

Mozambique dissident movement's claims Johannesburg radio on 15th July said "the Mozambique National Resistance Movement's representative in Europe, Dr (?Evo Fernandes), says there is tacit agreement with the authorities of Zimbabwe that Zimbabwe will not interfere in the Movement's struggle against the Government of President Machel." In an interview with the South African Broadcasting Corporation in Lisbon he had said that because of the agreement the Resistance Movement was not conducting operations against the 2,000 Zimbabwean soldiers now stationed on the banks of the Limpopo; Zimbabwean goods were still reaching Beira port; and no Zimbabwean reconnaissance aircraft had been shot down in spite of their frequent flights into Mozambique. At the recent meeting in Umtali President Machel had tried to put pressure on Zimbabwe to get more involved in the struggle against the Resistance Movement, but, so far, Mugabe had been prudent. The Resistance Movement hoped he would not change his attitude; however, if the situation changed the Movement would not hesitate to attack the easy targets presented by the railway, road and pipeline links between Mozambique and Zimbabwe. Rejecting allegations that South Africa supported the Resistance Movement, its representative had said it was a truly national movement that neither sought nor needed foreign help. It would continue to stop power from Cabora Bassa reaching South Africa.

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