
Campaign against rebels

MOZAMBIQUE and Zambabwe are to intensify a joint campaign against insurgents of the rebel Mozambique Resistance Movement (MNR) whose guerrilla activities in Mozambique's Manica and Sofala provinces have been stepped up in recent months. The decision to intensify the campaign was reached at a meeting in Mozambique last October between President Samora Moises Machel and Prime Minister Robert Mugabe.

Last June Mugabe promised to send troops to the joint border to prevent MNR guerrillas from seeking sanctuary in Zimbabwe. Last October, however, the MNR intensified its attacks against traffic on the road and railway linking Mozambique's port of Beira with the eastern Zimbabwe border town of Umtali. The railway was closed for two weeks in October after a train hit a landmine planted by the MNR.

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