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y. the service message: the cubans have reacted angrily to the sinking of one of its merchant ships in an Angolan port yesterday (Thursday) by a South African missile boat and South African frogmen. Two Soviet ships were also attack but not sunk. here is the stor

Cuba's deputy minister for foreign affairs, Jose Viera, called the attack a perfidious aggression and said it will only serve to strengthen Cuba's resolve to help Angola in everyway.

Cuba has between 15,000 and 20,000 troops in Angola, almost all of whom are stationed behind a line well to the north of Angola's southern borders. The Cuban official said his nation's troops at the request of the Angolan government precisely because of the fear of aggression by South Africa.

The cuban deputy minister said that the attack on the ships and and the incursion of south african troops recently into neighboring nations shows that South Africa is a menace to peace and stability in the region.

He said that the South African attacks demonstrate a growing disregard for international law in the wake of the U.S. attack on Libya.

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Cuban Merchant Ship Sunk by South African
Missile in an Angolan Port

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