

Monambique: former "bandits" report continuing S African aid to the MNR (Text) The armed bandits received war equipment from South Africa at least until mid-1988. According to statements made by two former bandits in Maputo today, the equipment was parachuted by South African military aircraft. The former bandits are Wiriam Heron and Diogo Domingos Tony, who have benefited from the amnesty law. They were abducted 11 years ago and trained in Odzi, Rhodesia. Diogo Tony held several military positions with the armed bandits. When he decided to surrender to the authorities he was an instructor at the Caturene base in Manica. Wiriam Hertson held the rank of Acting Commander at the Mavonde base, from where he escaped in November 1988. (Maputo home service in Portuguese 1730 gmt 14 Apr 89)

(Text) Two Mozambican guerrillas who surrendered recently say rebel forces received weapons from South Africa last year. This is despite the Nkomati accord and strenuous denials by Pretoria that it's still supporting the MNR movement. The two guerrillas have told a news conference in Maputo that they accepted the Frelimo government's amnesty offer and quit the MNR. One of them, Diogo Tony, said he witnessed South African planes supplying rebels in central Mozambique as recently as April last year. The other man, Wiriam Hertson, told the conference that supplies from South Africa were still reaching rebel camps when he quit the guerrillas in November. The guerrillas didn't make clear whether they thought the planes and supplies belonged to the South African military or to private sources. (Capital Radio, Umtata, in English 0700 gmt 15 Apr 89)