

# ANC denies bases

MAPUTO. The African National Congress (ANC) claims it maintains diplomatic presence, but not military bases in countries neighbouring South Africa.

"All the ANC military operations are planned and executed from within South Africa," an ANC spokesman said in a Radio Mozambique interview.

South Africa has accused Mozambique of allowing the ANC to use its territory for operations across the border, including a landmine explosion last week which injured six white soldiers and three black civilians.

The ANC headquarters are in Lusaka, Zambia, and ANC President Oliver Tambo travelled to Mozambique on Sunday with Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda, who came to attend a summit of front-line nations discussing the Mozambique-South African situation.

The six front-line leaders issued a declaration at the end of their summit, accusing South Africa of preparing for war and saying it had deployed troops on its borders with Zimbabwe and Mozambique and had infiltrated commando units into Maputo.

The South African Defence Force responded that it was interested in peace with its neighbours but would protect South African citizens from terrorist acts. — AP.

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