

MNR resort to genocide—NGO official

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THE rate at which people are being killed in Mozambique has reached genocide levels, a representative of an international non-governmental organisation operating in Mozambique has said.

The representative, who interrupted a well-attended meeting on Women in Zimbabwe at the British council, was so overcome by the situation in Mozambique that he was shocked with emotions.

"Genocide is happening in Mozambique," he told the hushed au-

dience, "and I think it is important for all of us to remember what is happening in Mozambique. My request . . ." and then he choked and then he choked again and overcome by emotions sat down.

Later, after the 2½-hour meeting, he said the tragedy in Mozambique was approximating that of the Nazi gas chambers. The MNR bandits, in their latest tactics, had become a murderous group.

He also said that next month (July) the Zimbabwe-Mozambique

Friendship Association was expected to organise a number of activities, in this country, aimed at raising the level of consciousness about the tragedy in Mozambique.

"The war does not exist in Zimbabwe because it is in Mozambique. Mozambique is the weakest country in the region and South Africa finds it easier to attack it repeatedly. The Mozambicans are practically the victims and they are victims on behalf of Zimbabwe."

The international non-govern-

mental organisation he represents works in the Mozambican provinces of Manhiça (Manica), Tete and Zambezia.

Many international organisations have only begun to acknowledge the extent and the magnitude of the seriousness of the tragedy in Mozambique resulting from a combination of the activities of the MNR bandits, the disruption of agricultural activities — itself a by-product of the war wreaked by the MNR, and environmental natural factors such as the drought.