

Cde Machel's body in state from today

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THE body of President Samora Machel, who died on Sunday night in an unexplained plane crash, will lie in state in Maputo City Hall as from this afternoon.

The lying in state was scheduled to begin yesterday, but late on Wednesday night the Mozambican authorities announced a delay of 24 hours for organisational reasons.

Yesterday's issue of the daily paper Noticias informed the people of the capital that as from 5 pm today they would be able to pay their last respects to their president.

An advance Zimbabwean Government team, led by the Minister of Information, Posts and Telecommunication, Cde Nathan Shamuyarira, arrived in Maputo yesterday afternoon for the state funeral of the late Mozambican leader.

The party consists of Cde Shamuyarira, the Minister of Energy and Water Resources and Development, Cde Kumbirai Kangai, and the Minister of Youth, Sport and Culture, Cde David Karimanzira.

The three were met at Mavalane Airport in Maputo by the secretary to the central committee of Frelimo, Cde Jose Luis Cabaco.

The three ministers were in a convoy of three light aircraft, two of which were laden with coffins, one of them for Cde Machel, which are part of the material assistance which Zimbabwe is giving for the state funeral of the 33 people who died in the crash.

The aircraft, which left Harare late yesterday, were later followed by a larger aircraft of Zimbabwe's national cargo carriers, Affretair, which ferried more equipment for the funeral, including two hearses from the Harare funeral undertakers who also supplied the coffins.

Members of the political bureau of the Frelimo on Wednesday received top-ranking delegations from Angola and Zambia.

As Mozambique entered its third day of national mourning yesterday, senior government and party officials were busy working out the arrange-

ments to accommodate and cope with the expected hundreds of dignitaries due to attend the funeral on Tuesday.

Most of the government departments are working flat out to ensure the security, accommodation, entry and other logistic requirements of the visitors expected from all over the world.

The standing committee of the Mozambican People's Assembly has decided to suspend the country's general elections because of the death of President Machel.

The elections, the second in the country's history, began on August 15 and were scheduled to end on November 15.

The Ugandan president has ordered the country's flags to fly at half-mast until the burial of the late Mozambican President Samora Machel. Radio Uganda reported on Wednesday. President Yoweri Museveni also said the day of burial would be observed as a day of mourning in Uganda.

The Senegalese government declared in Dakar three days of national mourning for Cde Machel's death.

The leader of the Libyan revolution, Colonel Muammar Gadafi, has sent a telegram of condolences to the central committee of Frelimo on the death of "the great African struggler, President Samora Machel".

The telegram says: "With great sorrow and anger I have heard of the heinous crime committed by the despicable apartheid regime that has usurped the southern part of our great continent."

Cde Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, has offered the condolences of the Soviet leadership to the Mozambican people on the death of President Machel who was the victim of a "dirty mean conspiracy"

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by the racist regime of South Africa.

Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev observed a minute's silence in Moscow yesterday for the Mozambican president.

● Swapo president Cde Sam Nujoma has accused the racist South African regime of committing the "dastardly and criminal" act which led to the tragic death of the Mozambican president, a Swapo release to Pana said yesterday.

The death of President Machel, was described in Dar es Salaam as an in-

spiration and mobilising factor in the continued struggle against the apartheid regime in South Africa.

Liberation movements based in Dar es Salaam said at a mass rally at the university that Cde Machel's death would inspire them to intensify the liberation struggle.

The rally heard statements from the African National Congress, Swapo, the Palestine Liberation Organisation, Southern African Liberation Solidarity Committee, the Saharawi Solidarity Committee and the Tanzanian Youth Organisa-

tion.

Some one hundred Zambians demonstrated outside the High Commission of Malawi in Lusaka yesterday in protest at Malawi's policy towards South Africa.

Protesters carrying placards reading "Viva Samora Machel" stood peacefully in the city's main street outside the building.

Students of the University of Botswana on Wednesday described racist South Africa's explanations on the death of President Machel as "flimsy and nonsensical".

The students also re-

jected "hypocritical condolences" sent by the apartheid regime to the government and people of Mozambique.

Police fired teargas at University of the Witwatersrand students after a lunchtime memorial service for President Machel on the campus.

A spokesman at Wits said the meeting was called by the Black Student Society and was attended by about 1000 people.

About 350 University of Cape Town students crammed into their student union's Rhodes Room to pay tribute to

the late Mozambican leader on Wednesday.

Outside the venue, students selling T-shirts with the slogan "Samora Machel Hamba Kahle (Go Well) — Viva Frelimo" did brisk trade.

The meeting was called by the Azania Students' Organisation (Azaso) and the National Union of South African Students.

Western Cape chairman of the End Conscription Campaign Nic Borain compared the role of Portugal's white conscripts in their war against Frelimo to conscripts in the SADF.

The apartheid regime appointed Margo Commission of Inquiry into the air disaster will begin its work as soon as the preliminary investigation into the disaster has been completed, it was said in Johannesburg yesterday.

Twenty Mozambican citizens have been arrested in an East Rand police crackdown on alleged illegal immigrants, the South African Police confirmed yesterday. A report said the Mozambicans were told they would be repatriated. — Ziana - Pana - AIM - IPS - Tangu - Jana - Reuter - Shihata - Bopa - Sapa.