

S. Africa warns Machel of clash

GEN Magnus Malan, the South African Defence Minister, yesterday warned Mozambican President Samora Machel that he faced a head-on clash with South Africa if he did not take urgent steps to prevent Mozambique being used as a base for the African National Congress, writes Anthony Robinson in Johannesburg.

Commenting on the wounding of six South African soldiers by a landmine explosion near the border with Mozambique on Monday, Gen Malan warned "the Nkomati Agreement and landmines cannot exist side by side. If President Machel choses landmines South Africa will react accordingly."