

Our plane intercepted says Mozambique

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A COMMUNIQUE issued by the Chief of Staff of the Mozambican Air Force in Maputo yesterday said: "A Mozambican aircraft landed in South African territory after being intercepted by South African aircraft."

The communique added: "The aircraft, a MiG-17 with the registration number 021 and piloted by Lieutenant Adriano Bomba, was intercepted at 9.45am yesterday, while on a training flight.

"The Mozambican Air Force is investigating the cause of the affair," the communique said. It was signed by Major-General Americo Mpamo, the head of the Mozambican Air Force.

General Mphumo was a senior Frelimo guerrilla commander during the 16-year war of independence.

According to an official source the "inner cabinet" of the Mozambican Government was meeting in Maputo last night to consider the implications of the incident.