

MAPUTO RAID PAPERS SHOW SA ORIGINS

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DOCUMENTS**
found inside a vehicle used by the commando group which murdered three Mozambicans in Maputo early on Friday morning confirm the South African origin of three vehicles used in the attack.

The documents were found inside a Mitsubishi minibus, the only one of their vehicles which the attackers left intact. Two Toyota pick-ups used in the attack were partially destroyed by the raiders and abandoned near the minibus a few metres from the sea where the racist killers were picked up by boat.

One of the documents, which police believe is the log book of a Toyota pick-up, names the owner as one N. A. du Preez, resident in Berea in Johannesburg.

Police confirmed here yesterday that arrests had been made in connection with the attack and that

investigations were continuing.

The police said they had found two infra-red torches, still lit and pointing out to sea, on the sea wall. This strengthened the suspicion that the group of attackers had made their escape by boat, and had used the torches for signalling.

The attackers had also left behind three grenades, an incendiary device, an anti-personnel bomb, a smoke bomb, a seven-kilo hammer and a quantity of ammunition, which were all shown to journalists on Saturday.

Soon after the attack, the Mozambican police stepped up security around the South African trade mission in Maputo, which is some 500 metres from one of the target houses.

A Mozambican communique issued on Friday night said that "material evidence left behind in the flight of the attackers, as well as statements from several witnesses, prove conclusively that this was a criminal act by South African special forces".

The attack was "a gross violation of the norms and principles of international co-existence, even more serious in the light of the fact that the two states have

a non-aggression accord, which Mozambique has scrupulously respected".

The communique expressed Mozambique's "political, moral and diplomatic support for the struggle of the South African people led by the ANC against the apartheid regime and for a society of equality and democracy".

Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda has strongly condemned the South African commando raid on Maputo.

Dr Kaunda said as chairman of the Frontline States he strongly condemned the attack which comes soon after similar cowardly attacks on Livingstone and Harare.

He said those who support the Pretoria regime by blaming the Frontline States for violence in South Africa should now honestly reflect as to who the real aggressor is.

"It is quite clear now that the Nkomati Pact is not worth the paper on which it is written. South African rulers cannot be trusted any longer," he said.

Dr Kaunda warned the West that should it fail to stop South Africa's acts of aggression, free Africa will know who its real friends are and will act accordingly.

"We are fed up of the

West's pious condemnations of the apartheid regime. Let them declare now on whose side they are and let them do this through decisive action. Double racial standards are out," he said.

In Dar es Salaam yesterday, Tanzanian Foreign Minister Ben Mkapa condemned Friday's raid on houses in Maputo as "the latest senseless and brutal act of the South African regime".

In Beijing on Saturday, China accused South Africa of launching Friday's commando attack in Mozambique, describing it as an open provocation against African countries and peoples.

A foreign ministry statement expressed great indignation at what it called a criminal act in which three civilians had died.

"This is another crime committed by South African authorities in wilful violation of international law, sovereignty and territorial integrity of a neighbouring country," the statement said.

"As facts have proved time and again, the cause of the turbulent situation in Southern Africa lies in South African authorities clinging to the policies of racism and destabilising neighbouring countries." — Ziana-Aim-Pana-Zana-Reuter.