

Mozambique

Mocumbi Accuses RSA of Violating Nkomati Accord
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[Text] South African forces violated Pretoria's nonaggression accord with Mozambique in a clash with Mozambican troops on the country's southern border in July, according to Mozambique's Foreign Minister Pascoal Mocumbi today.

Dr Mocumbi was speaking on his return from a trip to the United States, Belgium, and Greece. Asked by journalists about the July incident, which Dr Mocumbi had first mentioned publicly in an interview with the French journal *LA LETTRE DU OCEAN INDIEN*, Dr Mocumbi said that after a confrontation with the enemy forces in the south of Maputo Province, Mozambique collected data which proved the complicity of South African forces with the terrorists in Mozambique. This, he added, constituted a violation of the Nkomati nonaggression agreement signed between Mozambique and South Africa in 1984.

Mozambique presented these facts to the South African authorities, Dr Mocumbi said, and South Africa could not deny the fact. The incident took place on the 28th of July, and the minister had told the journal that South Africa had requested the return of the body of a man killed in the clash.

The minister said that in both the United States and Europe he found a growing understanding of Mozambique's reality. Dr Mocumbi said there was great sympathy for the government's efforts to end terrorism in Mozambique. In his contacts with congressmen in the United States Dr Mocumbi said he had noted a much better attitude toward Mozambique and the government than in the past.