

Mozambique Dissidents' Military Communiqué

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Text of poorly received report.

The defence department of the Mozambican National Resistance, RNM, has issued the following war communiqué:

- (1) The propaganda machine in the service of the communist oppressive regime of the Machelist Frelimo has recently announced that the glorious Mozambican National Resistance forces had once again suffered further defeat in the Shitatonga area in Manica Province;
- (2) According to the same propaganda machine, the Mozambican National Resistance guerrillas suffered 272 dead and over 300 patriots had been captured by the troops of Machelist communism;
- (3) The current campaign by the Machelist propaganda machine is in the context of a scheme, which for a long time has been adopted by the Samora Machel regime, designed to confuse the Mozambican people and mislead international public opinion on the true internal situation in Mozambique. As a matter of fact, the recent claim is not the first in which the Machelist regime has spoken of imaginary victories over our forces. In November 1979 the FPLM General Staff announced that its forces had completely destroyed the Mozambican National Resistance. However, six months later Machelism found itself forced to ask for the assistance of the racist soldiery of the former regime of Ian Smith, to help neutralize this very resistance. Contradiction is the hallmark of the Machel regime; everything now proves that the Resistance was not destroyed in November 1979;
- (4) In the last week of June, the Machelist enemy concentrated a large force of soldiers in the Shitatonga area, with the aim of destroying one of the Mozambican National Resistance bases. However, the presence of the enemy troops in the area was promptly spotted by our advanced bases. Our units in the advanced bases alerted our main base to prepare itself for combat;
- (5) In the course of the fighting which ensued, our forces killed 168 FPLM soldiers and wounded a large number of others;
- (6) During the fighting, our forces suffered four losses (Portuguese, baixas);
- (7) In a desperate attempt to cover up and (? hide) their ignominious defeat, the enemy did not reveal their own casualties. Instead, they went about telling the people and the puppets of the Machelist information machine that their forces had defeated the forces of the Mozambican National Resistance and that the resistance itself had once again been completely destroyed;
- (8) While the Machelist regime goes about cheating the Mozambican people, telling them about imaginary victories over the Mozambican National

Resistance, our forces prefer to concentrate on pursuing their revolutionary actions; in fact, on 29th June, RNM forces attacked [words indistinct] FPLM (? detachment) which they had trapped in an ambush. During this attack our forces seriously damaged a Soviet-build armoured car which was abandoned by the enemy [words indistinct]. The enemy, (? who survived) fled in disarray.

- (9) As in the past, the communist oppressive regime of Samora Machel has always blamed other people for the just revolt of the Mozambican people against Machelism. Now that the people of Zimbabwe have attained their independence, Samora Machel can no longer blame Ian Smith. He now finds another scapegoat to put the blame on, - this is South Africa. But the people really responsible for the war in Mozambique are the Mozambican people themselves, led by their armed wing, the Mozambican National Resistance.

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