

Rail Link Cut, Mozambican Rebels Say

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LISBON — Rightist Mozambican rebels said that they cut the rail link from Zimbabwe to the Mozambican port of Beira at four points on Saturday and that they destroyed a train traveling through the corridor on Thursday.

The Mozambican National Resistance Movement also said in a statement distributed here that its forces had killed 164 Mozambican troops, 131 Zimbabwean soldiers and 12 Cuban military instructors in attacks during the last week. There was no independent confirmation of the claims.

In Maputo, a survivor of the plane crash on Oct. 19 that killed President Samora Machel of Mozambique, said that South African officials had tried to get him to defect to the rebel movement while he recovered in a hospital, the Mozambique news agency reported Sunday. Vasco Langa, a protocol officer in the Mozambican Foreign Ministry, said that he was told by the South Africans he would not get proper treatment unless he went over to the rebels, the agency said. (Reuters,

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