

Chipande Says MNR Failed To Infiltrate Tanzania
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[Text] The Mozambican defense minister, General Alberto Chipande, has spoken of the failure by South Africa's MNR bandits to infiltrate Tanzanian territory in 1986. The minister was speaking in Nampula yesterday on the 10th anniversary of the Nampula military academy. The celebrations coincided with the beginning of an official visit to the province by President Joaquim Chissano.

Gen Chipande said that the bandits suffered a crushing defeat in 1986-87 in Zambezia and spoke about the failure in their attempt to divide the country in half along the Zambezi Valley.

During the ceremony, the academy was renamed after Mozambique's first president, Samora Machel. It will now be called Marshal Samora Moises Machel.

In an impromptu speech, the president told officers on parade that the war and various difficulties facing the country had made it impossible for the academy to provide more Mozambican teaching staff. Soviet officers form part of the staff. He said the results achieved by the academy are extraordinary.

President Chissano spent yesterday, the first day of his official visit to Nampula, taking part at the celebrations. Nampula is the last province in the country to be visited by the president since his inauguration in 1986. For the next 2 days President Chissano's official program will be taken up by plenary sessions with party and local government officials in Nampula city.