

Mozambique Sanctions

President Joaquim Chissano of Mozambique recently accused South Africa of applying sanctions against his country by drastically cutting back the use of his country's labor, railways and harbors. Chissano said that South Africa had decreased its exports through Maputo from 7 million tons to about 800,000 to 900,000 tons.

Mozambican workers in South Africa have been reduced to 3,000 from a high of 150,000. African experts believe that South Africa is not deliberately applying sanctions against Mozambique. They point to Pretoria's recession, partly a result of international sanctions, as being the main reason for the economic slowdown that, in turn, has adversely affected Mozambique's economy, along with those of other neighboring states.

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