

Mozambique reports on S Africa's border violations in 1982 (ME/7095/B/3) - (text)
Between January and July this year the Mozambican armed forces detected 33 violations of Mozambican airspace by South African aircraft and helicopters. A Ministry of Defence spokesman in Maputo said there had been a considerable increase this year in activities by the South African air force inside Mozambique. Most of the violations have been over Gaza Province, particularly over the Masingire [phonetic] region where there is an important dam serving large areas of farmland. The railway line linking Maputo and Zimbabwe also appeared to be of interest to South Africa, the spokesman said. Some South African planes enter Mozambique from Swazi airspace and fly over southern Maputo Province before disappearing over the border into Natal Province. The longest violation lasted more than three hours. (Maputo in English for abroad 1800 gmt 2 Aug 82)