

'Renamo kills seven'

MAPUTO - Rebels of the Mozambique National Resistance Movement (Renamo) hacked at least seven people to death and seriously wounded another five on Friday night in attacks on two outlying suburbs of Maputo.

"They told him to kneel down, and then one of them smashed his head open with an axe," said a 39-year-old woman, de-

scribing the murder of her brother.

Albazine and Romao suburbs, some 15 km from Maputo city centre, were raided by the rebels from 9.00 pm on Friday till 1.00 am Saturday.

The rebels seem not to have used firearms. The dead and wounded all bore marks of such weapons as axes, machetes and clubs.

An undetermined num-

ber of residents of the two suburbs were abducted.

Frequent Renamo attacks on the capital's periphery have led many residents to leave their homes at nightfall to seek shelter near the more secure city centre.

Renamo and the Mozambican Government are talking to ending the prolonged civil war in this southern African nation. — Sapa-AFP.