

ANC Representative on S African Threats Against Mozambique

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Excerpts from report of statement by Jacob Zuma, chief ANC representative in Maputo, during a ceremony marking Heroes Day in Maputo on 16th December:

Members of the executive office of the African National Congress in Maputo visited one of the city's cemeteries to pay homage to the fallen heroes of the South African struggle. Among the dead ANC members in the Mozambican soil are Moses Mabhida, who was a senior Executive Committee member of the organisation, Ruth First, and the 19 others who died during the South African commando raid in Matola suburb in 1981. The visit to the graves by the ANC delegation was part of the commemoration of the organisation's Heroes Day, the day of the beginning of the armed struggle. Speaking at the ceremony, ANC chief representative in Maputo, Jacob Zuma, recalled the historical importance of the armed struggle against foreign domination in the region. . . Mr Zuma also referred to the recent situation in the region in which the government of President P W Botha has been threatening to take action against countries in the region, including Mozambique.

[Zuma-recording] He has not only ended up by murdering South African people inside South Africa and ANC people outside and the nationals of the neighbouring countries. (In fact), he has drawn up a strategy to remove in the region, by murder, leaders of the independent states. We have the recent example of the late President Comrade Samora Machel. These death squads are in action. As you know they have kidnapped from Swaziland some comrades, Comrade Shadrack Msizeni Maphumulo with four other nationals, two Swazis and two Swiss. In a period of four days' time, they have kidnapped Comrade Ismael Ibrahim.

Accompanying these kidnappings are the deadly threats against Mozambique. When they cannot resolve their problems in South Africa, they then seek to make countries like Mozambique help resolve their own problems by threatening them so that

they will act on their behalf. When they kidnapped Shadrack they reported that they had arrested trained men entering South Africa from Swaziland. That was a lie. They manufactured this because they wanted an excuse to cover their own dirty activities. Four days later, when they kidnapped Ibrahim, they again manufactured a quick story now. A truck was arrested entering South Africa full of ammunition, thousands and thousands of ammunition. [as heard] Again a lie, a story made deliberately to cover their own dirty activities in Swaziland and in addition to threaten Mozambique.

They said, as they announced this in their controlled news bulletins, these weapons originated from Mozambique. It is a strange story, very strange indeed. Is Mozambique manufacturing weapons for the ANC? Did they have labels that they are manufactured in Mozambique so as to be recognised at the point of arrest that they in actual fact originated from Mozambique? But they can say [words indistinct]. It is a lie, it is a story made in order to terrorise, in order to cover their own dirty activities of directing and commanding and training the armed bandits in Mozambique and therefore, trying to make Mozambique to feel it has done something wrong, when it has not, when it is South Africa.

It is time to make the Mozambican comrades feel is the ANC doing something in our midst. It is time to compel Mozambique to take some action against the ANC in order to prove a point.