

# Pretoria Plans Attack, Mozambique Charges

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MAPUTO, Mozambique — Mozambique says it expects an imminent South African attack on the capital, Maputo, in an effort to overthrow the government of President Samora Machel.

An official statement released Saturday said Mozambique had information that the raid would be carried out by South Africa's air force and by commando groups who had entered the country.

"The armed forces, the people's militia, the vigilante groups and our entire people should be on permanent alert as from now," the

statement said. It charged South Africa with "the ultimate aim of overthrowing the Mozambican government and installing a puppet regime in Maputo."

In Pretoria, a spokesman for the South African Army dismissed the statement as "no more than speculation and a sign of a severe attack of nerves."

Leaders of seven black-ruled nations in southern Africa began a one-day meeting in Maputo on Sunday to review regional security.

The meeting was attended by Presidents Machel, Quett Masire of Botswana, Ali Hassan Mwinyi of Tanzania, José Eduardo dos Santos of Angola, Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia and Prime Minister Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe and Kengo Wa Dondo, the first state commissioner in Zaire.

The Mozambican statement Saturday said the land mine incident had been staged by Pretoria as an excuse to attack the country, which has been engaged in a struggle for 11 years against rightist guerrillas of the Mozambican National Resistance who are backed by South Africa.