

595 Cuban troops in Mozambique, say rebels

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LISBON — Mozambican rebels claim that Cuban troops have arrived in Mozambique to support the Maputo government.

They made the claim as Mozambican church leaders and a rebel delegation held a new

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round of peace talks in Nairobi in an attempt to end to the 14-year-old civil war.

In a statement here at the weekend the MNR said 595 Cuban troops arrived in Maputo on August 25 and 26.

"As soon as they arrived in Maputo they were isolated to

prevent them from giving information about their true origin," said the statement. "People in Maputo are being informed that those Cubans are Mozambicans who have been receiving training in East Germany."

The statement, signed by the

MNR's delegate in Lisbon, Manuel Frank, also said that more Cuban troops were expected to arrive in Maputo.

The MNR also accused Mozambique's ruling Frelimo party of not being prepared to "to bring peace to the Mozambican people."