

Derailment: danger of blast

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A GOODS train travelling from South Africa to Maputo hit a mine placed on the tracks on Monday afternoon, and burst into flames, according to Mozambican authorities.

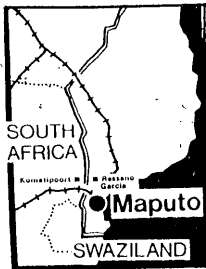
A spokesman for Mozambique Railways Southern Division said the ambush took place about 4 km from the border town of Ressenano Garcia. The train was carrying a cargo of coal.

All crew members escaped unharmed, but the damage to the train is said to be severe.

The railways spokesman could not speculate as to who had laid the mines, but it is believed to be the work of Renamo.

Mr Marius Butler, spokesman for Transnet, said today only the diesel locomotive was burnt out during the incident.

Meanwhile, military authorities claim to have killed nine members of a



Renamo gang who attacked a convoy last Friday in Tete province.