

Mozambique Dissidents' "War Communiqué"

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The defence department of the Mozambique National Resistance [RNM] has issued the following war communiqué:

Communiqué No 87 of July 1980: In June this year our forces, operating in the provinces of Manica and Sofala, carried out the following operations.

In Manica Province, on 7th June, in the [name indistinct] area, RNM forces destroyed one FPLM enemy vehicle, which was blown up by a landmine laid by RNM forces. In this area the glorious RNM forces, under Commander (?Gidiao), captured (?30) AK-47 automatic rifles, eight magazines with ammunition, and three steel helmets. They also destroyed a (?petrol) tank.

On 10th June, in the [name indistinct] area, the Mozambican resistance forces, led by Commander (?Nota), ambushed a detachment of the Machelist oppression troops. As a result of the ensuing battle, our forces killed five enemy soldiers and the survivors fled in disarray. Our forces captured one enemy soldier.

On 18th June, in Rovue region, our forces, led by Commander (?Joseta), attacked enemy positions, inflicting heavy losses on the Machelist enemy troops. Among the enemy dead was a commander of the third FPLM company (?which had been dispatched) from Beira. As a result of the fighting the enemy abandoned war equipment as follows: 15 AK-47 automatic rifles, 27 magazines with ammunition, three (?boxes) of machine-gun ammunition, one 82-mm mortar, 15 hand grenades, 11 82-mm mortar shells and (?11) other kinds of mortar shells, one radio transmitter, six steel helmets, 19 raincoats, four (?heavy cardigans), three pairs of boots, and two toothbrushes.

Our forces also engaged the enemy in the areas between (?Dondo) and (?Chimite) from 20th to 21st June. In operations in that area our forces killed six FPLM enemy soldiers. The enemy also abandoned war equipment, which was captured by our forces; this included eight AK-47 automatic rifles, 15 [words indistinct] machine-guns, one MG(?2) machine-gun, 21 Bazooka RPG-7 shells, six 60-mm mortar shells, four steel helmets, six blankets, and two magazines for automatic rifles.

In Sofala Province on 28th June the glorious RNM wiped out 15 Machelist soldiers at a place on the Gorongoza-(?Ebuza) road. Our forces captured the following enemy equipment: 96 82-mm mortar shells, 62 RPG-7 bazookas, eight AK-47 automatic rifles, 15 boxes of ammunition for automatic rifles, two

82-mm mortars, 21 hand grenades, one military vehicle, 65 [word indistinct], 38 raincoats, 33 military caps, and 28 steel helmets.

In Manica Province on 30th June, one military vehicle of the Machelist troops was completely destroyed when it detonated a landmine on the Dombe-Rovue road. Our forces commanded by [words indistinct] (?cleared the enemy forces) from the area. On the same day the glorious RNM, led by Commander (?Valia), engaged Machelist enemy forces in the (?Muicati) mountain area. RNM forces killed seven FPLM elements. Our forces captured (?nine) AK-47 automatic rifles, two [words indistinct] semiautomatic rifles, nine RPG-7 bazookas, one FN automatic rifle, and one magazine and three boxes of ammunition for automatic rifles.

In a desperate attempt to neutralize RNM operations, Soviet-built MiG aircraft of the air force of the Machel regime have been conducting air raids with napalm bombs on Espungabera, Dombe and (?Rotalho), in Manica Province, forcing Mozambican refugees to flee to Zimbabwe.

The struggle continues; death or freedom; victory is certain.