



d writer Martin dies

...Martin was a writer and photographer, and
...ber to free a publisher.

...uring the 1970s, in Lusaka, he was Africa
...correspondent of The Observer in London and
...also often quoted in the media including the
...1991.

...He was an indefatigable investigative
...reporter, always getting to the bottom of the
...story, and telling it through the eyes of the peo-
...ple.

...“He wrote his first articles from the front at
...the start of the liberation war in Mozambique
...and later in Zimbabwe.”

...“This was at the start of the decisive phase
...of the liberation war in 1973.”

...Martin also played a leading role in exposing
...South African destabilisation in the region in the
...1980s and played a unique role in presenting
...the African perspective internationally and
...who was respected as a fair and balanced
...reporter.

...He also wrote the first expose of the reality
...of colonial Id Amin in Uganda in 1974 and the

...first report by the International Commission of
...Jurists on Uganda, which eventually led to the
...withdrawal of international support to Amin.

...His retirement project was dedicated to cre-
...ating better understanding of people and
...places through tourism, by writing and photo-
...graphing area specific, pocket-size into Africa
...guidebooks.

...Martin also produced more than 20 books on
...all of Tanzania's national parks, as well as
...Zimbabwe, Victoria Falls, Hwange, Kariba and
...Vumba.

...He was the co-founder of Zimbabwe
...Publishing House, the Southern Africa
...Research and Documentation Centre, the India
...Musokotwane Environment Resource Centre
...for Southern Africa, and the Zimbabwe
...International Book Fair.

...Martin was a trustee of the Josiah
...Tongogara Legacy Foundation.

...He had two major operations for cancer in
...2004 and this year, as well as operations in 2006
...to repair broken bones in his shoulders.
...He never stopped writing, the physical chal-

...lenges of the past three years failed to deter
...him and he continued writing up until June this
...year, when collapsed vertebrae in his back
...made sitting uncomfortable and affected his
...respiration, together with the effects of the
...previous surgery.

...Martin is survived by his wife of 32 years,
...Phyllis Johnson and his son Tony in Perth,
...Australia. Funeral arrangements are still to be
...announced.

...Meanwhile, members of the board of the
...Sarde, of which Martin was a founding mem-
...ber, have also expressed sorrow over the pro-
...life writer's death.

...“We wish to express our deepest
...sympathy and condolences to the family and in
...particular to David's life companion Phyllis
...Johnson, the dedicated executive director of
...Sarde.”

...“In David Martin's passing, Sarde and the
...whole of the Southern African region
...have lost a dedicated campaigner of long-
...standing for the region's liberation and devel-
...opment.”