

Ambush survivor tells of Transkei slaying

A REGULAR visitor to the Transkei who, together with two children, survived a hail of bullets which killed two of his friends this week, yesterday vowed never to return to the homeland.

Brothers Alistair and Glen Weakley were shot and killed in the attack about 5 45pm on Wednesday.

Mr Keith Rumble, 38, general manager of Richards Bay Minerals, was shot in the head when the vehicle in which he, his seven-year-old son, Brent, a friend, 11-year-old Thomas, and the Weakley brothers

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were travelling, was attacked by five gunmen.

Describing his ordeal yesterday, Mr Rumble said an outing with the family and friends at Sinangwana, 25km south of Port St Johns, turned out to be a nightmare.

"We left some of the family, including my wife and Alistair's girlfriend and her children at the resort, while the five of us decided to use a bakkie for the trip.

"I was seated, together with the children, in the back seat, when about 1km from the cottage, I saw a car with five blacks. As we passed the car, I heard automatic rifle fire.

"I knew I had been shot in the head. I think Alistair, who was driving, was killed instantly. I think he still had his foot on the pedal, as the bakkie kept on moving, which was fortunate for us, because we were getting away from the line of gunfire," Mr Rumble said.

He added that the bakkie left the road "and rolled

about 10 times before coming to a stop on its roof at the bottom of the valley.

"I hauled the kids out and shouted to them to run and hide in the bushes and to try to find their way to the cottage. We reached the cottage about the same time, from where we summoned for help.

"Fearing these guys might come to the cottage and throw a grenade, we switched off the lights and barred the windows with a mattress until the police arrived".