

# Mozambique alert

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MAPUTO. — The Mozambican armed forces have been on full alert since Saturday because of what that country claims is the possibility of a "South African military attack".

The news of the alert came in the form of terse communique issued by the general staff of the Mozambican armed forces (FPLM) issued in Maputo at the weekend and which claimed that South Africa was "preparing for another military attack" on Mozambique.

The communique alleged that the "preparations involved the used of mercenaries and of military vehicles painted in the colours of the Mozambican armed forces".

It added: "The Mozambican armed forces are determined to defeat any armed provocation against our country."

Despite these allegations, the situation in Maputo is calm with no obvious signs of any unusual military activity.