

Why Nkomati violated —SA army supremo

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THE chief of the South African armed forces, General Constand Viljoen, says he violated the Nkomati non-aggression accord with Mozambique on the direct orders of the South African government.

Speaking at a Press conference in Pretoria on Tuesday, Gen. Viljoen, whose name figures prominently in the documents captured by the Mozambican authorities at the MNR bandit headquarters in Gorongosa, said that after the signing of the accord the South African army "because of its earlier links with the rebels, was instructed to maintain these contacts and to use its influence to persuade them to come to the peace talks table".

Viljoen made it clear that South Africa saw the Nkomati accord as just a first step, and that its long-term aim was to place MNR bandits inside the Mozambican govern-

ment. This aim is cloaked in talk about "peace", and Gen Viljoen even reduced the Mozambican government to the same status as the bandits, describing them as "warring factions".

Gen Viljoen said the Mozambican government "actively encouraged South Africa's moves to initiate peace talks".

But throughout the discussions of September and October 1984, Mozambique made it clear that the only thing on offer for the MNR was an amnesty for those bandits who laid down their arms.

There was never any question of entering into political negotiations with the MNR. — Ziana-AIM.

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