



Ruth First, wife of the banned South African Communist Party leader, Joe Slovo, was killed in Maputo on Tuesday when she opened a parcel bomb addressed to her. Her death comes 18 months after a raid by South Africa on ANC bases in Maputo with which her husband was heavily connected. No secret was made of the fact that Mr Slovo, who was in East Germany at the time of the raid, was one of the prime targets of the raid. Ruth First was killed when she opened a parcel bomb at her office at the Eduardo Mondlane University. She is pictured above sitting in a Johannesburg office shortly before her deportation 18 years ago.