

Mozambique Dissidents' Military Claims

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The Mozambique national resistance security department has distributed the following war communique for publication:

Communique: (1) At 2200 hrs [local] on 25th May 1979 a group of resistance forces attacked and completely destroyed a Frelimo base in Gorongoza area, Sofala Province. The base contained large quantities of equipment and heavy vehicles. In the attack 19 heavy vehicles were destroyed. Two Land-rovers and one lorry were captured by our forces, which then used them until the end of the operation. In this attack 10 FPLM [Mozambican army] soldiers were shot dead and 19 wounded, most of them seriously. Four FPLM soldiers surrendered to the resistance forces. They are now fighting on our side;

(2) On the night of 29th May 1979 an enemy force made up of FPLM and militiamen was ambushed by a resistance group on the Maputo-Inchope road. In the ambush four FPLM soldiers and three militiamen were killed. Eight enemy soldiers were wounded:

(3) In attacks carried out on 25th and 29th May resistance forces made major hauls of arms, other war equipment and various documents;

(4) Resistance forces have been ambushing vehicles belonging to the FPLM and the Machelist party, Frelimo. As a result of these frequent ambushes, traffic to and from Tete, Chimoio, Beira and Maputo towns has been seriously affected, forcing the enemy to move in military convoys;

(5) Since the publication of our last war communique, 94 FPLM soldiers have deserted their barracks, joined resistance forces and sworn to fight against betrayers of the fatherland.

We also report that members of the civilian population in various areas of the country have decided to take up arms, thus joining their sons who are heroically fighting in the resistance ranks. The struggle continues; freedom or death; victory is ours.

That was the text of a war communique issued by the security department of the Mozambique national resistance.

Summary of World Broadcasts, 12 June 1979