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Mozambican rebels report killing Tanzanian soldiers

A communique released by the Mozambique National Resistance (MNR) and reported by Capital Radio (Umtata) and Lisbon radio on 23rd January said the MNR had killed 68 Mozambique government soldiers and 26 Tanzanian troops in five days of recent fighting. The MNR had overrun three army positions and occupied the town of Namaacha on the border with Swaziland where it captured Fernando Macamo, the secret police chief for Maputo province. Macamo was said to have denied that the MNR were responsible for a number of recent massacres of civilians.

According to the Maputo paper 'Noticias' on 23rd January, reported by the Pan-African agency, six people were injured on the 22nd when the MNR attacked a passenger train between Pessene and Magiaza, about 40 km east of the South African border.