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The raid on Voortrekkerhoogte

Upsurge in ANC attacks on the cards — expert

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THE Voortrekkerhoogte rocket attack shows beyond doubt that the ANC is adopting a definite strategy of "selective military-type targeting" — and South Africa can prepare in the coming months for a sharp and dramatic upsurge in ANC terror and bomb attacks throughout the country.

This is the opinion of Dr Michael Hough, director of the Institute of Strategic Studies at Pretoria University and one of South Africa's foremost experts on revolutionary armed conflict.

Commenting on the Voortrekkerhoogte raid, Prof Hough said that by concentrating on military, semi-military (police stations) and economic (power stations) targets — all of them symbols of Government power — the ANC was attempting to classify its onslaught as a military-type armed struggle in the eyes of the world.

The main purpose for this was to gain international legitimacy (at present the ANC does not have the status even of SWAPO) and to have its campaign recognised not as indiscriminate terror, but as a legitimate urban guerrilla war.

This is the reason, says Dr Hough, why the ANC is committed more than ever in South Africa to intensifying its attacks against military installations.

"Having penetrated the base at Voortrekkerhoogte, and operating under extreme pressure from their Russian masters to produce and maintain results, the ANC can hardly be seen internationally to be reverting to blowing up railway lines and pylons.

"It must concentrate its efforts on attacking more installations in the prize category of Voortrekkerhoogte — and attacking just one target a month will not create internal chaos

in South Africa, cause industrial unrest or trigger external military intervention to help the ANC onslaught."

And although it is not policy to attack civilians — such indiscriminate action would embarrass the ANC's politically liberal supporters in the West and affect its efforts to be recognised as an urban guerrilla movement — no one could say this would not happen.

"It is not possible in any part of the world to predict the eventual outcome or pattern of terrorism".

The authorities and the public, says Dr Hough, will have to become more security conscious, and security measures will have to be stepped up, even if it means introducing more identification procedures, such as asking for drivers' licences to be produced on demand.

Commenting on ANC claims that it no longer required bases in neighbouring countries to launch operations in South Africa, Prof Hough said this was not significant as no large-scale base could survive in South Africa without being detected in reasonably good time.

The ANC, he said, operated within the country in groups of three or six, and did not require large bases.

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