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Organise for war with SA – Machel

MAPUTO. – President Samora Machel says South Africa might try to invade Mozambique and has warned people “to organise for war”. South Africa could attack “by land, by sea or by air,” President Machel told Mozambican Army officer cadets during a visit to the Manhica politico-military training centre 80km north of Maputo.

He said anti-government rebels of the Mozambique National Resistance (MNR)

are South Africa’s “advance guard” and Pretoria wanted to destroy Mozambique because it was a non-racial country.

“The best defence against aggression is to organise for war,” President Machel said.

Last month South African warplanes attacked alleged bases of the African National Congress in a Maputo suburb in retaliation for the car bomb in Pretoria, which killed 119 people. Responsibility was claimed by the ANC. – UPI.