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## REFUGEES EXPELLED FROM MALAWI

The Malawian authorities expelled 280 Mozambican refugees from the country in October, apparently because of their religious beliefs. The refugees told Radio Mozambique that they had been thrown out of the camp because they belonged to Jehovah's Witnesses, which is persecuted by the Malawian authorities. Mozambiquefile November '91

## MOZAMBICANS GIVEN SECRET BURIAL

Mozambican refugees killed while crossing into South Africa are being secretly buried in the eastern Transvaal by undertakers allegedly contracted to the police in small border towns. New Nation 11/29/91

## DE KLERK MET WITH RENAMO

South Africa's Foreign Minister Pik Botha confirmed meeting RENAMO bandit leader Afonso Dhlakama with F.W. de Klerk in Kenya in June 1991. New Nation 11/29/91

## WHITE WORKERS JOIN UNION

White workers on South African railways, traditionally amongst the most conservative, are joining the predominantly black South African Railway and Harbour Workers' Union (SARHWU). Massive lay-offs are forcing white workers to look for a union that has the strength and determination to stand up for them. Anti-Apartheid News, December '91

Excerpts from a letter from Graca Machel to Nelson and Winnie Mandela on the event of Samora Machel's death on October 11, 1986.

Dear Winnie and Nelson,

Samora, your brother, fell on the battlefield. The world will never see Mandela and Samora in triumphant embrace on the glorious day when the flag of freedom is hoisted in South Africa. Your brother has left us on his last great journey, a journey that began in Mbuzini. Who would have ever guessed that that little village would become the focus of unity between the people of our two countries?

Every day, so many men and women die for freedom in South Africa. Now Samora's blood is mixed with the blood of those heroes. He gave his mind and his action to the freedom of South Africa. Who would have imagined that he would also give his life?

He did not complete his mission. But we will.

Samora no longer belonged only to the people of Mozambique. We, Mozambican mothers, offer Samora to the South African people so that the guerilla that he was, the victorious commander that he was, will live on in every Umkhonto we Sizwe fighter and hasten the coming of the day of jubilation.

The end of apartheid will be the greatest tribute to the memory of Samora.

A luta continua!

Graca Machel  
Member Central Committee  
Frelimo Party

## LETHAL FENCE STILL STANDS

Over the past five years, more people have died attempting to cross the 90 kilometer electrified fence built by the South African government along the border of Mozambique than were killed in the entire history of the Berlin Wall. The fence still stands. Mozambique Solidarity Office, January '92

### **FRELIMO AND RENAMO REAFFIRM PLEDGE, NEGOTIATIONS SET TO CONTINUE**

Reaffirming an earlier pledge made in Protocol 1, the FRELIMO and RENAMO delegations reiterated their commitment to achieving the General Peace Agreement as soon as possible.

Discussion of the current agenda showed wide agreement on important aspects, including:

- Holding simultaneous elections for the presidency and the Assembly of the Republic;
- Fixing a date for the elections to be held within the year following the signature of the General Peace Agreement;
- The involvement of the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity in the electoral process.

The parties will resume the Ninth round of talks on January 15, 1992. Discussions will include the question of ceasefire, guarantees and machinery for its implementation. Embassy of Mozambique 12/20/91

### **CONDEMNATION OF TIMOR MASSACRE**

The Mozambican Government announced on November 15th the condemnation of the massacre of Timorese people by Indonesian troops in Dili. In a statement condemning the massacre, Foreign Minister Dr. Pascoal Mocumbi urged that "vigorous measures" be taken in order to "solve the problem of East Timor and respect the right of its people to self-determination." Mozambique has persistently supported the struggle waged by Fretilin against the illegal annexation of East Timor by Indonesia. AIM 11/16/91

### **INCREASED SOUTH AFRICAN EXPORTS TO AFRICA**

Foreign affairs deputy director-general Derek Auret has provided figures showing South African exports to Africa in 1990 topping \$4.7 billion despite trade sanctions. New Nation 11/29/91

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### **FACT**

In 1989 the South African government spent \$2.2 million on AIDS education for South Africa's population of 40 million. Mozambique, with a population of 14 million, spent \$4 million on AIDS education in 1988. Info '92 by the Human Awareness Program, South Africa

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### **FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF MACHEL'S DEATH**

Graca Machel, widow of Mozambique's first President Samora Machel and current Director of the Foundation for Community Development, unveiled plaques on October 11 at the site of the plane crash at Mbusini, just inside South Africa, where her husband and 34 others lost their lives five years earlier. It is believed that the crash was due to a pirate radio beacon used to lure the plane to its destruction. The South African government has refused to cooperate with Mozambican authorities in the investigation. Mozambiquefile November '91