

Developments in Mozambique

Amnesty International, the human rights organisation, is deeply concerned about 'the horrific abuses perpetrated against civilians' by MNR in Mozambique. This was said by Amnesty secretary-general, Ian Martin, after a week-long visit to the country. He admitted that some of the criticisms his organisation had levelled in the past against Mozambique's military forces were 'incorrect' or had been 'overtaken by events.' Mr Martin noted that Amnesty's reports on Mozambique had been used as propaganda by the MNR and its supporters but said this had never been Amnesty's intention ... In April, the US State Department published the findings of refugee expert Robert Gersony who, after speaking to Mozambican refugees, estimated that MNR had been responsible for at least 100 000 civilian deaths.

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