MNR attacks against Mozambican rail and bus traffic South African radio reported on 23rd October that rail traffic from Zimbabwe was being re-routed through South Africa as a result of the closure of the direct line from Zimbabwe to Maputo. The Zimbabwe Transport Minister, Herbert Ushewokunze, had said that Mozambican rebels had forced Zimbabwe to re-route traffic to South African ports. Mozambican radio reported on 23rd October that 27 people had been killed when MNR (Mozambique National Resistance) "bandits" had ambushed a bus 60 km north of Maputo on 17th October, 1984