

## **Operation against Mozambican rebel base**

Maputo radio on 10th December cited the Mozambican agency for a report that the armed forces had occupied the Garagua area in Mussorize in the southern part of Manica province - about 20 km from the border with Zimbabwe - which had previously been controlled by the Mozambican National Resistance (MNR). The operation had involved the deployment of motorized infantry, heavy artillery and armoured vehicles; the air force had also taken part. During the operation a sizeable quantity of war materiel had been captured as well as documents pointing to connections between MNR leaders and South African military personnel. On the 11th the radio said that six members of the enemy force had been killed during the fighting. Johannesburg radio on 11th December reported that a Defence Force spokesman had reacted to the Mozambican allegation of South African support for the MNR saying that the accusations were “in accordance with the usual Marxist plot to blame South Africa for all the problems of Africa”.