

A captured MNR 'guerrilla' claims South African aircraft continued to supply the Mozambique rebel army until at least last November. This would have been in contravention of the pledge made two months earlier by President Botha, at his meeting with Mozambique's President Joaquim Chissano, that SA would no longer support the rebels.

Mr Moises Macaxaze said the last time he saw a South African aircraft supplying the MNR was on 12 November, in the Chibuto district in the southern province of Gaza. He said the plane had unloaded anti-tank and anti-personnel mines, explosives, mortars and ammunition. After his capture, Mr Macaxaze admitted being involved in an espionage mission for the MNR in Chimoio.

There has recently been an upsurge of MNR attacks in the eastern part of Gaza, which would be consistent with the claims that the rebels have received fresh supplies of weapons.

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