

Protest at SA move on Maputo

BRITAIN AND other members of the European Community yesterday protested against South Africa's announcement last week that it planned to halt the hiring of thousands of Mozambican workers, Reuter reports from London.

The British Government, which holds the presidency of the 12-member Community, said in a statement that it was gravely concerned by reports that South Africa might be contemplating military action against its neighbour, Mozambique.

The statement said: "The 12 strongly urge the South African Government to show full respect for the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of their neighbours and to do nothing to worsen relations with those neighbours or add to suffering in southern Africa."

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