
ZIMBABWE-MOZAMBIQUE

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Zimbabwe and Mozambique have signed a military co-operation agreement aimed at consolidating relations between the armed forces of the two countries. The agreement was signed in the Mozambican capital, Maputo, on June 9th, after two days of security consultative talks. The Zimbabwean delegation to the meeting was led by the Minister of Defence, Mr. Enos Nkala, and included the Minister of Home Affairs, Mr. Moven Mahachi, and senior police, government and army officials.

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The meeting condemned the activities of Mozambique National Resistance (MNR) bandits in the two countries and praised the resistance of the Angolan armed forces against the invading South African force.

President Mugabe pledged on June 28th, that Zimbabwean troops would stay in Mozambique until trade routes to the sea are secure.

Opening a new session of Parliament, Mr. Mugabe said that the troops would "remain in that country until the enemy is neutralised."

The Zimbabwean troops, believed to number at least 7,000, are mostly deployed in the corridor leading to the port of Beira. They support forces of the Maputo government, which is fighting the rebel MNR.

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