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Further accusations of S African involvement in Machel's death (ME/8400/ii) Speaking on 26th October at a rally in Harare to commemorate the former Mozambican President, Zimbabwean Prime Minister Robert Mugabe said "the Pretoria assassins have once again done down this son of Africa", the Pan-African agency reported.* Machel's death showed the "inhuman and murderous" nature of apartheid, Mugabe said; the Boers had planned to topple Machel's government so as to deny Zimbabwe access to the sea via Beira and Maputo. Harare radio reported that the rally in the Zimbabwean capital was one of many held nationwide on the 26th in honour of Machel. Addressing one such rally at Chinhoyi, the Minister of State for Security, Emmerson Munangagwa, said he had "reliable information" that "a group of South Africans have infiltrated into the country with the aim of assassinating the Prime Minister".

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An editorial in the Maputo newspaper 'Domingo' on 26th October, reported by Maputo radio*, said Machel had "died at the hands of his enemies".