SOUTH AFRICA DENIES MAPUTO BOMB PLOT

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South Africa denied vesterday it plotted the death of Prof. Ruth First, a senior member of the outlawed African National Congress (ANC) who was killed by a parcel bomb in Maputo, Mozambique, oa Tuesday. Lt-Gen. Johan Coetzee, nead of the South African Security Police and Acting Police Commissioner, refuted Mozambique Government claims that the security police were involved.

Prof. First was the wife of Mr Joe Slovo, leader of the banned South African Communist party, who is thought to be one of the main planners of sabotage attacks in South Africa carried out by Mozambique-based ANC guerrillas.

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