

Nkomati accord threat

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SOUTH AFRICA seems closer than ever to abrogating publicly the Nkomati agreement signed with Mozambique on March 16, 1984.

In a comment on Tuesday, the South African Broadcasting Corporation quoted The Star, which in turn quoted unidentified sources as viewing Mozambique's accusation that South Africa is responsible for the Homoine massacre as an attempt by Mozambique to force South Africa to abrogate the agreement.

In the past, the South African government has used the pro-government and liberal media in the country to prepare white public opinion for acts it wants to carry out.

Defence Force, (SADF) direct attack on Mozambique was preceded by reports in the South African media of ANC bases in Maputo, or the presence of Communist party leader Joe Slovo in Mozambique, or similar stories.

What is striking about the claim made to The Star by its sources is not what they said but that they said it after a very revealing statement made by South African defence minister, General Magnus Malan in June, in which he threatened to start supporting what he called "pro-Western organisations" in the region which did not have the means to survive by themselves, should such support be requested. — Ziana-Pana.