

Silence on MNR leader's killing

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POLICE this week described as "sensitive" the investigation into the murder in Pretoria in April of Mozambique National Resistance Movement leader Orlando Cristina.

A spokesman said no information could be released until it was complete.

Mr Cristina, 46, was the secretary-general of the MNR, which he helped found, and there has been speculation that he was killed as a result of a power struggle in the movement.

He died on April 17 after being shot in the neck at close range, according to reports at the time in a Lisbon newspaper.

It has been revealed in Parliament that Mr Cristina was granted permanent residence in South Africa in March last year.

When Mr Colin Eglin, chief Opposition spokesman on foreign affairs, asked if the Department of Internal Affairs had taken into consideration reports that Mr Cristina was a "prominent and leading member of a guerrilla movement", he was told "confidential" information had been passed

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