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Claims by Mozambique Dissident Group on Operations Carried Out

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The information department of the Mozambican national resistance [movement] has sent the following war communique for publication. Here is the full text of the communique:

The resistance military command reports the following operations:

- (1) A 31-man patrol of the socalled People's Forces for the Liberation of Mozambican [FPLM] has been completely wiped out and all its war material captured in Pungue area to the south of (?Matambekuete) mountain;
- (2) Our forces destroyed the main supply base for the Machel forces at a point about four km north of Chimoio;
- (3) Six heavy vehicles of the so-called people's forces and the supplies being transported in them have been destroyed on the road between Vanduzi and Catandika. On the same road, two vehicles belonging to Machel's party were also destroyed. In the area near (?Inhambiro) our forces destroyed barns and war material belonging to the Machel regime;
- (4) To the south of Chimoio, the Mozambican national resistance forces continue laying ambushes on the roads. There they have destroyed eight enemy heavy vehicles belonging to the so-called people's forces. They also destroyed three [names indistinct] vehicles belonging to the Machelist party. Our forces have been cutting telephone lines in the area;
- (5) The Dombe barracks, which had abeen abandoned by the so-called people's forces and which was later retaken by enemy reinforcements, has once again been abandoned as a result of a renewed attack launched by the resistance forces, which captured large quantities of war material. In the attack our forces destroyed one anti-aircraft gun and liquidated 17 soldiers of the Machel regime;
- (6) In Tete Province the resistance operations command ordered attacks against Catandika, Changara and Chioco locations;
- (7) The resistance operations command has sent fresh reinforcements to Zambezia Province. These are expected to carry out major military operations soon;
- (8) During the last hours of Thursday [22nd March] night a special assault task force of the Mozambican national resistance entered Beira city and there it attacked the Munhava oil complex [ME/6078/B/2]. The operation took half an hour, resulting in the destruction of 18 oil tanks and a high tension electricity line which resulted in the power cut to Beira City. The balze ignited by our forces could be seen in a wide area in Mozambique. A large number of pamphlets and flags of the Mozambican national resistance were distributed by our forces in the city's roads and suburbs. Following our attack, the so-called people's forces opened fire in all direcitons, hitting innocent civilians living near the oil depot. The so-called people's forces, beset by panic, abandoned their anti-aircraft guns and opened fire against Beira city suburbs. Many innocent civilians were killed by the fire of the so-called people's forces. In this attack the Mozambican national resistance forces lost one of their soldiers. In turn, they inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy forces;

- (9) The Mozambican national resistance forces, in attacking a target in Beira city, the second largest town in Mozambique, have just proved statements made in our previous communiquees that our forces were ready to carry out urban guerrilla warfare. Our forces are also proving their offensive capacity against the Machel forces which are the enemy of the Mozambican people;
- (10) The communist party of Samora Machel has embarked on a series of meetings with its military lackeys for criticism and self-criticism on the powerlessness of their forces to hold back the advance of the Mozambican national resistance forces. Some of the enemy commanders have been sent to re-education camps as a result.

The struggle continues; freedom or death; victory is ours.

That was the full text of the war communique issued by the Mozambican resistance on the lastest military operations against the Machel regime.