

# **Defector Bomba takes over from murdered MNR chief**

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LIEUTENANT Adriano Bomba, the 23-year-old Frelimo defector who flew his MiG-17 to South Africa in July, 1981, has taken the place of murdered Mozambique National Resistance (MNR) secretary-general, Orlando Cristina, and is now said to be in Mozambique.

Mr Cristina was murdered in his Pretoria home last month amid informed speculation that the death was to remove social democrats from leadership positions in the MNR and to replace them with more capitalist-oriented members.

Mr Cristina's post was critical as he apparently channelled funds and arms to the movement and attempted to generate support for it in Europe and North and South America.

In June last year the Mozambican news agency claimed Lt Bomba headed an anti-Frelimo organisation based in South Africa called Jumo, the youth wing of Fumo, run by

wealthy Mozambican expatriates. The capitalist Fumo had previously found the socialist tendencies of some MNR people, including Mr Cristina, uncondusive to close ties.

However, at the time the SADF said they were employing the youthful Lt Bomba to analyse Soviet propaganda. But only three months later, in September, the SADF claimed Lt Bomba had left their employ in April and they had no knowledge of his whereabouts. The SADF statement came after newspapers in Johannesburg published reports and pictures showing Lt Bomba and his brother Bonaventura working in Mozambique with the MNR.

In September the MNR nominated Lt Bomba information chief, and his brother as national political commissioner. Mr Cristina was put in charge of planning and foreign affairs, while retaining his post of secretary-general.