

M'bique truce monitors meet on Renamo action

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MAPUTO — An international commission monitoring a partial ceasefire in the Mozambique civil war is due to meet today for the first time since an alleged violation by guerillas last week.

The Joint Verification Commission (JVC) will review the truce and study a report about the alleged violation.

A military sub-commission visited the Limpopo valley in southern Mozambique where Renamo rebels allegedly violated the month-old ceasefire.

Under the terms of a December 1 agreement, the rebels may not attack targets along two corridors linking land-locked Zimbabwe to Mozambican ports.

In exchange, Zimbabwe's 7 000 troops, who were fighting Renamo alongside Mozambican soldiers, were confined to the two corridors — consisting of roads, railways and an oil pipeline.

The chairman of the JVC, Italian ambassador Manfredo Incisa di Camerana, said last week the government complained of a New Year's day attack by Renamo along the Limpopo railway in which two government soldiers were wounded and two rebels killed.

The JVC military sub-commission said that about 200 to 300 men attacked on January 2, but Mr Incisa di Camerana did not name Renamo because, as a commission source said later, there was nothing on the bodies to identify them. In another alleged violation, Renamo rebels blew up a railway line between Zimbabwe and Beira last week. — Sapa-Reuter