Mozambique: war invalids reportedly cause "chaos" in Maputo (Text) There has been violence in Maputo as war invalids caused chaos in the streets of the capital, breaking shop windows and looting stores. The police intervened. Marcelino Alves reports from Maputo:

[Alves] On Monday [3rd December] and Thursday, war invalids looted a food shop and a food warehouse, taking great quantities of supplies. Some of the invalids were armed but did not use their weapons. The police dispersed them without violence and made no arrests.

The Mozambican war invalids had demonstrated last week to demand better living conditions and proper social assistance. According to a report to which I have had access, there are at present over 50,000 war invalids without any state support and living in extremely precarious conditions. Marcelino Alves reporting from Maputo for Antena-1. (Radiodifusao Portuguesa, Lisbon 2300 gmt 7 Dec 90)