

Mugabe defends deployment of Zimbabweans in Mozambique Speaking at the funeral of an army officer who died in a helicopter crash in Mozambique, the Zimbabwean Prime Minister said that the deployment of troops in Mozambique was the only way of stopping South African destabilisation in southern Africa, according to Harare radio on 3rd February. He said that the toppling of the Jonathan government in Lesotho showed that no country was safe from South African aggression. AFP reported on 3rd February that the Mozambique National Resistance movement had claimed that it had killed 393 government soldiers and 539 Zimbabwean troops in operations during the last two weeks of January. The agency added that Zimbabwe had an estimated 10,000 troops in Mozambique taking part in counter-insurgency operations. 5/2/86