

## Dead SA soldier put on public display

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MAPUTO — The body of a South African soldier killed by Mozambican forces near Ponta do Ouro — thought to be that of Corporal Petrus Jacobus Viljoen (23) — was yesterday put on display outside the Maputo mortuary for the benefit of Mozambican and foreign journalists.

The soldier was killed after a group of South African soldiers had crossed the border between Natal and Mozambique near Ponta do Ouro, reports the Mozambique information agency AIM.

The dead soldier, according to AIM, had been in camouflage battledress and raincoat but without insignia or identification.

He was displayed on a canvas sheet outside the mortuary.

He was described by AIM as being white, 1,75 m tall

with short light brown hair and a moustache.

He had apparently been shot five times.

Belongings found at the scene of the beach fighting had included "an FN rifle, seven cartridge clips of which one was empty, two water canteens, two cups, a watch, remnants of food rations, a packet of cigarettes, a pair of nail clippers, a chess set, a pair of binoculars and a compass."

The body of a second soldier allegedly killed in the fighting in Mozambique had been removed by South African forces according to AIM.

The South African Defence Force has claimed only one person died in the skirmish.

It is not yet clear what the South African soldiers were doing in Mozambique.

According to sources in Mozambique there were no

targets in the area, which is mainly a tourist area.

According to these sources some of the soldiers might have crossed the border out of bravado.

It is not impossible that they crossed it in error because it is not clearly defined in physical terms.

The sources were adamant the crossing had not been part of a raid on Maputo or anywhere else.

Frelimo soldiers have been extremely jittery since the South African raid on ANC targets in Matola and have been warned to keep a sharp lookout for more raids.

In a sense, the country has been thrown into a war psychosis and this may explain the shooting of a soldier who was apparently intent on doing no harm.

Without motorised transport it would have been impossible for any of the soldiers involved to have reached any military target.