

Seminar on "wave of assassinations" in a Gaza province district (Text) Members of the popular vigilance squads in Chissano location, Bilene district, have been holding a seminar since 8th April under the chairmanship of the provincial director of SNASP [Mozambique's people's national security service] in Gaza Province. According to reports reaching our newsdesk this morning from the (?GVP - popular vigilance squads) department in Bilene, the seminar has already discussed the current wave of assassinations assaults on commercial establishments and ideological subversion perpetrated by certain people in Chissano location. According to the same source, the acts were aimed at creating an atmosphere of insecurity and at undermining the public trust in our Party and Government. During the seminar a number of the members of the popular vigilance squads were denounced for systematically refusing to carry out their tasks and the instructions given to them. These (?negative acts) are the result of lack of systematic political education and planning of their work.

The provincial director of the people's national security service, who is chairing the seminar, said in a speech that in order to overcome the difficulties, members of the popular vigilance squads would have to hold weekly political study sessions in all places where there were such squads. He also said that exchanges of experiences between members of vigilance squads of the entire Bilene district were needed; he called on the local political authorities to hold periodic meetings with the vigilantes to analyse the latter's daily work. (Maputo home service in Portuguese 0800 gmt 13 Apr 80)

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