

# 'Undeclared war' set scene for crash

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THE crash in which President Samora Machel died happened in a context of strained relations between South Africa and its neighbouring states, particularly Mozambique.

Some political observers have described the situation between Mozambique and South Africa as "undeclared war" even though the Nkomati

Accord had been signed some time before.

*Samora: Why He Died*, a book published in Stockholm by the Mozambique News Agency (AIM), traces events in the region from the beginning of October 1986 until a few days after Mr Machel's funeral.

The book is a collection of fact and opinion distributed by AIM as news on the days before and after Mr Machel's

death on October 20.

In an introduction, AIM director Mr Carlos Cardoso, said: "The South African government was quick to ascribe the crash to purely accidental causes, but the events described in this book may lead the reader to another conclusion."

The first accusations that South Africa was responsible for the plane crash were made by the ANC and the PAC.