

Visa refused for 'The Times' 18/7/73

The Portuguese Government has declined to authorize a visa for Mr Michael Knipe, *The Times* staff correspondent in southern Africa, to enter Mozambique to investigate the reports of a massacre there.

Mr Knipe had an application made in South Africa more than a week ago, but this was refused. On Tuesday night this week the Portuguese embassy in London informed *The Times* that a visa would be granted, but yesterday the embassy said no visa could be issued now. The reason given was "fears for Mr Knipe's safety" at the hands of angry inhabitants of Mozambique who associated *The Times* with the reports of massacres there.