

# HOW MACHEL DIED

JOHANNESBURG: President Samora Machel died instantly, pathologist Prof Louis Nel said at the inquiry here yesterday.

"From the injuries sustained there is no way he could have survived the accident," Prof Nel said.

"Most of the skull and brain were absent also the heart was not present due to the violence of the accident."

Counsel for the government departments, Mr John Coetzee, was questioning Prof Nel about newspaper reports that President Machel

was alive four hours after the accident.

"They are not true," Prof Nel said.

Prof Nel said President Machel was identified by a ring inscribed with his wife's name, Gracia, and by his teeth.

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