

South African Allegations of ANC-Mozambique Links

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Text of report:

Security spokesmen say the latest information shows that the banned ANC is rebuilding its military structure in Mozambique with the full knowledge of President Samora Machel's government. This information was given to the SABC after the Minister of Defence, General Magnus Malan, issued a warning on Tuesday that South Africa would retaliate if President Machel allowed a Moscow-inspired revolution to be waged against South Africa from Mozambique.

The spokesmen said the acting leader of the banned South African Communist Party and second in command of the military wing of the ANC, Joe Slovo, had been seen on a number of occasions in Maputo since the beginning of the year after his arrival in that country from Angola. It is suspected that Slovo serves as the link between ANC training camps in Angola and transit camps in Mozambique. During his visits to Mozambique Slovo is accompanied by Mozambican government officials, and he travels on a British passport. During August he was in East Germany where a second ANC training base was opened at Telton near Berlin. This base, which complements one that has been in existence for some time, is manned by Soviet instructors.

The spokesmen said a number of terrorists who had been arrested in the past in connection with terrorist attacks in the eastern Transvaal had infiltrated the country through Mozambique. Two were caught trying to cross the border into Mozambique. Since the beginning of the year about 23 terrorist attacks have been perpetrated in South Africa from Mozambique.