

Plot foiled

MOZAMBIQUE recently foiled an attempt by armed agents operating under instructions from secret services based in Rhodesia and South Africa to assassinate its leaders and carry out terrorist and sabotage operations in the country. The group, which was armed with light weapons and explosives, planned to fulfil its mission on June 25, to mark Mozambique's third independence anniversary celebrations, but was arrested and detained a week before, according to a report by Radio Mozambique.

In addition to assassinating the leaders and carrying out terrorism and sabotage, the radio added, the group was also on a reconnaissance mission for a major invasion. '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 revolution in a vain attempt to obstruct the building of socialism'.

Since Mozambique closed its borders with Rhodesia in March 1976 to comply with the United Nations sanctions against the rebel colony and in support of the struggle of the people of Zimbabwe for freedom and independence, it has been the target of incessant armed attacks from Salisbury and sometimes from Pretoria aimed at weakening the country's support for the liberation struggle in southern Africa.