

B. A F R I C A**Mozambican Communique Announces Death of Samora Machel**

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(i) Text of communique issued by the Political Bureau of the Frelimo Party Central Committee, the People's Assembly Standing Commission and the Council of Ministers of the People's Republic of Mozambique on the death of President Samora Moises Machel; date and place not given; read by Political Bureau member Marcelino dos Santos - live or recorded (ME/8395/B/4):

Mozambican women and men: It is with profound sorrow and grief that the Political Bureau of the Frelimo Party Central Committee, the Standing Commission of the People's Assembly, and the Council of Ministers of the People's Republic of Mozambique communicate to all the Mozambican people from Rovuma river to Maputo river the tragic demise of Marshal Samora Moises Machel, Chairman of the Frelimo Party and President of the People's Republic of Mozambique. This terrible event puts the Mozambican nation in mourning and constitutes an irreparable loss to our fatherland, our region, Africa and humanity. Each Mozambican feels this tragedy as a terrible moment of suffering in his history. President Samora Moises Machel, father of the nation and founder of our People's Republic of Mozambique, is the symbol of the unity of the Mozambican people, heroism and grandeur. He was the finest son of our people.

His death occurred when the presidential aircraft, coming from Mbala, Zambia, and approaching Maputo airport, crashed, in circumstances not as yet clarified, in Mbuzini, in South African territory, some five km north-west of Namaacha. President Samora Moises Machel was returning from yet another mission for the establishment of peace in southern Africa and the development of regional co-operation. It was yet another mission for freedom, justice, equality, peace and progress, the cause to which he dedicated his courage as a combatant and his talent as a statesman. President Samora Moises Machel was fulfilling this task while certain that only with the elimination of armed banditry in southern Africa could people dedicate their efforts and energies to progress, development and social well-being. The life of President Samora Moises Machel constitutes an example for all Mozambicans in view of his courage, coherence, dignity and total dedication to the cause of the Mozambican people who have always inspired him.

The Political Bureau of the Frelimo Party Central Committee, the People's Assembly Standing Commission and the Council of Ministers of the People's Republic of Mozambique embody, in all its aspects, the seriousness marking the loss of their leader and experience the deep sorrow of all Mozambicans, at home and abroad. This loss takes place at a particularly difficult moment of our history and life, when the most reactionary forces are seeking to destroy our independence and the gains of the Mozambican revolution. This is the second time under tragic circumstances that the Mozambican people have lost their supreme leader and guarantor of their most just anxieties and aspirations. When we fought for the liberation of the fatherland, colonialism and its agents murdered President Eduardo Chivambo Mondlane, hoping that with this criminal action they would prevent the development of the struggle for national independence. At that time of sorrow we courageously knew how to unite ourselves around Frelimo, and redouble our determination and continue fighting.

The Mozambican people have a heroic tradition of always knowing how to withstand the greatest tragedies visited on them. They maintain a heroic tradition of knowing how to transform their grief and sorrow into new and greater energies and capacities in order to overcome adversity and open new paths permitting them to achieve a future of peace and prosperity to which they so eagerly aspire.

The Political Bureau of the Frelimo Party Central Committee, the People's Assembly Standing Commission and the Council of Ministers of the People's Republic of Mozambique totally trust the patriotism of the Mozambican people. All of us, Mozambican women and men, will transform this tragic death into a powerful catalyst of national unity. We shall again redouble our involvement to destroy the banditry that ravages our country and foil all conspiracies and manoeuvres designed to destroy our fatherland. Today more than ever before our national independence needs the unity of all Mozambicans. Let us unite around the national flag, the party and state leadership to safeguard the territorial integrity of the People's Republic of Mozambique, to heighten vigilance, and to wage a relentless struggle against everything likely to divide us in the intransigent assertion of our patriotism and defence of the revolution.

The Political Bureau of the Frelimo Party Central Committee, the People's Assembly Standing Commission and the Council of Ministers of the People's Republic of Mozambique convey to our dear president's widow, Comrade Graca Machel, his children, brothers and all the bereaved family our heartfelt sorrow and condolences. We share the intensity of this great sorrow. In solidarity with them we shall build the future of the Mozambican fatherland.

The Political Bureau of the Frelimo Party Central Committee, the People's Assembly Standing Commission and the Council of Ministers of the People's Republic of Mozambique, in homage to President Samora Moises Machel, hero of the republic, declare 60 days of national mourning during which the national flag will fly at half-mast. As of today until the funeral ceremonies no recreational, sporting or cultural activities will be held. Official information on the funeral ceremonies will be disclosed in due course.

The struggle continues!

