Maputo in partial 4/2 ao ceasefire with MNR

ROME
ZIMBABWEAN troops in
Mozambique will be confined to the two rail corridors leading to Beira and
Maputo in terms of a partial ceasefire agreement
signed in Rome over the
weekend between the
Mozambican government
and the MNR bandits.

Zimbabwean troops will be restricted inside the corridors and within a 3 km confinement of the corridors, in terms of the partial ceasefire. An eight-nation monitoring group will oversee the ceasefire and will include representatives of the United States and the Soviet Union. Zimbabwe will have three members on the joint monitoring commission.

Under the agreement, the redeployment of Zimbabwean troops must start within 15 days of Saturday's signing and be complete within 20 days. This gives a deadline of January 5 for the redeployment.

The Mozambican government is to make the necessary arrangements with the Zimbabwean Government and will inform the next negotiating session of the maximum number of Zimbabwean troops to be stationed in the two rail corridors.

The Mozambican government and the bandits started their third round of talks on November 8 in Rome to end the MNR banditry.

The agreement on the limited deployment of Zimbabwean troops is expected to lead to a full ceasefire. — Ziana-Aim-Xinhua.