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SOUTH AFRICA-ANGOLA: Airstrike on SWAPO Headquarters

//The chief of the South African defense force says that South African aircraft yesterday attacked the main SWAPO headquarters near Lubango. He also confirmed that South Africa earlier had attacked air defense sites at Cahama with artillery and aircraft strikes after an SA-9 missile had been fired at an Impala reconnaissance aircraft.

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This is the first South African raid on the Lubango area since 1979, and it occurred despite the strengthening of Angolan air defenses during the past year. The aggressiveness of the current operation against SWAPO and the willingness to attack air defense sites indicate that South Africa is now less restrained in hitting targets that could lead to clashes with Angolan and Cuban forces. / [REDACTED]