

SOUTH AFRICAN PROMISES TO END SUPPORT TO BANDITS

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Speaking in Stockholm, on 10 November, Prime Minister Machungo stated that it is "essential" that the new South African President, F.W. de Klerk, carry out his promise

to reshuffle the commanding levels of those sectors of the South African Armed Forces involved in supporting the MNR bandits.

He was speaking at a meeting with members of the foreign affairs committee of the Swedish parliament. One of the Swedish MP's asked the Mozambican Prime Minister whether the change in South Africa's government could have an impact on the support for banditry still flowing from South African soil. Mr Machungo then revealed that de Klerk had promised to make changes in the South African military command. This happened after the United States Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, Herman Cohen, had publicly stated that the US has evidence of continued South African support for the MNR.

At his press conference in Brussels, on 13 November, Prime Minister Machungo reiterated that there is continuing evidence that the MNR bandits are still receiving support from South Africa. Speaking at the International Press Centre at the headquarters of the European Community, Mr Machungo said the MNR "received supplies of weaponry very recently, and it is reasonable to state that support continues to flow from its usual sources".

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