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GOVERNMENT FORCES ON THE OFFENSIVE IN THE SOUTH

The Angolan News Agency, Angop reports from Lubango that the Chief of the Armed Forces in the South Military Front, General Francisco Pereira Furtado announced the total destruction of the central base of logistic support to UNITA in the south of Angola, known as the "Red Zone".

This UNITA military base north of Quibungo, in Huila Province was destroyed two weeks ago by Government Forces. Angop confirms that the base was the centre of operations for mining of roads and acts of sabotage of economic objectives in poorly defended areas. It was also the main logistics centre for supplies of grain and cattle to UNITA's forces in the region.

Government sources inform that the Angolan Air Force also destroyed two UNITA camps in the region of Micosse, 23 kilometers from Matala and Hoque, 30 kilometers from Chicomba. Both regions were previously under control of UNITA's forces.

General Furtado added that a series of actions were in progress with the aim of regaining control of eight towns occupied by UNITA since September last year, namely Caluquembe, Caconda, Chicomba, Quilenques, Jamba-Mineira, Chipindo, Cuvango and Cacula.

U.N. PUSHING FOR TALKS

The United Nations Secretary General's special envoy, Alioune Beye visited the Republic of Zaire on 10th August in order to proceed with negotiations for the resuming of talks between the Angolan Government and UNITA.

It is expected that Alioune Beye will hold a meeting with Zairean President, Mobutu Sese Seko. According to a spokesman, the efforts of the United Nations special envoy in the neighbouring countries are considered very important as input from their leaders could be valuable for the Angolan peace process.

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