

# NP part of <sup>22/5/98</sup> <sup>Citizen</sup> plot to kill Machel: ANC

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CAPE TOWN. – The ANC in Parliament has accused the former National Party government of being implicated in a plot to kill Samora Machel, then president of Mozambique, who died in a plane crash in October 1986 in what is now Mpumalanga.

The allegations, made in a notice of motion by ANC member Mr Willie Hofmeyer, comes on the eve of a scheduled hearing by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission into the crash.

The TRC hearing will

take place behind closed doors.

In 1986, the head of government was State President P W Botha.

Mr Hofmeyer's motion asked the National Assembly to note "horrifying allegations" that the National Party government in the 1980s conspired to assassinate the former president of Mozambique, Mr Samora Machel.

The motion asked the House to note "the allegation that R1,5 million was paid to an air traffic controller in Mozambique to take part in this plot".

The House should further note that "several

members of the former security services have been implicated in the plot and will be giving evidence to the TRC on their involvement".

It asked the House to "express its shock that the National Party government was apparently involved in the conspiracy to murder a legitimate head of a state of neighbouring country".

"It calls on the TRC to investigate this matter thoroughly and urges the NP to come clean about their involvement in the affair, and whether it was official policy to assassinate foreign politicians.