

MOZAMBIQUE

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Up, up and away

In the old westerns one always knew the story was heading for a happy ending when the good guy got on his horse to ride away into the glorious sunset.

Mozambique's "reactionaries" have improved on the Hollywood formula. They just hop on President Samora Machel's aircraft and fly away never to return to the Marxist paradise.

On Frelimo's roster of some 30 nationalised aircraft, 28 have been reported missing in the last four years. Three of them are somewhat overdue after having taken off from Beira to Maputo more than two weeks ago. Identification: Aero-Commander 690-turbo, registration C9-AOI; Aero-Commander Shrike C9-AOO; and Beechcraft Baron C9-AQK.