

MOZAMBIQUE

● About 10,000 people in northern Sofala province, in the centre, face starvation because activity by the rebel Mozambique National Resistance (MNR) has forced the suspension of a relief airlift, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) officials in Maputo announced on 6 January. The airlift, taking food and other essentials to 50 refugee centres in Sofala and other provinces, began in February 1986. It was suspended on 24 December because of unspecified security problems. The ICRC officials said only that the organisation was "trying to get guarantees necessary to enable us to resume flights as soon as possible." A total 30,000 people have been hit by the suspension, although 20,000 are in what are classified as less badly affected areas.

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