

# Ambush: brothers shot dead

## Daily Dispatch Reporter

UMTATA — A Grahams-town attorney, Mr Alistair Weakley, 43, and his brother, Mr Glen Weakley, 48, of Durban, were shot dead in an ambush while returning from a fishing trip between Sinangwana and Port St Johns on Tuesday evening.

Mr Keith Rumble, of Richards Bay, was slightly injured when the car rolled down a steep slope and came to a standstill 200 metres from the road. Mr Rumble's eight-year-old son Brett and another boy, Tom O'Keeffe, 12, escaped unhurt.

A Transkei police spokesman, Major M. S. Mkiwane, said the three men and two boys were returning to their holiday home at Sinangwana when the occupants of a stationery vehicle opened fire on them.

The incident was reported to police by a se-

curity guard who ran several kilometres from Sinangwana to Port St Johns. The dead men's bodies are being kept at Port St Johns mortuary.

The survivors of the attack and other families who were staying in the area sought refuge at the South African embassy in Umtata yesterday and were later escorted to the border by Transkei police.

Mr Alistair Weakley's girlfriend, Mrs Chloe O'Keeffe, and her three young children drove on to Queenstown. A light aircraft was chartered to fly them back to the Grahamstown late yesterday. Mrs O'Keeffe was reported to be at home in Grahamstown last night in a state of shock.

Mr Weakley was born at Cofimvaba in Transkei — also the birthplace of Mr Chris Hani — and was educated at Queen's College.

He was a Xhosa lin-



Mr Alistair Weakley

guist and keen sportsman, captaining Rhodes University at rugby and playing for Border. He was also a road runner with several ultra-marathons to his credit.

Mr Weakley was a member of the executive of the Grahamstown Democratic Party.

The South African embassy in Umtata has advised South Africans not to travel through Transkei because of the

"tense situation" and to take all precautions if they do so.

The South African ambassador in Transkei, Mr Horace van Rensburg, said he was giving this advice to South Africans not only because of the incident in Port St Johns, but because of "the general situation in the country".

The Transkei military ruler, Major General Bantu Holomisa, rejected the warning by the embassy and said the South African Government should consider removing Mr van Rensburg from his office as "he is not suited for the politics of the region".

Gen Holomisa said the incident was being investigated by police and warned the Transkei Government's patience was "running out" with regard to warnings to tourists.

## Crackdown on protests after