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LUCY'S

HOUSE



WHAT HAVE I DONE: Mrs Lucy Mvubelo crying at her home yesterday.

Pic: MBUZENI ZULU

TWO PETROL BOMBS thrown through the window at veteran trade unionist, Mrs Lucy Mvubelo's, Orlando West home completely destroyed the furniture and house at the weekend.

No-one was injured in the fire, and

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the anonymous South African Suicide Squad (SASS) has claimed responsibility for the bombing. A spokesman for the South African Police at Protea yesterday confirmed the bombing and said members of the Security Police are investigating.

Flame

Mrs Mvubelo, who is the general secretary of the National Union of Clothing Workers, kept asking rhetorically: "What have I done" as she cried, looking at the remains of what used to be her pride and home. She estimated damage done to the furniture and house at more than R50 000.

She said: "I heard noises outside as if something was being dragged in the yard. I immediately thought somebody was stealing my new gate and on investigation, my nephew and I saw a large flame coming from the lounge which is at the front of the house. When he told me it was a bomb I rushed to my neighbours, who phoned the fire brigade. The incident took place at about 11.30 pm."

Mrs Mvubelo said

the fire brigade arrived about 45 minutes later.

Neighbours helped fight the fire with hosepipes and sand while waiting for the fire brigade. The fire was extinguished before it could destroy the two bedrooms in the house. She said she would like to thank all her neighbours who rallied round to help when the fire started on Sunday night.

Mrs Mvubelo has not

been in the good books of a number of black leaders in the past for encouraging foreign investment in South Africa. She also called on the African National Congress to support the call. Last week she said she supported all liberation movements and

called for the scrapping of apartheid in the country. Mrs Mvubelo also warned of problems if the Government did not implement meaningful changes soon.

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