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# Rhodesia escape route for agents

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Six Portuguese former PIDE secret agents have escaped from the Mozambican jail where they had been held for 14 months and are now in Europe, it has been learned.

The six, accompanied by a seventh man, the former commander of an anti-guerrilla unit, managed to reach Rhodesia, where they gave themselves up to security forces, who had been forewarned of the operation.

All seven flew from Jan Smuts Airport on a Europe-bound flight on Sunday intending to join former Portuguese President Antonio de Spínola in a European capital, sources disclosed.

The escape was organised by a Portuguese businessman in Johannesburg opposed to the Mozambican regime of President Machel, the same sources said.

Officials meanwhile announced that six other Portuguese nationals were arrested by South African police after crossing from Mozambique recently. The six were being questioned in connection with South African immigration regulations, the officials said.