

# Anti-Frelimo guerrillas stage renewed attack

**SALISBURY.** — Mozambican refugees arriving in eastern Zimbabwe report an upsurge in activity by guerrillas opposing President Samora Machel's marxist government, according to travellers from the area.

The guerrillas belong to the Mozambique Resistance Movement (MRM), which sprang up after independence from Portugal in 1975.

Several hundred Mozambicans have fled to the Mount Selinda area of eastern Zimbabwe because of harassment by MRM guerrillas and renewed fighting just east of Mount Selinda, travellers said.

The latest arrivals included two officials of the ruling Frelimo who were being treated in hospital after anti-Marxist guerrillas cut off their ears, it was reported.

The accounts of renewed guerrilla activity came two days after informed sources reported that a train on the Umtali-Beira railway in Mozambique was derailed last month by an MRM landmine.

Travellers arriving in Umtali also said they had seen burned-out lorries and cars on the 250 km road from Beira.

Last June, the Mozambique government claimed a major victory over the MRM, saying a base-camp had been overrun, with 270 guerrillas killed and 300 captured.

Latest reports indicate, however, that the June offensive failed to crush the guerrilla movement, which Mozambican officials and western intelligence sources claim is backed by South Africa.

Refugees arriving in Mount Selinda are reported to have heard gunfire in the Espungabera region, near the town, almost every night. — Sapa-Reuter.

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