

## **INDEMNITY GROSSKOPF**

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Hein Grosskopf, who fled to Britain in 1988 when accused of involvement in bomb blasts on the Witwatersrand, was on Friday indemnified by a presidential proclamation.

The unconditional indemnity was published in the Government Gazette.

"He is delighted, but he will probably not return to the country right away," Mr Grosskopf's father, Prof Johannes Grosskopf, said from his Stellenbosh home on Friday afternoon.

The proclamation indemnifies Mr Grosskopf from prosecution "for causing an explosion" in Quartz Street, Johannesburg, on July 30, 1987 "which resulted in damage to 58 buildings, 33 motor vehicles and the injury of 29 persons".

"We can now put this whole unpleasant episode behind us," said Prof Grosskopf. "Now Hein can come home without somebody making R50000 (the reward for information leading to his arrest) in the process."

President Nelson Mandela granted the pardon in terms of the Indemnity Act of 1990, which applies to political crimes.

Sixteen others were granted unconditional indemnity in terms of the Act, among them seven who escaped from custody in February 1990 during the Delmas treason trial.

In terms of the Further Indemnity Act of 1992, 55 people were given indemnity "in respect of acts with a political objective". They include Mr Jonathan Swift, Mr Trevor van Eck and Mr Mark Wade, who either refused to do military service or deserted from the defence force in the late 1980s.