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# Repatriation sought

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in Lisbon

Portuguese workers on a hydroelectric project in central Mozambique have asked to be repatriated because of what they claim is the rapidly deteriorating security situation.

In a letter published in the latest edition of the leading Lisbon weekly, *Expresso*, two representatives of the workers' commission from SHER, the Sociedade Hidro-Electrica do Rovue, a subsidiary of the State-run Mozambique Electricity Company, said they have lived in a climate of insecurity since October, when the anti-

Marxist Mozambique Movement for National Resistance began acts of sabotage in the area.

The SHER workers have asked the Mozambican Government to allow them to take their assets back to Portugal, and to pay their return airfares, waiving a law by which aid workers who break their contracts are not entitled to have return fares paid.

The authors of the letter claim they cannot repair damaged lines in the Lamego-Buzi zone because the whole area is mined, and that SHER has recently forbidden them to travel outside their base at Chimoio.