

Summary of World Broadcasts

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Exposure of propaganda about presence of foreign troops (Text) The British weekly, 'Observer', stated yesterday [30th January] that reports that there were foreign troops in Mozambique were false. The 'Observer', quoting well-informed sources, stated that Mozambique was clearly not prepared to have foreign troops on its territory. It is recalled that a few weeks ago the Ministry of Information of the People's Republic of Mozambique issued a communique alluding to propaganda by reactionary news organs alleging that there were foreign troops in Mozambique. Such propaganda is aimed at justifying attacks against southern Africa, in particular against Mozambique, on the pretext of the presence of foreign armies in the area.

The Smith regime has been at the head of this propaganda, but now contradictions are appearing in the ranks of the Smith government. In fact, Brig Barnard, one of the highest members of the terrorist army of Ian Smith, stated in an interview that reports of Cuban soldiers and Soviet tanks in Mozambique were pure lies. The Rhodesian brigadier made these statements in an interview with Rhodesian television, quoted by the Voice of Zimbabwe programme (ME/5426/ii), broadcast through Radio Mocambique. (Maputo in Portuguese 1030 gmt 31 Jan 77)