

**Operations against Mozambican National Resistance** (Text of Johannesburg radio report) The Mozambican National Resistance says that forces from Zimbabwe and Mozambique are engaged in a massive military operation against it in southern Mozambique. A clandestine radio station calling itself the "Voice of Free Africa", and which serves as a mouthpiece for the Resistance, has said that the joint forces from Mozambique and Zimbabwe are operating in the Manica and Sofala provinces. The radio station said Zimbabwe had sent about 1,200 men, who are stationed in Manica. The Mozambican defence force is said to have sent about 2,400 men to the same region.

Radio RSA's Africa desk reports that in order to cope with the deteriorating security situation in southern Mozambique, the Government of President Samora Machel has replaced the civilian governors of Manica and Sofala with military governors. The two military governors are part of the joint command which is conducting the offensive against the Mozambican National Resistance. (Johannesburg in English for abroad 0400 gmt 5 Dec 81)

Note: At 0400 gmt on 28th November the "Voice of Free Africa" was heard; reception was too poor for the radio to be monitored.

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