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● The security services have detained three Portuguese reported to be members of a terrorist group, according to a 2 May statement. During the arrest, 200 kilos of explosives were seized, the statement added. The three, who have not been named, were described as part of a six-member sabotage group that infiltrated in February; the other three members are still being sought by the security forces. The announcement was paralleled by another government statement claiming the army has seized Matenge, one of the most important bases of the rebel Mozambique National Resistance (MNR) in Tete province. Thirty-one MNR members were reported missing in the action, which began on 22 April, and a large amount of artillery seized, including three 60-millimetre mortars. The announcements followed the 29 April MNR attack on a civilian convoy near Maputo in which 15 people were killed.