

# New group calls for Wiriyamu inquiry

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Democrats of Mozambique, the loosely formed socialist pressure group here, is calling on the military junta in Lisbon to institute a full inquiry into the Wiriyamu massacre allegations and also in the activities of the DGS security police.

Dr Carlos Adriaio Rodrigues, one of the lawyers leading the group, today repeated his claim that the Bishop of Tete had told him confidentially in January, 1973, that he had evidence of the massacre. The bishop refused to confirm or deny this when I saw him in Tete soon after the accounts in *The Times* of the Wiriyamu allegations had caused an international sensation.

Dr Rodrigues, who has defended four priests, who were tried by the Portuguese because of their allegedly pro-Frelimo attitudes, said today that he believed that the DGS had sent the troops in to Wiriyamu when the local Africans refused to give information about Frelimo rebels who had shot at an aircraft and ambushed troops.

Concern over the secret police organization's counter-insurgency activities has been intensified here by the claims by political prisoners freed yesterday from Machava prison that they were subjected to beatings and starvation and that as a result at least 23 people died.

The pressure group is asking for a comprehensive investigation of all the DGS's more dubious activities.