

# RHODESIANS INVADE AGAIN

More desperate attacks were launched by the Rhodesian regime across the Mozambique border between 30 May and 2 June. It was an air and ground offensive striking simultaneously into Tete province to the north and Gaza in the south. Here are the communiques issued by the Mozambique Information Agency describing the incidents:

Maputo, May 30 - The Ministry of Defence reported today that the Rhodesian racist regime launched an attack on the province of Tete at the week-end, using planes and helicopters and dropping napalm bombs.

The Ministry said that on Saturday morning the Rhodesian regime sent in heliborne forces backed by warplanes in a provocation against the locality of Chioco, about 120 kilometres southwest of Tete town.

Napalm bombs were dropped by the Mozambique People's Liberation Forces (FPLM) returned fire immediately, shooting down two planes and a helicopter and putting the enemy to flight.

Afterwards, as was reported by the Defence Ministry yesterday, the Rhodesian Forces launched attacks against the province of Gaza to the south.

In these attacks, described by the Ministry as the biggest so far in the area, heavy artillery was used against the people of Chicualacuala area.

The week-end attacks on Tete province follow an announcement by the Governor of the province, Antonio Thai, that there had been several attacks on Tete recently and that a Rhodesian warplane had been shot down in the province last Tuesday. End.

Maputo, June 1 - Artillery and infantry units of the illegal Rhodesian regime penetrated the province of Gaza at the week-end, reaching the locality of Mapai, where there has been intense fighting between the invading forces and the Mozambique People's Liberation Forces (FPLM).

A spokesman for the General Staff of the FPLM said today that the enemy action had now been reduced to aerial bombing of railway stations, farms, schools and the population of the region.

The present Rhodesian offensive began on May 29 when enemy forces tried to attack the defence emplacements at Chicualacuala and Chitanga along the border.

Having been driven back from the two localities, the enemy moved through the unpopulated parts of the district of Chicualacuala, advancing along the river Nuanetse to Mapai where they entered into combat with the FPLM stationed there.

In Tete province, the military situation is now completely under the control of the FPLM, but operations are underway to search for and

capture isolated Rhodesians who are trying to escape into Rhodesian territory.

Rhodesian heliborne troops disembarked in the Chioco area of Tete on May 14, and since then the FPLM have shot down three jet planes and a helicopter and have forced the enemy units to retreat from Mozambican territory.

The present military operations of Ian Smith are aimed at raising the morale of the racist soldiers and, at the same time, internationalising the conflict between the illegal regime and the Zimbabwe People's Liberation Movement.