

## **USA and South Africa “Waging Undeclared War Against Mozambique”**

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Irrefutable facts indicate that under present-day conditions international imperialism, acting through Pretoria, is making use of bandit groups operating in Mozambique, under the high-sounding name of a “National Resistance Movement” (NRM) as the main instrument for political destabilization and for undermining the economy of the People's Republic of Mozambique, the newspaper 'Izvestiya' says today [5th December].

Attempts are being made to push Mozambique off its chosen course and compel it to abandon the pursuit of an active anti-imperialist and anti-colonial policy, and its support for the national liberation movement in the region, the newspaper points out. An undeclared war is being waged against Mozambique. The enemies of the Mozambican people are aiming at aggravating in every way the country's economic difficulties, at destabilizing the situation there and at intimidating the population. In Manica, Sofala, Tete and Zambezia provinces, groups of saboteurs who were infiltrated there burn down co-operative shops, destroy crops, blow up hospitals and kill innocent people. The communications linking Mozambique and Zimbabwe in particular have been kept in the NRM's gunsights.

The “Resistance Movement” now serves the aggressive aims of the rulers of the RSA who pursue a policy of terror and gangsterism with regard to sovereign African states, including Mozambique, the newspaper goes on. One cannot but pay attention to the fact that such subversive activity has considerably intensified since the US Reagan administration proclaimed the notorious doctrine of “fighting international terrorism” and openly stated Washington's “friendly sentiments” towards the RSA. Thus, the threads which lead from the CIA and the racist secret service interlace in a single dirty tangle of conspiracies, blackmail and sabotage against Mozambique committed by puppets recruited into the NRM.

The newspaper reports that units of the People's Liberation Forces of Mozambique, of national security bodies and border guard detachments supported by the local population, dealt counter-revolutionary bands a number of crushing blows. In the mountainous area of Sittatonga in Manica Province, the successful operation “Leopard” ended in the defeat of big enemy forces. Several hundreds of bandits were killed, wounded or taken prisoner. Arms with markings of the RSA and NATO countries were captured. Operation “Leopard” still continues, 'Izvestiya' stressed.