

Summary of World Broadcasts, June 1991

Mozambican COS suspects Kenyan assistance to rebels after ship incident Lt-Gen Antonio Hama Thai, COS of Mozambique's Armed Forces, was reported by Radio Mozambique (Maputo) on 20th June as having "expressed concern" over a recent incident in which two Kenyan frigates had entered Mozambican waters without authorisation. Kenya had requested permission for the vessels to call at Beira as part of a naval training exercise but they had entered Mozambican waters before receiving permission, "thereby violating international law". Having been impounded and inspected, the ships were released by the authorities but, the COS said, "one could not rule out the possibility that the two frigates had entered Mozambique's waters to supply logistical aid to the MNR. Hama Thai said that his suspicions were normal because it is known that Kenya has been assisting the MNR."