



TAKING RISKS ... Bruce Anderson on familiar territory, the troublesome hostel in Alexandra township — a hostel he was to re-arm a few days later.

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SADF accused of supplying arms

SOUTH AFRICAN Military Intelligence and the American International Freedom Foundation (IFF) have been accused of supplying Renamo with 30 tons of weapons in September last year.

The claim was made by Mozambican President Joachim Chissano to the Deputy Director-General of the Department of Foreign Affairs, Derek Auret, in a meeting between the two governments on February 11 this year.

Chissano informed the South Africans that on September 12 and 14 last year, two Hercules C-130 aircraft of Safair delivered 30 tons of weapons and ammunition to Renamo via Malawi.

The Mozambicans claimed that Military Intelligence and the IFF supplied the weapons, but that Garth Barrett and a person called "Jemison" acted as purchaser of the equipment.

In a highly secret Department of Foreign Affairs document, a top official, Gert Grobler, is ordered to investigate the president's allegations and report back to him.

The Mozambican government has maintained that despite the signing of the Nkomati Peace Accord in 1984, prohibiting any aid to Renamo, the South African military has continued supplying the guerrillas with weapons. South Africa has denied this.

As early as 1988, Mozambican intelligence revealed that SA Military Intelligence was now supporting Renamo via Malawi.

An organisation called Freedom Incorporated was set up to channel South African aid to Renamo.

Freedom Incorporated is headed by Robert MacKenzie, who served with Barrett in the SAS in Rhodesia and helped him train Renamo.

Grobler said on Friday, in response to Chissano's allegations, that Foreign Affairs informed the Mozambicans that two Safair planes went to Malawi on September 12 and 14 last year, but that the freight was ammunition from Armscor for the Malawian government.