

Court told of Machel death jibes

Court Reporter

FOR allegedly celebrating the death of the late Mozambican leader Cde Samora Machel, a Portuguese man yesterday found himself facing a charge of contravening a section of the Miscellaneous Offences Act.

Carlos Manuel de Oliveira Colomao Curado Gloria (36) was employed by Hunyani Pulp and Paper in Norton as an electrician. The court heard that he was a Portuguese born in Mozambique.

He left Mozambique when that country obtained independence in 1975 and stayed in Portugal for a year before he moved to Zimbabwe.

The State alleged that on October 20, when he heard about the death of Cde Machel, he returned from lunch and announced it to the other workers in a mocking way.

"He was very excited and publicly declared that he was happy because the late president had chased him away from Mozambique at independence," the prosecutor, Mr Simba Nduna, said.

Gloria made other derogatory remarks about the president's death, generally ran down the entire Mozambican government, and accused the Soviets for causing his death, the court was told.

Harare magistrate Mr Ticharwa Garabga remanded him to November 14 on \$50 bail.