

# MNR linked to rural vigilantes

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THE Northern Transvaal Youth Congress (Notrayoc) has called on the youth in the Frontline states and other neighbouring states to mobilise against "South African aggression".

The South African Youth Congress (Sayco) affiliate, which claims a membership of 120 000, has made the call in the wake of the growing vigilante threat in the area, the coming white elections and moves by the KwaNdebele government to opt for "independence".

Notrayoc considers the youth in the Frontline states as part of "us". The organisation says in a statement that the youth in the Frontline states are also "subject to SA intimidation" and therefore the youth in the region should prepare to form "partisan fronts" to counter South African "aggression".

They added that any leader of a neighbouring state who stands in the way will be seen as "betraying the South African struggle".

Notrayoc, one of 160 affiliates of Sayco, representing the youth in Venda, Lebowa, KwaNdebele and Gazankulu, will counter efforts by vigilante groups in the area to recruit from the unemployed.

Notrayoc president, Ephraim Mogale is reported as saying there were eight vigilante committees in the area and some of these were masquerading as youth organisations. One such group calls itself "Abafana bakaBotha" (Sons of Botha).

Notrayoc claims the vigilante movement is backed by the Mozambique resistance, Renamo.

The organisation, whose life presidents are Bobby Tsotsobe, a former ANC guerrilla whose death sentence was commuted to life, and Theresa Ramashamola, a Vaal woman who has been sentenced to death, is also mobilising against moves by KwaNdebele to opt for independence.