

people, including children, in the Kagodora area, near Marymount Mission on Zimbabwe's northeastern border with Mozambique. During the raid several Zimbabweans were kidnaped and taken to Mozambique by the rebels.

Following the death of Mozambique's President Samora Machel last October, the MNR declared war against Zimbabwe because of its involvement in Frelimo's struggle against the MNR.

Zimbabwe has deployed 7000 soldiers into Mozambique to defend the Beira Corridor—a railroad and oil pipeline that links the port of Beira in Mozambique's central Sofala to Zimbabwe—and to help

women, he said, had been recruited while visiting South Africa on the holiday-cum-shopping visits.

"We looked the other way when these women went to South Africa and bought goods to sell, because we believed that they were doing that to help their families," Nkala said. But the government now has evidence which reveals that most of those involved were recruited in South Africa to be informants.

Nkala said that the Zimbabwean women—who are mainly poor and urban, were vulnerable because "they are always short of money when they go to South Africa, and money is one commodity the enemy is not short of."

This is the second time the government has tried to curb Zimbabweans from travelling to South Africa and Botswana, especially to buy goods which they smuggle back into the country for resale at exorbitant prices.

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SOUTH AFRICAN PUPPETS KILL HOSTAGES

HARARE—South African-backed rebels have killed seven Zimbabweans whom they kidnaped in the northeastern part of the country last month, a government spokesperson has said.

The seven were killed by the Mozambique National Resistance (MNR) rebels July 5, inside Mozambique. Denying reports that a large number of Zimbabweans had been massacred by the MNR, the Ministry of Information said that Zimbabwe's national army had strengthened its units along the country's northeast borders.

Last month a group of heavily armed MNR rebels also killed 11



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the Frelimo government in its fight against the MNR.

In a related development Zimbabwe has introduced measures to restrict women traveling to South Africa and Botswana on shopping sprees, because of evidence that some of the women have acted as spies for Pretoria.

Minister of Home Affairs Enus Nkala said July 17 that a number of women had been found to be working for "enemy agents." These