

Outrage at exile's murder grows

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NAIROBI: The Organisation of African Unity yesterday accused South Africa of involvement in the murder of Ruth First, the anti-apartheid campaigner who was killed by a parcel bomb in Maputo, Mozambique, on Tuesday.

A statement issued by the organisation's secretariat in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, said the OAU held Pretoria responsible for "this cowardly and criminal act." President Daniel Arap Moi of Kenya is currently OAU chairman.

The OAU said that Miss First, a leading member of South Africa's African National Congress, was killed because of her stand against "institutionalised racism."

Miss First, a white South African who lived in exile in Mozambique, was killed when she opened the parcel in her office at a university centre in Maputo.

In Maputo, a colleague of the dead woman said Miss First had often warned of Pretoria's "terrorism against the weapons of intellect and criticism."

The Mozambican scholar, Aquino de Braganca, spoke from hospital.—AP.