

Machel crash inquiry opens in South Africa Citing C.E. Puckrin, counsel for the court in the Machel inquiry which opened at the Rand Supreme Court on 20th January, the South African agency reported on 20th January that there was a clear misunderstanding between the Maputo flight traffic controllers and the flight crew of Samora Machel's plane at the time of the crash. Puckrin said that there was no technical failure and "no question of sabotage", adding that the evidence, a vital aspect of which was the recordings from the cockpit and the control tower, would "dispel the rumours". 21 JAN 1987