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**Some 5,000 Zimbabwean troops start withdrawing** (*ME/1518 B/3 - Text*) About 5,000 Zimbabwean troops have begun withdrawing from Mozambique. The soldiers were first sent there a decade ago to act in support of the Frelimo [Mozambique Liberation Front] government against the MNR [Mozambique National Resistance] rebels. Zimbabwe's Defence Minister, Moven Mahachi, says the pull-out should be complete by the middle of next month. The withdrawal follows the peace agreement signed between the Mozambican government and the MNR in Rome at the beginning of this month. It's going ahead despite a new offensive by the MNR, which has captured four towns in the north of the country in the past few days. (*Capital Radio, Umtata, in English 1100 gmt 21 Oct 92*)