

## Local Portuguese against defector

# 'Send security man back to Mozambique'

A PUBLIC protest by members of the Portuguese community has been made against Mozambique's Director of National Security, Mr Jorge Costa, who defected last week and is seeking political asylum in South Africa.

The community feels that a man like Mr Costa, who allegedly carried out a reign of terror in Mozambique, should not be allowed to live in exile in the country where they now feel safe.

Former prisoners — now living in South Africa — who were detained under Mr Costa's police-state regime are demanding that he be returned to the country under Marxist rule, "where he belongs".

Mr Costa said at a Press conference in Pretoria last week, the reason he had to defect was that the Marxist rulers did not allow any freedom. He also said that he liked the set-up after Mozambique became independent," as then it was Frelimo fighting for freedom", but that after 1977, the situation became unbearable.

Mr Costa said that he had been Director of National Security since 1978. However, a former Frelimo prisoner, Mr Lucio Chaves showed The Citizen a warrant for his arrest, authorized by Mr Costa in 1975.

Seven years later, Mr Chaves, who lives in Johannesburg, still does not know why he was arrested.

"I was held for 56 days without a trial or the right to bail." Mr Chaves said: "After a month of imprisonment, I had a nervous breakdown and became deaf for a year."

Mr Chaves said he had

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O Inspector,

Jorge Costa

ABOVE: The warrant of arrest issued to Lucio Chaves in 1975 by defected Jorge Costa, who said that he only became Director of National Security in Mozambique in 1978. RIGHT: LUCIO and MARIA CHAVES with the warrant for Mr Chaves' arrest.

not been allowed to receive medical attention

Mr Chaves came to South Africa in 1974, "when the trouble started" and returned a year later to get papers signed for businesses he still owned. He and his wife were arrested on arriving in Mozambique, but his wife was released the day after. She often tried to see Mr Costa, but instead was always met by a Frelimo official who could not help her.

He had looked after cattle on his father-in-law's farm, which he sold for R500.

"They thought that I had got the money for the sale and that it belonged to them. They told me that if I gave them the money, they would release me."

The exchange took place, although there was no option for bail on the warrant.