

Beira

tense

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war

protest

JOHANNESBURG, Sunday.

BEIRA is quiet but tense after two days of sometimes violent demonstrating for stronger measures to curb African freedom fighters in the Portuguese territory.

Both on Friday and Thursday police baton charged thousands of demonstrators in the Macuti area of Beira when the protesters refused to disperse, the South African Press Association reported from the city.

Many of the demonstrators were bruised in Friday's baton charge but city hospitals said no one had been treated for injuries.

On Thursday night a crowd assembled in front of the army officer's mess at Macuti and stoned the police, who finally baton charged them—nine people, including an army captain were treated for injuries.

The crowd broke up after military police fired blank bullets over the heads of the demonstrators.

The protests were apparently sparked off by the death of a white farmer's wife at the hands of freedom fighters on Monday morning.—Reuter.

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