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Police Are Purged In Mozambique

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LISBON — Nearly 400 agents of Mozambique's security police have been dismissed on a variety of charges, the Security Ministry announced Monday in Maputo, the capital.

A dispatch from Maputo carried by the Portuguese news agency ANOP reported the ministry statement pointed to "lack of disci-

pline, laziness and infiltration" as the general basis for the official action.

The ministry specified false statements, abuse of privileges, corruption, illegalities, alcoholism, falsification of documents, lack of respect for the public and unauthorized absences from duty as causes for the dismissals. Most of the dismissals, the ministry note read, followed complaints from members of the public. There were also many cases of persons duped by outlaws passing themselves off as agents.