

Evidence of South African Aid to MNR

There has been evidence of heightened supervision of MNR activities in Mozambique by the South African military in recent months. Evidence includes:

- * March 23, MNR defector Paulo Oliveira details South African training and communications for MNR, and outlines SADF supervision of MNR operations out of Malawi (*SouthScan* Vol. 2. No. 27).
- * April 9, former MNR rebel Luis Tomas tells Radio Mozambique of South African soldier killed during air raid on an MNR base at Chadora in Manico province, after entering Mozambique with three other South African military personnel in October 1987.
- * May 6, amnestied MNR rebel Modesto Sixpence, speaking to *Noticias* newspaper, gives details of South African arms supplies to MNR, including landmines and explosives dropped in Macossa province.
- * May 18, 25 MNR rebels killed in clash with Mozambican armed forces in Maputo province, some 10km from the South African border. Local people reported that the rebel force came from inside South Africa.
- * July 27, surrendered MNR fighter Joao Kamuati, interviewed by *Noticias*, says he was trained by South Africans at Casa Banana.
- * July 23, former MNR fighters Alberto Rendicao and Horacio Taimo give details to *Noticias* of arms trades for precious stones, ivory and hardwood, carried out from Gorongosa national park to South Africa.
- * July 29, Mozambique army communique states that one of a rebel force which attacked the town of Namaacha on July 24 was wearing SADF insignia.
- * August 19, article in *The Weekly Mail* records case of four men detained in South African border towns saying that while under arrest they were taken to a caravan where Portuguese speaking representatives tried to recruit them into the MNR.
- * August 30, former MNR rebel Anuario Macume gives account to *Noticias* of South African arms transport in Inhambane province, supplied by sea.
- * September 9, MNR leader Afonso Dhlakama undergoing training in public relations provided by South African military intelligence at a base in the Transvaal in a bid to improve his image following negative US state department report, *Africa Confidential* reports.
- * September 29, Mozambican Lt. Col. Mauricio Madebe says that three blacks arrested in Nampula City while carrying out a reconnaissance mission to discover possible ANC bases, were carrying South African passports.
- * October 1, Mozambique's Foreign Minister, Pascoal Mocumbi, speaks of July 28 clash between South African and Mozambican troops on the frontier south of Maputo: "We thought at the time it involved members of RENAMO, but the South African government asked us to return the body of a soldier who had been killed along with the equipment we had captured".
- * October 22, former MNR intelligence service member, Lopes Siteo, tells Radio Mozambique that South African support for the MNR is continuing, via a provincial base at Goba on the frontier near South Africa and Swaziland.