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A communique issued by the information department of the Mozambican national resistance movement says that the Mozambican resistance forces are intensifying their armed attacks inside the country, concentrating their efforts against the communications system. It says that the FPLM forces are now leaving rural areas and moving to the towns

In November, the resistance forces laid four ambushes against the FPLM forces on the road between Nacala and Nampula, in Nampula Province, destroying six vehicles and killing 15 soldiers. Many FPLM members have deserted to the resistance forces. In the same month Tanzanian mercenaries were sent to Nampula Province to control the situation.

In Tete Province, a GDR-made armoured vehicle was completely destroyed in the area between Moatize and the Zambian border by resistance soldiers in October. Roads around the town of Tete are under the control of the resistance forces.

Three FPLM vehicles were destroyed in (?Muirare), between Guru and Changara, on 19th December. On the same day another resistance force destroyed the bridge on the Mucombeze river in (?Musito).

In Sofala Province, the Mozambican authorities are unable to use the road between Inchope and Maputo except under military escort

Up to 17th December, 13 FPLM vehicles were destroyed by the resistance forces and 42 FPLM soldiers were killed.

On 21st December, 19 Mozambican soldiers were killed in a resistance attack in the Gorongosa area [Sofala Province]. A large part of Gorongosa is controlled by the resistance forces.

In Manica province, road transport between Chimoi and areas to the north, south and east of the town has been seriously affected by resistance attacks

From 5th November over 15 vehicles were destroyed or seriously damaged in attacks launched between Catandika and Sussundenga. Seventy one FPLM soldiers and Frelimo members were killed in the attacks

Frelimo positions in (?Munga, Bombe), Sussundenga, Vandazi and Rutanda were attacked between 15th November and 20th December. Sixty three FPLM soldiers were killed and a large quantity of war material was seized in these attacks. Fourteen FPLM soldiers, including three high-ranking officers, surrendered to the resistance forces. They are now helping in attacks against their former barracks

The Mozambican national resistance movement intends to extend its armed action to Maputo Province and will also step up attacks in Inhambane and Gaza Provinces

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