Minute's silence in Russía

MOSCOW. — Soviet leader Mr Mikhail Gorbachev observed a minute's silence in Moscow yesterday in respect for Mozambican President Samota
Machel who was killed in
a plane crash on Sunday,
Tass news agency said.

Mr Gorbachev paid his respects at the Mozambican Embassy and signed a book of condolences, the

agency said.

He was accompanied by President Andrei Gromyko, Prime Minister Mr Nikolai Ryzhkov, Foreign Minister Mr Eduard Shevardnadze and Mr Anatoly Dobrynin, senior foreign policy adviser to Mr Gorbachev.

Mr Machel was killed when a Soviet-built Tupolev jet crashed just inside the South African border with Mozambique.

Moscow had already sent its condolences to Mozambique, with whom it has close relations. — Sapa-Reuter.