

Zimbabwe: report notes cost of Mozambique war (Excerpt) Harare, 12th December: In September to November this year there were 33 attacks across Zimbabwe's eastern border by Renamo bandits from Mozambique, resulting in the death of 43 Zimbabweans, 40 of them villagers. These are among the statistics given in the latest report of the Southern African Research and Documentation Centre (SARDC), ZIANA national news agency reports. Zimbabwe's communication and fuel lines to the port of Beira also came under continued attack. "Seven attempts were made to sabotage the oil pipeline in October and November bringing Zimbabwe's petrol, diesel and jet fuel losses to almost two million litres in 1989", the SARDC report said. The war-related death toll in the frontline states is estimated at 15,000 every month. There were three categories of deaths, the report said: direct war-related deaths, particularly in remote rural areas; war-famine related deaths, especially in Mozambique and Angola; and death of children under five, most of whom had been deprived of vaccination facilities because of the war-like situation. . . (SAPA in English 1750 gmt 12 Dec 89)