

MNR claim of capture of Namaacha denied by Mozambique (Excerpts) Maputo, 12th May: Claims made in Lisbon by self-appointed spokesmen of the South African-backed Mozambique National Resistance [MNR] bandits [words indistinct] of Namaacha, on the border with Swaziland, are completely untrue. A spokesman for the Maputo provincial military command, contacted this morning by the Mozambique News Agency (AIM), described the claims as "a lie". He added that this was "just part of the conspiracy against us"...

Namaacha, 75 km west of Maputo contains the only border post between Mozambique and Swaziland. [Words indistinct] and no travellers on this main road have reported anything strange. Many previous MNR claims, also made in Lisbon, have been equally untrue. Thus the MNR's alleged capture of the towns Bela Vista (Maputo province), Cuamba (Niassa province) [name indistinct] (Nampula province) in recent weeks all proved fictitious. (PANA in English 1345 gmt 12 May 86)
