

President Machel's funeral A live relay of the funeral ceremony by Maputo radio started at 0654 gmt on 28th October. Shortly after, the radio carried messages from the Mozambican youth and women's organisations and a message from the armed forces read by Defence Minister Alberto Chipande. Chipande said that the armed forces would continue to carry out the guidelines laid down by President Machel and would "strengthen our natural alliance and fraternity of arms with all sister countries, frontline states, Africa and socialist and progressive countries". He pledged that the struggle against the "bandits and their bosses" would continue. At 0732 gmt Frelimo Political Bureau member Marcelino dos Santos started to read the eulogy. He pointed out that Machel died "in the struggle against apartheid". He went on to say that "we shall grow stronger in our rage because we have been deprived of you".

At 1057 gmt the radio said the coffin, being carried by generals and senior officers of the armed forces, had been placed inside the tomb in Heroes Square. Wreaths were then placed by the tomb by Machel's widow, by Marcelino dos Santos and by other members of the Frelimo Political Bureau.

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