

Limpopo line sabotaged and unused

Zimbabwe is reluctant to use the rehabilitated Limpopo line through southern Mozambique to Maputo because international insurance companies say it is too risky, according to the outgoing Zimbabwe Chamber of Mines president, speaking last week.

Maputo is the most economic port for Zimbabwe's ferro-chrome and asbestos exports, but Zimbabwe will continue to ship its minerals through South Africa, Elias Ngugama said.

Railway workers upgrading the line claim that Renamo sabotages the line daily in violation of the partial Rome ceasefire agreement of December 1, 1990.

* Late this week the Rome talks broke down again. Earlier the Mozambique government said an agenda had finally been agreed.

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