

Ex-security chief 'working for SA'

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The feared former Mozambican security chief, Mr Jorge Costa, is now working for the South African security branch and is based in Nelspruit, Mozambican sources said.

Mr Costa, who was Mozambique's National Director of Security, defected to South Africa in June 1982 at a time when the Maputo and Pretoria governments were at war.

Mr Costa, known to those who suffered at his hands as "Death Eyes", brought to South Africa secret security codes and plans of attacks on South African targets by the banned African National Congress, it was alleged at the time.

A Mozambican official said he saw Mr Costa in Nelspruit about 10 days ago. "He is still the same, although he has aged," the official said.

Mr Costa said at the time of his defection that he was leaving Mozambique because he was not prepared to accept Russian domination of his country.

At the time Mozambican security officers had to work around the clock for several days to change the country's secret military codes.