

MNR official found dead near Lisbon

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LISBON — The body of Mr Evo Fernandes, a former secretary-general of the MNR, was found on Thursday night on a country roadside outside Lisbon, the news agency Lusa said.

The body of Mr Fernandes, whose wife said he disappeared on Sunday after meeting a man she described as an agent of the Mozambican security police, was found with a hood over the head, the agency quoted police as saying.

Lusa quoted unidentified sources close to the MNR as saying Mr Fernandes had been shot in the head. Mr Fernandes' wife, Yvette, said her husband had gone

to dinner with the alleged agent to discuss possible peace talks between the MNR and Mozambique's government.

The MNR, the Mozambique National Resistance, has been fighting a hit-and-run bandit war since 1977 to topple the government.

Lusa quoted police as saying the body of Mr Fernandes (44) was found on a roadside between the towns of Colares and Malveira de Serra, a few kilometres north of his home in the resort of Cascais, 29 km west of Lisbon.

He was last seen at a Cascais restaurant on Sunday. — Ziana-AP.