

# Bomba's plane to return to Maputo

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THE governments of South Africa and Mozambique have reached agreement for the return of a Russian-built MiG-17 which was used by a Mozambican pilot to flee his country last July, sources said in Pretoria last night.

The jet fighter landed at the South African Air Force base at Hoedspruit on July 8 with Lieutenant Adriano Francisco Bomba at the controls.

Lt Bomba asked the South African Government for political asylum.

It is not known how the aircraft will be returned to Mozambique, although it is unlikely the South Africans will allow the Mozambicans to fly it back to Maputo.

Unofficial sources said earlier that the MiG-17 would be dismantled and sent back to Mozambique by road on a low-loader.

The South African Defence Force will make a statement early next week on the matter.

● The Government has given approval for Lt Bomba, his brother and the latter's family to stay in South Africa, the Minister of Internal Affairs, Mr Chris Heunis, said in a statement in Cape Town last night, Sapa reports. He added the necessary work permits had been granted.