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LUSAKA â\200\224 The African National Congress has claimed responsibility for the bombings in Johannesburg and Durban on the eve of the 22nd anniversary of the ANCâ\200\231s decision to take up arms against White-minority rule.

The claim was made in a statement sent by telex from its Lusaka office to the Associated Press agency in Johannesburg yesterday.

Thursday nightâ\200\231s blast in Johannesburgâ\200\231s Old Arcade Building, Market Street, was the third sabotage bombing of a Government office in the city to be claimed by the ANC in the past week.

Three hours after the Johannesburg blast, three bombs went off on

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a street near Durbanâ\200\231s holiday beachfront, damaging a lamppost but injuring no one.

The ANC statement marked the December 16, 1961, founding of Umkhonto we Sizwe (Zulu for Spear of the Nation), the military wing of the ANC.

For the first time since the Johannesburg blast at 5.45 pm on Thursday, reporters, under police supervision, were allowed to survey the exten-

_sive damage in Old Ar-

cade Building yesterday.

Seven people -were slightly injured in the ex-

plosion and nine floors
of the 11-storey building
were damaged.

The device gouged a
hole in the concrete on

the fourth floor blew
away the door, part of the
wall and wood panelling
and wrecked a large part
of the interior of the of-
fice occupied by the De-
partment of Foreign Af-
fairs on the fourth and
fifth levels of the build-
ing.

The brick and glass
protective structures on
the fourth floor were
destroyed and both lifts
were put out of order.
From the ground floor
upwards, the arcade was
littered with glass,
bricks, wood, concrete
and burnt carpeting

Shopowners and em-
ployees in the building

sifted through the dishe-

velled offices yesterday

. in an effort to salvage

valuable documents and

Cache of Red arms
found in Swaziland

MBABANE â\200\224 Another
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arms and explosives â\200\224
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ziland.

It is believed the arms,
found in an unoccupied
farmhouse near Mal-
kerns, were either aban-
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furniture.

A Foreign Affairs employee, surveying the wreckage in his office, which was littered with pieces of broken ceiling and window blinds, said it was "lucky" everyone had left the office at 4.15 pm "hours before the explosion."

The four men and two women injured in the blast were discharged from the Hillbrow General Hospital before midnight on the same night, a hospital official confirmed yesterday.

"All those admitted had only minor injuries," she said.

The seventh person reportedly injured in the blast was not admitted to hospital. "Sapa."

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move in furniture belonging to a tenant.

A farmworker "said: "We had just arrived with my employer on Wednesday when, after placing the things in the house, we discovered one room was locked and there was no key."

He said they eventually found the key hidden under a mat and when they entered, discovered machine-guns and an assortment of bomb components. "Sapa."

Swazis find new Russian arms cache

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U MBABANE. â\200\224 Another cache of Russian-made arms and explosives â\200\224 believed to have been hidden by the

African National Congress â\200\224 has been discovered in Swaziland, this time in an unoccupied farm house near Malkerns, some 20km west of Manzini.

It is believed the arms were either abandoned at the farm or left ready for collection by ANC members.

They were discovered by farmworkers who were -

helping to move in furniture for a tenant.

A domestic worker on the farm told reporters: â\200\234We had just amved with my employer on Wednesday

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ered one room was locked and there was no key.â\200\235 They found the key hidden under a mat.

When they entered, they discovered machineguns on shelves and an assortment of objects, which turned out to be bomb components and timing devices.

A Swaziland police headquarters spokesman confirmed the discovered arms were of Russian origin. -

Last week, eight limpet mines were discovered in a bag hidden in the bush south of Nhlangano in southern Swaziland, by two strolling lovers.

A Russian AK47 nĩ¬\202e was also found last week hidden in a forest at Mahamba on the Swazi-South African border in western Swaziland.

Villagers at Mhlangatane, near the Swazi-SA border " in northern Swaziland, arrested a member of the ANC whom they found with a machinegun and three hand-

- grenades.

The villagers said the man told them he was on his xsvay to â\200\234settle a scoreâ\200\235 with the South: Afncans â\200\224 apa,

â\200\230No end in sight for drought

NAIROBI. â\200\224 Scientists preparing an African conference on drought war- ned here yesterday there was no end in sight to the drought which has hit most of Africa, leaving 150-million people hun-

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The United Nations
Economic' Commission
for Africa (ECA) has
- convened a - scientific
round table to take place
" in February in the Ethio-
pian capital, Addis Aba-
ba, 'where the EGA is
based.

EGA environment di-
rector, Mr Sadig Rashid,
told journalists that ex-
perts preparing for the
conference could not

forecast when the drought

might end. " ' /
Sapa-Reuter.

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to see Tosh

MBABANE. Reggae singer, Peter Tosh, took
Matsapha Airport near Manzini by storm on Wed-
nesday afternoon when he arrived to a tremendous
welcome by thousands of reggae fans who gathered
from all parts of Africato greet him.

Dressed in his usual startling and colourful reggae
gear, he lit up a large dagga cigarette and told his
fans he had come home after 400 years.

Tosh said: "Although this is my first time in Afri-
ca, I intend to come back to settle. "

"This is my land and anyone who doesn't like it
better bite it."

He was glad the revolution is taking place
through music.

He said his mission when he returned to Africa
would be the elimination of apartheid. "I

Referencing to his smoking of the gqtematnonal
herb, he said it was not a cigarette. "A cigarette is
a White man's invention which has been cancerous
to society, whereas the herb is part of the African
heritage."

