

Bomba, 'disillusioned' with SA

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LISBON: 82 The Mozambican air force pilot who defected to South Africa, Lieutenant Adriano Bomba, had returned to his country as an anti-government guerrilla because he had been "utterly disillusioned" according to a spokesman for the Mozambique national

resistance movement.

"He was disappointed with the way South Africa was trying to manipulate him for its own propaganda purposes," said the spokesman of the MRM which is fighting the government of President Samora Machel.

He said Lieutenant Bomba had left South Africa in April to join the guerrillas.

Lieutenant Bomba fled Mozambique in July last year in a MiG 17 jet which was later returned by South Africa.

The MRM's Lisbon spokesman, Mr Evo Fernandes, said the aim of Lieutenant Bomba's escape had always been to join the MRM in which his brother, Mr Bonaventura Bomba, is national political commissar on the 13-man executive council.