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WHO planted the bomb that
wrecked the ollleea of the
Venda department of health
at 'I'hohoyndou (Ive day:
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No one knows - or so iueems.
And. according to Venda invent-
mentspokeunan Colonel Briandu
Toit. investigations into the mya-
texybunbtnghevebeenwspenbd
became of a lack of evidence.
He told the Soweton that foren-
t teeta had failed to detenmine
even the type of explosives used.
But a senior police m aid
inveetigations had pointed to two
white toldtetl. one a Ieniot' ntetn-
her of the Venda Defence Force.
and the other a seconded SADF
soldiee.

The acute: said the two. who
cannot be named. had allegedly
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hue earlier the some day and re-
moved guns. ammunition and ex-
pbaivet.

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Hours later. several explosions
tipped through Thohoyandou.

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tithe and a bottle state owned by
etihtmvmlal politician Ml' M
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ete the excuse for the takeover of
ml which come five day:
after the explosions.

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edly involved in the htenk-in had
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force and the civil aetvioe.

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at Manchu. saying shotgun: and
ammunition had been removed
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removed flout the hue. and de-

nted that then: was any link between the exptoeiom end the hut-
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VDF hue cnnanandet. had been
hnplicetedinthehteak-in. Hesaid
the two had since left Venda.
He said the eommmndet o! the
hm had resigned from the VDF.
He identified the othu man as an
SADF national servicemen who
had since left because he was on
aecondtnent.

The Anamy-Genetal had de-
clined to prosecute the two sol-
diets due to lack of evidence, Dtt
Toit said.

Du Toit said l'orei'ts'tc labora-
tory test: conducted on exhibits in
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Pretoria had failed to aseettain
whu typeotexptooiveamneed
in the attack. No one was injuted
in the btaat.

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showed that those teepomible en-
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the civilian regime in the hunte-
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army into poem and placed the
then Colonel Gabriel

Runushwma at the helm of the
quasi-indepettdeut atate.

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only security npp-attu that had
not been effected by the tebell'tott.

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Ptetnm. but has steadfastly te-
(med to say by whom.

In an interview tut yen.
Runnehwane said planting
and execution of the coup would
remain his "m until I die".

The police auction mat the
hold) attack was carted out by
the VDF to ctente mom for the

coup comes amid allegations by
Conservative Party deputy leader
Dr Fethi Zengher-zet doeu-
ment that the National Intelligence
Service showed that the Ciskei
coup was planned by Military
infiltrated h
The Venda coup : otherwise
eased tension in the area and has
allowed to avert a mutiny in the
had been infiltrated back into
many influential people in the
movement and the army.
Gettysburg. who would lead (the
pensioners in the SAP and the
to head the force at the end of
the year '91 at the end of this
month.
Relieved this was a relief
Runehwen had already asked
'Pretoria' for a white settlement.
The posts of councillor for jus-
tice and finance remain vacant to
date. with Rampho saying
he intended to have whites head-
ing those departments.