

Mozambique Resistance Movement's Communiqué

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Here is the text of a joint communiqué issued by the departments of information and defence of the Mozambican National Resistance, the RNM. Communiqué No 89 of July 1980:

- (1) On 26th July the Machelist dictator, Samora Machel, read a speech on the occasion of the closing session of the so-called People's Assembly [ME/6483/B/2], one of the exploitative organs of the oppressive regime;
- (2) In the speech the oppressive regime made indirect references to the RNM and its glorious forces and their patriotic actions in our oppressed fatherland;
- (3) Although the tyrant's words were full of slander and insults against the present phase of the Mozambican revolution, those words simply served to (?reveal) the present state of terror into which (?the so-called people's regime has been thrown, as result of our struggle);
- (4) The communist dictator, Samora Machel, by making such a speech, only succeeded in drawing more hatred against himself from the Mozambican people. He claimed that the RNM had been completely liquidated. He said that the RNM forces were armed bandits who had occupied some areas from his oppressive troops.
- (5) After analyzing Samora Machel's speech, we concluded that it was a further move in the Machelist plot aimed at alienating the Mozambican people from their armed wing, the Resistance. According to his claim, it would be a mistake for the people to continue to support the second national liberation struggle;
- (6) The RNM forces and the RNM itself have neither been defeated nor dismantled. They continue to be active inside our country. They are fulfilling the tasks which form their historic mission – the destruction of the Machelist oppressive regime. They are fulfilling the duties which embody the just aspirations and wishes of the Mozambican people;
- (7) Reports from both Manica and Sofala Provinces have consistently revealed that the enemy continues to be unable to prevent the advance of the glorious RNM forces. For example, on 2nd July, our forces operating in the province of Sofala destroyed a bridge linking Maputo to Inchope, resulting in traffic [word indistinct] both heavy and light [word indistinct] Maputo and Beira. According to the same war communiqué, military convoys have been unable to move along the said road.

In addition to that action, our forces launched the following operations: On 3rd July 1980, in Manica Province, RNM forces operating under the command of Commander (?Vareia) destroyed the bridge over the Mussapa river on the

road linking Dondo to Chimoio; on 4th July 1980, in Manica Province, the same resistance detachment mounted an ambush which trapped an FPLM column and in the fighting which ensued our forces destroyed four heavy vehicles by fire, and captured 15 automatic rifles, 147 (?semi-automatic rifles), two RPG-7 rocket launchers, and other war equipment in that encounter; On 10th July 1980, in Manica Province, our forces engaged the Machelist oppressive troops in Goigoi. Our forces commanded by (?Pedro Rato), liquidated two enemy soldiers and captured war equipment which the enemy left behind as follows - four RPG-7 rocket launchers, 11 mortar shells, one [words indistinct] radio transmitter and five magazines for AK-47 rifles; (8) The Machelist Regime has been trying to infiltrate our ranks, by sending SNASP [People's National Security Service] agents into our bases, saying they wanted to join the second national liberation struggle. However, the enemy's camouflaged action (?has been thwarted) as we have captured a number of SNASP agents, with (?grenades) and 15 books with instructions to commanders on how to attack.

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