Southern Africa UpDate

Bombing Reminds Zimbabweans Of Threats To Stability

[AN] Pressure on Zimbabwe's transport system, which observers aw as part of a South African policy of destabilization, eased somewhat in December. Late in November, South Africa agreed to supply 26 locomotives for the system linking the two countries, and in mid-December the rail link through Mozambique to Beira was reopened with the repair of a bridge over the river. Pungue. The bridge had been sabotaged on November 30.

On December 18, however, a powerful bomb blast in the Zimbabwean capital Salisbury provided a pointed reminder of the young nation's continuing vulnerability. The explosion killed six and injured as many as 150 at he headquarters of Prime Minister Robert Augabe's Zimbabwe African National Union n central Salisbury.

The blast, the Sunday Mail revealed a few days

his top advisers would be. attending a biweekly par-ty organizing meeting at the headquarters. On that day, however, Prime Minister Mugabe was instead working at home, preparing for the next day's departure on an official visit to Mozambique. Prime Minister

Mugabe visited victims of the attack in the hospital the next day, but he carried on with the five-day visit to Mozambique, his first since Zimbabwe's independence. Mozambi-que was the principal rear base country for ZANU's guerrilla forces during the war for majority rule. Mugabe received warm visiting, welcome, plots. among other sites, a plaza in Maputo being

named in his honor. Zimbabwean police have not yet identified

later, came at a time Mugabe accused South of the old storage tanks when normally the prime Africa of being "the and one of three distilla-minister and several of master planner of all the tion towers, but failed to returning to Salisbury, the prime minister also the earliest before the charged that agents refinery is back in opera-within the parties of tion. former Prime Minister Smith and Bishop Abel Muzorewa "continue to lend themselves to. manipulation for South

Africa." In November, six Rhodesian whites, including a former extreme right-wing politcian, were arrested in Bulawayo after the discovery of arms caches member of Parliament, Wally Stuttaford, was arrested in connection with reports of coup

Aftermath **To Angolan**

Refinery Blast [AN] The November those responsible for the 30 commando raid on blast, but suspicion has Angola's only oil focused on South Africa. refinery, a spokesman Speaking in Mozambi- for Belgium's Petrofina

acts of sabotage that are hit the main refinery directed against us." At complex itself. Never-a press conference after theless, it is expected to be the end of January at

According to reconstruction of the incident by Angolan security officials, the twelve-man commando group of white mercenaries who carried out the attack were landed near Luanda from a South African submarine that had set out from Walvis Bay on November 26. The group in the city, and in early had laid charges that December a white would have blown up the entire complex, and, say oil company officials, might well have devastated residential areas of the capital as well. However, detection by Angolan guards caused the commando chief to set off the charges ear- MNR Base Taken ly, in the process blowing By Mozambique Troops men.

exhibited que on his arrival, reported, damaged three diplomatic corps a cap- bique

tured notebook with the layout of the refinery in English and Afrikaans, as well as remains of two of the attackers.

At the time, responsibility for the explosion was claimed for his group by Jonas Savimbi, who was in the United States to seek support for UNITA, the South African-backed Angolan opposition group he heads.

Angolan oil workers were praised by the government for their efforts to prevent the spread of the conflagration to stocks of toxic tetraethyl lead and to the rest of the reifnery. Minister of State Security Kundi Paihama, however, apparently held responsible for lapses in security, was demoted two weeks later and replaced by Juliao Mateus Paulo (also known Dino as Matrosse).

up several of his own [AN] Mozambican troops captured the prin-Angolan authorities cipal base of the South to the African-backed Mozam-National

Resistance guerrillas on December 7, later releasing to the Mozambican and foreign press a considerable amount of documentation captured there. The site of Garagua was north of the Save river, in the Mossurize Mountains, some thirteen miles from the Zimbabwe border and in easy flying distance from the northern Transvaal, where South Africa is said to have training camps for the MNR.

The majority of the occupants of the base escaped by helicopter, Mozambican officials said. But helicopter fuel, weapons and documents were abandoned on the site.

The captured documents, Joseph Hanlon reports from Maputo, provide new of South evidence African support for the MNR. Notes of a meeting between the commander, MNR



MIAMI-The Reverend Jesse Jackson comforts an unidentified Hatian refugee at the Krome Avenue Detention Facility, Jackson met with most of the 600 refugees being held in the camp, saying they were victims of a racist immigration policy set forth by the U.S. Government. Jackson also said he thought the camp was like a."concentration camp," and renewed his call for the government to release the Hatians. **UPI Photo**

readiness and discipline of the MNR troops.

According to notes of the meetings, the South African colonel also outlined attack plans, including targeting the road, railway and pipeline from Beira to Umtali. He also complained about the high cost of air drops and, discussed plans to provide supplies by sea instead.

In spite of the destruction of the base, the country and his three-MNR poses a continuing military threat, especially to regional plans to increase traffic from landlocked countries thorugh the Mozambican port of Beira. Mozambique's concern for security was reflected

about the lack of combat the night of September 4 government critic and around midnight, there supporter of the opposiwas a strong bang at the tion Basotholand Conkitchen door of my gress Party (BCP), is house," recalled Ben convinced his assailants Masilo, president of the were members of the Lesotho Christian Coun- Police Mobile Unit, cil and vice president of which he also blames for the Lesotho Evangelical the deaths of several Church, the largest Pro- tother prominent people. testant denomination in Violence escalated in the African nation.

> month, Masilo last described the events of the night he fled the Jonathan. year-old grandson died South Africa for his from gunshot wounds.

Masilo said the intruders asked for him, country this year - the saying, "We have been instructed to come and he halted when the BCP murder you.' But I did not want to die in front of my children, so 1

small southern Lesotho last year, as the military arm of the BCP Speaking in Nairobi stepped up a guerrilla campaign against Prime Minister Leabua

Jonathan, who blamestroubles, has said he may Itold an election in the first since the 1970 poll pufled ahead in the balloting.

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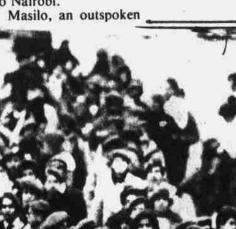
Afonso Dlakama, and a South African army colonel named Van Niekerk, show that the colonel complained

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Armando Guebuza, who is also the national political commissar for the armed forces, taking over as governor of Sofala Province, where Beira is located.

Lesotho Church **Official Tells Of Escape** NAIROBI [AN] "On hiding, friend" helped him Churches. escape across the border into South Africa, where "I was sheltered by other Christian friends and several embassies were approached for assistance." A few days later he and his wife flew to Nairobi.

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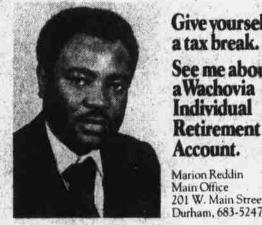
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