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MB120556 LUANDA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PORTUGUESE 0500 GMT 12 AUG 86
(COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE ANGOLAN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE IN LUANDA
ON 11 AUGUST)

(TEXT) FOLLOWING ITS COMMUNIQUE OF 10 AUGUST 1986, THE MINISTRY
OF DEFENSE OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA ANNOUNCES THE
FOLLOWING:

AFTER GLORIOUS FAPLA FORCES REPELLED THE 10 AUGUST ATTACK AT
ABOUT MIDNIGHT THE RACIST SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES BEGAN HEAVY MILITARY
PREPARATIONS AND AT 0600 ON 11 AUGUST (?THEY LAUNCHED STRONG
ATTACKS) USING FORCES ESTIMATED AT THREE BATTALIONS, STRENGTHENED BY
ARMORED VEHICLES OF THE AML-90 TYPE, (WORDS INDISTINCT) OF THE
CENTURION-TYPE AND WERE ONCE AGAIN REPELLED AT ABOUT 0900. HOWEVER,
THE RACIST SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES WENT ON THE DEFENSIVE WHILE
PREPARING THEMSELVES FOR NEW ATTACKS WHICH RESUMED (WORDS
INDISTINCT) HOURS.

UP TO NOW THE FOLLOWING LOSSES HAVE BEEN INFLICTED UPON THE
ENEMY: 11 KILLED 4 PRISONERS, 1 AML-90 ARMORED VEHICLE DESTROYED,
AND 1 VEHICLE CAPTURED. ON OUR PART, WE REGRET THE DEATH OF 2 FAPLA
COMBATANTS AS WELL AS 23 CIVILIAN TOWN RESIDENTS KILLED AND 18
WOUNDED AS A RESULT OF THE ARTILLERY SHELLING.

THE GLORIOUS FAPLA ARE READY TO CONTINUE THE FIGHT AGAINST THE
RACIST INVADER IN THE DEFENSE OF THE FATHERLAND OF AGOSTINHO NETO.
THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE ONCE AGAIN ALERTS INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC
OPINION TO THIS ACT OF AGGRESSION WHICH WILL CERTAINLY RESULT IN
SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES.

(SIGNED) COLONEL PEDRO MARIA TONHA PEDALE, MINISTER OF DEFENSE.

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