

## **RSA Blamed**

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[Excerpts] A booby-trapped car exploded in Maputo this morning, causing human and material damages. Deputy Minister of Interior Hipolito Patricio read a statement to the press.

[Begin Patricio recording] This is a communique issued by the Ministry of Interior of the People's Republic of Mozambique.

At about 0925 on 7 April 1988, an explosion occurred in Julius Nyerere Street which destroyed a light motor Honda Civic vehicle and seriously wounded its owner. It also caused light injuries to a child playing nearby. The owner of the vehicle is Professor Albie Sachs, an internationally known intellectual who has resided in the People's Republic of Mozambique for many years. The competent Mozambican authorities are carrying out the necessary investigations so that the occurrence can be explained. [end recording] [passage omitted]

Albie Sachs is a jurist, a writer, and a member of the ANC of South Africa. He usually works for the Mozambican Ministry of Justice. Albie Sachs was detained by the South African authorities in the early 1960's. Subsequently, he wrote a book entitled Albie Sachs' Prison Diary.

In Maputo, there is the belief that the perpetrators of this attempt on Sachs' life were South African agents. There is also news that Albie Sachs had received death threats last year. [passage omitted]