

Crash of Zimbabwe Air Force plane in Mozambique (Text of South African agency dispatch datelined Harare, 11th July) The Zimbabwean Ministry of Defence announced today that four Air Force officers had died in a plane crash in Mozambique yesterday. The Minister of State (Defence), Mr Ernest Kadungure, said in a statement released in Harare that the fatal aircraft accident occurred shortly after take-off from Chimoio airfield. The aircraft was an Air Force of Zimbabwe Dakota with 10 Zimbabwean servicemen on board. Officers killed in the crash were Group Capt D.S. Rider, Sqn-Ldr C E. de Jong, Air Lt O. Mutero and Air Lt R.R. Mavondo. There were six survivors, the Minister said. A technical fault is believed to be the cause of the crash. The fault developed immediately after take-off. Announcing the crash "with deep regret and sorrow", Mr Kadungure said a board of inquiry had been instituted. (SAPA in English 1819 gmt 11 Jul 86)