

Revelations about Evo Fernandes murder

The Portuguese weekly publication, *Expresso*, reveals that Alexandre Chagas, who has been charged with the murder of the former Secretary of RENAMO, Evo Fernandes, received a large sum of money (equivalent to FF200,000) in rands in Mozambique, plus 1,000 contos in Portugal) from the SNASP, the Mozambique secret service. This would have been his fee for murdering the rebel organisation's former strong man. The paper, quoting judicial sources in Lisbon, confirms that Chagas, presently held in Portugal, was in contact with members of the Mozambique Embassies in Portugal and in France. A few days prior to the murder, Chagas apparently received an escape plan from a Mozambican diplomat.