

Mozambican Security Forces' Capture of Alleged Rhodesian Spies

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Text of report:

The people's national security forces recently captured an enemy agent in Chiuta district, Tete Province. This individual had infiltrated our national territory on an espionage mission. Jose Amoni Makanga [phonetic] was detected while trying to obtain information about a school centre. This information, which he was to transmit to his bosses in Rhodesia, was intended to lead to an operation to kidnap students or even to bomb the school.

Jose Makanga is a traitor. He fell into the hands of the enemy because he was unable to resist vices which are the vestiges of colonialism. He did no work. He was both lazy and ambitious. His first years of education were passed at a Frelimo school. In 1970 he joined (?Kavenda) school. Later he attended Chipera pilots' centre, Tete Province. That is what Jose Makanga said when giving a brief life history.

He became an active enemy agent around 1978, -when he was recruited by members of the Rhodesian secret service. Having been contacted in the area of Furancungo, he was taken by helicopter to Rhodesia, where he underwent military training.

The Rhodesian spy's capture was due to popular vigilance on the part of the residents of Chiuta district. The enemy agent, who was trying to put the lives of hundreds of Mozambican young people and students in danger, was detected and captured. This is further proof of the need to heighten revolutionary vigilance.

Members of the people's national security elements have also arrested another Rhodesian spy, named Katissa Maponda [phonetic] also known as (?Kasseke). This individual was arrested in Tete Province after having infiltrated Mozambique to carry out espionage missions. He is a Smith soldier and member of the Special Branch. Having infiltrated our territory, Katissa Maponda was to obtain information on the whereabouts of FPLM barracks, Zimbabwean refugee camps and routes used by nationalist fighters. Before being sent into Mozambique he received 2,000 escudos and was promised another 5,000 escudos on return. That is what Katissa Maponda said. He does not hide the nature of the actions he was to have carried out for such a paltry sum.

The enemy agent was recruited into the Rhodesian secret service early in 1978. That is what he himself said. Smith's troops appeared at his school and took him and some other boys for training as spies.

The Rhodesian secret service elements who are infiltrating Mozambique are supported by the soldiers of Bishop Muzorewa. The aim behind their intensification of aggression is to try to demoralize the Mozambican people and sway them from their support for the struggle of the Patriotic Front of Zimbabwe.

Through his statement, the Rhodesian spy confirms that the Mozambican people are among the enemies of the Zimbabwean people, the Smith regime and its puppets. We must therefore maintain our genuine unswerving solidarity with the Patriotic Front of Zimbabwe until the defeat of the Salisbury regime.