

The Citizen 1981/03/02 'SA wants to destroy our economy'

MAPUTO. — Thousands of people gathered in Maputo at the weekend in a demonstration of support for Mozambique's President Samora

Machel's recent appeal for people to be ready in case of future attacks on targets in the city by the South African Defence Force.

Addressing the crowd of about 8 000 in the city's old bullrings, party secretary Mr Antonio Hama Thai said the people of Mozambique were ready to defend the country against South Africa's attacks that were "designed to destroy the country's developing economy".

He appealed to everyone in the city to observe all measures announced earlier for "physical protection and self-defence" against air raids and toxic gas attacks.

Plans have also been made for the evacuation of school pupils and hospital patients, the conscriptions of all young people and first aid training for women. -- Sapa.