

MOZAMBIQUE

COMMENTARY ON MACHEL'S, MUGABE'S RECRUITMENT PRACTICES

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[Station commentary]

[Text] Being a mercenary is a crime against the people and their state security according to the death sentence which Samora Machel has introduced in Mozambique. The same law establishes that the crime of being a mercenary carries the death sentence or 12-30 years' imprisonment. The so-called Revolutionary Military Tribunal has already ordered the assassination of 20 people, some of whom were accused of involvement in mercenary activities.

To recruit Mozambique youths and train them at Boane training center and later use them in the armed forces other than those of Mozambique is committing the crime of being a mercenary. We are discussing this subject, because two Mozambique youths recently surrendered to the resistance forces. Jose Jorge and Manuel Nacionio are Mozambicans who were conscripted in Mozambique. Having completed their training in Boane, they were ordered to join Zimbabwe guerrillas who were preparing to enter Zimbabwe.

According to Manuel Antonio and Jose Jorge, many other Mozambique youths are in Zimbabwe fighting alongside Robert Mugabe's forces. Those who refuse to go to Zimbabwe are executed. The resistance forces have so far discovered the bodies of 17 Mozambicans murdered by Mugabe's bandits for refusing to join them.

When this situation is viewed in the light of the crimes against the people and the people's state security, the fact that Samora Machel's government is committing mercenary activities becomes clear.