

Machel crash: SA is accused again

GABORONE — President Joaquim Chissano of Mozambique has again claimed that former President Samora Machel, who died in a plane crash in South Africa, was murdered.

He repeated the allegation despite the contrary findings of the commission of inquiry headed by Mr Justice Margo of South Africa, assisted by British and American experts, which found that the plane crash was caused by flying errors on the part of the Russian air crew.

According to the Mozambique news agency AIM, President Chissano said during his visit to Botswana this week that by murdering Machel "the enemies of peace thought that Mozambicans would call a halt to their struggle".

President Chissano also repeated allegations that South Africa was continuing to train and arm the Mozambique National Resistance rebels and was trying to paralyse the economies of the Frontline states.

He was speaking at the village of Tonado near Francistown in Botswana.