

# Destabilisation charges are serious matter for SA, says Malcomess

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ALLEGATIONS of destabilising action by the South African Government in Southern Africa was probably the most important issue raised in the parliamentary session, the PFP MP for Port Elizabeth Central, Mr John Malcomess, said last night.

Speaking at a report back meeting in his constituency, Mr Malcomess said the most serious allegation had been South Africa's role in the attempted Seychelles coup.

He said the Minister of Police, Mr Louis Le Grange's response at the time had been to say the mercenaries "were only running round the bush shooting out windows".

South Africa had raided Maseru, and allegations had been made that it supported the Mozambique Resistance Movement, Unita forces in Angola and the resistance movement in Zimbabwe, he said.

"That Maseru raid caused Dr Van Zyl Slabbert to say it was an important escalation of conflict in South Africa, and he was quite right. A couple of months later we had the Pretoria bomb blast."

Mr Malcomess highlighted PFP opposition to what he termed the "undemocratic" new constitution.

If a black majority took over the country under the proposed new constitution "it would suit a prospective black dictator

down to the ground"

He said a split was appearing at all levels in Afrikanerdom. The National Party could no longer say it was an exclusive instrument of Afrikanerdom when many organisations, including the PFP, now represented it.

Mr Malcomess said another major issue in the session had been the "Salem debacle" after the Strategic Fuel Fund paid for 1.5 million barrels of oil without ensuring that the sellers had legal title.

The apartheid system in South Africa had led to payment of R13.5 million more for the oil than the official Opec price, and Shell had to be compensated R30.5 million.

This meant that R44 million extra was paid out, yet there had been little investigation and no steps had been taken to establish better parliamentary control over public funds.

Mr Malcomess said police killings took place on an average of every second day and Mr Le Grange's initial response to the death of Mr Kobus Duvenage, an innocent victim, had horrified him.

His reply was that "time does not allow one to reply properly" and that he could not be expected "to run around agitatedly every time there is a crisis". Mr Malcomess said.