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Rebel centre destroyed

Maputo. Mozambican military units have destroyed a communications centre of the rebel Mozambique National Resistance (RENAMO) in the central province of Sofala, according to a communique issued Tuesday night by the general staff of the Mozambican armed forces. The centre, overrun on Saturday, was in the locality of Senga-Senga, about 50 kilometres south of the Zambezi river. Senga-senga has changed hands three times over the past year. The general staff said troops had captured decoding equipment, indicating that the centre was quite sophisticated, though it was not immediately clear whether this had dealt a major blow to rebel communications. The international committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has been running a relief operation in the Senga-senga area, and the ICRC office in Maputo has confirmed military operations in the area.