

Anti-Apartheid seeks

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meeting with Thatcher

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The Anti-Apartheid Movement is requesting a meeting with the Prime Minister to discuss attacks on people and buildings connected with the struggle against the South African government.

The murder of Ruth First, a British citizen working in Mozambique, has prompted Mr Bob Hughes, Labour MP for Aberdeen North and chairman of AAM, to ask Mrs Thatcher to take action.

A packet bomb killed Ms First and responsibility for it was attributed by the Mozambique government to the South African secret service.

Pretoria's hand is also seen in an explosion at the London offices of the African National Congress last year and two recent burglaries at liberation movement offices in London.

Mr Abdul Minty, secretary of AAM, wrote to the Prime Minister last month immediately after the murder of Ms First asking the Government to take action. In reply came a letter from the Foreign Office's southern Africa department saying that the Government condemned all acts of terrorism.

● Anti-Apartheid protesters plan to demonstrate against the opening in Holland Park, London, of a mission for Bophuthatswana.