

# Zimbabweans to honour Machel at major rally

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WITH a major rally set for today at Harare's Rufaro Stadium as part of the national mourning of President Samora Machel's tragic assassination on Sunday night, police will be in full force until after Tuesday in an effort to contain possible violence.

The move, police told The Sunday Mail yesterday, is to ensure that the law-enforcement agents

will not be found wanting in the execution of their duties. They will be out in full force to ensure that no disruption occurs.

"Violent demonstrators will be arrested. We will not tolerate trouble-makers. Peaceful demonstrations are, however, allowed because a peaceful demonstration will be a sign of solidarity with the people of Mozambique.

"However, I want to

make it absolutely clear that all forces at our disposal will be deployed in all the urban areas throughout the country. We will be making full use of all the available manpower resources," said a senior assistant police commissioner yesterday.

The Mozambican leader will be buried at the country's national Heroes' Acre, a site near Maputo's Mavalane International Airport on Tuesday. Pre-

sident Machel and 33 others travelling with him in the same aircraft died when their plane crashed in South Africa after being struck by a missile. Ten others on the aircraft survived.

The address by the Prime Minister, Cde Mugabe, at Rufaro today will be the first major public address by the Zimbabwean leader since

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the death of President Machel. The Rufaro rally comes in the wake of a week of angry demonstrations at the impunity with which South Africa acts in seeking to reshape the destiny of the region.

Police would want to contain, and more importantly, prevent, any fallout in the wake of some developments last week. An attempt last week

by lecturers at the University of Zimbabwe to hold a two-day meeting to mark the untimely death of President Machel was hurriedly scrapped — barely 24 hours after the initial announcement of the holding of the event.

The University of Zimbabwe yesterday refused to explain the move behind the sudden cancellation of the meeting. However, The Sunday Mail has learnt that the meeting was scrapped after bomb threats from people so far identified as "apparently white callers".

The threats mentioned the library and the Great Hall — the venue of the meetings — as the targets. But all the organisers were prepared to say yesterday was that the meeting would now run on Tuesday soon after lunch. It will now be a one-day event to mark this sad but historical development.

Among the subjects to be discussed at the Tuesday meeting will be the question of who killed President Machel; President Machel; the man and his ideas; the threat of the Mozambican revolution to imperialism; President Machel and Zimbabwe's independence; President Machel and revolutionary martyrdom; and the challenge of President Machel's death to the strategic and tactical aspects of the liberation struggles in Southern Africa.

Police were called to the university and they were able to conduct

their investigations following the threats, but established that there was nothing and subsequently the library, which had been evacuated was used normally.

In Harare and Kadoma there continued to be demonstrations in sympathy with the Mozambicans. The largest gathering was in Kadoma, where an estimated 5 000 people staged a peaceful demonstration from Rimuka high-density area to the main post office in the town.

The demonstrators, carrying posters of President Machel and placards which read: "Assassins of Machel will not go free", "Avenge Machel" and some denouncing Malawi's President Kamuzu Banda, halted traffic in the town.

They were addressed by the MP for Kadoma, Cde Charles Ndlovu, who said that President Machel "was on a mission to effect the liberation of blacks and other oppressed citizens in South Africa when he was killed. President Machel's mission remains unfulfilled".

Cde Ndlovu spoke of the solidarity and bond of friendship between the two countries and the role of President Machel in the Zimbabwe liberation struggle.

President Banana is on Tuesday expected to conduct an inter-denominational service in honour of President Machel. This is expected to be in the morning at the Anglican Cathedral in Harare.