

Matola officer is accused of spying

MAPUTO. — The chief of the Mozambican Army's guard force in a town attacked by South African commandos in January, was a Central Intelligence Agency informer, the newspaper Noticias claimed yesterday.

The story is the latest in a series of reports on an alleged CIA espionage network broken up in Mozambique last week.

Notcias said the CIA had recruited Mr Alberto Sande, formerly a major in the Mozambican Army, when he was in charge of the Matola guard force.

The newspaper said Mr Louis Olliver, one of the US embassy staff expelled, had worked on Mr Sande with gifts of stereo equipment, imported liquor and cash and then asked him about the Ministry of Defence and the

armed forces.

Noticias said Mr Olliver also wanted information on the military installations in Matola. Mr Sande and an unspecified number of other Mozambicans and foreigners were arrested for suspected involvement with the CIA. The Government was expected to present those people detained at a news conference in Maputo tomorrow. — Sapa-AP.