

Mozambique rebels lose Macossa hold

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JOHANNESBURG, —
The Mozambique government has admitted anti-Frelimo guerrillas attacked and occupied the central Mozambican town of Macossa earlier this month.

But Radio Mozambique, monitored in Johannesburg, said Frelimo forces had succeeded in forcing the guerrillas to retreat after a counter-attack, inflicting heavy casualties in the process.

Last week the Mozambi-

que National Resistance Movement claimed its troops had taken Macossa and kept control of its military and civilian installations for a week.

Confirming the occupation of Macossa, Radio Mozambique blamed the attack on "groups of reactionaries and outlaws supported by Rhodesian mercenaries."

The RNM claims to have seized large amounts of weapons, ammunition and other equipment in the attack on the town.