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Mozambican paper links S Africa to Machel crash An editorial in the 'Noticias' newspaper on 24th October, cited by Maputo radio (in English) **, asked whether anyone still had doubts about who was responsible for the death of Samora Machel. It recalled that two weeks ago South African Defence Minister Magnus Malan "had directly threatened President Samora in person". Every Mozambican "has the same suspicion", the editorial said. Another report on Maputo radio on the 24th, citing its correspondent in Cabo Delgado province (northern Mozambique), said "many residents of the town of Pemba believe that it was an act of sabotage orchestrated by South Africa". The South African agency reported that 26 Soviet and Mozambican officials arrived in Komatipoort on the 24th and held talks with South African officials; they were to visit the scene of the crash later that day.

According to Harare radio on the 24th the Zimbabwean Minister of Information, Posts and Telecommunications, Nathan Shamuyarira, currently in Maputo, has said that Zimbabwe's military co-operation with Mozambique will increase following the death of Samora Machel.