(ii) Excerpts from "second communique" issued by the Political Bureau of the Frelimo Party Central Committee, the standing commission of the People's Assembly and the Council of Ministers of the People's Republic of Mozambique, read by Mozambican Prime Minister Mario Machungo in Maputo on 20th October - live or recorded:

It is with great sorrow that the Political Bureau of the Frelimo Party Central Committee, the Standing Commission of the People's Assembly and the Council of Ministers of the People's Republic of Mozambique communicate that in the tragic event that killed Marshal of the Republic Samora Moises Machel, Chairman of the Frelimo Party and President of the People's Republic of Mozambique, the following members of the presidential delegation were also killed. . . [see Note 1 below]

The following internationalist guest workers were killed in the same accident [all names phonetic]: Henriques Betencourt, private doctor of HE the President of the Republic; Ulisses Lavosa Mesa, private doctor of HE the President of the Republic; Yuriy Novodraniiy, pilot [title as heard; Portuguese: comandante]; Igor Catanichev, co-pilot; Aleksey Kudrianov, flight engineer; Anatoliy Chulipov, flight engineer.

Also with the presidential delegation were their excellencies the ambassadors of the Republic of Zambia, Cox Sikumba, and of the Republic of Zaire, Batale Tokwaulu, who was accredited to the People's Republic of Mozambique, both of whom also participated in the summit. The following members of the presidential delegation survived the tragic event, some in critical condition: Eusebio Guido Martinho, Capt Carlos Jambo, Capt Joao Rendesawe, Fernando Manuel Joao, Almeida Pedro, Manuel Jairos, Daniel Khuma, Joseph Mashange, Vasco Langa and Vladimir Musezarov [phonetic], board engineer.

The death of high-ranking party and state officials and cadres is an irrecoverable loss. The personality of these comrades, their dedication to the national liberation struggle, their contribution to the endeavour of national reconstruction, their militant pledge to the cause of the fatherland and revolution made them known, esteemed and respected by all of us. The knowledge, experience, youth and the generous surrender to

the ideals of national liberation and to the development of the country and the defence of the fatherland (?form) a living and serene example which these comrades leave forever in our memories. The sacrifice of their lives in the service of the Mozambican people and state continues the noble tradition of the heroes of our combat. The physical disappearance of these comrades in struggle is felt with deep desolation by all the people of Mozambique.

With sorrow, we also feel the loss of the internationalist guest workers, who, side by side with our people, fought for the realisation of common ideals of peace and prosperity.

The Frelimo Party Central Committee Political Bureau, the People's Assembly Standing Commission and the Council of Ministers of the People's Republic of Mozambique convey their deepest heartfelt condolences on the deaths of the distinguished ambassadors. The Frelimo Party Central Committee Political Bureau, the People's Assembly Standing Commission and the Council of Ministers of the People's Republic of Mozambique share in the profound sorrow of the bereaved families, to whom they convey their most heartfelt condolences. The struggle continues! Maputo, 20th October 1986.

[Note 1: SAPA reported (in English 1842 gmt 20 Oct 86): (Text) Komatipoort, 20th October: The following are those killed in the air disaster last night in which President Samora Machel of Mozambique and high ranking members of his entourage died, the Bureau for Information said at the press centre in Komatipoort tonight: 1. President Samora Machel. 2. The Minister of Transport, Mr Alcantara Santos. 3. The Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Lobo. 4. The Zambian ambassador to Mozambique, Mr Navesse. 5. The Zairean ambassador to Mozambique, Batale Tokwaulu. 6. The secretary to President Machel, Lt-Col Fernando Honwana. 7. The private secretary to President Machel, Miss Yvette Amose. 8. The Director of Protocol, Mr Cengela de Mendoca. 9. The Assistant Director of Protocol, Mr Langa. 10. The head of the Ministry of Defence, Mr Fernando Joao. 11. A photographer of the official Mozambican newspaper 'Noticias', Mr Danies Mangwanazi. Five members of President Machel's personal security staff: 12. Manuel Zairros. 13. Daniel Nkuna. 14. Joseph Mashango. 15. Fernando Manuel. 16. Reddy Sambal. these were the names of those killed who had been positively identified so far, a spokesman for the Bureau for Information said at a press centre set up in Komatipoort, 75 km from the scene of the accident. The names available of those injured, are Mr Carlos Jambo, (operator in President Machel's staff); Mr A. Pedro (an assistant operator); Mr Gulamo Khan (a journalist understood to be attached to 'Noticias') and Mr Azania Ingwane, the presidential photographer.]

[Note 2: on 21st October SAPA reported (in English 0703 gmt): (Text) Komatipoort, 21st October: Two of the 10 survivors of Sunday night's air disaster in which Mozambican President Samora Machel was killed are still in intensive care at the hospital in Nelspruit, a spokesman for the Bureau for Information said today. Giving further details of the injured at the press centre set up in Komatipoort, he said the two Mozambicans were Mr Gido Martinho and Mr Vasco Langa. The remaining survivors are in a satisfactory condition. They are Mr Daniel Khuma; Mr Joseph Mashangwe, who had leg injuries; Mr Carlos Jambo, who has a broken arm; Mr Manuel Jairos, who has a broken left leg; Mr Joao Rendesawe and Mr Armeida Pedro who is suffering from shock. A ninth survivor, Mr Manuel Fernando, has already returned to Mozambique and the tenth is in the H.F. Verwoerd hospital in Pretoria.]