
ZAMBIA—PORTUGAL

Prisoners Released

The Minister of Home Affairs, Mr. Lewis Changufu, said on May 11th that the two Portuguese soldiers gaoled in February for entering Zambia illegally (p. 2054B) would go free later in May. The two men, Alberto Calado and Marco Rodrigues, were in Lusaka Remand Prison. They would have served less than one-quarter of their fifteen-month sentences. They had been in constant touch with United Nations officials. They had been told to prepare themselves for a trip to either **Algeria, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, or Holland**. They were arrested in Zambia after deserting from the Portuguese Army in **Mozambique**. They did not want to return to Portugal for fear of being imprisoned. Mr. Changufu said "negotiations have been going on to find a country for these two men to live in". (TZ 12/5)

The Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Elijah Mudenda, announced on May 13th that a **Zambian woman** who had been kidnapped by the Portuguese in **Mozambique** had been released after being severely tortured. The woman, who had been identified as a Mrs. Momba, was freed in **Malawi** and was currently undergoing hospital treatment resulting from the torture. She would return to Zambia as soon as possible. Mr. Mudenda denied that the release of the two Portuguese soldiers who were serving prison sentences in Zambia had any connection with the release of the woman.

Mr. Mudenda said it was likely that he would ask the Malawian Government during his forthcoming visit to that country to act as a go-between in securing the release of three remaining **Zambians** seized by the Portuguese. (TZ 14/5)

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