

Maputo hits 'infiltration' by CIA ^{16/3/81}

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MAPUTO. — The CIA and the South African secret services worked together to obtain "up to date information" on the Mozambique armed forces and on liberation movements that had representatives in Mozambique, the official Mozambique news agency, AIM, reported yesterday.

This was said by Mozambique's Minister of Information, Mr Jose Luis Cabaco, following last week's breakup of ACIA network in Mozambique which led to the expulsion of four CIA officers who had been working under cover as US embassy personnel.

Speaking to more than 100 Mozambican and foreign reporters, Mr Cabaco said that in collaboration with the South African secret service, the CIA officers had as a priority the recruitment of individuals working in the general staff of the armed forces, with the aim of obtaining information concerning types of weaponry, personnel numbers, the localisation of refugee camps, Zanla training camps and the residences of leaders of the Patriotic Front, the ANC,

Swapo, Frelin, the Polisario front and the PLO.

He added that during the investigation on CIA activities "it was confirmed" that the information gathered was "channelled to the secret services of the racist, minority regime of South Africa and the military intelligence services who used it to commit acts of aggression against our contry."

The Minister of information said that one of the CIA's activities was recruitment of foreigners resident in Mozambique "in clear violation of Mozambican laws."

Referring to the American State Department allegation that Cuban counter-intelligence officers had been involved in the break-up of the CIA network, Mr Cabaco said that reference to a "hypothetical participation of counter-spy officers from a friendly country and foreign journalists shows a lack of respect for our sovereignty."

He added that in its statement the US State Department "did not deny the espionage activities of the CIA in Mozambique." — Sapa.