

UK was told of 'base blast 3'

LONDON. — Britain has disclosed that the South African authorities had informed it about "the alleged involvement of three British subjects" in last August's attack on the Voortrekkerhoogte army base near Pretoria.

But the Foreign Office Minister, Mr Richard Luce, told Parliament there was no extradition treaty between Britain and South Africa and the British Government could not return any fugitive to a foreign state in the absence of extradition arrangements.

Earlier this week the head of South Africa's Security Police, Lieutenant General Johan Coetzee, said five white agents of the South African Communist Party, including the three Britons, had infiltrated South Africa from England to organise the attack.

He named the three Britons as Mr Nicholas Francis Henry Heath, Mr Bonnie Lou Muller and Mr David William Hedges.

Replying to a question, Mr Luce said the British Government condemned all acts of terrorism and attached "great importance to the adoption by all countries of appropriate measures to combat international terrorism, including adherence to the various relevant international conventions". — Sapa.