

## MOZAMBIQUE: Death of a mediator from Zaire ION 13/1/90

According to a clandestine newsletter *Le combat pour la démocratie et le progrès* published by the opposition party in Zaire, the *Union nationale pour la démocratie et le progrès social* (UDPS), a mediator sent by President Mobutu to try to reconcile the RENAMO rebels with the Mozambican government recently died "in an alleged road accident."

The exact spot where the accident occurred has not been disclosed, but given the situation at the time of his death, it can be presumed that he was in Mozambique. The same source names the deceased as **Boketshu Anzolo**, a representative of the Head of State of Zaire.

I.O.N.- *Although this information has yet to be confirmed, the reality of Zaire's mediation role in the Mozambican conflict is true. In attending the Luso-speaking Summit in Cape Verde in mid-December, President Chissano made a short stop-over in Zaire where he met, en tête-à-tête with President Mobutu (ION N°411). Last October, the Indian Ocean Newsletter (ION N°402) also reported that President Mobutu had agreed to receive members of Mozambique's regular Armed Forces for training in Zaire. These soldiers who should begin their training programme in February are expected to form a special unit, for "the protection of urban areas and anti-rural banditism."*