

ANGOLA

Defense Minister Visits Zambia, Tanzania

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[Text] Colonel Pedro Maria Tonha Pedale, the Angolan defense minister, yesterday began an official visit to Zambia, following which he will also visit Tanzania.

Before leaving the country, Col Pedro Maria Tonha said that his visits to Zambia and Tanzania come in the framework of the exchange of experience between the three countries armies. Our country's defense minister also said that he was going to discuss with his Zambian and Tanzanian counterparts issues connected with the common objectives of the struggle being carried out in southern Africa and the defense of each of the frontline states, as well as issues related to assistance for the peoples still fighting for their liberty.

The Angolan defense minister is accompanied by a high-ranking Armed Forces delegation which includes Lieutenant Colonel Francisco Magalhaes Paiva Vunda, the national political director of the People's Armed Forces for the Liberation of Angola.

MPLA-Labor Party Delegation on Visit to Cuba

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[Text] An MPLA-Labor Party delegation led by (Antonio Lengue), the director of the Central Committee Foreign Relations Department, arrived in Cuba 2 days ago. The visit by the Angolan party delegation to Cuba is within the framework of the exchange programs existing with the Cuban Communist Party Department for Foreign Relations. Included in the delegation are the heads of the American and African divisions, as well as officials from the Department of Cadres and the Foreign Relations Secretariat.

Congo Envoy Delivers Message to Dos Santos

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[Text] Comrade Jose Eduardo dos Santos, the Angolan head of state, received Anatole Kouunkou, the extraordinary and plenipotentiary ambassador of the People's Republic of the Congo, at Futungo de Belas, Luanda, this morning. The Congolese ambassador delivered a personal message from the Congolese head of state, Denis Sassou-Nguesso, to President Jose Eduardo dos Santos.

Envoys Agree Ties With Brazil to 'Strengthen'

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[Text] In Moscow recently, the People's Republic of Angola and the Federative Republic of Brazil concluded that it was necessary

to strengthen relations between the two countries in the current fields of cooperation. During the meeting in Moscow, Jose Cesar Augusto Pilnoz and Pontes Nogueira, the respective ambassadors of Angola and Brazil accredited in Moscow, reviewed the existing cooperation between the two states. Other issues of common interest were also examined during the meeting between the two diplomats.

UNITA Communique Notes Angolan, Cuban Casualties

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[Text] The latest communique issued by the UNITA General Headquarters says that in the last days of March UNITA forces captured the localities of Cassongue, Santa Maria and Vouga in the Angolan provinces of Cuanza-sul, Malange and Bie.

The communique says that the MPLA troops suffered 156 casualties, 1 Cuban was killed and 5 captured. Various war equipment was captured, particularly personal firearms and ammunition.

UNITA says it suffered eight casualties.

MOZAMBIQUE

2 RSA Soldiers Reported Captured With Renamo

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[Text] Two South African soldiers have apparently been captured by the Mozambican authorities. Reports say that one of the men is a lieutenant, and that they were both operating with the Mozambique National Resistance Movement.

But the South African Defense Force has denied that any of its personnel are either operating, or were captured, in Mozambique. Diplomatic sources in Maputo say it is possible the men will be kept as bargaining power for any future talks between the countries.

The news has been kept quiet because of the sensitivity of relations between Maputo and Pretoria, and the danger of the Nkomati Accord collapsing.

Angolan Minister Brings Message to Machel

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[Text] Comrade Jose Eduardo dos Santos, the chairman of the MPLA-Labor Party and president of the People's Republic of Angola, has sent a personal message to the president of Mozambique, Field Marshal Samora Machel. The message was handed over the day before yesterday to the Mozambican head of state by Lieutenant Colonel Alexandre Rodrigues Kito, the Angolan interior minister, who has been in Maputo since Thursday.