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**The death of Samora Machel: further reaction, MNR announcement (ME/8396/ii)** The late Mozambican President is to be buried on 28th October, according to an official communique naming the funeral commission and broadcast by Maputo radio\* on the 21st. On the same day the radio also broadcast a message to the armed forces from Defence Minister General Chipande, who urged them to neutralise enemy attempts to create division and called for the fight against "armed banditry" to be stepped up.\*

Johannesburg radio said on 21st October that President Machel was to have met his South African counterpart "in the near future", according to Foreign Minister Pik Botha, who also said that Soviet officials had left Moscow to take part in the investigation into the crash.

According to Lisbon radio, the Mozambique National Resistance (MNR) announced in the Portuguese capital on 21st October that it would be stepping up its offensive and carrying out military operations throughout Mozambique. A communique signed by the MNR representative in Europe, Paulo Oliveira, said that the death of President Machel had brought no prospects of a truce, nor did it mean "the end of the Maputo regime".