

MOZAMBIQUE CLAIMS BOMBA WAS 'ANTI-WHITE'

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MAPUTO — Adriano Francisco Bomba, the Mozambican pilot who recently sought political asylum in South Africa, is remembered for his "racist feelings" against white people, according to the Mozambique information agency, AIM.

At the time of the Portuguese coup in April 1974 he apparently told a friend "now we are going to be independent we can kick out all the

whites." According to AIM, his school friend considered him "somewhat cynical," claim and intemperate.

A good student, he never drank or smoked and talked little to his classmates.

A friend told AIM Bomba used to read a lot, preferably technical and science fiction books and that, at times, he came out with a very elevated opinion of himself, calling himself the "phenomenon."

He was born on May 7 1955

in Matola, an industrial residential area about 10 km from Maputo. He lived there until called up for military service in 1979.

He is the son of Francisco Mambanda Bomba, now working for an oil company in Maputo, and of South African born Miriam Sibis Bomba. He has five sisters and one brother. The brother is a musician with some recordings to his name.

One of his sisters is married to a Mozambican air force captain. Part of his

family, both from his mother's and his father's side, lives in South Africa although it is not known where.

Neighbours in Matola consider the Bomba family "economically well established."

He finished his primary school studies in Matola and then moved to the Joaquim Araujo high school from where he passed in 1973 to the then Antonio Enes high school, renamed Francisco Manyanga second-

ary school after independence. His standard 9 chemistry teacher recalls that he obtained high marks in maths. Like his brother he liked music and formed a band. There were no public performances.

From 1976 to 1979 he trained in the Soviet Union as a MiG pilot.

In October 1980 he visited his family in Matola. A childhood friend who met him then said Bomba had taken to drinking heavily.