

Acts of terrorism worry joint team in Mozambique ^{H 17/11} 88

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THE joint security commission between Mozambique and racist South Africa has expressed "deep concern" at the persistent terrorist acts in Mozambique, and pledged to work towards ending them.

The two delegations met in Maputo, and were led by the heads of the Mozambican and South African armies, Lt. Gen. Tobias Dai and Lt. Gen. A. J. Liebenberg respectively.

A final communique issued on Tuesday in Portuguese to the Mozambican media after the meeting said that the two sides had "analysed questions related to the implementation of the spirit and the letter of the Nkomati Non-Aggression Agreement" signed between Mozambique and South Africa in March 1984.

The meeting also looked at "the degree of implementation" of decisions taken at the September meeting between the Mozambican and South African presidents, Cde Joaquim Chissano and Mr P. W. Botha, at the northern Mozambican town of Songo.

The communique said that "the commission noted with deep concern the persistence of acts of terrorism in Mozambique and pledged to make efforts to eliminate them".

According to communique, "noted the existence of forces committed to undermining the efforts of Mozambique and South Africa to search for peace and stability". They promised "to work to neutralise" such forces.

The meeting followed a spate of bandit attacks against railways and power lines in Southern Mozambique. On Tuesday morning, shortly before the start of the security commission meeting, the transmission lines carrying energy to Maputo from South Africa were sabotaged for the third time in less than a month. — ZIANA-AIM-Pana.