

# Bomba is working <sup>Star.</sup> 6/9/82 for rebels

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Frelimo defector Lieutenant Adriano Bomba is working for the resistance movement in Mozambique, senior MNR sources claimed today.

Exclusive pictures showing Lieutenant Bomba at a congress of the Resistencia Nacional Mocambicana (MNR) have been obtained by The Star.

They show Lieutenant Bomba and his brother Boaventura sitting at a table with the leader of the MNR, General Afonso Dhlakama.

The pictures are said to have been taken inside Mozambique.

I obtained the pictures from members of the executive committee of the MNR in Portugal.

Lieutenant Bomba is reportedly head of the information department of the MUR and moves regularly in and out of

the stife-born bushveld of Mozambique.

He does not, however, pilot warplanes for the movement.

Sources told The Star that Lieutenant Bomba, who was trained in Russia, is now a full member of the national executive council of the movement.

A spokesman for the South African Defence Force said today Lieutenant Bomba was no longer employed by the SADF.

He had left the SADF at the end of April without giving reasons.

The Defence Force had no idea where he was now.

After fleeing to South Africa in July, in his Mozambique Air Force MiG-17, Lieutenant Bomba had been employed by the SADF in a civilian capacity.

He had been involved in the evaluation and translation of propaganda broadcast in Russian and Portuguese mainly from Angola and Mozambique. He did not wear SADF uniform because he was employed as a civilian.

Leaders of the movement have offered to declare a truce in the war against President Samora Machel.

The movement says

is prepared to give its war drive if Frelimo agrees to hold general elections and abide by the decision of the electorate.

Spokesmen said the offer was aimed at the moderates in Frelimo.

They hoped the truce would lead to the formation of a coalition government between the MNR and Frelimo moderates.

The MNR leaders claim many areas of the country have been "liberated" and that their forces are closing in on Maputo.

The true offer was to prevent further loss of life or damage to the country's battered economy, they said.

The offer has been sent to Frelimo through secret channels in Europe.

Asked what would happen if the offer were refused or ignored, a spokesman said: "If the moderate elements in Frelimo cannot or will not take advantage of the coalition plan, then we will march towards our final target — the capture of Maputo."