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Maputo, Sunday.
MOZAMBIQUE's official news agency AIM yesterday reported an army patrol had killed six people — including three racist South Africans — who had been trying to sabotage a railway link to Zimbabwe.

The agency said the incident occurred on October 21 when the patrol discovered a group trying to mine the Beira-Umtali railway in Central Manica Province and shot six of the group.

“Three of them were described as Mozambican counter-revolutionaries — members of the so-called Mozambique National Resistance (RNM).

The army patrol “captured a number of automatic weapons, powerful explosive charges, some tents, medical equipment and South African documentation. There were indications that more racist South African specialists were present in the area and involved in attempts to damage the railway,” it added.

AIM said a South African plane had been observed overflying the area a few days before the incident.

Some documents were also captured, including maps on which targets to be attacked

have been marked in red. These include the Beira-Umtali rail line, and the pipeline from Beira to Zimbabwe. Other documents include letters written in English, a Portuguese-English dictionary, and copy of *Harpur's Portuguese Phrasebook*.

A diary written in Portuguese by one of the RNM members was also found. This gives details of RNM recruitment tactics, which are no more than kidnapping children as young as nine years old.