

Frontline states back joint fight against MNR bandits

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MAPUTO. THE Frontline States have declared their full support for the military offensive being waged by Mozambique and Zimbabwe against the MNR bandits in the central Mozambican provinces of Sofala, Manica and Tete.

In a final communique from Sunday's Frontline summit, the leaders of the six countries praised "the positive results" achieved by the Mozambican and Zimbabwean armed forces. The summit viewed this cooperation as an important example of the unity and solidarity which bind the Frontline countries in their struggle for peace and stability in the region".

The Frontline leaders also "hailed the growing condemnation of apartheid by Western countries, taking the form of different types of pressure, including economic sanctions, against the apartheid regime.

They noted "with deep concern" the increased repression and violence perpetrated by the Pretoria regime against the defenceless population inside South Africa who fight for the abolition of the apartheid system.

The summit also:

- condemned the state of emergency imposed in parts of South Africa, and called for the lifting of the ban on the African National Congress and other African political organisations.

- Demanded the release of jailed ANC leader Cde Nelson Mandela and other political prisoners.

- Noted that President P. W. Botha's "constitutional reforms", and the policy of "constructive engagement" followed by the United States administration "have failed".

- Praised the high level of political consciousness shown by the South African people in their struggle against apartheid.

- Reaffirmed that United Nations Security

Council Resolution 435 remains "the only basis for a negotiated settlement" in Namibia and "rejected the manoeuvre of conditioning Namibian independence to the withdrawal of internationalist Cuban forces from the sovereign territory of the People's Republic of Angola".

- Rejected "the puppet government installed in Windhoek by South Africa", and called on the international community not to give it any credibility.

- Paid homage to President Julius Nyerere of Tanzania, who has chaired the Frontline states ever since the grouping was formed in 1975. — Ziana-AIM.



THE outgoing chairman of the Frontline States, Cde Nyerere, has chat with the Prime Minister, Cde Mugabe and ANC president Cde Tambo at the Frontline summit meeting in Maputo on Sunday.