

Envoy sees MNR damage

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THE new United States ambassador to Mozambique, Ms Melissa Wells, has lost no time in investigating the destruction caused to the country by South African-backed MNR bandits.

Just two days after presenting her credentials on Saturday to the Mozambican President, Cde Joaquim Chissano, Ms Wells began a tour of the war-stricken central province of Zambezia.

Ms Wells, who once

described the MNR as "bandits", had a hard time winning her new post.

The Republican party's far right, led by North Carolina Senator Jesse Helms in the US Senate, mounted a filibuster to block Ms Wells' confirmation as ambassador.

Although she was appointed by President Ronald Reagan in October 1986, she was not confirmed by the Senate until September 9, 1987.

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