

Mozambique and South Africa: Maputo Report of S African Troop Build-up

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Text of report

The National Political Minister-Commissar of the FPLM [People's Forces for the Liberation of Mozambique], Lt-Gen Armando Guebuza, had a meeting in Maputo yesterday [6th February] with the Party structures, activist groups, vigilantes, people's militia and other structures of Maputo town and province. The purpose of the meeting was to mobilize the various structures involved in ensuring public security concerning the need to step up vigilance in the face of the intensification of enemy actions against our country, particularly the South African aggression carried out on 30th January.

Addressing the meeting, Lt-Gen Armando Guebuza said that all citizens in general, and in particular every militant, must know exactly what to do in case of an enemy attack. The National Political Minister-Commissar of the FPLM also said that in addition to the criminal action in Matola, the Pretoria regime had been building up large numbers of troops and war equipment on the border with Mozambique; it had also recalled South African workers in the Mozambican capital to Pretoria for consultations. This could mean that the enemy was preparing fresh attacks on our country, the senior Party official also emphasized.

Lt-Gen Armando Guebuza said that it was of extreme importance that the population should be organized to enable it to supply all information on the movement of suspicious persons to the defence and security forces so that they could take appropriate measures.

Meanwhile, information from South Africa indicates that at a rally held in Soweto, a Johannesburg suburb, thousands of demonstrators strongly condemned the Pretoria regime's aggression on Mozambique.