Tosh is to perform two concerts in Swaziland, and
security along the main routes to Lobamba, where

reggae fans flood in by the thousand
from neighbouring states. Sapa. Dooian &

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the performances will take place, has been heavily

BISHO. The former Ciskei Minister of Transport, Mr Namba Morris Sebe, is to appear in the Zwelitsha Magistrate's week on charges of corruption and fraud. :

This was announced by the Director-General of the Department of Justice, Mr D M Jali, in Bisho yesterday.

Mr Jali said Mr Sebe would appear in court on -

December 21.

Mr Sebe was detained

whilst serving as Minister of Transport, after which he was dismissed from his post.

Mr Sebe's sons, Koli and Toni, would appear

in court as well, Mr Jali

added.

Three other men appeared before a Zwelitsha

Magistrate. This week on

charges under the Secur-

ity Act, Mr Jali said. They were Major Ntant-G General Charles Sebe

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ity Act, Mr Jali said. They were Major Ntant-G General Charles Sebe beko Mlotana, Corporal and Lieutenant Mbule-Kaambashe Sebe son lo Xaba, the son of the of the former Command-Ciskei Vice President. er-in-Chief of State Se-Sapa.

Reporters detained after Sebe rebuke

Citizen Raporur

TWO reporters Of the Klieg William's Town newspaper, Imvo Zabantsundu, were detained on Thursday under the Ciskei National Security Act after being rebuked by President Lennox Sebe.

The reporters are Mr Sabelo Ngamigang My Bafo Mkefa.

According to reports, Mr A L Kritzinger, L, edicor,
and the two reporters were called to the Preygentâ\200\231s'
office on Thursday morning where they met with capj-
net Ministers, the Commissioner of Pohcc and the head
of the Security Police. :

The President rebuked the men for certain reports â\200\230 "

which had appeared in the latest issue of the newspaper
and they were detamed shortly afterwards

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beaches

Citizen Reporter
DURBAN. â\200\224 Confusion
reigned for a short while
on the Durban beachfront
on Thursday night when
three bombs went off on
the Snell Parade between
Natal â\202ommand head-
quarters and the Blue-
Lagoon.

Explosive devices were
attached to a lamp pole
on the beach-side of Snell
Parade between the two
areas and two other: ex-
plosive devices' were
placed in a shrubbery on
the beach nearby.

The explosions went off
at about 9 pm and within
seconds the police began
cordoning off the area
and diverting the heavy
traffic.

The chief CID for Port.
Natal, Brigadier John van
der Westhuizen, said two
of - the devices blasted
~ holes about a metre deep
and two metres wide in
the beach sand.

Nobody was injured in
the explosions but they
were heard from far dis-

tant areas. \

. Many houses as far as
â\200\234the Durban Berea, about
three km away, were
shaken by the blasts.

So far nobody has
claimed responsibility for
the explosions and the
- police have declined to
speculate.

Explosive experts from
the Security Branch were
still at the scene late yes-
terday searching for

clues.

The explosions were so loud that many people on the Berea thought that in fact they had occurred in the Musgrove shopping centre.

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_ Debris and glass fragments lie strewn around the Old Arcade in Johannesburg after the bomb exploded on the fourth floor. None of the shops in the Arcade were damaged.

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ByLOJISEVAN STRATEN

THE AFRICAN National . = Congress (ANC), has claimed responsibility for the four bomb explosions which rocked Johannesburg and Durban on the eve of the Day

â\200\230of the Vow.

Seven people were injured in the first bomb blast at the offices of the Department of Foreign Affairs in the Old Arcade Building, Market Street, Johannesburg, at 5.45

m.

A limpet mine was placed outside the entrance

- to the Department

of the offices. It ripped through nine floors of the

11-storey business complex.

causing extensive damage.

The bomb blast in Johannesburg was the third explosion on the Witwatersrand within two weeks - 200\224 and the seventh blast this year.

The bombings took place on the eve of the 22nd anniversary of the ANC's 200\231s decision to take up arms against White rule. On December 16, 1961, the 200\230Umkhonto we Sizwe 200\231 (Zulu for spear of

- the nation), the military

wing of the ANC, was founded.

The fourth, second and third floors were extensively damaged. Windows were shattered, brick and

200\234glass protective structures

were destroyed and both lifts were put out of ac-

tion.

The mine etched a hole

"in the concrete on the-

fourth floor, blowing away the door and part of the wall and wood paneling. The passage wall which consisted mainly of glass and wood, was ripped out.

Offices on the third floor, which house Countess Manufacturing Jewelers, were also badly dam-

shattered and glass partitions were destroyed.

Several shops on the second floor were also extensively damaged.

A police spokesman

said seven people were in-

jured in the blast. 200\234They

- were admitted to the Hill-

. brow Hospital, but dis-

charged after treatment,â\200\235

he said yesterday.
Those injured were: Mr

George Lekgwathi of So- -

weto; Miss Gertrude

Tshabalala of White City,

Jabavu; Mr Piet Tlou of

_ Diepkloof; Mr Madonse-
laâ\200\231Malope of Johannes-

burg; Mr Edward Kheswa
of Zone D1, Soweto;
Miss Philda Phongola of

- Senaoana, Soweto and a
aged. Windows were "

seventh man - who was
taken to the Hillbrow
Hospxtal by a traffic offi-

Pohce cordoned off the
building and barricades
were erected on the sides
of the Old Arcade Build-
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The place of origin of !

the four limpet mines -
which exploded in Johan-
nesburg and Durban, has *

not been established, a

police spokesman said !

yesterday.

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The place outside the entrance to the Depart- |
- ment of Foreign Affairs offices where the lim- |
pet mine exploded, blowing away the door, |.
part of the wall and wood panelling. 5
; Picture: Wessel Oosthuizen

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