

78 MNR

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MOZAMBICAN armed forces killed 78 rebels between January 14 and 20 in clashes in three provinces, a military spokesman said yesterday.

The spokesman, quoted by the official Aim news agency, said 25 rebels of the Mozambican National Resistance (MNR) were killed when they attacked the town of Loma in central Zambezia province. They burned 11 houses, killed four civilians and kidnapped another 14.

Mozambican and Zimbabwean troops overran three MNR camps in nearby Sofala province on January 19-20. At Nhamitutu Camp, they killed 25 rebels and recovered a large quantity of mortar shells and Bazooka rockets.

Another 24 rebels were killed in clashes in Inhambane Province in Southern Mozambique.

Radio Mozambique reported on Monday that a local MNR leader known as "Derere" was among 33 rebels who surrendered recently in Manica Province under an amnesty proclaimed in December Ziana. -Reuter.