

Warning Against Bogus Collectors by "Voice of Free Africa"

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As our listeners know, the "Voice of Free Africa" launched an appeal on the 20th of this month requesting all Mozambicans or the true friends of the people of Mozambique to support the armed struggle of national resistance, by contributing money and information, recruiting volunteers and by other means, towards achieving the great aim of overthrowing Machelism in Mozambique and consequently restoring human rights in our fatherland. However, according to information we have, it has already been noted that certain individuals who do not belong to the "Voice of Free Africa" and whom we do not even know have been collecting funds on behalf of the "Voice of Free Africa"

First of all we wish to warn all those interested in aiding the national resistance that [words indistinct] no organization [words indistinct] with the authorization of the "Voice of Free Africa" to start collecting funds meant to help the forces of national resistance.

Furthermore, we intend next Monday, the 31st [January] to instruct all those interested in helping the national resistance on how to ensure that they will not be cheated by any opportunist who has decided to pitch his tent [as heard] to begin his criminal activity.

We also remind those interested in helping the national resistance that the Antonios, Joes [plural of Joao] and the Vascos do not belong to the "Voice of Free Africa", nor are they authorized to act on our behalf. We therefore also warn the individuals who have taken illicit advantage of our invitation of the 20th and proceeded to collect funds on behalf of the "Voice of Free Africa" immediately to return the money they possess, be it in the form of cheques or otherwise. If these hasty Mr Collectors [Portuguese: Senhores angariadores apressados] do not immediately return the sums which they have so far received, the "Voice of Free Africa" will not hesitate (?wherever they are) to denounce them, as we have in our power all the personal details of the said cheats posing as collectors.