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Harare and Dar es Salaam: Aid to Mozambique

The decision by the Tanzanian and Zimbabwean governments to increase their military aid to Mozambique in order to confront the anti-revolutionary terrorists of the MNR is particularly significant since it means that the number of military personnel sent to Mozambique will rise considerably. While it is true that Zimbabwe's military presence in Mozambique already dates back to 1982, new troops have been and will be sent to the country to defend the route linking the frontier town of Mutare and the Mozambican port of Beira, including a pipeline, a road and a railway line. It is known that Zimbabwean armed forces are already stationed along the length of the route linking Zimbabwe with Malawi via the north-west of Mozambique. At present, it is not known where the Tanzanian military forces will be stationed. President Julius Nyerere agreed to send the troops when he met Mozambican President Samora Machel and Zimbabwe's President Robert Mugabe in Harare on June 12.
