of the Department for Strategic Studies at the University of Pretoria and Mr

Collin Vale of the Department of International Relations at the University of the Witwatersrand — agreed the SADF raid would delay further ANC attacks on South Africa for some time.

"The ANC organisation is likely to be damaged by attacks like these and the gap before a next attack by them would be bigger," Mr Collin Vale said.

Dr Peter Vale said a normal reading of the situation would be that the ANC would be debilitated and possibly Monrovia as well — and that it would take time to regroup and reorganise.

Professor Hough said: "The Defence Force acted as people expected them to react, and this time less people will have doubts about the legitimacy of across-the-border attacks than previously. While criticism can

'Uniforms off' ruling at trial of 6

PRETORIA NEWS Foreign Service
HARARE — Controversy surrounded the start of the sabotage trial of six white officers of the Zimbabwe Air Force here today when the State objected to the appearance of the men in uniform.

The judge had not entered the court when, after discussion between the court, the officers were returned to the cells.

A government official said they would have to change into civilian clothes.

The officers who include the Chief of Air Staff, Air Vice-Marshal Hugh Statter, looked in good spirits when they were brought into court.

They were taken to relatives and friends, including other Air Force officers, and gave the thumbs-up sign.

The officers face charges under the Law and Order (Maintenance) Act related to the sabotage of aircraft at the Thornhill base at Gweru last July.

2 held after killing at Showground

Staff Reporter
TWO men, aged 19 and 20, have been arrested in connection with the death of Mr Hannes Fourie at the Pretoria Showgrounds on Friday night.

Mr Fourie (61), of no fixed abode, was found dead with multiple injuries, police said today.

The two men are expected to appear in court today.

Leonid Borodin jailed

MOSCOW — Leonid Borodin, a Soviet dissident writer accused of promoting subversion through works published abroad, has been sentenced here to 10 years in a labour camp to be followed by five years' internal exile.

The official news agency Tass said a Moscow city court convicted Borodin of charges of anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda. He had been sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment over a number of years," it added. — Sapa-AP.

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