

Radio Report

S African Denial of Troop Build-up Near Mozambique

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[Reporter] How far from the Mozambique border are the South African troops concentrated?

[Kloppers] As you have seen there are no concentrations of South African troops. There are certain training bases such as the one at Phalaborwa and the one in the Impala training area. These are approximately 60 to 70 km from the Mozambique border and that is also where they do their normal routine training. The only areas of the border with Mozambique which are patrolled by South African troops at this stage are in the northern part of Natal - the Ingwavuma area - and also an area adjacent to the Mozambique border, in the north of Venda. The area in northern Natal has been a traditional area where ANC have infiltrated into the Republic of South Africa. The area in the north of Transvaal is basically a military training area.

[Reporter] Brigadier Jan Kloppers, Director of Operations of the South African Defence Force, talking to Jan Polisea [phonetic].