

'White Devil' Roxo killed in Angola

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DANIEL ROXO (right) the renowned Mozambique terrorist fighter known to his Frelimo enemies as "The White Devil", is dead.

Roxo, who was decorated three times by the Portuguese for his anti-terrorist exploits, was killed by a landmine in southern Angola. He was buried at the weekend.

For more than 10 years Daniel Roxo's private army of militiamen terrorised Frelimo in Niassa Province.

Roxo was a big-game hunter based at Vila Cabral, near the shores of Lake Malawi, when Frelimo launched its war on the Portuguese.

With a band of 75 trained African militia, most of them his former gun-bearers and trackers, he used his bushcraft to attack Frelimo bases deep in what they thought was safe territory.

Frelimo put a price on his head — at one

time said to be as high as R100 000 — and even tried to bribe him to stop his personal campaign.

Roxo, who was paid only R200 a month, once turned down an R800-a-month offer to become a mercenary.

Although his militia could have collected a reward at any time by handing him over to Frelimo, they remained intensely loyal to him.

When he was seriously wounded by a booby trap, they fought their way through enemy territory for three days to get him to hospital.

Roxo was decorated for bravery in 1968 and 1970, and received his third War Cross in 1973.

After the Frelimo takeover, Roxo was said to be involved with Jorge Jardim, the Right-wing millionaire, and with the free Mozambique Movement which staged an unsuccessful coup attempt. Later he fled to South Africa.