

# EX-RHODESIAN BLACK OFFICERS IN MNR RANKS

**CHIMUARA**  
(Mozambique).

**FORMER** officers in Ian Smith's Rhodesian army were among the South African backed MNR bandits who sabotaged an important electricity sub-station on the north bank of the Zambezi two years ago.

The Chimuara sub-station should carry power from the Cabora Bassa dam to the central and northern provinces of Mozambique.

Chimuara is in Mopela district in the central province of Zambezia, and it has recently been re-taken by the Mozambican armed forces. Joaquim Patarata, a Portuguese citizen freed from MNR captivity in these operations, told Aim of former black Rhodesian officers with the bandits.

"I knew two of them," he said. "One was major Ntambo, who told me he had been a captain in Rhodesia, and the other they called officer Nichone."

The MNR attack on

Chimuara followed their seizure of the sugar town of Luabo on July 31 1985, and of Mopela a few days later.

Cipriano Muiria, a worker for the Mozambican Electricity Company, witnessed the attack, and told Aim that it involved between 800 and 1000 bandits. The sub-station was guarded by a platoon of just 30 Mozambican soldiers.

●Mozambican President Joaquim Chissano on Thursday met members of the provincial government of Zambezia, to analyse the economic and political situation of the province.

A report presented by the outgoing governor Cde Feliciano Gundana, declared that in areas in the south of the province recently cleared of MNR bandits people who had been displaced were beginning to return home. Efforts to reintegrate these people into agricultural production were underway in Mopela, Luabo and Micaune. — Ziana-Aim-Pana.