

2 250 Renamo killed: Claim

MAPUTO. — Mozambican troops killed 2 250 Renamo rebels and captured 365 others in the first six months of this year, the government said in a report released at the weekend.

The report, prepared by the Mozambican General Staff, said a number of important installations of the Mozambique National Re-

sistance (Renamo) were destroyed by the army during the same period.

These included the bush headquarters of Renamo president Afonso Dhlakama in the rebel heartland of Gorongosa district in central Mozambique. Mr Dhlakama was not in the camp at the time, according to rebels captured in the attack.

The report said other targets destroyed were Renamo's "political base, the offices of its secret service and its general staff and its commercial base".

It said 95 rebels surrendered and more than 1 200 weapons of various types were captured.

The report gave no

indication of government losses.

Renamo has been fighting to overthrow the ruling Frelimo government for the past 15 years in a bush war that has cost thousands of lives and forced more than one million Mozambicans into exile in neighbouring countries.

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