

# New pressures on FW to block Renamo aid

A COALITION of anti-apartheid organisations is demanding an official inquiry into evidence that a recent upsurge of Renamo brutality in Mozambique is being backed by private and military groups in South Africa.

The call comes in the wake of reports that a massacre at the Mozambican town of Movene, 12km from the South African frontier, was carried out late last month by a band of rebels that had infiltrated across the border from this country.

"Recent revelations about the Civil Co-operation Bureau (CCB) have indicated that FW De Klerk was unaware of the activities of a covert unit in the South African Defence Force (SADF)," the Mozambique Solidarity Action Interim Committee (Mosaic) said this week.

"In the light of these facts, and given the recent upsurge of Renamo brutality in recent weeks, we demand that there be an official inquiry into whether there is another clandestine unit in the Defence Force that is funneling aid to the rebel movement."

ANC leader Nelson Mandela recently called for legislation to outlaw all aid going to the Renamo rebel movement from South Africa.

"The evil hand of apartheid forces has been active in Mozambique. The government of South Africa has repeatedly allowed sections of its forces to violate the sovereignty of Mozambique," said Mandela at a mass rally in Bloemfontein on Sunday.

"In spite of the Nkomati Accord (a joint security pact between South Africa and Mozambique) the security establishment has continued to support Renamo.

"Recently it has been claimed that the continued aid which Renamo receives comes from private sources in South Africa and rightwing elements in the United States.

"I call on Mr De Klerk to demonstrate the same integrity which I ob-

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**A surge in Renamo attacks has led to calls to FW De Klerk to finally outlaw aid to the rebels, reports EDDIE KOCH**

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served around the circumstances of my release by passing legislation which makes the rendition of assistance to Renamo a punishable offence."

The ANC leader also demanded that the electrified fence which separates South Africa from Mozambique — "the fence of death" — be pulled down.

Mosaic is a new organisation that represents affiliates of the United Democratic Front as well as a number of cultural and writers' organisations.

**PAUL FAUVET** reports from Movene that train number 620, travelling from the border town of Ressano Garcia to Maputo, was ambushed on Wednesday two weeks ago by a group of rebels who mined the track and detonated the explosives as a carriage passed over it.

Passengers were gunned down and bayoneted as they tried to flee from the derailed wreck. A day after the killings, the scene at the wreckage remained one of great desolation.

Lieutenant Issa Chopar Aly told reporters a large contingent of armed men had illegally crossed the border from South Africa just prior to the attack.

His men had discovered their tracks at the border, some 20km to the south of Ressano Garcia. "This wasn't a simple violation," he said, "it was an armed invasion from South Africa."

The attack was part of an escalation in the war being waged by Renamo in southern Mozambique. Last month, after a raid on a village in the Xai Xai district, rebels piled the bodies of their victims up on the main road running into the provinces north of Maputo.