

South Africa will send protest

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THE South African Government intends sending a communique to the Mozambique authorities as a result of the shooting of a South African soldier by Mozambique troops two days ago.

A spokesman for the Department of Foreign Affairs in Pretoria said yesterday the Minister of Foreign Affairs would soon contact the Mozambique government on the issue.

South Africa considers good relations with its neighbours of paramount importance, but an incident of this nature could not be tolerated, the spokesman said.

A young soldier, Petrus Viljoen (22), was killed when he accidentally crossed the unmarked border between South Africa and Mozambique.

The Minister of Defence, General Magnus Malan, yesterday strongly criticized the action by Mozambique soldiers.

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