

Machel's Remarks in Tokyo on S Africa's Support for Bandits and "Use of Malawi"

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Excerpts from live dispatch by Mozambican radio correspondent in Tokyo, Linuel Matias:

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President Samora Machel today said that Malawi was being used by South Africa to infiltrate armed bandits into the Mozambican territory. The President made this statement at a press conference in Tokyo attended by about 60 television, radio and press journalists.

The Mozambican leader pointed out that the apartheid system followed by South Africa, was the principal cause of instability in southern Africa. Accordingly, he said that the South African regime had four characteristics: It colonises Namibia, it follows a policy of violence and racial discrimination in South Africa itself, it directly or indirectly carries out acts of aggression against neighbouring countries, and it occupies part of the People's Republic of Angola.

On indirect acts of aggression, President Samora Machel said that South Africa used armed gangsters to carry out acts of terror. These gangsters are armed, financed and supported by South Africa, the President said. He recalled that during the capture of the armed bandits' main base in Gorongosa, important documents were seized which revealed the involvement of South Africa and other countries in an international conspiracy against the People's Republic of Mozambique.

Answering a question put by one of the journalists on Mozambique's attitude in face of recent South African attacks on frontline states, President Samora Machel said an aggression against a frontline state constituted an attack on Mozambique.

On the Incomati accord, President Samora Machel made it clear that Mozambique signed this document not as a capitulation but as an accord with an adversary within the framework of its policy of peace, defence and solution of conflicts through peaceful ways. President Samora Machel accused South Africa of violating the Incomati accord and said that Mozambique respected the document in spirit and letter.
