

# Student demo turns sour as violence hits Harare

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**'DON'T TAKE LAW INTO OWN HANDS'**

**Herald Reporter**  
A DEMONSTRATION by University of Zimbabwe students to mourn President Samora Machel and express solidarity with the grieving people of Mozambique degenerated into violence yesterday morning in Harare with property damaged and several people assaulted.

Members of the Police Support Unit in riot gear went into action several times during the mid-morning disturbances. Last night a police spokesman said: "Following civil disturbances by the university students this morning, about 100 people were arrested by the police. Police are investigating."

During the demonstration, in which students were joined by other youths, the offices of the Malawi High Commission in Malawi House in Harare Street were stoned

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THE Zanu (PF) Secretary for Administration, Cde Maurice Nyagumbo, yesterday warned everyone not to take the law into their own hands.

Cde Nyagumbo, who is also Minister of Co-operative Development, said: "We are alarmed at what is going on. We appeal to everyone to remain calm, and this includes the university students."

"No one must take the law into their own hands. Any further violence will be dealt with firmly and to the

full extent of the law."

In a similar message, the acting secretary for administration of Zanu (PF)'s Harare province, Cde Tony Gara, appealed to all party supporters to be cool and orderly during this period following Cde Samora Machel's murder so that leaders could decide and advise on the course of action.

"It is quite easy for our enemies to infiltrate among us in the course of our actions. All districts are requested to ensure that law and order prevail in their areas."

as were the offices of the South African Trade Mission on the corner of Angwa Street and Baker Avenue.

The offices of Air Malawi in Julius Nyerere Way and of South African Airways in Union Avenue were both stoned and set alight. The Harare municipal fire brigade quickly extinguished both

blazes.

Some students and youths, carrying sticks, assaulted passers-by, including a Herald reporter. Small groups of policemen attempted to stop these assaults but several people had to flee the scene to avoid being hurt.

Cars were damaged, including two belonging to the Malawi High Commission.

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The students set off on their demonstration, which they had assured the authorities would be peaceful, early yesterday morning. The president of the Students' Union, Cde Innocent Kadungure, told The Herald that the "people wanted to show their

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A TEARGAS grenade is detonated in Second Street by the ZRP to disperse demonstrating university students.

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solidarity with Mozambique and condemn those who they thought responsible for Cde Machel's death".

After marching down Second Street from the university many students turned down Samora Machel Avenue and went to the Malawi High Commission.

There they denounced Malawi's ties with the MNR bandits and overturned two cars belonging to the high commission parked outside. Stones

were flung at the offices, breaking many windows and damaging three more cars parked inside before the senior police officer at the scene called in the riot squad.

The squad prevented further damage and after threatening to take action forced the students and youths to disperse.

A group of students grouped outside the Air Malawi offices in Julius Nyerere Way and attacked it with stones before running in and setting

furniture alight. No one was injured.

Motorists were attacked and windcreens were smashed and car bodies dented. Some pedestrians were assaulted.

Groups then assembled at the South African Trade Mission, where police prevented them from entering, at one stage using a fire extinguisher to spray the youths and students.

The SAA offices were attacked in similar fashion to the Air Malawi offices and riot police

went into action to clear the way for fire engines.

The students then assembled in Cecil Square before starting to assault passers-by. Riot police again went into action, using teargas to disperse the demonstrators, who eventually gathered at the centre of the intersection of Samora Machel Avenue and Second Street before agreeing to attend a meeting in Cecil Square.

Other groups had gone to the Mozambican Embassy in Rhodes Ave-

nue for a peaceful meeting which was addressed by the third secretary, Cde Carlos dos Santos, who thanked them for the solidarity.

Student leader Cde Kadungure told the demonstrators that buses were available to take the students back to the campus. However, some demonstrated outside the American Embassy. During this demonstration, stones were thrown and windows were broken, and a truckload of fruit across the road was looted.

Also at the embassy two students were abducted by people in a car passing by and two more were abducted while they were walking back to the campus, reportedly at gunpoint. All four were reported by student leaders to have been released yesterday afternoon and all had been severely assaulted.

Cde Kadungure emphasised after the disturbances that the meeting of students on Monday night had agreed the demonstration should be peace-

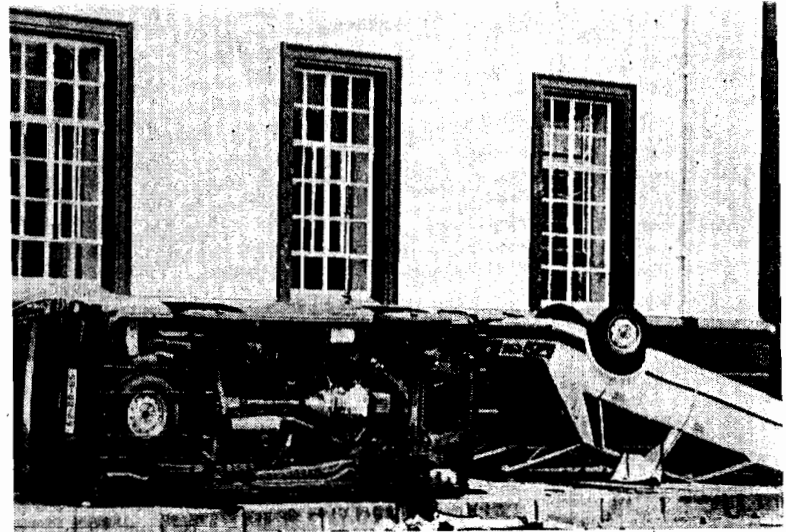
ful but that other youths had joined the demonstration.

"We are students and we run our own affairs. So we went and did what we considered to be appropriate. The destruction which occurred showed the sentiment of students but it was certainly not sanctioned by us," he said.

He alleged that there might have been South African agents among the students who instigated the violence.



*SMOKE pours out of the SAA offices in Union Avenue yesterday.*



*TWO of the cars overturned by the demonstrating students at the Malawi embassy yesterday morning.*