

Mozambique Dissident Group's "Military" Claims

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Text of report:

We have received the following war communique from the department of information of the Mozambican national resistance.

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Since our last war communique the resistance military command has briefed us on the following operations:

- (1) On 26th March, resistance forces ambushed a detachment of the FPLM [Mozambican armed forces] in the area of (?Mucianharu), to the south of Catandica in Manica Province. Eleven enemy soldiers were killed and a large quantity of war material seized;
- (2) On 6th April, a Frelimo Machelist brigade, protected by FPLM elements, was attacked by our forces in the area of (?Maviza). Two members of the FPLM surrendered to our forces and the enemy suffered heavy casualties;
- (3) On 10th April, our forces attacked the concentration camp of Gorongosa in the area of (?Pacuzi). In this attack 379 prisoners were freed, the majority of whom joined the ranks of the Mozambican national resistance. The concentration camp, as well as all the FPLM barracks guarding the camp, were completely destroyed. Sixteen FPLM soldiers were killed by our forces and the rest ran into the bush. A large number of weapons and other items of war material were taken by our forces;
- (4) On 12th April, a heavy FPLM motor vehicle detonated a mine in the area of Candiado, to the south of Chicamba Real dam. The mine, which was planted by our forces, completely destroyed the vehicle;
- (5) During an ambush that the enemy laid against our forces in the area of (?Mavongue) on 18th April, a resistance fighter was injured and died later at the Manica central base. Four FPLM soldiers were killed during the skirmish;
- (6) On 19th April, a heavy motor vehicle made in East Germany transporting FPLM material was completely destroyed after it had detonated a mine planted by our forces in the area of Rotanda;
- (7) A resistance reconnaissance brigade making for Inhambane Province informed the military command of the Mozambican national resistance that the residents of Vila Franca, in Save area, had rebelled against the police of the exploitative communist system of the government of Samora Machel. During the rebellion the FPLM fired indiscriminately on defenceless civilians.

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