

Reported detentions of security officials (Text of Portuguese report) ANOP reports, quoting semi-official sources in Maputo, that a number of highly placed officials of the Mozambican Department of Security have been placed under preventive detention in the last few days. This seems to be connected with the recent defection to South Africa of Jorge Costa, a high-ranking security official who has asked for political asylum in Pretoria. The sources told ANOP that the arrests were dictated by the need to investigate certain suspicions about the conduct of the said officials. It is also known that trade department officials suspected of irregular conduct have also been detained. Less than a month ago President Samora Machel warned that the time had come to purge the ranks, in a clear allusion to the need to carry out a moral regeneration of the administration. And on the eve of the celebrations of the seventh anniversary of his country's independence Machel said in Maputo that the generosity of the revolution could no longer continue to temporise with its internal enemies. The number of security department officials is not known but among them there are several close collaborators of Jorge Costa. (Lisbon home service 0001 gmt 12 Jul 82)