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An article in the latest issue of Boletim da Celula, a Frelimo periodical distributed to the party's branches throughout the country, accused the South African military intelligence directorate of continuing to support the MNR bandits.

To the question, "Who are those who are in favour of aggression against Mozambique?" inside the South African establishment, Frelimo replies, "They are the ultra-reactionaries who are to be found principally in the Conservative party and in the military. According to the information in our possession, right now it is members of military intelligence who are continuing to support the bandits."

The bulletin says, "a current inside the South African regime is beginning to see that it can only lose through its policy of discrimination and regional aggression". It adds that this current "is in favour of dialogue and gives us prospects of the end of South African support for banditry".

The Boletim da Celula declares that "there is a division inside the South African regime", and that "we have to encourage those who are against discrimination and aggression. The best way of encouraging them is for us to talk to them." It adds that an absence of dialogue would lead to direct confrontation with South Africa.