

Zambian pursuit kills MNR rebels

ZAMBIA'S Defence Ministry said Zambian soldiers killed 73 guerrillas of the Mozambique National Resistance in a raid into Mozambican territory last week, writes Victor Mallet.

This is Zambia's most serious involvement in the Mozambican civil war. MNR rebels fighting the Mozambican Government have made occasional forays into Zambia and Zimbabwe in recent months.

The Defence Ministry said the army moved into Mozambique after an MNR attack in the Chadiza district of eastern Zambia. Eight villagers were killed by the rebels and cattle were stolen.

Zambian soldiers pursued the attackers across the border and caught up with them 12 miles inside Mozambique's Tete province, destroying two MNR encampments, according to the ministry.