

## MOZAMBIQUE

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● Fifty Mozambican intellectuals have urged South Africa's President de Klerk to halt support for the rebel Mozambique National Resistance (MNR). In an open letter to de Klerk, published in Johannesburg's Sunday Star newspaper on 14 January, they accused the MNR of killing, directly or indirectly, more than a million Mozambicans.

De Klerk said last month he could not guarantee that private interests in South Africa were not aiding the movement, which denies charges by human rights groups of atrocities against civilians.

Political analysts say support for the MNR comes from South Africa's 700,000-strong Portuguese community, which includes many emigres from Mozambique. Early this month, Peter Vale of Johannesburg's independent Institute of International Affairs said French mercenaries who were expelled in December from Comoros were channelling private aid and supplies from South Africa to MNR guerrillas in northern Mozambique.