

Slabbert to quiz Botha on Nkomati

JOHANNESBURG. — Dr Frederick van Zyl Slabbert, leader of the opposition Federal Progressive Party said after a meeting with President Samora Machel on Friday there was no doubt in the mind of the Mozambican government that the South African government and defence force have deliberately violated the Nkomati Accord during its planning, signing and implementation.

Speaking after his return to Swaziland on Friday after meeting the Mozambican delegation in Maputo, he said they (the Mozambican ministers) did not doubt that MNR bandits had no independent political viability and was "simply an extension of the South African Defence Force deliberately destabilising Mozambique and preventing economic development".

"An example they cite is the fact that the Cabora Bassa (hydro-electric system) is systematically kept inoperative because of bandit activities.

"I find these statements extremely disturbing and have every intention of probing their validity in the forthcoming session of Parliament," he said.

"At a time of economic decline and internal instability in South Africa, it is sheer lunacy for us to be involved in any kind of regional destabilisation and it is my intention to find out exactly in what way the South African government believes and is committed to the Nkomati Accord." — Ziana-Sapa.

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