

## **SA Helps MNR**

When a SA navy vessel dropped anchor in Beira this week with R10-million of military hardware for Mozambique, many Mozambicans believed this signalled an end to the 10-year civil war. But the optimistic mood dissipated a day later when defectors from Renamo said in Maputo that elements of the SA military were covertly supporting the rebels in a bid to sabotage the rapprochement between the two countries.

Chanujuna Joao, who defected from Renamo last week, said the rebels considered the Songo summit between State President PW Botha and Mozambican President Joaquim Chissano a 'stab in the back' and had decided to 'work to increase links with SA military services and to condemn the attitude taken by the SA government'.

Joao alleged the rebels receive support from a West German secret service unit, despite the German government's opposition to the movement, and that Renamo leader Afonso Dhlakama had travelled via SA to Germany in October. Another defector, 19-year-old Isabel Jorge, said that up to last week there were at least 17 South African boers training soldiers at a camp in the province of Manica.

The claims were echoed by Mozambique's news agency, AIM, which said: 'The attacks began immediately after Foreign Minister Pik Botha came to Maputo on October 25 to open the new trade mission buildings and made a pretty speech about co-operation. The Mozambican analysis is there are deep splits inside the SA establishment over Mozambique policy, with the Dept of Foreign Affairs and pragmatic business interests on one side, and hard-line military ideologues on the other'.

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