

# ANC began push six months after Accord – claim

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**SOUTH African intelligence sources claim that a massive escalation in ANC personnel started in Mozambique a bare six months after the signing of the Nkomati Accord**

According to sources in Pretoria, there are now several hundred trained ANC men in Maputo, allegedly the main centre from where a spate of terrorist incidents in South Africa has been launched in recent months.

But ANC spokesmen in Lusaka this week denied that they had armed men in Mozambique, and repeated their claim that South Africa was creating an excuse for a massive intervention in the country to challenge the Machel government.

The biff and bat comes amid increasing reports of significant Renamo gains in the swaying bush war which has helped reduce the Mozambican economy to shambles.

According to the Pretoria sources, initial efforts by the Frelimo Government to abide by the Nkomati Accord and allow the ANC only to maintain its political office with between 10 and 12 staff members wavered under pressure from the Soviet Union, the frontline States and various organisations such as the OAU.

## Mounted

Six months after the historic accord had been signed, and as the pressure against Maputo mounted, bringing relations between Mozambique and the Soviet Union to an all-time low, South African sources claim evidence emerged that the ANC presence in the city was again growing.

At the same time, the ANC chief military strategist and SA Communist Party chairman, Joe Slovo, again became a regular visitor to Ma-

puto, where he maintains an apartment.

According to the sources, the ANC has once again established a military command and control centre in Maputo, called a Regional Political Military Council (RPMC).

Other RPMCs exist clandestinely in Lesotho and Swaziland and openly in Botswana.

At present, say the sources, the Maputo RPMC controls several hundred trained men, who have in recent months carried out numerous missions, especially in the Eastern Transvaal and Natal.

The current chief ANC representative in Maputo is Jacob Zuma, who heads both the political and military functions

## Controls

The Maputo RPMC also controls the ANC's military operations in Swaziland and Lesotho, including the logistical supplies and communications with the ANC head office in Lusaka, Zambia.

Some of the Maputo RPMC officials, say South African sources, have been identified as members of the SA Communist Party, while there is close liaison between the ANC, SACP and the representative of the PLQ and other terrorist organisations, who also maintain offices in Maputo.

Among the ANC facilities in Maputo listed by the sources are a number of transit or "safe" houses in various Maputo suburbs used for crash-course military training of ANC operatives recruited in South Africa.

An ANC spokesman in Lusaka yesterday denied his organisation had armed personnel and insisted the ANC mission consisted of only six people. He also insisted the organisation does not use neighbouring countries to launch its raids.