

Capture of "Counter-Revolutionary Group" in Mozambique

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A counter-revolutionary group, which was about to carry out acts of terrorism and sabotage during the celebrations on 25th June, was detained in Maputo last week by the People's National Security Service, Snasp. This gang of enemy agents also intended to assassinate leaders of the Mozambican revolution.

The credit for the neutralization of this counter-revolutionary group goes to the people's vigilance, which alerted the People's National Security Service. The latter immediately carried out investigations resulting in the capture of the enemy agents. The investigations showed that this group of counter-revolutionary murderers periodically received instructions from imperialist intelligence services based in South Africa and the British colony of southern Rhodesia, where there is a base for subversive activities against our country.

Apart from other missions, this group of people's murderers was charged with the reconnaissance of strategic points in Maputo with a view to carrying out subversion and sabotage. They also had instructions to engage in major acts of economic sabotage. The enemy agents were in possession of small arms and explosives which they intended to use in their attempts against the Mozambican people, with the help of mercenaries and traitors.

All this once again demonstrates that, as the Mozambican people, led by the Frelimo party, forges ahead to consolidate our national independence, the enemy is intensifying his crimes against our fatherland and our revolution in a vain attempt to obstruct the building of socialism. His immediate objective is to create unrest and obstacles to hamper the process of the construction of an independent and planned economy, and to weaken our support for the liberation struggles of other peoples, particularly that of the people of Zimbabwe. Their final objective is to destroy the revolutionary power of the Mozambican people and to hand our country over to usurpers and people's exploiters.

The fact that the enemy chose the 25th June to carry out his crimes, clearly shows that what he hates most are our independence and liberty. It also shows us once again that any enemy attempt is foiled when it encounters organized people's vigilance, which constitutes a mighty fortress against which all enemy attempts to destroy our revolution will be smashed.

The People's National Security Service has accordingly issued the following communique:

Enemy units comprising mercenaries and traitors were about to carry out an armed invasion from some neighbouring countries against the PRM using material and financial support from capitalist powers. This plan falls within the framework of the escalating aggression by imperialism against our country with the objective of destroying the gains achieved by the Mozambican people which are the fruit of 10 years of victorious armed struggle against Portuguese colonialism, and four years of national reconstruction. It is within this framework that imperialism which, while attacking us through the illegal regime of southern Rhodesia, is constantly attempting to infiltrate groups of armed murderers into our country. These groups, which are charged with the mission of massacring our people, destroying our achievements, sabotaging our economy, engaging in terrorism and banditry, aim at creating unrest and to obstruct economic and social development as defined by our party, Frelimo.

Meanwhile, we are also witnessing an increasing number of violations of our air space and the marshalling of enemy troops on our frontiers. These plans aim at launching a new armed invasion against the PRM as a part of a comprehensive imperialist plan for southern Africa. The imperialist plan for this part of the world is to perpetuate domination over the peoples of Zimbabwe, Namibia and South Africa by the Salisbury and Pretoria regimes. This accounts for the intensified subversion and armed attacks against the frontline states which constitute a safe rearguard of the struggle of those peoples for their national independence. In this context, the military support rendered by South Africa to the Rhodesian illegal regime exacerbates the danger of the internationalization of the conflict.

The Mozambican people from Rovuma to Maputo have just celebrated the 17th anniversary of the founding of Frelimo and the fourth national independence anniversary. Our people, under the leadership of the Frelimo party, are scoring increasing achievements in the liquidation of the weighty heritage of colonialism and in the building of socialism. Our permanent enemy, imperialism, and its internal and external agents, are attempting to destroy these gains. They attempt to create unrest and liquidate the people's power in our country. As we increase our capacity to respond to enemy action, the enemy also engages in more sophisticated forms of action. Today, the enemy is largely resorting to subversion, subtle forms of sabotage, and campaigns against our country in the Western reactionary media.

In 1979, the Mozambican people led by the Frelimo party, are committed to the implementation of the word of order and to consolidate our gains as defined by President Samora Moises Machel. A particular and very important aspect in the consolidation of our gains is the defence of our fatherland and revolution against enemy action.

Our supreme leader has taught us that we must destroy the enemy before he can destroy us. This demands from every Mozambican a high degree of consciousness,

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patriotism, active participation in people's organized vigilance, strengthening of unity and a firm fight against racism, tribalism, regionalism and all other forms of divisionism that may weaken our people's power. We must also maintain our commitment to production and productivity in the decisive task during the present phase of fighting for our total liberation and the building of socialism in our republic.

To engage in vigilance is a concrete way of consolidating our gains, defending our revolution and constantly fighting our fatherland's enemies.

The struggle continues.