

Mozambican Rebels Detail Raids

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LISBON, Jan. 20 (Reuters) — Mozambican rebels said today that they killed 127 Government soldiers and 95 Zimbabweans and destroyed three trains, more than 80 trucks and five bridges in attacks between Jan. 1 and 17.

The rebel Mozambican National Resistance issued a statement in Lisbon saying that nearly 400 Mozambican and Zimbabwean soldiers were wounded in the fighting in five provinces. The group put its own losses at seven dead and 23 wounded.

The National Resistance, which says it has mounted an offensive against the Mozambican army and its Zimbabwean allies, said its forces had captured a Government barracks at Govuro in southern Inhambane Prov-

ince and another at Chivuhwe in Manica Province.

Two trains were attacked and their locomotives destroyed in Maputo Province, the statement said. It said a third train was destroyed in the northern province of Nampula. The guerrillas claimed to have ambushed truck convoys between Maputo and Ressano Garcia on the border with South Africa and carried out similar attacks in the provinces of Nampula, Inhambane, Manica and Sofala.

The Mozambican National Resistance has fought the Marxist-led Government almost since the country's independence from Portugal in 1975. The Government has presented evidence that they are backed by South Africa.