

341188E SABOTAGE

MAPUTO, 4 NOV (AIM) - BANDITS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN BACKED MNR HAVE AGAIN SABOTAGED THE TRANSMISSION LINES CARRYING POWER FROM SOUTH AFRICA TO MAPUTO.

ACCORDING TO A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED TODAY BY THE STATE ELECTRICITY COMPANY, THE LINES WERE SABOTAGED ON THURSDAY NIGHT AT ABOUT 20.00 LOCAL TIME (18.00 GMT).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMPANY, CONTACTED BY AIM, SAID THAT THE SABOTAGE OCCURRED SOMEWHERE BETWEEN THE FRONTIER POST OF BRESSANO GARCIA AND THE TOWN OF MOAMBA, ABOUT 30 KILOMETRES EAST OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN BORDER.

THIS IS THE SECOND TIME IN LESS THAN A WEEK THAT THE POWER LINES TO MAPUTO HAVE COME UNDER ATTACK. BANDITS ALSO SABOTAGED THE LINE LAST FRIDAY.

MAPUTO IS CURRENTLY DRAWING ITS ELECTRICITY FROM ITS BACK-UP COAL AND OIL FIRED POWER STATION.

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