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Namibia

South African Activities Against SWAPO

20,000 troops in no. Namibia.

South Africa has sharply reduced guerrilla activities by the South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO). The group displays increasing internal political stress, is experiencing recruiting difficulties, and its lackluster performance is being criticized by its foreign backers.

- US Embassy and defense attache reporting suggests that Pretoria considers SWAPO more of a nuisance than a military threat and is extremely confident of its ability to contain future guerrilla activity, while South Africa concentrates on efforts enhancing the legitimacy of the interim government it installed in Windhoek in June 1985.

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- [redacted] usual fall rainy season offensive did not get underway until February 1986 and it consisted primarily of minor sabotage actions against communication lines, some stand-off attacks on security force facilities, and the mining of roads. We expect the next SWAPO campaign will be no more successful than the last. [redacted]

Attacks delayed from fall '85

South African security forces conduct repeated hot pursuit operations in southern Angola and northern Namibia. During July, for example, South African security forces clashed with SWAPO in northern Namibia and in southern Angola [redacted]

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Clashes

- To date this year, South Africa claims to have killed some 551 SWAPO guerrillas, while 81 civilians and 26 security force members reportedly have been killed in the northern Namibia operational area. Pretoria says it has seized large quantities of armaments, including mortar bombs, rifle grenades, RPG-7 rockets, hand grenades, anti-personnel mines, and other explosives.

Infiltration into Namibia

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SWAPO

SWAPO's military wing--the People's Liberation Army of Namibia (PLAN)--conducts its low intensity guerrilla campaign from southern Angola and maintains headquarters and training facilities in Lubango, Angola.

Trains at Lubango

-- A majority of the 7,000-8,000 PLAN forces are based in Angola, but no more than 1,500 are committed to infiltration operations from southern Angola at any given time.

7,000-8,000 Angola

-- Most training for SWAPO is conducted in Angola by Cuban and SWAPO cadre

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-- [Redacted] the Soviet Bloc and Cuba supply SWAPO with small arms and ammunition, mortars, rocket launchers, anti-aircraft guns, SA-7 surface-to-air missiles, mines and explosives, communications equipment, and a few armored vehicles.

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Soviet training - arms - transport
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-- [Redacted] we believe Cuban, East German, and Soviet advisors offer tactical advice for SWAPO defensive operations in Angola against South African sweeps. [Redacted]

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