

Zambézia Food Crisis, March 1987

The BBC World Service on Monday 16 March 1987 carried a report by a Danish journalist from the newspaper *Politiken* [centrist, mainstream, respectable] making the following points:

- there is no food shortage in Zambézia in MNR-controlled areas – he saw lots of citrus, rice, and fish;
- the role of a journalist is to distinguish ‘truth’ from the propaganda of both sides, i.e. you cannot believe either Renamo or Frelimo entirely;
- it may be true that Renamo commit atrocities, but he did not see this;
- they are not a rag-tag army, but have an organizational structure, etc.

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